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PIGS & POLITICS

Should Idaho look at regulating factory farms?

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Napoleon, the champion swine George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, conceded that all animals are created equal.

He added, of course, that some animals are more equal than others.

In a debate raging across the country and here in Idaho, the same comparisons are made about animal confinement operations. As southern Idaho residents ponder the Western migration of large pork operations — freshbrowed by Ketchumian-Brem-Dane and the Midwestern partners of the Sawtooth Farms Limited liability Co. — the arguments center on whether concentrated livestock operations should be treated the same as traditional farms.

Are "factory farms" and "industrial agriculture" more equal?

And if they are, should Idaho's Legislature — a conservative body with a sizable bloc of farmers and rural representatives — do what more than 15 other states have done? When Idaho lawmakers convened in Boise for a session



Some pork operations have opened confinement in Idaho. Some residents are calling for regulation of "factory farms."

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Coalition calls for coverage of birth control

The Associated Press

BOISE — If the state's leaders are providing more support for women's families, they should prompt health insurance companies to cover prescription birth control for women, a new coalition charges.

Twenty-two Idaho groups, including Planned Parenthood, Idaho Women's Network, Idaho Nurses Association and others have banded together into the "Prescription for Fairness Coalition."

They contend that women are being discriminated against by insurance companies which refuse to extend coverage for prescription birth control.

"Consequently, women pay an average 65 percent more out of pocket than men for health care," Planned Parenthood published.

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Lott pledges fairness

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With White House lawyers and House prosecutors trying to force grand jury rules on their advantage, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott pledged "above all, fairness" to President Clinton in the impeachment trial, then he could remove him from office.

Lott praised new bipartisan rules for the trial, which begins in earnest Tuesday.

With House "prosecutors" presenting evidence and making statements, their moves through a grand jury suggest steps before the thorny question of witnesses is tackled.

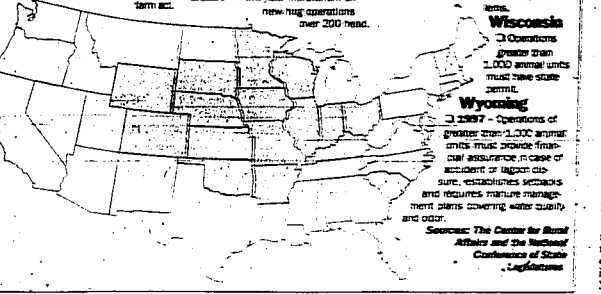
At least in the opening days, Lott believes they can use to their advantage poll results indicating well over half of Americans are misinformed about the nature of the perjury charge against Clinton.

White House officials said they believe most Americans have confused Clinton's denial of a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky in the Paula Jones civil case with his grand jury testimony. The House did not approve an impeachment article charging Clinton with lying in the Jones case.

In the grand jury, the impeachment case involves Clinton's statement solely about specific details of the relationship, such as when it began and where he touched Ms. Lewinsky.

What other states have done

- Over the past few years, some states have passed laws or enacted laws governing hog operations.**
- Arkansas**
 - 1990 — Moratorium on new hog operations.
 - 1992 — A law establishes setbacks, requires waste management plans, and sets regulations for land application of manure.
 - Colorado**
 - 1996 — A water initiative requires large hog operations to have permits, water quality controls on water, lagoons and systems to prevent soil and groundwater contamination.
 - Illinois**
 - 1996 — A law requires lagoon owners to show financial responsibility, establishes setbacks for operations with more than about 17,500 full-grown hogs, and requires waste management plans.
 - Indiana**
 - 1996 — Limits counties' authority to zone agriculture.
 - Iowa**
 - 1996 — Senate-passed legislation required to prevent waste management plans that include the amount of nitrogen produced and the method and timing of land application.
 - 1998 — State Supreme Court throws out the state's right to farm act.
 - Kansas**
 - 1994 — Regulates operations of more than 500 annual units to register with the state Department of Health and Environment.
 - 1996 — Regulates operations of hog operations and other livestock operations that require manure management plans, includes odor control and construction permit, and requires soil and wastewater tests.
 - Kentucky**
 - 1996 — Statute permitting program for swine finishing operations.
 - 1997 — Regulates control of hydrogen sulfide emissions from manure lagoons, and increased monitoring of lagoon emissions. Several counties adopted moratoriums while updating zoning ordinances.
 - Missouri**
 - A moratorium has set following goals in 1995 and 1996, requiring operators to inspect hog barns, sewage pipes and lagoons twice daily.
 - Nebraska**
 - 1996 — Statute required the state's agricultural soil and water conservation plan to include odor control.
 - North Carolina**
 - 1997 — A two-year moratorium on new hog operations over 250 head.
 - Ohio**
 - Counties are given authority to regulate operations over 4,000 head.
 - State requires setbacks, and plans, set construction permits and waste fees for operations.
 - Oklahoma**
 - 1996 — Statute requires large livestock management facility, as 25,000 hogs or 10,000 beef cattle or 2 million chickens.
 - Oklahoma**
 - 1997 — Operations of greater than 5,000 head must obtain a permit and provide information about operations and management, and provide financial evidence of ability to pay cleanup costs.
 - Oklahoma**
 - 1998 — A new zoning ordinance set on new or expanding operations larger than 5,000 hogs. Wet monitoring and odor assessment plans are required, and an 80 cent per head fee is imposed on operations larger than 1,000 annual units.
 - South Carolina**
 - 1996 — Setbacks are established for operations greater than 3,000 head. Lagoons must be lined and limited to 4 acres. Limits set on land application. Operators greater than 1,000 head must pay annual inspection fee.
 - South Dakota**
 - 1996 — A constitutional amendment bans corporate farming by co-ownership members. Operators greater than 1,000 annual units must do annual soil tests. State can reject operators with record of environmental problems.
 - Wisconsin**
 - Operations greater than 2,000 annual units must have state permit.
 - Wyoming**
 - 1997 — Operations of greater than 1,000 annual units must provide financial assurance in case of accident or lagoon failure, establishes setbacks and requires manure management plans covering water quality and odor.
- Sources: The Center for Rural Affairs and the National Conference of State Legislatures



About the Right to Farm Act

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Some Idahoans who want the state to address large animal confinement operations say changes need to be made first in the Right to Farm Act.

The measure was passed in 1981 to protect Idaho agricultural resources.

With rural areas under increasing pressure from urbanization threatening farms and farm development, the Legislature wanted to preserve Idaho's rural heritage — and its economic backbone.

The Legislature also finds that the act states "the right to farm" is an established right, and is recognized as a permitted use throughout the state of Idaho.

The act defines "agricultural operation" as "includes, without limitation, any facility for growing, raising or producing agricultural, horticultural and viticultural crops and vegetable products of the soil, poultry and poultry products, livestock, field grains, seeds, hay, apitry and dairy products, and the processing for commercial purposes of livestock or agricultural commodities.

The act prevents existing operations from being declared nuisances — except in cases of "improper or negligent operation" — and limits the power of local governments.

"No city, county, taxing district or other political subdivision of this state shall adopt any ordinance or resolution that declares any agricultural operation operated in accordance with generally recognized agricultural practices to be a nuisance nor shall any zoning ordinance that forces the closure of any such agricultural operation be adopted."

THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Comox Prairie

High: 36 Low: 22
Mostly cloudy today, mostly clear. Increasing clouds Thursday with a slight chance of rain or snow showers.

Because Valley

High: 47 Low: 30
Partly sunny, mild with southeast winds 5-10 mph. Mostly clear with increasing clouds Monday.

Southcoast Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 39 Low: 22
Mostly cloudy with partly cloudy tonight with patchy white frost Friday with a light snow shower.

Eastern Idaho

High: 39 Low: 26
Mostly cloudy with southwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy tonight. Increasing clouds Monday.

Northern Idaho

High: 39 Low: 23
Mostly cloudy with rain or snow. Heavy snow leveling to 3-5" by 11:00 a.m. in the afternoon. Cloudy, light rain likely tonight.

Northern Utah

High: 39 Low: 20
Partly cloudy today, fair tonight. Mostly sunny Monday.

Northern Nevada

High: 53 Low: 40
Mostly sunny today, fair tonight. Partly cloudy Monday.

Today

High: 47 Low: 30
Partly sunny, mild with west winds 10-20 mph.

Monday

High: 45 Low: 30
Mostly cloudy.

Tuesday

High: 46 Low: 28
Partly cloudy.

Wednesday

High: 45 Low: 28
Partly cloudy.

Thursday

High: 41 Low: 25
Mostly cloudy.

Idaho weather

Sunday, Jan. 10
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Sunday, Jan. 10.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/traffic/road/index.htm>

Twin Falls Precipitation

| | | | |
|-----------|----|----|-------------------------|
| Yesterday | 50 | 28 | Yesterday in Twin Falls |
| Last year | 43 | 28 | Month to date |
| Normal | 35 | 18 | Normal month to date |
| | | | Water year to date |
| | | | Normal year to date |

Idaho High/Lows

| City | Max | Min | Pcp | Idaho High | Low |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|-----|
| Boise | 45 | 33 | 0 | 49 | 29 |
| Bonanza | m | m | 0 | 48 | 28 |
| Fairfield | m | m | 0 | 48 | 28 |
| Hagerman | m | m | 0 | 48 | 28 |
| Idaho Falls | 35 | 28 | 0 | 48 | 28 |
| Jerome | m | m | 0 | 48 | 28 |
| Leviston | 42 | 30 | 0 | 48 | 28 |
| Malad | 39 | 25 | 0 | 48 | 28 |
| McCall | 50 | 33 | 0 | 48 | 28 |
| ocatello | 44 | 31 | 0 | 48 | 28 |
| Salmon | 36 | 28 | 0 | 48 | 28 |
| Stanley | 32 | 25 | 0 | 48 | 28 |
| Sun Valley | m | m | 0 | 48 | 28 |

The Nation

| City | Max | Min | Pcp |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Albuquerque | 50 | 23 | 0 |
| Athens | 54 | 30 | 0 |
| Boston | 35 | 20 | 0 |
| Buffalo | 35 | 20 | 0 |
| Dallas | 38 | 23 | 0 |
| Denver | 47 | 34 | 0 |
| Des Moines | 47 | 34 | 0 |
| Detroit | 21 | 13 | 0 |
| El Paso | 78 | 63 | 0 |
| Houston | 52 | 38 | 0 |
| Indianapolis | 45 | 31 | 0 |
| Kansas City | 45 | 31 | 0 |
| Las Vegas | 59 | 35 | 0 |
| Little Rock | 46 | 31 | 0 |
| Memphis | 27 | 23 | 0 |
| Miami Beach | 81 | 64 | 0 |
| Minneapolis | 38 | 25 | 0 |
| New Orleans | 58 | 45 | 0 |
| New York | 47 | 31 | 0 |
| Oklahoma City | 30 | 15 | 0 |
| Omak | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Phoenix | 20 | 7 | 0 |
| Portland, Me. | 45 | 20 | 0 |
| Portland, Ore. | 41 | 35 | 0 |
| Raleigh | 51 | 38 | 0 |
| St. Louis | 11 | 6 | 0 |
| Salt Lake City | 51 | 31 | 0 |
| San Francisco | 51 | 41 | 0 |
| Seattle | 44 | 42 | 0 |
| Spokane | 45 | 25 | 0 |
| Washington | 46 | 31 | 0 |
| Yuma | 71 | 55 | 0 |

Canadian Cities

| City | Temp |
|-----------|------|
| Calgary | 21 |
| Edmonton | 20 |
| Toronto | 26 |
| Vancouver | 47 |

UV INDEX

Index: 1 (minimal)
1-2: Minimal
3-5: Moderate
6-7: Significant
8-10: Very strong
11-12: Extreme

ROAD INFORMATION

Call the following number for road conditions in Idaho: 1-800-IDA-ROAD (1-800-432-7623).

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:24 pm.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:07 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, Jan. 17; 1st quarter, Jan. 24; full, Jan. 31; last quarter, Feb. 8.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

ADJUSTING THE NATIONAL

Idaho Fair skies were over silver southwestern Idaho on Sunday, while the rest of the state was mostly cloudy. Precipitation was recorded at various locations across central, northern and eastern Idaho.

Elsewhere: Snow fell from Ohio and West Virginia across Pennsylvania and New York state into northern New England, with up to 9 inches overnight in western sections of Pennsylvania and New York.

As the snow collided with warmer air, a narrow band of freezing rain and sleet extended across parts of eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and central New England. Light to moderate rain struck along the coast from New England to Florida and the Gulf Coast states.

A storm system developing across the northern Plains produced scattered snow showers, the Plains produced scattered snow showers, the Dakotas and Nebraska into western Minnesota.

In the Northwest, locally heavy rain fell across parts of Washington state, with sleet at upper elevations of the Cascade range.

—The Associated Press

Pigs

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...times identifying, should they continue laws that address hog farming?

Given the news from around the country, it might seem prudent to discuss an insupportable pig farmer.

Pig prices are at a lifetime low. Thousands of pig farmers are being forced to close their doors. The industry on A.M.D., a recent Purdue University extension service teleconference for hog producers included a session on stress management.

Even the anticipated film "Babe, Pig in the City" is bombing at the box office.

It's a rough time in the pork world.

But the bacon business sees dollar signs in Asia and elsewhere, despite its financial woes.

Whatever the cause of the price drop, the hog business knows it can survive in a sea of uncertainty.

In April 1995, Indiana hog farmer Jim Musely testified for the National Pork Producers Council in front of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee. Musely said pork producers' numbers have been dropping while pork production is going up. Every decade, he said, 50 percent of U.S. pork producers leave the business. That means a lot of money for one a lot of producers.

"Pork production," he told the senators, "has been the single most profitable of the traditional farm enterprises in the past 10 years."

Sanitizable plans to draw new investors.

"Sanitizable Farms" plans is a little more modest pork spokesman. "We're not sure if we can completely restructure the farm. It could grow."

"Pig producers making smart plans," Southwest Farms plans to sell packaged meat to the supermarket and to Asian countries.

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—Dennis Maughan, Twin Falls County Commissioner

Regulations were "obviously a factor" in development decisions, A. McCauley said. Operations such as Southcoast Farms want to avoid a restrictive regulatory climate, but the facility is now proposed for eastern Idaho will have covered lagoons.

"(And) there's nobody any where that requires lagoons to be covered," McCauley said.

So if Idaho needs to be prepared for pigs, is it?

Buhl activist Bill Chisholm says he is the Idaho's strongest proponent to address the problem of building a craft distillery. The state needs to stop and pull the logs over to the bank, Chisholm said. He has a moratorium on "factory" farms until it's ready to deal with them.

Around southern Idaho, some people are starting to agree.

Jerome cattleman Lee Halper and the Idaho Rural Council are looking at ways the Legislature can deal with growing animal farm production, but the council cannot deny an agricultural operation — regardless of size — that follows the state's rules. And state rules don't distinguish between 10 pigs and 10,000.

"Because the state has tied our hands with the Right to Farm Act, we can't really put many regulatory conditions on these folks," Maughan said. "It can't be a special-use permit. That's where the state needs to step in and give the local governments a little more latitude.

Around rural America, states are attacking the issue in different ways.

New Oklahoma law allows officials to deny a permit to an operation if neighbors can prove it will lower nearby property values.

The 1992 Minnesota Legislature struggled with feedlot issues and eventually arrived at a plan that mixed state money and resources with county control. While addressing local primacy and public involvement, the state allocated money for grants to help small farmers keep up with regulations, and for research funds for the University of Minnesota to investigate alternative hog production technologies.

With growth slowing in Idaho, the state doesn't have this kind of money. Priorities such as school buildings, drug and alcohol prevention and early childhood development should drain the state's cash long before agricultural programs are a priority.

Maughan just wants a dialogue to begin. Local officials should always make the decisions, he said. Cassia County should always treat incoming agriculture development differently than Ada County, but even heavily agricultural areas need to be able to identify "industrial" hog.

"Just the definition would help us immensely," Maughan said. And if the Legislature takes a close look at regulating hogs — this session, or some other session — anyone in the Idaho hog industry will be glad to help.

Without going into detail, McCauley said his company plans to help Idaho prepare for handling hog operations.

"We're taking steps to make sure hogs will be regulated in a tough but fair way," he said.

—Times-News staff writer Gregory Hahn can be reached at 733-0931. Ext. 231.

IDAHO ROAD REPORT

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

Interstate 84 — Dry.

Interstate 86 — Dry.

Interstate 15 — Utah line. Idaho Falls dry; Idaho Falls-Monida Pass, dry, wet, fog.

Interstate 90 — Washington line-Coeur d'Alene, slush, snowing; 4th of July Pass, broken snowing; Prater, snowing; Cataldo-Wallace, slush, snowing; Wallace-Lookout Pass, slush, broken snowing.

Idaho 55 — Boise-Horsheshoe Bend, dry, rocks on road; Horsheshoe Bend-Donnelly, wet, icy spots; Donnelly-McCall, icy.

U.S. routes — Oregon line-Grangeville, dry; Grangeville-Lewiston, dry, wet, icy spots; Lewiston Hill-Bonner County line, slush, snowing; Bonner County-line-Boundary County line-wet, rain, Boundary County line-Canadian border, icy spots.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Lowman, dry, icy spots, rocks on road; Lowman-Stanley, closed.

U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Kooskia, wet, rain; Kooskia-Lolo Pass, snow flurries, snowing; U.S. 20 Mountain Home-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Mountain line, snow floor, snowing.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Ketchum-Clacon, icy spots; Clayton-Challis, wet, broken snow floor, snowing.

U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Challis, dry; Challis-Red Bluff, wet; Salmon-Lost Trail Pass, icy, snow floor, snowing.

U.S. 91 — Dry.

U.S. 10 — Oregon line-Grangeville, dry; Grangeville-Lewiston, dry, wet, icy spots; Lewiston Hill-Bonner County line, slush, snowing; Bonner County-line-Boundary County line-wet, rain, Boundary County line-Canadian border, icy spots.

Coverage

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Public affairs director Nicole Prehoda said Saturday. "This means an uninsured woman on the hill pays \$300 to \$400 a year out of pocket."

With the Idaho Legislature coming together again on Monday, the coalition called on lawmakers to prioritize women's health needs and fairness in insurance coverage.

Idaho's newly inaugurated Gov. Dick Kempthorne on Friday declared the start of the "Generation of the Child," nurturing children and providing them with skills and education.

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POWERBALL
5 10 11 27 32
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 NUMBERS
WILD CARD
16 20 28 30 32 37
WILD CARD THREE OF HEARTS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 NUMBERS
FAST
5 6 8 14 22

LOTTERY OFFICIALS HAVE CONDUCTED A THOROUGH INSPECTION AND AUDIT OF THE RESULT OF A DEFECTIVE TICKET IN THE NEARLY SOLD-OUT WILD GOOSE CHASE. THE TICKET WAS PURCHASED AT SCOGGIN'S FOOD MART IN EMMETT. THE TICKET WAS VALID FOR \$1,000.

TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK



Black ministers from Indianapolis appear at a Ku Klux Klan rally on the steps of the Indianapolis Statehouse Saturday. The ministers appeared at the rally because they did not feel it was right to remain silent, they said. Indianapolis officials warned up members, the zoo and other attractions free of charge as an alternative to attending the rally.

Inspector: Chief of U.N. team ordered bugs for Baghdad

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — The chief of the United Nations weapons inspectors in Iraq ordered the placement of a sophisticated American listening device in Baghdad that enabled the U.S. to eavesdrop on President Saddam Hussein's inner circle and security forces, according to a former inspector responsible for the operation.

Scott Ritter, who resigned in anger from the U.N. inspection effort last August, said the inspections chief, Australian Richard Butler, ordered him to place the device in Baghdad in mid-July 1998, despite Ritter's objections. The device was disguised to look like an office safe, and occupied a corner of Ritter's workspace in Baghdad, according to Ritter.

Ritter said the information gathered by the device between July and December of last year, when it was removed by departing U.N. inspectors, was controlled solely by the United States during his tenure as an inspector. He said the U.S. targeted conversations between high-level Iraqi officials, and did not use the device to find Iraq's weapons of mass destruction,

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which was the mission of the U.N.'s Special Commission on Iraq (UNSCOM).

Butler, Ritter did was allow the U.S. to take over," Ritter said. "I wrote him a memo objecting. He told me that he respected what I was saying, but that he had received assurances from the U.S. that they wouldn't misuse the information. Of course, they have."

Butler, UNSCOM's executive chairman, declined to comment on Ritter's account directly, saying a statement issued by his office earlier Friday, adequately

addresses the growing controversy over the listening device and allegations that the U.S. government used UNSCOM as cover for its own spying operations in Iraq.

"At no point have I given authorization to place any part of UNSCOM's operation under the control of the United States or any other supporting government," said the statement by Butler, who met Friday with Peter Burleigh, the acting U.S. ambassador to the U.N., to discuss the device and under whose authority it operated.

Any public discussion of U.S. intelligence-gathering means and technologies is rare; they are the government's most closely guarded secrets.

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China received secret offer from Kissinger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Advising Chinese leaders that the Soviets were determined to annihilate and then to wipe out their country, Kissinger secretly offered China U.S. satellite information and a hot line link before the summit government official American diplomatic recognition.



Henry Kissinger and Chinese premier Chen En-lin in 1973

"We would be prepared to accept your request, through whatever source you wish, to give you whatever information we have about the disposition of Soviet forces," Kissinger told Ching Kua, the Chinese ambassador to the United Nations, in 1971.

The specific reference was to Soviet forces deployed during the war that your invasion force used. Kissinger offered a web of intelligence affecting in meetings with Chinese leaders including Chairman Mao Zedong and Premier Chen En-lin in November 1972.

"There is nothing we are doing with the Soviet Union that you do not know," Kissinger told him.

According to transcripts of top-secret talks Kissinger held as U.S. national security adviser and as secretary of state during the Nixon and Ford administrations in the 1950s, the pivotal China against Russia with innovative regular diplomacy.

secret, 700-page report that the chairman, Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., said "found that national security team documents" not only from the Clinton transfers but other Chinese acquisitions over the last two decades.

The transcripts of secret conversations that may have changed history are being published by the National Security Archive of George Washington University, for release Sunday. They were obtained through freedom of information requests and other means, the private group said.

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 Time: 5:30-6:30pm
 Place: KMVT Community Room 1100 Blue Lakes Boulevard North Twin Falls, Idaho

Greeting by the Honorable Mayor Gale Kleinkopf
 Guest Speaker and Honorary Relay For Life Chairman **Wiley Dobbs**

This is an opportunity to learn about an exciting event in our community to help fight cancer and ways you can be involved. Relay for Life is an 18 hour family and business oriented celebration of survivorship. It involves teams of walkers from companies, organizations, families, schools, churches, and neighborhoods.

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Parties seek middle ground in impeachment

Deal only delays tough decisions

By Doyle McManus and Janet Hook Los Angeles Times



Republican senators, from left, Phil Gramm, Texas; Trent Lott, Mississippi; Slade Gorton, Washington; and Don Nickles, Oklahoma, gather Friday after agreeing with their Democratic colleagues on the procedure for the Senate's impeachment trial of President Clinton.

It appears likely to open a fault line within the Senate Republican caucus. Some younger conservatives, such as Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., have indicated they favor calling witnesses. Some older conservatives — like Stevens — have said they hope to avoid it, at least in Lewinsky's case. And several moderates — a group that commands a larger percentage of the Senate than the ideologically polarized House — have spoken strongly against the idea.

Two other factors affect the Republicans' decisions. One is that an unusually high number of GOP senators, 19, faces re-election in two years — and senators, who run statewide, often pay more attention to general public opinion polls than House members who run in narrowly conservative or liberal districts.

A second factor, according to many senators, is the burden of history: the knowledge that whatever action they take in the trial of Clinton will be final, unlike the intermediate-step impeachment voted by the House.

Indications are that the White House wants to play by the rules, even while presenting a vigorous defense. At the president, Clinton's lawyers face a Monday deadline to file any procedural

There is no reasonable likely outcome that will satisfy the Republican right. The right is going to come out of this feeling bitter and betrayed.

The House prosecution team has said that to present its case effectively, it must call as many as a dozen witnesses — including Monica S. Lewinsky, the former White House intern with whom Clinton had an affair. Clinton's efforts to conceal their relationship led to the impeachment charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

The House demand for witnesses

WASHINGTON — The Senate avoided one partisan brawl over the impeachment of President Clinton last week, but a larger battle is looming only two weeks down the road.

In effect, the Senate merely has agreed to postpone its next day of reckoning — until the last week in January.

By then, House Judiciary Committee chairman Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., and his colleagues will have presented their formal case against President Clinton, and the White House will have presented its defense.

At that point, senators will face two fateful votes first, whether to dismiss the case against Clinton as insufficient; second, if the case is not dismissed, whether to call witnesses and extend the trial for several more weeks.

While Clinton's lawyers met at the White House Saturday to prepare their rebuttal, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., was rejecting the Senate on Friday had approved a plan for conducting the impeachment trial.

But over the next two weeks, the deal will be tested severely as the nation's zealous pro-Clinton and anti-Clinton camps focus all their political energies on marshaling on the 100 members of the Senate, especially its divided Republican caucus.

Clinton's conservative opponents, now led by Hyde and his fellow "managers" from the House, appear intent on demanding that Senate Republicans support their strategy — a long trial with many witnesses — to maximize their chances of convicting the president and removing him from office.

On the other side, liberal Democrats in the Senate are proclaiming that they will campaign fiercely against any Republican who votes to prolong the trial against the will of the public.

"If they vote to continue, then

they're going down a very treacherous path," warned Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. "They're really in the hot seat, in a way. People want this over."

"This bipartisanship is fragile," said Norman Ornstein, an expert on Congress at the American Enterprise Institute. "The potential for this process eroding out of control is still there."

"If the Senate can insulate itself" from outside political pressures, "there is a chance of a bipartisan outcome," he said.

"The Republicans have a very serious problem," he added:

Proceeding has taken toll on Republicans

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The impeachment of President Clinton has inflamed longstanding ideological divisions in the anti-Clinton Republican Party, weakened the party's image independent and swing voters and now threatens to split the party into two warring camps, according to analysts from both parties.

With some recent polls showing the party with a 22-point unfavorable image, Republican strategists are far more worried now than they were 45 days ago about the impact of the impeachment process on the party's political health.

Many now fear that the hangover from the bitter, partisan battle will hurt GOP candidates in the 2000 elections, particularly races for the House and Senate, unless there is a relatively quick — and harmonious — resolution in the Senate.

Republican strategists say the impeachment process threatens to stamp the GOP as an anti-Clinton party that is devoid of positions on issues the vast majority of the public cares about.

"We're getting boxed into a very narrow box, which is an anti-Clinton box," said GOP pollster Jan van Houwelingen. "The only way to get over it is to get over (impeachment) and start talking about issues. We have to have something to say other than that Clinton is a bad guy, and right now we don't."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., recognizing the political dangers to his party's political future, worked hard last week to give the Senate proceedings an aura of bipartisanship. That move presaged a deal if the Senate avoids a lengthy trial, it could mitigate the damage already done, analysts said.

Until Lott's success in finding a bipartisan way to start the effort to impeach the president reinforced the image of party leaders catering to conservative Republicans at the expense of reaching out to moderate and

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Independent voters who will be decisive in the major contested elections less than two years from now, these analysts added.

While Ayres, an Atlanta-based GOP pollster, said the impeachment issue has "tarnished the image of the Republican Party as the party that is against big, intrusive government," which for the past two decades has been fundamental to Republican politics.

In addition, he said, the public now sees the party almost totally through the prism of impeachment. "Voters who favor removal of the president have a favorable opinion of the GOP, and voters who are opposed to removal have an unfavorable opinion," Ayres said. "As long as a majority of the country continues to oppose removal of the president, then that definition is a liability."

Both partisan and independent analysts said the impeachment issue is reinforcing internal Republican divisions over such social issues as abortion and gay rights that have plagued the party over the past two decades.

Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center, said his polling showed that Republican partisans with libertarian leanings are more disaffected from the party than are religious and cultural conservatives.

Ayres said voters who are primarily concerned with maintaining individual and personal freedoms are the most put off by the impeachment drive.

Republican favorability ratings remain much higher among those who stress that in the 2000 election "we should have a president of higher moral character" than among those GOP voters who believe that a public official's personal life should remain private.

Fred Yang, whose firm conducts polls for NBC News and the Wall Street Journal, said voters who support impeachment are disproportionately white evangelicals who are more likely to identify themselves as conservative than the electorate as a whole.

Polling conducted by CBS News and the New York Times underscored how much the Republican base has been fractured by impeachment.

Roughly a quarter of loyal GOP voters disapprove of the drive to impeach Clinton, according to Cheryl Arndt, deputy director for surveys at CBS. From last October through the beginning of this month, their view of their own party has become increasingly negative. In October, these anti-impeachment Republicans had a favorable view of the party by a spread of 5 to 1. Today, that ratio stands at 1 to 1.

At the same time, the CBS-New York Times surveys found disapproval of the Democratic Party among this segment of GOP voters has diminished substantially. Last October, three in four of these voters held an unfavorable view of the Democratic Party. Today as many see the Democrats favorably as unfavorably.

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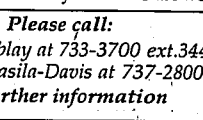
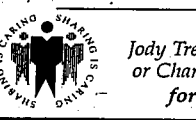
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Deported cult members shun relatives

Millennial group suspected of plotting apocalyptic shootout

Knight Ridder News Service

DENVER — Relatives of 14 members of a millennial cult kicked out of Israel waited for hours at Denver International Airport on Saturday for a chance to see their estranged loved ones, only to be told when the group arrived that their presence was not welcome.

As their families wept and raged in disappointment, members of the Denver-based Concerned Christian group left the Air Canada airplane by a back door, and were whisked away under police escort on two buses with large signs reading "Special" to an undisclosed location. Families were told that the cultists would decide whom they wanted to see.

"Kim Miller has won," said a bitter Delbert Dyck, referring to the cult leader who has told his followers that the way to salvation is to die in the city of Jerusalem on the eve of the year 2000.

Special Israeli task forces set up to deal with the advent of the year 2000 detained the group in Jerusalem last week, saying they feared the concerned Christians would provoke violence in that city.

Miller — a former Procter & Gamble executive with no formal religious training, who began Concerned Christians in the early 1980s to combat the New Age movement — was not among the eight adults and six children detained. His whereabouts and those of the other 65 members remain unknown.

But Dyck's son James, his daughter-in-law, Melanie, and 7-month-old grandson were among those who boarded an airplane in Tel Aviv, Israel, and headed for Denver, after a brief layover in Toronto.

Dyck, 55, of Engle, Colo., had been at the airport since 5 a.m. MST Saturday for a flight that arrived at noon, and the thought those tense hours had been in vain infuriated him.

"They didn't care that we were here," he said. "Kim Miller is somewhere hurrahing."

The group of Concerned Christians were to be the last peo-



Left, Norm Smith watches as his son Terry and other members of the doomsday cult Concerned Christians staff across the tarmac at Denver International Airport Saturday after being deported from Israel. The US spokesman at the Denver-based cult arrived at the airport shortly after noon and was taken under police escort to an undisclosed location. Right, An unidentified member of Concerned Christians and her baby leaves a Jerusalem detention center on the way to the Tel Aviv airport Friday. The group was deported from the country after they were suspected of planning an apocalyptic shootout.

ple to leave the plane, and anxiety grew among their relatives after the other passengers deplaned and the minutes passed with no sight of the group. Finally, Denver city police spokesman John Weyandt emerged from the plane and notified the family members that the group had decided to accept a police escort to an undisclosed location.

"They will then contact the people they want to talk to," he said.

A woman turned away, clutching a bag of baby clothes for a grandchild she'd never seen. Another, weeping, pressed her head against the window overlooking the tarmac where the two buses — their windows darkened for privacy — sat.

Many had not seen their relatives for years. And no one had seen the group members since all 80 disappeared from the Denver area in October, after Miller said his flock that the city would be destroyed. They were said to be making their way to Israel, in preparation for the millennium.

In the ensuing months, some relatives heard from cult members who were in Mexico, while others were said to be in Greece. The 34 who were detained in Israel last week were living in two large homes in a Jerusalem suburb.

Miller has sought thousands of dollars in donations from his followers, money that is believed to be supporting them in their self-imposed exile. Dyck said that, before his son left, he emptied his bank accounts and walked away from a job that had just offered him a \$2,000 bonus.

Bowlers roll 300 games, strike just minutes apart

BELMONT, N.Y. (AP) — Bowling perfection struck twice, just minutes apart, at an eight-lane alley where the similarities didn't end with flawless 300 scores.

The bowlers who rolled their perfect games Thursday in league play are both 41, and both made all strikes of their second games of the night.

Scott Cogwood of Cuba, N.Y., bowled his 300 game less than five minutes before Kevin Ross of Belmont finished off his perfect frames.


"They pummeled the pins at

Community Lanes in Belmont, about 60 miles southeast of Buffalo. The alley has seen just four perfect games in the last three years, so Thursday's show really bowled the town over.

"Scott finished his 300, and everybody stopped to congratulate him," said John Greene, alley manager. "Not even five minutes later, Kevin stepped up and finished his perfect game."

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8-year-old key murder trial witness, mother found dead

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy who was the state's key witness in a murder case was shot to death along with his mother.

Leroy Brown Jr. and his mother, Karen Clarke, 30, were found at their home Friday by Clarke's co-workers, who were concerned because she didn't show up for work. Both had been shot at least once, police said.

The pair had apparently just come home from shopping when they were attacked, and bags of groceries were strewn on the floor, said police Lt. Matthew Cuminetto Jr.

No arrests had been made.

Leroy, a second-grader, was the state's key witness against Russell Peeler, who is awaiting trial on a murder charge in the May 29 killing of Rudolph Sneed Jr., 28, who was shot eight times in the legs, left arm and back at a crowded barber shop.

The Connecticut Post, citing police sources it did not identify,

said Leroy witnessed the shooting.

Police also said Sneed implicated Peeler before he died.

Peeler, 26, is free on \$500,000 bail. At the time of the barber shop shooting, Peeler was awaiting trial on charges of attempting to murder Sneed in another incident.

Over the objections of the state, a judge recently ordered prosecutors to turn over information about the boy, including his address, to Peeler's attorney, Gary Mastronardi.

Mastronardi on Friday denied sharing any of that information with his clients.

"Peeler is under the highest level of security possible; he wears a security bracelet and his whereabouts are monitored daily," Mastronardi said. "Besides, Peeler has known for some time where the boy lived. If he was going to kill him, he had plenty of time before now to do it."

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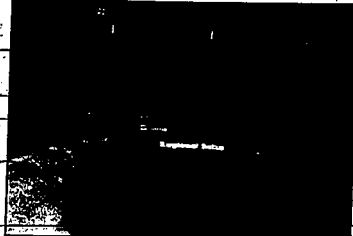
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At a big convention Saturday among the 100,000 attendees at the Consumer Electronics Show was the Clarion AutoPC, the first personal computer designed for a car.
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shipped to West Coast dealers last month and are expected to be available nationally this spring.
AutoPC recognizes 200 voice commands. Along with operating the cellular phone and controlling music, the little computer will read you e-mail to you, record information like radio clips or telephone conversations, and provide turn-by-turn directions to a specific address at the nearest gas station, restaurant, hotel or bank.
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Marley's son has close call

NEW YORK (AP) — Things got a little tense when Bob Marley's son went to warm up the car for his wife, Grammy nominee Lauryn Hill.
Rohan Marley apparently had fallen asleep inside his car while waiting for Hill to leave a New York recording studio early Friday when an electrical malfunction caused a fire.

The electrical malfunction prevented Marley, 26, from opening the locks or windows. Police detected the fire through a window and pulled Marley from the car.
At about the same time, Hill came running out of the studio, police said. "She was hysterical. She thought he was still in the car," Officer Jose Segura said.
Marley was at a hospital for smoke inhalation and was later released.

Shania Twain fights through obstacles

NEW YORK — Shania Twain's life could be a country song — with a happy ending.
The Grammy-nominated singer was raised in a small town, 500 miles north of Toronto in a family so poor that she and her sister sometimes ate sandwiches "just to have something between the bread," she says.
Cosmopolitan magazine's February issue.

When she was 21, Twain got her career on hold when her parents were killed in a car accident. She stopped touring and got a steady job so she could raise her sister and two younger brothers.

After her youngest brother graduated high school, she immediately got to work on a demo tape. That self-titled CD was released in 1993.
"Five years later, my third album, 'Come On Over,' was a smash hit. Last week, it was nominated for six Grammy awards."
"It's like going to war and coming back," Twain said. "Every once in a while, someone has to slap you on the back and say, 'Hey! The war is over!'"

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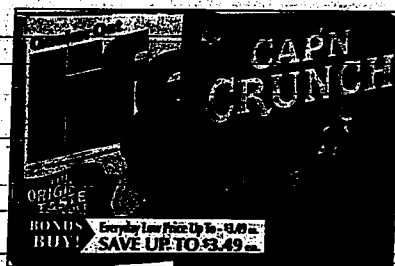
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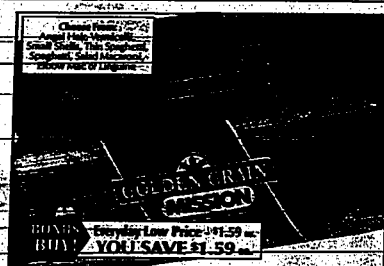
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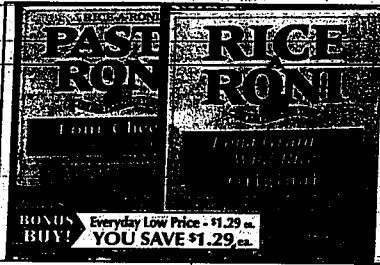
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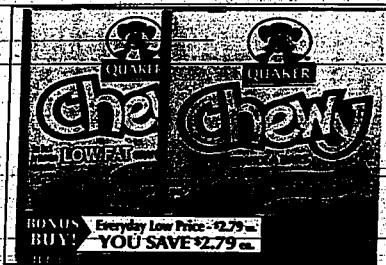
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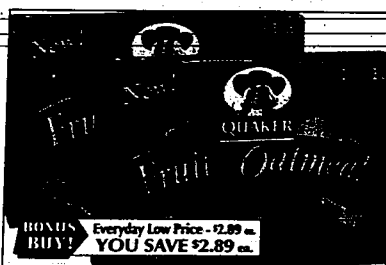
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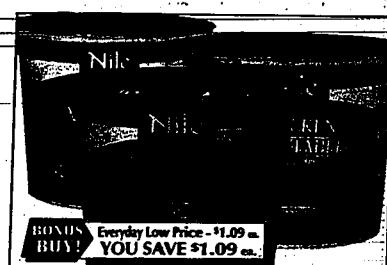
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Above, Ron Mohr of Baldwin, Iowa, feeds his hogs last November. Mohr, a hog farmer for 34 years, gave away 27 of his hogs rather than sell them at current low market prices. At right, Don Brady of Neponset, Ill., gave away 60 hogs in late December.



Hog farmers face financial ruin

The Associated Press

Glut pushes prices to record lows

When Don Brady decided to call it quits as a hog farmer, he did not do quietly. He had always enjoyed this life, he has always been a success. So when low prices squeezed him out, he went public.

"Free hogs," declared the small ad he placed in his local newspaper. "When the cost of a 10-pound ham is more than a farmer gets for his whole hog, it's time to give them away."

And so he did.

Late last month, folks lined up in cars and trucks in 20-degree cold the night before the give-away, waiting to take him up on his one-animal-per-family offer. He handed out 60 hogs in one day at his farm in Neponset, in west-central Illinois.

"It was the last hurrah," says the 49-year-old Brady, who has tended hogs since he was a fresh-faced teen in a 4-H Club. "This was a way to do some good for needy families and to make a statement about what has happened to the farmer."

What has happened is nothing short of a disaster.

"Hog prices have plunged to record lows, forcing some farmers to quit and pushing others deeper in debt, wondering if they will ever dig out. Some have lost \$2,000 a day, or two years' income in two months."

"It is catastrophic," says Chris Hurt, agricultural economist at Purdue University. "It's really without comparison."

Unlike grain that can be stored until prices rebound, hogs are perishable.

"You can't say, 'The market is terrible today,'" Plain says. "When they're grown up and ready to get 'em to go..."

At the same time, the cost of pork at the grocery store barely changed in the last year, prompting accusations of gouging.

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"There was a mad rush to find sites before there were further environmental restrictions," Hurt says. Some states imposed moratoriums.

In 1998, hog production was up 10 percent over the last year, but packing plant capacity fell by 8 percent. Three big older slaughterhouses closed in the last two years.

"Packers found it didn't matter how low they bid for hogs, there still were plenty of them lined up at the door each day," Plain says.

Hog prices fell from 55 cents a pound two years ago to as low as 8 cents a pound in late 1998; he says.

Farmers who spent \$100 to raise a hog sold their animals for \$20 each. And they had no choice.

"If fact, Plain predicts hog farmers could lose \$1.5 billion more by midsummer, when he expects they will break even.

The reason for the hog crisis is fairly simple: Too many animals, too few slaughtering operations.

Oddly enough, prosperity is partly to blame.

Hog farming was booming in 1996 and 1997, so producers began raising more animals. "When you make money, it's natural for people to want to reinvest, and that's what happened," Plain says.

Some also blame the growth of huge corporate hog farms that have come under increasing regulation by states because of air and water pollution problems.

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But Plain argues that making pork cheaper in the supermarket would not have rescued farmers.

"One would expect that if you cut the price, demand would increase for pork, and hog prices would go up," he says. "Normally, that's how it works — unless you have inadequate capacity somewhere down the line. And that's what we had."

"If you cut the price — packers couldn't kill any more hogs than they were killing," he adds.

But that's little solace for farmers, who have become increasingly frustrated. One Iowa producer planned a pig hunt on his land to call attention to the crisis, but canceled the event.

Concern also has spread to the nation's capital, where experts tes-

Lentil shipments to Russia could help Idaho growers

LEWISTON (AP) — Lentil growers chafing under the lowest prices in more than a decade may get a break if the United States signs an agreement giving Russia 16,000 metric tons of lentils.

The Food for Progress Program, which will not be final until documents are signed by both countries, is part of a larger plan donating 1.5 million metric tons of wheat to Russia, valued at about \$25 million.

"This is welcome news," said Mike Watson, public merchandising manager for Columbia Grain. "If it's spread out over several months, you may see an uptick in the price. But if they try to get it shipped in a two- to three-month time frame we could see a price increase."

Lentil prices, like most farm commodities, have been de-

pressed for more than a year. Current prices are about 105 cents a pound.

Jerry Robinson, chairman of the U.S.A. Dry Pea and Lentil Council, said competition from Canada is one reason prices are low.

"Our neighbors to the north are producing considerable amounts of lentils. Canada has a regular green lentil that's extremely competitive. They've been able to produce as good if not better a product at a better price," Robinson said.

Markets in specialty lentils such as the pardina variety are growing in the United States, but slowly.

The United States and Russia have signed another agreement that would provide long-term low-interest loans for the Russian government to purchase 1.5 million tons of various U.S. commodities.

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No single state agency oversees livestock operations

By N.S. Nokken/wood
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Who's in charge?

The growth of large corporate factory hog farms across the country has raised concerns. Not all hog farms have the same problems, but manure spills in other states have fouled rivers, killed fish and polluted groundwater.

And a large facility proposed first in Owyhee County and later in eastern Idaho has raised questions of whether Idaho environmental laws are adequate to deal with potential problems.

State law makes no distinction between the sizes of livestock operations, and large animal operations are subject to the same regulations that prevent increased environmental risks, said Mike McEwen, director of the state Division of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls.

"The Legislature is going to have to take on this issue," Twin Falls County Commissioner Dennis Maughan said.

So just who regulates livestock operations? State officials say it's a county zoning issue. County officials say their options are limited by a state law that prohibits any action that deprives any owner of all and complete use of agricultural land for production of any agricultural product.

County zoning ordinances can limit location and size of livestock operations and can require management practices such as odor control and other conditions relating to public health and safety, water rights and property values.

But counties can't require additional environmental restrictions for operations above a certain size. They can't require liners under manure ponds or ground water monitoring systems already required for large livestock operations in some states. Nor can they regulate land application of manure, except



to enforce "best management practices"

For environmental safeguards, county officials rely on state and federal agencies, which already are responsible for environmental oversight. If they do their job, there's no problem, Twin Falls County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said.

Idaho Department of Water Resources: The department has authority to issue water rights. It regulates only the amount of a water right, not the type of use as long as it's recognized to be beneficial.

"It's a quantity that we control," department spokesman Dick Larsen said.

Water rights are issued when the applicant can show that the water would be put to beneficial use, that it would not harm other senior water rights and that the use would be in the public interest.

But that's where the issue gets muddy, Larsen said. People who oppose a particular operation may protest the water right and claim it is not in the public interest because of a risk to water quality, which can affect other water rights.

The department can condition permits to meet state and federal regulations for the type of operation, Larsen said.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: The EPA administers discharge permits, has authority over any discharges from unpermitted facilities and can levy fines and force violators to take corrective action.

"We don't permit operations; we permit discharges," said Warren McFall of the EPA in Boise.

An unpermitted discharge is a violation of the Clean Water Act. EPA officials investigate and take action deemed appropriate, including fines of up to \$10,000 per day. And they can order cor-

Coalition provides framework for future

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — As the hog issue spreads across the country, questions have been raised in Idaho over how best to regulate new, large factory hog farms.

It's a national issue that has been addressed by a coalition of agency and industry representatives. The group's work could provide a framework that state or local officials could use to regulate the pork industry.

The group's set of guidelines, similar to state livestock operations guidelines used by dairies, have been specifically tailored to hog operations.

Developed by America's Clean Water Foundation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials and regulatory officials

from six states and five pork producers, the "Comprehensive Environmental Framework for Pork Production Operations" covers all aspects of pork production.

The framework sets out requirements for public participation, requirements for siting facilities, design standards, restrictions on land applications of waste, requirements for training, financial responsibilities, record keeping and provisions for civil and criminal enforcement.

It's not the intent to have a state adopt the framework in its entirety, said Udoob Agens of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Various states have adopted parts of the framework to add to existing regulations.

Idaho, for instance, adopted a portion of the plan during its 1995 legislative session.

reactive action and action to improve operations to reduce risk. Division of Environmental Quality: State law requires DEQ to approve waste management systems that must conform in style

and quality to regularly accepted engineering standards. The law specifically exempts livestock operations from a provision that requires registered professional engineers to certify some plans.

DEQ is responsible for overseeing waste management, including land application of manure, at livestock facilities other than dairies. But the state has no laws for land application of animal

wastes. Too much manure applied at the wrong time can contaminate ground and surface water. DEQ officials can encourage operators to use best management practices, but can take action only if waste runs off an operation into a stream.

The agency doesn't have the money or staffing to do much more than review waste management systems and plans, and to respond to complaints.

State Department of Agriculture: The department's Dairy Bureau regulates dairies and can suspend a dairy's permit to sell milk if it doesn't comply with waste management regulations. Regulations prohibit any discharge and include restrictions on land application of wastes.

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Illinois county lowers home values around hog operation

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

GLENTON, Ill. — De Witt County, Ill., population 15,516, found itself in the national news this past February.

Two new hog farms — a 7,000-sow farm and a 5,000-sow farm — raised quite an outcry. The county's appointed three-man Board of Review, consisting of a farmer, a monitoring well already required for large livestock operations in some states. Nor can they regulate land application of manure, except

The board voted to reduce county assessments by 30 percent on the five homes within 1 1/2 miles of one operation. It lowered assessed values by 10 percent on 22 other houses within a two-mile radius.

The move was novel and unprecedented, and this is a rural county, used to the odoriferous ways of agriculture. De Witt sits 13 miles from Illinois' geographical center; it's 75 percent crop-land.

But a few things happened in the months that followed.

One of the old farmhouses, devalued to \$60,000, sold for \$160,000, said De Witt Supervisor of Assessments Sandy Moody. The buyer was a local man who knew the situation, she said.

Another nearby sale is in the works, and land near the first sale is being leveled.

"A new house is going up right across the road," Moody said. Moody, who raised pigs herself a few years back, has been monitoring the smell since May 1998. If

the wind and weather are just right, she said, the odor wafts, but she has yet to experience what she describes as "changing conditions."

Moody said the county should have done what it's doing before changing the assessments. The board evidently caught the farm on a bad day; convection in the three-stage hog pens can shuffle the contents during a typical Midwest winter week with temperatures ranging up and down the thermometer.

To make a fair assessment, she said, the county needs to look at overall impact.

"Almost a year later, Moody says the situation just served to bring unwarranted bad publicity. She predicts the Board of Review will reverse its decision in next spring's round of assessments.

"It looks like we're going to make the headlines again," she said.

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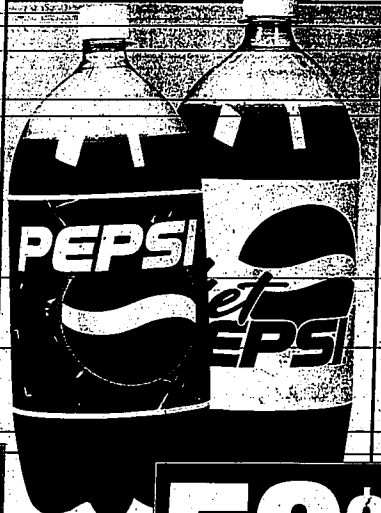
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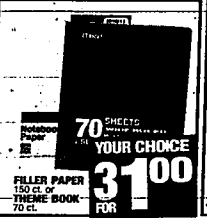
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Survivors say Congolese rebels slaughtered hundreds in village

MAKOBOLA, Congo — Survivors of Congolese rebels, some hiding from paratrooper soldiers, said Saturday that hundreds of civilians died when rebels searched for weapons and burned dozens of huts in an eastern fishing village on New Year's Eve.

Deaths were sketched but interviews with dozens of survivors blood stains outside burnt-out huts and freshly dug graves at Makobola painted a picture of a massacre of civilians at the hands of Congolese rebels.

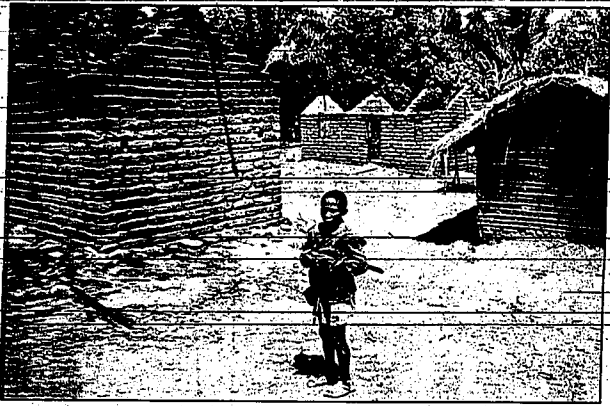
World in brief
fighting to oust President Laurent Kabila.

The killings appeared to be retaliation for an attack by combatants allied with Kabila's forces, who had by late May captured Makobola from rebels there.

An Italian missionary news service reported Wednesday that it had counted 500 bodies lying in at least 500 people were killed.

Reporters who visited the Lake Tanganyika village were unable to determine the number of people killed.

A rebel commander in Makobola said Saturday that 10 civilians were killed in the fighting last week, but denied the massacre of hundreds.



A Congolese boy plays in front of burned-out homes in Makobola, southeastern Democratic Republic of Congo Saturday. He is one of the few remaining in his village several days after many local residents say Congolese rebels killed at least 500 civilians when they opened fire in the village and burned houses.

media. Freedom of speech and assembly are not always guaranteed.

Death toll put at 38 in Georgian bus plunge

KAZBEGI, Georgia — Emergency workers rapped into a ravine on Saturday to recover the bodies of 38 people killed when their bus veered off a road and plunged into a river in the mountains of northeastern Georgia.

The bus tumbled more than 820 feet Friday night when it went off a winding road near the village of Kazbegi.

It had been transporting mourners from a funeral in the town of Kobi, Georgia, to their homes in Vladikavkaz, the capital of North Ossetia, a region of neighboring Russia.

There were no survivors.

Artillery fire pounds Sierra Leone's capital

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Artillery fire pounded Sierra Leone's capital through the night and heavy fighting was reported Saturday around one of the city's main military bases while rebels battled government soldiers and their allies for the city.

It remained unclear how much of the city the rebel Revolutionary United Front controls, but residents said that one of the city's main military bases, the Wilberforce Barracks, was under attack Saturday.

A cease-fire was announced Thursday by President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah, who said he had reached the accord with the imprisoned rebel leader. Today Sancho.

Sancho, in prison in an undisclosed location, was convicted by a Sierra Leone court of high treason and sentenced to death.

Tidal waves batter Philippines; at least 6 die

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines — Tidal waves smashed into coastal villages in the southern Philippines, killing at least six people, officials said Saturday. Twelve people are missing.

Waves as high as 20 feet battered several towns on the remote island town of Siargao in Tawi-Tawi province during a storm late Wednesday, the local government said.

Most of the missing were fishermen, officials said.

— compiled from wire reports

Morise gets Pangea heart for heroism in bombing

NABOBI, Kenya — Sgt. Daniel Morise charged from the smoke-filled rubble of the bombed U.S. Embassy in Nairobi last summer and, despite three broken ribs, returned again and again to pull others to safety.

For his bravery, the 35-year-old Marine from Leavenworth, Kansas, was awarded the Bronze Star Saturday.

Others did the same thing and just weren't recognized," said Morise, who has left his hospital bed and returned to duty.

"I don't think it's anything different than any other Marine would do," he said.

The newly decorated Sgt. Morise's heroism at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi and then at Sabana Terrazas killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

The U.S. government has named 10 other soldiers in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Iraq's parliament urges defiance of no-fly zones

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi legislators urged the government Saturday to resist the possibility of neighboring Kuwait and backed the leadership's defiance of no-fly zones imposed by the

eastern town of Foca, NATO spokeswoman Maj. Sheena Thomson said.

The troops defended themselves by opening fire, Thomson said.

After the shooting, two U.N. police vehicles were demolished in Foca, residents said on condition of anonymity.

The U.S.-led NATO force in Bosnia says it will arrest any suspected war criminal it happens upon as part of its regular peace-keeping duties.

More than 60 people have been indicted by the tribunal, and more than two dozen suspects have given themselves up or been apprehended by NATO troops, including one other Serb killed while resisting arrest.

Report: 5 of 10 largest Russian banks are broke

MOSCOW — Five of Russia's 10 largest banks are effectively insolvent, the Interfax news agency reported Saturday.

The agency said the five banks were hit hard by the country's economic crisis and are no longer able to meet their debts to customers and creditors.

Before the crisis hit in August, Russian banks were known for raking their money in highly speculative investments, including government treasury bills that yielded extremely high rates of interest.

The devaluation of the ruble since the effective default on treasury bills left many banks deeply in debt.

Incumbent likely victor in Kazakstan election

ALMATY, Kazakstan — Opponents have accused Kazakstan's incumbent president of everything from selling off the country's massive oil reserves to failing to bring lasting prosperity to the country.

The allegations haven't swayed most voters, and President Nursultan Nazarbayev is expected to handily win re-election today to a seven-year term.

The president's supporters see in him an internationally respected politician who just needs more time to bring about economic and democratic change.

For years, Nazarbayev has promised to bring an economic boom and democratic freedom to Kazakstan. But the country faces severe economic problems this year, and Nazarbayev still keeps tight control over the courts and

MARO troops kill Bosnian Serb war crimes suspect

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — MARO troops on Saturday shot to death a suspected Bosnian Serb war criminal accused of raping and murdering Muslim women.

The suspect, Dragan Covic, was seized and drove his car directly at French soldiers in the NATO-led Bosnian peace force in

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EDITORIAL

Sawtooth Forest spends money as work piles up

Last week's stories about the Sawtooth National Forest were troubling. The tenor of the stories was that Sawtooth employees have more work than they can handle. Money is tight, and departed workers haven't been replaced. A morass of laws, regulations and policies has left remaining employees bogged down in paperwork, not fieldwork.

It's easy to conclude that the Sawtooth Forest is broke and broken. Critics on all sides, and even a few employees, agree there are real problems to confront.

The most obvious is a budget that keeps tightening as costs keep rising. Most of those costs are salaries, which cannot be justified in light of current performance.

Employment on the Sawtooth has been declining since 1993, but the Sawtooth Forest still has 20 percent more full-time employees than it did a decade ago. The annual payroll for its 118 permanent full-time and part-time workers is \$4.34 million.

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• Forestry technician - \$45,024.

Those salaries are paid regardless of how well the forest runs. We suspect

most working people envy both those paychecks and the lack of accountability that accompanies them.

Clearly, the Sawtooth Forest has become a top-heavy bureaucracy in which work costs more than its value to complete.

Fortunately, Forest Supervisor Bill LeVeré (\$77,996 annually) has announced a new staffing strategy. LeVeré has pledged to let some permanent positions go dark and to devote the savings to hiring more temporary, seasonal workers, who do much of the field work.

The Sawtooth Forest isn't alone in creating a muddle of overpaid mediocrity. Its problems appear to be symptomatic of troubles extending throughout U.S. Forest Service.

And Forest Service officials aren't solely to blame. By saddling the Forest Service with a welter of laws, Congress has set the agency into this dysfunction junction.

We suspect a soon-to-be-released General Accounting Office report will corroborate this conclusion.

It's time - a real time, really - for the agency to re-define its key management objectives at the national level as well as locally. Low-priority goals should be shelved until employees can dig out from beneath the mounting pile of uncompleted work.

Congress, having helped create the problem, now should help to create a sound new management direction.

Sharpening the focus is what savvy business managers do when their organizations are overextended. The Sawtooth Forest - along with the rest of the Forest Service - needs to do likewise.



Washington crowd lives in own little world

Thirty years ago, I came to Washington as a reporter of 23. Since then, I have never witnessed such a huge disconnect as now between the nation's capital and the rest of the country. The capital is enmeshed by Clinton's impeachment. Meanwhile, the rest of the country hardly seems to care.

It's arguable that this distance is an isolated event affecting the presidency. I am of the Clinton presidency and the career attitudes of a booming economy. This is a delusion. These conditions may have enlarged the disconnect, but the growing separation of Washington from the rest of the country is no fluke.

By Washington, I do not mean the grave. Believe it or not, most people here lead lives like most other Americans. They endure congestion, worry about schools and think only intermittently about politics and government.

What I mean by Washington is the political community - the "inside the Beltway crowd" or "governing class."

The widening gap between this Washington crowd and the rest of the country is not altogether bad. America thrives in part, because it's decentralized. Governmental power remains dispersed among the nation's state and local levels. The economic benefits are well distributed, and competition, contract and expire largely on their own. There is plenty of volunteerism, charity and philanthropy.

America can be well without Washington doing well. In a recent New Republic, Greg Easterbrook noted some signs of ongoing national improvement: In 1997, the homicide rate was down 10 percent; years, a typical new home is 40 percent



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

larger than in 1970; births to teen mothers have dropped 12 percent since 1991; smog is down a third since 1970. Some gains - say, environmental improvement - stem from Washington's good not.

Still, there's something disturbing about Washington's growing disconnect. In a representative democracy, people shouldn't feel less represented.

When I arrived in Washington in 1969, it was widely believed that government could solve most social problems. This faith - plus confidence that the economy could produce boundless new wealth - inspired immense governmental activism. Washington connected with the rest of the country by showing new benefits to many constituencies. Although Democrats led this crusade, most Republicans (including, prominently, Nixon) joined.

The elderly benefited from Medicare and higher Social Security; the poor received Medicaid and food stamps; schools and universities got more aid; Congress passed environmental and workers safety laws.

higher taxes and lower spending. Regulations involved costs as well as benefits. The political impact of this failure was profound.

I am simplifying only slightly when I say that the result is two parties that - at least in rhetoric - are not so much liberal and conservative as reactionary and radical.

Democrats are reactionary, because they seem to promise a return to the dreary 1960s with expanding social programs and constituent benefits. On the other hand, Republicans seem radical because, blaming government for a long-amy problem, they seem too ready to dismantle it. This frightens most Americans, who (despite misgivings) like their government benefits, from college loans to Social Security.

Neither party commands the critical center, both offend it.

It is in this broader sense that Washington has become disconnected. Except in token ways, Democrats can't create new programs and Republicans can't cut taxes. Barred from genuine action, politicians become more strident in their debates and more vicious in their personal attacks. They consort mostly with their "like consciousness" and sympathetic ideologues, deepening their isolation and illusions.

In Washington, Clinton's impeachment seems extraordinary; elsewhere, it's seen as the same old stuff, albeit at a higher level. This is sad commentary on three decades of change: Washington, though no less interesting, has lost touch.

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City can run convention center as well as golf courses and pools

Forgive me my amazement, but what was the Times-News editorial board thinking when it penned Wednesday's editorial? I read, with much wonderment, a series of sound-bited paragraphs. You've made many assumptions. Few sit on solid ground.

Why is it clear, for example, that "a convention center is not to be driven by the private sector"? Swimming pools and golf courses are often municipal. They are. Why can't a convention center be something they manage? Considering the potential economic benefits a center is supposed to produce, it's probably more cost effective than a pool or a golf course.

And why shouldn't we utilize the tax-increment financing available through urban renewal? In the form of financing preferable to a bond? It saves your beloved "taxpayers" from footing the bill. And why not? If you want to plunk down a convention center in a part of town that already boasts the greatest concentration in the entire state Valley? Sure, the north side is the best, but not all of the exits are located. But when these things are for convention centers, they can be anything. They'd still have to ride something, but the city, the Shilo Inn to wherever the center is placed. No one's going to walk there. A convention center that built anywhere, need to be near the College of Southern Idaho? No convention I've ever been to had that. No exception whatsoever to a nearby college.



READER COMMENT David Woodhead

ties for tax-increment financing. If it were the entire project, at least a portion of it could be financed without taxing taxpayers.

Once a convention center is established in Old Towne, other profit centers will follow. And more land and/or buildings currently undervalued for property tax purposes will contribute more to the city coffers.

The traffic in Historic Downtown and Old Towne is not currently out of control. I have seen traffic on Blue Lakes, Pole Line and Washington North backed up at least half a mile. How much worse can we get? The traffic in Old Towne will end up contributing to the problem.

David Woodhead is a resident of the Old Towne Improvement District.

Vocal minority works wonders

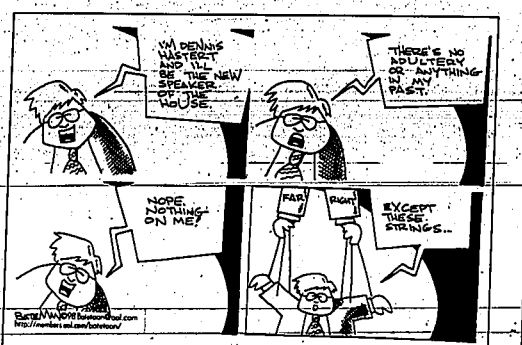
As one of those damn environmentalists that fought river rapier Earl Hardy to a standstill over Box Canyon, I am most happy that Phil Burt, Laird Noh, Clive Strong and The Nature Conservancy closed the book on that fight.

They appear to have not only won, but possible if a small number of good people had stood by and done nothing. As it is, a great natural heritage has been preserved for ourselves and for future generations.

Thomas Paine said that, "The true price of freedom is constant vigilance"; someone else said that "Evil flourishes when good men (and women) do nothing."

Box Canyon, Auger Falls, the Special Isotope Separator and the New Production Reactor are among the bad projects stopped when the people stood up. We shouldn't have to fight so hard and so often. If we had good public policy, if we had some long-term moral criteria on which we made decisions and if we looked to people of honor and integrity for leadership, we'd be able to get things done that we would not only improve our lives but those of future generations.

There are lots of issues out there that need to be dealt with. One of the most immediate is getting our policy on the books to deal with the environmental and social problems associated with the ever-threatening "factory livestock production operation." They would not only improve our lives but those of future generations.



lecting seized and abandoned firearms. Recently, the Falls Police decided to do a little house cleaning. In the past, seized firearms were auctioned to gun dealers who then legally sold these firearms to citizens.

Liberalism is a philosophy which advances many devious ideas. Among these ideas is the belief that certain enlightened and empowered elitists have a sacred duty to protect us, (meaning you and me), from ourselves. This is accomplished by creating "big government," then using the government to promote social programs and to meddle in local affairs.

Destroying guns wastes money

Over the past two years, the Twin Falls Police Department has been col-

LETTERS

Jeff Pierson

OPINION

Master strategist turns setbacks into gains

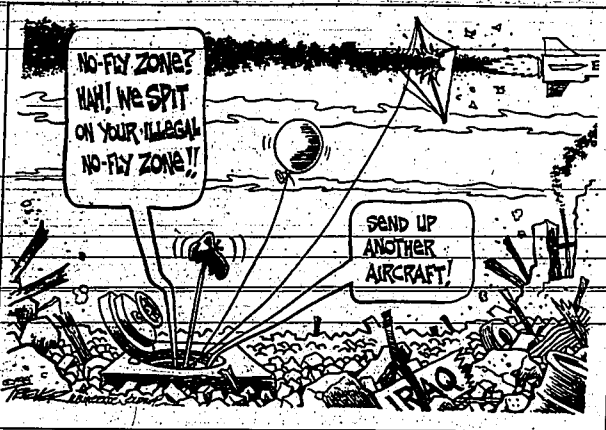
Saddam Hussein's foreign policy gambits are usually driven by a combination of fear and opportunity. In 1980, he invaded Iran because he feared that Ayatollah Khomeini's brand of Islamic fundamentalism would sweep him from power, and because he saw in the chaos of the Iranian Revolution a chance to make himself the hegemon of the Persian Gulf. In 1990, he invaded Kuwait because he feared that Iraq's economic straits would cripple him, and because Iran's defeat during the Iraq War created an opportunity for him to seize a coveted prize.

KENNETH M. POLLACK

Iran's interest following the U.S. and British air strikes in December followed his pattern. Operation Desert Fox may have created dissension in the ranks of his loyalists. Saddam's first concern is his control of Iraq. It is his scrupulous attention to his internal position — and his skill in doing so — that has allowed him to survive 30 years in power and countless coup attempts.

The key to this survival is his ability to maintain the loyalty of those around him. Saddam's loyalists do not enjoy seeing Iraq battered by the U.S. military without being able to mount any resistance. For this reason, Saddam has backed down quickly on every prior occasion since the Gulf War that the United States either used force or credibly threatened to do so. This time, Iraq did not back down because the United States would not let it.

During Operation Desert Fox, the Iraqis suffered the worst punning they have taken since the Gulf War. Worse still, this time the United States invaded those things most precious to Saddam's power base: Iraq's



weapons of mass destruction, its air force and the regime's protection forces. Thus, Desert Fox went after Saddam's supporters themselves.

Meanwhile, Iraq was unable to muster any real resistance, and American and British military forces bombed with impunity. All the Iraqis could do was sit and take it.

Now, Saddam is scrambling to demonstrate to his supporters that the four days of airstrikes they endured were somehow worth it. Even before the bombing stopped, he announced that Iraq would cease all cooperation with the U.N. arms inspectors. Since then, he has twice challenged the no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq by firing at U.S. and British planes on patrol.

Saddam is betting that if he can willfully abrogate the U.N. inspection regime, force the

coalition to end the no-fly zones and assert his control over the U.N.'s distribution system, he will be able to show the kind of tangible gains that will convince his supporters that it was worth four days of harrowing airstrikes.

The no-fly zones are a particularly vulnerable target. They were established after the Gulf War to prevent Saddam from repressing Iraq Kurds and Shiites as demanded by the U.N. However, there is no resolution specifically authorizing the no-fly zones themselves, and so Iraq has been able to claim that they are illegal.

So, too, many Arabs see the no-fly zones as part of a U.S.-led conspiracy against Iraq.

Saddam likely believes that an attrition strategy toward the no-fly zones will eventually put enough pressure on the United States and Britain to end them.

Moreover, every time U.S. and British aircraft attack an Iraqi air defense site it further randles those countries who regard the zones as symbols of overbearing American aggression. Saddam may try to take periodic shots at U.S. and British aircraft to keep these pots simmering.

If, in the end, all the United States can boast from four days of airstrikes is that we set back Iraq's missile program by one year, while Iraq can crow that it ended the inspection regime, undermined the U.S. pipeline and secured its control over the U.N. humanitarian distribution program, American and British victory will be the only ones claiming victory from Operation Desert Fox.

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Disasters? We're all stocked up

Sometime between 10 and 15 million years ago, the ground under what is now the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory blew up like a bomb in an underground.

This resulted in a real big disaster, the results of which - AVO - can be seen today.

Now a former executive with Lockheed Martin, which runs the INEEL for the gummint, and some other bugbodies want to open up a disaster-simulation facility at the site.

All manner of calamities - floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, the Idaho State University athletic program - would be simulated there to tell scientists how best to avoid them next time.

It's a bad idea, which anybody who gets out of the car along Highway 20 can see as plain as the nose on his face.

There are no actual trees in Butte County. The only difference between winter and summer is that the Burger Barn in Mackay closes

30 minutes later, and the former town of Atomic City loses its life to the consequences of nuclear energy than a source.

In short, the INEEL is a moon-scape, and I think it's a mistake to invite the world in to make it worse.

Look, you don't see Rock Springs, Wyo., and Butte, Mont. - the first and second ugliest spots on the planet, respectively - trying to attract smelters, iron-ore mines, steel mills and feedlots, do you? Why didn't they?

We Idahoans have come to realize that Butte County is an ugly cousin we love and don't see much of. It's better that way.

The INEEL is just someplace "out by Idaho Falls." We all know it looks like your oldest son's room. Why dwell on it?

Now they're gonna bring in a bunch of pencil-necked engineers who'll proclaim this to be ground zero and attract more unwelcome attention to Idaho than Evel Knievel in an oversized jumpsuit.

Keep your natural disasters and leave us out of them. We're not our former chief '62 GMC pickups with duct-taped wing windows and two bound dogs in the back."

We can do it. In the end, the tide waves - unless, of course, you're willing to adjudicate them.

You know you're too stressed when:

- The sun is too loud.
- You can hear mimes.
- You can't see the weather attendant if you can get your order to go.
- Your heart beats in 7/8 time.
- You lose two falls out of three with your pants.
- You haven't vacuumed the living room since the Hoover administration.
- You discover the aesthetic charm of a white lion.
- You begin to talk to yourself, then disagree about the subject, get into a nasty fight over it, lose, and refuse to talk to yourself for the next day.
- Decal gives you a buzz.
- "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" bylines a bit too edgy for your tastes.
- In the box on your driver's license application where it says "sex," you write "I've got a headache."
- You can't recall what the inside of your eyelids look like.
- You can't recall where your eyes are.

You start to fantasize about being stranded on a tropical island with Janet Reno.

You realize that your favorite movie comedy is "All Quiet on the Western Front."

You find yourself folding the dog and walking the laundry.

You say the same sentence over and over again, not realizing that you've said it before.

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Putting a bite into juvenile justice

Proposal calls for chance of prison sentence

By Gregory Bain
Times-News Staff Writer

BOISE - Parents have used the threat from a long time. "If you don't straighten out, you'll end up in prison."

Now the state Department of Juvenile Corrections hopes to give the warning some teeth.

One of the 70 bills coming the Legislature this year is a proposal to adopt "blended sentencing," an increasingly popular solution for juvenile crime around the country.

The tactic blends two

Getting tougher

The Department of Juvenile Corrections bills sends the cut for only \$10 in the 1999 Legislature. Here's a snapshot of the measure.

Currently, House Bill 31 would make the parents or guardians of a juvenile in state custody liable for the cost of the delinquent's support. The measure would save the money, but the proposal doesn't estimate how much.

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"The concept is a good concept," said 5th District Magistrate Judge John Varin, the main juvenile judge for much of the Magic Valley.

The transition between juvenile court and adult court needs to be streamlined, Varin said. But this proposal is just beginning to be discussed among Varin and the others involved with the system around the state.

"There are constitutional issues we have to carefully evaluate," Varin said.

Even so, Juvenile Corrections Director Brent Reinke wants to push for blended sentencing and he looks to the legislative committee process to answer some of the questions the new bill already has raised.

The juvenile system doesn't. Please see JUVENILE, Page B3

Reading to make a difference

VISTA volunteers help change lives

By Rachel Denny
Times-News Correspondent

DIETRICH - When Barbara Harshfield applied for a position at Dietrich Elementary School, she wasn't thinking about the money she wouldn't make - but about the chance to change a child's life.

Her call with Volunteers in Service to America began her battle to improve reading proficiency in students below third grade.

Harshfield, like the other three VISTA volunteers in Magic Valley, receives a federal government stipend monthly to help with living expenses.

The VISTA money is available through an appropriation by Congress. But the money isn't the reason Harshfield began working at the Dietrich school.

"It's a very minimum wage," she said. "The wages are not something you can live off too easily."

"Harshfield volunteers for the other reward."

"Dietrich is a very low-income community," she said. "We have a lot of kids here below reading level. It's so rewarding to see them suddenly catch onto something, knowing you are making a difference."

Harshfield spends much of her time recruiting and interviewing potential volunteers. VISTA's Jane Humphreys at Hollister Elementary School and Teri Schroeder at Kimberley Elementary School are working on similar reading projects. Chase Egan at Goodwin Elementary School's VISTA worker.

"This is the first year for Harshfield, Humphreys and Schroeder, and they are looking for townfolk to read with the children."

"I try and get volunteers to come in and read with the kids," said Humphreys, who lives in Twin Falls. "I read with the kids and try that their reading level to the grade level. Statistics say that if they aren't up by the third grade they'll never catch up."

"The children was the strongest incentive for Humphreys to apply for the VISTA position, she said.

"I want to go to Hollister and I have a degree in education," she said. "Reading is something that is important to me; I feel that if we're not accomplishing they can't make it in anything else."

"There's no greater reward than seeing a child reading. You're doing something, you're just putting in time," Humphreys said.

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"Anytime you have a student that is getting more volun- teered, and get one-on-one assistance, I've never not seen them improve," Simons said. "It builds a warm atmosphere for the students."

Harshfield encourages everyone who can to volunteer in the schools.

"I want to get more volunteers in here," she said. "I would like to see all of the students reading at third-grade level by the third grade. If we're not accomplishing that I think we'll be doing great."

"Some of these kids don't have the attention they need. With one-on-one reading, it's not just something but positive feedback for both sides. They're both nourishing each other."



Mailbox customers make a lot of change to a customer at the Post Office in Twin Falls Saturday. Sales of one-cent and the new 23-cent stamps.

Getting their licks in

Postal customers make run on new 1-cent stamps

By Hannah Thomas
Times-News Staff Writer

TWIN FALLS - People were lining up for their pump's lunch late Saturday morning at Twin Falls Post Office. Station post office. Window clerk Patricia Glenn was selling sheets of one-cent stamps like they were going out of style.

In a way, they are. A one-cent hike in the price of first-class stamps kicks in today as part of the first postal price change in four years.

"I started out today with 2,000 one-cent stamps. I'm going to be curious to see how many I'll end

up with," Glenn said during a few seconds of free time between customers.

Like many at the post office Saturday, Dana Waters of Twin Falls was buying penny stamps

to round off her now-defunct 32-cent stamps.

"I bought a pile of late Christmas cards. Waters paid only 40 cents extra. But preparing the cards for mailing would involve extra work, she said.

"I'll have to do a lot of extra licking," she said.

Barbara Morales of Jerome was in a hurry to beat the higher rates.

"I was mailing a priority package to my daughter in college before the rates went up," she said as she left the post office.

"I'm a student," Robby Hartz said. "My staff barely had time to cool down

from the holiday rush before the hike on stamps began.

"It's search-hate Monday," he said. "People just went crazy when they found out about the rate change."

As noon drew close, the line at Glenn's window finally started to shrink.

One customer joked with her about being in a rush to get a book of the new first-class stamps said.

"So is half the general public," Glenn replied with a smile.

Times-News Staff writer, Mark Hartz can be reached at 324-6962.

Burley to launch new boat docks with aid of state grants

By John T. Huxley
Times-News Staff Writer

BURLEY - The city of Burley received two grants totaling \$51,395 from the Idaho State Parks and Recreation Board last week to build docks on the Snake River.

The funds will be used to purchase 320 feet of polyethylene boat dock and 13 personal watercraft docks for Community Park and North Freedom Park, said Dennis Peterson, Burley's Parks and Recreation Department director.

A total of \$68,530 was needed to purchase the docks. The city and Cassia County gave a combined

\$EELBS to help pay for the docks, Peterson said.

"The new docks will make the park a lot nicer," he said. "We need to replace the docks and maintain them as best we can."

In January 1998, Peterson applied for the two state grants, which are given under conditions that city or county funds would supply the rest of the money needed for the boat docks, he said.

Each year, the city allocates money for the replacement or maintenance of the city boat docks. Money from county boater registration fees was also contributed.

"The docks are really used," Mayor Dana Manning said. "They

always need to be maintained." The dock space and personal watercraft docks will be divided between Community Park and North Freedom Park.

This is the first time Burley's Parks and Recreation Department has received back-to-back state grants, Peterson said.

Each year, the state allocates \$4 percent of its total state tax revenue for grant money to parks and recreation agencies. Last year, the state Parks and Recreation Board awarded \$1.2 million in grants to local agencies, Peterson said.

received money from the city for improvements, he said.

The docks will arrive in the city in about two to three weeks, Peterson said.

"With the increase of dock space, there shouldn't be an increase in boater population, he said.

Peterson said he will apply for two more grants totaling \$50,000 to be received in the year 2000. This money would be used to purchase additional dock space for North Freedom Park and add to dock space at Lex Kuman Park in North Burley, Peterson said.

Times-News Staff writer John T. Huxley can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

How to volunteer

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I want to get more volunteers in here," she said. "I would like to see all of the students reading at third-grade level by the third grade. If we're not accomplishing that I think we'll be doing great."

Some of these kids don't have the attention they need. With one-on-one reading, it's not just something but positive feedback for both sides. They're both nourishing each other."

DON'T ASK ME

Steve Crump

30 minutes later, and the former town of Atomic City loses its life to the consequences of nuclear energy than a source.

In short, the INEEL is a moon-scape, and I think it's a mistake to invite the world in to make it worse.

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- Decal gives you a buzz.
- "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" bylines a bit too edgy for your tastes.
- In the box on your driver's license application where it says "sex," you write "I've got a headache."
- You can't recall what the inside of your eyelids look like.
- You can't recall where your eyes are.

You start to fantasize about being stranded on a tropical island with Janet Reno.

You realize that your favorite movie comedy is "All Quiet on the Western Front."

You find yourself folding the dog and walking the laundry.

You say the same sentence over and over again, not realizing that you've said it before.

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Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor. So, for that matter, is Steve Crump.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

'Riot grrl' presses for gender equity in latest of Idaho feminist movements

MOSCOW (AP) — There is nothing small and diminutive about East DeRocher. She wears shirts that sport many colors, she knows offhand. She prides herself on being contrary and her plan is to change the world.

"I'm in-your-face and disruptive," is how she describes herself.

DeRocher, a 21-year-old University of Idaho junior, started up a riot grrl group this fall, although it is now called the Student Action Coalition for Gender Equality.

"People are scared of riot grrls," she says. And men are scared of feminism's newest movement.

"Riot grrls are putting the growth back into girlhood," she says.

Young women sick of feminism's slow pace and tired of cooption are turning into riot grrls, she says. The fight is for something as simple as childhood.

"It's the freedom you felt when you were young girls, like climbing trees and playing on the monkey bars," DeRocher says. "You did what you wanted with courage."

"Riot grrls are putting the growth back into girlhood."

—Luci DeRocher, University of Idaho junior

And it is as complex as a society that does not accept homosexuality, as men who sexually abuse children, as teachers who do not get gender equity.

"The movement began in Olympia, Wash., in 1991 with the emergence of all-girl punk groups such as Bikini Kill.

"I got my first Bikini Kill tape," she says. "It was like, 'Wow, I can't believe she is saying all these things about rape and anger.'"

For DeRocher, the riot grrl movement gives voice to her own experience with rape.

our field." The babydoll dresses worn by riot grrls have a more personal meaning.

"It's lost innocence. It's a way of saying I'm still a little girl and I'm going to grow up at the rate I need to," she says.

"Another dark moment forever changed DeRocher's life. In high school, a boy approached her, derogatorily referred to her as a lesbian and told her she needed to be raped.

"People use words to hurt me so I'm going to take the words back," she says, wearing a shirt that declares the same epithet in big blue letters.

She is also willing to argue her point. In an English class, she stood up when a man protested having to read a book with a gay theme.

"I asked, 'Why do I have to read stories about straight people all semester?' This book is the one thing in this class I identify with."

"Riot grrls are individuals. Everyone has their own ideas and reasons," she says.

"It would be a feminist if those things didn't happen to me, but I probably wouldn't be a riot grrl. I'm different because of it."

VALLEY IN BRIEF

Ketchikan planning zoning group to meet

KETCHIKAN — The Ketchikan Planning and Zoning Commission will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the City Hall.

A public hearing regarding the application of Director Ketchikan Trust for a variance of 2 feet 2 inches to the 15-foot setback at 750 Walnut Ave. is set for the agenda.

Commissioners will consider applications to subdivide a lot in the Creechview Subdivision at 400 Rivers St. to subdivide the Creechview Subdivision into four residential lots and to subdivide two lots and the common area of the Belmont Plaza Condominiums into two townhouse units.

The pre-proposal design review process includes addition of six new residential units adjacent to First Street at the Bridgeway Condominiums at 430 and 420 Second Ave. and review of the approximately 220 square-foot recreational building and aquatic swimming pool for the Thunder Spring Center at 124 Saddle Road.

Design review discussion will include the Galena Office Building at 680 Second Ave. N. for addition to the existing commercial building; the Second Avenue Building at 120 Second Ave. N. for a new commercial structure; the Drexler residence at 760 Walnut Ave. for a new home in the Ketchikan area; and Lane Mercantile at 300 Main St. for addition of a retail and commercial office and internal window and roof remodeling of the existing building.

Public hearings on park space slated

HAILEY — Public hearings regarding how to pay for more park space in Hailey and a possible amendment of the city's comprehensive plan top the agenda for the City Council meeting Monday.

The council meets at 6 p.m. in the Hailey Town Center. The meeting is open to the public.

The council is seeking comments on possible park space expansion and a proposal to waive a property rights protection clause into the comprehensive plan.

In other business, the council will discuss water meters, winter towing, lower fire rates and fire insurance.

A grant application for the airport and a proposed ordinance to vacate Cemetery Street and its alley will be considered.

Completed item list appears

TF man still critical after Thursday crash

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man injured last Thursday in a head-on collision on U.S. Highway 93 was listed Saturday as being in critical condition in a hospital.

Kevin W. Fullmer, 68, was injured when a pickup driven by Peter J. Haigh, 21, of Twin Falls crossed the center line of Highway 93 and collided with a car driven by Fullmer.

Fullmer's wife, Patricia M. Fullmer, 65, died at the scene.

France honors former doughboy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 100-year-old veteran who survived a wounded World War I doughboy was awarded France's highest honor in a moving home ceremony.

William Zehender received the National Order of the Legion of Honor on Friday.

"I don't forget what I did in World War I," Zehender said. "I served in the Central Postal Directory in Verdun and saw some of the worst fighting in the war."

The Providence, R.I., native ran away from home and enlisted in the Army's 28th "Tanker" Division at age 17, before the United States had entered World War I.

DEATH NOTICES

Virginia A. Noel — Virginia A. Noel, 84, of San Bernardino, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, in San Bernardino.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Howard Brown — BURLEY — Howard Brown, 84, of Burley, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, at his home.

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

Ralph Stowell — HEYBURN — Ralph Stowell, 62, of Heyburn, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Doyle M. Hatch — PAUL — Doyle M. (Shrimp) Hatch, 62, of Paul, died Friday, Jan. 8, 1999, in Jerome.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with the Rev. Al Trischel officiating.

Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. before the funeral Tuesday at the mortuary.

Key Gentry — RUPERT — Key Gentry, 35, of Rupert, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, in Golden, Colo.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Donald B. Sandy — SHOSHONE — Donald B. Sandy, 85, of Shoshone, died Friday, Jan. 8, 1999, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Nicholson of Filer, 2 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel.

SERVICES

Robert M. Young of Twin Falls, 10:30 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Norma Jean White of Filer, 10 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary Chapel.

John V. Hansen of Hazelton, 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary and will be buried at 10 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary Chapel.

Johnson and William Blake, both of Rupert; Rebecca Teteola of Hazelton; and Margaret Justess of Heyburn.

Babies were born to Aurelio and Josie Trado of Burley; and Theodore and Rebecca Teteola of Hazelton.

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

Admitted — Elizabeth Robbins of Rupert; and Lola Thorson of Declo.

Released — Darlene Fisher of Burley.

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TWIN FALLS Margaret E. McAtee — Margaret E. McAtee, 93, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, January 9, 1999, at Sunrise Care Center. She was born Jan. 27, 1905, in Blackfoot, the daughter of Dr. F. and Lela Jones McAtee. She moved to Twin Falls with her family and after graduating from Twin Falls High School, she enrolled and graduated from the University of Idaho, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. Margaret taught first grade for many years in Utah, Washington and Twin Falls. She also had a private kindergarten in her own home at one time.

Survivors include one sister-in-law, Edith McAtee, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

A memorial service for Margaret will be Monday, Jan. 11, 1999, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1999, at White Mortuary with Father Brian Thorn officiating. The family suggests memorials be given to the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Building Fund, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

BURLEY

Frank D. Page — Frank Davis Page, 78-year-old Burley resident, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, at the Burley Care Center.

He was born April 29, 1922, in Dayton, Idaho, the son of James and Beatrice Davis Page. He attended schools in Washington and Oregon. In 1937, he moved with his family to the Burley area. He spent most of his life farming, which he truly enjoyed. In the later part of his life, he worked for the state inspecting potatoes. He loved the outdoors, camping, fishing and sight-

seeing. He was a great storyteller and loved to talk about family history.

He is survived by his companion, Belva Gowen of Burley; his children, Frailee (Jimmy) Aileen of Burley; and his son, Jim (Waynet) Page of Burley. Christa (Justin) Fletcher of Burley and Shane (Ava) Page of Rupert; brothers and sisters, Vera (Richard) of Burley, Wilton (Roma) Page, Ross (Elsie) Page and Leo (Nelda) Page, all of Tucson, Ariz.; Lynn (Betty) Page of Boise and Jimmy (Verna) Page of Burley; eight grandchildren; and 10 step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Raba Page; one brother, Ivan Page; and his parents.

The funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 1999, at the Burley 10th Ward LDS Chapel with Rev. Don Scott officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Monday at the Dayton Cemetery in Dayton. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary in Burley, 321 E. Main in Burley, and one hour before the service Monday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

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Cassia officials are ready for action

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

BURLEY - After a combined 20 years of service, John Adams and Lyle Woodbury are stepping down as Cassia County commissioners on Monday.

Shirley Povlsen, the first female commissioner in the history of Cassia County, and Dennis Crane will take their places.

"I'm excited and overwhelmed," Povlsen said. "It's going to take a lot of time and energy and it's going to take a lot of knowledge."

Crane agreed. "I'm excited," Crane said, a smile coming to his face. "We have the work cut out for ourselves. There's a lot of new things coming up. I think we're going to be stumbling around here in the next few years."

Change is what the new commissioners look forward to while in office.

"Agriculture is the life-line of Cassia County," Povlsen said. "But the time has come to be involved in keeping the economy going."

That would include bringing new businesses to the area, she said.

Povlsen and Crane know about agriculture having spent their lives living on farms, and each knows about business, too.

Povlsen was the county treasurer for more than 22 years. Crane runs his own farm and has sold fertilizer in Burley for 20 years. Although growth and development is good, Povlsen and Crane agree that keeping the agricultural roots of the county intact is even better.

"It is to see the county diversify," Crane said. "But it's also important to hold the quality of life as an agricultural-based county."

Adams and Woodbury couldn't agree more with their replacements. "In the last 16 years as a commissioner, Adams has seen much change in the county and expects even more."

"I feel real good about leaving," Adams said. "The county has never been in better shape. The county will grow. I just hope it doesn't grow too fast."

Woodbury, who spent four years on the board, has also been change while in office.

"The economy has been agriculturally-oriented in the past," Woodbury said. "I think we're ready for diversification. It will work if we can work it in."

Over the last two months, Crane and Povlsen have educated themselves about how the board works. They have been attending county commissioner meetings since winning the May primary elections.

"But it will take a few years for them to get into the swing of things," Adams said.



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Dennis Crane, left, and Shirley Povlsen, right, say they are excited to take over positions on the Cassia County Board of Commissioners on Monday. Povlsen will be the first female commissioner in the county's history.

"I think they're going to have a good time learning," he said. "But honestly, it will take at least two to three years to fully learn the job." Current Commissioner Paul Christensen, who will keep his job on the board, said he will help the two new members learn the ropes.

The commissioner-elect rookies are happy with the patience and help the more experienced commissioners have given them. "I know this is a job that can't

Swearing In
The new commissioners-elect will be sworn into office at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Courthouse.

please everyone," Povlsen said. "John and Lyle have done a superb job - their experience will be missed."

Some local residents look forward to seeing Crane and Povlsen in office.

"Shirley is a shary gal," said Buelah Hanks, a longtime friend of Povlsen. "I pushed her all the way to be on the board. I told her to get with it and do it."

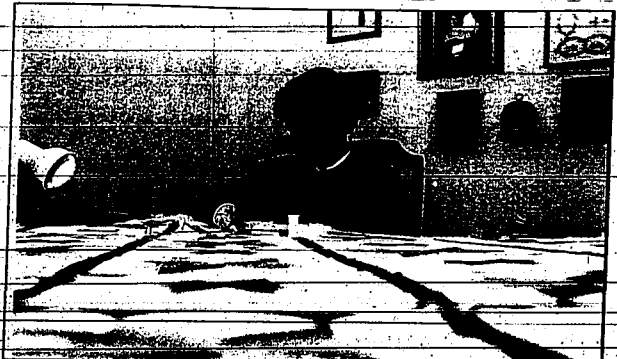
Crane served on the Cassia County Fair Board for eight years. Bruce Bowen, fair board president and Crane's longtime friend, looked forward to his buddy in office.

"I'm happy to see him on the board," Bowen said. "But I'm sad to see him leave the fair board. He's a good listener."

The part-time commissioners will meet about \$12,000 a year, but Povlsen said it's more like a full-time job with all the meetings. Povlsen and her husband, Walt, live in Burley. She has five children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Crane also lives in Burley. He and his wife, Kathy, have five children.

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Wilma Taylor of Malta spends a quiet morning with her latest quilting masterpiece. Taylor has stitched together 49 years of sewing craftsmanship.

Malta woman stitches up quilting tradition

Winter is favorite time for her hobby

By Heidi Tuttle
Times-News correspondent

MALTA - For nearly a half-century, Wilma Taylor of Malta has crafted warmth one stitch at a time.

Though some crafters see January as a time for recuperating from the holiday hoopla, Taylor continues her labor with needle and thread.

"January, February, and sometimes March are my favorite quilting months," Taylor said. "After the holidays are over, I can lazily wait to take down the decorations and put up a new quilt. It's time for me to sit down and relax."

A traditional quilting bed with many hands isn't part of the arrangement. Taylor finds the quiet of her quilting room to be therapeutic. She tackles each piece stitch alone.

"It's enjoyable and the best part is, when I'm finished I have accomplished something. I have

'After the holidays are over, I can hardly wait to take down the decorations and put up a new quilt. It's time for me to sit down and relax.'

-Wilma Taylor

something to show for my time," she said.

Solitary quilting doesn't slow Taylor's production. She finishes a queen-size quilt in one month, finishing only three days a week.

"My quilting time is limited, because on (husband) Boyd's days off we like to go about and visit our kids," Taylor said.

She doesn't keep her quilting talents to herself. Taylor is always ready to help friends and neighbors.

"She is a good quilter. She's fast and very willing to help," neighbor Marie Hilt said. "I just

don't know how she keeps up."

Taylor started quilting at her home in Plymouth, Utah, when she was 16. She helped her mother quilt but was influenced most by her grandmother, she said.

"Grandma Rudd made one quilt after another," she said. "I watched her, but I wish I would have spent more time learning from her."

Taylor didn't get serious about quilting until she married. She and her husband moved to Yon, Utah, where she became active quilting with the local Relief Society ladies.

"I probably remember your first quilt. You have to learn for yourself," she said. "You have to practice."

Taylor has passed the craft to her children and grandchildren. Sherrie Erickson of Almo has fond memories of her mother's hobby.

"When we were growing up in Yost, our house was Ernie and Mom always had a quilt up," Erickson said.

"We would have to crawl around the quilts, but it was just the norm."

step in the right direction. "Tell them to keep trying," he said.

In a 1996 study, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at the U.S. Justice Department found blended sentencing rates a couple of other issues' well.

The study found everyone from offenders to judges could be confused by the options that blended sentencing creates. The real problem hinges on the definition of "juvenile." The teen-ager's status can be muddled during the process.

The Justice Department found another issue. Blended sentencing removes the toughest offenders, the ones that the juvenile system can't handle. But in doing so, it challenges the system's resolve

no meet the needs of those very children.

But Reinke stresses the importance of early intervention. And Vancil added that coming status offender programs and similar plans are meant to help Idaho youth before they reach the stage where blended sentencing may be needed.

"That's where we're going to save the money," Vancil said.

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Juvenile

Outward from the... include a jury trial. If a teenager is expected to face an adult sentence, the state must afford the offender all rights of due process.

Other states including Colorado solved that issue by using the criminal courts to impose the two sentences. Phil Miller, a Boulder County prosecutor in charge of juvenile cases, said the method provides a "middle ground."

Ten inmates serve in a strictly disciplined, education-oriented facility with the threat of adult incarceration hanging over their heads. Miller estimates his county, with a population of around 275,000 people, sentences 15 juveniles a year into the "Youthful Offender System," as the program is known. The adult sentence is almost

always waived. He remembers just one who failed the juvenile program.

In Montana, juveniles are allowed a jury trial, but the state's Supreme Court struck down a blended sentencing law this year, saying it violated the Montana Constitution's "equal protection" clause.

Mike Rausch, a deputy Cascade County attorney in Great Falls, explained that a Montana adult sentence tacked onto a juvenile sentence results in longer incarceration than an adult would receive for the same crime.

Rumors in the Big Sky State, Rausch said, indicate the Legislature there will try again this year. From the juvenile prosecutor's perspective, he said, blended sentencing is another

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Nestled in the grass, a stream curves through the valley of the Baca Ranch in the Jemez Mountains near Los Alamos, N.M. Federal officials had hoped to acquire the pristine 95,000-acre ranch.

Ranch acquisition plan collapses

Owner fears appraisal might be made public

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Federal efforts to acquire a pristine 95,000-acre New Mexico ranch collapsed Thursday because of owner concerns that the Baca Ranch appraisal might be made public.

The unsuccessful conclusion of two years' negotiation was announced Thursday by U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman, R-N.M., and Pete Domenici, R-N.M., after owners' representatives notified the U.S. Department of Agriculture of their withdrawal.

Letters from Dunigan family representatives said the USDA, parent of the Forest Service, wouldn't put verbal assurances about confidentiality in writing.

"After lengthy and careful consideration, Dunigan Enterprises, Inc., BL&C Company and BL&C Company No. 2 have decided to withdraw (sic) their offer to sell the Baca Location No. 1 to the United States," said a letter.

Thursday from Dunigan representative Walter Cramer in Abilene, Texas.

Domenici was "frustrated," Bingaman "deeply disappointed."

"While this is certainly a let-down for the people of New Mexico," Bingaman said, "I do not at all regret the time or effort we spent in pursuit of this worthy goal. ... I do hope that an opportunity to bring this national treasure into the public domain will present itself again at some point."

Bingaman and Domenici worked together to secure a \$40 million federal down payment on the ranch. Bingaman also helped broker an agreement with Domenici and the White House on compromise legislation authorizing the purchase.

"We have worked long and hard to get this deal going," Domenici said, "and I regret that the Dunigans have changed their mind about selling the ranch to the American people."

While Cramer and the Dunigans' Albuquerque lawyer,

William C. Scott, praised congressional efforts, Scott called attempts to pin down the Forest Service on confidentiality "disheartening."

Scott said a "minimum sign of trust necessary for more formal discussions."

"The (Agriculture) Department consistently has been unwilling to commit to writing the repeated verbal assurances that its representatives made to Dunigan about the steps they would take to safeguard the confidentiality of all of Dunigan's confidential business information," Scott's letter says.

After the Dunigans commissioned the appraisal, Scott said, he drew up a proposed confidentiality agreement based on verbal assurances from USDA officials but said the USDA wouldn't agree to it. He said the USDA proposed revisions that "altered the substance of the verbal assurances."

He said Dunigan confidence was further eroded when details of the negotiations, attributed to

a Forest Service spokesperson, appeared in The Albuquerque Tribune last month.

USDA spokesman Andrew Kauders said the agency is "saddened" by the withdrawal.

"Our extensive efforts over the last year to work with the family were in good faith," Kauders said Thursday in Washington, "with the knowledge that the public and Congress would need information concerning the value of the property to approve the use of public funds."

He said the Forest Service offered the Dunigans "the highest level of confidentiality which is available under the law for such transactions."

Brian Dunigan of Santa Fe, one of three Dunigan brothers, said the family didn't want sensitive information about the ranch, such as timber and other natural resources, made public.

"Despite this setback," Kauders said, "we continue to hope that we can work this out in the best interest of the American public."

Sheriff leads proposal to extend 911 fee to cell phone users

BOISE (AP) — The 911 fee paid by conventional phone users may be extended to cellular phones to improve emergency response time in Idaho.

In areas of the state with cellular service, advances in the next three years may enable police to pinpoint the location of 911 calls made from cell phones. The technology could blanket the state in 10 years.

"We want to be sure that everyone in the state, regardless of where they are, has access to an emergency service provider," said Ada County Sheriff Vaughn Killeen, who is spearheading the plan.

Cell and mobile phone users would pay up to \$1 per month to finance the enhanced system under legislation drawn up by the Idaho Association of Counties.

Currently, people with wired phones in all but 11 of Idaho's 44 counties pay a monthly charge of up to \$1 per phone number to support 911 service.

Emergency dispatchers can locate exact land-line phones

from which 911 calls are dialed. But that is not true for cell phones, which are increasingly used to report accidents and other emergencies in locations where cell service is available.

In 1996, the Federal Communications Commission required wireless phone carriers to give locations of all 911 calls to within 125 meters, or 137 yards, of the caller by Oct. 1, 2001 if local emergency service providers request and pay for the service.

Under the 911 measure, a statewide fund would be set up to distribute money to qualifying county or multi-county emergency communications systems. Voters in areas without current 911 service must approve the fee.

Wireless companies have estimated conservatively that Idaho will have 125,000 wireless phones by 2000. The Idaho Association of Counties figures the fee for those phones would generate about \$1.3 million a year.

Water heater sparks house fire

JEROME — A pile of clothes next to a water heater started a fire Friday evening in a Jerome house, fire officials said.

Jerome city firefighters were called to the house at 423 W. Ave. D around 6 p.m. when a child in the home noticed smoke, Assistant Fire Chief Dan Daniels said.

Firefighters contained the

flames in about half an hour and prevented major structural damage, but much of the property inside the house was damaged by smoke and heat. No one was hurt, Daniels said.

He estimated the damage at \$6,000.

The fire probably started in a closet when the gas-powered water heater's pilot light ignited the clothes lying next to it, he said.

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Judge gives Idaho murderer a chance at parole

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A 19-year-old Kellgren man convicted of beating a friend to death so he could rob him will spend at least 25 years in prison, and could be there for life.

Telling Daniel L. Eby that he held out hope of rehabilitation, 1st District Court Judge Gary Haman decided to give Eby a chance at parole Friday.

Haman said he tried to strike a

balance between handing Eby a stiff punishment and giving him a chance to work through a troubled childhood that included an early introduction to drugs and alcohol.

"I do think that methamphetamine had a lot to do with this whole situation," the judge said.

A jury convicted Eby in June of first-degree murder in the death of Malvin Evenson. Jurors also found Eby guilty of attempted

robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery.

Haman ruled out the death penalty as a possibility after Deputy Prosecutor Rick Baughman recommended against it.

Baughman made his suggestion at the request of the victim's family and because of Eby's age — 18 at the time of Evenson's murder.

Mormon Church cuts e-mail use from missionaries

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon church has banned e-mail and faxes as ways for its missionaries to communicate with families and friends back home.

Don LeFevre, church spokesman, said there are exceptions to the new policy announced in early December, such as missionaries living in areas where the postal service is poor.

However, in such cases missionaries are advised not to impose on Mormons living in their area who have computers or fax machines.

Communication between missionaries and their families has always been tightly controlled by the church in an effort to keep missionaries, typically between 19 and 22 years old, focused on their work.

Missionaries are allowed to phone home only twice a year, on Christmas and Mother's Day, and are not supposed to write more than once a week.

LeFevre said that given the convenience of e-mail, "some missionaries may be communicating more than once a week and that would detract from missionary work."

But Bonnie Carter of Orem called the change "a cruel move" at a time when several missionaries have been injured or killed in foreign countries.

Carter's son, Andrew Carter, is on a two-year mission for the church in Sweden. For a number of months, Andrew Carter has been sending his family a weekly e-mail from a nearby library.

Carter said there have been occasions when she and her husband needed to communicate with their son about urgent matters like insurance or wiring money.

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Repeal of marriage penalty all but certain this session

BOISE (AP) — What a difference a decade makes.

Ten years ago, Idaho's economic revival was just starting into high gear, and state lawmakers convened the 50th Centennial Legislature with a \$50 million budget surplus, followed the next year by a \$120 million surplus.

Now, the boom has run its course, the economy appears to have stabilized and the slowest growth rates since the near-depression of the mid-1980s and cash is tight again. Opportunities for new initiatives are limited, at best, for Idaho's new governor, Dirk Kempthorne.

For his part, Kempthorne is playing his cards close to the vest, although he has discussed his first budget with key lawmakers.

Senate Finance Chairman Alwell Parry, R-Idaho, after talking with the GOP chief executive and budget director Jeff Malmen, would say only that he was impressed with "the governor's conservatism."

What little Kempthorne has suggested so far about his intentions makes the issue of money, or lack of it, critical to the construction bond interest for depressed school districts, increasing child immunization rates, cutting taxes on married couples, cracking down on drugs.

Then there are severe financial problems in the Fish and Game Department, a new Jean Monnet agreement to deposit \$16 million of general tax collections into what amounts to a savings account and the diversion of more than \$50 million a year for local property tax relief.

Plugging those holes is siphoning off even more in tight budgets. "We do have a tight budget, but we can be very effective and efficient in how we administer it," Kempthorne has said in renewing his no-tax-increase pledge.

But his conservative predecessor, Phil Batt, spent four years squeezing payroll and operating budgets as hard as he could. It helped the state remain financially sound, even as government operations offer an avenue for stretching existing tax dollars.

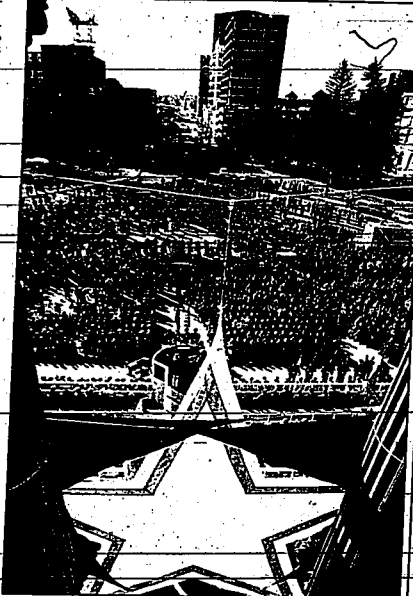
None of the legislative leaders appears willing to begin opening the damage payments Idaho will begin getting from the tobacco industry later this year — and the state's debt begins eating into the money crunch.

"We talk about how much we're going to get, and we think we're going to get it, but then there's a lot of hang over that tobacco money," Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twiggs said.

To free up some cash, Parry has been considering a delay in opening the new prison near Boise, set for fall. A five- or six-month delay could save millions of dollars, but some officials believe such a move would void the operating contract the state has with Corrections Corp. of America, requiring it to be rebid — possibly at higher rates — later.

Still, one initiative of the new administration appears guaranteed — repeal of the so-called marriage penalty in the state income tax.

It will take a multimillion-dollar bite out of a \$1.6 billion general tax budget that may contain only about \$30 million in manufacturing income. But there is no



A crowd gathers Friday outside the Idaho Statehouse for inaugural ceremonies for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.



Phil Batt and Dirk Kempthorne.

doubt room will be made for it. "We've got to make the first step in eliminating a flawed public policy," Kempthorne told lawmakers shortly after his landslide election. "If you believe in family, if you believe in marriage, if in the world-do-you-pennize-ry-in-We're going to start wiping that off the books."

He has embraced the phased-out repeal that lawmakers overwhelmingly approved in 1997. Only 12 voted against it.

It had a \$4.5 million price tag for the first year and \$15 million for the four-year phase in.

But while Batt agreed with Kempthorne that the penalty should be eliminated — the self-professed right-winger vetoed the bill, contending the state could not afford the cost for what would eventually amount to about a \$2-a-week tax break for 150,000 married couples.

Parry concedes a slowing economy is no time to be cutting taxes. "But I don't think there's ever going to be any good time to put that through," he said. "We're just going to have to bite the bullet and do it."

Dietrich graduation date moves

DIETRICH — The Dietrich School Board has moved the high school graduation date for the Class of 1999 to May 19.

The change was made because of conflict with the Idaho High School Athletic Association's state track meet planned for May 21 and 22 in Boise. The board apologizes for any problems the change causes for graduates, plans, a news release said.

Eighty-grade graduation will be held at 8 p.m. May 20.

Red Cross plans Wendell blood drive

WENDELL — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday at the LDS Church gymnasium, 605 N. Idaho St.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in generally good health. Donors may drop in or schedule an appointment by calling Tina Withers at 536-5649. First-time donors are welcome.

Blaine County will talk land, bridges

HALLEY — Blaine County commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday.

Bill Baker of the Bureau of Land Management will address a land tenure adjustment, and Mayors Rick Beard and Jim Phillips will discuss Carey roads and bridges during the day-long meeting. The next meeting will be held Jan. 19 because of Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 18.

Elmore Commission to elect chairman

MOUNTAIN HOME — Elmore County Commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

First of the agenda is old business, followed by an executive session for a personnel matter, return to the regular session with the personnel matter, a contract signing with Geo. Mapping and a flood plain resolution.

Soon after 10 a.m., the commissioners will elect a chairman, and officials will be sworn in.

Discussion will continue with a transfer of Bureau of Land Management ground and a building permit, the plat for Thursday Estates and state services officer W. Jackson.

An executive session for indigent applications starts at 1:15 p.m. Planning and zoning matters and a carnival contract follow. The Employee Personnel Policy Committee meets at 4:30 p.m., and time for the public concludes the meeting.

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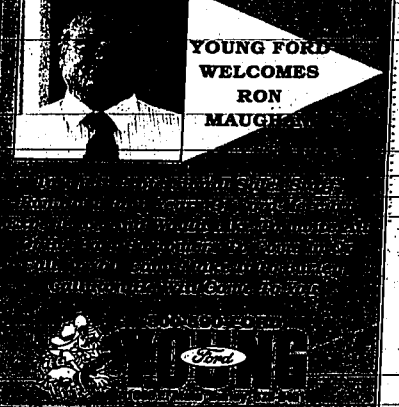
Jury finds Utah man guilty of murder

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A West Valley City man has been convicted of murder in connection with the 1997 slaying of another man over a \$40 drug debt.

A 3rd District Court jury found Sean Hale Holgate, 20, guilty of murder and aggravated burglary, both first-degree felonies, in connection with the July 17, 1997,

fatal shooting of Jake Gallegos, 18.

Judge William Bohling could order Holgate to spend the rest of his life in prison. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for March. "I'm never really surprised with the verdict, but I thought we had a good shot in this case," defense attorney John O'Connell Jr. said.



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The U.S. Department of Energy is soliciting proposals from companies interested in managing and operating the INEEL. The Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Company has decided that it will not bid for a continuing role at the site. As a result, a new contractor will take over in October of 1999.

The INEEL Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) thinks the newcomers should know as much as possible about Idaho and her citizens — before they move in — so that they can become good neighbors.

During its January meeting, the INEEL CAB will host an opportunity for Idaho citizens to talk with companies who are preparing bids to manage the site. The public is invited to come speak their mind and the bidders are invited to come listen. The meeting will be held at the Grove Hotel (245 South Capitol Blvd. in Boise) on Tuesday, January 19, 1999 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., and will be followed by an informal "no-host" reception for continuing discussions.

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Bidders who are interested in participating in the reception need to contact Amanda Jo Bedenayer at (208) 622-1662.

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Informal Open House, Tuesday, January 19, 1999: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Citizens Advisory Board provides advice to the Department of Energy on issues related to the operation of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Public comment sessions will be held throughout the meeting.

Other topics on the agenda for the January meeting include the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, migration of plutonium in the groundwater at the Nevada Test Site, and clean-up plans for the Test Area North, the Central Facilities Area, and the Power Burst Facility/Auxiliary Reactor Area.

For a detailed agenda, please call the CAB support staff at (208) 622-1662 or visit the INEEL CAB's Internet homepage at <http://www.idn.net/users/cab>

Hoover bridge selection sparks concern

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Federal Highway Administration has selected a preferred route for a new bridge across Hoover Dam, but opponents claim it's the costliest and most time-consuming solution.

Some opponents, highway administration project managers said the site was the top choice of all state and federal agencies during late in the project. The decision was made late in 1998, he said Friday.

The structure would cross the Colorado River at Sugarloaf Mountain, about 150 feet downstream from the dam. It would cost about \$198 million.

Hausser said environmental and economic factors were the location the best of the three sites under consideration.

Authorities say the new bridge is necessary because of safety problems caused by increased traffic on the narrow road over the dam.

Some opponents do not dispute the scope of the problem, but they argue the government is pursuing the most expensive and most time-consuming solution.

Instead of building a new bridge, the Sierra Club argues a better solution would be to improve the existing route through Lathrop and Salt Lake City, Ariz. Officials in both cities, which are located south of the dam, have expressed interest in the development.



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Group sues alleging Forest Service kills

BOISE (AP) — A conservation group is asking the U.S. District Court in Idaho to block logging on the Boise National Forest, charging the Forest Service is not protecting old-growth trees there.

The Idaho Sporting Congress on Wednesday sued to halt logging on the 2 million-acre forest, which together with another lawsuit it filed against the Payette

National Forest would supplant on nearly 4 million acres.

Sporting Congress Executive Director Ron Blitshell said the group took action after Boise Forest Supervisor Dave Brittenhouse refused to confirm this agency was indeed protecting old-growth and sensitive wildlife.

The group sued Brittenhouse last Sept. 25 to gain information

about the ancient trees which led to the most recent court action and in expanded to sue filed last month challenging the West Fork timber sale in the Middle Fork of the Payette River drainage.

The Sporting Congress asked for proof the Forest Service was protecting old-growth stands under the National Forest Management Act, Mitchell said.

Simplot Co. to sell dairy division

BOISE (AP) — The J.R. Simplot Co. plans to sell its Swiss Village cheese production division in Nampa to a French company in a move that will allow it to focus on its core businesses.

Simplot Co., a privately held agribusiness giant, announced Friday it intends to sell the subsidiary to Besnier to focus on businesses that include potatoes, fertilizer and vegetables.

Simplot spokesman Fred Zera said Swiss Village and its other plants are mid-sized, and they need to become larger to compete.

Paul Bensabat, chief executive officer for Besnier U.S.A., said the company may expand the Nampa plant. Part of that hinges on the continued growth of the dairy industry in Idaho.

However, he said plans have not been determined because the agreement has not been signed yet. He hopes that will happen in February.

He said expansion plans could include types of cheese or increased production. But for that to happen, milk production would need to continue its quick growth. Simplot Dairy Products began with the purchase of Swiss Village Cheese in Nampa and a Salmon plant in 1990, Zera said. The Nampa plant processed 400,000 gallons of milk per day and employed about 85 people then. Today, it processes more than 2 million gallons daily and employs 252 people.

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Jackson Hole wolf threat increases

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — If wolves settle in Jackson Hole, the first conflict with people would likely be with pets rather than livestock, wolf experts say.

At least three groups of wolves are roaming the valley, which has a large elk population to support sheep. Biologists predict the wolves will set up territories.

Rene Askins, who worked to transplant wolves from Canada to Yellowstone National Park, said wolves are attracted to other dogs.

"They will attack canids that they perceive invading their territory," Askins said. "That is one of the most fundamental elements of wolf society — to protect their territory."

People who walk on roads with their dogs on a leash probably do not have to worry about dog sleds, according to Askins.

"The dogs most at risk are the working dogs," biologist Doug Smith said. "The dog's job is to watch over something. They're easily lured out off porches, lured away from lit places."

Five dogs have been killed by wolves since the reintroduction began in 1995.

Frank Fischer of Defenders of Wildlife said the group has paid \$500 each for a couple of working ranch dogs killed by wolves. The group also reimburses livestock losses but does not pay for dead pets.

"The whole intent was to shift the economic impact away from livestock producers," Fischer said.

Ed Bangs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wolf project coordinator, said the chance of losing a dog-to-a-wolf is remote. But when dogs are killed, people react strongly.

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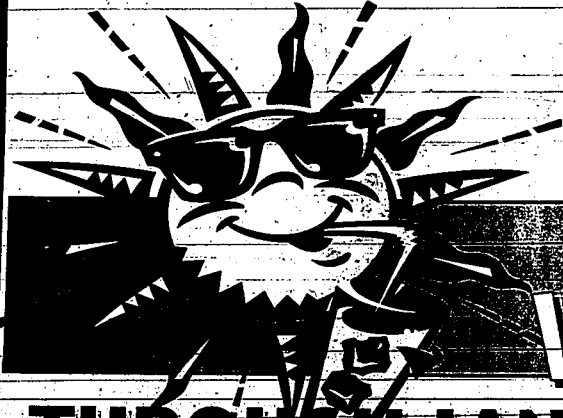
BOISE (AP) — The Ada County Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to review Thursday the environmental background of a company proposing a candle-bite processing plant in Kuna.

At a meeting last month, commissioners asked for more information on Pacific Hide and Fur's history before deciding whether to let it expand and move its Nampa plant to Kuna.

The growing business has been in Nampa since 1963, but cannot expand there because it is in a residential area.

The company tried to move into north Nampa, but was turned down by the Canyon County Planning and Zoning Board earlier this year. Owner Lee Bolonick said the Kuna location is ideal because it is rural and near the company's largest customer.

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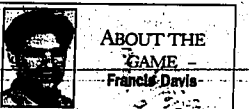
Give the Commish an Oscar

Who? That was the collective relief of the NBA players when the lockout that was threatening their season, and their wallets, was shattered.

And here it is all over, I think David Stern should get this year's Oscar for Best Actor.

Countless times, a somber Stern appeared before the television cameras to announce the grave condition of the negotiations and how the owners were willing to pull the plug on the season.

In the end, the players' negotiator Billy Hunter cracked and gave Stern and the owners what they wanted: a maximum salary cap. Gone are the days of the \$125 million dollar contract.



And the owners couldn't be happy. But was Stern ever serious about canceling the season? Didn't he see the mess baseball created for itself when they wiped out the World Series?

I say the season was never in danger of being canceled. Stern's too smart for that. Now the biggest NBA drama since last June can finally get underway.

Will he or will he come back? Will The Greatest Basketball Player in the World play for the Bulls or will Michael take up golf full-time, leaving his fans the indelible image of His Highness Juking Brett Russell out of his socks and nailing the jumper head round the world to give the Bulls their sixth championship?

I say Jordan returns, along with Scottie and the Human Tornado.

But this year the Bulls fall in the conference finals to Indians.

Unlike most teams, the Pacers have their entire roster under contract, and while they worked out together during the lockout.

As for the NBA championship, I say it's finally Utah's year. That's if the Maiman can wedge his foot free of his mouth.

Someone please take the radio microphone away from Karl Malone. Of course, the Jazz could reward their big man with the new contract he desires.

And deserves.

Not since Piersi Petre has a Jazz player delivered as much as the Maiman.

Never too much football.

My version of nirvana would involve a day-long, six-day-a-week, year-round football game on the tube - to maybe I'm not the most objective guy in the world, but is this the best time of the year or what?

Football, football, football. And more football. Great stuff.

And apparently, I'm not the only one who loves the game.

During the impeachment proceedings last month, CBS switched to football game at kickoff time.

Dan Rather was disappointed, but not a lot of other people were as the country got to watch the Jets and Buffalo instead of the Democrats and Republicans.

Who to go CBS.

Kudos to the Twin Falls boys' basketball team for earning their first win of the season against Burley Friday.

It is just to prove that nothing brings out the best in a team like a good rivalry.

Some of the all-time best rivalries in pro sports: Redskins vs. Cowboys, McEnroe vs. Borg, Celtics vs. Lakers, Yankees vs. Dodgers, All vs. Frazier, Bird vs. Magic.

Show me the money.

And in case the NBA labor fiasco didn't convince you that sports is first and foremost a business - perhaps these numbers will.

In 1960, the expansion Minnesota Vikings and Dallas Cowboys each paid \$50,000 to enter the NFL.

In 1994, Jacksonville and Charlotte had to fork over a cool \$140 million each to enter the exclusive club.

And are the Seahawks really paying Mike Holmgren \$4 million a year?

Did anyone tell Paul Allen that Holmgren is a coach not a quarterback? It will be interesting to see how good a coach Holmgren is without GM Ron Wolf, and when his starting quarterback is John Kluon, not Brett Favre.

The Jets.

Finally, it was good to see longtime Georgetown coach John Thompson step away from the game because he wanted to fix his marriage.

At least someone has his priorities straight.

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Ex-Valley star leads CNCC women to victory

By *Damen Cline* Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If Tanya Romer plays every game like she did Friday night in Twin Falls, the former Magic Valley Viking may not have played her last game in the Magic Valley.

Romer had 26 points and 17 rebounds in the Colorado Northwest Community College's 67-63 victory over the College of Southern Idaho women, knocking the Eagles (12-5, 4-1) from the last unbeaten spot in the Scenic West Athletic Conference and giving CNCC its first conference win.

"That's a great effort," said CSI head coach Joel Kane. "Tanya's single-handedly really hurt us. Those numbers are incredible."

Last year in Romer's freshman season, the Spartans won her in overtime, then finished tied for eighth in 10-team conference and won the final berth in the regional tournament by virtue of a tiebreaker over travel partner Eastern Utah.

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Kaitlyn Robinson, left, and Jessica Gibbs react Saturday night as the final moments of the game, and the Golden Eagles' chances, slip away. Colorado Northwest Community College built a four-point lead in final seconds to win 67-63.

Golden Eagles breeze past Spartans 71-36

Jordani's double-double, Bobb lead CSL effort

By *Damen Cline* Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Colorado Northwest Community College Spartans had a very hard time getting points Friday night.

Their hosts, the College of Southern Idaho Eagles, put the majority of theirs while the Spartans were in the Golden Eagles cruised past Colorado Northwest Community College 71-36 Friday night on the

College 71-36 Friday night on the score of a 29-point halftime lead made possible by tough defense and a huge number of tips to the free-throw line.

The Golden Eagles attempted a sky-high 18 free throws in the first half alone, while CNCC saw just two

shots on six CSL fouls. The hometown squad made good on 12 of its first-half attempts, 19 of 34 overall, making its best shot a jumper on a 23-3 halftime lead over a team it had lost to 31-21 in Miami on Dec. 21.

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"It's tough to win 13 games and then play two games that don't mean anything," said Davis, who had 23 carries on 16 carries in the first half, exactly 100 yards more than he had in Miami, where he set a career high of 23 carries on 14 carries.

In this one, he left with a slight leg cramp early in the fourth quarter, 1 yard short of 200 for the game.

"To be honest, it was an ugly game," said CSI coach Kevin Jones. "But give Colorado credit - they're a scrappy team and they have a tendency to snuff you out down offensively, and I never felt we were in a good offensive flow tonight."

The Spartans shot a paltry 27 percent from the field, including 13 percent from 3-point range. The Golden Eagles weren't much better from the field (32 percent) and suffered a downswing in their outside game (24 percent) but out-rebounded CNCC 63-34 and committed 10 fewer turnovers.

"We kept a lot of balls alive on the boards," Jones said. "We had three guys in there crashing in and getting after it."

Jordani led the inside press with 16 boards, and Carl Mitchell rebounded 10. Curtis Bobb led all scorers with 15 points, and Jordani added 12.

The 26 points were the fewest allowed by the Golden Eagles since a 90-26 whipping of Eastern Oregon's junior varsity in December of 1997. Last year in Twin Falls, CSI beat the Spartans 107-65 after edging out the Spartans' win in Rangely, Colo., by a 10-point margin.

Nevertheless, there is still time to show for the Spartans in the final minutes of the season. They have a chance to win their third straight game on Jan. 10, but Page C2

Fish Fry! Denver roasts Dolphins 38-3

The Associated Press

More NFL playoff coverage - C5

DENVER - A message that is all the motivation that Terrell Davis and the Denver Broncos need.

Davis, named The Associated Press Denver Sportsman of the Year, led his 21 carries to lead Denver to a 38-3 victory over Miami that put the league's defending champions in the AFC Championship game here next Sunday.

The Broncos' 35-point winning margin was their largest in playoff history - and the biggest defeat in Miami's playoff history.

"This was as focused as we have been, and we played our best game all year," said John Elway, whose second meeting in 1998 with the Dolphins was relegated to a supporting role because of Davis' "A lot of people were jumping off the bandwagon."

Miami coach Jimmy Johnson, mean-

while, jumped on the bandwagon. "I'm pumped up like they'll repeat as Super Bowl champs," he said.

Denver totally dominated, scoring touchdowns the first three times it had the ball, and a 23-3 halftime lead over a team it had lost to 31-21 in Miami on Dec. 21.

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Davis' heroic game against a Miami defensive line that was missing two starters, Pro Bowler Tim Bowens and Jason Taylor.

"That was one reason Denver scored three rushing touchdowns against a defense that allowed just six TDs on the ground in the regular season."

The Denver defense, meanwhile, dominated against an offense also missing two starters, tight end Troy Drayton and left tackle Richmond Webb.

But the game also demonstrated that Denver had regained the Super Bowl form it showed in winning its first 13 games - perhaps even more so.

The Broncos will be at home again next weekend against the winner of Sunday's game at the Meadowlands between Jacksonville and the New York Jets.

The winner of that goes on to the Super Bowl, to be played in Miami on Jan. 31.



Denver Broncos QB John Elway gets off a pass under a heavy Miami Dolphins rush Saturday in Denver's Mile High Stadium.

Tigers use run to beat Burley

By *John Derr* Times-News writer

JEROME - The Jerome Tigers jumped out to a huge first-half lead then withstood a second-half rally by the Burley Bobcats to capture a 53-42 victory in game 4 of Region III basketball action Saturday night.

With an effective press and solid shooting from inside and out, Jerome cruised to a 27-9 lead at the break. The Bobcats cut the lead to 10 points late in the game but could get no closer.

The win puts the Tigers (7-3) in a solid second place in the district standings behind undefeated Pocatello. Burley (3-3) is locked in a three-way tie for third with Twin Falls and Highland.

The Bobcats were forced to play without Shanilla Sanders and Kristen Price.

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Falcons finish job, beat Niners

The Associated Press

Atlanta - Dan Reeves' heart is doing just fine, and so are the Atlanta Falcons.

By their coach's return from heart surgery and ignoring a dismal past, the Falcons advanced to the NFC championship game for the first time with a stirring 20-18 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Saturday.

"It's incredible. The whole year has been unbelievable," said Reeves, who underwent quadruple bypass surgery Dec. 14 and missed the first two regular season games. "To get to this point is beyond our wildest dreams."

The Falcons were 3-13 just two seasons ago and arrived at the midway point last season with a 1-7 record. Since then, they have won 21 of 25 games, including a 15-2 record this season.

"The way we ended this season (6-2) carried over to this season," said receiver



Atlanta Falcons tight end O.J. Santiago plays over San Francisco 49ers cornerback Marquae Pope Saturday in Atlanta.

team coming back, so I knew we would do something special."

Atlanta intercepted three of Steve Young's passes and the Falcons overcame a questionable call to beat their NFC West rivals for the second time in three meetings this season.

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"When we fall short, it's a quiet locker room."

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SPORTS

Top-ranked UConn blitzes WVU

MORGANTOWN, W.V. (AP) — Richard Hamilton scored 30 points Saturday night to lead Connecticut over cold-shooting West Virginia.

Hamilton, a freshman All-American, hit 11 of 19 shots to help UConn to a 75-59 victory three days earlier at Boston College.

UConn (13-0, 5-0 Big East) moved into the top 10 in the West Virginia to its 10th straight win, a 75-59 victory over the Mountaineers (7-8, 2-4) last night.

No. 3 Cincinnati 52, Southern Miss 54

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Penn Mitchell made three foul shots in the final two minutes — the only Cincinnati points in that span — as the No. 3 Blazers beat Southern Miss 54-52 Saturday.

Aaron McGhee scored 15.0 points to lead the Blazers (15-4, 4-0 Conference) to a win, who remained one of only two unbeaten Division I teams along with Auburn and Connecticut. Mitchell finished with 13.

No. 6 Kentucky 73, Vanderbilt 57

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Scott Padgett scored 12 points, on four 3s Ryan Hogue came off the bench to score 10 to lead Kentucky.

The Wildcats (14-3, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) came in as the SEC's worst 3-point shooter, shooting 26.3 percent. But Kentucky had its best 3-point shooting this season from a 3-point range, hitting 55 percent (4-of-7).

No. 8 Arizona 88, Washington 86

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jason Terry threw up an eye-popping six layups, but sophomore Richard Jefferson caught it and tossed it in as the Arizona game Arizona the winner.

Jefferson was there to grab the ball through and scored from



West Virginia's Marcus Gore (00) goes up for a basket as Mountaineer player Jason Hamilton (22) and Connecticut's Edmund Saunders (53) look on Saturday in Morgantown, W.V. UConn won the Big East battle 80-45.

point-blank range as the game ended for Arizona's 24th consecutive homecourt victory.

A.J. Bramlett added 16 points, while Jefferson and Michael Wright scored 13 apiece for Arizona (15-1, 1-0 Big East).

Senque Carey scored 19 to lead the Huskies (7-6, 0-3).

No. 10 St. John's 86, Seton Hall 75

NEW YORK — Bobby Thornton scored a career-high 27 points and St. John's shot 65 percent from the field in the first half.

Rimes Kaukenas scored 18 points for Seton Hall (9-5, 3-2), which lost for the second time in three games after a seven-game winning streak.

No. 12 Michigan St. 81, Michigan 67

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Mateen Cleaves scored 25 points and Michigan State held Michigan to just two baskets over the final 12:30.

Josh Asselin scored 17 points for Michigan (8-9, 2-2 Big Ten), which has won only once on the road all season. The Spartans (4-11) held Michigan's guard tandem of Louis Bullock and Robbie Reid to 15 and 7 points respectively.

Ohio St. 73, No. 13 Indiana 56

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jon Sanderson scored six points in a 30-second second half as Ohio State stayed perfect at home.

It was the most lopsided Ohio State victory over Indiana during coach Bob Knight's 28 seasons. Knight had never before lost to

his alma mater by more than nine points.

The Buckeyes (13-3, 3-0 Big Ten) improved to 9-0 in their new home, Valley City Arena.

No. 14 Auburn 73, LSU 70

BATON ROUGE, La. — Kris Porter scored 26 points, and Auburn rallied from a 19-point deficit in the final 10 minutes to remain unbeaten.

Auburn (15-0, 3-0 SEC) shot only 23 percent in the first half before Porter led the comeback. Auburn beat LSU (8-4, 0-3) at Baton Rouge for the first time since an 89-80 victory on March 5, 1988.

Mississippi 76, No. 19 Arkansas 65

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Jason Harrison scored 17 points in the second half as Mississippi ended Arkansas' 30-game home winning streak.

Keith Carter, Jason Flanigan and Harrison — all from Arkansas — helped the Rebels overcome a 10-point deficit early in the second half.

Wake Forest 64, No. 21 Clemson 61

CLEMSON, S.C. — Robert O'Kelly scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half and Wake Forest's young players held it through a wild final minute to defeat Clemson.

The Tigers cut an eight-point lead to 60-59 with 26.9 seconds left. But Wake's Craig Dawson — one of a Wake freshman on the floor in crunch time — made two free throws to seal the victory for the Demon Deacons (11-4, 2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference).

No. 23 Oklahoma St. 76, Baylor 63

WACO, Texas — Desmond Mason had 32 points and 10 rebounds to lead Oklahoma State over Baylor.

Oklahoma State (11-3, 3-0 Big 12) won its eighth straight game and snapped a two-game losing streak at Waco. Baylor (6-10, 0-2) has lost three in a row, including the last two without leading scorer and guard 71, the Strikes, who quit the team earlier in the week.



Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo's Brandon Stewart, left, and Mike Wenzel (28) try to stop Idaho's Jack Tost (28) near substitute Saturday in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Vandals win blowout

Idaho ups Big West record to 1-1

Idaho women lose late Friday game to UCSB

MOSCOW — Despite Allie Klemm's 24 points, the University of Idaho women's basketball team lost to UC Santa Barbara 56-29 Friday night in Memorial Gym.

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Idaho coach Hillary Beckner. "We really needed to connect more of our opportunities to score."

UC Santa Barbara couldn't stop Klemm, who scored 25 of her 34 points in the second half.

She also became the school's all-time leader in free throws made with 267, surpassing Doreen Reese.

Lockout leaves winners, losers

NEW YORK (AP) — David Stern's NBA had always enjoyed a reputation as a charmed league, never losing a game to a labor dispute in its 32-year history.

The lockout left the league's financial picture in a shambles, with the league's revenue down 10 percent.

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The locked-up members of the Draft Class of '95 earned \$125 million for six years, Rasheed Wallace (\$80 million) for six years, Bryant Reeves (\$60 million) for six years, and Finley (\$48 million) for five years.

Not one of them had to sweat during the lockout or have his market value artificially limited.

Red Thorn: The owners gave them, the league's discipline czar, a 96% raise in salary.

They increased penalties for everything from on-court behavior to missing practices to skipping media sessions to missing the rookie orientation program.

Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin said gaining more control over such matters was as important to him as gaining cost control.

Billy Hunter: The union director gave a lot.

But he also achieved his goals of preventing a hard salary cap, maintaining a strong Larry Bird exception and taking care of the needs of vets and minimum salary players.

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Thompson leaves big shoes to fill

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Coaches are lucky if they don't have to go through a divorce. They're like cops. They marry the job.

John Thompson spent 26 years and part of a 27th trying to do the best things life had to offer for his basketball players and along the way he married marriage and his wife, given, separated three years ago and he has filed for divorce.

Friday, he stepped down as coach of the Georgetown Hoyas to devote more time to resolving his marital problems, for the benefit of his family, he said.

It was a decision that rolled through college basketball like thunder. Some of his fellow coaches tried to talk him out of quitting.

Because he was the first black coach to win the NCAA championship, because he was a voice that commanded attention even to the hater of the White House, because he never failed to speak for the disadvantaged or for the college game and its players, he was a giant.

Whether college basketball is losing a great coach is open to debate, given Thompson's speculative bright future, but there is no question it is losing one of the most intriguing figures ever to stomp a sideline.

Whether he was saint or devil, we've never been able to figure out, and that certainly would not concern him.

Thompson won 596 games and led 229. He won the NCAA championship in 1984 and reached the final on two other occasions. Still, when his name comes up, chances are it will trigger thoughts of how he has done things rather than what he has done.



Former Georgetown coach John Thompson yells to his players in this March 25 photo in Richmond, Va. Thompson resigned Friday as 26-year coach leading behind a school he turned into a powerhouse basketball program.

COMMENTARY

Ron Green

It seemed joyless, somehow intimidating in their black and gray, and were accused more than once of playing dirty.

He had few white players at Georgetown, a predominantly white school, and accusations of racial discrimination. Thompson dismissed that as nonsense, saying he recruited players for their ability and potential and that being white or black was an accident of birth.

When he became the first black coach to win the NCAA championship, rather than reveal it as a personal triumph, he said, "I find that offensive, because it somehow implies that I'm the first black coach with the intelligence or ability to get here and that's misleading... There are a ton of black coaches better than I am. I'm not interested in being the first or only

SPORTS

Kiwis top 1st Hopman Cup; Graf retires

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Australia defeated Sweden 2-1 with the Hopman Cup for the first time.

Australia's Jelena Dokic beat Asa Carlsson 6-7, 6 (10-8), and Mark Philippoussis trounced Australia's victory with a 6-3, 7-6 (8-6) win over Jonas Bjorkman.

Dokic, a 15-year-old, made Carlsson her last opponent.

Carlsson set upset victim.

Pro tennis She also defeated Aranzxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain and France's Sandrine Testud in the tournament.

"It's probably the greatest day of my life," Dokic said.

"I've never won something this big before and it gives me great confidence. We weren't expected to win coming into the tournament, but I adapted some great tennis and got through."

Graf retires from final in Challenger Cup

HONG KONG — Steffi Graf won't be adding the Challenge Cup title to her resume.

An upset stomach forced the former No. 1 player to retire from her title match against Venus Williams on Saturday.

Graf was using the Hong Kong tournament as a tuneup before



Germany's Jelena Graf, left, grimaces as she is comforted by American Venus Williams after Graf dropped out of their Super-Power Challenge Cup final Saturday in Hong Kong. Graf had managed to battle to a 2-2 tiebreak 1-1 before retiring.

defeated Mary Pierce 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 to win the Australian Women's Hardcourt Championships in Gold Coast.

Schnyder, the No. 2 seed, had lost her previous three matches against Pierce, the No. 7 player in the world and top seed in the tournament.

Schnyder wins Hardcourt title in Gold Coast

GOLD COAST, Australia — Patty Schnyder, of Switzerland

Enqvist advances to men's showdown

PERTH, Australia — In the men's hardcourt tournament at Perth, Australia, second-seeded Thomas Enqvist of Sweden defeated Scott Draper of Australia 6-3, 7-5 to advance to the final.

Enqvist will face Australian teen-ager Lleyton Hewitt today.

Hewitt upset countryman and fourth-seeded Jason Stoltenberg 6-1, 6-3.

Henman rages to final while Pioline exits

DOHA, Qatar — Top-seeded Tim Henman and surprising Rainer Schuttler of Germany advanced Saturday into the final of the \$1 million Qatar Open tennis tournament.

Henman defeated Karim Alami of Morocco 6-4, 6-2, while Schuttler-surprised seventh-seeded Cedric Pioline of France 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

When Alami dropped his serve in the second set, he pounded the ball into a 60-foot high floodlight, bringing a code violation warning.

Schuttler upset Henman in a tournament last year.



Country singer Clint Black, left, gets an impromptu bat control lesson from baseball's HR King Mark McGwire Friday in Concord, Calif. The two stars took part in "Stars to the Rescue VII," a charity event held Saturday benefiting St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation.

Mac's homers top catch at auction

NEW YORK (AP) — When the slightly smudged Rawlings baseball left Montreal Expos pitcher Carl Pavano's right hand in September, it was worth about \$9.

Then it reached the bat of St. Louis slugger Mark McGwire, who promptly launched the 70th and final home run of his record-setting 1998 season.

The ball landed in Busch Stadium's left field stands. Its price tag is still going up.

On Tuesday night, Phillip Oresky — a research scientist who caught McGwire's historic home run ball — could see it fetch more than \$1 million at a Madison Square Garden auction.

The McGwire ball is "the Hope Diamond of sports collectibles," said Arlan Ettinger, owner of Guernsey's auction house. "If he's right, the official National League

ball will dwarf the existing record for a ball sold at auction: \$126,000 for the first home run ball hit by Babe Ruth at Yankee Stadium.

Other balls offered by Guernsey's include the 66th and final home run by Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs the 755th and last home run by career home run king Hank Aaron, and other balls from the McGwire-Sosa home run derby last season.

Guernsey's, which is staging the auction in tandem with the online sales company eBay, also will make 30-40 other coveted baseball items available.

McGwire's 70th should draw the most bidding because it took 37 years for someone to break Roger Maris' mark of 61 homers in 1961. Before that, there was a 24-year gap from when Stan Mus

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NASCAR Winston Cup revs up for a new season

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Finally! The snow falls and resorts begin to mine new white gold

BRACKENRIDGE, Colo. — John Gain has been watching the snow pile up outside his office since New Year's Day, but the color he sees isn't white. It's green.

Like most of the residents in Colorado's 26 ski resort towns, Gain, the president of a property management company, depends on snow to make a living.

Mining used to drive most of these towns' economies. Now it is tourism, and it is snow that brings the skiers, snowboarders and snow-buffers to fill hotels, rooms, dine at the restaurants and buy the souvenirs.

"In the 1950s, we were mining green-gold," Gain said. "Today, we mine white gold."

Unfortunately for many of Colorado's resorts, snow has been scarce this winter. At the start of the Christmas-New Year's holiday week — the biggest single week of the ski season — most resorts had less than three feet of hard-packed, icy snow on the ground.

Salt Lake City even dared to buy advertising on Colorado Springs radio stations, boasting of "green" conditions and trying to woo skiers out of state.

"I've been here 10 years and it was the worst I've seen," said Jon Schuster, manager of the Recreational Sports Center in Breckenridge.

Through the end of December, business in Colorado hit the rocks — just like the visitors who came after booking vacations well in advance.

What a difference a week makes!

Since Jan. 1, a series of winter storms has pounded the Rocky Mountains. On Tuesday, Arapahoe Basin, Berthoud Pass, Breckenridge, Copper Mountain, Loveland, Silver Creek and Winter Park each received at least a foot of new snow.

There are now 11 Colorado resorts reporting a midmountain-base depth of at least 40 inches — about the norm for this time of year.

The new snow is allowing resorts to open up more of their skiable terrain.

In Breckenridge, fresh snow boosted spirits Wednesday.

"Everyone's mood has changed since it started snowing," said

Jon Zavyjcek, assistant brewmaster at Breckenridge Brewery.

"I was on the mountain this morning. It was good!"

Zavyjcek said sales at the pub picked up as the snow piled up.

"It's good to see the snow falling."

Snowboarder Derek Robinson of Albuquerque, N.M., said he would have stayed home if conditions had not improved.

"It did make a difference," he said. "This is perfect conditions for me."

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Salt Lake City Mayor Deedee Corradini, left, and Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt listen as Frank Joklik, right, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, makes a statement during a news conference Friday in Salt Lake City. Joklik and senior vice president Dave Johnson resigned and two others were placed on paid leave in response to the burgeoning bribery scandal.

Salt Lake City's Olympic-size quandary

Resignations prompt new questions about preparations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — From the governor on down, officials hope the departure of two top Salt Lake Olympic executives amid a growing bribery scandal will help refocus attention on preparing for the 2002 Winter Games.

But the biggest scandal in Olympic history that prompted Friday's resignations by Salt Lake Organizing Committee president Frank Joklik and vice president Dave Johnson raised a worrisome set of questions.

Who will replace Joklik and Johnson? How should future Olympics be awarded? How will the scandal affect sponsorship of the 2002 Olympics? Who will foot the bill if sponsor money dries up?

State officials and Olympic organizers agree that the sooner the questions are answered, the better.

"I call upon the Olympic family to form an agenda of reform and carry it out with deliberation and speed," Gov. Mike Leavitt said. "This corner of Olympic corruption did not begin in Salt Lake City. But let it end here."

In announcing his resignation, Joklik described a number of misdeeds, including cash payments to IOC members; payments for housing, travel, and education expenses for IOC member relatives; expensive gifts and free health care to IOC members and their families; and assistance in falsifying a bid deal that left an influential IOC member from Africa with a \$50,000 profit.

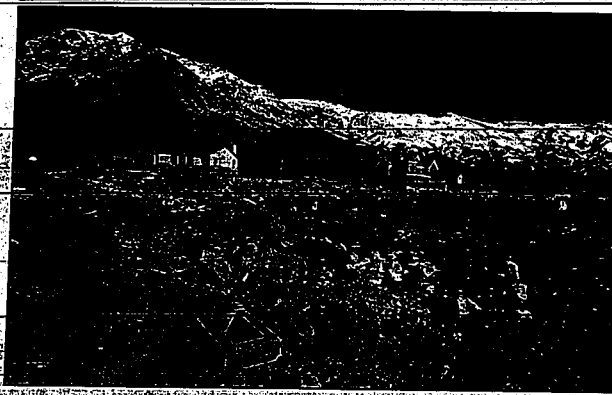
In addition, Leavitt's spokeswoman, Vicki Varola, acknowledged the SLOC ethics panel is looking into possible use of bid committee credit cards to pay for female escorts for IOC members.

Joklik, 70, said he knew nothing of gifts and payments to IOC members while he was volunteer chairman of the bid panel, but was stepping down from the SLOC post because "changes must be made for the games to proceed."

The retired copper-company executive will stay on the job until a replacement is found. Johnson's resignation from the No. 2 job came at Joklik's request and was effective immediately. As a bid committee official, Johnson was the point man in wooing the votes of IOC members.

In addition, senior vice president of marketing and legal affairs Kelly Flint and licensing director Rod Hanson were placed on paid leave pending the outcome of four separate investigations into the scandal. And the organizing committee will stop paying a \$10,000-a-month consulting fee to Tom Welch, who resigned as SLOC president in 1997 in the wake of spouse-abuse allegations.

SLOC said it planned an international search for a new leader. Leavitt, Utah House Speaker



An influential African member of the International Olympic Committee invested \$75,000 in this Pleasant View, Utah, property, a purchase arranged through a member of the Salt Lake bid committee. Jean-Claude Ganga's purchase and sale of three luxury residential lots in Pleasant View, Utah, is being investigated by a Salt Lake Organizing Committee ethics panel probing allegations of bribery in winning the 2002 Winter Games. Ganga is from the Republic of Congo.

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Marty Stephens, SLOC board member Ken Bullock and Nolan Karras, as well as the U.S. Olympic Committee want to keep the job in the hands of a Utah resident.

"Frank Joklik's successor should come from the state of Utah," USOC President Bill Hybl said.

Already, several names have come up, including Roger Jackson, who helped Utah jump the 1988 Winter Games in Calgary, Alberta; Leavitt's former chief of staff Charlie Johnson; Jon Huntsman Jr., a former U.S. ambassador and son of Utah industrialist Jon Huntsman Sr.; and Dave Checkers, the former Utah Jazz executive who runs Madison Square Garden.

Another area organizers likely will have to address scandal is funding. USOC executive director Dick Schultz said he did not expect the 2002 Games to lose sponsors, but the scandal would make it hard for organizers to recruit additional sponsors. It needs to adequately fund the games. That could lead to budget

cuts, Schultz said.

Olympic sponsor U.S. West already has delayed sending a \$5 million payment to SLOC.

Company spokesman Michael Frandsen said the phone company is worried about the diminishing value of its \$50 million investment.

Leavitt also acknowledged Friday that the 17-page contract signed between state and Salt Lake City officials in 1991 to protect the city from Olympic debt violates Utah's Constitution, which prohibits the state from guaranteeing any public or private debt.

Leavitt has promised the city will not be left with debt, but city council members are asking Leavitt and legislative leaders to explain how the contract avoids constitutional questions. If that doesn't work, they may ask the Utah Supreme Court to clear up the matter.

"If Salt Lake City has financial responsibility for a disaster, I would like to know that in 1999, not in 2002," City Council Chairman Keith Christensen told The Salt Lake Tribune.

Exactly how the scandal will affect Olympic operations also will have to be sorted out. IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said he was confident Salt Lake will be able to stage a successful games.

But Bullock called on Samaranch to resign because apparent bribery occurred "on his watch."

IOC vice president Dick Pound, who is heading the IOC investigation of the Salt Lake scandal, said he expects some members to resign when all the facts are known. The IOC also plans to reform how it selects host cities.

The Chicago Tribune reported Saturday that 12 of the 115 IOC members likely will be implicated in wrongdoing. Sergio Santander, an IOC member and president of the Clean Olympic Committee, is among those suspected of violating rules on gifts from bid cities, the newspaper said.

Pound said he expected to have his investigation finished in time to report to the IOC executive board Jan. 24. The SLOC ethics board, the USOC and the Justice Department also are investigating the case.

The Salt Lake Tribune on Saturday quoted Johnson as saying the gifts given by Olympic organizers were not bribes because no votes were guaranteed.

"At no time was there a quid pro quo," he said. "So it was not a bribe. It was a secret ballot. Even if an IOC member said he was going to vote for you, you never knew if he would. Salt Lake City won on its merits."



David Johnson



Tom Welch

Blame falls on 2 men, but where was board?

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Led by the finer politing begin from Salt Lake's Olympic organizing committee amid investigations into how far city boosters scooped to win the 2002 Winter Games, blame for the misdeeds was being fired on two men: Tom Welch and David Johnson.

But where was the board they reported to?

That's the question on the minds of many in this city reeling from the stain of scandal and braced for what yet could be revealed by four separate sets of investigators working from Salt Lake, Colorado Springs, Washington and Lausanne, Switzerland.

Johnson, the senior vice president for the committee organizing the games and the point man in wooing International Olympic Committee members during the bid, was forced to resign on Friday.

Welch, who resigned in 1997 after spouse-abuse charges, has been stripped of his \$10,000-a-month consulting contract and \$500,000 pension. He was at the helm of Salt Lake's quest for the games for a decade, including the years leading up to the winning IOC vote in 1995.

His successor as chief executive of the organizing committee, Frank Joklik, resigned Friday, revealing that investigators had found boosters gave IOC members cash payments ranging from \$5,000 to more than \$70,000 and expensive gifts; paid educational, travel, housing and medical costs of IOC members and their families; and helped IOC member Jean-Claude Ganga of the Republic of Congo in making a profitable land investment.

The possibility that prostitutes were hired for IOC members also is under investigation, Gov. Mike Leavitt said Friday.

Joklik said he was dismayed by the revelations and knew nothing of the corruption, and his departure was cast by the governor as a self-sacrifice so the games can have a fresh start.

Yet where was Joklik — the volunteer chairman of the bid committee while he was the chief executive of Kennecott Copper Co. — and Utah's other business leaders who served on the bid committee board?

In the dark, claims the governor.

"No one on this board knew what was going on," Leavitt said Friday. They were victims of a "systematic cover-up" orchestrated by a small group handling the cash, he said.

"We were deceived. We were lied to," said banker Spencer Eccles, the chairman of First Security Corp., who raised millions for the bid and is a key member of SLOC's executive committee. "I'm sick at heart."

Veri Topham, senior vice president of PacifiCorp and a long-time board member for both the bid and organizing efforts, said he is "personally devastated" by the revelations. "We had taken strong positions as a board that we would not engage in activities of this nature."

Board members knew all about the winning and dining of visiting IOC members and the gifts of cowboy hats and quilts.

"We understood that. We were part of that," said Topham. "But that's far thing from direct cash payments."

Nolan Karras, who is the governor's stand-in on the organizing committee and was involved in the bid before 1991, says the board could be blamed if it had not set up systems and policies to prevent such payments.

The board required checks of any significant amount to have two signatures, and had outside auditors scrutinize both the soundness of the safeguards and the propriety of the spending, said Karras, a CPA.

"If the auditors don't tell you and the audit committee doesn't tell you and the management doesn't tell you, how would you know?" he asks. "I'm quite confident the auditors need to be asked where in hell they were."

WEST



Perna-Pak's Steve Shenk stands Thursday among some of his firm's dehydrated food and other preparedness products he markets at a warehouse in west Jordan. For years, Shenk and other Mormons have squirreled away food and emergency supplies in preparation for floods, earthquakes, unemployment — pick your disaster. Now with the millennium clock ticking away, hordes of non-Mormons around the nation are shelling out big bucks for some year-end peace of mind.

Millennium madness booms in Utah

Stocking up for the worst, people drain preparedness outlets' resources

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Apocalyptic nervousness of every Biblical, New Age and technological stripe is bringing a huge boom to a small industry centered primarily at members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Businesses offering dehydrated and canned goods in bulk and hand- and gas-powered devices can't make and ship the products fast enough.

"It used to be Mormons and survivalists," says Shane Sullivan, manager of Preparedness Resources in St. George. "But now it's everybody."

Shenk, who works for the J. Michael Stevens Group, a Salt Lake-based marketer of dehydrated food and other preparedness products, says uneasiness about the future and Year 2000 computer bug have people from all walks of life bracing for the worst.

About a fourth of the people responding to a USA Today/Gallup Poll last month said they will stockpile food and water in preparation for the new millennium.

"Up until a couple years ago the only people who were putting in orders were (Mormons) and people thought we were nuts. Now they think we're nuts, but they want to know where we get our food," said Shenk, whose group sells products for Preparedness Resources in Murray.

"The big push is still a relatively small part of the population," Shenk said. "But they've thrown the entire industry — if you can call it an industry — of storable foods into a quandary."

For years, the food storage business has been something of a cottage industry in Utah, where Mormons make up 70 percent of the population.

Church leaders for decades have encouraged members to keep a year's supply of food as a hedge against the unexpected.

"It's never been an apocalyptic kind of thing more of a personal preparation," said church spokesman Dale Bales. "It's been

more of a 'be prepared to provide for your own than the end of the world' thing."

But the Year 2000 computer problem — known as Y2K — and general uncertainty about the upcoming millennium have led people everywhere to stockpile food, creating substantial business for preparedness outlets.

"It's hard to walk in some place anywhere in the United States and find a 50-pound bag of wheat — except the Intermountain West," Sullivan said.

Utah companies that have long offered food in large, 50-pound and 40-pound bags, 100-hour candles, oversized barrels for water storage, and even mills to grind grain can no longer keep their stores stocked.

"We try to ship orders within three days. It's taking three to four weeks. We've back-ordered about 12 weeks for a yearlong supply, which is the most popular item," said Chris Clarke of Emergency Essentials, an Oregon-based company which sells primarily through catalogs.

Most orders are for individuals and their families, said Preparedness Resources office manager Roslyn Niebuhr.

"When large orders come in, they are generally for Y2K preparedness groups, church groups or other community organizations."

"People don't seem to be panicking at all. They're just like, 'We don't know what's going to be happening,'" Niebuhr said. "I don't feel like there's a paranoia type of thing happening."

But many Utah people are rushing for supplies.

"I just think, personally, that things are going to start happening. And it doesn't hurt anyway," Shenk said. "My 27-year-old father of triplets who came into the Perna Pak Pantry Supply Store in Murray seeking information on the Y2K thing."

"The times are crazy," Mormon banker Melvin Richards said he has always stored extra food in the basement and garage. "It's just a continu-

ation of something I believe," he said while examining several plastic buckets he will use to hold dried beans.

The southeast corner of Emergency Essentials' South Salt Lake warehouse-style "boutique" store is stacked with 55-gallon water barrels, cordoned off with thick twine and signs marked "sold."

Preparedness Resources, which has been in the business for 36 years, had eight employees a year ago, Niebuhr said. Now the company has 60 employees and is hiring at least two more each week.

"We've had probably close to 1,500 percent growth in a year," she said.

The managers and salespeople point to Y2K as the primary reason business has surged, but they also say customers are concerned about possible political and economic instability, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes.

"A common statement we had is: 'It's not a matter of whether,

it's a matter of when.' What the Y2K thing did was it gave it a definite wiggle," Shenk said.

Whatever the family's concern, the Y2K thing has put a time limit on it."

More than 80 percent of large U.S. companies are behind schedule in fixing their computer bugs by 2000, according to a survey by the Gap Gemini America consulting firm. Some experts believe failure of computers to correctly read dates could trigger disruptions in commerce, finance, power supplies and other mainstays of civilization.

President Clinton's chief authority on the problem, John Koskinen of the Year 2000 Council, said last month that 61 percent of the federal government's "mission critical systems" are already fixed. He predicted that 85-90 percent will meet Clinton's March deadline for compliance.

Sid, whose company sells emergency supplies said it's better to be prepared for disaster and have nothing happen than face an emergency unprepared.

"Buy some stuff, you get prepared for the worst. If nothing happens, you eat the food. If it's camping supplies (you bought), you go on a camping trip," Sullivan said. "I'm just telling them to be prudent."

"What's the harm in doing that?"

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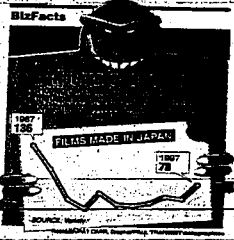
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CSI offers career training for workers in transition

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Center for New Directions is offering WorkSmart for people entering the work force for the first time, changing occupations and/or gaining transferable employability skills for career upgrade or promotion.

WorkSmart training is planned for 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning this Tuesday. The six-week series adds lifelong learning and career planning, and skills in self-management, communication, teamwork and leadership. Cost is \$363. Scholarships and financial aid are available. Those interested must register by Monday.

For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2650; or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2600.

Wendell chamber will elect officers, hear guest speaker

WENDELL - The Wendell Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon Wednesday at the Farmhouse Restaurant.

Officers for 1999 will be elected. Nominees are Becky Johnson-Anderson, Carol Adams, Karen Isaacson as vice president, B.J. Marshall as secretary and Becky Silbert as treasurer. Nominees for the board of directors are a small Chamber Board, Dennis Coleman, Floyd Utis and Mary Heine. Other nominations can be made before the election.

Dale Peterson, executive director of Buy Idaho, will appear to discuss "Buy Idaho: Products and Services Throughout Idaho."

All members are eligible to vote. Membership dues must be paid to vote and may be paid at the beginning of the meeting.

Association will teach ethics at seminar for legal assistants

TWIN FALLS - The Gem State Association of Legal Assistants will present a continuing legal education mini-seminar on ethics from 1:45 to 3 p.m. Friday in the Blue Lakes Inn at the Weston Plaza, 1320 Blue Lakes Blvd. Registration and check-in starts at 1:30 p.m.

The ethics program features John Bowen from the Associate Bar Counsel, Rochelle Lamm from Henderson, Lambers & Clark speaking about ethics from the public defender perspective, and Jerome County Prosecutor John Lodespeich speaking on ethics from the prosecutor's perspective.

Cost is \$15 for association members, \$20 for nonmembers and \$50 for attorneys.

For more information, call Kathy at 733-7180, Helen at 330-5184, Sue at 792-0311 or Cindy at 834-4861.

Franklin acquires Volco Inc., adding 4 stores to chain

TWIN FALLS - Franklin Building Supply Co. of Boise announced it has completed the acquisition of Volco Inc. of Magic Valley effective Jan. 1.

The transaction adds four stores to Franklin's existing group of seven retail lumber yards, bringing the total of Franklin locations to 11 in Idaho and Nevada.

The addition of the Volco yards fills a geographic need for Franklin, the company said. Volco's locations in Jerome, Weiser & Clark, Gooding and Burley complement the existing Franklin locations in Boise, Caldwell, Fruitland, McCall and Ballou. In Idaho, Elko and Winnemucca, Nev., the company said.

The four Volco stores are being renamed Franklin Building Supply, but Franklin officials said they expect to retain the long and successful history of Volco's relationship with its customers in the Magic Valley.

"We will bring some buying and customer service expertise to Volco that have been successful for us," said Mike Rindard of Franklin, "but hopefully the people and tradition of Volco will go on."

Employers add 2.9 million jobs in 1998, down from '97

For the year, employers added 2.9 million jobs, compared with 3.4 million in 1997. That growth was reflecting despite 234,000 job losses in manufacturing and 35,000 in mining, principally oil-drilling, reflecting slack world demand.

Construction has been helped not only by warm weather at the end of the year but by low interest rates, a byproduct of economic problems elsewhere in the world.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Give yourself reasons to celebrate New Year's in 2000 with these financial tips

By Pat Hines
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The start of a new year always holds the promise of new beginnings.

More than losing weight or stopping smoking, what may include improving your financial situation so you are better off at the end of year than at the beginning.

A group of experts shared their advice for a prosperous new year.

For business

Jeff Threlgold, Salt Lake City economist and author of the Idaho Small Business Index for Zions Bank, offers this advice:

- **Watch expenses.** When business owners do well they tend to want to add people and expand office space.
- **Don't pinch pennies to the extent you can't cut other business or advertise,"** he said.
- **Don't just try to deal with one major client,"** he said. If something happens to that client, you're in trouble.

Do your homework

If you want to know more about business:

- **Ask business professors.** They suggest the following:
 - **News magazines.** These magazines, like the Wall Street Journal.

Be careful to whom you extend credit

It has the nation's 10th highest percentage jump in bankruptcy filings.

"Think twice, be prudent, be careful," he said.

"When you're being carried away real quickly," he said. Then again, there shouldn't be too tight-fisted.

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For families

Renn Brown with Farmers National Bank in Boise, College of Southern Idaho business professor Dennis Heiner and John Mitchell, US Bank economist in Phoenix, offer these suggestions:

- **Watch credit card debt.** The rates of using credit cards.
- **People don't realize how much they have until it gets to pinch,"** Brown said.
- **Get advice.** Get into the habit, Brown said. Even \$10 a month adds up.
- **The people who get ahead are the ones who pay less on borrowed money,"** Heiner advised.
- **Set savings aside.** Lacking \$50 extra per month on a mortgage payment can take months off how long you pay, Brown said.

Start saving for retirement. Take advantage of retirement plans, Mitchell advised. You can probably start for as little as \$25 per month.

"At the end of the year you can say, 'I've started to make preparations for retirement,'" he said. "That's the beauty of it, and the small goes over time."

Upgrade your skills. Keep up with classes, including those in a computer job or talking classes, Mitchell said.

"Even if you don't work with computers, you probably will sometime," he said.

Avoid costly misperceptions.

Online

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Debt-to-income ratio worksheet

How can you tell if you're building up too much credit card debt? Here's a quick worksheet:

1. List auto loans, personal loans, credit cards, school loans, department store accounts, etc. Do not list rent or mortgage payments, insurance premiums or any essential living expenses such as phone bill, food, etc.

Lender/Monthly payment

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| Total of all monthly payments: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Annual gross income: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Debt-to-income ratio: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Monthly payments by your total monthly take-home pay: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Monthly take-home pay: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Monthly income: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Pay attention to the following:

- 1. If your debt-to-income ratio is 35% or higher, you may have a problem.
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Balloons flow in the wind as revelers celebrate the new year in New York's Times Square in the first minutes of 1999. People who invest wisely this year, save for retirement, and control credit card debt will have added reasons to celebrate the entry of the new millennium.

Getting ahead gets tough in '99



Traders react to stock information displayed Thursday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. In the past 80 years, no other investment has paid higher returns than the stock market, says Dennis Heiner, College of Southern Idaho business teacher.

For investors

Many experts say investing is a way to get ahead. In the past 80 years, no other investment has paid higher returns than the stock market, Heiner said.

Fred Nelson, financial consultant at

A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in Twin Falls, has these pointers

Consistency. Look for stocks that earn through thick and thin. Buy into companies you know.

Have the money. Only use money you can put away for a while. If you have to sell low-performing stocks to fix a car, you may be making a mistake because the stocks could rebound later.

Be prepared to sit it out. You'll have to learn not to be panicked by fluctuat-

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - And now for the bad news

Getting ahead in the new year will be tougher and more complex.

"We continue to see instances where the wages don't keep up with the cost of living," College of Southern Idaho business professor Dennis Heiner said.

The region also is heavily influenced by an agriculture economy suffering a downturn.

Complications come from outside forces. Half of the global economy is in recession, said Jeff Threlgold, a Salt Lake City economist and author of Zions Bank's Idaho Small Business Index.

"It just adds one more major unknown," he said.

What happens in Japan and other Asian markets will affect Idaho, especially in commodities, where prices are at a 21-year low.

But other positive forces, such a strong national economy, are at work.

ingmarkets.

Consider mutual funds. You can get in for \$250 to \$1,000, but you are buying into hundreds of companies.

For advice, CSI offers nonprofit and credit courses in investing, Heiner said.

Brokers are another excellent source, Nelson said.

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Web makes profitable gossip service a tempting idea

By Dan Gillmor
Knight-Ridder News Service

Confidential Memorandum
Jan. 8, 1999

To: Board of Directors, Partners, Senior Management From: Dan G.

Subject: eLunch.com - The Time Is Now

Happy New Year to all of you. Enclosed you'll find the latest — and I Corp. Launch Plan. It reflects the modifications we've agreed to during the past several weeks, and our program. We've devolved our personnel and are people and other personnel are already incorporating the changes. Our launch date is set for a week from Monday.

Although I'm still not convinced we're ready for launch as we should be, I concede the necessity to go for it right away. The mania for all things Internet can't last forever, and being first in our niche — any Internet niche — is crucial.

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flood of media calls. But before I go over the main talking points, I want to be clear that a few bleeding-heart do-gooders will try to roast us alive for what we're doing. So if any of you are getting ethical cold feet, you should withdraw now.

Assuming you're still with us (hi, ha), here are the key points to keep in mind:

- 1) Internet commerce is all about auction markets, and Web-based auctions are particularly fine ways to bring together buyers and sellers. So we are no different, in this respect, than e-Trade (the Web stock broker), eBay (the trinkets-hurlooms-etc. site) and other Internet success stories.
- 2) Our business is simple and valuable: If you want to sell or buy information about public figures in America —

celebrities, politicians, etc. — we are the place to go. Like other such sites, we take a small cut of the transaction in return for the service we provide.

3) We are not interested in helping anyone invade the privacy of nonpublic figures. (DO NOT get into a discussion about the fact that a public figure has a much harder time winning a libel suit.)

4) Journalists have no right to call us sleazy. We're certain that media organizations will be some of our best customers.

Remember: You'll be attacked by people who see this venture as the ultimate expression of cynicism and greed. Ignore them.

In today's America, the only rational standards of behavior are what works and what you can get away with.

MONEY

Computers, televisions converge at tech show

Knight Ridder News Service

LAS VEGAS — This year, television, computers and the Internet may finally merge at a home near you.

The result — which companies plan to make available across the country as early as this spring — is something that still looks like a futuristic pipe dream, but by harnessing the power of computers to their set, consumers will be able to tailor TV more to their own tastes and needs.

At the International Consumer Electronics Show here Thursday, the two largest U.S. providers of satellite TV each announced plans to market some elements of computers with their television services. Both say they'll put out a new generation of converter boxes in 1999 that will allow consumers the ability to interact with programs and record them digitally.

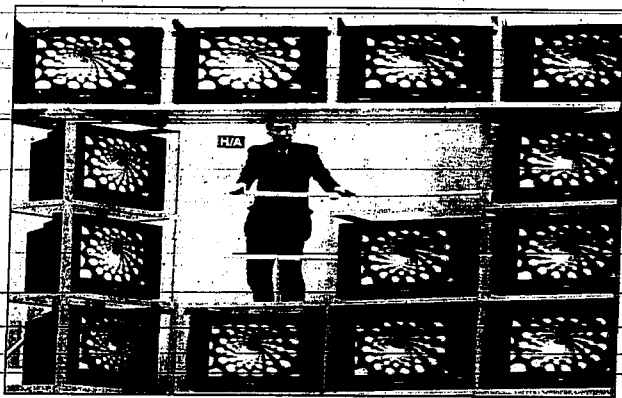
Among the benefits promised are the ability to pause live broadcasts and resume watching a delayed version, call up plot summaries and other information about programs, order products as they are advertised and summon information from the Internet onto the TV.

The country's leading TV manufacturer, Thomson Consumer Electronics, also revealed its plan for building interactive TV sets into its chips to their products, potentially turning live news sets into interactive TVs.

Consumers have heard similar promises before, including unfulfilled ones from two of the main players at Tuesday's announcements — Microsoft and DirecTV, the country's leading satellite TV service. The key difference this time, however, is the intense competition between cable, satellite and TV stations in how they are willing to roll out new services. If the satellite companies plunge into these services, the competition will be more certain to follow.

Another important difference from the previous waves of computer-to-television convergence promises, analysis say, is in what consumers may be offered.

WebTV demonstrated that consumers weren't all that interested in browsing the World Wide Web on their TV, said analyst



An employee of Daewoo of Seoul, Korea, stands behind a display of electronic equipment at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas on Friday.

Merchants show off smarter gadgets

Knight Ridder News Service

LAS VEGAS — In the digital home of the future, consumers will be able to sit in front of their televisions to order dinner, watch a movie and buy concert tickets.

The focus here at the Winter Consumer Electronics Show is on the products that will help people do that by reshaping the technology in their homes through the power of microprocessors.

While home appliances currently act independently of one another, technology will soon allow everything from televisions and computers to telephones and event alarm systems to talk to one another.

"We're in the middle of a digital revolution," said Jeff Joseph, vice president of the Consumer Electronics Manufacturing Association in Arlington, Va.

This revolution is being spurred by companies like Carmel, Ind.-based Escent, which is combining its expertise in projection, high-definition, and screen television. The model will offer consumers a 509 package that includes a satellite dish and set-top box combining three separate devices into one a one-third receiver, a digital recorder and WebTV Plus, which allows you to connect to the Internet through your TV.

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Also changing the future look of the living room is digital selection. A dozen manufacturers are displaying models capable of displaying high-definition television (HDTV), the new standard that provides crystal-clear, nearly three-dimensional images.

Toshiba introduced two HDTV widescreen projection televisions. A 65-inch model will be available in the third quarter of 1999 for \$6,999, and a 55-inch model for \$6,999.

Sony's "Fast Forward to the Future" booth drew in hundreds of viewers with its top-mounted projection, high-definition, screen television. The model will offer consumers a 509 package that includes a satellite dish and set-top box combining three separate devices into one a one-third receiver, a digital recorder and WebTV Plus, which allows you to connect to the Internet through your TV.

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Families can't rely on grants to cover rising college costs

Knight Ridder News Service

Remaining parents are barely breathing before they are forced to face perhaps the most vexing question in child-raising today.

How are we going to pay for college? Babies born today are probably members of the college class of 2020. Right now, the average cost — tuition, room and board — at a four-year private school is \$2,213 per year, according to the College Board in New York. But most Ivy League schools and those that are comparable cost more than \$3,000.

The College Board says the average annual cost for a four-year public school is \$7,472. Penn

State, though, is between \$10,600 and \$11,000, depending on year and major.

If you look back at how rapidly college costs have risen in the past decade — 5 percent to 6 percent annually — and project ahead to 2016, when today's newborns will likely become college freshmen, it is not hard to conclude that four years of college could cost \$75,000 for a public university or \$225,000 for a top-notch private school.

And yet, according to a 1997 poll conducted for the Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), just about 18 percent of families start saving for college before their child begins high school.

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Poll suggests certain careers ready to take off

Starting salaries for new graduates will increase 4.8%

Knight Ridder News Service

The tight labor market and continued drive for educated, experienced workers may push 1999's starting pay levels higher than the salaries offered in 1998. A sample of outlook survey.

- Business hiring activity is expected to remain as strong in 1999 as it was in 1998, according to Manpower Inc.'s first-quarter employment outlook survey. A poll of 15,000 U.S. businesses found 23 percent planning to increase the size of their work force, 10 percent forecasting staff reductions, and 63 percent expecting no change.
- Traditional seasonal layoffs will pull the gain no indication of significant layoff or downsizing trends.
- Finance, insurance, real estate and the service sector in general are expected to be the employment growth leaders in the Midwest.

Employers are forecasting a 10 percent increase in the number of jobs available to college graduates next spring, according to an annual survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Last year's prediction called for a spectacular 19 percent increase in job offers, so the 10 percent forecast is down from that, but it still represents a strong job market.

The poll found that the service sector is desperate for good workers of any background, but the market will pay those with technical skills in computer science and engineering degrees — most handsomely.

On average, graduates should see a 4.8 percent increase in starting salaries, with 10 percent levels. Information science grads are expected to do better than that, with average starting increases of 6 percent.

Starting salaries in finance and accounting are expected to increase by an average of 4.2 percent, according to the annual salary guide from the fall.

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TRADEWINDS



David Watson Nicole Poulton Shawn Barigar Sandy Flora Shari Harris

TWIN FALLS - David Watson is the newest sales associate at Magic Valley Realty. Watson is a Magic Valley native. Along with his wife, Julie, and five children, he owned and operated Watson's Furniture and Waterbeds 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.

(SILVA). He has helped with community projects, including volunteer work at a soup kitchen and the Walk of Dimes Walk America.

Sharon Lehman of Twin Falls received the Bell-Reese Shoot-Out Top Producer Award. She joined Liberty Mutual in 1997 and also is a member of the SILVA and involved in community projects.

Gary Barker of Twin Falls, who joined the company in 1998, received the Rookie of the Year Award. He has lived in Twin Falls for 20 years, is a member of the SILVA and also involved in community projects. Liberty Mutual Group said provides a wide range of products, including general liability, commercial auto and business property, group life and disability, private passenger auto and home-owners insurance, individual life and annuities, international programs and financial services.

Kimball, Lehman and Barker can be reached at 735-1371.

TWIN FALLS - Nicole Poulton

has been promoted to news anchor for the News at 6 and News at 10 programs at KMVT-TV.

The announcement was made by General Manager Lee Stagned and News Director Shawn Barigar.

Poulton graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism and a minor in Spanish. She wrote for Talk Radio 120 in Salt Lake City during college. Her family lives in Oakley.

Wagner also announced that Shawn Barigar will take on added responsibility as news anchor for the News at 6 program. As news director, he is involved with the daily operations of the news staff.

Barigar graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in communications. He was raised in Buhl and graduated from Buhl High School.

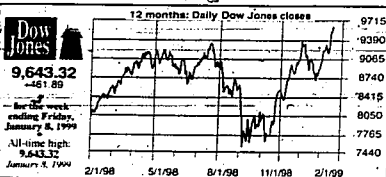
TWIN FALLS - Sandy Flora has joined the staff of Magic Valley Printing as sales manager.

Flora brings 20 years experience in all aspects of printing to her new job at the company.

She has resided in Twin Falls most of her life. She is involved in the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors group as 1999 chairperson for the Ambassador Success Breakfast, as 2000 chairperson for the picnic and auction and as co-chairperson for the 1998 Success Breakfast. Flora also is the 1998-99 president of the Twin Falls Optimist Club.

BURLEY - Zions Bank has named Shari Harris as administrative assistant in the Idaho retail sales and service Department.

Harris joined Zions a little more than a year ago from the Eastern Idaho Agricultural Credit Association in Burley. She previously worked as loan secretary at the Burley office of First Interstate Bank and has a total of 12 years of experience in the banking industry. She resides in Doon.



Markets soar during week

The Associated Press

Stocks responded to "the January effect" - the annual influx of money from year-end bonuses and retirement-plan contributions, and reached record levels. On Wednesday, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 233.78 to close at 9,544.97, a new peak. The Standard & Poor's 500 and the Nasdaq composite indexes also reached new heights, and analysts were heartened by the fact that virtually every sector performed well, not merely the high-flying Internet stocks that have grabbed headlines in recent weeks.

Just a day later, however, a cautious note came from Wall Street's most famously bullish analyst, Goldman Sachs's Abby Joseph Cohen marginally cut her recommended stock position for the first time in almost four years, saying stocks at their current lofty prices were "less attractive today than in September," when they were 30

Business week in review

percent lower. Yet - another - rally - Friday pushed the market through Wednesday's milestones.

Americans at work

The Labor Department reported that 1998 marked the strongest peacetime labor market in four decades. A burst of year-end hiring returned the nation's unemployment rate to 4.3 percent in December.

Back to NBA basketball

The National Basketball Association's 191-day lockout ended Wednesday after an all-night collective bargaining session. Owners won the right to impose caps on individual salaries, while players secured more money for the lower-paid athletes in the league.

TF company has new owner, name

Bakker Brothers becomes Cisco Seeds of Idaho

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls businessman Chris Janick has acquired the Bakker Brothers Seed Co. of Idaho, a major player in the manufacturing seed business since 1976, the company said. The company, which produces 200 varieties of beans and numerous small-vegetable seed cuttings for major distributors in 48 states and four countries, has been renamed Cisco Seeds of Idaho.

Janick was general manager of Bakker Brothers for 15 years before acquiring the company from the Dutch owners who have been the industry leaders in the seed industry since 1928. The seed company said Cisco's operations will continue from its headquarters and main production plant in Twin Falls and a second plant in Huston, Idaho. The company said it recently upgraded its mill line and will continue to upgrade equipment as needed to increase efficiency and maintain quality. Janick, 56, has 25 years of management experience in the seed business and has been working with seeds since 1960. He was appointed to the Idaho District Export Council and is a member of the American Seed Trade Association; the Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association and the Federation of International Seedmen. He also is a member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, a collector of antiques and vintage cars and president of the Magic Valley Equity from a street rod club. Wade Falconburg has been



Chris Janick

named Cisco's new sales coordinator to expedite orders and prompt shipping. Charlotte, N.C., veteran of 15 years, continues as national sales manager. Cisco has 12 full-time employees and two northern Idaho facilities, and adds 20 more people during harvest and shipping times.

Cisco contracts with seed growers primarily in Idaho but also with growers in the Skagit Valley of Washington and the Santa Maria, Lompoc and Chico, Calif., areas - all known for producing some of the finest seed in the world, the company said.

"The company will continue to maintain strong relationships with our fine seed growers," Janick said. Cisco provides the "mother seed" to its growers and then works with them to produce the desired variety, yield and quality to meet its customers demands. Seed samples undergo rigorous testing by a registered seed technologist in its laboratory, the company said. After processing the seeds, Cisco fills orders from its customers, then packages and ships them worldwide.

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IRS seeks gentler image

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's collector-gentler, gentler makeover intended to shift the focus from heavy-handed punishment to a mission that stresses service to taxpayer "customers" and avoidance of disputes.

It remains to be seen how much-attitude-driven practices truly change at the Internal Revenue Service, but one thing is certain: taxpayers this year have dozens of rights and powers they never had before, thanks to Congress.

Passage of the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act last summer allowed a series of highly publicized Senate Finance Committee hearings exposing numerous and questionable IRS horror stories and questionable agency practices.

"The criticism was very, very painful," said IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti in an interview. "With the passage of the bill, we've got our marching orders. It's a forward-looking agenda, and we're here to provide good service to taxpayers."

The reform law made nearly 100 concrete changes dealing with taxpayer rights, including a shift in court burden of proof from the taxpayer to the IRS.

Relief for people whose spouses cause tax problems without their consent, reductions in some penalties and expanded powers for taxpayer advocates.

Besides the new law, the congressional hearings served notice to the IRS that it could not continue to function as a monolithic, omnipotent agency that disregarded the rights of taxpayers.

The just-hired national taxpayer advocate, Val Oveson, summed up the change in attitude this way: "Taxpayer rights are first. The IRS is second."

Oveson, whose office now is more independent and has greater authority to intervene in tax disputes, said it will take time for IRS employees to fully embrace this philosophy, particularly in means-tested dollars less in tax collections.

"We're going to leave money on the table and walk away," Oveson said. "There will still be audits. There will still be collection actions. But I'm worried about taxpayer rights and that no one is treated poorly."

Rossotti said that 75,000 IRS employees, or about three-quarters of the total, are undergoing some form of training as a result of the new law. A new mission statement stressing "top quality service" is on display in every IRS office, and "customer satisfaction" is a formal goal included in performance measures for employees.

There are Saturday office hours, 24-hour, e-mail, toll-free help lines and a state-of-the-art Internet Web page.

Observers say IRS appears headed in the right direction, but proof of real change will only come in the next few years as more taxpayers have contact with the agency.

"The potential is there, the authority is there," said Phil Brand, a former IRS compliance chief who is now with the KPMG Peat Marwick accounting firm. "The question is, will it happen?"

Another change in the works would realign the IRS more like a large corporation, creating tax distinct divisions — individual, small business, big business and tax-exempt entities — to concentrate resources for specific categories of taxpayers.

About 150 rank-and-file IRS employees from around the country worked for six months in a Washington suburb to suggest ways to effect the change.

Tax Burden by State

A look at the federal tax burden per capita by state for the 1998 fiscal year:

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| 1. Connecticut | \$9,617 |
| 2. New Jersey | \$7,785 |
| 3. Massachusetts | \$7,164 |
| 4. New York | \$6,826 |
| 5. Illinois | \$6,855 |
| 6. Maryland | \$6,522 |
| 7. New Hampshire | \$6,353 |
| 8. Delaware | \$6,254 |
| 9. Alaska | \$6,099 |
| 10. Michigan | \$6,041 |
| 11. Rhode Island | \$5,969 |
| 12. Washington | \$5,949 |
| 13. Pennsylvania | \$5,906 |
| 14. Minnesota | \$5,904 |
| 15. Colorado | \$5,899 |
| 16. Virginia | \$5,852 |
| 17. Nevada | \$5,846 |
| 18. California | \$5,716 |
| 19. Florida | \$5,626 |
| 20. Hawaii | \$5,618 |
| 21. Wyoming | \$5,567 |
| 22. Ohio | \$5,500 |
| 23. Wisconsin | \$5,445 |
| 24. Kansas | \$5,393 |
| 25. Indiana | \$5,367 |
| 26. Missouri | \$5,306 |
| 27. Oregon | \$5,296 |
| 28. Nebraska | \$5,189 |
| 29. Georgia | \$5,101 |
| 30. Vermont | \$5,072 |
| 31. Tennessee | \$5,039 |
| 32. Iowa | \$5,028 |
| 33. Texas | \$5,004 |
| 34. North Carolina | \$4,942 |
| 35. Maine | \$4,736 |
| 36. South Dakota | \$4,684 |
| 37. North Dakota | \$4,681 |
| 38. Alabama | \$4,604 |
| 39. Arizona | \$4,570 |
| 40. South Carolina | \$4,629 |
| 41. Montana | \$4,463 |
| 42. Kentucky | \$4,461 |
| 43. Idaho | \$4,409 |
| 44. Louisiana | \$4,405 |
| 45. Oklahoma | \$4,323 |
| 46. Utah | \$4,276 |
| 47. New Mexico | \$4,215 |
| 48. Arkansas | \$4,207 |
| 49. West Virginia | \$4,124 |
| 50. Mississippi | \$3,818 |

Source: Tax Foundation

Tax-law changes will benefit middle, lower-class families

WASHINGTON (AP) — From stock investors to moms and dads to college students, millions of middle-class people will find the bottom lines on their tax returns affected by changes in the tax law.

"There only will be more changes than in a normal year, but a lot of tax breaks were geared toward the lower-income taxpayers, so it will affect a lot more people."

— John Gardner, KPMG Peat Marwick accounting firm

"Dozens of new rules deserve an extra-close look as American taxpayers brew their coffee and sharpen their pencils — or power up personal computers — to prepare for their annual encounters with the Internal Revenue Service."

"There may not be more changes than in a normal year, but a lot of tax breaks were geared toward the lower-income taxpayers, so it will affect a lot more people," said John Gardner, senior manager at the KPMG Peat Marwick accounting firm.

In addition, taxpayers have more options than ever to file their returns electronically with the IRS. They can also pay taxes with credit cards for the first time. And the reformed IRS

with its new emphasis on "service" promises to be more helpful and less heavy-handed than in the past.

Some things haven't changed. The tax deadline remains April 15 unless an extension is

requested, and the tax code is still huge, running just under 10,000 pages. Nearly half of all federal revenues continue to come from income taxes, projected at \$768 billion for 1998.

But a handful of changes figure to have broad impact. Among them:

- A credit of \$400 for each child under age 17 for middle-class parents. Even modest-income parents who pay no income taxes could qualify, meaning they would get a refund.

- Education credits of up to \$1,500 per child for the first two years of college, subject to certain income limits, and deductions for interest payments on student loans.

- Assets such as stocks and bonds held for just over a year — instead of 18 months — now qualify for lower capital gains tax rates. All the details and a wealth of examples are found on the Schedule D form.

- People who converted savings from a traditional individual retirement arrangement, or IRA, to a Roth IRA may include the entire amount as taxable income on this year's returns instead of spreading it out over four years.

- Anyone under age 59 1/2 who withdrew money from a traditional IRA was subject to a normal 10 percent penalty if the funds are used for educational tuition, fees, books or room and board — or for the purchase of a first home.

This year, Congress took steps to ensure the child and education credits don't accidentally force some middle-class people to pay alternative minimum tax, which is intended to ensure higher-income people don't completely escape income taxes.

But that action is only temporary, meaning lawmakers will have to revisit it this year to avoid the problem in the 1999 tax year.

Highlights of the Internal Revenue Service Reform Act

The Associated Press

Highlights of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act, which gives taxpayers new powers and makes numerous changes in both tax laws and within the IRS itself.

Taxpayer rights

- Burden of proof shifts from taxpayer to IRS in tax court cases, so long as taxpayers cooperate, keep adequate records and don't have a net worth greater than \$7 million.
- People faced with problems due to actions without their

knowledge by spouses would have a limited time getting tax relief. Divorced or people separated at least 12 months could separate their tax liability from their former spouses. The protections must be taken within two years of the beginning of a collection action.

Interest and penalties would be suspended if the IRS waited more than 18 months to inform someone they owed additional taxes. After 2004, that period will be shortened to one year.

- People who pay back taxes through installment agreements with IRS would see the balance-duty penalty reduced from 0.50

percent to 0.25 percent.

- The IRS must give people 30 days after notifying them of a potential property lien to satisfy a tax bill.

The taxpayer can request a hearing to resolve the dispute during that time. A judge must approve any seizure of a taxpayer's home or that of a former spouse.

IRS Management

- Checks can be made payable to the U.S. Treasury, not just the IRS.
- The National Taxpayer Advocate and the 79 regional advocates have greater authority

to intervene in tax cases and have a direct, toll-free line available for taxpayers to call. The regional advocates no longer will report to IRS supervisors who also oversee collections and enforcement.

- All IRS notices sent to taxpayers will contain the name and telephone number of a contact person at the agency.

- A new nine-member oversight board will watch over the IRS; its powers include making recommendations for IRS commissioner.
- The IRS chief counsel reports directly to the IRS commissioner.

Small-business owners and the self-employed have several changes to consider before filing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Small business operators and the self-employed have several tax changes to consider in preparing 1998 returns, starting with changes from saving hundreds of dollars in a disastrous year for farmers.

The standard mileage rate for business use of a car rises a penny a mile. A new rule for the first time it applies equally to leased vehicles.

Using the mileage method of figuring expenses prevents people from saving hundreds of receipts for everything from oil changes to garage rental fees, said H&R Block tax research specialist Maggie Doedman.

"People won't have to keep coffee cans in their vehicles to stuff receipts in, as some of my clients used to do," she said.

Farmers who suffered through flood, drought and extremely low commodity prices got two major breaks in the huge catch-all spending bill passed by Congress in October.

They can take advantage of permanent income averaging, which allows them to smooth out the peaks and valleys in their earnings and prevent big tax bills. Income averaging was scheduled to expire in 2001.

They also can "carry back" crop or livestock losses to apply to a previous tax year as far back as five years, instead of two years. That reduces taxes in the previous year, and since they've

The total tax bite

The tax bite on Americans from all levels of government in 1998, according to an independent analysis:

The non-profit Tax Foundation with H&R Block Federal, state and local governments will collect an average of \$28,434 for every household in the country — or an average of \$9,981 for every U.S. resident.

Of those total collections, the federal government accounts for almost 66 percent at about \$18.9 billion. The biggest chunk is individual income taxes, at \$722 billion, followed by payroll taxes for Social Security and Medicare at \$682 billion.

State and local governments take another \$887 billion, according to the Tax Foundation. This figure includes sales taxes of nearly \$273 billion, property taxes amounting to \$221 billion and income taxes of \$169 billion. Corporate income taxes total \$228 billion at the federal level and \$40 billion with state and local governments.

\$18,500 in equipment, provided the business doesn't buy more than \$200,000 that year. Otherwise, the cost must be depreciated over several years.

For 1999, one big change took effect Jan. 1: an expanded definition for "principal place of business" that may allow many self-employed people to take a home office deduction for the first time.

Among the requirements are that the home office be used for administrative or management

activities, that there is no other "fixed" place where those activities occur, and that the office is used "exclusively and regularly" for business, according to the IRS.

One warning is that an employee's decision not to use suitable space provided by the employer can affect whether the IRS will permit the deduction.

"People should begin right away figuring out whether they qualify," Doedman said.

"The definition is a lot more flexible." The IRS offers Publication 334, "Tax Guide for Small Business," aimed at helping sole proprietors. There is also Publication 910, a guide to free tax services, and Publication 1518, a 12-month wall calendar with tax tips and key dates.

Also available are Publication 225, "Farmer's Tax Guide," and Publication 555, "Tax Highlights for Commercial Fishermen."

Finally, the IRS Internet site at <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov> has a Tax Info for Business section offering forms, information and answers.

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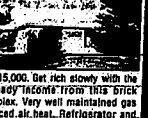
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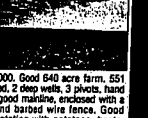
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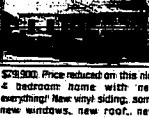
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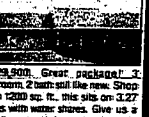
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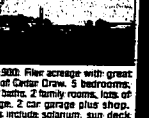
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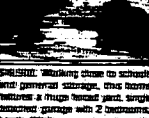
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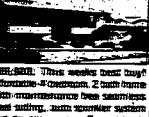
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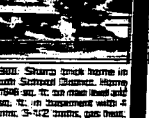
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Jerome 37.5 ACRES w/ full water shares. Great acreage for small farm or great bldg site. Has Valley Mini pivot. Located between TP & Jerome. \$199,900. DAN SUTER 324-2019 OR 539-2019, 498-0262/2062-63

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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: At rubber bridge, partner opened one diamond, and I responded one heart...

ANSWER: Yes, I would bid again. I would bid four hearts, since partner's cue-bid implied heart support.

Dear Mr. Wolff: LHO opened one no-trump, my partner passed, and I opened two diamonds...

ANSWER: Yes. A useful partner's responses to show strength in the bid-suit...

Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner opened a strong two hearts, and I responded one no-trump...

ANSWER: The modern treatment in this sequence is to allow a spade to pass...

help, he rebids his opened suit at the three-level...

Dear Mr. Wolff: Can you clarify the Unusual No-Trump Convention...

ANSWER: The Unusual No-Trump Convention was originally used to promise at least 5-8 in the minor suits...

Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner doubles one heart for takeout, and I bid one spade...

ANSWER: Since partner did not raise spades, he should have only three of them...

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Hey, let's go out for dinner

When my daughter was about 8 years old, we had her birthday party at a popular kid-friendly restaurant in Ohio. The waitress, who might have served food to one too many kids that day, bent over the birthday candles and caught her uniform on fire.

The most embarrassing part of this little scenario was the kids. They were at an age when they thought people setting fire to themselves was hilarious.

The other day, I read about another restaurant mishap, almost as bad. Walter Robby Cobb, who wrote a book titled "The Other Side of the Table," once told a customer that his fly was open. When the man's date returned to the table, the man stood up and sent the entire contents of the table crashing onto the floor — because he had zipped the tablecloth into his trousers.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

None of this, of course, has ever been known to keep people from dining out — and food writers say we can expect to see plenty of restaurant food consumed in 1999.

Strangely enough, our current favorite dishes are mostly old-fashioned — French fries, roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, shrimp cocktail, steak and salad.

Michael Rutherford, of Food Arts magazine, recently told the magazine that this is because people are anxious about the new century and are looking for the familiar. Nevertheless, the Post story predicted a few new food trends on the horizon. Carmelized everything, for example, which means slow-browning your onions, endive and apples. And "raw stuff," as in tartare, carpaccio and sashimi — made of everything from salmon to veggies to beef. (Whatever happened to a colt?)

Food prices are expected to climb in 1999, too (not surprising) with top New York restaurants, such as LeVeau's, charging something like \$35 a bowl for loek and potato soup.

And speaking of New York, consumer dining in restaurants is big there, and just might catch on as a new fad everywhere else. One published report of consumer trends, compiled by Jamie Kavanagh, described the scene as people stinging next to strangers at big, long tables and sometimes trading their plates for a taste.

That reminds me of a fad back in the 1970s, as a church I attended in the Midwest.

One Sunday, a member of a women's group at the church suggested that the group sponsor a "pot party." Everyone thought it was a fabulous idea, and I spent an hour grasping the mind-blowing hippie connotations. The women had their pot party, with every one bringing containers of chili to deposit into one big pot.

I don't remember anyone even hinting that the word "pot" might have another definition. And everyone had a very good time.

I've discovered that people still will be eating out a lot in 1999. Most nights, I don't feel like cooking anyway.

The only times I can remember having a "pot" party were on those old parent-teacher luncheon days at my kids' preschools — when you sit on chairs made for people who are 3 feet tall and take part in table conversation designed to ruin your appetite.

Thankfully, I don't remember exactly what those kids did to their food, but I do remember some of the adults saying, "I have the feeling that my children want to make sure their food is dead before they eat it."

Those were the days.

Other similarly negative experiences that come to mind include dining out at that upscale restaurant where I opened a customer sneaking around pocketing the tips left on the tables.

Or that first festive dinner out after my second child was born. We had a beer one in so long, except for the McDonald's drive-through, that, when the waiter asked my husband how he would like his steak, he responded, "With fries."

But I'm certainly not swearing off restaurants. I'm a Baby Boomer, and I deserve a little pampering.

Many people around me seem to have the same idea. When I was little, I remember my grandmother preparing elaborate casseroles of homemade chicken and dumplings and blackberry cobbler for church potluck dinners. Then, after I grew up, I began to notice that the church dinners weren't quite the same.

The era when this really first hit home was one we shared in my twenties. I had slaved over a meringue to take a church anniversary buffet. The meringue fell, of course, just to spite me, and I ended up talking up a baked pie and feeling really guilty about it.

But when I got to church, I discovered that I fit right in. Every table was lined with buckets of Kentucky Fried Chicken and plastic tubs of deli potato salad.

We might as well have gone to a restaurant.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



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Times-News writer

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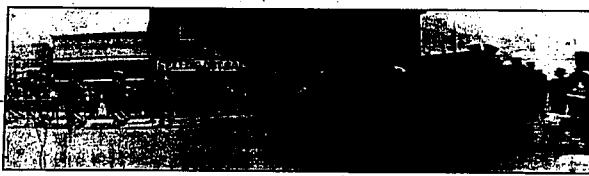
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"A town band said a lot about a community," said Mary DuPree, who oughta know.

ABOUT THE TIT BAND
The 54-year-old University of Idaho music professor just won a Governor's Award for the Arts for her four-year study of city bands in Idaho, including Twin Falls. Faculty: the Twin Falls Municipal Band is arguably the crown jewel of all Idaho's city bands, still compiling its heart out after 94 sylvan summers. "Even in those days when communities were struggling, one of the first things they did was to form a band," DuPree said. A city band playhouse of Sousa and Scott Joplin in a circular bandshell described by a town square speaks volumes about the place and the people, so DuPree's scholarship is as much about sociology as it is about music.

And she's found some interesting things about our collective soul. "Many of the people who started town bands in Idaho came from the East, and they were looking for ways to improve



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Alison, "The Music Man" (the 1952 film version), starring Richard Widmark, captured the heart of the century American's fascination with band music. Left, The Twin Falls Municipal Band on the march downtown.

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Signs of weak discipline

The following quiz may help determine whether you should change your parenting style. Dr. Ruth Peters, a Florida-based child and family psychologist and author of "It's Never Too Soon" (St. Martin's Press, \$19), offers the test in her book and says if you identify with most of the statements, you may be trying "reason with the unreasonable," she says.

Etc...

- You wonder why you can't just be your child's friend and not force him to do things he doesn't want to do.
- You flash back to how you were raised. The word "discipline" sends chills down your spine. You vow to give your kids negative consequences only as

a last resort.

- You argue constantly with your spouse. He wants to give the kids time out for not putting away their toys. You feel there is nothing wrong with constantly reminding them because "kids will be kids."
- You've never really been strict or

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Herrett hosts new events

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 60 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

To do for families

Jungle Exhibit on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 9 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 736-3054, Ext. 2655.

Every Sunday, 10 to 11 a.m. Families and arts and entertainment events throughout south-central Idaho. It's out on the calendar, and it's at the Faulkner Department, The Times-News, 2nd Sun 548, Twin Falls 43301. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

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Teen girls grow old with worry

Los Angeles Times It's teenage daughters, not their mothers, who are today's worrywarts, according to a national study of mothers' and teen daughters' attitudes about the future, recently conducted by skin care and cosmetics company Clinique Laboratories Inc. The goal of the research was "to understand the mind-set of female consumers, and to learn their hopes and fears of today's moms and teen girls," said Sandy Canidio, senior vice president of marketing and research for Clinique North America. The data will be applied to the company's marketing strategies. The study surveyed a nationally representative sample of 526 girls between 13 and 19, and 502 mothers of teen daughters, and polled them about their attitudes toward financial security, independence, education and lifestyle. The most surprising finding was that teens are more worried for themselves than moms are worried for their daughters. "I'm having enough money, being in an abusive relationship, not getting a good job, not getting into college, and not being successful," said one teen. Moms are more worried about the health and safety of their daughters. Their biggest fears: Cancer, violence at school, AIDS and eating disorders, the study found. Moms and daughters did agree on a few things, however. Asked to name the most important issues facing the United States in 2000, both generations ranked health care, educational attainment and education as chief concerns. Also, as their top three New Year's resolutions, moms and daughters said they hoped to be happier and healthier, and to lose weight. Further results reveal a bridging of the generational gap between moms and teen girls: 69 percent of teens would go to their moms if they had personal problems before going to their friends; 91 percent of teens say their mothers' approval is important to them; 68 percent of teen girls want to be like their moms; and 88 percent of moms say they are more open and honest with their daughters than their moms were with them. Clinique is working with filmmaker Douglas Keewe to produce a documentary based on the study that will be titled "Delightmare: 4 Teens, 4 Moms, 4 Days." A feature version of "Delightmare" is planned for distribution this year. A 10-minute version of the film will be shown at Clinique cosmetic counters nationwide in the summer and fall.

Burgeoning movement encourages fatherhood

The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — They sit in a circle and talk of the joys and pains of that fatherhood has brought them. They are men of the street, products of patchwork families. Most were abandoned by fathers. Some know addiction, others the city jail, poverty, anger, rejection and loss. All have children. Few are married. But on this night in West Baltimore, this unlikely band of fatherhood is talking poetry. Poetry? They are reading aloud a poem about how fathers guide their sons but through "solid rock example." It's time to get real, they say. Time to do right by their kids. After the poem is finished and a few have spoken, Cyril Lynch, a 38-year-old Baltimore truck driver, a father of three, clears his throat and quietly says what they all are thinking, as tears well in his eyes. "I don't want my boys seeing me in the street doing things I don't want them to do," says the 2-year-old son, Cyril Jr., clutched tightly in his arms. "These young guys, they want to be better fathers and better men," says Lee Jones, head of the Baltimore program that has brought these inner-city men together. In many communities across

the nation, men are voicing similar ambitions. A growing number of programs, such as Jones' support group, are trying to encourage responsible fatherhood. Proponents believe they are part of a burgeoning social movement aimed at convincing fathers of all classes to take an active role in their children's lives. "We want to make two points — Many men who are not fathers are fathers in spirit," says Wade F. Hines, president of the National Fatherhood Initiative. "And secondly, that the most important thing a father can do is invest himself in his children." What Hines and others espouse is that two objectives are fundamental to be recognized as any new trend. "It is a reaction to some cold, hard facts of the fatherhood's fallings in the 1990s. To wit: • Nearly one-quarter of U.S. children now live in a home without a father (biological, adoptive or stepfather). • About 1.2 million of the nation's children will be born out of wedlock this year, about one-third of all births. • More than 1 million children experience divorce annually. • While teen-agers spend an average of 21 hours weekly with each week, they spend an average of 15 minutes per week talking to their fathers, according to a 1994 study.

After-school activities change with the times

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Cub Scouts don't always meet after school anymore. They've just got to get to school on time. Some soccer leagues schedule games and practices on weekend days only to make it easier for the youngsters and their coaches and families — no school. Some churches even offer afternoon services to help with after-school activities. Children no longer attend a week or two of Bible camp during the summer months. Many activities that had traditionally been held after school are now likely to take place after dinner or on weekends. Most youngsters are realizing they have to come up with creative schedules to accommodate the growing number of children with working parents. And that's the vast majority of parents, according to Jean Bergstrom, director of the Center for Research on Family Education Leadership at Wakefield College in Wayne, N.C. She said that 75 percent of parents with children ages 5 to 24 are working or seeking to go back to work. These parents can't simply leave work or school to attend their children's activities. Education expert, who's also the author of "School's Out" and several other books about how children spend their time out of school. Bergstrom's research shows that activities are scheduled, Robert Shapiro, superintendent of schools in Wakefield, N.C., is a big supporter, saying activities provide a "pre-tycoon band."

Advertisement for 'Days busy, structured' featuring a photo of a child and text about structured activities.

Advertisement for 'Kids in motion' featuring a photo of a child and text about active solutions for transportation.

Bands

Continued from F1 communities," she said. "Up until about 1930, town bands attracted men almost exclusively. It was an acceptable outlet — something fun and respectable for them to do, but not for women." Ironically, women possessed the lion's share of the musical ability in small-town Idaho before the Great Depression. "Women played the piano, and many of them had studied for years," she said. "Some were quite accomplished. "But it was considered immodest for a woman to play, say, a brass instrument in public." So the band leader, often a cornetist and typically the only accomplished male musician in town, recruited completely untrained men to pump the tuba, the saxophone and the trombone. "These bands often had one or two strong brass players," DuPre said. "Everybody else would kind of camp along." She studied town bands in Twin Falls, Pocatello, Payette, Lewiston and Sandpoint — five very different communities — and found some remarkable similarities. They routinely used tax money to buy instruments, as well as to hire full-time professional bandmasters.

"Ethnics were mostly excluded from bands," DuPre said. "So they formed their own bands. There was a quite successful Italian band in Pocatello for years, and in Shelley, the Walsh twins formed their own band." While town bands peaked in the turn-of-the-century America — were a staple, but the trumpet repertoire was unexpectedly diverse. "There was quite a bit of classical music played," she said. "And quite a bit of ragtime." Main Street America before World War I, but it found wide acceptance among Idaho city bands. "Ragtime was created by African-American musicians in the South, but not many people outside the South understand that," DuPre said. City band concerts fostered a sense of neighborhood, she says, that often could not be found anywhere else in a small town in the middle of nowhere. "Winter nights in small-town Idaho were long," DuPre said. "These bands served an important purpose in promoting culture and music education, but they were also a source of pride. Our town is important enough to have

town band." Radio killed town bands in Idaho — Twin Falls was a rare town that was a music-jump-started musical education in many communities, DuPre said. "They were often recruited for bands, and that continued in the public schools." Girls didn't get a foot in the door until much later. "In some small Mormon communities in southeastern Idaho girls were a part of bands from the start," she said. "That was very much the exception, although there were a few places like Buhl and Elgin, where women were included. "In the case of Buhl, with its strong Catholic community, women played in bands because they had been involved in them in the old country." Although DuPre has studied and compiled hundreds of band scores from across Idaho, she has yet to discover how good small-town bands were. "Wouldn't it be marvelous if there were a recording of three somewhere?" Times-News writer Steve Curry can be reached at 733-0531, Ext. 223, or e-mail at curry@timesnews.com.

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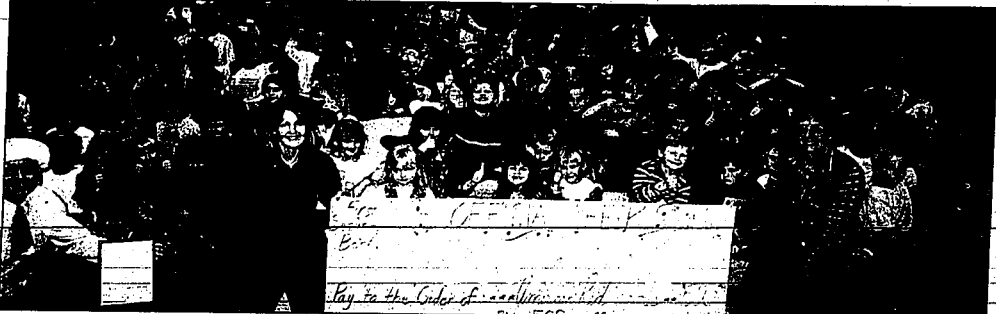
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HELPING HURRICANE VICTIMS



Kimberly Elementary School Principal Wes Remaley, Teaching Aid Debbie Fisher, Vice Principal Kathleen Noh and a portion of the school's students gather to celebrate the successful collection of \$500 to aid flood and hurricane victims in Central America. The three-week campaign was called 'Flood of Pennies'. The money was counted by First Security Bank of Kimberly free of charge. During the past five years, the Kimberly Elementary School has contributed \$2,100 to the Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross for various relief projects. Staff, students and their families joined in contribution to the cause.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Robert Stuart Junior High honors teacher of the month

TWIN FALLS - Shauna S. Maschek was chosen as Teacher of the Month for December at Robert Stuart Junior High. Maschek is a math teacher who has taught at the school for twelve years. She has also taught reading, family and consumer science, puzzle algebra and the Quest program.

Shauna is on the Quality School Committee, the District Math Curriculum Committee and the District Math Assessment Committee. She attended Utah State University and University of Idaho.

In addition to being a great teacher, Maschek keeps busy enjoying her family and the outdoors. She also likes to sew, camp, hike, ballroom dance, garden and read.

Mama Inez donated the dinner gift certificate Maschek received.

Northwest Nazarene names local students to Dean's List

NAMPÁ - Jessie Brook Boyner, Nicole Linn Danielson and Keegan John Lenker all of Twin Falls, Heather Michelle Ogvie of Rupert, and Richelle Lee Anderson of Kimberly were on the first-term Dean's List at Northwest Nazarene College.

A minimum grade point average of 3.5 of a possible 4.0 is required to make the Dean's List.

Voters make pre-school class their holiday favorite

TWIN FALLS - The community has voted on its favorite tree in the center court of the Lynwood Shopping Center. The winner is Immanuel Lutheran School's pre-school class tree. The ornaments were made by the students under the direction of teacher Verna Sherrers. Shoppers were also treated to impromptu caroling by the pre-school class over the holidays.

As the winner of the contest, the school will receive a classroom set of solar calculators and a jewelry item for the teacher.

Certificates of merit will go to the runners-up including Central Elementary School and Canyon Christian School in Jerome, Immanuel Lutheran School's third and fourth grade in Twin Falls, Hollister Elementary School in Filer, Clover Lutheran School and Poppewill Elementary in Buhl.

Burley groups bring Peter Pan to life; tryouts planned

BURLEY - Peter Pan, Tinker Bell, Captain Hook and the Crocodile will come to life on the stage of the new King Fine Arts Auditorium from April 19 to May 1. The production of "Peter Pan" has combined the efforts of the Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation and the Burley High School. The size of show will require community involvement. A professional "flying company" will contract to fly Peter.

The primary production staff includes Richard Call, artistic director; Deborah Jones, director; Cindy Jud, vocal director; Deana Christensen, orchestra director; Kristine Handy, choreographer; and Steve Floyd technical director.

Community auditions will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Jan. 12 and Jan. 13, at the BHS auditorium. 1600 Parker Ave. Participants may bring prepared material or read, sing and dance production staff provided material.

Callbacks will be from 5 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 14. Rehearsals will begin in mid-January.

Available roles include Storyteller, Mr. Darling, Mrs. Darling, Wendy, John, Michael, Maid, Peter Pan, voice of Tinker Bell, Smee, Captain James Hook, The Crocodile, Tiger Lily, Indian Chief, 15 to 20 people for the Indian Tribe, 10 to 15 Mirmalids and 15 to 20 Lost Boys.

The principal characters will be cast with individuals ranging in age from 8 to 19. Technical crew applicants can fill out crew-sheets during the open auditions.



Peter Pan will take flight this spring in the Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation and Burley High School (BHS) production, "Peter Pan." Working on the joint effort are BHS teachers and members of the community, left to right, Cindy Jud, vocal director; Dennis R. Byington, foundation president; Richard Call, artistic director; Deborah Jones, director; Deana Christensen, orchestra director; and Steve Floyd, technical director. Choreographer Kristine Handy is not pictured.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

UH holds meetings for prospective students
MOSCOW, Idaho - A series of information receptions throughout Idaho for prospective University of Idaho students and their families will be held. A Twin Falls meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 28 at the Shilo Inn. A Boise meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 19 and 20 at the Boise Centre on the

Grove. Students and their families can find out more about what to expect from their college experience from these meetings. Addresses those commonly addressed will have representatives from every undergraduate college available to answer questions on academics. Other campus units will also be present to discuss financial aid and scholarship, on-campus residential options, leadership opportunities with the

Office Education programs and campus visitation.
Jerome parents have chance to meet teachers
JEROME - Jerome Middle School will hold Parent/Teacher Conferences from 3:15 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday. Parents are encouraged to come and meet with their student's teachers.

ONLY main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.
BUHL
Breakfast: Juice served every day.
Monday: Cereal and toast
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Cereal and cutie pies
Lunch: Salad bar every day.
Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Turkey and noodles
Friday: Chicken nuggets

Breakfast: Turkey and lemons salad
Friday: Chicken nuggets
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 school and high school, choice of main line menu or chef salad each day.
Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Chicken and noodles
Wednesday: Turkey and spaghetti
Thursday: Baked ham
Friday: Deli sandwich

Tuesday: Ham and cheese on bun
Wednesday: Chef salad
Thursday: Tacos
Friday: Chicken nuggets
TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS
Breakfast served every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Breakfast combo
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: Taco
Tuesday: Corn dogs
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Deli turkey sandwich
Friday: Chicken sandwich

CLASSES

Jerome Rec District opens new classes
JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District has several new classes available. Football is set for from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 19. Come and learn how to make floor arrangements. Fees include instruction and basic materials. Bring-a-one-on-one soccer. Cost is \$150.00 out of district.
CPR and First Aid will be held at 6 to 10 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Jerome Recreation Center. Get your CPR and First Aid Care Initiator training all in one night with the Medic First Aid program. This class will give you the skills you need to respond in emergency situations until trained help arrives. Cost is \$25/\$30. Pre-registration is required.
Investment Seminar, "The Decade Ahead" will be presented from 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Jerome Recreation Center. The public is invited to attend this seminar hosted by investment

representative Shelley Seibel of the financial services firm, Edward Jones. This seminar addresses those commonly addressed. facts about baby boomers, consumer spending and inflation and how they will affect the market over the next decade.
Ice Skating in Sun Valley Every Saturday from Jan. 19 until Feb. 23 kids can have a great time riding the bus to Sun Valley where they will receive instruction in ice skating and figure skating. Bus will leave from Petro II at 9 a.m. \$55 and includes skates, ice time, transportation and instruction. Bring warm clothes and a sack lunch.
Cosmic Bowling is offered from 9:30 p.m. to midnight Jan. 16 at the Jerome Bowling Alley. The cost for a night of Rock-and-Bowl bowling will be \$7 and includes shoes and bowling. Groups of 4 or more get a 20% discount.
Learn to Sew in this two-hour class held from 10 a.m. until noon Wednesday you will learn the

basic sewing techniques. Bring your own project and receive help with it or choose from projects available in the class. Cost is \$7.50/\$12.50 out of district.
Candle Making will be taught from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 12. Come and learn the art of candle dipping and how to make molded candles. Candles of many styles will be created. Cost is \$10/\$15.
Beginning Watercolor will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 16 through Feb. 6. Students will create complete pictures, focusing on different subjects including landscapes, seascapes, portraiture and still life. Cost is \$10/\$15.
Yoga will be available from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, and Jan. 29. Gain flexibility, strength and balance. Come and try this unique form of exercise in this three week session. Cost is \$10/\$15.
Pre-registration is required for all classes. For more information, call 324-3389 or stop by the recreation center, 2444 S. Lincoln.


CASTLEFORD
Breakfast: Orange juice, apple sauce and milk every day.
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Scoones
Wednesday: No school today
Thursday: Sweet rolls
Friday: Pancakes
Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day.
Monday: Baked ham and cheese sandwiches
Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: No school today
Thursday: French dip sandwiches
Friday: Lasagna
FILER
Monday: Fried chicken
Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: French dip sandwich
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Soup and sandwich
HANSEN
Breakfast: Cold juice and milk every day
Monday: Cream of wheat
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Yogurt
Friday: Long Johns
Lunch: Milk served with milk/meats
Monday: Pies and blanket
Tuesday: Chicken patties
Wednesday: Fish burgers
Thursday: Chili
Friday: Tacos

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Monday: Taco
Tuesday: Corn dogs
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Deli sandwich
Friday: Chicken sandwich
MURTAUGH
Monday: Pocket sandwich
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Turkey and gravy on rice
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Corn dogs
SHOSHONE
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Sloppy Joes
Wednesday: Chicken Malibu
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Hot dogs
ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Monday: Spaghetti

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 meats.
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Fish and chips
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: Chicken noodle soup

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Katrina Brumbach

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Monday: Rib-E-Que on bun
Tuesday: Ham and potatoes
Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat

Dr. Sandra Lotstein announces her husband, Dr. Robert Lotstein of the Jerome Family Clinic, will be bringing OB services to the Gooding Area. Family Practitioner with an emphasis in OB. Now taking appointments.
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ENGAGEMENTS

WEDDING

Stepfamilies break down negative bonds

ANDERSEN-BROWN

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Dan Andersen of Guston, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Andersen, to Scott Brown, son of Dennis and Valerie Brown of Twin Falls.

Andersen is a student at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Brown is a 1994 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Brigham Young University. He is employed at the Missionary Training Center in Provo.



Scott Brown and Shannon Andersen. The wedding is planned for Friday in the Oakland LDS Temple in Oakland, Calif.

FARNSWORTH-WYNN

RUPERT — Kevin and Patty Farnsworth of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Farnsworth, to Shane Wynn, son of Elston and Renee Wynn of Blackfoot.

Farnsworth graduated from Mimico High School and served an 18-month Ohio Cleveland Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She recently graduated from Ricks College in Rexburg, where she earned a dual enrollment credit in psychology at Idaho State University in Pocatello.



Kimberly Farnsworth and Shane Wynn. Friday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

The wedding is planned for

THORPE-MOLL

SALT LAKE CITY — Felise Leray Thorpe and Jeffrey Robert Moll were married Sept. 26, 1998, at the Memorial House in Memory Grove at the mouth of City Creek Canyon in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The bride, the granddaughter of Shirley Thorpe of Twin Falls and the daughter of Mike Thorpe of Twin Falls. Parents of the groom are Robert and Elizabeth Moll of Salt Lake City.

Bridesmaids included Lori (Aberdi) Haxler, Nikki Artobast and Lisa (Moll) Jones. Kaye (Kramer) Padaris and Melissa Thorpe-McClellan were co-mistresses of honor.

Groomsmen included Nick Alfano, Denton Wilde, Ed Jones and Jason Mallory. Keith Moll served as best man. Gift attendants were Chrissy Smith and Alyssa Mallory. Special guests included Helen Moll, grandmother of the groom; and Bill and Beverly Gustafson and Don and Jean Thorpe, grand uncles and aunts of the bride. The bride earned a bachelor



Felise and Jeffrey Moll

of science degree in political science, graduating summa cum laude and as valedictorian of the College of Humanities Arts and Social Science from Utah State University. She also earned a juris doctor degree, graduating as a Leary Scholar from the University of Utah College of Law.

She is a member of the Utah State Bar and a legal research professor at the University of Utah College of Law. The groom earned a bachelor of science degree in political science from Utah State University, where he was president of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He is a regional sales manager for Pittsburg Paint and Glass Industries.

WALNUT CREEK, Calif.

Misha Dolg was thrilled to become an instant mom to Cassie, now 10, and John, now 8, when she married their dad four years ago.

She was less enchanted, however, with the other relationship her new marriage brought: the one with Dave Dolg's ex-wife, Christine Thautner.

"We picked up and dropped off the kids at Christine's for a full year because I couldn't bear to bring her home to my house," says Misha Dolg as Thatcher listens.

"We were like this when we'd see each other," says Thatcher, as both women demonstrate forced smiles through clenched teeth.

"Today, it's a different story. Thanks to monthly meetings, perseverance and a determination to put Cassie and John first, the women have developed a true friendship."

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For more information

The Stepfamily Association of America offers a wide range of support and information at <http://www.stepfam.org>

the resistant ex-wife, the topic finally has received the Hollywood treatment. The movie has been endorsed by the Stepfamily Association for its portrayal of decent adults who struggle to put the children's best interests first, despite their own insecurities and fears.

"There has been a shift in the country in its perceptions of stepfamilies," says Emily Visher of Lafayette, Calif., who founded the national stepfamilies association with her husband, John.

"The original thinking was that you would never see the person you divorced without animosity. Now people have begun to realize what a difference it makes to the children, and to the adults, too, if they can cooperate."

The new stepparent can help by assuring the biological parent that she knows she can never take her place, says Visher. "And biological parents can help by letting the child know it's all right to like the stepmother."

While movie moms Roberts and Sarandon work out their differences in real life, it's not always that easy in real life, says Danville, Calif., therapist Lyle Hammigan. "I've worked in this field for 10 years, and I rarely see it," she says.

But it's not impossible, she adds. In fact, Hammigan became close friends with her own daughter's stepmom. When the other woman divorced Hammigan's ex-husband after 10 years and later married someone else.

"I just realized over time that this woman was not my enemy," says Hammigan. "She was just trying to take my daughter away from me. She just loved her, and as a result my daughter has a better relationship with her family she wouldn't have had otherwise."

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Mother is excessively forbearing when it comes to wedding day

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Hurt Mom" in Washington. I was both angry and sad at her daughter's wedding plans. I was in a similar situation five years ago when my daughter married. She, too, insisted on planning every last detail of her wedding on her own, and made it more than just a bit clear that she was going to do things "her way" without any "interference" on my part.

To make a long story short, several weeks before her wedding her mother informed her that due to a scheduling conflict she would be unable to cater her wedding after all. After frantically contacting many other caterers without success, she was asked to cater the wedding. You guessed right — good old Mom!

Although I wouldn't want "Hurt Mom's" daughter's plans to go awry, she needs to know that these things usually have a way of working themselves out.

That food I prepared for my daughter's wedding turned out just like some guests had a hard time believing the reception had not been professionally catered. It also helped my daughter regain the closeness we had previously shared and enjoyed. Sign me — BEEN THERE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR BEEN THERE:

Your daughter was fortunate to have such a talented and forgiving mom. The "our supplies" gives new meaning to the slogan, "Nothin' says lovin' like something from the oven!"

The Gazette

Everybody lies. You, Me. Everybody... No, that doesn't make you look fat. Let's do lunch sometime. That meal was delicious I'm fine, thanks. The dog ate my homework. I don't know how that happened. I have to work late. The check is in the mail. Of course, there's no Santa Claus. We lie to our families. We lie to our friends and co-workers. We lie on the Internet. We lie on the telephone. We lie face-to-face, and behind backs. We lie on purpose. We lie subconsciously. We lie because we're afraid, insecure or proud. We lie by remaining silent. We lie to ourselves. It doesn't matter who we are or what we do. We don't have to be politicians and salesmen, or advertising executives or tobacco company CEO's or any other of the duplicitous scoundrels who guide our society. We all lie. We lie and lie some more. We fib and fudge, embellish and exaggerate. The truth is, we can't help it.

DEAR ABBY

Aligh VanBuren

Write to Abby
What do you tell her for you chest by writing to Dear Abby? Do you know how to present these answers in a friendly way? I addressed envelopes to you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widower, living in California, writing in response to the woman who signed herself "Second Love." I suspect that her husband doesn't know when he is well-off. He is very fortunate to love and be loved by a second wife. Not all men are so blessed. He should remove all the pictures of his former wife, except possibly one group picture of the family.

Abby, after my wife of 45 years died, I realized that I could never create new memories with her again.

When I remarried, I put all my family pictures into a drawer, and I review them periodically. I cannot afford to let the past interfere with the present. The past has gone, and nothing can change it.

I am very fortunate to have loved and been loved by two women.

Anniversary or wedding planned?

Let us know
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. Questions? Call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, ext. 262.

DEAR DAVID: Your pragmatism is admirable. I agree there is much to be said about living in the present. However, not everyone reacts in the same manner to loss and grieving.

DEAR ABBY: Recently a reader told you how she used the telephone answering machine to monitor calls for her bedridden husband — and how he enjoyed listening to his messages, even repeatedly.

Such a recording could be a treasured memento of the kind words left by friends and family for their terminally ill loved ones. I am not ill, but I appreciate hearing the voices of loved ones who call when I am not at home. I, too, play the message back more than once — for the joy of hearing that voice.

Eventually the answering machine must be cleared, but before I clear it, I often put my cassette tape recorder beside the answering machine and record the messages on tape.

That, if I wish, I can hear them again — today, tomorrow, or any time I need a lift. — MS. HAZEL DANIELSON, SHORELINE, WASH.

DEAR HAZEL: What a clever idea!

I'm passing it along.

Recent research indicates that a little self-deception can be healthy, he says; it's part of what makes us human and allows us to function in today's complex world.

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"We've learned that depressed people often have better reality-testing than do non-depressed people," Ford said.

Ford isn't the only one who believes that the act of lying is simply doing what comes naturally. Social psychologist Jerald Jellison, who teaches at the University of Southern California, says lying is crucial to the normal functioning of society and that it would be "terrible" if people started telling the truth. If we didn't (lie), we'd be considered subversive.

Love may be just a click away

Los Angeles Times

For those too bashful to consult a sex therapist in the flesh, there is a new way to choose from A sampling, San Diego-based sex therapists Dr. Roger T. Crenshaw and Dr. Marc G. Wiesner offer advice on medication, menopause, couple skills, anxiety—and more—at <http://www.sexualtherapy.com>.

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The truth is, we can't stop lying

We're humans.

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Understand that Ford, author of "Lies! Lies! Lies!!! The Psychology of Deceit," isn't talking about heavyweight lies like telling untruths to a grand jury or, even worse, lying to a spouse about infidelity.

He's primarily referring to social lies and white lies, the kind we use reflexively, routinely and with predictable justification: They're harmless, these lies that Ford calls the "lubricants of polite society."

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"I think any time you lie, you debate truth, you dishonor truth, you cause people to distrust the truth," McConkie says. "When you lie, it makes it difficult for people to trust you."

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Change necessitates putting brain in action

"You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

So wrote the late Dr. Seuss, a man who brought great joy and happiness to children everywhere. Here, a man who certainly followed his own advice.

Unlike Dr. Seuss, how often do the majority of us let our feet override our brains in making choices? We start in some direction, and it is as though we are subconsciously set in motion—we cannot change course.

As a result, we often end up in positions that make us miserable, but believe that we have no way out. Indeed, making our way out of the maze of mistakes and made seems almost impossible at times.

But if there is anything true about the human psyche it is that we are all capable of bringing about change in our lives. And if we really desire that change we can surely find ways to work toward that end.

It is true that often-times it is easier to stay in the rut we are in than to change our lifestyles, and, that is the case, then we have no one to blame but ourselves for the fact that our lives are not exactly to our liking.

Change is not easy for any of us, but if we are unhappy with our situation it is up to us to change it.

No one else can do it for us. There are restrictions, of course. We cannot make changes that adversely affect those we love, that better ourselves and our lives rarely hurts anyone, and, it has the happy effect of making us feel more secure, more worthwhile, more important or more attractive.

Don't let anyone convince you that change is something you



AFTER CLASS
Gay Peterson

should not do. Only you can look into your own heart and decide what is best for you.

Change can only occur if you are willing to take the time and use the energy to do it. It may be a small change or it may be large, but you will never know it's potential until you try.

So... get yourself out of a bad situation.

- Go back to school and further your education.
- Do more to improve your attitude at work and at home.
- Be a volunteer.
- Learn a new skill.
- Tell those you love that you love them, and do it often.
- Quit smoking.
- Eat less.
- Exercise more.
- Quit biting your fingernails.
- Be more thoughtful.
- Be more kind.
- Use your capabilities to help, not hurt.

In most cases the changes you have instigated will better your life, and, because you will be happier, those around you will benefit as well.

"You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

If you want to change — get those brains working and those feet moving.

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Spending a grand sum

When it comes to money, grandmas and grandpas have it—and are increasingly spending it on their grandchildren. A Roper Search Worldwide survey says one in three Americans is a grandparent. In 1997, reports American Demographics magazine, grandparents spent an average of \$505 total on their grandchildren.

The laws of chance

It's the last thing you want to

think about. But before retirement, experts advise you to prepare your will to deal with the possibility of you and your spouse dying together.

It happens often enough that most states have adopted the Uniform-Simultaneous Death Act, which determines the order of death when couples die in a disaster.

The act "can throw your estate plans out of whack if you haven't provided for it properly," says E.G. McBroom, an estate-planning expert at the College for

Financial Planning

Potty-talk training

You may not see them as anything to be proud of, but children's "bathroom jokes" actually represent growth in language and vocabulary skills.

Kids find bathroom humor hilarious, Parents magazine says, because it eases anxiety about bodily functions—and gets a rise out of adults. The best way to handle "toilet talk"? Where possible, ignore it.

A real homebody

You'd hardly call her a stay-at-home. But no matter how long she's out, Shoshanna Lozinger, Jerry Seinfeld's former girlfriend, says she comes home every night.

"There are no men waiting next to me. Ever," she tells Details magazine. "I live at home with my parents... I'm not allowed to sleep out and nobody is allowed to sleep over."

—Compiled from wire reports

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HEART & CIRCULATION

Copy this list and take it with you every time you go to the grocery store and remember to choose these foods more often. They are lower in sodium and fat.

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Dairy Products - Skim or 1% milk. Low-fat or nonfat yogurt. Cheeses lower in fat and sodium.

Fats and Oils (Use small amounts of ALL kinds). Margarine (liquid, stick, tub or diet). Oils (like Canola, corn, safflower, olive, peanut or sesame oil).

Sweets and Snacks - (Don't choose too often if you are watching your weight. Some may be high in calories) Popsicles, frozen yogurt, sherbet, angel food cake, fig bar, cookies, ginger-snaps, animal crackers, vanilla wafers, jelly beans, hard candy, plain popcorn, unsalted pretzels.

Fruits And Vegetables - Fresh, frozen, canned or dried fruits (like oranges, apples, bananas, prunes) Fresh, frozen, or no salt added canned vegetables (green beans, carrots, greens, zucchini, cabbage, tomatoes) Fresh, frozen or canned juices.

Breads, Cereals Pasta, Rice, Dry Peas and Beans - Sliced breads (wheat, rye or white) Sandwich buns, dinner rolls, pita-breads, English muffins, bagels, taco shells, plain tortillas, unsalted low-fat crackers (graham crackers) Cooked hot cereals (not instant) Rice pasta (plain noodles, spaghetti, macaroni) Dry peas and beans (split peas, black-eyed peas, chick peas, kidney beans, navy beans, lentils, soybeans)

This information from The National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

'Come on out here and sit a spell with me'

"Life isn't a matter of milestones but of moments."
— Rose Kennedy

By Vicki Marsh Kabat

"Come on out here and sit a spell with me," my grandfather said to me, rising from the dinner table where we had gobbled down my grandmother's fried chicken, mashed potatoes, cream gravy and green bean—her standard Sunday spread. Taking a wedge of her pecan pie with us, Papa and I headed for the front porch.

As I snuggled up to him on the swing, carefully balancing my pie, I could smell the sunshine in his faded blue denim overalls that he had changed into after church. They were so worn they were as light and soft as his downy white hair.

Side by side, we sat on that porch that spanned the front of our farmhouse, across every last remnant of Grandma's pie, leaned back, sipped contentedly and "sat a spell."

To me, it was a perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

To this day, front porches hold a special place in my heart. My grandfather's porch was wide and deep enough to handle rickety wares with my cousins, games of jacks, picnics and the dreams of a little girl gazing up into the summer sky.

The porch also had many practical uses. My grandmother, my mom, sister and I would gather there in its cool protection with old washbubs filled with peas, string beans or strawberries just gathered from the garden.

As we shelled or snapped or husked, we talked about everything from 4-H club projects to boys to what was for supper.

On really hot summer nights, my grandfather would drag a cot out onto the front porch, hoping to catch a night-time breeze and a little sleep.

He would fall asleep to a chorus of locusts and crickets and in the infinitesimal glow of a million stars.

The porch served as a haven for all human and animal alike. After a few rounds of pushing a lawn mower around our big yard, my brother would take a break on the porch. Coming in from before freshly cultivated field and before moving to the next field, Papa would stop for a minute for a cold drink on the porch.

Hot and flushed from canning

Chicken Soup for the Soul

vegetables, my grandmother would step out on the porch to catch a bit of breeze. Even the dogs knew their best place to get a little shade under a bush on the cool boards of the front porch.

And there was no better place than the porch to be when a summer rain swept in.

You could sit out there and smell it coming from miles away, feel that first hint of a breeze, first hot and then surprisingly cool, and see the first drops of rain plip into the dust that layered everything.

Then the full force of the storm would hit, sometimes driving you reluctantly inside, as winds lashed the rain farther and farther up under the porch's roof.

I received my first kiss on that porch, painted its swing one afternoon by the best summer, helped my father repair it a bush over and spent many lazy Sunday afternoons on it.

Front porches serve a real purpose in America. They are an open invitation to sit a spell, to talk, to dream or to do nothing at all—rare luxuries in today's fast-paced life. Front porches soothe the soul as surely as they shade the stoop.

I'm still sitting on front porches.

My own home has one that spans the length of our house. It's not quite as deep as my childhood front porch, but still deep and wide enough to hold the dreams of a grown woman gazing up into a summer sky.

And the invitation is still there, not for a new generation of children: "Come on out and sit a spell with me!"

The simple pleasures of country life are celebrated in this heartwarming story. Vicki Marsh Kabat, a resident of Texas, writes humorous pieces for newspapers. To submit a story for future publication, send it to P.O. Box 30880, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93130.

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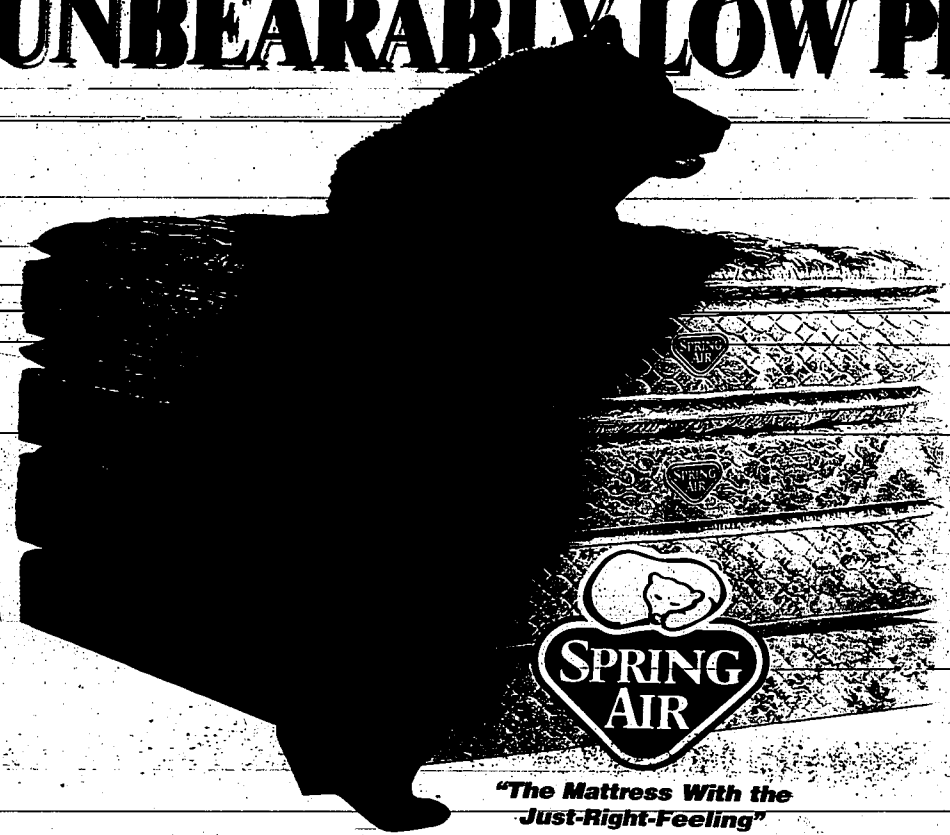


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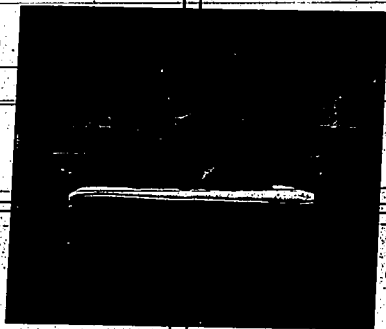
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PIGS & POLITICS

Should Idaho look at regulating factory farms?

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Napoleon, the superior swine in George Orwell's Animal Farm, conceded that all animals are created equal.

He added, of course, that some animals are more equal than others.

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... that small, than others. In a debate raging across the country and picking up steam in Idaho, the same comparisons are made about animal confinement operations. As southern Idaho residents ponder the Western migration of large-scale operations — forewarned by Kenrickian Brent Dams and the Midwestern partners of the Sawtooth Farms Limited Liability Co. — the arguments center on whether concentrated livestock operations should be treated the same as traditional farms.

Are "factory farms" and "industrial agriculture" more equal? And if they are, should Idaho's Legislature take on the issue with a sizeable bloc of farmers and rural representatives — do what more than 15 other states have done? When Idaho lawmakers convene in Boise for a session

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What other states have done

Alabama: Requires pig operations of more than 2000 annual units to register with the state Department of Health and Human Services.
Arizona: Mandates that all pig operations and other livestock operations register with the state Department of Agriculture.
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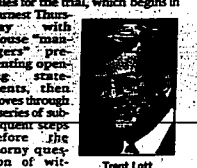


Coalition calls for coverage of birth control

BOISE — If the state's leaders are promising more support for Idaho families, they should prompt health insurance companies to cover prescription birth control for women, a new coalition charges.
Twenty-two Idaho groups, including Planned Parenthood, Idaho Women's Network, Idaho Nurses Association and others have banded together into the "Prescription for Fairness Coalition."
They contend that women are being discriminated against by insurance companies which refuse to extend coverage for prescription birth control.
"Consequently, women pay an average 68 percent more out of pocket than men for health care," Planned Parenthood published.
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Lott pledges fairness

WASHINGTON — With White House lawyers and House prosecutors trying to turn new ground rules to their advantage, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott pledged "to be fair" Saturday to President Clinton in the impeachment trial that could remove him from office.
Lott promised new bipartisan rules for the trial, which begins in earnest Thursday with House testimony.



At least in the opening stories — A-5
The impeachment trial this century, the senators have turned themselves from partisans to jurors, placing the focus squarely on the prosecutors and the Clinton legal team.
In the White House on Saturday, presidential advisers were preparing a public and legal defense in the perjury and obstruction-of-justice case. The advisers believe they can use to their advantage poll results indicating well over half of Americans are misinformed about the nature of the perjury charge against Clinton.
White House officials said they believe most Americans have confused Clinton's denial of a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky in the Paula Jones civil case with his grand jury testimony. The House did not approve an impeachment article charging Clinton with lying in the Jones case.
In the grand jury, the impeachment case involves Clinton's statement solely about specific details of the relationship, such as when it began and where he touched Ms. Lewinsky.

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Treasure Valley

High 47 Low 30
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Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 39 Low 21
Mostly cloudy today, partly cloudy tonight with patchy valley fog late. Mostly cloudy Monday with a chance of snow showers.

Eastern Idaho

High 39 Low 26
Mostly cloudy with southerly winds 5-15 mph today; partly cloudy tonight. Increasing clouds Monday.

Northern Idaho

High 39 Low 33
Mostly cloudy today with snow. Snow level rising to over 3,000 feet in the region. Cloudy, light rain likely tonight.

Northern Utah

High 50 Low 30
Partly cloudy today; fair tonight. Mostly sunny Monday.

Northern Nevada

High 53 Low 40
Mostly sunny today, fair tonight. Partly cloudy Monday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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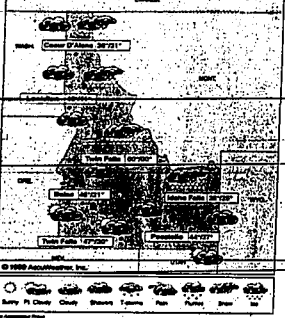
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| Hagerman | 46 | 33 | 0.00 | Miami, Fla. 82 |
| Idaho Falls | 35 | 28 | 0.00 | at 10-day Wfs. |
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| McCall | 31 | 23 | 0.00 | Normal humidity: NA |
| Pocatello | 44 | 31 | 0.00 | Noon barometer: NA |
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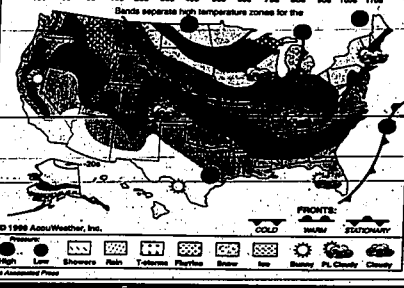
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AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Sunday, Jan. 10.



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ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Fair skies were over silver southwestern Idaho on Saturday, while the rest of the state was mostly cloudy. Precipitation was recorded at various locations across central, northern and eastern Idaho.

Elsewhere: Snow fell from Ohio and West Virginia across Pennsylvania and New York state into northern New England with 2-9 inches overnight in western sections of Pennsylvania and New York.

As the snow collided with warmer air, a narrow band of freezing rain and sleet extended across parts of eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and central New England. Light to moderate rain stretched along the coast from New England to Florida and the Gulf Coast states.

A storm system developing across the northern Plains produced scattered snow showers that moved across Montana, the Dakotas and Nebraska into western Minnesota.

In the Northwest, locally heavy rain hit across parts of Washington state, with snow at upper elevations of the Cascade range.

Pigs

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that starts Monday, should they consider laws that address hog farming?

The news from around the country, it might seem strange to discuss an inevitable hog explosion.

Hog prices are at a lifetime low. Thousands of pig farmers are expected to go under. (Please see story on A10.) A recent Purdue University extension service teleconference for hog producers included a section on stress management.

Even the anticipated film "Babe, Pig in the City" is bombing at the box office.

It's a rough time in the pork trade.

But the bacon brokers see dollar signs in Asia and elsewhere, despite the financial woes. Whatever the cause of the price drop, the large operations know they can survive it and somewhat their competition can't.

In April 1998, Indiana hog farmer, Jim Mosely testified for the National Pork Producers Council in front of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee. Mosely said hog producers' numbers have been dropping while pork production is going up. Every decade, he said, citing U.S. census numbers, 50 percent of all pork producers leave the business for a lack of money for not a lot of producers.

"Pork production," he told the senators, "has been the single most profitable of the traditional farm enterprises in the past 10 years."

Available energy to draw new players.

Sawtooth Farms' plans are a little more modest now, spokesman Brian McCauley said the company will start with 50,000 breeding sows, not the 250,000 originally envisioned. The farm could grow.

With processors making record profits, Sawtooth Farms plans to sell packaged meat to the supermarket and to Asian countries —

a plan aimed at keeping profits stable.

If that explains why pork producers get into the business, that leads to the next question: Where to set up shop.

The wide-open spaces and wide-open regulations in the West promise even greater profit margins. Like out-of-state, lawmakers before them, pork peddlers are increasingly turning to the Gem State.

Regulations were "obviously a factor" in developers' decision to locate in Idaho, McCauley said. Operations such as Sawtooth Farms want to avoid a restrictive regulatory climate, but the facility now proposed for eastern Idaho will have covered lagoons.

(And) there's nobody anywhere else willing to be covered," McCauley said.

So if Idaho needs to be prepared for pigs, it is.

Bald activist Bill Chisholm says, "He likens Idaho's attempts to address the problem to building a raft in midstream. The state needs to stop and pull the logs over to the bank. Chisholm says "Put a moratorium on 'factory' farms until it's ready to deal with them."

Around southern Idaho, some people are starting to agree.

Jerome cattleman Lee Halper and the Idaho Rural Council are looking at ways the Legislature can address the growing animal farm. Twin Falls farmer Mike Ihler is leading the charge against industrial-sized ag in the Magic Valley.

An unlikely player in the discussion promises to be the Association of Idaho Cities. Bull City Councilman Chuck Geska is leading the charge against "factory farms" out of the Right to Farm Act.

Southern Idaho legislators,

though, are reluctant to make changes that give the state power at the expense of county control. They want decisions to be made locally. Counties have police powers to enforce health and safety, said Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, and local governments have the power to declare "nuisances"; pre-prohibition counties "one kept breweries at bay with this."

A county's greatest authority comes with planning and zoning,

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state needs to step in and give the local governments a little more latitude.

Around rural America, states are attacking the issue in different ways.

A new Oklahoma law allows officials to deny a permit to an operation if neighbors can prove it will lower nearby property values.

The 1988 Minnesota Legislature struggled with feedlot issues and eventually arrived at a plan that linked state money and resources with county control. While stressing local primacy and public involvement, the state allocated money for grants to help small farmers keep up with regulations, and for research funds for the University of Minnesota to investigate alternative hog production technologies.

With growth slowing in Idaho, the state doesn't have this kind of money. Priorities such as school buildings, drug-and-alcohol prevention and early childhood development should drain the state's cash long before agricultural programs get any.

Maughan just wants a dialogue to begin. Local officials should always make the decisions, he said, Cassia County should always treat incoming agriculture development differently than Ada County, but even heavily agricultural areas need to be able to identify "industrial" ag.

"Just the definition would help us immensely," Maughan said. And if the Legislature takes a close look at regulating hogs — this session, or some other session — anyone in the Idaho hog industry will want a say.

Without going into detail, McCauley said his company plans to help Idaho prepare for handling operations.

"We're talking steps to make sure hogs will be regulated in a tough but fair way," he said.

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IDAHO ROAD REPORT

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

Interstate 84 — Dry.
Interstate 86 — Dry.

Interstate 15 — Utah line-Idaho Falls dry; Idaho Falls-Monica Pass dry, wet, fog.

Interstate 90 — Washington line near Okanogan slash, snowing; 4th of July Pass, broken snow floor, snowing; Cataldo-Wallace, slash, snowing; Wallace-Lookout Pass, slash, broken snow floor, snowing.

Idaho 55 — Oregon-Horseshoe Bend, dry, rocks on road; Horseshoe Bend-Domely, wet, icy spots, Domely-McCall, icy.

U.S. 95 — Oregon line-Grangeville, dry; Grangeville-Lewiston, dry, wet, icy spots; Lewiston-Phill-Bonner County line, slash, snowing; Bonner County line-Boundary County

line, wet, rain; Boundary County line-Canadian border, icy spots.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Lewiston, dry; icy spots, rocks on road; Lowman-Stanley, closed.

U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Kooskia, wet, rain; Kooskia-Loola Pass, wet, rain; rocks on road.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Montana line, snow floor, snowing.

Idaho 22 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Ketchum-Clayton, icy spots; Clayton-Challis, wet, broken snow floor, snowing.

Idaho 23 — Nevada line-Challis, dry; Challis-Trounstein, dry; Salmon-Less Trail Pass, icy, snow floor, snowing.

U.S. 51 — Dry.

U.S. 26 — Junction U.S. 20-Ririe, dry; Ririe-Wyoming line, icy spots, broken snow floor.

Idaho 51 — Dry.

Idaho 28 — Wet.

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Lich affairs director Nicole Prehoda said Saturday. "This means an uninsured woman on the pill pays \$300 to \$400 a year out."

With the Idaho Legislature coming together again on Monday, the coalition called on lawmakers to prioritize women's health needs and fairness in insurance coverage.

Idaho's newly inaugurated Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Friday declared the start of the "Generation of the Child," nurturing children and providing them with skills and education.

Prehoda said.

The contraceptives are the most widely used prescription drug for women ages 15 to 44. The typical American woman will spend about five years either pregnant or in postpartum. But she will spend five times that amount of

years trying to avoid a pregnancy, Prehoda said.

"For many women, the annual doctor's appointment to renew a birth control prescription is their only health care during the year," said Maria Eschen, spokeswoman for the Idaho Nurses Association. "This visit is typically to women's health as it typically is for many other professions for cervical cancer, breast cancer, high blood pressure and sexually transmitted diseases."

"The insurance companies do not willingly reach out and expand their coverage, Eschen said. Congress had to force them to pay for reconstructive surgery to pay for many cancer survivors, followed the removal of a cancerous breast.

"As businesses, they cannot be expected to be humane, altruistic or caring," she said. "In fact, when an unintended pregnancy is not prevented by prescriptive contraceptives, it actually results in another tiny subsector for the health insurance plan."

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TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK



Black ministers from Indianapolis appear at a Ku Klux Klan rally on the steps of the Indianapolis Statehouse Saturday. The ministers appeared at the rally because they did not feel it was right to remain silent; they said. Indianapolis officials opened up museums, the zoo and other attractions free of charge as an alternative to attending the rally.

Inspector: Chief of U.N. team ordered bugs for Baghdad

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — The chief of the United Nations weapons inspectors in Iraq ordered the placement of a sophisticated American listening device in Baghdad that enabled the U.S. to eavesdrop on President Saddam Hussein's inner circle and security forces, according to a former inspector responsible for the operation.

Scott Ritter, who resigned in anger from the U.N. inspection effort last August, said the inspector chief, Australian Richard Butler, ordered him to place the device in Baghdad in mid-July 1998, despite Ritter's objections. The device was disguised to look like an office safe, and occupied a corner of Ritter's workspace in Baghdad, according to Ritter.

Ritter said the information gathered by the device between July and December of last year, when it was removed by departing U.N. inspectors, was controlled solely by the United States during his tenure as an inspector. He said the U.S. targeted conversations between high-level Iraqi officials, and did not use the device to find Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

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which was the mission of the U.N.'s Special Commission on Iraq (UNSCOM).

"What Butler did was allow the U.S. to take over," Ritter said. "I wrote him a memo objecting. He told me that he respected what I was saying, but that he had received assurances from the U.S. that they would misuse the information. Of course, they have."

Butler, UNSCOM's executive chairman, declined to comment on Ritter's account directly, saying a statement issued by his office earlier Friday adequately

addresses the growing controversy over the listening device and allegations that the U.S. government used UNSCOM as cover for its own spying operations in Iraq.

"At no point have I given authorization to place any part of UNSCOM's operation under the control of the United States or any other supporting government," said the statement by Butler, who met Friday with Peter Burtleigh, the acting U.S. ambassador to the U.N., to discuss the device and under whose authority it operated.

Any public discussion of U.S. intelligence-gathering means and technologies is rare; they are the government's most closely guarded secrets.

China received secret offer from Kissinger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Advised Chinese leaders that the Soviets were determined to have enough nuclear weapons to destroy their country, Henry Kissinger secretly offered China U.S. satellite information a year before the communist government gained American diplomatic recognition.



Henry Kissinger and Chinese premier Chou En-lai in 1973

"We would be prepared, at your request, through whatever sources you wish, to give you whatever information we have about the disposition of Soviet forces," Kissinger told Hsiang Hua, the Chinese ambassador to the United Nations, in 1971.

The specific reference was to Soviet forces deployed during the war that year between India and Pakistan. But Kissinger offered a web of intelligence sharing in meetings with Chinese leaders including Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Premier Chou En-lai in November 1973.

"There is nothing we are doing with the Soviet Union that you do not know," Kissinger told Mao.

According to transcripts of top-secret talks Kissinger held as U.S. national security adviser and secretary of state during the Nixon and Ford administrations in the 1970s, he played a largely

secret, 700-page report that the chairman, Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., said "found that national security harm did occur" not only from the Clinton transfers but other Chinese acquisitions over the last two decades.

The transcripts of secret conversations that may have changed history are being published by the National Security Archive of George Washington University, for release Sunday. They were obtained through freedom-of-information requests and other means, the private group said.

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Parties seek middle ground in impeachment

Deal only delays tough decisions

By Doyle McManus and Janet Hook
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Senate avoided one partisan brawl over the impeachment of President Clinton last week, but a larger battle is looming only two weeks down the road.

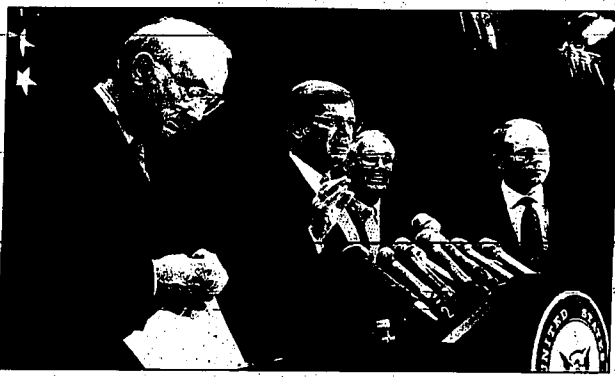
In effect, the Senate merely has agreed to postpone its near-daily reckoning until the last week in January.

By then, House Judiciary Committee chairman Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., and his colleagues will have presented their formal case against President Clinton, and the White House will have presented its defense.

At that point, senators will face two fateful votes first, whether to dismiss the case against Clinton as just a political scandal, or to allow the Senate to proceed to a trial.

While Clinton's lawyers met at the White House Saturday to prepare their rebuttal, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., was rejecting that the Senate Judiciary Committee had a plan for conducting the impeachment trial.

But over the next two weeks, the deal will be tested severely as the nation's Senate divides into Clinton and anti-Clinton camps focus all the political pressure they can marshal on the 100 members of the Senate, especially its divided Republican caucus.



Republican senators, from left, Phil Gramm, Texas; Trent Lott, Mississippi; Slade Gorton, Washington; and Don Nickles, Oklahoma, gather Friday after agreeing with their Democratic colleagues on the procedure for the Senate's impeachment trial of President Clinton.

Clinton's conservative opponents, now led by Hyde and his fellow "managers" from the House, appear intent on demanding that Senate Republicans support their strategy — a long trial with many witnesses — to maximize their chances of convicting big-president and removing him from office.

On the other side, liberal Democrats in the Senate are proclaiming that they will campaign fiercely against any Republican who votes to prolong the trial against the will of the public.

They're going down a very treacherous path," warned Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. "They're really in the hot seat, in a way. People want this over."

"This bipartisanship is fragile," said Norman Ornstein, an expert on Congress at the American Enterprise Institute. "The potential for this process careening out of control is still there."

If the Senate can insulate itself from outside political pressures, "there is a chance of a bipartisan outcome," he said.

"There is no reasonable likely outcome that will satisfy the Republican right. The right is going to come out of this feeling bitter and betrayed."

The House prosecution team has said that to present its case effectively, it must call as many as a dozen witnesses — including Monica S. Lewinsky, the former White House intern with whom Clinton had an affair. Clinton's efforts to conceal their relationship led to the impeachment charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

es appears likely to open a fault line within the Senate Republican caucus. Some younger conservatives, such as Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., have indicated they favor calling witnesses. Some older conservatives — like Stevens — have said they hope to avoid it, at least in Lewinsky's case. And several moderates — a group that commands a larger percentage of the Senate than the ideologically polarized House — have spoken strongly against the idea.

Two other factors affect the Republicans' decisions. One is that an unusually high number of GOP senators, 19, faces re-election in two years — and senators who run statewide, often pay more attention to general public opinion polls than House members who run in markedly conservative or liberal districts.

A second factor, according to many senators, is the burden of history: the knowledge that whatever action they take in the trial of Clinton will be final, unlike the intermediate-step impeachment voted by the House.

Indications are that the White House wants to buy time, even while presenting a vigorous defense of the president. Clinton's lawyers face a Monday deadline to file any procedural

objections to the trial going forward, but there was no indication that they intend to do so.

"It will be a brief formal response to the summons," a White House official said.

Two liberals, Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, have said they will demand a vote to allow live television coverage of the Senate's final debate on the case. Under current Senate rules, those deliberations, which occur after all evidence has been heard, take place behind closed doors.

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Proceeding has taken toll on Republicans

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The impeachment of President Clinton has deepened longstanding ideological divisions within the Republican Party, weakened the party's image among independent voters and has threatened to inflict long-term political damage, according to analysts from both parties.

With some polls showing the party with a 2 to 1 unfavorable image, Republican strategists are far more worried now than they were 45 days ago about how the party will fare in the impeachment process on the party's political health.

Many now fear that the hangover from the bitter, partisan battle will hurt GOP candidates in the 2000 elections, particularly races for the House and Senate, unless there is a relatively quick, — and harmonious — resolution in the Senate.

Republican strategists say the impeachment process threatens to stamp the GOP as an anti-Clinton party that is devoid of positions on issues the vast majority of the public cares about.

"We're going to be boxed into a very narrow box, which is an anti-Clinton box," said GOP pollster Jan van Lubzen. "The only way to get over it is to get over (impeachment) and start talking about issues. We have to have something to say other than that Clinton is a bad guy, and right now we don't."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., recognizing the damage to his party's political future, worked hard last week to give the Senate proceedings an aura of bipartisanship. If that effort prevails, and if the Senate avoids a lengthy trial, it could mitigate the damage already done, analysts said.

Until Lott's success in finding a bipartisan way to start the effort to impeach the president reinforced the image of party leaders catering to conservative Republicans at the expense of reaching out to moderate and

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Independent voters who will be decisive in the major contested elections less than two years from now, these analysts added.

Whit Ayres, an Atlanta-based GOP pollster, said the impeachment issue has "tarnished the image of the Republican Party as the party that is against big, intrusive government," which for the past two decades has been fundamental to Republican political gains.

In addition, he said, the public now sees the party almost totally through the prism of impeachment. "Voters who favor removal of the president have a favorable opinion of the GOP, and voters who are opposed to removal have an unfavorable opinion," Ayres said. "As long as a majority of the country continues to oppose removal of the president, then that definition is a liability."

Both partisan and independent analysts said the impeachment issue is reinforcing internal Republican divisions over such social issues as abortion and gay rights that have plagued the party over the past two decades.

Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center, said his polling showed that Republican partisans with libertarian leanings are more disaffected from the party than are religious and cultural conservatives.

Ayres said voters who are primarily concerned with maintaining individual and personal freedoms are the most put off by the impeachment drive.

Republican favorability ratings remain much higher among those who stress that in the 2000 election, "we should have a president of higher moral character" than among those GOP voters who believe that a public official's personal life should remain private.

Fred Yang, whose firm conducts polls for NBC News and the Wall Street Journal, said voters who support impeachment are disproportionately white evangelicals who are more likely to identify themselves as conservative than the electorate as a whole.

Polling conducted by CBS News and the New York Times underscored how much the Republican base has been fractured by impeachment.

Roughly a quarter of loyal GOP voters disapprove of the drive to impeach Clinton, according to Cheryl Arndt, deputy director for surveys at CBS. From last October through the beginning of this month, the view of the Clinton own party has become increasingly negative. In October, these anti-impeachment Republicans had a favorable view of the party by a spread of 5 to 1. Today, that ratio stands at 1 to 1.

At the same time, the CBS-New York Times surveys found disapproval of the Democratic Party among this segment of GOP voters has diminished substantially. Last October, three of four of these voters held an unfavorable view of the Democratic Party. Today as many see the Democrats favorably as unfavorably.

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Witnesses remain key sticking point

Some wonder: If none were called in House probe, why call now?

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — In a meeting Wednesday night in a third-floor hideaway office in the U.S. Capitol, a place no one would expect to find a bipartisan group met with Rep. Henry Hyde and some of his House Republican impeachment managers.

At one point, an angry Sen. Ted Stevens, a Republican from Alaska, pounded the table and demanded to know why Hyde's House Judiciary Committee had called no witnesses during its impeachment hearings.

According to several sources, Hyde responded: "We didn't have the time." Stevens, according to one participant, shot back: "Time? There are 15 Iraq planes in a no-fly zone, Iraq is on the brink, and you are telling us you didn't have time?"

Hyde's response also angered many Senate Democrats, underscoring the political and procedural obstacle that the Illinois Republican and fellow prosecutors face as they prepare to argue their case before the Senate.

President Clinton this week — whether they will be able to persuade a majority of senators that witnesses are necessary.

"They voted to impeach a president of the United States without witnesses, and now they want to subpoena witnesses and witnesses," said Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebr. "I believe that we can deliver impartial justice without witnesses."

The House says it did. Kerrey charged that the time pressure the House was really under was bringing impeachment on a vote while Republicans had a larger majority in the last Congress.

Republicans and Democrats agree that if the president is to be convicted and removed from office, the impeachment managers almost certainly must produce some kind of new evidence that involves the Judiciary Committee's hearings, meaning that they must have witness testimony.

Because Republicans hold a 55-45 edge in the Senate, straining that majority remains plausible, but several GOP senators have said the burden of persuasion is on Hyde's team.

According to a resolution agreed to on Friday, a majority of the Senate would have to vote twice to approve a witness before one would testify before the Senate. First, a majority would have to agree that a witness's deposition could be taken. Then, after the senators have read the deposition, a majority would have to agree that a witness could provide some information not located in the vast public record in the case.

Sen. Joseph R. Biden, D-Del., who was involved in the drafting of the resolution, said: "The codage here is no witnesses, and if there are witnesses, it will be very circumscribed, limited in

Trial timetable

The impeachment trial schedule is expected to be set by the House on Friday.

Monday — Deadline for House prosecutors and the White House to the motions; except for motions to subpoena witnesses or to present evidence not in the record. The White House could, at this point, present a motion to dismiss the case, though that is unlikely.

Wednesday — Trial resumes and Senate vote on motions. A simple majority is all that's required. If the House takes five motions to dismiss and 51 senators vote in favor, the trial ends. If no such motion is filed or if it fails, the trial continues on Friday.

Thursday — House prosecutors have 24 hours to present their case against the president. Senators are likely to hear those arguments Thursday on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16, because their rules require them to conduct the trial every day but Sunday.

Monday, Jan. 18 — Senate recess for the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday.

Jan. 19 (tentative) — White House lawyers have 24 hours to conduct their case in support of the president. President Clinton is scheduled to deliver his State of the Union address that evening.

Jan. 20 (tentative) — House prosecutors have 24 hours to question both witnesses, through Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

Jan. 21 (tentative) — Senators or White House lawyers can offer motions to dismiss the case based on the procedure so far. House prosecutors will file a request to present witnesses or evidence not on the record. Each side argues the motions.

Jan. 22 (tentative) — Senators debate the motion to dismiss behind closed doors. They then vote publicly on that motion — a simple majority of 51 legislators is required to prevail. If motion wins, that ends it; that motion fails, senators will then vote on the motion to present witnesses.

Jan. 23 (tentative) — Witnesses must be deposed by House prosecutors and White House lawyers.

Jan. 24 (tentative) — Senate will decide which witnesses will testify by simple majority vote. After the witnesses, if any, testify, House prosecutors and White House lawyers will turn up their cases. The Senate then will deliberate in private, with each senator given 15 minutes to speak. The trial will conclude with a public vote on the motion to dismiss or conviction.

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Feb. 1 (tentative) — Senate will decide which witnesses will testify by simple majority vote. After the witnesses, if any, testify, House prosecutors and White House lawyers will turn up their cases. The Senate then will deliberate in private, with each senator given 15 minutes to speak. The trial will conclude with a public vote on the motion to dismiss or conviction.

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Feb. 4 (tentative) — Witnesses must be deposed by House prosecutors and White House lawyers.

Feb. 5 (tentative) — Senate will decide which witnesses will testify by simple majority vote. After the witnesses, if any, testify, House prosecutors and White House lawyers will turn up their cases. The Senate then will deliberate in private, with each senator given 15 minutes to speak. The trial will conclude with a public vote on the motion to dismiss or conviction.

Feb. 6 (tentative) — House prosecutors will file a request to present witnesses or evidence not on the record. Each side argues the motions.

Feb. 7 (tentative) — Senators debate the motion to dismiss behind closed doors. They then vote publicly on that motion — a simple majority of 51 legislators is required to prevail. If motion wins, that ends it; that motion fails, senators will then vote on the motion to present witnesses.

Feb. 8 (tentative) — Witnesses must be deposed by House prosecutors and White House lawyers.

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Feb. 10 (tentative) — House prosecutors will file a request to present witnesses or evidence not on the record. Each side argues the motions.

Feb. 11 (tentative) — Senators debate the motion to dismiss behind closed doors. They then vote publicly on that motion — a simple majority of 51 legislators is required to prevail. If motion wins, that ends it; that motion fails, senators will then vote on the motion to present witnesses.

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Feb. 14 (tentative) — House prosecutors will file a request to present witnesses or evidence not on the record. Each side argues the motions.

Alms for Tripp! Few heed the call

By Gene Weingarten
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In times of national crisis, a good citizen must take a stand. And so when we heard Friday that Linda Tripp had established a legal defense fund and was soliciting donations by mail, we scratched up a coffee can, cut a slit in the plastic top, and hit the streets on Linda's behalf.

The slit was plenty wide, the better to accommodate thick wads of twenties.

"We knew this might not be the easiest task. First, there was the unpleasant spectacle unfolding that day in the United States Senate, a spasm of national humiliation for which, one might uncharitably argue, Ms. Tripp was responsible. Second, there was the matter of her widely reported \$90,000-a-year Pentagon sinecure. Third, what with the weather, the streets were Himalayan.

But we weren't asking for all that much. Since Linda's chief fund-raiser sent 20,000 letters out in the hope of raising \$80,000, we told passersby that \$4 was the recommended donation.

Our quest began at an ATM machine on 15th Street and ended two hours later when we were thrown out of the McPherson Square Metro station by a uniformed city employee who heard our pitch, made a face like he'd accidentally eaten a raw chicken neck, and threatened to have us arrested for soliciting on public property.

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Some others: "Are you kidding?" "Don't make me throw up." "Not on your life." "Good luck!" "Please go away." And, "I should take money out of that can!"

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Linda Tripp

banker Mark Hayes and his friend Allison Gleason politely inquired why Linda deserved charity. We hadn't thought our pitch through that far. Fund-raising is hard.

"Thank you," we said. "For me," she said. "Er, do you speak English? We asked. "No, not splendidly. Her name is Barbara Conch. She is 35, a nursing assistant in Alexandria, Va., who arrived here not long ago from Cuba. Did she know who Linda Tripp was? No, not really. We consulted our conscience. The can felt very, very light. We kept her buck.

So we're back in the office, cold and wet. We had put the arm on 40 people. We mailed Linda her cash.

Also, all we got was \$1.01, and a lot of abuse. People treated as if we were the lowest form of life on Earth.

At last, we know what Linda must feel like.

Finally a small, intense woman listened to our pitch, nodding silently. Linda needs funds, we said, to defend herself against persecution by the mounted elite who have been threatened by her honesty and public-spiritedness. (We were getting better at this.) The woman reached into her purse, extracted a \$1 bill, and put it in the can.

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Deported cult members shun relatives

Millennial group suspected of plotting apocalyptic shootout
Nightly **Witcher News Service**

DENVER — Relatives of 14 members of a millennial cult kicked out of Israel wanted for hours at Denver International Airport on Saturday for a chance to see their estranged loved ones, only to be told which the group advised that their presence was not welcome.

As their families wept and griped at disappointment, members of the Denver-based Concerned Christian group left the Denver airport Saturday afternoon, and were whisked away under police escort on two buses with large signs reading "Special" in red-inked letters.

Families were told that the cultists would decide whom they wanted to see.

"Ken Miller has won," said a former Denver resident, referring to the cult leader who has told his followers that the way to salvation is to die in the city of Jerusalem on the eve of the year 2000.

A special Israeli task force set up to investigate the group in the year 2000 detained the group in Jerusalem last week, saying they feared the Concerned Christians would provide violence in their city.

Miller — a former Peace & Justice advocate with no formal religious training — began Concerned Christians in the early 1980s to combat the New Age movement — a mix among the eight religions and six children — he detained. His whereabouts and those of the other 10 members remain unknown.

But Dyck's son James, his mother-in-law, Melissa, and a 14-year-old grandson were among those who boarded an airplane in Tel Aviv, Israel, and landed for Denver after a brief layover in Toronto.

Dyck, 55, of Eagle, Colo., had been at the airport since Friday, MST Saturday for a flight that arrived at noon, and she thought those same hours had been in vain.

"They didn't care that we were there," she said. "Ken Miller is somewhere hunting."

The group of Concerned Christians were the first last year.



Left, Ken Smith watches as his son Terry and other members of the doomsday cult Concerned Christians stroll across the tarmac at Denver International Airport Saturday after being deported from Israel. The 14 members of the Denver-based cult arrived at the airport shortly after noon and were taken under police escort to an undisclosed location. Right, An unidentified member of Concerned Christians and her baby leaves a Jerusalem detention center on the way to the Tel Aviv airport Friday. The group was deported from the country after they were suspected of planning an apocalyptic shootout.

ple to leave the plane, and anxiety grew among their relatives after the other passengers departed and the women passed with no sign of the group. Finally, Denver city police spokesman John Dyck's message from the plane and notified the family members that the group had decided to accept a police escort to an undisclosed location.

"They will then escort the people they want to talk to," he said.

A witness named Steve described a bag of baby clothes for a grandchild she'd never seen. Another, wearing glasses, pressed her head against the window, overlooking the tarmac where the two buses — their windows darkened for privacy — sat.

Many had not seen their relatives for years. And in one had seen the group members since all the deportations were in December, after Miller told his flock that the city would be destroyed. They were said to be making their way to Israel, in preparation for the millennium.

In the ensuing months, some relatives heard from cult members who were in Mexico while others were said to be in Greece. The 14 who were detained in Israel last week were living in two large homes in a Jerusalem suburb.

Miller has sought thousands of dollars in donations from his followers, money that is believed to be supporting them in their self-imposed exile. Dyck said that, before his son left, he emptied his bank accounts and walked away from a job that had just offered him a \$3,000 bonus.

Bowlers roll 300 games, strike just minutes apart

BELMONT, N.Y. (AP) — Bowling perfection struck twice, just minutes apart, at an eight-lane alley where the similarities didn't end with flawless 300 scores.

The bowlers who rolled their perfect games Thursday in league play are both 41, and both made all strikes on their second games of the night.

Scott Osgood of Cuba, N.Y., bowled his 300 game less than five minutes before Kevin Ross of Belmont finished off his perfect frames.

They pummeled the pins at

Community Lanes in Belmont, about 50 miles southeast of Buffalo. The alley has seen just four perfect games in the last three years, so Thursday's show really bowled the town over.

"Scott finished his 300, and everybody stopped to congratulate him," said John Greene, alley manager. "Not even five minutes later, Kevin stepped up and finished his perfect game."

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8-year-old key murder trial witness, mother found dead

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy who was the state's key witness in a murder case was shot to death along with his mother.

Lenny Blawie Jr. and his mother, Karen Clarke, 38, were found in their home Friday by Clarke's neighbors, who were concerned because she didn't show up for work. Both had been shot at least once, police said.

The pair had apparently just come home from shopping when they were attacked, and bags of groceries were strewn on the floor, said police Lt. Matthew Cammarata Jr.

No arrests had been made.

Lenny, a student-grader, was the state's key witness against Russell Fowler, who is awaiting trial on a murder charge in the May 29 killing of Rudolph Sneed Jr., 28, who was shot eight times in the legs, left arm and back at a crowded barber shop.

said Lenny witnessed the shooting.

Police also said Sneed provided a bag of baby clothes for a grandchild she'd never seen. Another, wearing glasses, pressed her head against the window, overlooking the tarmac where the two buses — their windows darkened for privacy — sat.

Many had not seen their relatives for years. And in one had seen the group members since all the deportations were in December, after Miller told his flock that the city would be destroyed. They were said to be making their way to Israel, in preparation for the millennium.

"Fowler is under the highest level of security possible; he wears a security harness and his whereabouts are reported daily," Massaro said.

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Personal computers start to replace car stereos

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Without taking their hands off the wheel or their eyes off the road, motorists can now check their e-mail, look up and dial telephone numbers, tune the radio and find directions to the nearest gas station.

It's just a matter of talking to your car computer.

A big attraction Saturday among the 100,000 attendees at the Consumer Electronics Show was the Clarion AutoPC, the first personal computer designed for a car.

It combines software by Microsoft Corp. and hardware by Clarion Corp. of America. The \$1,299, voice-activated units were

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shipped to West Coast dealers last month and are expected to be available nationally this spring.

AutoPC recognizes 200 voice commands. Along with operating the cellular phone and controlling music, the little computer will read your e-mail to you, record information like radio clips or telephone conversations, and provide turn-by-turn directions to a specific address or the nearest gas station, restaurant, hotel or bank.

It is installed in the dash, taking the place

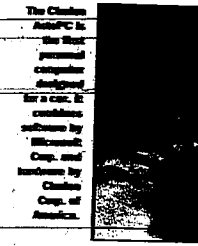
and functions of the radio.

"These AutoPCs are basically turning your radio into what could be a communication system," said Creative Strategies analyst Tim Bajarin of Campbell, Calif. "It's a very smart advance."

During a recent demonstration drive, the driver spoke in these short commands: "AutoPC, Radio, Preset, Two, Volume, Normal."

The computer turned on the radio, tuned it to the No. 2 station on its preset list, and set the volume.

"You can also program in new commands to do the same thing," they. Gimme some classics. Let's crank it."



Marley's son has close call

NEW YORK (AP) — Things got a little tense when Bob Marley's son went to rescue up the car for his wife, Grammy nominee Lauryn Hill.

Bob Marley apparently had taken a short break from his recording studio early Friday when an electrical malfunction caused a fire in the car.

The electrical malfunction prevented Marley, 26, from opening the door to get out. He was stuck in the car for about 15 minutes before firefighters broke a window and pulled Marley from the car.

At the scene, the singer, Hill came running out of the studio, police said. "She was hysterical. She thought he was still in the car," Hill said.

Marley was taken to a hospital for smoke inhalation and was later released.

Shania Twain fights through obstacles

NEW YORK — Shania Twain's life could be a country song — with a happy ending.

The Grammy-nominated singer was raised in a small town 500 miles from Toronto, Ont., in a family of four. She was a pianist and her sister, a singer.

When she was 21, Twain got her career on hold when her parents were killed in a car accident. She stopped singing and got a steady job as she could raise her sister and two younger brothers.

After her youngest brother graduated high school, she immediately got to work on a demo tape. "That self-titled CD was released in 1995."

Five years later, her third album, "Come On Over," was a smash hit. Last week, it was nominated for six Grammy awards.

"It's like going to war and coming back," Twain said. "Every day in a white, someone has to stop you on the back and say, 'Hey! The war is over!'"

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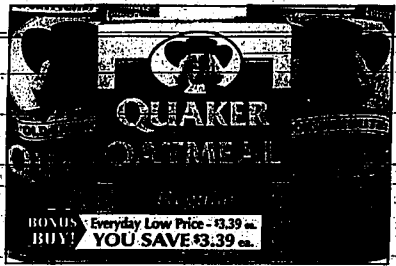
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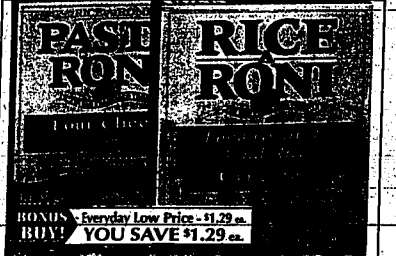
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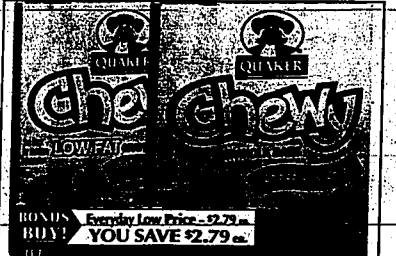
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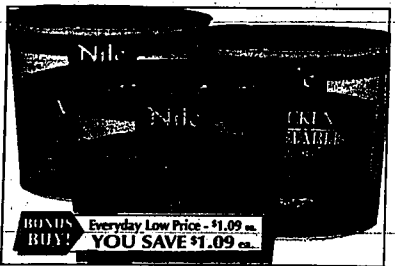
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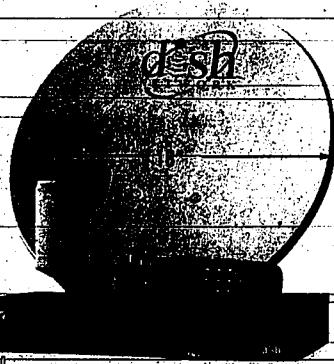


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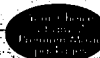
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Above, Ron Mohr of Baldwin, Iowa, feeds his hogs last November. Mohr, a hog farmer for 34 years, gave away 27 of his hogs rather than sell them at current low market prices. At right, Don Brady of Neponset, Ill., gave away 60 hogs in late December.



Hog farmers face financial ruin

The Associated Press

'Glut pushes prices to record lows

When Don Brady decided to call it quits as a hog farmer, he did not quit quietly. He had always enjoyed this life, he had always been a success. So when low prices squeezed him out, he went public.

"Free hogs," declared the small ad he placed in his local newspaper. "When the cost of a 10-pound ham is more than a farmer gets for his whole hog, it's time to give them away."

And so he did.

Late last month, folks lined up in cars and trucks in 20-degree cold-the-night-before-the-give-away, waiting to take him up on his one-animal-per-family offer. He handed out 60 hogs in one day at his farm in Neponset, in west-central Illinois.

"It was the last hurrah," says the 49-year-old Brady, who has tended hogs since he was a fresh-faced teen in a 4-H Club. "This was a way to do some good for needy families and to make a statement about what has happened to the farmer."

What has happened is nothing short of a disaster.

Hog prices have plunged to record lows, forcing some farmers to quit and pushing others deeper in debt, wondering if they will ever dig out. Some have lost \$2,000 a day, or two years' income in two months.

"It is catastrophic," says Chris Hurt, agricultural economist at Purdue University. "It's Depression era. It is really without comparison."

Hog farmers lost about \$2.6 billion in 1998, based on an average loss of \$27 per animal, says Ron Plain, a livestock specialist at the University of Missouri.

And though prices have rebounded slightly in recent weeks, no one expects a rapid reversal of fortune.

In fact, Plain predicts hog farmers could lose \$1.5 billion more by midsummer, when he expects they will break even.

The reason for the hog crisis is fairly simple: Too many animals, too few slaughtering operations.

Oddly enough, prosperity is partly to blame.

Hog farming was booming in 1996 and 1997, so producers began raising more animals. "When you make money, it's natural for people to want to reinvest, and that's what happened," Plain says.

Some also blame the growth of huge corporate hog farms that have come under increasing regulation-by-states because of air and water pollution problems.

"There was a mad rush to find sites before there were further environmental restrictions," Hurt says. Some states imposed moratoriums.

In 1998, hog production was up 10 percent over the last year, but packing plant capacity fell by 8 percent. Three big older slaughterhouses-closed in the last two years.

"Packers found it didn't matter how low they bid for hogs, there still were plenty of them lined up at the door each day," Plain says.

Hog prices fell from 55 cents a pound two years ago to as low as 8 cents a pound in late 1998, he says.

Farmers who spent \$100 to raise a hog sold their animals for \$20 each. And they had no choice.

Unlike grain that can be stored until prices rebound, hogs are perishable.

"You can't say, 'The market is terrible today,'" Plain says. "When they're grown up and ready to go, they've got to go."

At the same time, the cost of pork at the grocery store barely changed in the last year, prompting accusations of gouging.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has asked for a federal probe into possible price-fixing, even as farmers and some economists have raised questions about consumer costs. His own agency is conducting an internal probe.

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of the price spread between the farm, wholesale and retail level and packers' pricing practices.

But Plain argues that making pork cheaper in the supermarket would not have rescued farmers.

"One would expect that, if you cut the price, demand would increase for pork, and hog prices would go up," he says. "Normally, that's how it works — unless you have inadequate capacity somewhere down the line. And that's what we had."

"If you cut the price — packers couldn't kill any more hogs than they were killing," he adds.

But that's little solace for farmers, who have become increasingly frustrated. One Iowa producer planned a pig hunt on his land to call attention to the crisis, but canceled the event.

Concern also has spread to the nation's capital, where experts tes-

Lentil shipments to Russia could help Idaho growers

LEWISTON (AP) — Lentil growers chafing under the lowest prices in more than a decade may get a break if the United States signs an agreement giving Russia 16,000 metric tons of lentils.

The Food for Progress Program, which will not be final until documents are signed by both countries, is part of a larger plan donating 1.5 million metric tons of wheat to Russia, valued at about \$225 million.

"This is welcome news," said Mike Watson, pulse merchandising manager for Columbia Grain. "If it's spread out over several months you may not see an impact in the price. But if they try to get it shipped in a two- to three-month time frame we could see a price increase."

Lentil prices, like most farm commodities, have been de-

pressed for more than a year. Current prices are about 10.5 cents a pound.

Jerry Robinson, chairman of the USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council, said competition from Canada is one reason prices are low.

"Our neighbors to the north are producing considerable amounts of lentils. Canada has a regular green lentil that's extremely competitive. They've been able to produce as good if not better a product at a better price," Robinson said.

Markets in specialty lentils such as the pardina variety are growing in the United States, but slowly.

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Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Who's in charge?

The growth of large corporate factory hog farms across the country has raised concerns. Not all hog farms have caused problems, but manure spills in other states have fouled rivers, killed fish and polluted groundwater.

And a large facility proposed first in Owyhee County and later in eastern Idaho has raised questions of whether Idaho environmental laws are adequate to deal with potential problems.

State law makes no distinction between the sites of livestock operations, and large animal operations concentrate manure in quantities that present increased environmental risks, said Miles McMasters of the state Division of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls.

The Legislature is going to have to take on this issue, Twin Falls County Commissioner Dennis Maughan said.

So just who regulates livestock operations? State officials say it's a county zoning issue. County officials say their options are limited by a state law that prohibits any action that "deprives any owner of full and complete use of agricultural land for production of any agricultural product."

Counties: Zoning ordinances can limit location and site of livestock operations and can require management practices such as odor control and other conditions relating to public health and safety, water rights and property value.

But counties can't require additional environmental restrictions for operations above a certain size. They can't require liners under manure ponds or groundwater monitoring wells already required for large livestock operations in some states. Nor can they regulate land application of manure, except

to enforce best management practices.

For environmental safeguards, county officials rely on state and federal agencies, which already are responsible for environmental oversight. If they do their job, there's no problem, Twin Falls County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said.

Idaho Department of Water Resources: The department has authority to issue water rights, it regulates only the amount of a water right, not the type of use as long as it's recognized to be beneficial.

"It's quantity that we control," department spokesman Dick Larsen said.

Water rights are issued when the applicant can show that the water would be put to a beneficial use, that it would not harm other senior water rights and that the use would be in the public interest.

But that's where the issue gets muddy, Larsen said. People who oppose particular operation may protest the water right and claim it is not in the public interest because of a risk to water quality, which can affect other water rights.

The department can condition permits to meet state and federal regulations for the type of operation, Larsen said.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: The EPA administers discharge permits, has authority over any discharges from unpermitted facilities and can levy fines and force violators to take corrective action.

"We don't permit operations; we permit discharges," said Warren McFall of the EPA in Boise.

An unpermitted discharge is a violation of the Clean Water Act. EPA officials investigate and take action deemed appropriate, including fines of up to \$10,000 per day. And they can order cor-

Coalition provides framework for future

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — As the hog issue spreads across the country, questions have been raised in Idaho over how best to regulate new, large factory hog farms.

It's a national issue that has been addressed by a coalition of agency and industry representatives. The group's work could provide a framework that state or local officials could use to regulate the pork industry.

The group's set of guidelines, similar to state livestock operations guidelines used by states, have been specifically tailored to hog operations.

Developed by America's Clean Water Foundation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials and regulatory officials from six states and five pork producers, the "Comprehensive Environmental Framework for Pork Production Operations" covers all aspects of pork production.

The framework sets out requirements for public participation, requirements for siting facilities, design standards, restrictions on land application of waste, requirements for training, financial responsibility, record keeping and provides for civil and criminal enforcement.

It's the intent to have a state adopt the framework in its entirety, said Galloway-Rogers of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Various states have adopted parts of the framework to add to existing regulations.

Idaho, for instance, adopted a portion of the plan during the 1998 legislative session.

DEQ is responsible for overseeing waste management, including land application of manure, at livestock facilities other than dairies. But the state has no laws for land application of animal

wastes. Too much manure applied at the wrong time can contaminate ground and surface water. DEQ officials can encourage operators to use best management practices, but can take action only if waste runs off an operation into a stream.

The agency doesn't have the money or staffing to do much more than review waste management systems and plans, and to respond to complaints.

State Department of Agriculture: The department's Dairy Bureau regulates dairies and can suspend a dairy's permit to sell milk if it doesn't comply with waste management regulations. Regulations prohibit any discharge and include restrictions on land application of wastes.


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rective action and action to improve operations to reduce risk. Division of Environmental Quality: State law requires DEQ to approve waste management systems that must conform in style

and quality to separately approved engineering standards. The law specifically exempts livestock operations from a provision that requires registered professional engineers to certify some plans.

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Illinois county lowers home values around hog operation

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

CLINTON, Ill. — De Witt County, Ill., population 16,516, found itself in the national news this past February.

Two new hog farms — a 7,000-sow farm and a 5,000-sow farm — raised quite an outcry. The county's appointed three-man Board of Review, consisting of a farmer, a retired railroad man and a carpenter, met to do a smell test.

The farms stunk, and flunked. The board voted to reduce county assessments by 30 percent on the five homes within a 1/2 mile of one operation; it lowered assessed values by 10 percent on 22 other homes within a two-mile radius.

The move was novel and unprecedented, and this is a rural county, used to the odoriferous ways of agriculture. De Witt sits 13 miles from Illinois' geographical center; it's 75 percent cropland.

But a few things happened in the months that followed.

One of the old farmhouses, devalued to \$60,000, sold for \$160,000, said De Witt's Supervisor. Assessments Sandy Moody, the buyer was a local man who knew the situation, she said.

Another nearby sale is in the works, and land near the first sale is being leveled.

"A new house is going up right across the road," Moody said.

Moody, who raised pigs herself a few years back, has been monitoring the small since May 1998. If

the wind and weather are just right, she said, the odor wafts, but she has yet to experience what she calls a "life-changing" scent. In retrospect, she thinks the board's decision was "more sympathetic than realistic."

Moody said the county should have done what she's doing before changing the assessments. The board evidently caught the farm on a bad day; convection in the breeze; "dragons" can shuttle the clouds during a typical Midwest winter week with temperatures ranging up and down the thermometer.

To make a fair assessment, she said, the county needs to look at overall impact.

Almost a year later, Moody says the "situation" just served to bring unwarranted bad publicity. She predicts the Board of Review will reverse its decision in next spring's round of assessments.

"It looks like we're going to make the headlines again," she said.

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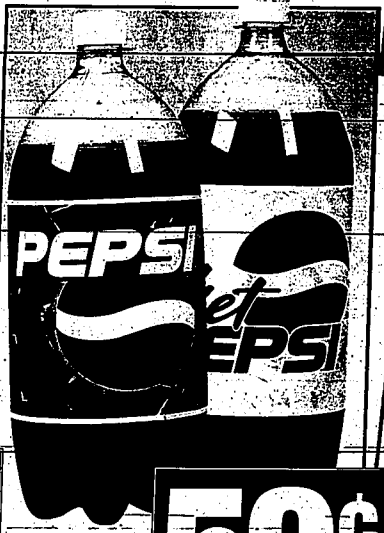
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Survivors say Congolese rebels slaughtered hundreds in village

MALIBOLA, Congo — Terrified Congolese residents, some hiding from patrolling soldiers, said Saturday that hundreds of civilians died when rebels started shooting and burning dozens of huts in an eastern fishing village on New Year's Eve.

Details were sketchy, but interviews with dozens of survivors, blood stains outside burnt-out huts and freshly dug graves at Malibola painted a picture of a massacre of civilians at the hands of Congolese rebels fighting to oust President Laurent Kabila.

The killings appeared to be part of an attack by combatants allied with Kabila's forces, who briefly captured Malibola from rebels Dec. 30.

An Italian missionary news service reported Wednesday that it had eyewitness accounts indicating at least 500 people were killed.

Reporters who visited the Lake Tanganyika village were unable to determine the number of people killed.

A rebel commander in Malibola said Saturday that 10 civilians were killed in the fighting there this week, but denied the massacre of hundreds.

Masine gets Purple Heart for heroism in bombing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sgt. Daniel Masine charged into the smoke-filled rubble of the bombed U.S. Embassy in Nairobi last summer and, despite three broken ribs, remained again and again to pull others to safety.

For his bravery, the 28-year-old Masine from Lorain, Ohio, on Saturday was awarded the Purple Heart and the Marine Corps' highest peacetime medal for heroism.

"Others did the same thing and just weren't recognized," said Masine, who later left his hospital bed and rejoined rescue efforts because he believed it was his duty.

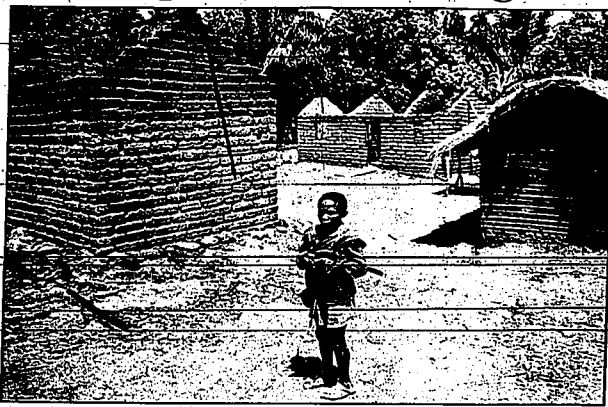
"I don't think it's anything different than any other Marine would do," he said.

The nearly simultaneous Aug. 7 bombings at the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, killed 224 people, including 72 Americans.

The U.S. government has accused called Saudi millionaire Osama Bin Laden of orchestrating the attacks.

Iraq's parliament urges defiance of no-fly zones

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi legislators urged the government Saturday to resist the recognition of neighboring Kuwait and backed the hardline's defiance of no-fly zones imposed by West-



A Congolese boy walks in front of burned-out homes in Malibola, southeastern Democratic Republic of Congo Saturday. He is one of the few remaining in his village several days after heavy local residents say Congolese rebels killed at least one hundred civilians when they opened fire in the village and burned houses.

ern powers.

A draft resolution by the 250-member National Assembly also rubber-stamped President Saddam Hussein's tough stance toward U.N. weapons inspections.

The legislators were expected to endorse the draft Sunday and send it to the Revolutionary Command Council for ratification.

It will become law when Saddam endorses it.

"What is the use of cooperating with the Security Council at a time it has done nothing to ease the sanctions? It is essential that we stop dealing with its resolutions," said legislator Usama Mahmud.

He added that Iraq's border with Kuwait is illegal. "Why do we recognize the border? Why do we recognize Kuwait itself?"

Iraq's parliament formally endorsed the 105-mile Kuwait-Iraq border in 1993, dropping a territorial claim on the emirate.

Lawmakers said that Parliament had agreed to recognize Kuwait within newly demarcated borders in the hope that U.N. sanctions would be lifted.

NATO troops kill Bosnian Serb war-crimes suspect

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — NATO troops on Saturday shot to death a suspected Bosnian Serb war criminal accused of raping and torturing Muslim women.

The suspect, Dragan Gogovic, resisted arrest and drove his car directly at French soldiers in the NATO-led Bosnian peace force in

the eastern town of Foca, NATO spokeswoman Maj. Sheena Thomson said.

"The troops defended themselves by opening fire," Thomson said.

After the shooting, two U.N. police vehicles were demolished in Foca, residents said on condition of anonymity.

"The U.S.-led NATO force in Bosnia says it will arrest any suspected war criminal it happens upon as part of its regular peace-keeping duties."

More than 50 people have been indicted by the tribunal, and more than two dozen suspects have given themselves up or been apprehended by NATO troops, including one other Serb killed while resisting arrest.

Report: 5 of 10 largest Russian banks are broke

MOSCOW — Five of Russia's 10 largest banks are effectively insolvent, the Interfax news agency reported Saturday.

The agency said the five banks were hit hard by the country's economic crisis and are no longer able to meet their debts to customers and creditors.

Before the crisis hit in August, Russian banks were known for risking their money in highly speculative investments, including government treasury bills that yielded extremely high rates of interest.

The devaluation of the ruble and the effective default on treasury bills left many banks deeply in debt.

Incumbent likely victor in Kazakhstan election

ALMATY, Kazakhstan — Opponents have accused Kazakhstan's incumbent president of everything from selling off the country's massive oil reserves to failing to bring lasting prosperity to the country.

The allegations haven't swayed most voters, and President Nursultan Nazarbayev is expected to handily win reelection today to a seven-year term.

The president's supporters see in him an internationally respected politician who just needs more time to bring about economic and democratic change.

For years, Nazarbayev has promised to bring an economic boom and democratic freedom to Kazakhstan. But the country faces severe economic problems this year, and Nazarbayev still keeps tight control over the courts and

media. Freedom of speech and assembly are not always guaranteed.

Death toll put at 38 in Georgian bus plunge

KAZBEGI, Georgia — Emergency workers rapped into a ravine on Saturday to recover the bodies of 38 people killed when their bus veered off a road and plunged into a river in the mountains of northeastern Georgia.

The bus tumbled more than 820 feet Friday night when it went off a winding road near the village of Kaabegi.

It had been transporting workers from a factory in the town of Kobi, Georgia, to their homes in Vladikavkaz, the capital of North Ossetia, a region of neighboring Russia.

There were no survivors.

Artillery fire pounds Sierra Leone's capital

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Artillery fire pounded Sierra Leone's capital through the night and heavy fighting was reported Saturday around one of the city's main military bases while rebels battled government soldiers and their allies for the city.

It remained unclear how much of the city the rebel Revolutionary United Front controls, but residents said that one of the city's main military bases, the Wilberforce Barracks, was under attack Saturday.

A cease-fire was announced Thursday by President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah, who said he had reached the accord with the imprisoned rebel leader, Foday Sankoh.

Sankoh, in prison in an undisclosed location, was convicted by a Sierra Leone court of high treason and sentenced to death.

Tidal waves batter Philippines; at least 6 die

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines — Tidal waves smashed into coastal villages in the southern Philippines, killing at least six people, officials said Saturday. Twelve people are missing.

Waves as high as 20 feet battered several towns on the remote island town of Sitangkai in Tawi-Tawi province during a storm late Wednesday, the local government said.

Most of the missing were fishermen, the officials said.

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EDITORIAL

Sawtooth Forest spends money as work piles up

Last week's stories about the Sawtooth National Forest were troubling. The tenor of the stories was that Sawtooth employees have more work than they can handle. Money is tight, and departed workers haven't been replaced. A morass of laws, regulations and policies has left remaining employees bogged down in paperwork, not fieldwork.

It's easy to conclude that the Sawtooth Forest is broke and broken. Critics on all sides, and even a few employees, agree there are real problems to confront.

Most working people envy both those paychecks and the lack of accountability that accompanies them.

Clearly, the Sawtooth Forest has become a top-heavy bureaucracy in which work costs more than its value to complete.

Fortunately, Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere (\$77,996 annually) has announced a new staffing strategy. LeVere has pledged to let some permanent positions go dark and to devote the savings to hiring more temporary, seasonal workers who do much of the field work.

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The most obvious is a budget that keeps tightening as costs keep rising. Most of those costs are salaries, which cannot be justified in light of current performance.

Employment on the Sawtooth has been declining since 1993, but the Sawtooth Forest still has 20 percent more full-time employees than it did a decade ago. The annual payroll for its 118 permanent full-time and part-time employees is \$4.34 million.

On average, that's more than \$36,700 per year for every permanent employee - including part-timers!

One of the first calls we got after publishing those stories was from someone asking, "How do I get one of those jobs?"

- Here are some to ponder:
- Management specialist - \$62,337.
 - Public affairs specialist - \$60,135.
 - Wildlife biologist - \$58,592.
 - Fisheries biologist - \$55,508.
 - Rangeland management specialist - \$46,310.
 - Forestry technician - \$45,024.
- Those salaries are paid regardless of how well the forest runs. We suspect

The Sawtooth Forest isn't alone in creating a middle of overpaid mediocrity. Its problems appear to be symptomatic of troubles extending throughout the "Forest Service."

And Forest Service officials aren't solely to blame. By saddling the Forest Service with a welter of laws, Congress helped steer the agency into this dysfunction junction.

We suspect a soon-to-be-released General Accounting Office report will corroborate this conclusion.

It's time - past time, really - for the agency to re-define its key management objectives at the national level as well as locally. Low-priority goals should be shaved until employees can dig out from beneath the mounting pile of uncompleted work.

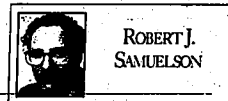
Congress, having helped create the problem, now should help to create a sound new management direction.

Sharpening the focus is what savvy business managers do when their organizations are overextended. The Sawtooth Forest - along with the rest of the Forest Service - needs to do likewise.



Washington crowd lives in own little world

Thirty years ago, I came to Washington as a reporter of 23. Since then, I have never witnessed such a huge disconnect as now between the nation's capital and the rest of the country. The capital is transfixed by Clinton's immense, feverish, rest-of-the-country hardly seems to care.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

It's arguable that this distance is an isolated event, reflecting the peculiarity of the Clinton presidency and the carefree attitudes of a booming economy. This is a delusion. These conditions may have enlarged the disconnect, but the growing separation of Washington from the rest of the country is no fluke.

By Washington, I do not mean the place. Believe it or not, most people here lead lives like most other Americans - they endure congestion, worry about schools and think only intermittently about politics and government.

What I mean by Washington is the political community - the "circle the Beltway crowd" or "governing class."

The widening gap between this Washington and the rest of the country is not altogether bad. America thrives in part because it's decentral. Much of its national power remains dispersed among the national, state and local levels. The economy permits companies to expand, conduct a great natural heritage has been preserved for ourselves and for future generations.

Thomas Paine said that, "The true price of freedom is constant vigilance"; some other wise one said that "evil flourishes when good men (and women) do nothing."

By Clinton, Auger Falls, the Special Inspector General and the New Production Reactor are among the bad projects stopped when the people stood up. We shouldn't have to fight so hard and so often. If we had good public policy, if we had some long-term moral criteria on which we made decisions and if we looked to people of honor and integrity for leadership, we'd be able to get great things done that would not only improve our lives but those of future generations.

There are lots of issues out there that need to be dealt with. One of the most immediate is getting good policy on the books to deal with the environmental and social problems associated with the ever-expanding factory livestock production operations. There are some good, solid proposals on the table, put forth by those among us who aren't afraid to stand up and take responsibility for the kind of world we all live in.

Please do your part. Call or write your legislator and the newly installed governor and tell them you want something done now, before any more people's lives are made miserable by these "livestock concentration camps."

BILL CHISHOLM

Destroying guns wastes money

Over the past two years, the Twin Falls Police Department has been col-

larger than in 1970; births to teen mothers have dropped 12 percent since 1991; smog is down a third since 1970. Some guns - say, environmental improvement - stem from Washington; most do not.

Still, there's something disturbing about Washington's growing disconnect. In a representative democracy, people shouldn't feel less represented.

When I arrived in Washington in 1969, it was widely believed that government could solve most social problems. This faith - plus confidence that the economy could produce boundless new wealth - inspired immense governmental activity.

Washington connected with the rest of the country by showing new benefits on many constituencies. Although Democrats led this crusade, most Republicans (including, prominently, Nixon) joined.

The elderly benefited from Medicare and higher Social Security; the poor received Medicaid; and food stamps, schools and universities got more aid; Congress passed environmental and worker-safety laws.

We know now that this crusade fundered on its own head assumptions. All social problems could not be solved; the economy couldn't produce boundless wealth; budget deficits emerged because politicians wouldn't choose between

higher taxes and lower spending; regulations involved costs as well as benefits. The political impact of this failure was profound.

I am simplifying only slightly when I say that the result is two parties that - at least in rhetoric - are not so much liberal and conservative as reactionary and radical.

Democrats are reactionary because they seem to promise a return to the dreamy 1960s with expanding social programs and constituent benefits. On the other hand, Republicans seem radical because, blaming government for almost any problem, they seem too ready to dismantle it. This frightens most Americans, who (despite misgivings) like their government benefits, from college loans to Social Security.

Neither party commands the critical center, both offend it.

It is in this broader sense that Washington has become disconnected. Except in token ways, Democrats can't create new programs and Republicans can't cut taxes. Barred from genuine action, politicians become more strident in their debates and more vicious in their personal attacks. They concern mostly with their "core constituencies" and sympathetic ideologies, deepening their isolation and illusions.

In Washington, Clinton's impeachment seems extraordinary; elsewhere, it's seen as the same old stuff, albeit at a higher level. This is a sad commentary on three decades of local change. Washington, though no less interesting, has lost touch.

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City can run convention center as well as golf courses and pools

Forgive me my amazement, but what was The Times-News editorial board thinking when it penned Wednesday's editorial? I read, with much wonderment, a series of unanswerable questions. You've made many assumptions. Few sit on solid ground.

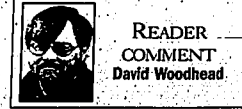
Why is it clear, for example, that a convention center should be driven by the private sector? Swimming pools and golf courses are often municipal. They are. Why can't a convention center be something the city provides? Considering the potential economic benefits a center is supposed to produce, it's probably more cost effective than a pool or a golf course.

And why shouldn't we utilize the tax-increment financing available through urban renewal? Isn't this form of financing preferable to a bond? It saves you "buried" taxpayers from footing the bill. Why not use some of that to get from, say, a plank down a convention center in a part of town that already boasts the greatest congestion in the entire Magic Valley?

Why not use the same money, but not all of the motel's are located. But who cares? Means exist to get conventioners to the convention. They're still here to do some thing to get from, say, the Shilo Inn to wherever the center is placed. No one's going to walk there.

A convention center, if built and centered to be near the College of Southern Idaho? No convention I've ever been to had any connection whatsoever to a nearby college.

Then there's your point about restaurants on the north end. Do you mean "fast-food" restaurants? The best and most unique restaurants are either in Historic Downtown (Uptown Bistro, Aroma, Mama Ince, Prasad) or Old Towne (Creskide, Muggor's, Vin's, Gerrie's, La Casita, Dupri Grill) or scattered randomly (Rock Creek, Jaker's, The Cove, Sandpiper, The Royal). How could you possibly argue that locating a convention center on the north side makes good sense because it would be near "restaurants"? A convention center, if built anywhere, belongs in Old Towne. Why? For one thing, there's vacant ground available in Old Towne that can be had for a reasonable price that isn't currently garnering satisfactory tax revenue. Furthermore, land in Old Towne quali-



READER COMMENT David Woodhead

ties for tax-increment financing. If not the entire project, at least a portion of it could be financed without taxing taxpayers.

Once a convention center is established in Old Towne, other profit centers will follow. And more land and/or buildings currently undervalued for property tax purposes will contribute more to the city coffers.

The traffic in Historic Downtown and Old Towne is not currently out of control. I have seen traffic on Blue Lakes, Pole Line and Washington North backed up to Target or Shopko? They have those back-let those streets get? Conventioneers will end up contributing to the problem.

Once people get to a convention center in Old Towne, they can walk to nearby attractions. Not just restaurants but specialty shops and home-grown enterprises. Why would they want to go to the mall or Target or Shopko? They have those back home. What they don't have at home is The Leatherman, Treasures From the Past, Sax on Secoy's Tribes, Wicker's, Duncans, Old Towne Gallery, Reno's, Metropolis, Snow's Antiques, Mystic Pathways, Christine's, Roper's, Country Gift, Garden, Peacock, Allego and Tiffany Square. All within walking distance of one another. And don't forget the Old Towne market Jack Wright is spearheading.

In Old Towne, they can walk to the whole issue of building a convention center may just be an idle dream. We've been down this road before. But any discussion about where to put it needs to include the Historic Downtown and Old Towne venues. These places give Twin Falls its unique flavor. Why not acquaint those who come here for a short stay with a side of the city that is not corrupt, cluttered and confused. Maybe they'll come back for a second look.

David Woodhead is the president of the Old Towne Improvement District.

Vocal minority works wonders

As one of those damn environmentalists that fought river rapier Earl Hardy to a standstill over Box Canyon, I am most happy that Phil Bart, Laird Noh, Clive Strong and the Natural Conservancy closed the book on that fight. That opportunity would not have been possible if a small number of good people had stood by and done nothing. As it is, our natural heritage has been preserved for ourselves and for future generations.

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LETTERS



lecting seized and abandoned firearms. Recently, the Twin Falls Police decided to do a little house cleaning. In doing so, the city thought it best to have the firearms destroyed. In the past, seized firearms were auctioned to gun dealers who then legally sold these firearms to citizens.

The Times-News reports that this new policy is part of the city's crime prevention and reduction program. Evidently, the concern is that auctioned firearms will end up in the hands of criminals. But is this policy necessary? According to Police Capt. Bob Hodges, firearms sold by the city to a gun dealer have either turned up in another crime.

So what factors have motivated the city to destroy these firearms? I suggest this new policy for seized and abandoned firearms is just one more step in the "Left Wing Fraud Factory's" process of socializing the United States. The destruction of these firearms is the symptom of a philosophical disease called liberalism.

Liberalism is a philosophy which advances many devious ideas. Among these ideas is the belief that certain enlightened and empowered elitists have a sacred duty to protect us, (meaning you and me), from ourselves. This is accomplished by creating "big government," then using the government to promote socialistic programs and to meddle in local affairs.

The decision to destroy these firearms was made locally by well-meaning administrators, but you can bet you left wing, er arm, that it was influenced by idiots coming from liberal "thinkers" with designs on controlling and eventually eliminating the private ownership of firearms.

Liberalism is a disease eating at the political, religious and economic foundation of this country. Learn to recognize it. Learn to stand against it. Freedom is maintained by educated, morally accountable and involved citizens. JEFF PIERSON Jerome

OPINION

Master strategist turns setbacks into gains

Saddam Hussein's foreign policy gambits are usually driven by a combination of fear and opportunity.

In 1980, he invaded Iran because he feared that Ayatollah Khomeini's brand of Islamic fundamentalism would sweep him from power, and because he saw in the chaos of the Iranian Revolution a chance to make himself the hegemon of the Persian Gulf. In 1990, he invaded Kuwait because he feared that Iraq's economic straits would cripple him, and because Iran's defeat during the Iran-Iraq War created an opportunity for him to seize a coveted prize.

KENNETH M. POLLACK

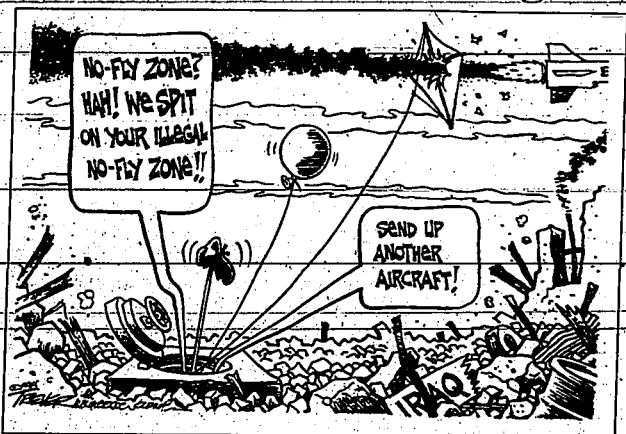
Iraq's offensive following the U.S. and British air strikes in December follows his pattern. Saddam fears that Operation Desert Fox may have created dissension in the ranks of his loyalists. Saddam's first concern is always his control of Iraq. It is his scrupulous attention to his internal position

that allows him to survive 30 years in power and countless coup attempts.

The key to this survival is his ability to maintain the loyalty of those around him. Saddam's loyalists do not enjoy seeing Iraq battered by the U.S. military without being able to mount any resistance. For this reason, Saddam has backed down quickly on every prior occasion, since the Gulf War that the United States either used force or credibly threatened to do so.

This time, Iraq did not back down because the United States would not let it.

During Operation Desert Fox, the Iraqis suffered the worst punishment they have taken since the Gulf War. Worse still, this time the United States targeted those things most precious to Saddam's power base: Iraq's



weapons of mass destruction, its air force and the regime's protection forces. Thus, Desert Fox went after Saddam's supporters themselves.

Meanwhile, Iraq was unable to muster any real resistance, and American and British military forces bombed with impunity. All the Iraqis could do was sit and take it.

Now, Saddam is scrambling to demonstrate to his supporters that the four days of airstrikes that he endured were somehow worth it. Even before the bombing stopped, he announced that Iraq would cease all cooperation with the U.N. arms inspectors. Since then, he has twice challenged the no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq by firing at U.S. and British planes on patrol.

Saddam is betting that if he can unilaterally abrogate the U.N. inspection regime, force the

coalition to end the no-fly zones and assert his control over the U.N.'s distribution system, he will be able to show the kind of tangible gains that will convince his supporters that it was worth four days of harrowing airstrikes.

The no-fly zones are a particularly vulnerable target. They were established after the Gulf War to prevent Saddam from repressing Iraq Kurds and Shiites as demanded by the U.N. However, there is no resolution specifically authorizing the no-fly zones themselves, and so Iraq has been able to claim that they are illegal.

So, too, many Arabs see the no-fly zones as part of a U.S.-led conspiracy against Iraq.

Saddam likely believes that an attrition strategy toward the no-fly zones will eventually put enough pressure on the United States and Britain to end them.

Moreover, every time U.S. and British aircraft attack an Iraqi air defense site it further riddles those countries who regard the zones as symbols of overbearing American aggression. Saddam may try to take periodic shots at U.S. and British aircraft to keep these pots simmering.

If, in the end, all the United States can boast from four days of airstrikes is that we set back Iraq's missile program by one year, while Iraq can crow that it ended the inspection regime, undermined the no-fly zones and secured its control over the U.N. monitoring structure program, America and Britain won't be the only ones claiming victory from Operation Desert Fox.

Kenneth M. Pollack is a senior fellow at the National Defense University. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

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LETTER

Treat everyone the same
 I wrote another few months ago about the school's policy on the Renaissance sticker. It has just come to my attention that the alternative high school, which is considered a part of Minico High School, does not have to purchase an activity card to get their Renaissance. I want to know why it is that they let them get a Renaissance and not us. I think that if they're going to make us buy our renewal, they should make the students from the alternative high school pay for them just like us.
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Disasters? We're all stocked up

"Sometime between 10 and 15 million years ago, the ground under what is now the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory blew up like a beer can in a microwave."

This resulted in a real big disaster, the results of which - Arco - can be seen today.

Now a former executive with Lockheed Martin, which runs the INEEL for the gummint, and some other busybodies want to open up a disaster-simulation facility at the site.

All manner of calamities - floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, the Idaho State University athletic program - would be simulated there to tell scientists how best to avoid them next time.

It's a bad idea, which anybody who gets out of the car along Highway 20 can see as plain as the nose on the nose on the wart on the nose on his face.

There are no actual trees in Butte County. The only difference between winter and summer is that the Burger Barn in Mackay closes.

30 minutes later, and the former town of Atomic City looks more like the consequences of nuclear energy than a source.

In short, the INEEL is a moon-ship, and I think it's a mistake to invite the world in to make it worse.

Look, you don't see Rock Springs, Wyo. and Butte, Mont. - the first and second ugliest spots on the planet, respectively - vying to attract smelters, radioactive incinerators and feedlots, do you? Why gild the lily?

We Idahoans have come to accept Butte County as an ugly cousin we love and don't see much of. It's better that way.

The INEEL is just someplace "out by Idaho Falls." We all know it looks like your oldest son's room. Why dwell on it?

Now they're gonna bring in a bunch of pencil-necked engineers who'll proclaim this to be ground zero and attract more unwanted attention to Idaho than Evel Knievel in an overpuffed jumpsuit.

Keep your natural disasters and leave us to our honey-dew deer and our primer-clad '62 GMC pickups with duct-taped wing windows and two hood dogs in the back.

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You see two falls out of three with reality.

You haven't vacuumed the living room since the Hoover administration.

Putting a bite into juvenile justice

Proposal calls for chance of prison sentence

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

BOISE - Parents have used the threat for a long time: "If you don't straighten out, you'll end up in prison."

Now the state Department of Juvenile Corrections hopes to give the warning some teeth.

One of the 76 bills awaiting the Legislature this year is a proposal to adopt "blended sentencing," an increasingly popular solution for juvenile crime around the country.

The tactic blends two

Getting tougher

The Department of Juvenile Corrections bills made the cut for early filing in the 2000 Legislature. Here's a rundown of the proposals: **Currently active:** House Bill 28 would require the parents or guardians of a juvenile in state custody liable for the costs of the child's care to contribute to the state's cost of care. **Blended sentencing:** House Bill 36 would let the state impose a juvenile and an adult sentence on certain

approaches: the juvenile court system directive to rehabilitate and retrain the offender, and a growing national call for prosecution against crimes.

The bill would let a juvenile

offenders. The adult sentence would be waived if the offender successfully completes the terms of the juvenile sentence. Bill writers believe this could have an indirect benefit to state coffers by making effective and efficient use of resources in both the juvenile and adult corrections departments. (House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Maryland, made no mention of the department's behalf - one to expand treatment options, and one to make it easier to transfer repeat juvenile offenders into adult court. Both have been set aside for lack of support.)

judge impose both a juvenile sentence and an adult sentence. The adult sentence would be waived if the offender completes the terms of the juvenile program.

"The concept is a good concept," said 5th District Magistrate Judge John Varin, the main juvenile judge for much of the Magic Valley.

The transition between juvenile court and adult court needs to be streamlined, Varin said. But this proposal is just beginning to be discussed among Varin and the others involved with the system around the state.

"There are constitutional issues we have to carefully evaluate," Varin said.

Even so, Juvenile Corrections Director Brent Reinke wants to push for blended sentencing, and he looks to the legislative committee process to answer some of the questions the new bill already has raised.

The juvenile system doesn't Please see JUVENILE, Page B3

Reading to make a difference

VISTA volunteers help change lives

By Rachel Denton Times-News correspondent

DIETRICH - When Barbara Harshfield applied for a position at Dietrich Elementary School, she wasn't thinking about the money she wouldn't make - just about the chance to change a child's life.

Her career with Volunteers in Service to America began her battle to improve reading proficiency in students below third grade.

Harshfield, like the other three VISTA volunteers in the district school, received a \$683 check from the federal government monthly to help with living expenses. The money is available through an appropriation by Congress. But the reason Harshfield volunteers for the Dietrich area is simple: "It's a very minimum wage," she said. "The wages are not something you can live off too easily."

Harshfield volunteers for the other rewards.

"Dietrich is a very low-income community," she said. "We have a lot of kids here below reading level. It's so rewarding to see them suddenly catch on to something, knowing you are making a difference."

Harshfield spends much of her time recruiting and interviewing potential volunteers - VISTA's Janis Humphreys at Hollister Elementary School and Tracie Schreiber at Dietrich Elementary School are working on similar reading projects. Chris Pool is Gooding Elementary School's VISTA.

This is the first year for Harshfield, Humphreys and Schreiber, and they're still looking for townsfolk to read with the children.

"I try and get volunteers to come in and read with the kids," said Humphreys. "I read with the kids and try to get their reading level up to the grade level. Sometimes that's not possible, but by the third grade they'll have caught up."

Helping children was the strong incentive for Humphreys to apply for the VISTA position, she said. "My kids go to Hollister and I have a degree in education," she said. "Reading is something that is important to me; I feel that if the kids aren't reading they can't make it in anything else."

There's no greater reward than seeing the kids reading. You're doing something, you're just putting in time," Humphreys said.

"I can't say I'm doing good, but I'm doing something," Schreiber said. "Through reading tests we can document and see progress is being made."

Dietrich Principal Ed Simons can see changes in the students. "Anyone who has a student that can sit down in the classroom and get one-on-one assistance, I've never not seen them improve," Simons said. "It builds a warm atmosphere for the students."

Harshfield encourages everyone who wants to volunteer in the schools. "I want to get more volunteers in here," she said. "I would like to see all of the students reading at third-grade level, the third grade. If we can accomplish that I think we'll be doing great."

"Some of these kids don't have the attention that we need. With one-on-one reading help, there's nothing but positive feedback for both sides. They're both nourishing each other."

YES, WE HAVE STAMPS



Mark Heinz sorts a bank of stamps in a meeting at the Times-News office. Sales of one-cent and the new 3-cent stamps were brisk.

Getting their licks in

Postal customers make run on new 1-cent stamps

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - People were lining up for their penny's worth late Saturday morning at Twin Falls' Pioneer Station post office.

Window clerk Patricia Glenn was selling sheets of one-cent stamps like they were going out of style. In a way, they are.

A one-cent hike in the price of first-class stamps kicks in today as part of the first postal rate change in four years.

"I started out today with 2,000 one-cent stamps. I'm going to be curious to see how many I'll end up with," Glenn said during a few seconds of free time between customers.

Like many at the post office Saturday, Dana Waters of Twin Falls was buying penny stamps

New postal rates

- Includes:
 - 33 cents for first-class mail to see outside
 - 22 cents for each additional ounce
 - Postmarks, 20 cents each
 - Priority mail two-pound flat rate, \$3.20

to round off his now-defunct 32-cent stamps.

To mail a pile of late Christmas cards, Waters paid only 40 cents extra. But preparing the cards for mailing would involve extra work, she said.

"I'll have to do a lot of extra licking," she said.

Barbara Morales of Jerome was in a hurry to beat the higher rates.

"I was mailing a priority package to my daughter in college before the rates went up," she said as she left the post office.

Pioneer Station Lobby Director Ed Garcia said his staff barely had time to cool down

from the holiday rush before the run on stamps began.

"It started last Monday," he said. "People just went crazy when they found out about the rate change."

As noon drew close, the line at Glenn's window finally started to shrink.

One customer joked with her about being in a rush to get a book of the new first-class stamps.

"So is half the general public," Glenn replied with a smile.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached at 324-6962.

received money from the city for improvements, he said.

The docks will arrive in the city in about two to three weeks, Peterson said.

With the increase of dock space, there shouldn't be an increase in boat population, he said.

Peterson said he will apply for two more grants totaling \$50,000 in 1999 to be received in the year 2000. This money would be used to purchase additional dock space for North Freedom Park and to dock space at Lex Kunau Park in North Burley.

Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Burley at 677-0442.

Burley to launch new boat docks with aid of state grants

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

BURLEY - The city of Burley received two grants totaling \$51,395 from the Idaho State Parks and Recreation Board last week to build docks on the Snake River.

The funds will be used to purchase 320 feet of polyethylene boat dock and 13 personal-watercraft docks for Community Park and North Freedom Park, said Dennis Peterson, Burley's Parks and Recreation Department director.

A total of \$68,530 was needed to purchase the docks. The city and Cassia County gave a combined

\$125,000 to help pay for the docks, Peterson said.

"The new docks will make the park a lot nicer," he said. "We need to replace the docks and maintain them as best we can."

In January 1998, Peterson applied for the two state grants, which are given under conditions that the city or county funds would supply the rest of the money needed for the boat docks, he said.

Each year, the city allocates money for the replacement or maintenance of the city boat docks. Money from county boater registration fees was also contributed.

"The docks are really used," Mayor Doug Manning said. "They

always need to be maintained."

The dock space and personal-watercraft docks will be divided between Community Park and North Freedom Park.

This is the first time Burley's Parks and Recreation Department has received back-to-back state grants, Peterson said.

Each year, the state allocates 84 percent of its total tax revenue for grant money to parks and recreation agencies. Last year, the state Parks and Recreation Board awarded \$1.2 million in grants to local agencies, Peterson said.

Even if the grant was not approved by the state, the Burley Parks and Recreation Department would still have

Steve Crump is The Times-News features editor. So, for that matter, is Steve Crump.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

'Riot grrrl' presses for gender equity in latest of Idaho feminist movements

MOSCOW (AP) — There is nothing small and diminutive about Luci DeRocher. She wears slacks that shout menswear, she knows offhand. She prides herself on being contrary and her plan is to change the world...

"Riot grrrls are putting the growl back into girlhood."

Luci DeRocher, University of Idaho junior

And it is as complex as a society that does not accept homosexuality, as men who sexually abuse children, as teachers who do not get gender equity.

The punk scene before that was all male. DeRocher says, who in high school found herself disenfranchised, mad and into punk rock.

"I got my first Bikini Kill t-shirt," she says. "I was like, 'Wow, I can't believe she is saying all these things about rape and anger.'"

For DeRocher, the riot grrrl movement gives voice to her own experience with rape. "I'm angry. Of course I'm angry," she says. "I'm angry at the world's expectation that it's our fault."

The babydoll dresses worn by riot grrrls have a more personal meaning.

"It's lost innocence. It's a way of saying I'm still a little girl and I'm going to grow up at the rate I need to," she says.

Another dark moment forever changed DeRocher's life. In high school, a boy approached her, derogatorily referred to her as a lesbian and told her she needed to be raped.

"People use words to hurt me so I'm going to take the words back," she says, wearing a shirt that declares the same epitaph in big blue letters.

She is also willing to argue her point in an English class, she stood up when a man protested having to read a book with a gay theme.

"I asked, 'Why do I have to read stories about straight people all semester? This book is the one thing in this class I identify with.'"

"Riot grrrls are individuals. Everyone has their own ideas and reasons," she says. "I would be a feminist if those things didn't happen to me, but I probably wouldn't be a riot grrrl. I'm different because of it."

VALLEY IN BRIEF

Ketchum planning zoning group to meet

KETCHUM — The Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

A public hearing regarding the application of Drexler Creek Park. Two-foot easements of 5 feet 2 inches to the 15-foot setback at 760 Walnut Ave. is first on the agenda.

Commissioners will consider applications to subdivide a lot in the Creekside Subdivision at 400 Rivers St., to subdivide The Crossing Subdivision into four townhouse units and to subdivide two lots and the common area of the Belmont-Phase Condominiums into two townhouse units.

The preapplication design review session includes addition of six new residential units adjacent to First Creek at the Bridgepoint Condominiums at 410 and 420 Second Ave., and review of the approximately 32,000-sq-ft recreational building and open-air swimming pool for the Thunder Spring center at 124 Saddle Road.

Design review discussion will include the Galleria Office Building at 680 Second Ave. N. for addition to the existing commercial building; the Second Avenue Building at 120 Second Ave. N. for a new commercial structure; the Decker residence at 760 Walnut Ave. for a new home in the Knut Hill area; and Lane Mercantile at 300 Main St. for addition of a retail and commercial office and interior, wood and steel remodeling of the existing building.

Public hearings on park space slated

HAILEY — Public hearings regarding how to pay for more park space in Hailey and a possible amendment of the city's comprehensive plan top the agenda for the City Council meeting Monday.

The council meets at 6 p.m. in the Hailey Town Center. The meeting is open to the public.

The council is seeking comments on possible park space expansion and a proposal to write a property rights protection clause into the comprehensive plan.

In other business, the council will discuss water meters, water towing, liquor licenses and food licenses.

A grant application for the airport and a proposed ordinance to vacate Cemetery Street and its alley will be considered.

Fullmer's wife, Patricia M. Fullmer, 62, died at the scene.

France honors former doughboy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 100-year-old veteran who survived a World War I mustard gas attack was awarded France's highest honor in a nursing home ceremony.

William Zelnicke received the National Order of the Legion of Honor in France.

"We don't forget what you did," said U.S. Deputy Consul General Philippe Vinogradoff said, pinning the crimson ribbon and white cross on Zelnicke and kissing him on both cheeks.

The Providence, R.I., native ran away from home and enlisted in the Army's 5th "Central Postal Directory" in 1917, before the United States had entered World War I.

DEATH NOTICES

Virginia A. Noel

TWIN FALLS — Virginia A. Noel, 84, of San Bernardino, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, in Meridian, Idaho.

Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Howard Brown

BURLEY — Howard Brown, 84, of Burley, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, at his home.

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

Ralph Stowell

HEYBURN — Ralph Stowell, 69, of Heyburn, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, at his home.

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

Doyle M. Hatch

PAUL — Doyle M. (Shrimp) Hatch, 62, of Paul, died Friday, Jan. 8, 1999, in Jerome.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Payne Mortuary, 221-W, Main St. in Burley, with the Rev. Al Trachsel officiating.

Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. before the funeral Tuesday at the mortuary.

Kay Gentry

RUPERT — Kay Gentry, 35, of Rupert, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, in Golden, Colo.

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

Donald B. Sandy

SHOSHONE — Donald B. Sandy, 85, of Shoshone, died Friday, Jan. 8, 1999, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center.

Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. before the funeral Tuesday at the mortuary.

Services

Robert M. Young of Twin Falls, 10:30 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

John V. Hansen of Hazelton, 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary and will be greeted by family from 6 to 7 p.m.

Ruth Nicholson of Filer, 2 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel.

Norma Jean White of Filer, normal service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary Chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL

SOME NAMES ARE OMITTED AT PATIENTS' REQUEST.

Admitted: Megan Sorenson of Twin Falls; and Linda Springs of Filer.

JOHNSON AND WILLIAM BLACK, both of Rupert; Rebecca Trenchard of Hazelton; and Margaret Justesen of Heyburn.

Births: Babies were born to Aurelio and Josee Tirado of Burley; and Theodore and Rebecca Tackie of Hazelton.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

SOME NAMES ARE OMITTED AT PATIENTS' REQUEST.

Admitted: Elizabeth Robbins of Burley; and Lola Thornton of Declo.

Released: Darlene Fisher of Burley.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Josee Tirado and Phyllis Jimenez, both of Burley; Rebecca Tateoka of Hazelton; Helen Allen of Paul; Elaine Bragg of Heyburn; Rick Hild of Rupert; and Cloe Maxson of Paul.

Released: Diane Woodhouse, Doug Eames, Martha Melo, Fay Hall and Marae Butters, all of Burley; Wilma

OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS

Margaret E. McAtee

Margaret E. McAtee, 93, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, Jan. 8, 1999, at Sunrise Care Center.

She was born Jan. 27, 1906, in Blackfoot, the daughter of Dr. F. and Lulu Jones McAtee. She moved to Twin Falls with her family and after graduating from Twin Falls High School, she enrolled and graduated from the University of Idaho where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Gamma Sorority.

Margaret taught first grade for many years in Utah, Washington and Twin Falls. She also had a private kindergarten in her own home at one time.

She was a member of the Hospital Guild and managed a gift shop downtown. At that time, she assisted the guild's Festival of Arts. After closing Margaret's Gift Shop, she returned to teaching at Harrison School, where she retired from her teaching career. She continued to tutor students that needed her assistance. Margaret was a member of the Episcopal Church and helped with their Artisan's Holiday Shows until her retirement.

BURLEY

Frank D. Page

Frank Davis Page, 76-year-old Burley resident, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, at the Burley Care Center.

He was born April 29, 1922, in Owyhee, Idaho, the son of James and Beatrice Davis Page. He attended schools in Weston and Oakley. In 1937, he moved with his family to the Burley area. He spent most of his life farming which he truly enjoyed. In the later part of his life, he worked for the state inspecting potatoes. He loved the outdoors, camping, fishing and sight-

seeing. He was a great storyteller and loved to talk about family history stories.

He is survived by his companion, Belva Gowen of Burley; his children, Fred (Jimmy) Allen of Peculiar, Mo., Frank Jr. (Waynet) Page of Burley, Christina (Justin) Hetchel of Burley and Shane (Ava) Page of Rupert, brothers and sisters, Vera Richman of Burley, Wilton (Roma) Page, Ross (Elaine) Page and Leo (Nedra) Page, all of Tuccson, Ariz., Lynn (Betty) Page of Boise and Jimmy (Verna) Page of Boy, eight grandchildren and 10 step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Reba Page; one brother, Ivan Page; and his parents.

The funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 1999, at the Burley 10th Ward LDS Chapel with Bishop Jon Soarde officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Monday at the Dayton Cemetery in Dayton. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St., Burley, and one hour before the service Monday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

In Appreciation

We would like to thank each of you for the love and concern you have shown our family these past months of Don's illness and since his passing. Your outpouring of love through cards, calls, visits, food, flowers and memorials has helped us through this very difficult time. Your thoughtfulness has been the best tribute to Don that we could ever imagine. Please accept our heartfelt and sincere thanks.

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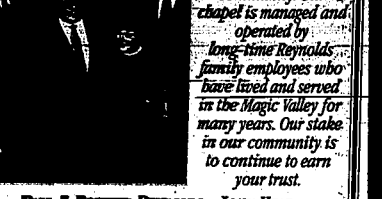
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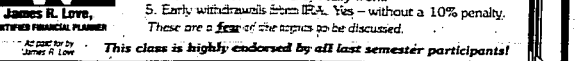
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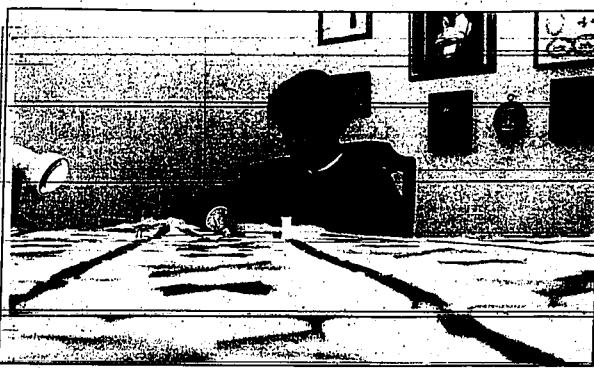
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Wilma Taylor of Malta spends a quiet morning with her latest quilting masterpiece. Taylor has stitched together 43 years of snuggly craftsmanship.

Malta woman stitches up quilting tradition

Winter is favorite time for her hobby

By Heidi Tuttle
Times-News correspondent

MALTA — For nearly a half-century, Wilma Taylor of Malta has created warmth one stitch at a time.

Through some crafters see January as a time for recuperating after the holiday hoopla, Taylor continues her labor with needle and thread.

"January, February and sometimes March are my favorite quilting months," Taylor said. "After the holidays are over, I can hardly wait to take down the decorations and put up a new quilt. It's time for me to sit down and relax."

Traditional quilting weaves many hands isn't part of the arrangement. Taylor finds the quiet of her quilting room to be therapeutic. She tackles each project stitch alone.

"It's enjoyable and the best part is, when I'm finished, I have accomplished something. I have

'After the holidays are over, I can hardly wait to take down the decorations and put up a new quilt. It's time for me to sit down and relax.'

—Wilma Taylor

something to show for my time," she said.

Solitary quilting doesn't slow Taylor's production. She finishes a queen-size quilt in one month, snitching only three days a week. "My quilting time is limited, because, on (husband) Boyd's days off we like to gab about and visit our kids," Taylor said.

She doesn't keep her quilting talents to herself. Taylor is always ready to help friends and neighbors.

"She is a good quilter. She's fast and very willing to help," neighbor Marie Hitt said. "I just

don't know how she keeps up."

Taylor started quilting at her home in Plymouth, Utah, when she was 16. She helped her mother quilt but was influenced most by her grandmother, she said.

"Grandma Rudd made one quilt after another," she said. "I watched her, but I wish I would have spent more time learning from her."

Taylor didn't get serious about quilting until she married. She and her husband moved to Year, Utah, where she became active quilting with the local Relief Society ladies.

"Nobody can teach you how to quilt. You have to learn for yourself," she said. "You have to practice."

Taylor has passed the craft to her children and grandchildren. Sherrie Erickson of Alma has fond memories of her mother's hobby.

"When we were growing up in Year, our house was little but Mom always had a quilt up," Erickson said.

"We would have to crawl around the quilts, but it was just the norm."

step in the right direction. "Tell them to keep trying," he said.

In a 1996 study, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at the U.S. Justice Department found blended sentencing raises a couple of other issues as well.

The study found everyone from offenders to judges could be confused by the options that blended sentencing creates. The real problem lingers on the definition of "juvenile." The teen-ager's status can be muddled during the process.

The Justice Department found another issue. Blended sentencing removes the toughest offenders, the ones that the juvenile system can't handle. But in doing so, it challenges the system's resolve

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

BURLEY — After a combined 20 years of service, John Adams and Lyke Woodbury are stepping down as Cassia County commissioners on Monday.

Shirley Povlsen, the first female commissioner in the history of Cassia County, and Dennis Crane will take their places.

"I'm excited and overwhelmed," Povlsen said. "It's going to take a lot of time and energy and it's going to take a lot of knowledge."

Crane agreed. "I'm nervous excited," Crane said, a smile coming to his face. "We have the work cut out for ourselves. There's a lot of new things coming up - things are going to be changing around here in the next few years."

Change is what the new commissioners look forward to while in office.

"Agriculture is the lifeline of Cassia County," Povlsen said. "But there needs to be outside involvement to keep the economy going."

That would include bringing new businesses to the area, she said.

Povlsen and Crane know about agriculture having spent their lives living on farms, and each knows about business, too.

Povlsen was the county treasurer for more than 22 years. Crane runs his own farm and has sold fertilizer in Burley for 20 years.

Although growth and development is good, Povlsen and Crane agree that keeping the agricultural roots of the county intact is even better.

"I like to see the county diversify," Crane said. "But it's also important to hold the quality of life as an agricultural-based county."

Adams and Woodbury couldn't agree more with their replacements.

In the last 16 years as a commissioner, Adams has seen much change in the county and expects even more.

"I feel real good about leaving," Adams said. "The county has never been in better shape. The county will grow. I just hope it doesn't grow too fast."

Woodbury, who spent four years on the board, has also seen change while in office.

"The community has been agriculturally-oriented in the past," Woodbury said. "I think we're ready for diversification. It will work good if we can work it in."

Over the last few months, Crane and Povlsen have educated themselves about how the board works. They have been attending county commissioner meetings since winning the May primary elections.

But it will take a few years for them to get into the swing of things, Adams said.

to meet the needs of those very children.

But Resnik stresses the importance of early intervention. And Varin added that coming status offender programs and similar plans are meant to help Idaho youth before they reach the stage where blended sentencing may be needed.

"That's where we're going to save the money," Varin said.

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Dennis Crane, left, and Shirley Povlsen, right, say they are anxious to take over positions on the Cassia County Board of Commissioners on Monday. Povlsen will be the first female commissioner in the county's history.

"I think they're going to have a good time learning," he said. "But honestly, it will take at least two to three years to fully learn the job."

Current Commissioner Paul Christensen, who will keep his job on the board, said he will help the two new members learn the ropes.

The commissioner-elect rookies are happy with the patience and help the more experienced commissioners have given them.

"I know this is a job that can't

Swearing In
The new commissioners-elect will be sworn into office at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Courthouse.

please everyone," Povlsen said. "John and Lyke have done a superb job - their experience will be missed."

Some local residents look forward to seeing Crane and Povlsen in office.

"Shirley is a sharp gal," said Buelah Hanks, a longtime friend of Povlsen. "I pushed her all the way to be on the board. I told her to get with it and do it."

Crane served on the Cassia County Fair Board for eight years. Bruce Bowen, fair board president and Crane's longtime friend, looked forward to his buddy in

"I'm happy to see him on the board," Bowen said. "But I'm sad to see him leave the fair board. It's a good history."

The part-time commissioners will earn about \$12,000 a year, but Povlsen said it's more like a full-time job with all the meetings.

Povlsen and her husband, Walt, live in Burley. She has five children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Crane also lives in Burley. He and his wife, Kathy have five children.

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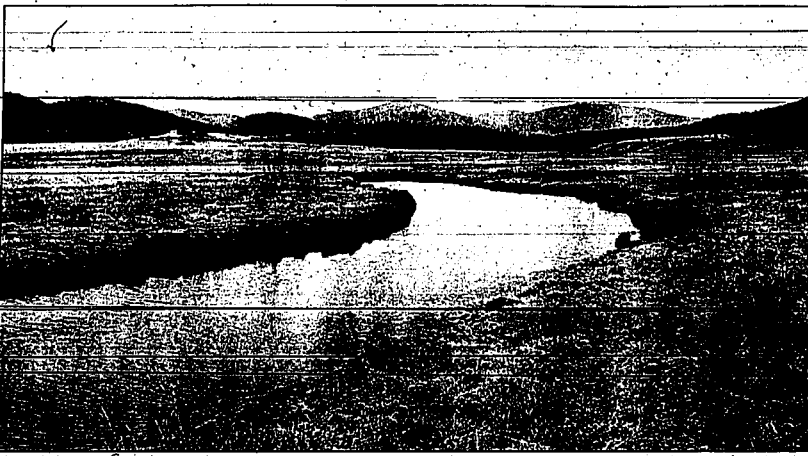
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Nestled in the grass, a stream curves through the valley of the Baca Ranch in the Jemez Mountains near Los Alamos, N.M. Federal officials had hoped to acquire the pristine 95,000-acre ranch.

Ranch acquisition plan collapses

Owner fears appraisal might be made public

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Federal efforts to acquire a pristine 95,000-acre New Mexico ranch collapsed Thursday because of owner concerns that the Baca Ranch appraisal might be made public.

The unsuccessful conclusion of two years' negotiation was announced Thursday by U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., and Pete Domenici, R-N.M., after owners' representatives notified the U.S. Department of Agriculture they withdrew.

Letters from Dunigan family representatives said the USDA, parent of the Forest Service, wouldn't put verbal assurances about confidentiality in writing. "After lengthy and careful consideration, Dunigan Enterprises, Inc., BL&C Company and BL&C Company No. 2 have decided to withdraw (sic) their offer to sell the Baca Location No. 1 to the United States," said a letter

Thursday from Dunigan representative Walter Cramer in Abilene, Texas.

Domenici was "frustrated," Bingaman "deeply disappointed." "While this is certainly a let-down for the people of New Mexico," Bingaman said, "I do not at all regret the time or effort we spent in pursuit of this worthy goal. ... I do hope that an opportunity to bring this national treasure into the public domain will present itself again at some point."

Bingaman and Domenici worked together to secure a \$40 million federal down payment on the ranch. Bingaman also helped broker an agreement with Domenici and the White House on compromise legislation authorizing the purchase.

"We have worked long and hard to get this deal going," Domenici said, "and I regret that the Dunigans have changed their mind about selling the ranch to the American people."

While Cramer and the Dunigans' Albuquerque lawyer,

William C. Scott, praised congressional efforts, Scott called attempts to pin down the Forest Service on confidentiality "disturbing." Scott said "a commitment to closely guard any confidential information ... is a minimum sign of trust necessary for more formal discussions."

"The (Agriculture) Department consistently has been unwilling to commit to writing the repeated verbal assurances that its representatives made to Dunigan about the steps they would take to safeguard the confidentiality of all of Dunigan's confidential business information," Scott's letter says. "After the Dunigans commissioned the appraisal, Scott said, he drew up a proposed confidentiality agreement based on verbal assurances from USDA officials but said the USDA wouldn't agree to it. He said the USDA proposed revisions that "altered the substance of the verbal assurances."

He said Dunigan confidence was further eroded when details of the negotiations, attributed

to a Forest Service spokesperson, appeared in *The Albuquerque Tribune* last month.

USDA spokesman Andrew Kauders said the agency is "saddened" by the withdrawal. "Our extensive efforts over the last year to work with the family were in good faith," Kauders said Thursday in Washington, "with the knowledge that the public and Congress would need information concerning the value of the property to approve the use of public funds."

He said the Forest Service offered the Dunigans "the highest level of confidentiality which is available under the law for such transactions." Brian Dunigan of Santa Fe, one of three Dunigan brothers, said the family didn't want sensitive information about the ranch, such as timber and other natural resources, made public. "Despite this setback," Kauders said, "we continue to hope that we can work this out in the best interest of the American public."

Sheriff leads proposal to extend 911 fee to cell phone users

BOISE (AP) — The 911 fee users may be extended to cellular phones to improve emergency response time in Idaho.

In areas of the state with cellular service, advances in the next three years may enable police to pinpoint the location of 911 calls made from cell phones. The technology could blanket the state in 10 years.

"We want to be sure that everyone in the state, regardless of where they are, has access to an emergency service provider," said Ada County Sheriff Vaughn Killen, who is spearheading the plan.

Cell and mobile phone users would pay up to \$1 per month to finance the enhanced system under legislation drawn up by the Idaho Association of Counties.

Currently, people with wired phones in all but 11 of Idaho's 44 counties pay a monthly charge of up to \$1 per phone number to support 911 service. Emergency dispatchers can locate exact land-line phones

from which 911 calls are dialed. But that is not true for cell phones, which are increasingly used to report accidents and other emergencies in locations where cell service is available.

In 1996, the Federal Communications Commission required wireless phone carriers to give locations of all 911 calls to within 125 meters, or 137 yards, of the caller by Oct. 1, 2001 if local emergency service providers request and pay for the service.

Under the 911 measure, a statewide fund would be set up to distribute money to qualifying county or multi-county emergency communications systems. Voters in areas without current 911 service must approve the fee.

Wireless companies have estimated conservatively that Idaho will have 125,000 wireless phones by 2000. The Idaho Association of Counties figures the fee for those phones would generate about \$1.3 million a year.

Water heater sparks house fire

The Times-News

JEROME — A pile of clothes next to a water heater started a fire Friday evening in a Jerome house, fire officials said.

Jerome city firefighters were called to the house at 423 W. Ave. D around 6 p.m. when a child in the home noticed smoke, Assistant Fire Chief Dan Daniels said.

Firefighters contained the flames about half an hour and prevented major structural damage, but much of the property inside the house was damaged by smoke and heat. No one was hurt, Daniels said.

He estimated the damage at \$6,000. The fire probably started in a closet when the gas-powered water heater's pilot light ignited the clothes lying next to it, he said.

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Judge gives Idaho murderer a chance at parole

COBUR D'ALENE (AP) — A 15-year-old Kellogg man convicted of beating a friend to death so he could rob him will spend at least 25 years in prison, and could be there for life.

Telling Daniel L. Eby that he held out hope of rehabilitation, 1st District Court Judge Gary Haman decided to give Eby a chance at parole Friday.

Haman said he tried to strike a

balance between handing Eby a self-punishment and giving him a chance to work through a troubled childhood that included an early introduction to drugs and alcohol.

"I do think that methamphetamine had a lot to do with this whole situation," the judge said. A jury convicted Eby in June of first-degree murder in the death of Melvin Evenson. Jurors also found Eby guilty of attempted

robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery.

Haman ruled out the death penalty as a possibility after Deputy Prosecutor Rick Baughman recommended against it.

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Mormon church cuts e-mail use from missionaries

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon church has banned e-mail and Internet access for missionaries to communicate with families and friends back home.

Don LeFevre, church spokesman, said there are exceptions to the new policy announced in early December, such as missionaries living in areas where the postal service is poor.

However, in such cases missionaries are advised not to impose on Mormons living in their areas who have computers or fax machines.

Communication between missionaries and their families has always been tightly controlled by the church in an effort to keep missionaries, typically between 15 and 22 years old, focused on their work.

Missionaries are allowed to phone home only twice a year, on Christmas and Mother's Day, and are not supposed to write more than once a week.

LeFevre said that given the convenience of e-mail, "some missionaries may be communicating more than once a week and that would detract from missionary work."

But Bonnie Carter of Orem called the change "a cruel move" at a time when several missionaries have been injured or killed in foreign countries.

Carter's son, Andrew Carter, is on a two-year mission for the church in Sweden. For a number of months, Andrew Carter has been sending his family a weekly e-mail from a nearby library.

Carter said there have been occasions when she and her husband needed to communicate with their son about urgent matters like insurance or wiring money.

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Repeal of marriage penalty all but certain this session

BOISE (AP) — What a difference a decade makes.

Ten years ago, Idaho's economic revival was just shifting into high gear as state lawmakers convened the 50th General Assembly with a \$50 million budget surplus, followed the next year by a \$120 million surplus.

Now, the boom has run its course, the economy appears to have stabilized near the slowest growth rates since the near-depression of the mid-1980s and cash is tight again. Opportunities for new initiatives are limited, at least in the Legislature.

For his part, Kempthorne is playing his cards close to the vest, although he has discussed his first budget with key lawmakers.

Senate Finance Chairman Arnell Parry, R-Methen, after talking with the GOP chief executive and budget director Jeff Trexler, would say only that he was impressed with "the governor's conservative attitude."

While Kempthorne has suggested in far about his intentions makes the issue of money, or lack of it, critical — paying construction bond interest for depressed school districts, increasing child immunization rates, cutting taxes for married couples, cracking down on drugs.

Then there are severe financial problems in the Fish-and-Game Department, a new legal requirement to deposit \$16 million of general tax collections into what amounts to a savings account and the diversion of more than \$50 million a year for local property taxes.

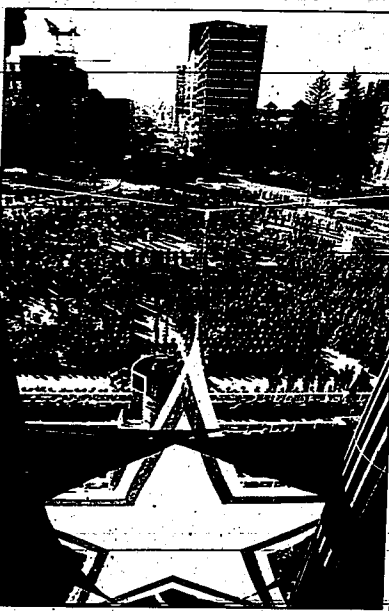
Plugging those holes is siphoning off even more in general tax receipts. "We do have a tight budget but we can be very creative and efficient in how we administer that," Kempthorne has said in renewing his no-tax-increase pledge.

But his conservative predecessor, Phil Batt, spent four years squeezing payroll and operating budgets as hard as he could. If he had been as conservative as Kempthorne, he would have been solid, if not progressively dealing with a decade of dramatic population growth and its backlogs.

Now, it seems only fundamental fiscal change in government operations offers an avenue for stretching existing tax dollars.

None of the legislative leaders appears willing to begin spending the damage payment Idaho will begin getting from the tobacco industry later this year — and every year afterward — to ease the money crunch. "We talk about getting from the tobacco to get it, but I don't think we ought to hang our hats on that tobacco money," Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Briggs said.

To free up some cash, Parry has



A crowd gathers Friday outside the Idaho Statehouse for inaugural ceremonies for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.



Phil Batt Dirk Kempthorne

double room will be made for it. "We're going to make the first step in eliminating a flawed public policy," Kempthorne told lawmakers shortly after his landslide election. "If you believe in marriage, why in the world do you penalize it? We're going to start wiping that off the books."

He has embraced the phased-out repeal that lawmakers overwhelmingly approved in 1997. Only 12 voted against it.

It had a \$4.5 million price tag for the first year and \$15 million over the four-year phase in. But while Batt agreed with Kempthorne that the penalty should be eliminated, the self-professed rightward retored the bill, contending the state could not afford the cost for what would eventually amount to about a \$2-a-week tax break for 150,000 married couples.

Ferry exceeds a slowing economy is no time to be cutting taxes. "But I don't think there's ever going to be any good time to put that through," he said. "We're just going to have to bite the bullet and do it."

Dietrich graduation date moves

DIETRICH — The Dietrich School Board has moved the high school graduation date for the Class of 1999 to May 19.

The change was made because of conflict with the Idaho High School Athletic Association's state track meet planned for May 21 and 22 in Boise. The board apologizes for any problems the change creates for graduates' plans, a news release said.

Eighth-grade graduation still will be held at 8 p.m. May 20.

Magie Valley In brief.

Red Cross plans Wendell blood drive

WENDELL — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday at the LDS Church gymnasium, 605 N. Idaho St.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in generally good health. Donors may drop in or schedule an appointment by calling Tina Withers at 536-5649. First-time donors are welcome.

Blaine County will talk land, bridges

HAILEY — Blaine County commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday.

Bill Baker of the Bureau of Land Management will address a land tenure adjustment, and Mayor Rick Baird and Jim Phillips will discuss Cary roads and bridges during the day-long meeting. The next meeting will be held Jan. 19 because of Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 18.

Elmore Commission to elect chairman

MOUNTAIN HOME — Elmore County Commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

First on the agenda is old business, followed by an executive session for a personnel matter, reported by regular session with the personnel matter, a contract signing with Geo. Mapping and a flood plain resolution.

Soon after 10 a.m., the commissioners will elect a chairman, and officials will be sworn in. Discussion will continue with a transfer of Bureau of Land Management ground and a building permit, the place for Thunderbird Estates and state services officer Walt Jackson.

An executive session for individual applications starts at 1:15 p.m. Planning and zoning matters and a carnival contract follow. The Employee Personnel Policy Committee meets at 4:30 p.m. and time for the public concludes the meeting.

Compiled from staff reports

Jury finds Utah man guilty of murder

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A West Valley City man has been convicted of murder in connection with the 1997 slaying of another man over a \$40 drug debt.

A 3rd District Court jury found Sean Hale Holgate, 20, guilty of murder and aggravated burglary, both first-degree felonies, in connections with the July 27, 1997,

fatal shooting of Jake Galligan, 18. Judge William Bohling could order Holgate to spend the rest of his life in prison. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for March. "I'm never really surprised with the verdict, but I thought we had a good shot in this case," defense attorney John O'Connell said.

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Something very important is happening at the INEEL National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and the INEEL Citizens Advisory Board would like you to know more about it.

The U.S. Department of Energy is soliciting proposals from companies interested in managing and operating the INEEL. The Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Company has decided that it will not continue its role at the site. As a result, another contractor will take over in October of 1999.

The INEEL Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) thinks the "newcomer" should know as much as possible about INEEL and her citizens - before they move in - so that they can become good neighbors.

During its January meeting, the INEEL CAB will host an opportunity for Idaho citizens to talk with companies who are preparing bids to manage the site. The public is invited to come speak their mind and the bidders are invited to come listen. The session will be held at the Grove Hotel (245 South Capitol Boulevard in Boise) on Tuesday, January 19, 1999 between 8:00 and 6:00 p.m., and will be followed by an informal "no limit" reception for continuing discussions.

Come meet the folks who'd like to move here and tell them how you feel about the site.

Bidders who are interested in participating in the reception need to contact Amanda Jo Edinger at (208) 522-1622

INEEL CAB January 1999 Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Informal Open House, Tuesday, January 19, 1999: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Grove Hotel, in the Aspen Room 245 South Capitol Blvd., Boise, Idaho

The Citizens Advisory Board provides advice to the Department of Energy on issues related to the operation of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Public comment sessions will be held throughout the meeting.

Other topics on the agenda for the January meeting include: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, migration of plutonium in the groundwater at the Nevada Test Site, and clean-up plans for the Test Area North, the Central Facilities Area, and the Power Burst Facility/Auxiliary Reactor Area.

For a detailed agenda, please call the CAB support staff at (208) 522-1622 or visit the INEEL CAB's Internet homepage at <http://www.idn.net/users/cab>

Hoover bridge selection sparks concern

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Federal Highway Administration has selected a preferred route for a new bridge across Hoover Dam, but opponents claim it's the costliest and most time-consuming solution.

Terry Haussler, highway administration project manager, said the site was the top choice of all state and federal agencies participating in the project. The decision was made late in 1998, he said Friday.

The structure would cross the Colorado River at Sugarloaf Mountain, about 1,500 feet downstream from the dam. It would cost about \$158 million.

Haussler said environmental and economic factors made the location the best of the three sites under consideration. Advocates say the bridge is necessary because of rising safety problems caused by increased traffic on the narrow road over the dam.

Some opponents do not dispute the scope of the problem, but they argue the government is pursuing the most expensive and most time-consuming solution. Instead of building a new bridge, the Sierra Club argues a better solution would be to improve the existing route through Laughlin and Bullhead City, Ariz. Officials in both cities, which are located south of the dam, have expressed interest in the development.



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Portland, Ore., Boeing and other personnel bring in the tail section from an experimental plane that crashed into the Columbia River Friday night over the mountains. The Luscar single-engine plane owned by Pacific Aviation Composites of Bend, Ore., crashed while on approach to Portland International Airport, officials confirmed. No bodies were recovered.

Group sues alleging Forest Service ill

BOISE (AP) — A conservation group is asking the U.S. District Court in Idaho to block all logging on the Boise National Forest, charging the Forest Service is not protecting old-growth trees there. The Idaho Sporting Congress on Wednesday sued to halt logging on the 2 million-acre forest, which together with another forest in Idaho against the Payne

National Forest would stop cutting on nearly 4 million acres. Sporting Congress Executive Director Ron Mitchell said the group made action after Boise Forest Supervisor Dave Rittenhouse refused to confirm his agency was indeed protecting old-growth and sensitive wildlife. The group sued Rittenhouse last Sept. 15 to gain information

about the ancient trees which led to the most recent court action. And it expanded a suit filed last month challenging the West Fork timber sale in the Middle Fork of the Payette River drainage. The Sporting Congress asked for proof the Forest Service was protecting old-growth stands under the National Forest Management Act, Mitchell said.

Simplot Co. to sell dairy division

BOISE (AP) — The J.R. Simplot Co. plans to sell its Swiss Village cheese production division in Nampa to a French company in a move that will allow it to focus on its core businesses.

Simplot Co., a privately held agribusiness giant, announced Friday it intends to sell the subsidiary to Bessier to focus on businesses that include potatoes, fertilizer and vegetables.

Simplot spokesman Fred Zera said Swiss Village and its other plants are "matured, and they need to become larger to compete."

Paul Bensabat, chief executive officer for Bessier U.S.A., said the company may expand the Nampa plant. Part of that hinges on the continued growth of the dairy industry in Idaho.

However, he said plans have not been determined because the agreement has not been signed yet. He hopes that will happen in February.

His said expansion plans could include types of cheese or increased production. But for that, to happen, milk production would need to continue its quick growth.

Simplot Dairy Products began with the purchase of Swiss Village Cheese in Nampa and a Salmon plant in 1990, Zera said. The Nampa plant processed 400,000 gallons of milk per day and employed about 85 people then. Today, it processes more than 2 million gallons daily and employs 252 people.

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wolf threat increases

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — If wolves circle in Jackson Hole, the fiercest conflict with people would likely be with coyotes near the Yellowstone wolf preserve.

At least three groups of wolves are roaming the park, which has a large wild population to support them. Biologists predict the wolves will keep expanding.

Blaine Robinson, who worked as a trapper of wolves from Canada to Yellowstone National Park, said wolves are attracted to other dogs.

"They will attack cows that they perceive invading their territory," Robinson said. "That is one of the most fundamental elements of wolf behavior."

Robinson said wolf packs are still hunting and killing sheep. "The sheep are the main reason why the wolves are still in the park," he said.

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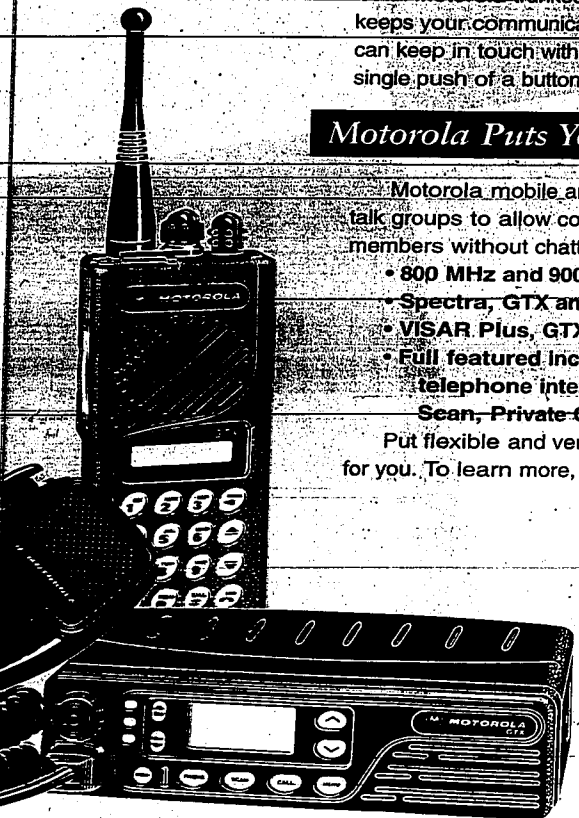
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Environmental review next for processing plant

BOISE (AP) — The Ada County Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to review Thursday the environmental background of a company proposing a cattle-hide processing plant in Kama.

In a meeting last month, commissioners asked for more information on Pacific Hide and Fur's history before deciding whether to let it expand and move its Nampa plant to Kama.

The growing business has been in Nampa since 1962, but cannot expand there because it is in a residential area.

The company tried to move into north Nampa, but was turned down by the Canyon County Planning and Zoning Board earlier this year. Owner Lee Bolinsky said the Kama location is ideal because it is rural and near the company's largest customer.



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Give the Commish an Oscar

What was the collective relief of the NBA players when the lockout that was threatening their season, and their wallets, was settled.

And now that it's over, think David Stern should get this year's Oscar for Best Actor.

Countless times, a somber Stern appeared before the television cameras to announce the severe conditions of the negotiations and how the owners were willing to pull the plug on the season.

In the end, the players' negotiator Billy Hunter cracked and gave Stern and the owners what they wanted — a maximum salary cap. Gone are the days of the \$125 million dollar contract.



ABOUT THE GAME
Francis Davis

And the owners couldn't be happier. But was Stern ever serious about canceling the season? Didn't he see the mess baseball created for itself when they wiped out the World Series?

I say the season was never in danger of being canceled. Stern's too smart for that.

Now the biggest NBA drama since last June can finally get underway.

Will he or won't he come back? Will the Greatest Basketball Player in the World play for the Bulls or will Michael take up golf full-time, leaving his fans the indelible image of His Highness Juking Jerry Russo all out of his socks and making the jumper land around the world to give the Bulls their sixth championship?

I say Jordan returns, along with Scottie and the Human Tattoo.

But this year, the Bulls fall in the conference finals to Indiana.

Unlike most teams, the Pacers have their entire roster under contract, and now it's worked out together during the lockout.

As for the NBA championship, I say it's finally Utah's year. That's if the Mailman can wedge his foot free of his mouth.

Someone please take the radio microphone away from Karl Malone. Of course, the Jazz could reward their big man with the new contract he desires.

And deserves.

Not since Pistol Pete had a Jazz player shot the way as the Mailman.

Never too much football.

My version of nirvana would involve a juke-box, my favorite beverage, and a few games on the tube — so marauding for the most objective guy in the world — but is this the best time of the year or what?

Football, football, football. And more football. Great sport.

And apparently, I'm not the only one who loves the game.

During the impeachment proceedings, I was once switched to a football game at kickoff time.

Dan Rather was disappointed, but not a lot of other people were as the country got to watch the Jets and Buffalo battle each other — of the Democrats and Republicans.

Way to go CBS.

The best rivalries.

Kudos to the Twin Falls boys' basketball team for earning their first win of the season against Burley Friday.

It just goes to prove that nothing brings out the best in a team like a good rivalry.

Some of the all-time best rivalries in pro sports: Redskins vs. Cowboys, McEnroe vs. Borg, Celtics vs. Lakers, Yankees vs. Dodgers, All vs. Frazier, Bird vs. Magic.

Share the money.

And in case the NBA labor fiasco didn't convince you that sports is first and foremost a business — perhaps these numbers will.

In 1960, the expansion Minnesota Vikings and Dallas Cowboys each paid \$50,000 to enter the NFL.

In 1994, Jacksonville and Charlotte had to fork over a cool \$140 million each to enter the exclusive club.

And are the Seahawks really paying Mike Holmgren \$4 million a year?

Did anyone tell Paul Allen that Holmgren is a coach not a quarterback?

It will be interesting to see if good coach Holmgren is with GM Ron Wilson, and when his starting quarterback is Jon Kitna, not Brett Favre.

The right decision.

Finally, it was good to see longtime Georgetown coach John Thompson step away from the game because he wanted to fix his marriage.

At least someone has his priorities straight.

Times-News sports writer Francis Davis can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 239.

Ex-Valley star leads CNCC women to victory

By **Damen Clow**
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If Tanya Romer plays every game like she did Friday night in Twin Falls, the former Valley Viking may not have played her last game in the Magic Valley.

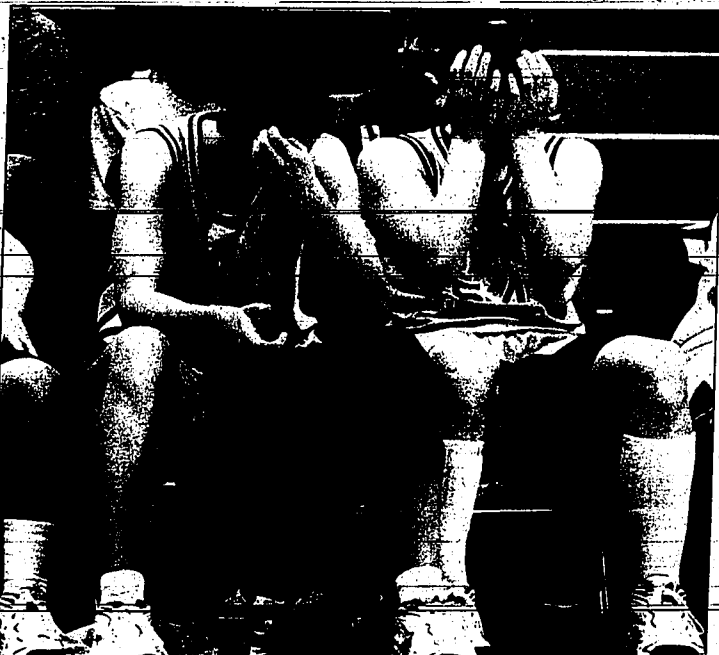
Romer had 26 points and 17 rebounds in the Colorado Northwest Community College's 67-63 victory over the College of Southern Idaho women, knocking the Eagles (12-5, 4-1) from the last unbeaten spot in the Scenic West Athletic Conference and giving CNCC its first conference win.

"That's a great effort," said CSI head coach Joel Bate. "Romer single-handedly got us just us. Those numbers are incredible."

Last year in Romer's freshman season, the Spartans won her in overtime, then lost it for eighth in 10-team conference and won the final berth in the regional tournament by virtue of a tiebreaker over travel partner Eastern Utah.



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Katarina Gabanlova, left, and Jessica Gibbs react Saturday night as the final moments of the game, and the Golden Eagles' chances, slip away. Colorado Northwest Community College built a four-point lead in to final seconds to win 67-63.

Golden Eagles breeze past Spartans 71-36

Jordani's double-double, Bobb lead CSI effort

By **Damen Clow**
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Colorado Northwest Community College Spartans had a very hard time getting points Friday night.

Their hosts, the College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles, got the majority of their points by scoring around.

The Golden Eagles cruised past Colorado Northwest Community

College 71-36 Friday night, on the strength of a 28-point halftime lead made possible by tough defense and a huge number of trips to the free-throw line.

The Golden Eagles attempted a sky-high 18 free throws in the first half alone, while CNCC saw just two

trips on six CSI fouls. The hometown squad made good on 12 of its first-half attempts and 19 of 34 overall, upping its career record to 2-3 and improving to 10-7 overall.

"I'll be honest. It was an ugly game," said CSI coach Kevin Tomes. "But give Colorado credit — they're a scrappy team and they have a tendency to shut you down offensively, and I never felt we got in a good offensive flow tonight."

The Spartans shot a paltry 27 percent from the field, including 13 percent from 3-point range. The Golden Eagles weren't much better from the field (32 percent) and suffered a downswing in their outside game (24 percent) but rebounded CNCC 63-34 and committed 10 fewer turnovers.

"We kept a lot of balls alive on the boards," Tomes said. "We had three guys in there crashing in and getting after it."



Juliano Jordani led the inside presence with 16 boards and Carl Mitchell grabbed 10. Curtis Bobb led all scorers with 15 points for CSI, and Jordani added 12.

The 36 points were the fewest allowed by the Golden Eagles since a 90-25 whipping of Eastern Oregon's junior varsity in December of 1997. Last year in Twin Falls, CSI beat the Spartans 107-65 after taking out an overtime win in Rangelay, Colo.

Neither offense had much to show for itself in the opening minutes of the Saturday night's game, going nearly three minutes before Bobb's 3-pointer.

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Fish Fry! Denver roasts Dolphins 38-3

The Associated Press

DENVER — A meaningful game is all the franchisees that Terrell Davis and the Denver Broncos need.

Davis, named The Associated Press MVP on Saturday, ran for 199 yards in 21 carries to lead Denver to a 38-3 win over Miami that put the league's defending champions in the AFC championship game here next Sunday.

The Broncos' 21-point winning margin was their largest in playoff history — and the biggest defeat in Miami's playoff history.

"This was as focused as we have been, and we played our best game all year," said John Elway, whose second meeting in 19 days with Dan Marino was relegated to a supporting role because of Davis. "A lot of people were jumping off the bandwagon."

Miami coach Jimmy Johnson, mean-

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while, jumped on.

"Denver played like they'll repeat as Super Bowl champs," he said.

"Denver totally dominated, scoring touchdowns the first three times it had the ball as it jumped to a 21-3 halftime lead over a team it had lost to 31-21 in Miami on Dec. 21.

That was the second straight defeat for Denver after winning its first 13 games.

"It's tough to win 13 games and then play two games that don't mean anything," said Davis, who had 129 yards on 16 carries in the first half, exactly 100 yards more than he had in Miami, where he was 16-for-29 for the entire game.

In this one, he lost with a slight leg cramp early in the fourth quarter, a yard short of 200 for the game.

Davis' heroics came against a Miami defensive line that was missing two starters, Pro Bowler Tim Bowens and Jason Taylor.

That was one reason Denver scored three rushing touchdowns against a defense that allowed just six TDs on the ground in the regular season.

The Denver defense, meanwhile, dominated against an offense also missing two key starters, tight end Troy Drayton and left tackle Richmond Webb.

But the game also demonstrated that Denver had regained the Super Bowl form it showed in winning its first 13 games — perhaps even more so.

The Broncos will be at home again next weekend against the winner of Sunday's game at the Meadowlands between Jacksonville and the New York Jets.

The winner of that goes on to the Super Bowl, to be played in Miami on Jan. 31.



Denver Broncos QB John Elway gets off a pass under a heavy Miami Dolphins rush Saturday in Denver's Mile High Stadium.

Tigers use run to beat Burley

By **John Derr**
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome Tigers jumped out to a huge first-half lead then withstood a comeback rally by the Burley Bobcats to capture a 53-42 victory in girls' A-A Region II basketball action Saturday night.

With an affirmative press and solid shooting from inside and out, Jerome cruised to a 27-9 lead at the break. The Bobcats cut the lead to 10 points late in the game but could get not closer.

The win puts the Tigers (5-3) in a solid second place in the district standings behind undefeated Pocatello. Burley (3-1) is locked in a three-way tie for third with Twin Falls and Highland.

The Bobcats were forced to play without Shantala Sanders and Kristen Price.

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Falcons finish job, beat Niners

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dan Reeves' heart is doing just fine, and so are the Atlanta Falcons.

Inspired by their coach's return from heart surgery and ignoring a dismal past, the Falcons advanced to the NFC championship game for the first time by snuffing 20-18 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Saturday.

"It's unbelievable. The whole year has been incredible," said Reeves, who underwent quadruple bypass surgery Dec. 14 and missed the final two regular season games. "To get to this point is beyond our wildest dreams."

The Falcons were 3-13 just two seasons ago and arrived at the midway point last season with a 7-7 record. Since then, they have won 21 of 25 games, including a 15-2 record this season.

"The way we ended last season (6-2) carried over to this season," said receiver



Atlanta Falcons tight end and O.J. Santiago scores over San Francisco 49ers cornerback Marquise Pope Saturday in Atlanta.

team coming back, so I knew we would do something special."

San Francisco, with five Super Bowl victories, has been the consummate playoff team, reaching the divisional round for the seventh year in a row.

The 49ers will go no further, falling to a team that had only two previous postseason victories.

"Every year, it's our goal to get to the Super Bowl and win it," coach Steve Mariucci said. "When we fall short, it's a quiet locker room."

Jamal Anderson scored two touchdowns, Atlanta intercepted three of Steve Young's passes and the Falcons overcame a questionable call to beat their NFC West rivals for the second time in three meetings this season.

The Falcons built a 20-10 lead in the fourth quarter, but made the final seconds more nerve-racking than they needed to be.

SPORTS

Women

Continued from C1
Romer's efforts — and those of teammate Heather (70 and 74 points, 9 rebounds) — helped CNCC (10-8, 2-4) climb further out of the conference basement with its second win of the week-end and moved the Spartans a step closer to making the field for the postseason tournament...

The Golden Eagles barked from a 11-point deficit with six minutes left in the game, getting seven points from Sarah Nelson in a 1:23 run to pull within 63-61 with just under two minutes to go...

Deena Van Tassel hit two free throws and Cecilie Bates answered with an inside bucket for CSI but the Spartans got the ball back on a 16-sec. and Van Tassel added two insurance free

throws with nine seconds left. "This league doesn't let you lick your wounds very long," said Bates, who leaves for North Idaho College and another road trip Wednesday. "We haven't lost a while and this one is going to hurt, but unless we can rebound, we won't get much more."

The Spartans outrebounded CSI, 45-26, which helped nullify a 9-1 blocked shot differential and a slight CSI edge in turnovers. Romer had all but secured a double-double by halftime, scoring 15 of her team's first 20 points, including eight in a 1:32 run to open the game and seven straight as CNCC took a 20-10 lead midway through the first half.

Nelson and Kim Wegner combined for 10 straight points for CSI as the home squad pulled to within four points of CNCC with 1:11 to play in the half, but the Spartans scored six points in the final minute and led 36-26 at the half. CNCC kept its 10-point lead for

seven minutes of the second half before the Golden Eagles crept within two, 47-45. Then it was Johnson's turn to shine, adding a Sophomore from Clearfield, Utah, scored her team's next eight points as CNCC took a 60-47 lead with 6:22 to play.

Nelson's spurt — the CSI sophomore scored nine of her team's high 24 points in the final seven minutes and was the only Golden Eagle in double figures — thrust the Golden Eagles back into the game, but CNCC was able to hit on just enough free throws in the final five minutes to seal the win.

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KAPALIGA, Hawaii (AP) — It's going to take a lot more than the Trade winds to stop David Duval in the Mercedes Championship. Playing his best golf in the first tournament of the year, Duval shot a 5-under-par 68 Saturday to maintain a five-stroke lead on the Kapalua Plantation course and make everyone else wonder what the rest of the year might hold. "The last glad he's going skiing and not playing at the Sony Open," said Davis Love III, referring to the next week's PGA Tour stop in Honolulu. "If the rest of the year is anything like this week, that may be the best chance anyone else has of winning."

Duval drives off with Mercedes lead



Steve Elkington of Sydney, Australia hits the ball from the fairway of the third hole Saturday during third round play of the Mercedes Championship.

Duval was at 21-under 198 through 18 holes. All he needs is a run of 72 on Sunday to break the tournament record in relation to par. Another 63 would break the record of 227 set by Colin Presne set in 1996 when the Mercedes was played at La Costa Resort. Fred Funk, a short, straight hit-

"I was hoping to get back to work on Wednesday," said Woods said. "It might have been a good tournament for me if I had given me one shot for every nine holes. Then, I'd only be one back."

One day after leaving the course record with a 63, Duval easily handled a strong breeze off the north-south side of the course.

OK, so it took him all of five holes before he registered his first birdie of the day. That only seemed to open the gates — back-to-back birdies to close out the front nine, and another spurt that grew his lead to as many as six strokes.

O'Meara was at 5-under for the day, one of several players trying to make a run, when he glanced at the electronic scoreboard and saw 113-1 matching him stroke-for-stroke.

"He in a zone now," O'Meara said. "The Trade winds were blowing, although we were lucky as they cooled. What can you say about David Duval? He's going crazy out there."

Men

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Bobb scored two more times in the second minute and Adrian McCullough added a 3-pointer as CSI broke a 55 tie with a run of 12 points. Trent hit back-to-back jumpers for the Spartans (5-9, 0-6), who then scored just five points in the final 11 minutes of the first half for CSI but hit 12 jumpers from the line on a 19-9 run.

The defense continued to hold in the second half as CNCC went five-and-a-half minutes before managing its first points after a jumper by Jamin Smith after CSI

took a 42-16 lead. Trent was the only Spartan in double figures, with 11. Kelly Calverley, among the league leaders in steals and assists, fouled out in the second half with five assists, three steals and four assists in a 15-2 run.

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who have both been out a week with ankle sprains. The worst part for Burley is they both play post, so Jerome clearly had the height advantage — and used it early. The game started slow as neither team could get on the board for over three minutes. The Tigers, behind a trio of sophomores, were hot early as they pushed the ball up the court, getting open shots before the Bobcats could set up the defense.

Tigers

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holiday, connected on a pair of buckets off fast breaks. Dusty Schranzweck nailed two 3-pointers and Kendrick West collected a pair of assists and scored as the Tigers led 14-2 after the first period.

"We came out ready to play. I was focused and just went up and shot it," said Schranzweck, who played the point and collected several assists on the night. Jerome put on a trapping pressure early and forced several turnovers. The only Bobcat points came from a pair of free throws by Heidi Goltscheva. The Tigers

was also able to keep the ball out of the hands of Burley's leading scorer, Ashley Toner. The Tigers kept the pressure on in the second period as junior guard Becky Thibault, who led the Tigers with 14 points, dropped her second trey of the night and senior Cynthia Bell jumped in seven points as Jerome built a 22-point advantage.

"We were mentally prepared before we came in the gym," said Bell, who was a force on the defense all night while scoring 12 points. "I'll pick up the defensive intensity we will be able to

get into an offensive flow." Goltscheva led the team with 17 points, tossed in a pair to get the advantage to 15 going into the final period.

The scoreline heated up in the fourth period as the teams combined for 38 points. The Bobcats three times cut the lead to 10 points, although unable to get the advantage under double digits.

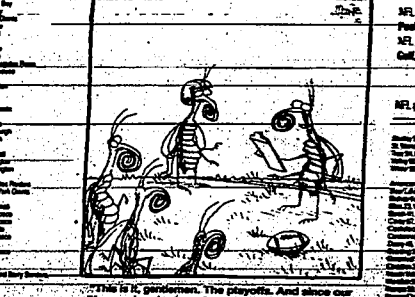
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SPORTS

Top-ranked UConn blitzes WVU

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Richard Hamilton scored 30 points Saturday night to lead Connecticut over cold-shooting West Virginia...

UConn (13-0, 5-0 Big East) never trailed in holding West Virginia to its lowest point total this season...

No. 3 Cincinnati 54, Southern Miss 52

BATTESBURG, Miss. — Pete Mickel made three free throws in the final two minutes...

No. 6 Kentucky 73, Vanderbilt 57

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Scott Padgett scored 12 points on four 3-pointers...

No. 8 Arizona 88, Washington 86

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jason Terry threw up an off-balance air ball but teammate Richard Jefferson caught it...



West Virginia's Marcus Gorse (00) goes up for a basket as Mountaineer players Jamal Garter (42) and Connecticut's Edmund Saunders (51) look on...

point-blank range as the game ended for Arizona's 24th consecutive homecourt victory...

No. 10 St. John's 86, Seton Hall 75

NEW YORK — Booty Thornton scored a career-high 27 points and St. John's shot 65 percent...

No. 12 Michigan St. 81, Michigan 67

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Marten Cleaves scored 25 points and Michigan State held Michigan to just two baskets...

No. 23 Oklahoma St. 76, Baylor 63

WACO, Texas — Desmond Mason had 32 points and 10 rebounds to lead Oklahoma State over Baylor...

his alma mater by more than nine points. The Buckeyes (13-3, 3-0 Big Ten) improved to 9-0 in their new home...

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BATON ROUGE, La. — Chris Patterson set 26 points and Auburn rallied from a 19-point deficit in the final 10 minutes to remain unbeaten...

Mississippi 76, No. 19 Arkansas 65

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Jason Harrison scored 17 points in the second half as Mississippi ended Arkansas' 30-game home winning streak...

Wake Forest 64, No. 21 Clemson 61

CLEMSON, S.C. — Robert Odoms scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half and Wake Forest's young players held on through a wild final minute to defeat Clemson...

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Col Poly-San Luis Obispo's Brandon Brown, left, and Mike Wozniak (29) try to stop Idaho's Matt Hill (24) near midcourt Saturday in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Vandals win blowout Idaho ups Big West record to 1-1

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — Gary Sorenson scored 31 points, including five 3-pointers, to lead Idaho to a 100-75 victory over Col Poly-San Luis Obispo on Saturday...

Idaho women lose late Friday game to UCSB

MOSCOW — Despite Alli Skerman's 34 points, the University of Idaho women's basketball team lost to UC Santa Barbara 56-79 before 604 fans Friday night at Memorial Gym in each team's conference opener...



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Lockout leaves winners, losers

NEW YORK (AP) — David Stern's NBA had always enjoyed a reputation as a charmed league, never losing a game or labor dispute in its 52-year history...

The locked-up members of the Draft Class of '95: Garnett (\$126 million for six years), Rasheed Wallace (\$80 million for six years), Bryant Reeves (\$66 million for six years) and Michael Finley (\$48 million for five years) chose long-term security over quick free agency...

less money than they could have gotten under the old system, and in McDyess' case the loss is about \$30 million over six years...

Now the league and Stern face the difficult task of rebuilding that image after a bitter six-month lockout cost them almost half the season and the good will of many fans...

Not one of them had to sweat during the lockout or have his market value artificially limited. Rod Thorn, the owners gave him the league's discipline czar, a much larger hammer...

Ballon payees: A handful of players were due to get balloon payments this season. Charles Oakley was rewarded for all his hard work for the Knicks with a \$10 balloon payment, of which he'll lose more than \$3.9 million...

Stern was a lightning rod for criticism during the lockout and his public image was sullied, but he should emerge as a winner in salary negotiations...

Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin said gaining more control over such matters was as important to him as gaining cost controls...

Terrell Brandon was due \$7 million, of which he'll lose \$2.73 million. Will Purdue loses \$1.7 of his \$4.4 million and Muggsy Bogues loses \$1.1 million of his \$2.8 million...

The lockout affected the reputations, futures and wallets of many others. Among the winners and losers:

Billy Hunter: The union director gave up a lot. But he also achieved his goals of preventing a hard salary cap, maintaining a strong Larry Bird contract and taking care of the middle-class and minimum-salaried players...

Washouts: Lionel Simmons, the former La Salle star who was a bust with the Sacramento Kings, was due \$4.2 million. He'll lose \$1.6 million. Bobby Hurley, who was to get \$4.03 million from Vancouver, also will lose \$1.6 million...

The Winners

The owners: They put their collective trust in Stern's hand and allowed the commissioner to strike a deal that will save them from themselves...

The Losers

Patrice Ewing: He took a public relations beating by repeatedly saying he can't join his mouth, being seen as a hindrance to a deal and David Falk's puppet...

Michael Olowokandi and the Los Angeles Clippers: The No. 1 draft pick made a last-minute decision to sign in Europe, and he can't join the Clippers until Feb. 15 at the earliest...

Now, however, there's a negotiated limit — the maximum salary — to be used by the union that are based upon years of service...

Class of '96 draft picks: No one will lose more money than the likes of Allen Iverson, Stephen Marley, Shaheed Abdul-Rahim, Jeff Allen and Antoine Walker. They can still get extensions worth \$73 million, but all five would have been looking at contracts that would have approached or surpassed Garnett's...

He'll miss his first training camp and the first two weeks of the season, then have to play catchup the rest of the season. The Clippers, meanwhile, won't have a legitimate starting center until Olowokandi arrives because they'll probably lose Ike Austin to free agency...

Stern also held out against the union's luxury tax, thereby keeping millions of dollars from Paul Allen of Portland from being able to buy a championship...

Abdur-Rahim's deal with Vancouver, according to one agent, would have approached \$200 million. Class of '95 draft picks: Antonio McDyess and Damon Stoudamire also will end up with...

Other up-and-coming agents will be affected by the limitations on high-end salaries, and some of the best players won't need to pay an agent 4 percent if they can get a lawyer to negotiate their contracts for an hourly rate...

Thompson leaves big shoes to fill

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Coaches are lucky if they don't have to go through a divorce. They're miserable when they do...



Former Georgetown coach John Thompson points to his players in this March 15 photo in Richmond, Va. Thompson resigned Friday on hopes head coach Leung Bahadri a school he turned into a powerhouse...

John Thompson spent 26 years and part of a 27th trying to win the national title for his basketball players and their fans. He had his marriage, he had his wife, Gwen, separated three years ago and he has filed for divorce...

COMMENTARY Ron Green seemed joyless, somehow maddening in their black and grey, and we watched more than once of pleading dryly...

Friday he stepped down as coach of the Georgetown Hoyas to devote more time to resolving his marital problems, for the benefit of his family, he said...

He was big for years but in the past decade, the program has declined. A popular theory is that Thompson struck too long with his great defense, loose-offensive style, turning off a lot of potential recruits...

It was a decision that rolled through college basketball like thunder. One of his fellow coaches tried to talk him out of retiring. Because he was the first black coach to win the NCAA championship, because his was a voice that transcended opinion even the halls of the White House, because he never failed to speak for the disadvantaged or for the college game and its players, he was a giant...

He thought he could win the 1988 Olympics title with defense and rebounding but lost because of a lack of shooters. But that is not his legacy. Thompson, this huge man with defense and rebounding but lost because of a lack of shooters...

Whether college basketball is losing a great coach is open to debate, given Thompson's special aura: high and low, but there is no question it is losing one of the most intriguing figures ever to grace the sport...

When he became the first black coach to win the NCAA championship, rather than revel in it as a personal triumph, he said, "I find that I become a somewhat of a spokesman that the rest of the world implies that I'm the only black coach with the intelligence or ability to get here and that's misleading... There are a lot of black coaches better than I am. I'm not interested in being the first or only...

When the Hoyas were in a tournament, he would have them say something other than "Ho" and embraced the term "Hoya Paranoia." To which he replied, "I'm not paranoid if they're really after you..."

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Idaho-bred Plummer leads rejuvenated Cards

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Bill Walsh calls him the next Joe Montana. Senior Sanders says he's a young Frank Tompa. The Arizona Cardinals see him as their savior. No rocket arm. No imposing physique. Absolutely no flamboyant personality. Yet no young quarterback comes closer to the heart-thumping excitement Jake Plummer has created in just two NFL seasons.

"He can be a great quarterback in this league for years to come," fullback Larry Centers said. "Kind of like Larry Bird used to be. He makes everybody a part of the situation and elevates our level of play."

Plummer, 24, has led the Cardinals into the playoffs for the first time in 16 years and to their first playoff victory in more than a half-century. Suddenly, a desert metropolis is enjoying Cardinals' magic after dismissing the team as a loser for 11 years.

It's not just that Plummer helped put the Cardinals into the NFC semifinals against the mighty Minnesota Vikings today, it's the way he did it. Nine times in his 26 starts — seven times this season — Plummer brought Arizona back from a tie or deficit in the fourth quarter to win.

The Cardinals had to win their final three games of the regular season to make the playoffs and they won all three on last-second field goals.

"I don't think it has anything to do with magic. I don't have a wand out there with me or anything," said Plummer, who also was a star at Arizona State. "I'm just out there trying to win a game."

The Cardinals expect to win plenty in the future.

"It's going to be hard for us to screw this up," said Bob Ferguson, vice president for player personnel.

Arizona has eight picks in this year's draft, and probably will have a couple more opportunities for players who move else



Arizona quarterback Jake Plummer dives across the goal line for the first of his three touchdowns Nov. 22 against the Washington Redskins.



Arizona vs. Minnesota game. Times-News at Cardinals, 2:15 p.m. on FOX. The Line: Minnesota by 16.

where. Two of them are in the first round, Nos. 8 and 21, thanks to the trade with San Diego last season that gave the Chargers Ryan Leaf and left Arizona with Andre Wadsworth and a pile of draft picks.

The Cardinals must sign new contracts with linebacker Jamir Miller and wide receiver Rob Moore. But considering the NFL record \$15 million signing bonus, money no longer seems to be a problem for the team.

Owner Bill Bidwell, long considered a grumpy tightwad, now is a lovable, ice cream-eating eccentric.

He has even been spotted smiling on the sideline.

And the undisputed star of it all is the guy Ferguson calls "the skinny kid from Idaho who played at Arizona State."

Plummer shrugs it all off.

"I just want to be a laid-back guy who has fun out here, who acts like a kid who's 24 years old but has a pretty important position," he said.

The Cardinals have placed their future on 6-foot-2, 197-pound Plummer, and not just on the field. The team's success this season could have a big impact on the way he is perceived for May, on whether to build a domed sta-

dium in suburban Mesa.

"What did Joe Montana mean in '84 when he was turning it around in the early '80s?" Ferguson said. "What's Brett Favre meant for Green Bay?"

Off the field, Plummer fades into the background.

"He wears jeans and T-shirts and has a backpack," Ferguson said.

But his easygoing personality masks a confidence that has infected everyone around him.

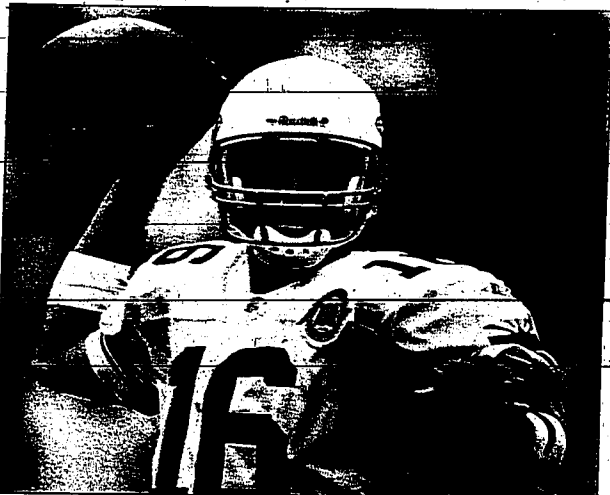
"He's quiet, soft-spoken," coach Vince Tobin said, "but you can feel an inner strength within him that he knows he's capable of making plays."

Plummer was a hero in Arizona long before he put on a Cardinals uniform. He was the star quarter-

back for an Arizona State team that went 11-0 before losing to Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.

The Cardinals took him in the second round of the 1997 draft.

"People questioned his arm strength. I did too, at one time," Ferguson said. "He's just so skinny. But I loved the way he played — the flair, the heart, things you can't measure. There was a special quality about him. What he



Bill Walsh calls former Capital High School quarterback Jake Plummer the next Joe Montana. Dallas Cowboys cornerback Deke Sander says Plummer is a young Frank Tompa. His teammates see him as the savior of their NFL franchise. Plummer leads Arizona against the Minnesota Vikings today in an NFC division playoff game.

has as a quarterback is something only the great ones have."

Plummer didn't play until seven games into his rookie season. With the Cardinals at their 2-yard line at Philadelphia, he tumbled into the huddle and told his teammates they were going to score. Then he took them 96 yards for the go-ahead touchdown.

Plummer started the final three games in 1997, and big things were predicted for his sophomore year. His teammates even elected him captain.

But he struggled with the '98 West Coast offense installed by Marc Trestman, the new offensive coordinator.

After Plummer had two interceptions returned for touchdowns in a blowout loss in

Seattle, then had three picked off in a home loss to Oakland, columnists and callers on radio talk shows wanted him benched. At 3-4, the Cardinals had a welcome week off.

When they resumed play, Jake the Snake was his old scrambling self, especially striking when the Cardinals went to a no-huddle offense that converted the kind of football strategy that brings out his best.

"I learned to just go out and play," he said. "It was just a matter of staying patient and not getting flustered and not getting flustered, going through the first growing pains I had to go through."

The team finished 9-7, then pulled out the stunning playoff win in Dallas last Sunday.

In leading the Cardinals to their first winning season since they moved from St. Louis in 1986, Plummer threw for 3,737 yards, more than Favre, Troy Aikman, John Elway and, yes, Montana, in their second NFL seasons.

Plummer threw 17 touchdown passes but was intercepted 20 times, often on passes that should have thrown it away or taken a sack.

"He's still 24 years old in the second year of his career and the first year of a new offense," Trestman said.

But he marvels at how his quarterback affects everybody around him.

"He's a very special guy," Trestman said. "I'm very lucky to be around him."

'Tuna,' 'Salmon' lead Jets-Jags showdown

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — If Bill Parcells is commonly known as "Tuna" in these parts, what does that make protege Tom Coughlin in northern Florida?

Parcells' Jacksonville defensive tackle John Jurkovic said. "The Co-ho?"

Tommy 'Coho' Coughlin. He could be a salmon, I think.

The Co-ho is the Tuna-Salmon matchup will be uncanceled today when Parcells' New York Jets jabs the Jaguars in the AFC.

Coughlin came to prominence as the wide receivers coach for Parcells with the New York Giants, winning Super Bowl XXV after the 1990 season. He then left for Boston College even before Parcells temporarily retired, and Denver was hired to coach the Jaguars in 1994 and coach them when they entered the league the following year.

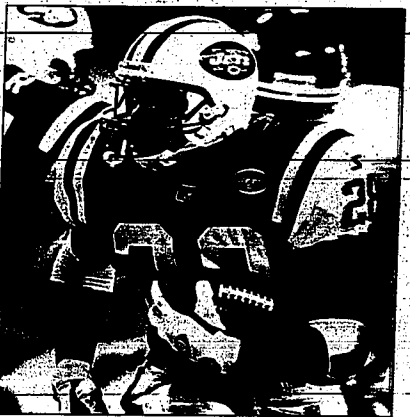
Coughlin has had Parcells-like success leading his team. The

Jaguars made the AFC Championship game in '96, their second year — they lost to the New England Patriots in the first installment of Parcells' vs. Coughlin — and the playoffs the next two seasons. That includes winning the AFC Central for the first time this season.

"We started talking for a while, and after 15 minutes, I knew I liked him," Parcells said. "He fought his way, came up the hard way, played with (Larry Conna and Floyd Little) at Syracuse, then started his own program at Rochester Tech. He paid his dues as a coach, had some hard times as an assistant coach."

There won't be any advice coming from Parcells this week. Parcells, who has done as remarkable a job turning Super Bowl Jets as Coughlin has done turning an expansion team into a Super Bowl contender so quickly, admits he doesn't know either coach.

"I'd rather we didn't have to do this," Parcells said. "This happens in this industry. If we can't win, then there isn't anybody I'd rather see win than him."



New York Jets running back Curtis Martin looks back on his way to a 14-yard touchdown run Aug. 29 against the New York Giants. Martin and the Jets take on the Jacksonville Jaguars today with the winner playing the Denver Broncos next weekend for the right to play in Super Bowl XXXII.

Can Cards' heart match Vikes' talent?

MINNEAPOLIS — The Arizona Cardinals are a very good story, but the Minnesota Vikings are a very good football team.

That's why coaches' opinions about the matchup between the Vikings and the Cardinals isn't even expected to be a speed bump in the Vikings' road to the Super Bowl.

The NFL Cardinals are the best good team of this football season, but outsiders say they don't have the match for the Vikings' defense.

But even if they shut down the highest-scoring team in NFL history, while the Cardinals are the best offense.

The Vikings finished the season 12-1, and the only two previous seasons to post that record in the NFL. In 1988, and Chicago in 1993) won the Super Bowl.

"When people have seen us play, everyone expects us to be the best," said Minnesota cornerback Jimmy Ertz.

Perhaps the most interesting facet of today's game is the

manipulation of Cardinal cornerback Aeneas Williams, who shut down Michael Irvin last week, against rookie wonder Randy Moss.

Moss, who refused to give an interview, was the "win" named rookie of the year, gave Williams a backhanded compliment.

"They are average corners with the exception of Aeneas Williams being a Pro Bowl player. He raises their level above average. We know we have to be on our game," he said.

But even if they shut down Moss, the Vikings have Cris Carter and Jake Reed as targets for Randall Cunningham. Then there's the running of Robert Smith and Howard.

Wiking overconfidence could be a problem — except that offensive coordinator Brian Billick seems to keep calling up big stats for his pinball offense.

Billick is almost certain to get a head coaching job at the end of the season — he's the hot candidate now that George Seifert and Mike Holmgren have new homes.

Marino ends another year without gold

DENVER (AP) — Dan Marino's first pass was dropped. His second pass was also dropped. By the time he threw for a first down, the Miami Dolphins trailed 14-0.

From that point, the situation deteriorated. The Dolphins' season ended Saturday like so many others in the Marino era: no running game, no defense, no Super Bowl.

The most prolific passer in NFL history completed his 16th season without a championship ring when Miami lost 38-3 to the Denver Broncos in the second round of the AFC playoffs.

A wave of late-season injuries contributed to a collapse by the Dolphins' young defense and Marino as his team's only hope for an upset.

On an unexpectedly pleasant 50-degree afternoon, the 37-year-old quarterback didn't look cold,



Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino is sacked by Denver Broncos defensive end Marvin Washington during the fourth quarter of Miami's 38-3 drubbing by the Broncos Saturday in Denver.

and he didn't look old.

He just looked outnumbered. Marino completed six of seven passes to set up a field goal that cut the score to 14-3, but Miami didn't threaten again until late in the third quarter.

And Bill Romanowski's interception ended the chance: Marino also was intercepted in the fourth quarter.

As a result, Marino lost to John Elway's Broncos for the first time in their three career meetings.

49ers lose more than game in Atlanta

ATLANTA — Larry Thrallkill, Marucci's boss, oversees the San Francisco 49ers after Carmen Polio's abrupt departure as club president, resigned as expected shortly after the team's 20-18 loss to the Falcons Saturday.

Hall of Fame coach Bill Walsh, who led the 49ers to three Super Bowls during the 1980s, is widely expected to rejoin the team in a yet to be determined front-office capacity.

The San Francisco 49ers are on a proposal to extend coach Steve Mariucci's contract and is expected to wrap it up shortly. Mariucci is finishing the second year of a five-year deal. "From what I understand, we're very close, Mariucci said.

As run goes, so goes SF Garrison Hearst crumpled to the turf on the first play.

Terry Kirby limped off the field moments later.

The San Francisco 49ers' run game mangled and going nowhere, and Steve Young pres-



San Francisco 49ers coach Steve Mariucci reacts as he watches a replay Saturday in Atlanta.

Chris Doleman retires

San Francisco defensive end Chris Doleman wrapped up one of his best seasons Saturday and also closed the book on his illustrious career.

Following the 49ers' 20-18 loss to the Atlanta Falcons, the 37-year-old Doleman formally announced his retirement.

Mathis wins a baby, too

Terance Mathis' grin stretched the tight boudoir of the crowded Atlanta Falcons' locker room Saturday and not just because his team won.

Though he'd never been one victory away from the Super Bowl, Mathis was more elated about experiencing another first — becoming a father. "I've been on a high all day," Mathis said. His daughter, Terace Paula Mathis, was born at 6 a.m. Saturday — just 6 1/2 hours before kickoff. She came 10 days early and just as soon as Mathis got a couple hours sleep before Saturday's game.

SPORTS

Kiwis top 1st Hopman Cup; Graf retires

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Australia defeated Sweden 2-1 to win the Hopman Cup for the first time.

Australia's Jelena Dokic beat Asa Carlsson 6-2, 7-6 (10-8), and Mark Philippoussis clinched Australia's victory with a 6-3, 7-6 (8-6) win over Jonas Bjornkman. Dokic, a 15-year-old, made Carlsson her latest upset victim.

Pro tennis
She also defeated Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain and France's Sandrine Testu in the tournament.

"It's probably the greatest day of my life," Dokic said. "I've never won something this big before and it gives me great confidence. We weren't expected to win coming into the tournament, but I've played some great tennis and got through."

Graf retires from final in Challenger Cup

HONG KONG — Steffi Graf won't be adding the Challenger Cup title to her resume. An upset smothered forced the former No. 1 player to retire from her last match against Venus Williams on Saturday. Graf was using the Hong Kong tournament as a tuneup before



Germany's Steffi Graf, left, grimaces as she is comforted by American Venus Williams after Graf dropped out of their Super-Power Challenge Cup final Saturday in Hong Kong. Graf had managed to battle to a 2-2 first-set tie before retiring.

defeated Mary Pierce 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 to win the Australian Women's Hardcourt Championships in Gold Coast.

Schnyder wins Hardcourt title in Gold Coast
GOLD COAST, Australia — Patty Schnyder of Switzerland

defeated Mary Pierce 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 to win the Australian Women's Hardcourt Championships in Gold Coast. Schnyder, the No. 2 seed, had lost her previous three matches against Pierce, the No. 7 player in the world and top seed in the tournament.

Enqvist advances to men's showdown

PERTH, Australia — In the men's hardcourt tournament at Perth, Australia, second-seeded Thomas Enqvist of Sweden defeated Scott Draper of Australia 6-3, 7-5 to advance to the final.

Enqvist will face Australian teen-ager Lieke Martens today.
He Witt upset countryman and fourth-seeded Jason Stoltenberg 6-1, 6-3.

Henman rages to final while Pioline exits

DOHA, Qatar — Top-seeded Tim Henman and surprising Rainer Schuttler of Germany advanced Saturday into the final of the \$1 million Qatar Open tennis tournament.

Henman defeated Karim Alami of Morocco 6-4, 6-2, while Schuttler surprised seventh-seeded Cedric Pioline of France 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

When Alami dropped his serve in the second set, he pounded the ball into a 50-foot high floodlight, bringing a code violation warning. Schuttler upset Henman in a tournament last year.



Country singer Clint Black, left, gets an impromptu bat control lesson from baseball's HR king Mark McGwire Friday in Concord, Calif. The two stars took part in "Stars to the Rescue VII," a charity event held Saturday benefiting St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony LaRussa's Animal-Rescue Foundation.

Mac's homers top catch at auction

NEW YORK (AP) — When the slightly smudged Rawlings baseball left Montreal Expos pitcher Carl Pavano's right hand in September, it was worth about \$9.

Then it reached the bat of St. Louis slugger Mark McGwire, who promptly launched the 70th and final home run of his record-setting 1998 season.

The ball landed in Busch Stadium's left field stands. Its price tag is still going up. On Tuesday night, Philip Ozersky — a research scientist who caught McGwire's historic home run ball — could see it fetch more than \$1 million at a Madison Square Garden auction. The McGWire ball is "the Hope Diamond of sports collectibles," said Alan Fitzgibbon, co-owner of Guernsey's auction house. If he's right, the official National League

ball will dwarf the existing record for a ball sold at auction: \$126,000 for the first home run ball hit by Babe Ruth at Yankee Stadium.

Other balls offered by Guernsey's include the 66th and final home run by Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs; the 75th and last home run by career home run king Hank Aaron, and other balls from the McGWire-Sosa home run derby last season. Guernsey's, which is staging the auction in tandem with the online sales company eBay, also will make 30-40 other coveted baseball items available. McGWire's 70th should draw the most bidding because it took 37 years for someone to break Roger Maris' mark of 61 homers in 1961. Before then there was a 34-year gap from when Ruth hit 60 in 1927.

NASCAR Winston Cup revs up for a new season

Knight Rider News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR Winston Cup racing's brief hibernation is over.

Testing has begun at Daytona, and the buildup toward the 1999 season gets off to a rolling start this week in North Carolina. More than 175 media representatives from 28 states gather in Charlotte on Monday for the annual media tour hosted by Charlotte Motor Speedway.

On Saturday in Winston-Salem, fans will gather at Joel Coleiseum for the annual Winston Cup Preview.

The event is a day-long session that brings most of the sport's top stars out to sign autographs and raise money for various charities. The media tour includes visits to teams' shops and sessions with drivers and crew chiefs at the University Hillton, and at Charlotte Motor Speedway. The tour concludes Friday with

a visit to Hendrick Motorsports, where team owner Rick Hendrick could give his first interview after completing a one-year suspension.

Hendrick's suspension was part of his plea agreement on one count of mail fraud in a criminal case stemming from automobile dealership operations. Hendrick has leukemia and has been away from the track for several operations of his team for the past two seasons. Jeff Gordon won the

Winston Cup championship in each of those seasons, giving Hendrick four straight titles.

Hendrick spent 1998 serving a one-year house arrest sentence and went on a vacation with his family as soon as that ended. Team officials have received dozens of interview requests for Hendrick, but a team spokesman said it is not certain that Friday's program will be the last. Hendrick chooses to meet some of that demand.

Finally! The snow falls and resorts begin to mine new white gold

Knight Rider News Service

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. — John Gain has been watching the snow pile up outside his office since New Year's Day, but the color he sees isn't white. It's green.

Like most of the residents in Colorado's 26 ski resort towns, Gain, the president of a property management company, depends on snow to make a living. Mining used to drive most of these towns' economies. Now it is tourism, and it is snow that brings the skiers, snowboarders and snowshoers to fill hotel rooms, dine at the restaurants and buy the souvenirs.

"In the 1800s, we were mining yellow gold," Gain said. "Today, we mine white gold."

Unfortunately for many of Colorado's resorts, snow has been scarce this winter. At the start of this Christmas-to-New Year's holiday week — the biggest single week of the ski season — most resorts had less than three feet of hard-packed, icy snow on the ground. Salt Lake City even dared to buy advertising on Colorado

Springs radio stations, boasting of great conditions and trying to woo skiers out of state.

"I've been here 10 years and it was the worst I've seen," said Jon Schertz, manager of the Rec Sports ski shop in Breckenridge.

Through the end of December, business in Colorado hit the rocks — just like the visitors who came after booking vacations well in advance.

What a difference a week makes.

Since Jan. 1, a series of winter storms has pounded the Rocky Mountains. On Tuesday, Arapahoe Basin, Berthoud Pass, Breckenridge, Copper Mountain, Loveland, Silver Creek and Winter Park each received at least a foot of new snow.

There are now 11 Colorado resorts reporting a mid-mountain base depth of at least 40 inches — about the norm for this time of year.

The new snow is allowing resorts to open up more of their skiable terrain.

In Breckenridge, fresh snow brought spirits Wednesday. "Everyone's mood has changed since it started snowing," said

Jon Zayicek, assistant brewmaster at Breckenridge Brewery.

"I was on the mountain this morning. It was good!" Zayicek said. "I was at the pub picked up as the snow piled up. It's good to see the snow falling."

Snowboarder Derek Robinson of Albuquerque, N.M., said he would have stayed home if conditions had not improved.

"It did make a difference," he said. "This is perfect conditions for me."

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Salt Lake City Mayor Deshae Corradini, left, and Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt listen as Frank Joklik, right, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, makes a statement during a news conference Friday in Salt Lake City. Joklik and senior vice president Dave Johnson resigned and two others were placed on paid leave in response to the burgeoning bribery scandal.

Salt Lake City's Olympic-size quandary

Resignations prompt new questions about preparations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — From the governor on down, officials hope the departure of two top Salt Lake Olympics executives amid a growing bribery scandal will help refocus attention on preparing for the 2002 Winter Games.

But the biggest scandal in Olympic history that prompted Joklik's resignations by Salt Lake Organizing Committee president Frank Joklik and vice president David Johnson has led to a succession of questions.

Who will replace Joklik and Johnson? How should future Olympics be awarded? How will the scandal affect sponsorship of the 2002 Olympics? Who will foot the bill if sponsor money dries up?

State officials and Olympic organizers agree that the sooner those questions are answered, the better.

"I call upon the Olympic family to form an agenda of reform and carry it out with deliberation and speed," Gov. Mike Leavitt said. "This corner of Olympic corruption did not begin in Salt Lake City. But let it end here."

In announcing his resignation, Joklik described a number of misdeeds, including cash payments to IOC members; payments for housing, travel, and education expenses for IOC member relatives; expensive gifts and free health care to IOC members and their families; and assistance in making a Utah land deal that left an influential IOC member from Africa with a \$60,000 profit.

In addition, Leavitt's spokeswoman, Vicki Varela, acknowledged the SLOC ethics panel is looking into possible use of bid committee credit cards to pay for female escorts for IOC members.

Joklik, 70, said he knew nothing of gifts and payments to IOC members while he was volunteer chairman of the bid panel, but was stepping down from the SLOC post because "changes must be made for the games to proceed."

The retired copper-company executive will stay on the job until a replacement is found. Johnson's resignation from the No. 2 job came as Joklik's request was effective immediately. As a bid committee member, Johnson was the point man in wooing the votes of IOC members.

In addition, senior vice president of marketing and legal affairs Kelly Flint and licensing director Rod Hamson were placed on paid leave pending the outcome of four separate investigations into the scandal. And the organizing committee will stop paying a \$10,000-a-month consulting fee to Tom Welch, who resigned as SLOC president in 1997 in the wake of spouse-abuse allegations.

SLOC said it planned an international search for a new leader. Leavitt, Utah House Speaker



An influential African member of the International Olympic Committee invested \$75,000 in this Pleasant View, Utah, property, a purchase arranged through a member of the Salt Lake bid committee. Jean-Claude Ganga's purchase and sale of three luxury residential lots in Pleasant View, Utah, is being investigated by a Salt Lake Organizing Committee ethics panel probing allegations of bribery in winning the 2002 Winter Games. Ganga is from the Republic of Congo.

"I call upon the Olympic family to form an agenda of reform and carry it out with deliberation and speed. This corner of Olympic corruption did not begin in Salt Lake City. But let it end here."

— Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt

Marty Stephens, SLOC board members Ken Bullock and Nolan Karras, as well as the U.S. Olympic Committee want to keep the job in the hands of a Utah resident.

"Frank Joklik's successor should come from the state of Utah," USOC President Bill Hybl said.

Already, several names have come up, including Roger Jackson, who helped run the successful 1988 Winter Games in Calgary, Alberta; Leavitt's former chief of staff Charlie Johnson; Jon Huntsman Jr., a former U.S. ambassador and son of Utah industrialist Jon Huntsman Sr.; and Dave Checketts, the former Utah Jazz executive who runs Madison Square Garden.

Another area organizers likely will have to address scandal is funding. USOC executive director Dick Schultz said he did not expect the 2002 Games to lose sponsors, but the scandal would make it hard for organizers to recruit additional sponsors if it needs to adequately fund the games. That could lead to budget

cuts, Schultz said.

Olympic sponsor U.S. West already has delayed sending a \$5 million payment to SLOC. Company spokesman Michael Granden said the phone company is worried about the diminishing value of its \$50 million investment.

Leavitt also acknowledged Friday that the 17-page contract signed between state and Salt Lake City officials in 1991 to protect the city from Olympic debt explains how the contract violates Utah's Constitution, which prohibits the state from guaranteeing any public or private debt.

Leavitt has promised the city will not be left with debt, but city council members are asking Leavitt and legislative leaders to explain how the contract avoids constitutional questions. If that doesn't work, they may ask the Utah Supreme Court to clear up the matter.

"If Salt Lake City has financial responsibility for a disaster, I would like to know that in 1999, not in 2002," City Council Chairman Keith Christensen told The Salt Lake Tribune.



David Johnson



Tom Welch

Blame falls on 2 men, but where was board?

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For the finger pointing begin.

As top executives resigned from Salt Lake's Olympic organizing committee and investigations into how far city boosters stooped to win the 2002 Winter Games, blame for the misdeeds game being fixed on William Fred Welch and David Johnson.

But where was the board they reported to?

That's the question on the lips of many in this city reeling from the stain of scandal and brace for what yet could be revealed by four separate investigations working from Salt Lake, Colorado, Springs, Washington and Tennessee, Switzerland.

Johnson, the senior vice president for the committee organizing the games and the point man in wooing International Olympic Committee members during the bid, was forced to resign on Friday.

Welch, who resigned in 1997 after spousal abuse charges, has been stripped of his \$10,000-a-month consulting contract and \$500,000 pension. He was at the helm of Salt Lake's quest for the bid before 1991, says five years leading up to the winning IOC vote in 1995.

His successor as chief executive of the organizing committee, Frank Joklik, resigned Friday, revealing that investigators had found boosters gave IOC members cash payments ranging from \$5,000 to more than \$70,000 and expensive gifts; paid educational, travel, housing and medical costs of IOC members and their families; and helped IOC member Jean-Claude Ganga of the Republic of Congo in making a profitable land investment.

The possibility that prostitutes were hired for IOC members also is under investigation, Gov. Mike Leavitt said Friday.

Joklik said he was dismayed by the revelations and knew nothing of the corruption, and his departure was cast by the governor as a self-sacrifice so the games can have a fresh start.

Yet where was Joklik — the volunteer chairman of the bid committee while he was the chief executive of Kennecott Copper Co. — and Utah's other business leaders who served on the bid committee board?

In the dark, claims the governor, "No one on this board knew what was going on," Leavitt said Friday. They were victims of a "systemic cover-up" orchestrated by a small group handling the cash, he said.

"We were deceived. We were lied to," said banker Spencer Eccles, the chairman of First Security Corp., who raised millions for the bid and is a key member of SLOC's executive committee. "I'm sick at heart."

Verl Topham, senior vice president of PacificCorp and a longtime board member for both the bid and organizing efforts, said he is "personally devastated" by the revelations. "We had taken strong positions as a board that we would engage in activities of this nature."

Board members knew all about the winning and dining of visiting IOC members and the gifts of cowboy hats and quilts.

"We understood that. We were part of that," said Topham. "But that's a far thing from direct cash payments."

Nolan Karras, who is the governor's stand-in on the organizing committee and was involved in the bid before 1991, says the board could be blamed if it had not set up systems and policies to prevent such payments.

The board required checks if any significant amount to have two signatures, and had outside auditors scrutinize both the soundness of the safeguards and the propriety of the spending, said Karras, a CPA.

"If the auditors don't tell you the audit committee doesn't tell you and the management doesn't tell you, how would you know?" he asks. "I'm quite confident the auditors need to be asked where in hell they were."

WEST



Perma-Pak's Steve Shenk stands Thursday among some of his firm's dehydrated food and other preparedness products he markets at a warehouse in West Jordan, Utah. For years, Sherk and other Mormons have stocked up on food and emergency supplies in preparation for floods, earthquakes and other disasters. Now with the millennium clock ticking away, hordes of non-Mormons around the nation are stocking out big bucks for some year-end peace of mind.

Millennium madness booms in Utah

Stocking up for the worst, people drain preparedness outlets' resources

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For years, Steve Sherk and other Mormons have squirreled away food and emergency supplies in preparation for floods, earthquakes, unemployment — pick your disaster.

But with the clock ticking down on the millennium, hordes of non-Mormons around the country are shelling out big bucks for some year-end peace of mind.

Apocalyptic nervousness of every Biblical, New Age and technological stripe is bringing a huge boom to a small industry once aimed primarily at members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Businesses offering dehydrated and canned goods in bulk and hand- and gas-powered devices can't make it ship the products fast enough.

"It used to be Mormons and survivalists," says Shane Sullivan, manager of Preparedness Mart in St. George. "But now it's everybody."

Shenk, who works for the J. Michael Stevens Group, a Salt Lake-based marketer of dehydrated food and other preparedness products, says uneasiness about the future and Year 2000 computer bug have people from all walks of life bracing for the worst.

About a fourth of the people responding to USA Today/Gallup Poll last month said they will stockpile food and water in preparation for the new millennium.

"Up until a couple years ago the only people who were putting in orders were (Mormons), and people thought we were nuts. Now they still think we're nuts, but they want to know where we get our food," said Sherk, whose group sells products for Preparedness Resources in Murray.

"The big push is still a relatively small part of the population," Sherk said. "But they have thrown the entire industry — if you can call it an industry — of storable foods into a quagmire."

For years, the food storage business has been something of a cottage industry in Utah, where Mormons make up 70 percent of the population.

Church leaders for decades have encouraged members to keep a year's supply of food as a hedge against the unexpected.

"It's never been an apocalyptic kind of thing; more of a personal motivation," said church spokesman Dale Bills. "It's been

more of a 'be prepared to provide for your own' than 'the end is nigh'."

But the Year 2000 computer problem — known as Y2K — and general uncertainty about the upcoming millennium have led people everywhere to stockpile food, creating substantial business for preparedness outlets.

"It's hard to walk in some places anywhere in the United States and find a 50-pound bag of rice — except the Intermountain West," Sullivan said.

Utah companies that have long offered food in large, rustproof cans and 40-pound bags, 100-hour candles, oversized barrels for water storage, and even mills to grind grain, can no longer keep their stores stocked.

"We try to ship orders within three days. It's taking three to four weeks. We're back-ordered about 12 weeks for a yearlong supply, which is the most popular item," said Chris Clarke of Emergency Essentials, an Orem-based company which sells primarily through catalogs.

Most orders are for individuals and their families, said Preparedness Resources office manager Roslyn Niebuhr.

When large orders come in, they are generally for Y2K preparedness groups, church groups or other community organizations.

"People don't seem to be panicking at all. They're just like, 'We don't know what's going to be happening,'" Niebuhr said. "I don't feel like there's a paranoia type of thing happening."

But more and more people are rushing for supplies.

"I just think, personally, that things are going to start happening. And it doesn't matter why," said Stacey Martinez, a 27-year-old father of triplets who came into the Perma Pak Pantry Supply Store in Murray seeking information on Y2K.

"The times are crazy," Mormon banker Melvin Richards said he has always stored extra food in his basement and garage. "It's just a continuous

of something I believe," he said while examining several plastic buckets he will use to hold dried beans.

The southeast corner of Emergency Essentials' South Salt Lake warehouse-style "outlet" store is stacked with 5-gallon water barrels, cordoned off with thick white and signs marked "sold."

Preparedness Resources, which has been in the business for 56 years, had eight employees a year ago, Niebuhr said. Now the company has 60 employees and is hiring at least two more each week.

"We've had probably close to 1,500 percent growth in a year," she said.

The managers and salespeople point to Y2K as the primary reason business has surged, but they also say customers are concerned about possible political and economic instability, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes.

"A common statement we had is: 'It's not a matter of whether,

it's a matter of when.' What the Y2K thing did was it gave it a definite when," Sherk said.

"Whatever the family's concerns, the Y2K thing has put a time limit on it."

More than 80 percent of large U.S. companies are behind schedule in fixing their computer bugs by 2000, according to a survey by the Gap Gemini America consulting firm. Some experts believe failure of computers to correctly read dates could trigger disruptions in commerce, finance, power supplies and other vital services.

President Clinton's chief authority on the problem, John Koskinen of the Year 2000 Council, said last month that 61 percent of the federal government's "mission critical systems" are already fixed. He predicted that 85-90 percent will meet Clinton's March deadline for completion.

"Some of those who sell emergency supplies say it's better to be ready for disaster and have nothing happen than face an emergency unprepared."

"You buy some stuff you get prepared for the worst. If nothing happens, you eat the food. If it's camping supplies (you bought), you go on a camping trip," Sullivan said. "It's just telling them to be prudent."

"What's the harm in doing that?"

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INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

Give yourself reasons to celebrate New Year's in 2000 with these financial tips

By Pat Macintosh
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The start of a new year always holds the promise of new beginnings. More than losing weight or stopping smoking, that may include improving your financial situation so you are better off at the end of year than at the beginning. A group of experts shared their advice for a prosperous year ahead.

For businesses

Jeff Threlkeld, Salt Lake City economist and author of the Idaho Small Business Index for Zions Bank, offers this advice:

• **Watch expenses.** When business owners do well they need to want to add people and expand office space.

• **Don't get carried away real quickly,** he said. "That's again, don't be too tight-fisted."

• **"Don't pinch pennies to the extent you can't conduct business or advertise,"** he said.

• **Recorded business-related credit** Idaho has the nation's 10th highest percentage jump in bankruptcy filings.

• **Think twice, he pointed, he credited** business year book. "Don't just try to deal with one major client," he said. "If something happens to that client, you're in trouble."

• **For more advice, turn to your bank, the Internet and the Small Business Administration.**

For families

Ron Brown with Farmers National Bank in Buhl, College of Southern Idaho business professor Dennis Heiner and James Smith, US Bank economist

• **Watch credit-card debt, the cause of many bankruptcies.**

• **"People don't realize how much they have until it gets to pinch,"** Brown said.

• **Save, save, save. Get into the habit, Brown said. Even \$10 a month adds up.**

• **The people who get ahead are the savers and who rely less on borrowed money,** Heiner added.

• **Add to the home payment. Tackling a mortgage on a mortgage payment can take months off how long you pay, Brown said.**

• **Start saving for retirement. Take advantage of retirement plans, Mitchell advised. You can probably start for as little as \$25 per month.**

• **"At the end of the year you can say, 'I've started to make preparations for retirement,'"** he said. "That's the beauty of it, and the stuff grows over time."

• **Upgrade your skills. Keep up with changing technology or move up to a better job by taking classes, Mitchell said.**

• **"Even if you don't work with computers now, you probably will sometime,"** he said.

• **Avoid costly mistakes, Comparison**



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI offers career training for workers in transition

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Center for New Directions is offering WorkSmart for people entering the work force for the first time, changing occupations and/or gaining transferable skills for career upgrade or promotion. WorkSmart training is planned for \$30 to \$200 per person, Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning this month. The six-week course addresses long learning and career planning, and skills in self-management, communication, teamwork and leadership. Cost is \$200. Scholarships and financial aid are available. Their interested list, register by Monday. For more information, call 733-8554, Ext. 2580, or (800) 688-4274, Ext. 2580.

Wendell chamber will elect officers, hear guest speaker

WENDELL - The Wendell Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon Wednesday at the Fairbancos Westcourt. Officers for 1999 will be elected. Nominations are Mickey Johnson as president, B.J. Marshall as secretary and Rocky Shabert for treasurer. Memberships are available. Other speakers are Osmo, Dan Berglund, Curtis Gunn, Fred Uta and Mary Heide. Other announcements can be made before the election. A special presentation of the Wendell Chamber of Commerce will speak on Financing Idaho: Products and Services Throughout Idaho. All members are eligible to vote. Membership dues will be paid at the meeting and may be paid at the beginning of the meeting.

Association will teach ethics at seminar for legal assistants

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Association of Legal Assistants will present a continuing education seminar on ethics on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 5 to 8 p.m. Friday in the Main Library Room at the Wendell Plaza, 1500 Main, Twin Falls. Registration and check-in starts at 4:30 p.m. The ethics program features Judge James from the Associate Bar Council, Buckle Lamson from Hanchison, Lamson & Clark speaking about ethics from the public defender's perspective and Justice Omer Peterson. John Loshupack speaking on ethics from the prosecutor's perspective. Cost is \$25 for non-members, \$20 for members and \$15 for students. For more information, call Kathy at 233-7180, Helen at 326-2084. See at 233-5111 or 233-5111.

Franklin acquires Volco Inc., adding 4 stores to chain

TWIN FALLS - Franklin Building Supply Co. of Boise announced it has completed the acquisition of Volco Inc. of Magic Valley effective Jan. 1. The transaction adds four stores to Franklin's existing group of seven retail lumber yards bringing the total of Franklin locations to 11 in Idaho and Nevada. The addition of the Volco yards fits a geographic need for Franklin, the company said. Volco's locations in Jerome, Twin Falls, Gooding and Burley complement the existing Franklin locations in Boise, Caldwell, Fruitland, McCall and Bellevue, Idaho, and Elko and Wilson, Nev., the company said. The four Volco stores are being renamed Franklin Building Supply, but Franklin officials said they expect to retain the long and successful history of Volco's relationship with its customers in the Magic Valley. "We will bring some buying and customer service strategies to Volco that have been successful for us," said Mike Reed of Franklin. "But hopefully the people and tradition of Volco will go on."

Employers add 2.9 million jobs in 1998, down from '97

For the year, employers added 2.9 million jobs, compared with 3.4 million in 1997. That growth was achieved despite 234,000 job losses in manufacturing and 35,000 in mining, principally oil drilling, reflecting slack demand. Construction has been helped not only by warm weather at the end of the year but by low interest rates, a byproduct of economic problems in Asia. Compiled from staff and wire reports



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Balloons flow in the wind as revelers celebrate the new year in New York's Times Square in the first minutes of 1999. People who invest wisely this year, save for retirement and control credit card debt will have added reasons to celebrate the entry of the new millennium.

Getting ahead gets tough in '99



Traders react to stock information displayed Thursday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. In the past 80 years, no other investment has paid higher returns than the stock market, says Dennis Heiner, College of Southern Idaho business teacher.

shop, and walk away from impulse buying, Heiner said. Get advice. "There is a lot of free advice at your own bank," Brown said.

For investors Many experts say investing is a way to get ahead. In the past 80 years, no other investment has paid higher returns than the stock market, Heiner said. Fred Nelson, financial consultant at

A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in Twin Falls, has these pointers: Consistency. Look for stocks that earn through thick and thin. Buy into companies you know. Have the money. Only use money you can put away for a while. If you have to sell low-performing stocks to fix a car, you may be making a mistake, because the stocks could rebound later. Be prepared to sit out. You'll have to learn not to be panicked by fluctuat-

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - And now for the bad news. Getting ahead in the new year, will be tougher and more complex. "We continue to see instances where the wages don't keep up with the cost of living," College of Southern Idaho business professor Dennis Heiner said. The region also is heavily influenced by an agricultural economy suffering a downturn. Complications come from outside forces. Half of the global economy is in recession. "For advice, call a Salt Lake City economist and author of Zions Bank's Idaho Small Business Index. "It just adds one more major unknown," he said. "What happens in Japan and other Asian markets will affect Idaho, especially in commodities, where prices are at a 21-year low. But other positive forces, such as strong national economy, are at work."

ingmarkets. Consider mutual funds. You can get in for \$250 to \$1,000, but you are buying into hundreds of companies. 4) Investments have no right to call credit courses in investing, Heiner said. Brokers are another excellent source, Nelson said. Times-News staff writer Pat Marcantoni can be reached at 733-0631, Ext. 242.

Web makes profitable gossip service a tempting idea

By Dan Gillster
Kalgis-Holter News Service

Confidential Memorandum
Jan. 1, 1999

Re: Board of Directors, Partners, Senior Management From: Dan G. Subject: eFartler.com - The Time Is Now

Happy New Year to all of you. Enclosed you'll find the latest -- and I assume, final -- draft of the eFartler.com Search Plan. It reflects the modifications we've agreed to during the past several weeks, and our programmers, Web developers, lawyers, marketing people and other personnel are already incorporating the changes. Our launch date is set for a week from Monday.

Online

Although I'm still not convinced we're as ready for launch as we should be, I concede the necessity to go for it right away. The mania for all things Internet can't last forever, and being first in our niche -- any Internet niche -- is crucial. We're really enough to make a decent splash ahead of any competition, and two investment bankers tell me we'll be excellent candidates for a quick IPO if we can time it before the Internet stock crash.

A condition of your participation, as you know, is that you make yourselves available to publicly discuss and defend the business when we get the inevitable

flood of media calls. But before I go over the main talking points, I want to be clear that a few bleeding-heart do-gooders will try to roast us alive for what we're doing. So if any of you are getting critical cold feet, you should withdraw now.

Assuming you're still with us (ha, ha), here are the key points to keep in mind: 1) Internet commerce is all about efficient markets, and Web-based solutions are particularly fine ways to bring together buyers and sellers. So we are no different, in this respect, than E-Trade (the Web stock broker), eBay (the trinkets-hairlooms-etc. site) and other Internet success stories. 2) Our business is simple and valuable: If you want to sell or buy information about public figures in America --

celebrities, politicians, etc. -- we are the place to go. Like other such sites, we don't care if the privacy of nonpublic figures. (DO NOT get into a discussion about the fact that a public figure has a much harder time winning a libel suit.) 4) Investors have no right to call us sleazy. We're certain that media organizations will be some of our best customers. Remember: You'll be attacked by people who see this venture as the ultimate expression of cynicism and greed. Ignore them. In today's America, the only rational standards of behavior are what works and what you can get away with.

MONEY

Computers, televisions converge at tech show

Knight Ridder News Service

LAS VEGAS — This year, television, computers and the Internet may finally merge at a home near you.

The result — which companies plan to make available across the country as early as this spring — is something like the silk-poke and functions like TV. But by harnessing the power of computers to their set, consumers will be able to make their own tastes and needs.

At the International Consumer Electronics Show here Thursday, the two largest U.S. providers of satellite TV each announced plans to marry some elements of computers with their television services. Both say they'll put out a new generation of set-top boxes in 1999 that will give consumers the ability to interact with programs and record them digitally.

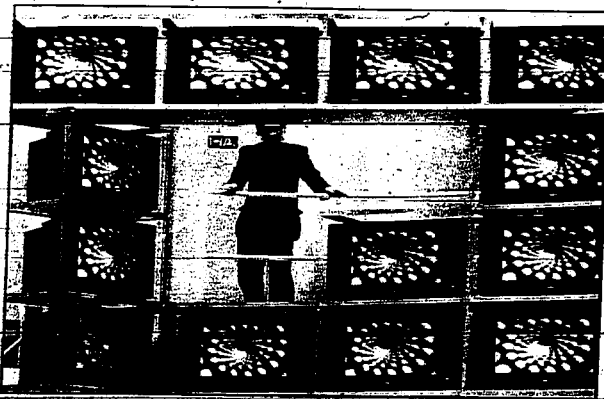
Among the benefits promised are the ability to pause live broadcasts and resume watching at a convenient time, call-up plot summaries and other information about programs, order products as they are advertised and sum-up information from the Internet on the TV.

The country's leading TV manufacturer, Thomson Consumer Electronics, also revealed its plan for building a new generation of set-top boxes with Microsoft Corp. by the end of 1999. And San Jose, Calif., start-up TerraCruz reported that three set manufacturers are adding its chips to their products, potentially turning even more set-top interactive TVs.

Consumers have similar promises before, including unfilled ones from two of the main players at Tuesday's announcement — Microsoft and DirecTV, the country's leading-satellite dish satellite TV service. There is a key difference this time, however: the intense competition between cable, satellite and TV set-top stations is boosting the companies' willingness to roll out new services. If the satellite companies plunge into the market, the cable companies are almost certain to follow.

Another important difference from the previous convergence-promises, analysts say, is in what consumers may be offered.

WebTV demonstrated that consumers weren't all that interested in browsing the World Wide Web on their TV, said analyst



An employee of Dunes of Sand, Nevada, assists a group of television viewers at the company's display at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas on Friday.

Merchants show off smarter gadgets

Knight Ridder News Service

LAS VEGAS — In the digital home of the future, consumers will be able to sit in front of their televisions to order dinner, watch a movie and buy concert tickets.

The focus here at the Winter Consumer Electronics Show is on the products that will help people do that by replacing the technology in their homes through the power of microprocessors.

While home appliances continue to be independently one another, technology will soon allow everything from televisions and computers to telephones and

designers. Using the Java programming language, Escim's TimeFlow III, a CD management system, allows consumers to navigate through their CD collection on a television screen. The TimeFlow will organize music by style, save song lists and control up to three disc changers. Its base unit sells for \$2,500, and it can be upgraded through a modem.

Also changing the face of the living room is digital television. A team of manufacturers are displaying high-definition television, or HDTV, the new standard that promises crisp colors, mainly

in the 16:9 format. The new HDTV widescreen projection televisions, a 65-inch model will be available in the third quarter of 1999 for \$6,999, as well as a 55-inch model for \$4,999.

Sony's "Fast Forward" in the future, the new 32-inch widescreen projection television, will be available in the third quarter of 1999 for \$6,999, as well as a 55-inch model for \$4,999.

The digital menu, like the features described by consumers, offer consumers a \$499 package that includes a satellite dish and set-top box. The package also includes a digital receiver and WebTV Italia, which allows you to connect to the Internet through your TV.

While digital television prices remain high and out of reach for many consumers, Susan Kwan, a spokeswoman for Sony, said, "Prices will drop as more manufacturers jump into the game."

But there are many who aren't ready to cough up thousands of dollars for a new high definition television, and for those people, CES has a parade of choices and games. There was something for even those who still don't know how to program their VCR, or know the difference between DVD and DigiD.

Sony introduced the world's smallest minidisc recorder, a 20-inch by 6-inch by 3-inch device featuring a remote that allows listeners to move and ride songs while recording. The gadget costs \$299 and is being introduced here this week.

Television watchers who can't miss a single episode of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," or "Friends" will love the new digital disc guarantee viewers will never miss a single show.

Reply Networks Inc. and Live TV, would let viewers pause or rewind live programs with the touch of a button on their set-top box. In versions available later in 1999, the box will be able to record up to eight hours of programs chosen by the viewer or by an electronic eye that scans the viewer's preferences.

Families can't rely on grants to cover rising college costs

Knight Ridder News Service

Reeling parents are barely home from the hospital with their newborns before they are forced to face perhaps the most threatening in child-raising today:

How are we going to pay for college? Babies born today are potential members of the college class of 2020. Right now, the average cost — tuition, room and board — at a four-year private school is \$15,213 per year, according to the College Board in New York. But most Ivy League schools and those that are comparable cost more than \$30,000.

The College Board says the average annual cost for a four-year public school is \$7,472. Penn

State, though, is between \$10,600 and \$11,000, depending on year and major.

If you look back at how rapidly college costs have risen in the past decade — 5 percent to 6 percent annually — and project ahead to 2016, when today's newborns will likely become college freshmen, it is not hard to conclude that four years of college could cost \$75,000 for a public university to \$250,000 for a top-notch private school.

And yet, according to a 1997 poll conducted for the Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), just about 18 percent of families start saving for college before their child begins high school.

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Poll suggests certain careers ready to take off

Starting salaries for new graduates will increase 4.8%

Knight Ridder News Service

The tight labor market and continued drive for good, experienced workers may push 1999's starting pay levels higher than the salaries offered in 1998 — a sample of the outlooks:

• Business hiring activity is expected to remain as strong in 1999 as it was in 1998, according to Manpower Inc.'s first-quarter employment outlook survey. A poll of 15,000 U.S. businesses found 23 percent planning to increase the size of their work force, 10 percent forecasting staff reductions and 63 percent expecting no change.

• Traditional seasonal layoffs will occur after the holidays, but the poll gave no indication of significant layoff or downsizing trends.

• Finance, insurance, real estate and the service sector in general

are expected to see employment growth leaders in the Midwest.

• Employers are forecasting a 10 percent increase in the number of jobs available to college graduates in 1999, according to an annual survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Last year's predictions called for a spectacular 19 percent increase in job offers, so the 10 percent forecast is down from expectations. It still represents a strong job market.

The poll found that the service sector is desperate for good workers of any background, but the market will pay those with technical skills — computer science and engineering degrees — most handsomely.

• In the mortgage, graduates should see a 4.6 percent increase in starting salary offers over 1998 levels. Information science grads are expected to do better than that, with average starting increases of 6 percent.

• Starting salaries in finance and accounting are expected to increase by an average of 4.7 percent, according to the annual

salary guide from the Ballentine Group. Starting salaries for graduates of Business and Economics majors are most sought after, with at least a year of experience should have an average starting pay increase of 6.5 percent.

• Average starting salaries in the administrative field should rise 4.8 percent, according to the OfficeLink administrative staffing company. This is up from an average of 3.6 percent offered for 1998, reflecting the tight labor market and the expanded job definition for many administrative workers.

• Demand for administrative professionals with word processing and spreadsheet experience is expected to be especially strong in the Midwest financial

services and health-care sectors.

• Legal support professionals can expect average starting pay to increase 5.1 percent, according to The Affiliates, the legal staffing division of Robert Half International. It expected legal secretaries may experience average starting salaries that are about 30.8 percent higher than in 1998.

• Apart from the hiring and salary numbers, there's another prediction for 1999: Casual office wear will continue to invade corporate America.

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TRADEWINDS



David Watson Nicole Pouchon Shawn Barigar Sandy Flora Sherri Harris

TWIN FALLS - David Watson is the newest sales associate at Magic Valley Realty. Watson is a Magic Valley native. Along with his wife, Julie, and five children, he owned and operated Watson's Furniture and Waterbeds 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.

TWIN FALLS - Glyndora Day received the Extra Mile Award in December from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. Day has worked at McDonald's restaurants for 23 years. Bill and Donna Kyle, owners of the local McDonald's stores, said she has provided outstanding customer service for all those years. The chamber ambassadors also recognized Linda Baird of Twin Falls School District 411 as a Bravo Cup winner for facilitating their retreat in November.

TWIN FALLS - Liberty Mutual Group recently presented three awards to life planners at its Twin Falls office for outstanding performance selling personal life insurance and retirement products during 1998. Larry Kimball of Jerome received the Planner of the Year Award. He joined the company in 1996. He has lived in Jerome for 40 years and is on the board of directors of the Twin Falls Life Underwriters Association.

(SILUA). He has helped with community projects, including volunteer work at a soup kitchen and the Walk of Dimes Walk-America.

Sharon Lehrman of Twin Falls received the Bell-Reay Shoot-Out Top Producer Award. She joined Liberty Mutual in 1997 and also is a member of the SILUA and involved in community projects. Gary Becker of Twin Falls, who joined the company in 1998, received the Rookie of the Year Award. He has lived in Twin Falls for 20 years, is a member of the SILUA and also involved in community projects.

Liberty Mutual Group said provides a wide range of products, including general liability, commercial auto and business property, group life and disability, private passenger auto and home owners insurance, individual life and health insurance and financial services. Kimball, Lehrman and Barker can be reached at 735-1371.

TWIN FALLS - Nicole Pouchon

has been promoted to news anchor for the News at 6 and News at 10 programs at KMVT-TV. The announcement was made by General Manager Lee Wagner and News Director Shawn Barigar.

Pouchon graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism and a minor in Spanish. She wrote for Talk Radio 1200 in Salt Lake City during college. Her family lives in Oakley.

Wagner also announced that Shawn Barigar will take on added responsibility as news anchor for the News at 6 program. As news director, he is involved with the daily operations of the news staff.

Barigar graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in communications. He was raised in Buhl and graduated from Buhl High School.

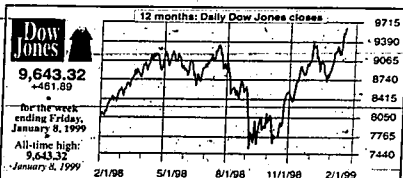
TWIN FALLS - Sandy Flora has joined the staff of Magic Valley Printing as sales manager.

Flora brings 20 years of experience in all aspects of printing to her new job, the company said.

She has resided in Twin Falls most of her life. She is involved in the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors group as 1999 chairperson for the Ambassadors-Success-Breakfasts as 1998 chairperson for the picnic and auction and as co-chairperson for the 1998 Success Breakfast. Flora also is the 1998-99 president of the Twin Falls Optimist Club.

BURLEY - Zions Bank has named Sherri Harris as administrative assistant in the Idaho retail sales and service Department.

Harris joined Zions a little more than a year ago from the Eastern Idaho Agricultural Credit Association in Burley. She previously worked as loan secretary at the Burley office of First Interstate Bank and has a total of 12 years of experience in the banking industry. She resides in Declo.



Markets soar during week

The Associated Press
Stocks responded to "the January effect," the annual influx of money from year-end bonuses and retirement-plan contributions, and reached record levels.

On Wednesday, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 233.78 to close at 9,544.97, a new peak. The Standard & Poor's 500 and the Nasdaq composite indexes also reached new heights, and analysts were heartened by the fact that virtually every sector performed well, not merely the high-flying Internet stocks that have grabbed headlines in recent weeks.

Just a day later, however, a cautious note came from Wall Street's most famously bullish analyst. Goldman Sachs's Abby Joseph Cohen marginally cut her recommended stock position for the first time in almost four years, saying stocks at their current lofty prices are "less attractive today than in September," when they were 30 percent lower.

Business week in review

Yet another rally Friday pushed the market through Wednesday's milestones.

Americans at work

The Labor Department reported that 1998 marked the strongest peacetime labor market in four decades. A burst of year-end hiring returned the nation's unemployment rate to 4.3 percent in December.

Back to NBA basketball

The National Basketball Association's 191-day lockout ended Wednesday after an all-night collective bargaining session. Owners won the right to impose caps on individual salaries, while players secured more money for the lower-paid athletes in the league.

TF company has new owner, name

Bakker Brothers becomes Cisco Seeds of Idaho

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls businessman "Chris" Janick has acquired the company from its Dutch owners who have been worldwide leaders in the seed industry since 1928, the company said. The company said it will continue from its headquarters and main production plant in Twin Falls, Idaho, and a second plant in Huron, Idaho. The company said it recently upgraded its mill line and will continue to upgrade equipment as needed to increase seed quality and maintain quality.

Janick, 56, has 25 years of management experience in the seed business and has been working with seeds since 1960. He was appointed to the Idaho District Export Council and is a member of the American Seed Trade Association, the Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association and the Federation of International Seedmen. He also is a member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, a collector of antiques and vintage cars and president of the Magic Valley East-Twin Falls club. He was married to Wade Falconburg, has been



Chris Janick

named Cisco's new sales coordinator to expedite orders and ensure prompt shipping. Charlotte Hawley, a veteran of the company, will continue as sales manager. Cisco has 32 full-time employees at its two southern Idaho facilities, and sells 20 million pounds of seed annually to more people during harvest and shipping times.

Cisco contracts with seed growers primarily in Idaho and also with growers in the Okanogan Valley of Washington and the Santa Maria, Lompoc and Chico, Calif., areas - all known for producing some of the finest seeds in the world, the company said.

"The company will continue to maintain strong relationships with its custom seed growers," Dances said.

Cisco provides the "mother seed" to its growers and then works with them to produce the desired variety, yield and quality to meet its customers demands. Seed samples undergo rigorous testing by a registered seed technologist in its laboratory, the company said. After processing the seeds, Cisco fills orders from its customers in seed packages and ships them worldwide.

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IRS seeks gentler image

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's tax collector is getting a kinder, gentler makeover intended to shift the focus from heavy-handed punishment to a mission that stresses service to taxpayer customers and avoidance of disputes.

It remains to be seen how much attitudes and practices will change at the Internal Revenue Service, but one thing is certain: taxpayers this year have dozens of rights and powers they never had before, thanks to Congress.

Passage of the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act last summer followed a series of highly publicized Senate Finance Committee hearings exposing numerous individual IRS horror stories and questionable agency procedures.

"The criticism was very, very painful," said IRS Commissioner Charles Rosotti in an interview. "Because of the passage of the bill, we've got our marching orders. It's a forward-looking agenda, and people here want to provide assistance for taxpayers."

The reform law made nearly 100 concrete changes dealing with taxpayer rights, including a limit on court burden of proof from the taxpayer, a new right of relief for people whose spouses cause tax problems without their knowledge, reductions in some penalties and expanded powers for taxpayer advocates.

Behind the new law, congressional hearings served notice to the IRS that it could no longer function as a monolithic, omnipotent agency that disregarded its treatment of taxpayers.

That message could not be over-advocated, Val Oveson, summed up the change in attitude this way: "Taxpayer rights are first, IRS is second."

Oveson, whose office now is more independent and has greater authority to intervene in tax disputes, said it will take time for IRS employees to fully embrace this philosophy, particularly in cases of few dollars less in tax collections.

"We're going to leave money on the table and walk away," Oveson said. "There will be audits. There will be collection actions. But I'm worried about taxpayer rights and that no one is treated poorly."

That means that 75,000 IRS employees, or about three-quarters of the total, are undergoing some form of training as a result of the reform law. A mission statement stressing "top quality service" is on display in every IRS office, and "customer satisfaction" is a family included in performance measures for employees.

There are Saturday office hours, a 24-hour, toll-free, toll-free helpline and a state-of-the-art Internet Web page.

Observers say IRS appears headed in the right direction, but proof of real change will only come in the next few years as more taxpayers have contact with the agency.

The potential is there, the authority is there," said Phil Brand, a former IRS compliance chief who is now with the KPMG Peat Marwick audit firm. "The question is, will it happen?"

Another change in the works would realign the IRS more like a large corporation, creating four distinct divisions — individual, small business, big business and tax-exempt entities — to concentrate resources for specific categories of taxpayers.

About 150 rank-and-file IRS employees from around the country worked on a six-month, full-time assignment in a Twin Falls, Idaho, tax office to suggest ways to effect the change.

Tax Burden by State

A look at the federal tax burden per capita by state for the 1998 fiscal year.

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| 1. Connecticut | \$8,617 |
| 2. New Jersey | \$7,785 |
| 3. Massachusetts | \$7,164 |
| 4. New York | \$6,826 |
| 5. Illinois | \$6,655 |
| 6. Maryland | \$6,522 |
| 7. New Hampshire | \$6,353 |
| 8. Delaware | \$6,254 |
| 9. Alaska | \$6,099 |
| 10. Michigan | \$6,041 |
| 11. Rhode Island | \$5,969 |
| 12. Washington | \$5,949 |
| 13. Pennsylvania | \$5,906 |
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| 15. Colorado | \$5,891 |
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| 19. Florida | \$5,626 |
| 20. Hawaii | \$5,618 |
| 21. Wyoming | \$5,567 |
| 22. Ohio | \$5,500 |
| 23. Wisconsin | \$5,445 |
| 24. Kansas | \$5,393 |
| 25. Indiana | \$5,367 |
| 26. Missouri | \$5,306 |
| 27. Oregon | \$5,296 |
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| 29. Georgia | \$5,191 |
| 30. Vermont | \$5,072 |
| 31. Tennessee | \$5,038 |
| 32. Iowa | \$5,026 |
| 33. Texas | \$5,004 |
| 34. North Carolina | \$4,942 |
| 35. Maine | \$4,736 |
| 36. South Dakota | \$4,694 |
| 37. North Dakota | \$4,661 |
| 38. Alabama | \$4,604 |
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| 40. South Carolina | \$4,463 |
| 41. West Virginia | \$4,461 |
| 42. Kentucky | \$4,461 |
| 43. Idaho | \$4,409 |
| 44. Louisiana | \$4,405 |
| 45. Oklahoma | \$4,322 |
| 46. Utah | \$4,216 |
| 47. New Mexico | \$4,215 |
| 48. Arkansas | \$4,207 |
| 49. West Virginia | \$4,124 |
| 50. Mississippi | \$3,818 |

Tax-law changes will benefit middle, lower-class families

WASHINGTON (AP) — From stock investors to moms and dads, college students, millions of middle-class people will find the bottom lines on their tax returns affected by changes in the law.

Dozens of new rules deserve an extra-close look as American taxpayers brew their coffee and sharpen their pencils — or power up personal computers — to prepare for their annual encounter with the Internal Revenue Service.

"There may not be a normal year, but a lot of tax breaks were geared toward the lower-income taxpayers. It will affect a lot more people," said John Gardner, senior manager at the KPMG Peat Marwick accounting firm.

In addition, taxpayers have more options than ever to file their returns electronically with the IRS. They can even pay their taxes electronically for the first time. And the reformed IRS

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- A credit of \$400 for each child under age 17 for middle-class parents. Even moderate-income parents who pay no income taxes must qualify, meaning they would get a refund.
- Education credits of up to \$1,500 per child for the first two years of college, subject to certain income limits, and deductions for interest payments on student loans.
- Assets such as stocks and bonds held for just over a year instead of 18 months — now qualify for lower capital gains tax rates. All the details and worksheets are found on the Schedule D form.

- People who converted savings from a traditional individual retirement arrangement, or IRA, to a Roth IRA may include the entire amount as taxable income on this year's returns instead of spreading it out over four years.
- Anyone under age 59 1/2 who withdrew money from a traditional IRA is not subject to a normal 10 percent penalty if the funds are used for educational tuition, fees, books or room and board — or for the purchase of a first home.
- This year, Congress took steps to ensure the child and education credits don't accidentally force some middle-class people to pay alternative minimum tax, which is intended to ensure higher-income people don't completely escape income taxes.
- But that action is only temporary, meaning lawmakers will have to revisit it this year to avoid the problem in the 1999 tax year.

with its new emphasis on "service," promises to be more helpful and less heavy-handed than in the past.

Some things haven't changed. The tax deadline remains April 15 unless an extension is

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Highlights of the Internal Revenue Service Reform Act

The Associated Press

Highlights of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act, which gives taxpayers new powers and makes numerous changes in both tax laws and within the IRS itself.

Taxpayer rights

- Burden of proof shifts from taxpayer to IRS in tax court cases, so long as taxpayers cooperate, keep adequate records and don't have a net worth greater than \$7 million.
- People faced with problems due to actions without their

knowledge by spouses would have an easier time getting tax relief. Divorced or people separated at least 12 months could separate their tax liability from their former spouses. The protections must be taken within two years of the beginning of a collection action.

- Interest and penalties would be suspended if the IRS waited more than 18 months to inform someone they owed additional taxes. After 2004, that period will be shortened to one year.
- People who pay back taxes through installment agreements with IRS would see the balance due penalty reduced from 0.50

percent to 0.25 percent.

- The IRS must give people 30 days to notify them of a potential property lien to satisfy a tax bill.
- The taxpayer can request a hearing to dispute the amount during that time. A judge must approve any seizure of a taxpayer's home or that of a former spouse.

IRS Management

- Checks can be made payable to the U.S. Treasury, not just the IRS.
- The National Taxpayer Advocate and the 79 regional advocates have greater authority

to intervene in tax cases and have a direct, toll-free line available for taxpayers to call. The regional advocates no longer report to IRS supervisors who also oversee collections and enforcement.

- All IRS notices sent to taxpayers will contain the name and telephone number of a contact person at the agency.
- A new independent oversight board will watch over the IRS; its powers include making recommendations for IRS commissioners.
- The IRS chief counsel reports directly to the IRS commissioner.

Small-business owners and the self-employed have several changes to consider before filing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Small-business operators and the self-employed have several tax changes to consider in preparing 1998 returns, starting with car expenses and breaks aimed at easing a disastrous year for farmers.

The standard mileage rate for business use of a car rises a penny a mile to 32.5 cents, and for the first time it applies equally to leased vehicles.

Using the mileage method of figuring expenses prevents people from saving hundreds of receipts for everything from oil changes to garage rental fees, said H&R Block tax research specialist Maggie Doedman.

"People won't have to keep coffee cans in their vehicles to stuff receipts in, as some of my clients used to do," she said.

Farmers and ranchers who suffered through flood, drought and extremely low commodity prices got two major breaks in the huge catchall spending bill passed by Congress in October.

They can take advantage of permanent income averaging, which allows them to smooth out the peaks and valleys in their earnings and break up big tax bills. Income averaging was scheduled to expire in 2001.

They also can "carry back" crop or livestock losses to apply to a previous tax year as far back as five years, instead of two years. That reduces taxes in the previous year, and since they've

The total tax bite

The total tax bite on Americans from all levels of government is projected to top \$2.66 trillion in 1998, according to an independent analysis.

The non-federal Tax Foundation estimates that federal, state and local governments will collect an average of \$26,434 for every household in the country — an average of \$9,881 for every U.S. resident.

Of those total collections, the federal government accounts for almost 68 percent at about \$1.8 trillion. The

biggest chunk is individual income taxes, at \$792 billion, followed by payroll taxes for Social Security and Medicare at \$682 billion.

State and local governments take another \$361 billion, according to the tax foundation. This figure includes sales taxes of nearly \$273 billion, property taxes amounting to \$222 billion and income taxes of \$169 billion.

Corporate taxes total \$226 billion at the federal level and \$40 billion with state and local governments.

activities, that there is no other fixed place where those activities occur, and that the office is used "exclusively and regularly" for business, according to the IRS.

One warning is that an employee's decision not to use a subspace provided by the employer can affect whether the IRS will permit the deduction.

"People should begin right away figuring out whether they qualify," Doedman said.

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already been paid, can translate into an immediate refund.

"Farmers have such a wealth of income because it's hard to forecast when a disaster is going to hit," Doedman said. "This way, you have a longer time to offset the loss."

Other changes for small businesses include:

- Self-employed people can deduct 45 percent of health insurance premiums they pay in 1998, up from 40 percent in the previous year. Unless Congress changes the law, the deductions will increase gradually until the entire premium become deductible in 2003.
- Up to \$67,000 of the value of a qualified, family-owned business can be excluded from taxes if the owner died in 1998.
- Deductions can be taken in 1998 for purchases of up to

\$18,500 in equipment, provided the business doesn't buy more than \$200,000 that year. Otherwise, the cost must be depreciated over several years.

For 1999, one big change took effect Jan. 1: an expanded definition for a "principal place of business" that may allow many self-employed people to take a home office deduction for the first time.

Among the requirements are that the home office be used for administrative or management

activities, that there is no other fixed place where those activities occur, and that the office is used "exclusively and regularly" for business, according to the IRS.

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Hey, let's go out for dinner

When my daughter was about 8 years old, we had her birthday party at a popular kid-friendly restaurant in Ohio. The waitress, who might have served food to one too many kids that day, bent over the birthday candles and caught her uniform on fire.

The most embarrassing part of this incident was the kids. They were at an age when they thought people setting fire to themselves was hysterical.

The other day, I read about another restaurant mishap, almost as bad. Waiter Robby Cohen, who wrote a book titled "The Other Side of the Table," once told a customer that his fly was open. When the man's date returned to the table, the man stood up and sent the entire contents of the table crashing onto the floor — because he had zipped the tablecloth into his trousers.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

None of this, of course, has ever been known to keep people from dining out — and few of us seem to expect to see plenty of restaurant food consumed in 1999.

Strangely enough, our current favorite dishes are mostly old-fashioned — French fries, roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, shrimp cocktail, steak and salad.

Michael Bauerberry, of Food Arts magazine, recently told the Washington Post that "most people are anxious about the new century and are looking for the familiar. Nevertheless, the Post story predicted a few new food trends on the horizon. Cautious everything, for example, which means slow-braising your onions, endive and apples. And "raw stuff," as in tartare, carpaccio and sashimi — made of everything from salmon to veggies to beef. (Whatever happened to a cold?)

Food prices are expected to climb in 1999, too (big surprise), with top New York restaurants, such as Lespinasse, charging something like \$35 a bowl for leek and potato soup.

And spending of New York, communal dining in restaurants is big there, and just might catch on as a new trend elsewhere, also. One published report of consumer trends, compiled by Jamie Kageleiry, described the scene as people sitting next to strangers at big, long tables and sometimes trading their places for a taste.

That reminds me of a fad back in the 1970s, as a church I attended in the Midwest. One Sunday, a member of a women's group at the church suggested that the group sponsor a "pot party." Everyone thought it was a fabulous idea, and no one seemed to oppose the marketing of this communal dining. The women had their pot party, with everyone bringing containers of chili to deposit into one big pot.

I don't remember anyone ever mentioning that the word "pot" might have another definition. And everyone had a very good time.

I'm not disappointed that people will be eating out a lot in 1999. Most nights, I don't feel like cooking anyway.

The only times I can remember having a really terrible time dining out were on parent-teacher conferences at my child's preschool — where you sit on chairs made for people who are 3 feet tall and take part in table conversation designed to ruin your appetite.

The likelihood, I don't remember exactly what those kids did to their food, but I do remember some of the adults saying, "I have the feeling that my children want to make sure their food is dead before they eat it."

These are the days. Other similarly negative experiences that come to mind include dining out at that upscale restaurant where I spotted a customer sneaking around pocketing the tips left on the tables.

Or that first festive dinner out after my second child was born. We hadn't been out in so long, except to the McDonald's drive-through, that, when the waiter asked my husband how he would like his steak, he responded, "With fries."

But I'm certainly not swearing off restaurants. I'm a Baby Boomer, and I deserve a little pampering.

Many people around me seem to have the same idea. When I was little, I remember my grandmother preparing elaborate casseroles of homemade chicken and dumplings and blackberry cobbler at church potluck dinners. Then, after I grew up, I began to notice that the church dinners weren't quite the same.

The era when this reality first hit home with me was when I was in my twenties. I had slaved over a meringue to take to a church anniversary buffet. The meringue fell, of course, just to spite me, and I ended up taking home my pie and feeling really guilty about it.

But when I got to church, I discovered that I fit right in. Every table was lined with buckets of deli potato salad.

We might as well have gone to a restaurant.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



The Twin Falls Municipal Band, circa 1911, stands ready to play one of its many marching tunes.

Strike up the band

City orchestras said as much about small towns' souls as about their music

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Prof. Harold Hill got it right:

As "The Music Man" suspected, small-town America was a sucker for brass drums and brass, whether or not it could actually play them.

"A town band said a lot about a community," said Mary DuFree, who ought to know.

The 54-year-old University of Idaho music professor just won a Governor's Award for the Arts for her four-year study of city bands in Idaho, including Twin Falls.

Fact is, the Twin Falls Municipal Band is arguably the crown jewel of all Idaho's city bands; still, oomphing its heart out after 94 sylvan summers.

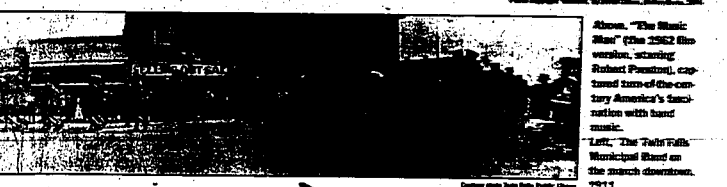
"Even in those days when communities were struggling, one of the first things they did was to form a band," DuFree said.

A city band playing Sousa and Scott Joplin in a circular bandshell described by a town square speaks volumes about the place and the people, so DuFree's scholarship is as much about sociology as it is about music.

And she's found some interesting things about our collective soul.

"Many of the people who started town bands in Idaho came from the East, and they were looking for ways to improve

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Shown, "The Music Man" (the 1962 film version, starring Robert Preston), captured some of the century America's fascination with band music. Left, The Twin Falls Municipal Band on the march downtown, 1911.

Signs of weak discipline

The following quiz may help determine whether you should change your parenting style. Dr. Ruth Peters, a Florida-based child and family psychologist and author of "It's Never Too Soon" (St. Martin's Press, \$19), offers the test in her book and says if you identify with most of the statements, you may be trying to "reason with the unreasonable," she says.

- You wonder why you can't just be your child's friend and not force him to do things he doesn't want to do.
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a last resort. • You argue constantly with your spouse. He wants to give the kids timeout for not putting away their toys. You feel there is nothing wrong with constantly reminding them because "kids will be kids." • You've never really been strict or

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Herrett hosts new events

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 60 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

To do for families

Jungle Exhibit on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 733-8524, Ext. 2655.

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Teen girls grow old with worry

Los Angeles Times

It's teen-age daughters, not their mothers, who are today's worriers, according to a national study of mothers' and teen daughters' attitudes about the future, recently conducted by skin care and cosmetics company Clinique Laboratories Inc.

The goal of the research was "to understand the mind-set of female consumers, and to learn the hopes and fears of today's moms and teen girls," said Sandy Canale, senior vice president of marketing and research for Clinique North America. The data will be applied to the company's marketing strategies.

The study surveyed a nationally representative sample of 578 girls between 13 and 19, and 502 mothers of teen daughters, and polled them about their attitudes toward financial security, independence, career and lifestyle.

The most surprising finding was that teens are more worried for themselves than moms are worried for their daughters about not having enough money, being in an abusive relationship, not getting a good job, not getting into college and not being successful.

Moms are more worried about the health and safety of their daughters. Their biggest fears? Cancer, violence at school, AIDS and eating disorders, the study found.

Moms and daughters did agree on a few things, however. Asked to name the most important issues facing the United States in 2000, both generations ranked health care, international terrorism and education as chief concerns.

Also, as their mothers saw New Year's resolutions, moms and daughters said they hoped to be happier and healthier, and to lose weight.

Further results reveal a bridging of the generation gap between moms and teen girls: 63 percent of teens would go to their moms if they had personal problems before going to their friends; 91 percent of teens say their mothers' approval is important to them; 68 percent of teen girls want to be like their moms; and 88 percent of moms say their lives more open and honest with their daughters than their moms were with them.

Clinique is working with filmmaker Douglas Kieve to produce a documentary based on the study that will be titled "Delightful: 4 Teens, 4 Moms, 4 Days." A feature version of "Delightful" is planned for distribution later this year.

Continuing version of the film will be shown at Clinique cosmetics counters nationwide in the summer and fall.

Burgeoning movement encourages fatherhood

The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — They sit in a circle and talk of the joys and pains that fatherhood has brought them.

They are men of the street, products of patchwork families. Most were abandoned by fathers. Some know addiction, others the city jail, poverty, anger, rejection and on.

All have children. Few are married. But on this night in West Baltimore, this unlikely band of father-errant is talking poetry. Poetry? They are reading aloud a poem about how fathers guide their sons best through "solid rock example."

It's time to get real, they say. Time to do right by their kids. After the poem is finished and a few have spoken, Cyril Lynch, 38, a small Baltimore truck driver, a father of three, clears his throat and quietly says what they all are thinking, as tears well in his eyes.

"I don't want my boys seeing me in the street doing things I don't want them to do," he says, his 2-year-old son, Cyril Jr., clutched tightly in his arms.

"These young boys, they want to be better fathers and better men," says Joe Jones, head of the Baltimore program that has brought these inner-city men together.

In many communities across Baltimore, men are writing similar ambitions, a growing number of programs, such as Jones' support group, are trying to encourage responsible fatherhood.

Participants believe they are part of a burgeoning social movement aimed at convincing fathers of all classes, races, income levels and religious beliefs a larger part of their child's life.

"What I want to make men realize is that, that there are programs," says Willie E. Elson, president of the National Fatherhood Initiative. "And we really, that the most important thing a father can do is invest himself in his children."

What Elson and others espouse seems almost too obvious and fundamental to be recognized as any new trend. But in an era of a nation to some call, hard facts of fatherhood in Baltimore are the focus.

"Nearly one-quarter of U.S. children live in a home with out a father (biological, adoptive or stepfather)."

About 12 million out of the nation's children live in the home of a single parent, almost 60 percent of all births.

More than 11 million children experience divorce annually.

While time goes spending an average of 21 hours, something 17 each week, they spend an average 35 minutes per week talking to their fathers, according to a 1998 study.

"Ethnics were usually excluded from family," DuPre said. "So they formed their own bands. There was a quite successful one in the 1930s, the 'Ethnic Harmonies,' and in Ellettsville, the Welsh miners formed their own band."

"Marches — remember, John Philip Sousa was a musical hero in part of the country America — were a staple, but the 'humili' repertoire was unacceptably diverse."

"There was quite a bit of classical music played," she said. "And quite a bit of fringe."

"The game was edgy music in Main Street American during World War I, but it found wide acceptance among Idaho city bands."

"Ragtime was embraced by African-American musicians in the South, but not many people outside the South understood that."

After-school activities change with the times

The Providence Journal

Cub Scouts don't always meet after school anymore. They're just as likely to hold pack meetings at 7 on a Friday night.

Some soccer leagues schedule games and practices on weekend days, only to make it easier for the youngsters and their coach-organized families to attend.

Some churches even offer alternatives to weekly religion classes, allowing children to attend a week or two of Bible camp during the summer instead.

Many activities that had traditionally been held after school are now likely to take place after dinner on weekends.

More organizations are realizing they have to come up with creative schedules to accommodate the growing number of children with working parents.

But that's the vast majority of parents, according to Jose Bergstrom, director of the Center for Interpersonal Education and Learning at the Swedish Center in Boston. She said about 75 percent of parents with children ages 5 to 14 are working or studying to go back to school.

Those parents can't simply leave work or school to shuttle their children around, noted Bergstrom, who is also the author of "School's Out" and several other books about how children spend their time out of school.

Regardless of when activities are scheduled, Robert Shapiro, superintendent of schools in Warwick, R.I., is a big supporter of such activities provide. "A pretty healthy kind of situation for kids."

Most important, they cut down the amount of time children waste watching television while stoching show it, what most kids do after school. They also help make them more disciplined, since most parents make sure their children have a plan for juggling school work and activities.

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Parents are looking for ways to help their children spend their time out of school more productively.

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Kids in motion

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Bands

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communities," she said. "Up until about 1930, town bands attracted men almost exclusively. It was an accepted form of public entertainment, fun and respectable for them to do. But not for women."

Ironically, women possessed the lion's share of the musical ability in small-town Idaho before the Great Depression.

"Women played the piano, and many of them had studied for years," she said. "Some were quite accomplished."

"But it was considered inmodest for a woman to play, say, a brass instrument in public."

So the band leader, often a car-nist and typically the only accomplished male musician in town, recruited completely untrained men to pump the tube, the sousaphone and the trombone.

"Ethnics were usually excluded from bands," DuPre said. "So they formed their own bands. There was a quite successful one in the 1930s, the 'Ethnic Harmonies,' and in Ellettsville, the Welsh miners formed their own band."

"Marches — remember, John Philip Sousa was a musical hero in part of the country America — were a staple, but the 'humili' repertoire was unacceptably diverse."

"There was quite a bit of classical music played," she said. "And quite a bit of fringe."

"The game was edgy music in Main Street American during World War I, but it found wide acceptance among Idaho city bands."

"Ragtime was embraced by African-American musicians in the South, but not many people outside the South understood that."

Radio killed town bands in Idaho — Twin Falls was a rare exception — but the bands jumped back into the air in many communities, DuPre said.

"Boys were often recruited for town bands, and they continued to be hired as a result of that."

Girls didn't get a foot in the door until much later.

"In some small Mormon communities in southeastern Idaho, girls were a part of bands from the start," she said. "That was very much the exception, although there were a few places, like Buhl and Burgett, where women were involved."

"In the case of Buhl, with its strong Czech community, women played in bands because they had been involved in them in the old country."

Although DuPre has snuffed and comprised hundreds of bands scores from across Idaho, she has yet to discover how good small-town bands were.

"Wouldn't it be marvelous if there were a recording out there somewhere?"

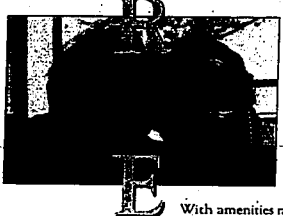
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when she gets upset as she is being punished.

You're afraid your child will hate you if you punish him or her.

You're afraid your child will be permanent.

You're afraid your child will punish you quickly, as with the lemon "butter."

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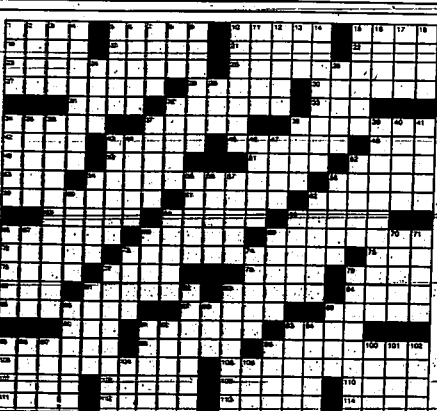
FOUR LETTERS IN COMMON

By Harvey Chew, Danvers, Massachusetts

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Combined wire services

• "Patch Adams" (PG-13) of *Burley, Sun Valley Open House*. Best for: Kids old enough to handle mature themes.

What it's about: Based on a true story about Hunter "Patch" Adams (Robin Williams) who committed himself to a psychiatric hospital only to find out he had a gift for helping people, cheer them up and become a doctor. Set in 1969, this story delves into the humor and the heart that set this passionate intern apart from other aspiring doctors and made him an inspiration and a success. The story deals with his unusual behavior, brilliant mind, emotional therapeutic humor and life-changing ideas. Daniel Lond and Monica Potter also star.

The good: This is a feel-good movie about the human spirit that makes you laugh, cry and cheer. Williams is a master at playing the sunny underdog who's misunderstood, and his character is a far cry from a typical doctor. Williams' antics in front of children and adults are memorably heartwarming.

The not-so-good: This adult drama deals with issues such as illness, death and overcoming life's obstacles. Because it stars Williams, kids will want to go.

Offensive language: Mild. Sex: None.

Violence: Scenes of patients losing control in a mental-health facility; a girl is killed by a mental patient; adult issues about death and dying.

Parental advice: This is a rare adult movie that older children can enjoy because of the lack of graphic scenes and its message about finding your purpose in life.

Entertainment value: A.

NEW MOVIES FROM A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



...also...

• "A Bug's Life" (G) — The second animated inspection of life in an ant colony is more kid-friendly than the sophisticated "Antz." The computer-generated animation is first-rate, but without the inspired touches of "Toy Story." (96 minutes) (*Twin Cinema, Sun Valley Open House*)

• "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 neglected 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. (95 minutes) (*Twin Cinema*)

• "Meet Joe Black" (PG-13) — This lushly romantic fantasy features excellent performances, but the three-hour length and the death-related subject matter will challenge all but the most mature teens. (179 minutes) (*Real Theater of Twin Falls*)

• "Highly Evol Young" (PG) — A 15-foot gorilla with a heart of gold moves to Los Angeles and finds the concrete jungles far more twisted than his African hometown. Younger viewers may get restless during the film's lengthy exposition scenes, but the animal-lover-charm animation part will respond to the film. (114 minutes) (*Real Theater of Twin Falls, Jerome Cinema of Twin Falls*)

• "Elizabethtown" (PG-13) — Older teens will enjoy this comedic blend of idealism and cynicism, but younger viewers will be confused. When two kids of the liberated '90s are swept into a television show-of-the-week, they find themselves in a abundance of sexual talk. (110 minutes) (*Twin Cinema*)

• "The Prince of Egypt" (PG) — A beautifully animated movie, which deals with the childhood of the life of Moses. Also, the actions of the sometimes wrathful God will have to be explained, and some younger viewers may be frightened by the mention of

violence to first-borns. Still, it has moments that should thrill youngsters, such as when a whale is seen during the paring of the Red Sea. (97 minutes) (*Jerome Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Century Cinema of Jerome, Magic Lantern of Ketchum*)

• "The Rugrats Movie" (G) — Kids, particularly those expecting a new sibling, should get a look out of this first-feature effort from a remarkable franchise that stars the toddler gang, their stage and local lunchboxes. Amid the wisecracks, perennial 1-year-old Tommy Pickles learns to like his new brother. (84 minutes) (*Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum*)

• "Rush Hour" (PG-13) wiggles below the R line because it avoids sex and its violence is mostly cartoonish. But this Jackie Chan-Chris Tucker comic action flick has its share of bullet holes and salty language. If you fear either, stick to the straight PG fare. (95 minutes) (*Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum*)

• "Star Trek: Insurrection" (PG) — Not much in this latest intergalactic adventure to worry parents as the Star Trek crew and his crew fight to stop the destruction of a peaceful colony. There are some fiery battle scenes and a couple of cartoonish grisly acts by violence. Other than that, the closest this movie gets to adult action are the long, lustful looks exchanged between Capt. Picard and the alien. (99 minutes) (*Real Theater of Twin Falls, Jerome Cinema, Gooding Cinema*)

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Just clowning around? Sadly, many children fear costumed clowns

Isn't it bliss? Don't you approve? One who keeps laughing around. One who can't remember where are the clowns? Send in the clowns! "Send in the Clowns," by Stephen Sondheim.



Robin Williams depicts real-life funny doctor Hunter "Patch" Adams in the 1998 movie of the same name. Williams left them laughing in the theaters, but not every kid is so reassured of clowns.

But, don't send them anywhere near Disney Resorts. Imagine if you were a kid who didn't want to be on the same planet with clowns — let alone in their same houses. If you're one of your parents want to work dressed in white faces and red noses. "I'm creepy?" "Well, Danny thought so, too. "We did everything we could to show him there was nothing wrong with clowns," says Danny's mother, Joan, of Cooper City, Fla. "He would want to dress and put on the makeup. But when it all came together he would still be terrified." "It's not like she and husband Ed had a choice at the time they worked as clowns to pay the bills." "Once I was in costume, he didn't want anything to do with me." "I was sure he would be a clown," says Danny's older brother, Edward, however, loved clowns and always wanted to go to the parties with his parents. He may not remember the exact moment he became aware of a clown's "scarieness" because

he was so young at the time. But Danny, now 16, can still relive the emotions he felt when he describes "their big smiles." "It's just not right," he says, "and I don't think they're funny at all." But what may be surprising is that Danny's feelings are shared by many. At birthday parties and circuses, some children will almost certainly become horrified when the clowns — which the parents so enthusiastically endorsed — arrive. "It's just not right," he says, "and I don't think they're funny at all." But what may be surprising is that Danny's feelings are shared by many. At birthday parties and circuses, some children will almost certainly become horrified when the clowns — which the parents so enthusiastically endorsed — arrive. "It's just not right," he says, "and I don't think they're funny at all." But what may be surprising is that Danny's feelings are shared by many. At birthday parties and circuses, some children will almost certainly become horrified when the clowns — which the parents so enthusiastically endorsed — arrive.

Colleges reach out to frantic freshmen

Plattering professors with paint-bulleted, taking a bus trip to New York City or staying up late watching movies might not earn college students credit toward their degrees. But at Western Maryland College, a small private liberal arts institution in Westminster, encouraging freshmen to take a break from their books is the best way to ensure they will be inspired, crack them open again, college officials say.

encourage more students to return their sophomore year. Nationally, about three in 10 freshmen at public schools and one-third at public schools don't return to the same institution as sophomores, according to the American College Testing Program. Replacing dropouts is costly, according to Ben Goss, a senior editor at the Chronicle of Higher Education in Washington. "My impression is that colleges are putting a lot more time, effort and money into making sure students have good experiences."

Lack of discipline boils frustration

More musings on child rearing and family life.

• Proverbs says the parent who holds back the rod of discipline hates his child. This does not mean that parents show love for a child by beating him. (Scripture itself discredits the notion that the "rod" when used in the context of child rearing, means a hard object. See Genesis and Exodus.)

It means, I'm convinced, that when parents punish a child immediately, as opposed to holding back and holding back, the punishment is less likely to be extreme. When a parent "holds back the rod of discipline" and tries instead to reason, threaten, reward and cajole a child into behaving properly, the parent's frustration level is likely to go up, up and up some more until, at some point, the parent cracks and unleashes on the child in a "nuclear" rage.

The best study ever done on discipline styles found that parents who give themselves no permission to spank are more likely to fly into physical rages than parents who spank occasionally and moderately. Also, when American parents began listening to "experts" tell them how to discipline their children, some studies report a rising child abuse rate, even among well-educated, middle-income parents — the ones most likely to read parenting books.

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PARENTING John Rosemond

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many, if not most, of today's parents favoring themselves by trying to discipline without making their children feel bad. This presents parents with a conundrum: How do you discipline a child for doing something bad, and the discipline does not make the child feel bad, the discipline has accomplished nothing.

A sad and exasperated grandmother recently told me the following story: Her son and daughter-in-law were on the birth of their first child, a boy, to never, ever say "no."

Eight years have passed, and the parents have kept their promise. Paradoxically, however, every time they ask their son to do something, he shouts, "No!" The parents are at a loss to explain where he learned this blasphemy. Little do they realize that no amount of good intentions will alter the fact that they are raising a direct descendant of Adam and Eve.

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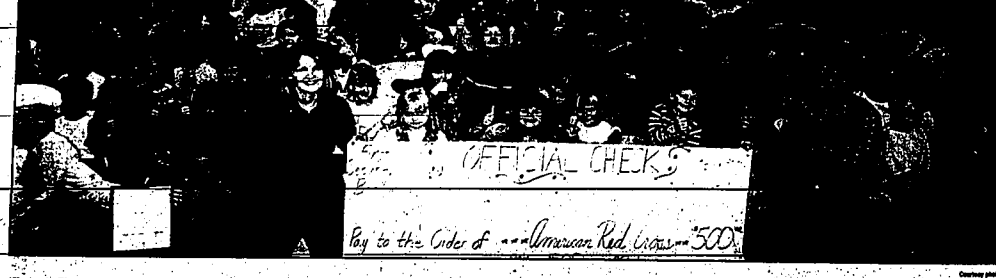
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Kimberly Elementary School Principal Wes Remaley, Teaching Aid Debbie Fisher, Vice Principal Kathleen Hoh and a portion of the school's students gather to celebrate the successful collection of \$500 to aid flood and hurricane victims in Central America. The three-week campaign was called "Flood of Pansies." The money was counted by First Security Bank of Kimberly free of charge. During the past five years, the Kimberly Elementary School has contributed \$1,200 to the Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross for various relief projects. Staff, students and their families joined in contribution to the cause.

Robert Stuart Junior High honors teacher of the month

TWIN FALLS - Shauna S. Maschek was chosen as Teacher of the Month for December at Robert Stuart Junior High. Maschek is a math teacher who has taught at the school for twelve years. She has also taught reading, family arts, consumer science, pre-algebra and the Quest program.

Shauna is on the Quality School Committee, the District Math Curriculum Committee and the District Math Assessment Committee. She attended Utah State University and University of Idaho.

In addition to being a great teacher, Maschek keeps busy enjoying her family and grandchildren. She also likes to sew, camp, hike, ballroom dance, garden and read.

Marna Tozer donated the dinner-gift certificate Maschek received.



Burley groups bring Peter Pan to life; tryouts planned

BURLEY - Peter Pan, Tinker Bell, Captain Hook and the Crocodile will come to life on the stage of the new King Fine Arts Auditorium from April 19 to May 1.

The production of "Peter Pan" has combined the efforts of the Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation and the Burley High School. The size of show will require community involvement. A professional "flying company" will contract to fly Peter.

The primary production staff includes Richard Call, artistic director; Deborah Jones, director; Cindy Judt, vocal director; Deana Christensen, orchestra director; Kristine Handy, choreographer; and Steve Floyd technical director.

Community auditions will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Jan. 12 and Jan. 13, at the BHS auditorium, 1600 Parke Ave. Participants may bring prepared material or read, sing and dance production staff provided material.

Callbacks will be from 5 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 14. Rehearsals will begin in mid-January.

Available roles include Storyteller, Mr. Darling, Mrs. Darling, Wendy, John, Michael, Maid, Peter Pan, voice of Tinker Bell, Smee, Captain James Hook, The Crocodile, Tiger Lily, Indian Chief, 15 to 20 people for the Indian Tribe, 10 to 15 Mermaids and 15 to 20 Lost Boys.

The principal characters will be cast with individuals ranging in age from 8 to 19.

Technical crew applicants can fill out crew sheets during the open auditions.



Peter Pan will take flight this spring in the Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation and Burley High School (BHS) production "Peter Pan." Working on the joint effort are BHS teachers and members of the community, left to right, Cindy Judt, vocal director; Dennis R. Byington, foundation president; Richard Call, artistic director; Deborah Jones, director; Deana Christensen, orchestra director; and Steve Floyd, technical director. Choreographer Kristina Handy is not pictured.

Northwest Nazarene names local students to Dean's List

NAMP - Jessie Brook Bowyer, Nicole Linn Danielson and Keegan John Lenker all of Twin Falls, Heather Michelle Ogilvie of Rupert, and Michelle Lee Anderson of Kimberly were on the first-term Dean's List at Northwest Nazarene College.

A minimum grade point average of 3.5 of a possible 4.0 is required to make the Dean's List.

Voters make pre-school class their holiday favorite

TWIN FALLS - The community has voted on its favorite tree in the center court of the Lynwood Shopping Center. The winner is Immanuel Lutheran School's pre-school class tree. The ornaments were made by the students under the direction of teacher Vern Sierrera. Shoppers were also treated to impromptu caroling by the pre-school class over the holidays.

As the winner of the contest, the school will receive a classroom set of solar calculators and a jewelry item for the teacher.

Certificates of merit will go to the runners-up including Central Elementary School and Canyonside Christian School in Jerome, Immanuel Lutheran School in Burley, and St. Andrew's Lutheran School in Clover Lutheran School and Poppelwell Elementary in Buhl.

Mempthorne nominates students for U.S. military academies

BOISE - Former Senator Dirk Kempthorne has nominated four students from the Magic Valley for appointments to military service academies.

The winners are Clayton Filer, David Flotts of Burley, and Colin Smith and Hanser have been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Recognizing Roberts of Kimberly has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

UI holds meetings for prospective students
MOSCOW, Idaho - A series of information receptions throughout Idaho for prospective University of Idaho students and their families will be held. A Twin Falls meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 28 at the Shilo Inn. A Boise meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 19 and 20 at the Boise Centre on the Grove. Students and their families can find out more about what to expect from their college experience from these meetings.

The Vandal Visitor program will have representatives from every undergraduate college available to answer questions on academics. Other campus units will also be present to discuss financial aid and scholarships, on-campus residential options.

Jerome Rec District opens new classes
JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District has several new classes for members.

Trophy is set for from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 19. Come and learn how to make/frofl arrangements. Fees include instruction and basic materials. Bring a snack-or-sack lunch. Cost is \$15/\$20 out of district.

CPFR and First Aid will be held at 6 to 10 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Jerome Ambulance Station. Get your CPFR and First Aid Care Initiator training all in one night with the Medic First Aid program. This class will give you the facts about how to respond in emergency situations until trained help arrives. Cost is \$25.00. Pre-registration is required.

Investment Seminar, "The Decade Ahead" will be presented from 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Jerome Recreation Center. The public is invited to attend this seminar hosted by investment representative Shelley Schel of the financial services firm, Edward Jones. This seminar addresses those commonly accepted facts about baby boomers, consumer spending and inflation and how they will affect the market over the next decade.

CLASSES

Bowling Alley. The cost for a night of Boils-and-Bowling Bowling will be \$7 and includes shoes and bowling. Groups of 4 or more get a 20% discount.

Learn to Sew. In this two-hour class held from 10 a.m. until noon Wednesday you will learn the basic sewing techniques. Bring your own project and receive help with it or choose from projects available in the class. Cost is \$7.50/\$12.50 out of district.

Candle Making will be taught from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 12. Come and learn the art of candle dipping and how to make molded candles. Candles of many styles will be created. Cost is \$10/\$15.

Beginning Watercolor will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 16 through Feb. 6. Students will create complete pictures, focusing on different subjects including landscapes, seascapes, portraiture and still life. Cost is \$10/\$15.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

*Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.

BLAINE
 Self-serve bar available everyday.
 Self-serve bar available at Bellevue School.
 Monday: Hot ham and cheese sandwich
 Tuesday: Chicken burger
 Wednesday: Corn dog
 Thursday: Pancakes
 Friday: Roast beef sandwich

BLISS
 Breakfast served everyday.
 Lunch: Choice of mainline or salad bar available Monday through Thursday with potato bar every other day.
 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Chili
 Wednesday: Chicken burgers
 Thursday: Lasagna
 Friday: Hamburger

DIETRICH
 Breakfast: Choice of juice, milk, hot chocolate, cereal, toast or muffin.
 Lunch: Salad bar and variety of fruit choices.
 Monday: Nachos
 Tuesday: Enchiladas
 Wednesday: Ham and sliced potatoes
 Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich
 Friday: Chicken party on hand

GLENN'S FERRY
 Monday: Biscuits and gravy
 Tuesday: Stir fry beef
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger

GOODING ELEMNTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL
 Monday: Pizza
 Tuesday: Tacos
 Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets
 Friday: Pizza

GOODING
 Breakfast served everyday.
 Lunch: Salad bar, potato bar or deli bar, available on alternating days. Also choice of hamburger line, pizza line or ala carte items.

HAGERMAN
 Lunch: Milk served with all meals.
 Monday: Corn dog
 Tuesday: Turkey in gravy
 Wednesday: Rib-A-Q on a bun
 Thursday: Ham, cheese and egg melt
 Friday: Malibu chicken

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
 Breakfast is served everyday.
 Monday: Juice and pizza (backwards Day)
 Tuesday: Hot cakes and juice
 Wednesday: Juice and cereal
 Thursday: Cereal and toast
 Friday: Hashbrowns and juice
 Lunch: Milk served with every meal.
 Monday: Waifles (Backwards Day)
 Tuesday: Taco
 Wednesday: Beef stew

JEROME
 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Rib-A-Que
 Wednesday: Chicken burgers
 Thursday: Chili
 No lunch

RICHFIELD
 Breakfast: Juice served everyday.
 Monday: Cereal and juice
 Tuesday: French toast and juice
 Wednesday: Cereal and juice
 Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
 Friday: Cereal and juice
 Lunch: Chicken fajita
 Tuesday: Hot dogs
 Wednesday: Taco
 Thursday: Cheeseburgers
 Friday: Chili

VALLEY
 Breakfast served everyday.
 Lunch: Milk served with all meals.
 Monday: Burrito
 Tuesday: Fish and chips
 Wednesday: Nachos
 Thursday: Hamburger
 Friday: Chicken noodle soup

WENDELL SCHOOLS
 The middle school and high school also have a choice of submarine sandwich plate or chef salad plate everyday.
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Burrito
 Wednesday: Hamburger
 Thursday: Hot dogs
 Friday: Taco

CLASSES

Jerome Rec District opens new classes
JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District has several new classes for members.

Trophy is set for from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 19. Come and learn how to make/frofl arrangements. Fees include instruction and basic materials. Bring a snack-or-sack lunch. Cost is \$15/\$20 out of district.

CPFR and First Aid will be held at 6 to 10 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Jerome Ambulance Station. Get your CPFR and First Aid Care Initiator training all in one night with the Medic First Aid program. This class will give you the facts about how to respond in emergency situations until trained help arrives. Cost is \$25.00. Pre-registration is required.

Investment Seminar, "The Decade Ahead" will be presented from 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Jerome Recreation Center. The public is invited to attend this seminar hosted by investment representative Shelley Schel of the financial services firm, Edward Jones. This seminar addresses those commonly accepted facts about baby boomers, consumer spending and inflation and how they will affect the market over the next decade.

Ice Skating in Sun Valley
 Every Saturday from Jan. 19 until Feb. 23 kids can have a great time riding the bus to Sun Valley where they will receive instruction in ice skating and figure skating. Bus will leave from Jerome at 9 a.m. and will return at 3 p.m. Cost is \$55 and includes skates, ice time, transportation and instruction. Bring warm clothes and a sack lunch.

Cosmic Bowling is offered from 9:30 p.m. to midnight Jan. 16 at the Jerome

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Dr. Sandra Lotstein announces her husband, Dr. Robert Lotstein of the Jerome Family Clinic, will be bringing OB services to the Gooding Area.

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ENGAGEMENTS — WEDDING

Stepfamilies break down negative bonds

ANDERSEN-BROWN

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Dan Anderson of Gastine, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Anderson, to Scott Brown, son of Dennis and Valerie Brown of Twin Falls.

Anderson is a student at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Brown is a 1994 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Brigham Young University. He is employed at the Missionary Training Center in Provo.

FARNSWORTH-WYNN

RUPERT — Kevin and Patsy Farnsworth of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Farnsworth, to Shane Wynn, son of Elston and Renee Wynn of Blackfoot.

Farnsworth graduated from Idaho High School and served an 18-month Office of the Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She recently graduated from Rialto College, Blackfoot, where she majored in office education.

Wynn graduated from Aberdeen High School and served a two-year LDS mission in the Central States area. He is majoring in pre-professional at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

The wedding is planned for

THORPE-MOLL



Scott Brown and Shannon Anderson

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Oakland LDS Temple in Oakland, Calif.

WEDDING

SALT LAKE CITY — Felise Leray Thorpe and Jeffrey Robert Moll were married Sept. 26, 1998 at the Memorial House in Memory Grove at the mouth of City Creek Canyon in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The bride is the granddaughter of Shirley Thorpe of Twin Falls and the daughter of Mike Thorpe of Twin Falls.

Parents of the groom are Robert and Elizabeth Moll of Salt Lake City.

Bridesmaids included Lori (Aberdell) Hazler, Nikki Hogan and Lisa (Moll) Jones. Kaye (Kramer) Padolis and Melissa Thorpe-McClellan were co-mothers of honor.

Groomsmen included Nick Alfano, Denton Wilde, Ed Jones and Jason Mallory. Keith Moll served as best man.

Gift attendants were Christy Smith and Alyssa Mallory. Special guests included Riden Moll, grandmother of the groom, and Bill and Beverly Gustafson and Don and Jean Thorpe, grand uncles and aunts of the bride.

The bride earned a bachelor



Felise and Jeffrey Moll

of science degree in political science, graduating summa cum laude and as valedictorian of the College of Humanities Arts and Social Science from Utah State University. She also earned a juris doctor degree, graduating as a Leary Scholar from the University of Utah College of Law.

The groom earned a bachelor of science degree in political science from Utah State University, where he was president of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

He is a regional sales manager for Pittsburgh Pain and Glass Industries.

Knights Ridder News Service

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Mishla Doig was thrilled to become an instant mom to Cassie, now 10, and John, now 8, when she married their dad four years ago.

She was less enchanted, however, with the old relationship her new marriage brought: the one with Dave Doig's ex-wife, Christine Fisher.

"We picked up and dropped off the kids at Christine's for a full year because I couldn't bear to have her come to my house," says Mishla Doig as Thatcher listens.

"We were like this when we'd see each other," says Thatcher, as both women demonstrate forced smiles through clenched teeth.

Today, it's a different story. "Thanks to monthly meetings, perseverance and a determination to put Cassie and John first, the women have developed a true friendship."

"Thatcher even slept over when I had my first baby," says Cassie's 10th birthday party this month. "And when I told my boss, he said, 'I'd never allow that,'" adds Thatcher merrily.

Still, no one is claiming that creating a relationship between biological mother and stepmother is a simple matter.

After all, both women in the equation have been intimate with the same man and both have relationships with the same children.

"It's a tug at the very essence of who we are. The new wife may wonder, will I be good enough? The former wife may worry, 'Will I lose my children?' It is a historically feminine cat fight issue."

It's also an increasingly common issue. One-third of all American women are stepmothers, according to the Stepfamily Association of America.

"Stepmothers are the most common stepparents," says Robert and Susan Sarason as

For more information

The Stepfamily Association of America offers a wide range of support and information at <http://www.stepfam.org>.

the resistant ex-wife, the topic finally has received the Hollywood treatment. The movie has been endorsed by the Stepfamily Association for its portrayal of decent adults who struggle to put the children's best interests first, despite their own insecurities and fears.

"There has been a shift in the country in its perceptions of stepfamilies," says Emily Visser of Lafayette, Calif., who founded the national stepfamilies association.

"The original thinking was that you would never see the person you divorced without animosity. Now people have begun to realize what a difference it

makes to the children, and to the adults, too, if they can cooperate."

"The new step parent can help by assuring the biological parent that she knows she can never take her place, says Visser. And biological parents can help by letting the child know it's all right to like the stepmother."

When movie moms Roberts and Sarandon work out their differences in a year, it's not always that way in real life, says Danville, Calif., therapist and author, Hanning. "I've worked in this field for 10 years, and I rarely see it," she says.

But it's not impossible, she adds. In her first Hanning became close friends with her own daughter's stepmother. When the other woman divorced Hanning's ex-husband after 10 years and later married someone else.

"I just realized over time that this woman was not my enemy," says Hanning. "She was not trying to take my daughter away from me. She just loved her, and as a result, my daughter has gained an extended family she wouldn't have had otherwise."

Mother is excessively forbearing when it comes to wedding day

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Hurt Mom in California." I was in a similar situation five years ago when my daughter married. She, too, insisted on planning every last detail of her wedding on her own, and made it more than just a bit clear that she was going to do things "that way without any interference" on my part.

To make a long story short, several years later, when she called her father informed her that due to a scheduling misunderstanding, she would be unable to enter her wedding after all. After frantically contacting several other caterers without success, guess who she asked to cater the wedding? You guessed right — good old Mom!

When I would've wanted "Hurt Mom's" daughter's plans to go awry, she usually has a way of working them out.

The food I prepared for my daughter's wedding turned out so well that some guests had a hard time leaving the reception hall, but I was not especially catered. It also helped my daughter and me regain the closeness we had previously shared and enjoyed. Sign me, BEN IN WASHINGTON

DEAR BEN THERE: Your daughter's own fortune teller, such a talented and forgiving mother. Your experience gives new meaning to the slogan, "Never say never" like something from the oven!

DEAR ABBY

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Write to Abby

What's your best of advice? Write to Abby at Abby@latimes.com. P.O. Box 999, Los Angeles, CA 90069-0999. Send no money. Send no photos.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widower living in California, writing in response to the woman who signed herself "Second Love." I suspect that her husband doesn't know when he is well-off. He is very fortunate to love and be loved by a second wife. Not all men are so blessed. He should remove all the pictures of his former wife, except possibly one group picture of the family.

Abby, after my wife of 45 years died, I realized that I could never lose my memories with her again.

When I remarried, I put all my family pictures in a drawer, and I never then permitted to see them. I cannot afford to let the past interfere with the present. The past has gone, and nothing can change it.

I am very fortunate to have loved and been loved by two women.

Love may be just a click away

For those too bashful to consult a sex therapist in the flesh, there are several on-line sexsters to choose from. A sampling: Dr. Roger T. Crenshaw and Dr. Mark G. Wiseman offer advice on mediation, menopause, couple skills, anxiety and more at <http://www.sexualtherapy.com>.

Dr. Harvey W. Caplan, a sex therapist in San Francisco, provides free answers to your most intimate questions at <http://www.wiseman.com>.

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Such a recording could be a treasured memento of the kind words left by friends and family for their terminally ill loved ones.

Eventually, the answering machine must be cleared, but before I clear it, I often put my cassette-tape recorder beside the answering machine and record the messages on tape.

Then, if I wish, I can hear them again — today, tomorrow or any time I need a lift.

MS. HAZEL DANIELSON, SHORELINE, WASH.

DEAR HAZEL: What a clever idea! I'm passing it along.

The truth is, we can't stop lying

Everybody lies. You, Me. Everybody ...

No, that dress doesn't make you look fat. Let's do lunch sometime. That T or any other of the duplicitous soundbites who guide our society.

We all lie. He and she sometimes. I am, you are. We lie to our friends. We lie to our bosses and co-workers. We lie on the telephone.

We lie face-to-face, and behind our backs. We lie on purpose. We lie subconsciously. We lie because we're afraid, insecure or proud.

We lie by remaining silent. We lie by omission. It doesn't matter who we are or what we do. We don't have to be politicians or salesmen or advertising executives or tobacco company CEOs or any other of the duplicitous soundbites who guide our society.

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We're humans. "Not only does everybody lie, everybody lies all the time," says Dr. Charles V. Ford, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral neurology at the University of Alabama Birmingham Medical School. "That's a part of the human condition."

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"I am, you are, we lie, says Ford, but it's a good thing we do, especially to ourselves.

Understanding that Ford, author of "Lies! Lies! Lies!! The Psychology of Deceit," isn't talking about heavyweight lies. Like telling untruths to a grand jury or even worse, lying to a spouse about infidelity.

He's primarily referring to social lies and white lies, the kind we use reflexively, routinely and with predictable justification: They're harmless, these lies that Ford calls the "lubricants of polite society."

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Recent research indicates that a little self-deception can be healthy, he says; it's a part of what makes us human and allows us to function in today's complex world.

"One of the things we lose when we become depressed is our capacity to lie to ourselves about how good we are," Ford says.

"We've learned that depressed people often have better reality-testing than do non-depressed people."

Ford isn't the only one who believes that the act of lying is simply don't what comes naturally.

Social psychologist Jerard Jellison, who teaches at the University of Southern California, takes it further.

He says lying is crucial to the normal functioning of society and that it would be "terrible if people started telling the truth ... If we didn't (lie), it makes it difficult for people to trust you."

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SENIORS

Change necessitates putting brain in action

"You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

So wrote the late Dr. Seuss, a man who brought great joy and happiness to children everywhere. Here was a man who certainly followed his own advice.

Unlike Dr. Seuss, how often do the majority of us let our feet override our brains in making choices? We start in some direction, and it is as though we are robots — ones set in motion we cannot change course.

As a result we often end up in positions that make us miserable, but believe that we have no way out. Indeed, making our way out of the maze of mistakes we have made seems almost impossible at times.

But if there is anything true about the human psyche it is that we are all capable of bringing about change in our lives. And if we really desire that we can surely find ways to work toward that end.

It is true that often times it is easier to stay in the rut we are in than change our lifestyles, and if that is the case, then we have no one to blame but ourselves for the fact that our lives are not exactly to our liking.

Change is not easy for any of us, but if we are unhappy with our situation it is up to us to change it.

No one else can do it for us. There are restrictions, of course. We cannot make changes that adversely affect those in our love, but hurting ourselves and our lives rarely hurts anyone, and we are the happy effect of making it worse for someone more worthwhile, more important or more attractive.

Don't let anyone convince you that change is something you



AFTER CLASS
Gay Peterson

should not do. Only you can look into your own heart and decide what is best for you.

Change can only occur if you are willing to take the time and use the energy to do it. It may be a small change or it may be large, but you will never know it's potential until you try.

So, get yourself out of a bad situation:

- Go back to school and further your education.
- Do more to improve your attitude at work and at home.
- Be a volunteer.
- Learn a new skill.
- Tell those you love that you love them, and do it often.
- Quit smoking.
- Exercise more.
- Quit biting your fingernails.
- Be more thoughtful.
- Be more kind.
- Use your capabilities to help, not hurt.

In most cases the changes you have instigated will better your life, and, because you will be happier, those around you will benefit as well.

"You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

If you want to change — get those brains working and those feet moving.

Gay Peterson is a retired school teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at peterson@magidink.com.

Spending a grand sum

When it comes to money, grandpas and grandmas live it — and are increasingly spending it on their grandchildren. A Roper Starch Worldwide survey says one in three Americans is a grandparent. In 1997, reports American Demographics magazine, grandparents spent an average of \$505 total on their grandchildren.

The laws of chance

It's the last thing you want to

think about. But before retirement, experts advise you to prepare your will to deal with the possibility of you and your spouse dying together.

"It happens often enough that most states have adopted the Uniform Simultaneous Death Act, which determines the order of death when couples die in a disaster.

The act "can throw your estate plan out of whack if you haven't provided for it properly," says E.G. McBroon, an estate-planning expert at the College for

Financial Planning

Potty-talk training

You may not see them as something to be proud of, but children's "badness jobs" actually represent growth in language and vocabulary skills.

Kids find bathroom humor hilarious. Parents magazine says, because it causes anxiety about bodily functions, "it's just a case of adults. The best way to handle 'potty talk'? Where possible, ignore it."

A real beauty

Wouldn't you call her a stray? — about the manner how late she's out. She's from Lincoln, Nebraska. She's a former girl-scout, says she comes home every night.

"There are no men walking up next to me. Even," she tells Details magazine. "I live at home with my parents. ... I'm not allowed to sleep out and nobody is allowed to sleep over."

—Compiled from wire reports

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HEART & CIRCULATION

Copy this list and take it with you every time you go to the grocery store and remember to choose these foods more often. They are lower in sodium and fat.

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Dairy Products - Skim or 1% milk. Low-fat or nonfat yogurt. Cheeses lower in fat and sodium.

Fats and Oils (Use small amounts of ALL kinds). Margarine (liquid, stick, tub or diet). Oils (like Canola, corn, safflower, olive, peanut or sesame oil).

Sweets and Snacks - (Don't choose too often if you are watching your weight. Some may be high in calories) Popsicles, frozen yogurt, sherbet, angel food cake, fig bar, cookies, ginger snaps, animal crackers, vanilla wafers, jelly beans, hard candy, plain popcorn, unsalted pretzels.

Fruits And Vegetables - Fresh, frozen, canned or dried fruits (like oranges, apples, bananas, grapes). Fresh, frozen, or no salt added canned vegetables (green beans, carrots, greens, zucchini, cabbage, tomatoes). Fresh, frozen or canned juices.

Breads, Cereals, Pasta, Rice, Dry Peas and Beans - Sliced breads (wheat, rye or white). Sandwich buns, dinner rolls, pita breads, English muffins, bagels, taco shells, plain tortillas (unleavened low-fat crackers (gluten free) crackers) Cooked hot cereals (not instant). Rice pasta (plain noodles, spaghetti, macaroni). Dry peas and beans (split peas, black-eyed peas, chick peas, kidney beans, navy beans, lentils, soybeans).

This information from The National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

'Come on out here and sit a spell with me'

"Life isn't a matter of milestones but of moments."

—Rose Kennedy

By Vicki Marsh-Kabat

"Come on out here and sit a spell with me," my grandfather said to me, rising from the dinner table where we had gobbled down my grandmother's fried chicken, mashed potatoes, cream gravy and green bean — her standard Sunday spread. Taking a wide bite of his steamed pie, Papa and I headed for the front porch.

As I snuggled up to him on the swing, carefully balancing my pie, I could smell the sunshine in his faded blue denim overalls that he had changed into after church. They were so worn they were soft as his chambray work shirt.

Side by side, we sat on that porch that spanned the front of our farmhouse, scraped up every last crumb of Grandma's pie, leaned back, sighed contentedly and "sat a spell."

To me, it was a perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

To this day, front porches hold a special place in my heart. My grandfather's porch was wide and deep enough to handle a tricycle races with my cousins, games of jacks, picnics and the dreams of a little girl gazing up into the sky.

The porch also had many practical uses. My grandmother, mom, sister and I would gather there in the cool protection with old washbuds filled with peas, string beans or strawberries just gathered from the garden.

As we shelled or snapped or husked, we talked about everything from 4-H club projects to boys to what was for supper.

On really hot summer nights, my grandfather would sling a cot out onto the front porch, hoping to catch a nighttime breeze and a little sleep.

He would fall asleep to a chorus of locust and crickets and in the infinitesimal glow of a million stars.

The porch served as a haven for all human and animal alike. After a few rounds of pushing a lawn mower around our big yard, my brother would take a break on the porch. Coming in from one freshly cultivated field and before moving to the next field, Papa would stop a minute for a hot drink on the porch.

Hot and flushed from canning

Chicken Soup for the Soul

vegetables, my grandmother would step out on the porch to catch a bit of breeze. Even the dogs knew the near by place to flop besides under a bush was on the cool boards of the front porch.

And there was no better place than the porch to be when a summer rain swept in.

You could sit out there and smell it coming from the street, feel that first hint of a breeze, first hot and then surprisingly cool, and see the first drops of rain slip into the dust that layered everything.

Then the full force of the storm would hit, sometimes driving you reluctantly inside as winds lashed the rain farther and farther up under the porch's roof.

I received my first kiss on that porch, patting its swing one adolescent-bored summer, helped my father repair its steps and spent many lazy Sunday afternoons on it.

Front porches serve a real purpose in American life. They are an open invitation to sit a spell, talk, to dream or to do nothing at all — rare luxuries in today's fast-paced life. Front porches soothe the soul as surely as they shade the stoop.

I'm still sitting on front porches.

My own home has one that spans the length of our house. It's not quite as deep as my childhood front porch, but still deep and wide enough to hold the dreams of a grown woman gazing up into the sky.

And the invitation is still there, now for a new generation of children: "Come on out here and sit a spell with me."

The simple pleasures of country life are celebrated in this evocative story. Vicki Marsh-Kabat, a resident of Texas, writes humorous pieces for newspapers.

To submit a story for future publication, send it to P.O. Box 30880, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93130.

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