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ARTEC ON THE ROAD

Magic Valley business people, educators seek common ground

At the dinner table and in the classroom, a recurring message emerged.

A group of Magic Valley business people and educators, who went on a four-day trip to try to arrive at a common vision for local technical education, heard it over and over.

They were told that business drives technical education by dictating what skills students need in the workplace. That keeps courses and students up to date, and it tells students what to expect on the job.

Story and photos by Jennifer Sandmann

Success hinges on education and businesses working together.

That has been a lukewarm relationship locally, said Ken Becker, manager of the Solo Cup-Clear Shield Division plant in Twin Falls. But he thinks last week's trip by members of the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition put business people and educators on the same path.

The man guiding ARTEC's

development agrees.

"I think they learned to trust each other and to understand each other," said David Sass, interim ARTEC director.

Officials at technical schools in Virginia and Ohio advised local educators to involve business in an advisory capacity. But Sass points out that ARTEC's policy-making board includes business representatives.

In that sense, Sass said, the local model is better. If business people know they have influence, they are more apt to participate.

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Tamara Harney, left, of Hamilton Manufacturing in Twin Falls, and Kent Just, executive vice president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, talk with Cincinnati high school student Elizabeth Hilli, 17. Hilli is one of many current students who served Magic Valley representatives lunch when they visited Scarlet Oaks Career Development Campus.

Group considers Virginia program

School offers technical ed for college-bound

FAIRFAX, Va. — Gone are the days when an auto shop teacher could turn just about anybody into a mechanic.

Computers have raised the bar, said Gray Bill, automotive technology instructor at Chantilly Academy in Fairfax County Public Schools.

The school district recognized the need to better prepare students for a labor market with a growing demand for technically skilled workers, also the stimulus for change in southern Idaho.

In 1995, Fairfax schools began updating outdated vocational programs by gradually converting them into technical academies. The academies are based at existing high schools and open to students from throughout the district.

It's a model the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition wants to use in southern Idaho, establishing technical programs at high schools across the Magic and Wood River valleys, said David Sass, interim ARTEC director.

Local juniors and seniors would attend their home high schools part of the day and be able to travel throughout the region to attend the technical programs of their choice.

Chantilly Academy, while it remains a typical high school, is one of four schools in the Fairfax district that offers technical classes.

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Fairfax, Va., high school seniors Ernst Fabis, left, and Arsalan Haddadizadeh prepares to cut a bolt on an electric racing vehicle, a 1990 Ford Ranger. Students maintain the car in class and work in the pits during race, where a professional driver mans the wheel.

TECH TREK

A look into the future of technical education and what it holds for the Magic Valley.

First stop: Virginia

FAIRFAX, Va. — Nearly 40 ARTEC educators and business people traveled across the country last week to find ways to improve local education.

Times-News reporter Jennifer Sandmann accompanied them on their trip.

Articles today and Monday will detail the journey and explain why it's important to southern Idaho students.

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ARTEC first visited Chantilly Academy in Fairfax, Va., where coalition members found 25 young technical education program. It offered insights for developing programs at existing high schools and opening them to students from throughout the region.

A grant from the I.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation paid educators' travel expenses; business footed its own bill. Average cost was \$1,250 per person.

Prosecutors warn Senate of 'damaged' presidency

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With a final flourish, House prosecutors demanded President Clinton's removal from office Saturday, telling a hushed audience of senators that otherwise the presidency itself may be "deeply and perhaps permanently damaged."

Senate leaders sparred over the issue of witnesses at the historic impeachment trial.

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• Clinton perseveres
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• Secret debate
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It was a question that cut to the core of the case, allegations that Clinton committed perjury and obstructed justice in an attempt to conceal his sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Utah agonizes over image-tarnishing Olympic scandal

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — With statehood shimmering on a distant horizon, Brigham Young stood before his embattled Mormon followers and spoke candidly of bribing federal officials "to grouse the wheels."

Young — justified catering to corruption in 1861 to serve a higher cause — protecting the faith's polygamists while gaining support for statehood.

Today, that rationale resonates down the decades as the city Young founded on the edge of the Great Basin agonizes over the Olympic bribery scandal.

"There is something in Mormonism that we're willing to make compromises politically to achieve what we want to do, and I can see Mormons doing that," says Elbert Peck, editor and publisher of Sunstone.

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A statue of Mormon pioneer leader Brigham Young stands in front of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Temple in Salt Lake City.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie
 High: 49 Low: 44
 Increasing clouds. Rain likely today and tonight. Mostly cloudy Monday with a chance of showers.

Treasure Valley
 High: 48 Low: 35
 Rain likely today and tonight with southeast winds. 10-20 mph. Decreasing clouds Monday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 30 Low: 27
 Cloudy with a chance of afternoon snow showers today. Snow tonight and Monday, heavy at times.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 36 Low: 34
 Increasing clouds with a chance of afternoon showers. Periods of rain tonight and Monday.

Northern Idaho
 High: 39 Low: 34
 Cloudy with a chance of rain by afternoon. Rain tonight and Monday with a snow level lowering to 4,000 feet.

Northern Utah
 High: 40 Low: 35
 Mostly cloudy with rain likely today and tonight. Mostly cloudy and breezy Monday with a chance of rain.

Northern Nevada
 High: 52 Low: 35
 Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow. Snow level 6,500-8,000 feet. Rain or snow likely tonight and Monday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 49 Low: 44 Increasing clouds. Rain likely today and tonight.	High: 49 Low: 44 Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers.	High: 43 Low: 35 Chance of rain or snow showers.	High: 41 Low: 30 Snow likely, mixed with rain.	High: 39 Low: 31 Snow likely, mixed with rain.

Idaho weather
 Sunday, Jan. 17
 AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions. High/low temperatures for root conditions in Idaho.

National weather
 The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Sunday, Jan. 17.
 100 108 06 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110
 100s separates high temperature zones for the day.

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 Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: http://www.state.id.us/tda-road/index.html

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Yield
Yesterday	45 31	Yield in Twin Falls
Last year	52 32	Month to date
Normal	36 18	Normal mo. to date
		Water year to date
		Normal year to date
		1.68

Idaho

Boise	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High 51
Burley	51	31	15	degrees at Burley
Fairfield	m	m	m	20 degrees at
Hagerman	m	33	m	McCall, Fla. 84 at
Idaho Falls	41	1	1	Naples, Fla. Low 95
Jerome	m	m	m	at Elmira, N.Y.
Lewiston	47	36	0.4	
Malad	m	m	m	
Malta	m	m	m	
McCall	34	20	0.8	Normal humidity: 70%
Pocatello	44	32	2.0	Noon barometer: 29.71
Payson	37	25	6.2	
Stanley	35	23		
Sun Valley	m	m	m	

The Nation

Albuquerque	Max	Min	Pcp
Atlanta	63	31	
Boston	36	23	
Chicago	43	18	
Dallas	68	42	
Denver	33	24	
Des Moines	41	24	
Detroit	40	16	
Houston	75	38	
Indianapolis	49	22	
Kansas City	49	37	
Las Vegas	60	39	
Los Angeles	67	48	
Memphis	51	38	
Minneapolis	38	25	
Milwaukee	46	23	
Montreal	32	15	
New York	47	23	
Oakland	51	35	
Omaha	47	33	
Phoenix	41	27	
Portland, Ore.	42	18	
Portland, Me.	30	22	
Reno	52	39	
San Diego	68	43	
Salt Lake City	59	33	
San Francisco	59	33	
Seattle	37	33	
Spokane	54	26	
Washington	51	36	
Yuma	54	26	

Canadian Cities

Calgary	39	16	
Edmonton	18	0	
Montreal	18	0	
Ottawa	18	0	
Vancouver	46	37	

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SKYWATCH
 Sunset today 5:32 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 6:04 a.m.
 Lunar phase: New, Jan. 17; first quarter, Jan. 24; full, Jan. 31; last quarter, Feb. 8.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Another disturbance, in the form of a fast moving cold front, brought varied conditions to Idaho throughout Sunday. Strong winds associated with this system damaged a few buildings in the Boise area and speeds of 20 to 30 mph continued to be reported across southeastern Idaho in the afternoon.

Elsewhere rain and snow were scattered around the Northwest on Saturday, while the East had only a few snow showers over the Great Lakes.

A broad weather system over the Northwest produced rain across western sections of Oregon and Washington, with a few light showers scattered around northern California, northern Nevada and southern Idaho.

Cold wind scattered a few snow showers over the western Great Lakes in parts of Wisconsin and Michigan.

Around the eastern Great Lakes, a few very light snow showers extended from northeastern Ohio, into western New York.

Elsewhere, isolated light showers developed over extreme southern Florida.

— The Associated Press

LESBIANS MARRY

Elle Charlton, left, looks up and smiles at her lesbian partner, Jeanne Barnett, after their 'holy union' ceremony held in Sacramento, Calif., Saturday. United Methodist Rev. Don Falk, right, performed the service and was joined by 80 other Methodist ministers in defiance of a church law against same-sex relations.

Ministers defy rules, perform 'holy union'

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — With tears and a kiss, two women exchanged promises Saturday in a "holy union" ceremony blessed by more than 90 United Methodist ministers in a dramatic mass defiance of a church law against same-sex marriages.

"I promise to love you the rest of my life," a tearful Elle Charlton, 65, told Jeanne Barnett, 68, a retired state unemployment administrator.

Behind them on the stage, the ministers lined up on risers and chanted a blessing that could cost them their jobs.

"O God, our maker, we gladly proclaim to the world that Jeanne and Elle are loving partners together for life."

"If anyone wants to file charges against us, this is what the charges are for, praying this prayer," said the Rev. Donald

Idaho Road Report

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

Interstate 84 — Droptail line-Twin Falls, 24-25; Junction-Boise, 24-25; Junction-186 Junction-Utah line, snow, drifting, 186 Junction-Salt Lake City-Raft River, wet; Raft River-Boise, 24-25.

Interstate 15 — Utah line-Malden Pass, icy, snowing; McCammon-Idaho Falls, wet; Idaho Falls-Dubois, icy spots; Mendocino Pass, closed.

Interstate 20 — Washington line-of July Pass, wet; Cataldo-Bonanza, wet, snowing; Bonanza-Danville, wet, broken snow floor, snowing.

Idaho 55 — Boise-Danville, dry, wet, snow on road; Donnell-New Meadows, snow floor.

Idaho 60 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, wet, snow on road; Idaho City-Lorain, icy spots, broken snow floor, chains.

Idaho 66 — Mountain-Honeyland, wet, slush; Fairfield-Junction Idaho 75, heavy, snowing; Junction Idaho 75, heavy, snow floor, fog, snowing, drifting.

Arco-Idaho Falls, icy spots Idaho Falls-Ashton, icy spots, snowing; Ashton-Moaning line, closed.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Junction US 20, snow floor; Junction US 20-Clayton, snow floor, snowing; drifting; Clayton-Gibbles, wet, slush, icy spots, m.t.

Idaho 80 — Idaho Falls-Twin Falls, drifting; Twin Falls-Shoshone, wet; Shoshone-Cresters of the Moon, snow floor, fog, snowing; Cresters of the Moon-Junction US 20, broken snow floor, snowing; Arco-Tulsa, broken snow floor, snowing; Arco-Salt Lake, slush, icy.

US 91 — Dry.

US 30 — Dry.

Twin Falls — Dry.

Twin Falls-Burley, wet; **McCannon-Lava Hot Springs**, dry; **Lava Hot Springs-Georgetown**, wet, snowing.

Georgetown-Wooding line, wet, snowing.

Wooding line-Junction US 20, blacktop, snow floor, snowing.

Idaho 29 — Dry.

Idaho 20 — Broken snow floor, snowing, drifting.

Idaho 21 — Icy spots, broken snow floor, drifting.

Scandal

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an independent Mormon periodical. "I mean, we were willing to pay bribes to get statehood."

Michael R. Otterson, the church's director of media relations, took strong exception to Peck's statement, saying that "to infer that there is something inherent in our faith that espouses anything other than the highest ethical and moral standards is irresponsible and blatantly false."

With four investigations by the Justice Department, the city, and the national and international Olympic committees — trying to determine if the 2002 Winter Games were bought and sold, Utahns are painfully aware their long-for debut on the global stage has taken a doozy of a pratfall.

"This type of behavior is not according to the standards of this community," Gov. Mike Leavitt told a national television audience last week. "We revolt at being even associated with it."

The governor's sentiments about the still-unfolding scandal are shared by many of Utah's more than 2 million inhabitants, 70 percent of whom, like Leavitt,

are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Robert Garff, chairman of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee and a longtime local church leader, says he feels angry "because our reputation is damaged." He feels sad "that every dream we all had of bringing the world to our doorstep and being everyone's neighbor is knocking on doors in 123 countries and territories, the seamy headlines are a painful reminder that almost every Mormon in Utah and its immediate neighbors see Salt Lake City and the Mormon hearland as one and the same.

"The way public opinion and image work; it's not what happened so much as what people think happened," says Jan Shippy, 15th anniversary executive director of the Mormon temple in Salt Lake City with the Latter-day Saints and the church means that this is someplace for better or worse, the church will have to overcome."

Publicly, the faith's hierarchy and the city's Olympic boosters have kept their distance over the years, neither wanting the 2002 Games to be perceived as the Mormon Olympics. Some see that as a charade, since most of the boosters are influential Mormons.

Businesses owned by the Mormon church gave \$210,937 to the \$15-million raised by Salt Lake's Olympic Bid Committee.

"It's not secret the church has viewed this thing as a proselytizing opportunity and opportunity to show that Mormons aren't as weird as people think," says Stephen Pace, a community activist and longtime critic of the Olympics push.

Hinckley, architect of the church's vast public relations network, has labored long to burnish the faith's image as a world religion far removed from its peculiar and polygamous roots.

Basking in the enormous success of the church's media-friendly 15th anniversary, Hinckley led the Mormon trek to Utah in 1997. Hinckley sat for an interview with Shippy, who asked them about the 2002 bid.

Hinckley said the church hierarchy was divided over Salt Lake's

effort to bring the Olympics to town. He declined to disclose his own opinion but said once the bid was on the church felt "honored."

"Salt Lake City will be on the map for those few days across the world," he said. "This is a unique opportunity for the reinvigoration of our city and it is going to be a great thing. And it is a great opportunity for us and we must seize that opportunity."

As it happened, the scandal broke Nov. 25, just 10 days after the church's governing First Presidency told members the church supported Utah's Olympic efforts and called attention to the need for volunteers.

"As the scandal escalated, the church has had little to say beyond a one-paragraph statement that says the affair should be addressed by the local and international Olympic organizing bodies and the various investigative bodies."

"It goes without saying that the church would hope and expect that high moral and ethical standards would be applied in any effort to bring the Salt Lake Olympics to the state," says Shippy.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 NUMBERS
WILD CARD
 12-15-16-25-34
 WILD CARD: 15 OF 25 NUMBERS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 NUMBERS
FAST
 17-18-19-24-25

NATION

Centenarians recall revolutions

When you're 100 or older, you've seen a lot of suffering

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Ann Drake reaches back to a time before airplanes traversed the skies or automobiles crowded the roads, to a time before penicillin or communism or plastic toys.

Sometimes, it is a struggle to remember. She had what she calls "a little stroke" a few months ago, and sometimes when she tries to retrieve a memory it isn't there.

She is 103 ("and a half," she will remind you), and the granddaughter of slaves. She remembers the milestones of the 20th century — the triumphs and the fiascos, the great and grotesque men and women who made history.

But she also remembers Miss Lottie Brooks, who taught her the ABCs about the same time the Wright brothers were learning to fly. The first cars, and how they rattled the horses. And the time when the century was not 10 years old, and she wanted to go skating.

Her family lived in Orangeburg, S.C. Her father was a Methodist minister and there was little money, so her skates were borrowed and worn.

"These little white girls were laughing at me, talking about it," she recalls now. "I just thought this was so ridiculous. I couldn't do anything about it. I just said, 'Leave me alone.' I just gave it up."

Mrs. Drake remembers the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, which killed an estimated 20 million people around the world — including her boyfriend. One Sunday afternoon soon after, she says, he appeared before her.

"He said, 'Annie, I came by to tell you goodbye. I've gone.' Just like that ...," she recalls. "I guess I must have been sleeping. Maybe I was dreaming. But I saw him ... and heard his voice."

Russian native has seen rise, fall of communism

Guo Jinglong lives in a brick house with a tile roof, down a nar-



Mrs. Guo Jinglong, age 107, sits outside his Beijing home Dec. 20. He grew up in Russia and remembers seeing Czar Nicholas' children at their palace windows.

row lane in Beijing. His house is near Hou-Hai-or-Back-Lake, one of a string of lakes through the center of the city.

This was once a pleasure ground for the imperial court. And though you would not know it to look at him — his face is smooth and round, his complexion pink — Guo remembers the days of the empire. He was born Nov. 14, 1891, in the twilight of the Qing dynasty. "Whatever the emperor said went," he says. "Those who didn't listen got their heads chopped off."

Guo was 8 at the time of the Boxer Rebellion, when Chinese fighters rose against foreigners. He holds his hands a foot apart; their knives, he says, were this long.

He remembers the cruelties of another time. Girls' feet were bound at age 5 or younger, and "it hurt so much they cried."

In his 107 years, he has seen the death of the empire, invasion by Japan, the rise of communism, the Cultural Revolution, the creation of a new, post-Mao China. "The old society was extremely

Note to readers

This is an occasional series on world citizens looking back on their 100-plus years of life. More than 135,000 people have reached that milestone.

bitter," he says. "The new society is incomparably better."

Georgy Lugovoi also was present when an old order passed. In his 98 years, he has seen Russia become the Soviet Union and then Russia again. He has seen his native St. Petersburg become Petrograd, then Leningrad, then St. Petersburg once more.

As a child he would pass the palace and see the czar's children at the windows. A great, the hemophilic heir of the doomed Romanovs, "was always carried around by a big sailor," he says. The last czar, Nicholas, "was too kind," he says. "He should have seized Russia and held her firmly in his hands."

Missouri boy remembers farm life before electricity

The first tragedy of Lee Owens' life occurred when he was 2 years old, in 1898. In a single week, his father and his 9-year-old sister died.

His mother moved Lee and his three brothers to southern Missouri. He started school there, but quit to help work at farms for 25 cents a day. "I just got as far in the first reader as the ants was, laying in food for the winter."

There was no running water, no telephone, no electricity. Power would not make its way to the farm until the 1920s.

People today "don't have any idea of how hard it was," he says. "We didn't buy a great lot out at the store. You raised it, and you put it up."

In the first 21 years of his life, he traveled no 100 miles from his birthplace. Suddenly, all that changed.

"It was 1918, February the 25th. I'll never forget that," he says. "Yeah, I was drafted."

"We had one battle — We had everything we had from our machine guns down and the other side did too. The firing of all them guns, them big guns, the whole earth felt like it was shaking."

Pork producers decry price for their hogs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Standing at the meat case at her local supermarket, Mary Jo Lyon felt sick. Her distress was not the flu, but the prices.

Pork chops were \$2.50 a pound last week, hams were \$1.50. Not surprising, unless you consider that the Fayette, Mo., pig farmer and her husband Ovid had just sold a 615-pound boar for 6 cents a pound and several 250-pound hogs for 11 cents a pound.

"Something is wrong there big time," Lyon said. "Somebody is making a killing out I don't know where."

"As pork producers across the country grapple with an oversupply problem that has maxed slaughterhouses and dropped

prices to their lowest levels in 40 years, many are questioning why consumers haven't seen a major drop in prices.

At its lowest levels in December, hog farmers were getting \$8 to \$10 per hundredweight. That means a 250-pound hog that brought in about \$120 a year ago was only worth around \$20 to \$25.

Prices last week rose to about \$25 per hundredweight after the government announced millions of dollars in aid for hog farmers, but the price is still a drastic cut from the \$45 to \$50 levels of last year.

Farmers say they are suffering while processors and retailers reap the benefits. "I would say in the last five years, in Colorado, a

minimum of one-half of hog producers have exited the business," said John Lang, an Eaton, Colo., producer. "Financially, it won't work. They just aren't able to continue."

Agriculture Department economist Annette Clauson said retail pork prices have dropped, including a 4.7 percent decrease last year. Another 3 to 4 percent decrease is expected this year, she said. "The retail price never goes up as much as the farm price would but then it also doesn't go down as much and it takes a longer time (to be affected)," Clauson said.

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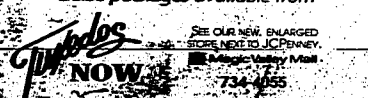


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Something very important is happening at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and the INEEL Citizens Advisory Board would like you to know more about it.

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 bid for a contract for 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 session will be held at the Grove Hotel (245 South Capitol Boulevard 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.

Come meet the folks who'd like to move here and tell them how you feel about the site.

Joiners who are interested in participating in the reception meet to-morrow, Amanda Jo Edelmayer at (208) 325-1662

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 the operation of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Public comment sessions will be held throughout the meeting.

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

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FOCUS: IMPEACHMENT

President uses long-practiced art of perseverance

Highs, lows mark Clinton's life, friends say

By Katie Hubert, News Service

WASHINGTON — Privately, President Clinton feels it, his friends say: the weight of the public humiliation, the prospect that his personal failings have derailed his lifelong goals, possibly forever.

Yet everyday, he is out there, making speeches, shaking hands, smiling, joking and pressing his agenda for a presidency he does not intend to desert.

There is no outward sign he is saddened or depressed, no indication he is preoccupied with the Senate trial that could end his career. No, this is a man who looks comfortable with himself as he glides smoothly from preparing his State of the Union speech to mulling budget priorities to addressing the standoff with Iraq.

It's secreted in his ability to persevere honed over a lifetime marked alternately by tribulation and success, by highs and lows that have shaped a less determined soul.

Clinton's problems started early. His father died before he had been 10, leaving him an alcoholic abuser. And young Clinton learned to cope privately with his problems, never to feel sorry for himself, always to focus on the positive.

Those skills, taught by an industrious mother, sharpened over a scandal-plagued political career, have served him well as Clinton deals with the degrading and personally wrenching scandal



President Clinton, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Vice President Al Gore attend a Democratic National Committee dinner Friday in Washington, D.C.

that could cost him the presidency. "He feels horrible. He is wounded and bleeding. He is definitely a devastated man," said Carolyn Staley, a childhood friend who sees Clinton regularly.

"But he wants us to know that there's still a pulse there that's very much alive and well and wanting so much to do all he can in the job he was elected to do, which he really views as a sacred trust. And knows that he really messed up."

He's a master of images, but people who know Clinton well say his seemingly nonchalant attitude about impeachment is no act. He's simply doing what he learned so long ago.

"I really think the reason that we didn't talk about problems when we were kids was that we weren't in the culture of self-help pop psychology. That wasn't the standard of the day," said Staley, who grew up next door to Clinton in Hot Springs, Ark. "When we

got together, it was for music, it was for friendship, it was for movies, it was for being 15- and 16- and 17-year-old young people together with a real great outlook on life. We accentuated the positive. I guess a part of it is an outlook. You got to choose how to see the world."

It's an attitude that was encouraged, even demanded, by Clinton's mother, Virginia, who once wrote that she imagined placing her own troubles in a box

that she could close at will. That way, she could focus on the good things in life, the things she could affect.

When Clinton's stepfather got drunk and hit her, Virginia kept quiet about it. So did son Bill, whose close friends said they were shocked to learn of the abuse decades later.

Neither, Clinton's friends say, is he wallowing in self-pity now. "High school buddy" David Leopoulos said he was particularly struck by his friend's fortitude during a telephone conversation on the eve of his impeachment last month. "I called him just to give him a shoulder, but he didn't need a shoulder," said Leopoulos, who works for a computer database company in Little Rock. "I told him, 'You should be mad at this political assassination that's going on here.'"

"I called to let him know how mad I was. Then, he was counseling me," Leopoulos said. "He said, 'I can't hate these people. It would destroy me to hate these people. I'm just going to do my job and I hope the American people like what I do.'"

Indeed, Clinton has made a production this past month of doing what he calls "the people's business." He has stuck to his typical

January dog-and-pony show of an event a day, announcing the good news and bad news that will drive his agenda this year.

"He's made a choice to do what he loves. It's crazy how he's wired," said Staley, now deputy director of the National Institute for Literacy. "If we did separate stress, would we police and people running through his veins. It's been that way ever since I've known him. This is just politics for him. This is really his genetics."

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In radio speech, Clinton asks that King holiday be day of service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans should make Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. holiday "a day of service" rather than a day of rest, President Clinton said Sunday.

With Vice President Al Gore and District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams, Clinton planned to set an example with his own community service project as a honor for the elderly in northwest Washington.

It's part of a drive by the administration's Americorps national service program to deploy 100,000 volunteers nationwide on Monday.

"To honor what would have been Dr. King's 70th birthday, I urge all Americans to do the highest calling in our land — the calling of active citizenship," the president said in his weekly radio address from the Oval Office. In conjunction with the holiday, the White House released a report from Clinton's long-fought-bidding initiative on race relations. The report, titled "Pathways to

One America in the 21st century," is meant to serve as a "a guide to some of our communities' best ways to building that elusive 'one America' one neighborhood, one school system, one workplace at a time," Clinton said. The report chronicles 123 programs around the country that are working to improve race relations.

Americorps projects include painting schools, reading to children and cleaning up parks to mark the King holiday on Monday, a day off for federal

workers and many in the private sector.

Clinton publicized the Americorps Web site (www.americorps.org) and urged Americans to log on and sign up for projects in their area. Donating blood is another good way to observe the holiday, he said.

"We believe that this national holiday should be a day on, not a day off," Clinton said. "For as Dr. King once said, 'Life's most persistent and urgent question is: what are you going to do for others?'"

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FOCUS: IMPEACHMENT

Sides view question from opposite angles

Deliberations may be secret

By Ruth Simmons
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In his presentation to the Senate Saturday night, Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., spent two weeks going to the very core of the presidential impeachment process: "Why?"

But Graham and the other House managers who Saturday night argued their case to the Senate are not alone in asking "Why?" — from the point of view of Clinton and many of his Republican challengers — notably, Rep. James Florio, D-Iowa.

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Impeachment trial manager Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-H.C., makes a point during his presentation Saturday on the Senate floor. Graham asked senators to 'clarify this office.'

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"You took a little broader view," Graham reminded the Senate. And Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., quoted the words of Clinton's own vice president at the time of Claiborne's conviction. "An individual who has knowingly falsified tax returns has no business receiving a salary derived from the tax dollars of honest citizens," said Gore, then a senator from Tennessee.

The White House discounts the relevance of the judicial impeachment. Although it leaves Clinton's defenders in the somewhat uncomfortable position of arguing that presidents do not have to be held to the same high standards of behavior as judges, the White House notes that because judges have life tenure assuming "good behavior," there is no alternative to impeachment for removing them.

In contrast, there are other ways for the country to deal with presidential misbehavior: presidents are constrained by their fixed terms, the need to win reelection, and — now that the Constitution has been amended — a two-term limit.

WASHINGTON — For weeks, U.S. senators have been telling the TV talking heads while they think about every aspect of President Clinton's impeachment trial.

But when it comes, on the floor of the Senate, the 100 judges will deliberate the most important decision of their political careers behind closed doors.

Unless two-thirds of the Senate decides to change a rule that dates to 1865, when President Andrew Johnson escaped removal by one vote, the confirmation of the yearlong, public Clinton scandal will take place in secret. Only the final vote would be in public.

Several senators, including Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., want to change that. Harkin emphasized that the Senate is not a traditional jury, but a hybrid of a judicial and political proceeding.

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Maren Lott leads a group of counter-demonstrators in a march in downtown Birmingham, Ala., near the Jefferson County Courthouse during a Ku Klux Klan rally on Saturday. There were no major outbursts of violence despite taunts from both sides during the day's activities.

Being American didn't save citizens from Nazi death camps

The Associated Press

It happened even to American citizens: Greta Leibowitz was 10 years old when she and her sister played with Annie Frank amid corpses at the Bergen-Belsen death camp in Germany.

Now retired in California, she awaits... the compensation Germany has just agreed to pay hundreds of U.S. citizens — including Jewish GIs — who were imprisoned by the Nazis.

"They didn't care I was an American citizen. All they cared about was that I was a Jew," said the 65-year-old resident of Reseda, Calif., near Los Angeles, whose last name is now Rhoads. The money can't compensate for the horror of "waking up each morning, and not knowing whether my mother or sister were still alive. You often woke up next to dead bodies," said Rhoads.

Her 11-year-old sister "was so sick she wasn't moving. I thought she was dead," said Rhoads, sobbing and unable to speak for a moment. "I screamed and she moved and I said 'Oh my God, she's alive.'"

About 230 survivors who were U.S. citizens when they were inmates of the camp are to receive one-time payments of \$30,000 to \$250,000 each, depending partly on how long they were held, said Steven Perles, a Washington attorney who represents some of them.

They include Rhoads' 66-year-

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—Greta Leibowitz, holocaust survivor

arrested his wife and daughters, forcing them to march for a week to cattle cars that took them to Germany.

In the men's barracks at Belsen was another American, Jack Wolf, now 69 and living in New York City. Before the war, his Brooklyn-born father had moved with his "own parents" to their native Ansherdam. Wolf was born just a walk from Anne Frank's house.

By 1945, when the British liberated Bergen-Belsen, Greta Leibowitz's father, Sam, "was almost certain we were dead," she said. But one day in Manhattan, a soldier showed-up at the restaurant Leibowitz owned on Broadway with photos of the family — proof they had survived.

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Mayor backs off on addict plan

NEW YORK — Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is backing off his plan to move thousands of heroin addicts into abstinence programs at city hospitals.

The mayor, who six months ago announced he wanted to abolish methadone treatment, said the original idea was "maybe somewhat unrealistic," according to The New York Times.

City officials said Friday that the shift in policy came after a methadone treatment experiment at five public hospitals resulted in few successes. Methadone, a synthetic drug, is prescribed to curb the craving for heroin.

After a five-month tryout, only 21 of the city's 2,100 treated addicts had given up the methadone, health officials said. And of those, five relapsed into heroin use.

However, Giuliani said drug treatment experts had persuaded him not to eliminate methadone programs, which researchers across the country still consider the best hope for most recovering heroin addicts.

Gas explosion kills 1 in Michigan

GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Three natural gas explosions tore a house apart during the night, killing one woman and injuring four

other people. A gas odor was reported in the area late Friday and a utility worker was on the way when the first explosion happened somewhere inside the house. "The house was just a big ball of flame," said neighbor Cassie Nance, 26.

Fire Chief Gary Danforth said he felt the blast at his home four or five miles away in the Livingston County community northwest of Detroit.

Firm seeks patent on Viagra spray

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Pharmaceutical manufacturer Pfizer Inc. says it has filed for a patent on a nasal-spray version of its anti-impotence drug Viagra.

The company made the announcement Friday in response to two University of Kentucky researchers who claimed this week to have developed such a fast-acting spray. "We're certainly not ready to speculate in terms of when we'll have a product out," said Pfizer spokeswoman Mariann Capriano. "We are moving forward in terms of investigating this as a potential delivery system."

Pfizer said the spray was developed and tested in England, but offered no further details.

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Florida jury convicts man in murder case

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — A team accused of being the middle man in a deadly custody battle has been convicted of murdering a woman who had moved to Florida to start a new life with her ex-husband.

Jurors found Daniel Rocha, 29, guilty Friday of first-degree murder and a lesser charge of conspiracy to commit murder in the third degree for the November 1997 killing of Sheila Bellush, who was shot and stabbed with her young quadruplets nearby.

Just prior to her death, Mrs. Bellush, 35, had moved from Texas to Florida with the quadruplets and two teen-age daughters.

"This is tragic for everybody involved. But the real tragedy is six kids that don't have a mother anymore," said the victim's widow, Jamie Bellush.

Prosecutors claimed that Mrs. Bellush's wealthy ex-husband, Allen Blackthorne, told Rocha that she was abducting two teen-age daughters and that he wanted to regain custody of them.

Assistant Sarasota State Attorney Charles Robert Rocha as the driving force behind a plot to kill Mrs. Bellush. Rocha made arrangements to hire someone to harm Mrs. Bellush as

a favor to Blackthorne, his golfing pal, prosecutors said.

But defense lawyer Jack McGill said Rocha intended only for Mrs. Bellush to be beaten.

"Mrs. Bellush was not to be killed. There was never any intent that," McGill told jurors. "That was the act of a madman, the act of someone who had gone berserk."

A friend of Rocha's, Samuel Gonzales, testified he recruited his cousin Jose Luis Del Toro, who borrowed a .45-caliber handgun and drove from Texas to Florida. He then allegedly contacted Gonzales, saying he had broken in to Mrs. Bellush's home and killed her.

Gonzales pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit murder and struck a deal for his testimony in return for a 10-year prison term. Del Toro is jailed in Mexico and is fighting extradition.

Blackthorne has not been charged and has denied any involvement in a plot to kill Mrs. Bellush.



Jamie Bellush reads from the Book of Psalms as he waits for the jury's verdict to be read Friday in Sarasota, Fla., during the fifth day of Daniel Rocha's trial for first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. In the death of Jamie's wife, Sheila Bellush of Sarasota, in 1997, Rocha was found guilty on both charges.

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Employee fights base dress code

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) — A male civilian Air Force employee who is wearing a bra, makeup and earrings on the job is fighting a mandate forcing him to dress like a man.

The American Federation of Government Employees Local 1877 filed a complaint on behalf of the employee after a squadron commander ordered him to change his attire.

"The employee, who was not identified in a Northwest Florida Daily News story/Saturday, said he wants the reprimand removed from his file, an apology from the officers who punished him, permission to continue dressing as he wishes and \$500,000.

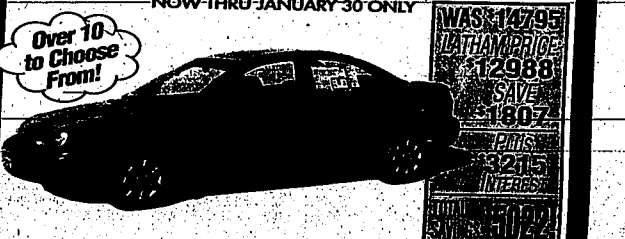
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Americans worry over quality, safety of water

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Water should be the ideal beverage for the health-conscious, bargain-hunting '90s. It's safe, free, sugarless and non-calcic. Cheap, too.

"Honest water," Shakespeare called it, "which never left man in the dark."

But these days, drinking water is leaving plenty of people in doubt, if not in the mire. How safe is it? What's in it? Where does it come from? Should you drink it?

Each year, between 50 and 100 people die in the United States from water-borne diseases, largely from microbes, and 200,000 to 1.3 million are made ill, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nationally, sales of bottled water are rising by about 9 percent a year, as Americans try to protect themselves from their own tap water.

"Overall, Americans can feel very confident about the quality of their drinking water, but it's not the kind of thing we should ever take for granted," said Charles J. Fox, EPA assistant administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Across the nation, scientists are busy inspecting water supplies for everything from arsenic to nylons as public water suppliers scramble to meet new federal requirements to tell their customers what's in their drinking water.

While drinking water typically is safe (91.4 percent of U.S. public water systems reported no violation of health standards in 1996), problems occur often enough to warrant concern.

There are many ways for drinking water to become contaminated. Chemicals from factories, refineries, buried storage tanks and landfills can migrate to underground or surface water supplies. Animal wastes and pesticides may be carried by rain runoff to streams and lakes or seep into aquifers. Human wastes may be discharged into water supplies that also are used for drinking. Some hazardous materials, such as radon and radium, occur naturally and can contaminate local supplies.

Even water-purification systems, designed to kill bacteria, can create problems. Chlorine combines with decaying plant matter to make a by-product linked to bladder cancer. To try to balance the risks from these chemicals, the EPA set a maximum monthly average of 1.5 milligrams per liter of disinfection by-products in public water supplies.

Many Americans get their water from public systems. Others use private wells. Public water supplies are treated and tested regularly. And the overwhelming majority provide safe water. Private wells, though, are the responsibility of individual homeowners. And many health officials recommend private well owners test their drinking water annually for chemical, biological and radioactive contaminants.

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Actress Gillian Anderson will appear in a new movie, "Playing by Heart," with Sean Connery and Jon Stewart.

X-Files star appears in new movie

NEW YORK (AP) — At first, Gillian Anderson figured she didn't fit the standards for a sex symbol.

Dana Scully, her character on "The X-Files," is too straightforward—too-but—downed. But her popularity kept growing.

"At first I thought it was bizarre. I just didn't get it," Anderson says in Redbook's February issue.

"Scully is a change of pace, I guess. There's something about her intelligence that mixes with the male fantasy of 'What does she really look like underneath those tailored suits?'"

These days, Anderson is a single mom raising a 4-year-old daughter. And she is appearing in a new movie, "Playing by Heart," with Sean Connery and Jon Stewart.

Gary Coleman laments being in show business

NEW YORK — From his days as a child TV star to work as a part-time security guard, Gary Coleman has regrets. Lots of them.

Along the way, he sued his adoptive parents and broke all contact with them, wound up the butt of jokes about washed-up careers, and even sued himself for allegedly striking a woman who had sought a lengthier autograph.

Those who be in this business," he told US magazine for its February issue. "It was an unformed choice, and I will always regret it. But I have to bite the bullet."

Coleman was the tiny, round-checked star of "Diff'rent Strokes," which spent eight years on NBC before its end in 1986. He was born with severely atrophied kidneys and regularly underwent dialysis treatment. The cast and crew studied his growth.

He still occasionally appears on screen. A role as an elf in a made-for-cable Christmas movie was the most satisfying in years, he said. "He wasn't a cute elf — he was just an elf."

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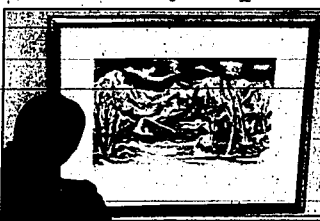
Collector purchases Sybil paintings

NEW YORK (AP) — Thirty stark watercolor paintings by the woman believed to be "Sybil" — the subject of a best-selling book and TV movie about a woman with multiple personalities — sold for at least \$30,000 at an art show Saturday.

Shirley Ardell Mason, believed by her psychiatrist to have had 16 personalities, was a trained artist who painted throughout her life. She died in February 1988 in Lexington, Ky., at age 75.

A collector from Leawood, Kan., who did not want to be identified, bought the paintings, said Rod Lich, the dealer of the paintings.

"Most of the interest is in the fact that it's 'Sybil,'" said Lich, a folk art specialist from Georgetown, Ind. "It's not New



York City high-style art." Prospective buyers had also called from Los Angeles and

Arizona, though few who came to the show Saturday came away impressed.

Van Gogh exhibit heads for a Los Angeles run

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After dazzling the nation's capital, an exhibit of Vincent van Gogh paintings is headed for a city that truly appreciates money, madness and fame, for a four-month run expected to draw nearly 1 million people.

Van Gogh's Van Goghs: Masterpieces from the Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, 70 paintings ranging from his dark "Owl's Eater" to the stunning "Wheatfield With Crows," opens today to rock center-type hype.

The exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art is the second and last U.S. stop before the

paintings go back to Amsterdam on May 16. "These pictures will not travel again in this number in our lifetime," Van Gogh Museum Director John Leighton said Friday.

LACMA is charging what is believed to be the highest price ever for a ticket to a U.S. museum exhibit: \$23.50 for an adult weekend pass, including security charges, largely to pay for security transportation and the climate-controlled exhibit space.

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NASA sets sights on landing men on planet

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Six years ago astronaut Andy Thomas thought the first person who would step on Mars probably hadn't been born yet. Sending people to Mars seemed technologically unattainable, unbelievably expensive and politically unpalatable.

Now, Thomas thinks he just might hitch a ride to Mars, possibly landing July 4, 2014.

Thanks to the fascination with John Glenn's space shuttle launch this fall and last year's Mars Pathfinder landing, progress in building the international space station in orbit and continuing improvements in technology, long-held dreams of exploring the Red Planet are moving onto the public agenda.

It won't be easy or cheap — the cost is estimated at \$20 billion or more. There are huge political and engineering hurdles. But planning for the first visit to Mars is well under way.

At Johnson Space Center in Houston, engineers are slaving over the technical details of how to get to Mars, brainstorming in a conference room dominated by a three-dimensional photo of the planet from Mars Pathfinder. In Washington, top-level bureaucrats are wrestling with the why-go-to-Mars question and are preparing a plan of exploration for endorsement by the next president. And across the nation, the private Mars Society is spreading the gospel of a flight to Mars, with 70 chapters forming in just half a year.

The urge to go is noticeable: "Mars continues to be the biggest magnet out there pulling us. I think it's the great next destination," said Bret Drake, chief Mars mission designer for NASA. Andy Thomas hopes to be "Just imagine what it would be

like to walk on another planet," Thomas said excitedly. "Every sight that you see, the rocks, the sands, erosion — everything there would be from a completely different world. . . . That's the moment you are probably going to be completely overwhelmed. I think it would be very hard not to have some sense of awe that you are representing the human race at the very moment of making history."

Already, NASA is building equipment expected to pave the way to Mars.

In 26 months, a robotic space ship will carry some experiments to the Red Planet that are designed as precursors to a human mission. In 2003, a second probe will make rocket fuel from Martian soil and atmosphere, which is crucial for a manned Mars mission.

"We are laying the groundwork for human exploration,"

said Cornell University astronomer Steven Squyres, principal scientist for the Mars 2001 mission. "Mars 2001 will carry very sophisticated experiments to pave the way for humans — propellants, hazards in soil, radiation environment. These are things we need to know before we send humans."

NASA usually keeps its robotic and human missions separate — the only other time they were brought together was before Apollo's moon landings in the late 1960s. That's why NASA's approach to Mars is serious this time, said Kim Mandle, who was hired by the space agency in 1982 to plan a manned Mars mission and is part of the current team.

"We're closer than we've ever been," Mandle said. "The thing that's different this time is we have real things happening."

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The latest scientific mission to Mars will land in December 1999 and search the cold south polar area for clues to how the planet's climate changes. A look at the spacecraft and how it will operate:

After 11-month flight from Earth, spacecraft is positioned for entry into Martian atmosphere

Lander section separates from solar panels used during trip to Mars. It uses battery power until it lands and deploys its own solar panels.

Ascent spacecraft called The Mars Orbiter, launched in December, will go into orbit around Mars and relay the probe's data to Earth

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Hard-to-resist offer to greet new president in 2000

WASHINGTON — In two years — shortly after the 2000 election — the incoming president of the United States will get a hard-to-resist offer from the head of the nation's space agency: a ready-made legacy.

It will go something like this: "Send people to Mars and you're a lock for the history books. Landing a man on the moon did it for John F. Kennedy and sending people on Mars will do it for you. It'll only cost \$20 billion or so."

sumed Democratic front-runner for the presidency, even hiring one of his former press secretaries to run public affairs for the space agency.

At Johnson Space Center in Houston, engineers doing the technical grunt work of trying to figure out how to send people to Mars take time away from their brainstorming to keep their governor informed about their ongoing plans.

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NASA is laying the groundwork — political, technological and financial — for such a push, top space agency officials say. The big question is who will receive the push and whether the new president will try it.

"The plan is coming together," said senior NASA adviser Alan Ludwig. "But NASA won't make the push before the election, when it could become a political football, with one party feeling it has to oppose it. The time to do it is after the new administration comes in."

NASA Administrator Dan Goldin frequently buddies up to Vice President Gore, the pre-

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The recent Mars Pathfinder probe owed the world with this panoramic photo of Mars. NASA is now making progress in putting astronauts on the Red Planet. In 26 months, a robotic spaceship will carry experiments to Mars that are designed as precursors to a human mission.

Mars

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The current Mars plan involves using a series of spacecrafts that would make a six-month flight to Mars and use that planet's cold and unbreathable atmosphere to break their runway speed.

The first ships would prepare the way, stockpiling fuel and supplies on the Martian surface. The first manned mission would consume two and a half years — six months traveling there, six months coming back and 500 days exploring Mars.

When the first teardrop-shaped ship carrying humans lands feet down, the crew members will quickly step outside, even if they are space-sick, Drake predicted.

"There's going to be a very strong desire to get out and kick some Martian dust," he said. "There's going to be a lot of reflection, a lot of thinking about the future. In my view it'll be some sort of international symbol."

After the pomp-and-ceremony of the first broadcast back to Earth (with a 20-minute delay for the broadcast signal to travel through the solar system), the crew would live in an inflatable shelter and spend its days searching for signs of life and the origins of the solar system.

There have been a number of technological breakthroughs that seem likely to bring down the cost of that Mars undertaking, thus raising its likelihood. They range from developments as simple as smaller, cheaper and faster computers to something called ion propulsion taken right out of an old episode of "Star Trek."

A version of ion propulsion, basically pushing a ship forward by shooting speedy atomic particles out the back, is being considered for part of the ride to Mars. It's cheaper than the traditional chemical rockets. This fall, NASA launched its first ion-propelled space probe and after a rocky start, it's working fine.

NASA also is working on a space taxi, a crew-only ship, to be used to shuttle a back-and-forth from Earth to the International Space Station. That too can be used in the NASA plan to Mars.

A giant balloon at Johnson Space Center is a breakthrough, too. It's an inflatable three-story house called Transhab. It is bul-

leproof (NASA has fired guns into it to prove it) and cheap to transport because it folds into a space shuttle cargo bay. Inflated, it provides a large living space for the astronauts on Mars. The space agency is considering using it on the international space station as a testing ground for a Mars mission.

"We're really in a good posture to begin to develop some of the technology," Drake said.

Not every expert thinks man will land on Mars soon.

"The enthusiasts ... are not in the real world politically. Mars is a big, big apple to bite," said science fiction author Ben Bova, who has written about going to Mars and has a Mars novel coming out next year.

"The space community has talked so much talking to the choir, they overlook the fact that only a small number of people are in the choir."

Bova, who wants to see people sent to Mars but doubts it will happen in his lifetime, has seen the ebb and flow of Mars mania.

He believes there is no political will in Washington to send people there.

Ray Bradbury, perhaps the most famed and evocative author of stories about man's exploration of Mars, said America needs an enemy to send people to the planet.

"What we need is competition; and there's no competition," Bradbury said. "If Red China wanted to go to Mars, we'd be there immediately."

Money will be an issue. There may be a federal budget surplus now, but there's also a lot of competition to spend it, said

Emory University political science professor Gary McKissack. "It's going to be a hard fight for NASA and the scientific community to make the push for Mars," he said.

When NASA presents its case for Mars exploration, it won't put forth just one reason, such as beating the Russians, agency executives say.

It will enlist a combination of inspiration, science, economic benefits and even entertainment, said Alan Ludwig, senior adviser to NASA Administrator Dan Goldin. In September, Goldin gave Ludwig the one-year mission of coming up with a rationale — political, popular and economic — to send people to Mars.

"There is a great appeal," Ludwig said. "The question,

though, becomes does the appeal remain once you put a dollar figure next to it."

NASA knows this from 1989. That's when, on the 25th anniversary of Apollo 11's moon landing, President George Bush unveiled a grand plan to go back to the moon and on to Mars. It was called the space exploration initiative. Then came the cost estimate: \$400 billion to \$200 billion.

"Once somebody tagged \$400 billion on it, it was dead on arrival," Ludwig said.

Zubrin helped revive interest in a mission to Mars four years ago with his book "The Case for Mars," which outlined a cheaper way to get to the planet.

He proposed making rocket fuel from the Martian air and soil, thereby reducing the

weight — and thus the cost — of launches. A team of three dozen engineers at Johnson Space Center appropriated the idea, with his permission, and used it to begin planning for a human mission to Mars.

Goldin told the engineers to get the cost down to \$20 billion and he'd consider pinching it to the president.

The latest proposal is in that ballpark, said exploration manager Doug Cooke.

It's a plan that changes all the time, adopting new technologies and scrapping other ones.

Accepting risk is the key to making Mars exploration affordable. It is to be like Lewis and Clark's exploration of the West, an analogy Zubrin often uses, people have to realize that someone probably will get hurt.

Maybe badly. Maybe they won't get home, Charles said.

Studies of submarine and Antarctic missions show that in a 25-year exploration, there will be one emergency-room-type medical problem, he said. And 1 in 3 of these missions will have such a serious medical emergency that it would normally require treatment in an intensive care unit.

"We ought to expect that because it's a pioneering endeavor we are going to lose astronauts," Charles said.

But astronauts such as Thomas say they are willing to take the risk, if America is willing to send them. "We know how to do it. We just need an economic and national, perhaps international, commitment to do it."

"What we need is competition, and there's no competition. If Red China wanted to go to Mars, we'd be there immediately."

— Ray Bradbury, science fiction author

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Howard relies on knowledge, instincts

Idaho's new schools chief shows interest in children's learning processes

MOSCOW (AP) — She grew up in Mackay, 60 miles — or two valleys — east of Sun Valley. There, on her father's potato farm, Marilyn Howard learned the instinct of spotting diseased potatoes among healthy ones. The short growing season taught her about the hard work necessary to produce a good crop.

Now, the former principal of West Park Elementary School in Moscow will use her knowledge, hard work and instincts to guide Idaho's schools into the 21st century as the state's new superintendent of public instruction.

"I often say Idaho's a small town," Howard says of the interconnectedness of the state. The 59-year-old's first teaching post was at Sacajawea Junior High School in Lewiston, followed by 28 years teaching Idaho's youth at primary and secondary schools across the state. "I am interested in learning processes. My philosophy is to observe the learner because we need to be able to teach the way we learn."



Marilyn Howard
Will guide schools into next century. "For teachers, it is this competency of style that is useful, coupled with broad experience."

chance to influence educators and administrators.

She predicts three issues will remain in the limelight during her term. Financing a new reading initiative without taking money from existing programs will be a necessary challenge.

She also looks forward to helping shape standards and accountability mechanisms for the state.

Making Idaho's schools safe for children is another priority. "It's been this way for a long time," she said of districts that cope with space constraints.

"People make due in amazing ways."

She once taught a group of grade school children in half of the school's cafeteria.

This fall, the state Board of Education approved plans to give incentives to universities and colleges that produce more graduate students in technology, including experts in computers and technical writing. There also have been endowments to improve technology at the primary and secondary levels.

"Maintaining a balance between attention to technology and specialized vocational training and a well-rounded student will be a challenge."

Howard believes it is crucial for children to consider early what they might like for a career. She talked about a group of sixth-graders who shadowed Moscow professionals a few years ago and taught about one girl who was convinced she wanted to be an archeologist.

After a long day of digging in the dirt and dusting pottery shards, the girl decided she would rather be an actress. "It's important to talk about their options early, but help them experience a broad range of curriculum," she said. "You want the kids to not limit themselves."

In an exit interview, Fox said she was worried. Howard would not have any personal time as the new schools chief.

"The job will be just pretty engrossing," Howard said, "but it doesn't worry me. It will carry with it its own interests and I'll have a lot of people to talk to."

She spent the holidays catching up on some of her favorite hobbies: sewing, chatting with her two daughters and holding her new grandson.



Jenny Palmer from Missoula, Mont., and her nephew Brian Palmer rally with members of the Montana Peoples Action Friday in the Capitol Rotunda in Helena. They were there to tell legislators to vote for a living wage and to stop welfare sanctions and child support.

Budget proposal pits progress against reality

By Bob Fick
The Associated Press

BOISE — The progressive legislative program in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's State of the State address slammed into the reality of Idaho's slowing economy last week in a budget with a touch of cynicism.

The Republican governor stumped at least some members of the nation's most Republican Legislature when he outlined his early childhood development and immunization initiative. Then two days later he told them the only way to pay the bill is to check or even cut spending on other programs.

With tax revenue growth slowing to levels approaching the near-depression days of the mid-1980s, money is tight. And Kempthorne did what he had been saying for weeks. He wanted to do —

port for a \$5.5 million reading program and then dashed them when his budget just took the cash from existing state support for schools.

Critics quickly called it the kind of unfunded mandate that Kempthorne fought against as a U.S. senator. And it does force school districts to spend money on reading that they previously could use for any classroom expense.

But it was another example of the new governor making a choice and being willing to take the heat for it.

"What can be a higher priority?" Kempthorne asked. "We need to be sure that our children can read by third grade and no one is left behind."

The question is whether lawmakers are ready to sign on to a budget choice and being likely will pervade state spending even more in future sessions.

"We'll see," Kempthorne said. Compounding the uncertainty is the new governor's decision to red-

uce school spending will force districts to seek property tax help through override elections.

And at the same time, Kempthorne's budget choices appeared to be laced with cynicism about Democratic State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard. In fact, they marked the end of any pretense of subtlety on that score that Kempthorne tried to maintain when he appointed Tom Morley as his education adviser.

Not only was Morley the choice of many in the GOP hierarchy for state superintendent until he lost to incumbent Anne Fox in last spring's Republican primary, but the outgoing Cassia County school superintendent is being paid \$10,000 a year more than Howard in what some skeptics believe is a job to showcase him for the 2002 superintendent's race.



"We need to be sure that our children can read by third grade and no one is left behind."

— Dirk Kempthorne, Idaho governor

shift the debate from money to policy with the politically risky move of raising cash from other areas to spend where he thinks it will do more good.

"When you start pulling money out," Senate Finance Chairman Atwell Parry of Melba said, "that's when you start getting that hue and cry."

Kempthorne actually cut spending on prisons to come up with cash to increase childhood immunization rates. It was something a number of lawmakers have talked about for years — spending money at the beginning of life so that even more will not have to be spent later when troubled children become criminals.

But the governor also had to hold the increase in state aid for public schools to its lowest level in six years, limit any significant increase in support for vocational and higher education and ignore other requests for new or expanded programs.

"He took some hits that normally the Legislature has to take," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley said. "He did it on education."

Kempthorne raised expectations when he announced his sup-

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Sportsmen seek protection against ballot initiatives

BOISE (AP) — Idaho sportsmen are seeking to change the state's constitution to prevent animal rights groups from threatening hunting privileges and the length of hunting seasons.

Don Clower of the Sportsmen's Heritage Defense Fund told a Senate committee Friday that hunters are tired of the threat of ballot initiatives and asked them to consider a change that would require a two-thirds majority to pass any ballot measure that changes hunting methods.

Clower said sportsmen had to raise more than a half-million dollars in 1994 to defeat a ballot initiative that would have banned spring bear hunting, bear baiting and using dogs to track and kill black bears.



Initiative was voted down, but animal rights groups are threatening another initiative in 2000 if the Idaho Department of Fish and Game refuses to change bear hunting practices, Clower said.

Clower is asking legislators to consider an amendment like one that passed last November in Utah. It amended that state's constitution to require a two-thirds majority on initiatives that change hunting seasons or taking methods.

Clower hopes the two-thirds requirement will discourage groups like Idaho Coalition for

Bears from trying ballot initiatives like the one it attempted in 1994.

"For the last six years we have lived under the threat of an initiative," Clower said. "The framers didn't intend for the ini-

tiative process to micromanage the Fish and Game department."

Committee members did not indicate their views about changing the state's constitution, but did ask Clower for a copy of the Utah measure.

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On-the-job training — at the Pentagon

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

FAIRFAX, Va. — He's only 17, yet Mike Hyton already works as a computer troubleshooter. And not just any where. Hyton works at the Pentagon, the heart of America's national-defense complex.

TECH TREK

A look into the future of technical education and what it holds for the Magic Valley

Sometimes the Chantilly Academy senior has to convince people that he really works in the U.S. Department of Defense earning \$10 an hour.

"A lot of people don't believe me," he said. "He is a certified computer hardware repairman studying to earn network management certification, something that could earn him a \$50,000 starting salary."

Hyton starts his school day at his neighborhood high school. On Monday and Friday he drives about 40 minutes to Chantilly Academy in Fairfax for computer classes for high school and college credit. After lunch he heads to the Pentagon for work.

The other three days a week he drives from his high school to the Pentagon.

"In some ways it's really laid-back," Hyton said about working at the Pentagon. "And in some ways it's not. It's very professional."

His classmate Babak Salahbin, 17, said it's possible for Chantilly students to earn Microsoft systems engineer certification within two years. That leads to high-paying jobs.

"This class gives you the doors, and it's your decision to walk through them," Salahbin said.



Mike Hyton, left, helps classmate Adam Brookman install software on a lab computer at Chantilly Academy in Fairfax, Va.

The Magic Valley's proposal

Several Magic Valley school districts want to offer courses that would train students to repair computers and manage computer networks. The districts would offer different specializations, allowing high school juniors and seniors to earn credit through the College of Southern Idaho. With districts and CSI offering a variety of programs, students would be exposed to a number of options and instructors.

Having a student find work at the Pentagon is nothing new for instructor Andrew Klesh. Work experience for seniors is built into Chantilly's program, but it isn't guaranteed. Students have to show they are prepared to go into the work force. Sometimes there are more jobs available than there are students to fill them.

"We have to show those companies that we will send them the best," Klesh said.

Seeing their peers bring home paychecks motivates students who aren't selected for an internship, he said.

Hyton plans to attend George Mason University in Fairfax after high school. He wants to become a corporate computer network manager and hopes that during summer he can earn his Microsoft certification.

"This class will actually get you a job," he said. "It's really, really inspired me a lot to study more."

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WHAT THE TECH TREKKERS SAY

Business people and educators who traveled with the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition offer their impressions of the trip and what it means to southern Idaho:

"Our visitation further strengthened my belief that professional technical education programs are a critical component of public education if we want to move toward success for all students."
— Jim Cobble, James school superintendent

"Success to an ARTEC student or an ARTEC academy is one of the things I'm going to collect going to the world of work being gainfully employed over a long duration."
— Mike Olson, technical education team at the College of Southern Idaho

"Chantilly has successfully overcome the belief that young adults are not capable of learning at this level. The program that Chantilly has, that is desperately needed in the Magic Valley, is the information technology/computer component. We are desperately behind in this area and our high school students are interested, willing and excited to learn."
— Brent Jones, senior vice president, Magic Valley Bank

"The real drivers are the little guys (small businesses). That's the way we are going to make this thing work. The little guys are going to step forward."
— Kent Just, executive vice president, Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

"The tour was an excellent opportunity for me to see an academy school. It was also an excellent time for educators and business people to discuss and problem solve what our needs are in our community."
— Debbie King, Kimberly High School counselor

"We have the potential to expand educational opportunities and choice for all students in our area."
— Kathleen Hule, superintendent director, Kimberly School District

"One of the key factors of sustainability is trust. Trusting that your neighboring district will work with you to solve a problem. Trusting that business to help you understand their needs and to work with you. I would say that the (tour) created trust."
— David Sims, ARTEC interim director

Chantilly Academy offers a model for "professional technical programs preparing students for the world. Two-year postsecondary or two-year aerospace education. Chantilly encouraged student achievement and celebrated student success."
— Gayle Yalovec, Gooding High School teacher

(Comments are from interviews and from replies to Times-News questionnaires.)

Artec

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Business representatives on the trip learned from Paul Stennels of Artec Systems and Technology in Fairfax, Va., that their involvement in education will pay off through better-prepared workers and company name recognition.

Courtney Bulger, director of Fairfax County Public Schools' office of business and industry relations, said parents support businesses who support schools.

Chantilly's career guidance curriculum, offer job-shadowing experiences for students, and help students find ways to market their products to make their educational programs more self-sufficient, said Ed White, manufacturing manager for Lamb Westonia Inc. in Twin Falls.

"We're looking at putting in resources and time and teaching at different levels than what they're used to right now," he said.

Cliff Migal heads the Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development, the Cincinnati-based ARTEC member who visited. Great Oaks doesn't mention dollars and cents when it asks industry for support. It asks for help training industry's future workers.

"We go for the heart," he said. "Business involvement is so important to Great Oaks that it built an international conference and training center in its main campus. It leases the center to businesses."

Kent Just, executive vice president of the Twin Falls Area

How can businesses be involved?

- Provide guest speakers for schools.
- Start teacher-recognition programs.
- Provide teachers in relevant business training.
- Provide time for employees to tutor or mentor students during the school day and assist them with career development.
- Provide job shadowing experiences for teachers and students.
- Help students with special needs.

How do the numbers compare?

Advanced technical programs in Virginia and Oklahoma

Increased Magic Valley visitors last week. But the program doesn't come cheap.

Here's a comparison of their current average annual per-pupil costs, and how they stack up against Magic Valley's highest- and lowest-performing school districts. Local numbers are from the 1990-91 school year; the latest figures available from the Idaho Department of Education.

District	Spending	Enrollment
Fairfax County Public Schools	\$7,731	152,000
Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development	\$9,498	3,200
Blaine County	\$6,215	2,883
Murfreesboro	\$6,187	276
Minkfola County	\$3,896	5,035
Twin Falls	\$3,679	7,167

Chamber of Commerce, said he was touched when he met a young woman with Down syndrome working at a Cincinnati hospital. The school district trained her to work at the hospital.

Just was reluctant to look for ideas from areas that have larger tax bases than southern Idaho. Twin Falls County schools serves its 152,000 students on a \$1.1 billion budget that isn't much smaller than Idaho's state budget. But he found small employers were some of the main players in the business-education partnerships.

Jim Cobble, superintendent of Jerome School District, said the ties between education and industry were evident in Virginia and Cincinnati. And that needs to happen here.

"Instructors clearly understood that successful completion of the program means that students have marketable and industry-recognized credentials," he said.



Christine Hawk, left, health technology teacher at Scarlet Oaks, explains the ARTEC pharmaceutical program to Magic Valley representatives including ARTEC board member Steve Marshall, middle, and Dr. David McCluskey, right.

Virginia

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The academy — considered a "school within a school" — gives students career guidance and the opportunity for college credit, trade certification and job experience. Technical academies don't fit the stereotypical vocational program, long a dumping ground for unmotivated students.

Chantilly's automotive program practically requires that students be college-bound, Brill said. They can be ready to work at entry-level technician after two years at Chantilly, but career advancement requires at least two years of post-secondary training.

Chantilly's auto-technology students must learn computer literacy, algebra, geometry and basic auto mechanics. Suggested classes include engineering physics and technical drawing.

"Every parent you talk to, they want their son or daughter to go to college," said John Wittmann Jr., Chantilly's administrator. "It's been very difficult to sell, but our programs are not blue-collar programs."

Finding money to run an advanced program means a struggle, Brill said. He has only a \$600 annual budget for supplies. So he must create a self-supporting program by opening a garage to customers and using service jobs for student training.

Sometimes he thinks the auto-shop business detracts from

About Chantilly Academy

Location: Chantilly High School, Fairfax, Va.
School district: Fairfax County
Enrollment: 152,000 students
District size: 152,000 students
Area: 399 square miles
District budget: \$1.1 billion
Per-pupil spending: \$7.167
Source: Virginia Department of Education

education. Students are learning, but he doesn't want to look too many repetitive repairs. He wants to teach students a variety of lessons.

Self-sustaining courses are being considered in southern Idaho.

Usually, he accepts only projects that students are covering in class.

Self-sustaining courses are being considered in southern Idaho.

While providing money to sustain the programs, the business would offer students practical experience, Eckert said.

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Jury reaches verdict in missing secretary trial

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Jurors reached a verdict Saturday in the murder trial of a wealthy and politically connected attorney accused of killing his mistress, the governor's scheduling secretary.

The jury began deliberations Thursday in the case against Thomas Capano, 49. Superior Court Judge William Swain Lee said he would receive the verdict this morning.

Capano was arrested in November 1987 and charged with murder in the disappearance of Anne Marie Fahey. Prosecutors say he killed her in June 1986 and dumped her body at sea because she wanted to end their secret, three-year affair.

Taking the stand in his own defense, Capano said another mistress of his — prosecution witness Deborah McIntyre — accidentally shot Ms. Fahey in a jealous, suicidal rage at his home June 27, 1986. He admitted dumping Ms. Fahey's body in the ocean but said he did so to protect himself and Ms. McIntyre.

Man pleads guilty to murder ... but only if he can watch the Super Bowl

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Robert William Greer Jr. was willing to plead guilty to murder for strangling a man — but only if he could watch the Super Bowl before heading to a state prison.

Prosecutors agreed — and District Judge Bob Gill sentenced Greer to 18 years in prison. He will be eligible for parole in about five years.

Greer, 32, was arrested in Las Vegas in April after 10 years on the run. He pleaded guilty for the slaying of 73-year-old John Dobbs in suburban Fort Worth in 1988.

Greer asked that he not be imprisoned until Feb. 1, so he

Couple accused of faking death for insurance — for the second time

PALMER, Pa. (AP) — Prosecutors believe a man faked his own death to collect \$1.5 million in insurance — 10 years after his wife allegedly did the same thing.

"This is as blatant a scam to defraud an insurance company as one can imagine," Attorney General Mike Fisher said Friday.

The state has filed charges in Lehigh County against Lee Likht Kongsiri, 60, and his wife, Phatcha, who are believed to be living in Bangkok, Thailand.

Authorities said Mrs. Kongsiri filed documents with nine insurance companies to get benefits on the pretext that her husband had died from a heart attack while on vacation in Thailand in 1985.

Witnesses told a grand jury that seven of the nine companies believed Mrs. Kongsiri. But Prudential and Allstate suspected fraud and alerted authorities, prompting a grand jury investigation.

Investigators investigating the case became aware of the Kongsiris' new life after one of their two sons, his wife and her parents visited Thailand and were met in August 1996 at Bangkok International Airport by Lee and Phatcha Kongsiri, prosecutors said.

The parents of Lee and Phatcha Kongsiri's daughter-in-law were unaware of the staged death and videotaped the Kongsiris at the airport. The tape was presented to the grand jury as evidence.

The grand jury concluded that there was also a successful case of fraud in 1985, when Mrs. Kongsiri — then using the first name Silvavi — also went to Thailand and allegedly faked her own death.

She then allegedly returned to Palmer a year later, calling herself Phatcha, and married her husband again.

WORLD



Ethnic Albanians on Saturday talk to a woman who lost her father and two brothers in recent clashes in the village of Racak. The bodies of dozens of men were found on a hillside near the village.

Crisis unfolds in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Four years after the United States and United Nations dispatched thousands of troops and the world pledged more than a billion dollars in a bid to create democracy in Haiti, the ambitious project is unraveling. President Rene Preval announced last week that he no longer would recognize a hostile parliament and would appoint a new government by decree. The next day, his sister was shot and wounded and her bodyguard was killed in an attack that sparked fears of a descent into the murderous mayhem that characterized much of Haiti's two centuries of independence.

The latest crisis began in June 1997, when Prime Minister Rosny Smarsh resigned, charging that legislative elections had been rigged with Preval's complicity to favor loyalists of his mentor, ex-President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Parliament is dominated by Smarsh's Struggling People's Organization, foes of Preval and Aristide. It since has refused to confirm four different Preval nominees for prime minister; for 19 months, there has been no government or budget. World banking institutions halted an aid package with only a fraction disbursed.

The aid is desperately needed: 80 percent of the 7 million people have little or no work, the average annual-per-capita income of \$250 is falling, and the World Bank says the capital's million-plus slum dwellers get by on 80 cents a day. Preval said Monday that bypassing parliament is the only way out of the crisis. He noted that Monday was its original end of term, and said a vote by the lawmakers to extend their own terms was invalid.

Massacre found after Serb attack

RACAK, Yugoslavia (AP) — Scattered on a Kosovo hillside and heaped together in a muddy gully, the bodies of 45 ethnic Albanians were found shot or mutilated Saturday in what appears to be the worst killing spree of the nearly year-old conflict.

International monitors expressed horror at the grisly discovery, which came a day after Serb forces attacked the area in southern Kosovo. The killings present the gravest threat yet of a return to full-scale combat in the separatist province. Some of the dead had their eyes gouged out or heads smashed in, and one man lay decapitated in the courtyard of his compound. The victims included one young woman and a 12-year-old boy and many were older men, including one of age 70.

Many had been shot at close range, and residents of Racak village said Serb forces had rounded up the men, driven them up the hill and shot them. Twenty-eight bodies lay heaped together at the bottom of a muddy hillside gully.

All the victims were dressed in civilian clothing, despite the insistence of "Serb" police that most of the "terrorists" wore uniforms of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army.

Visibly upset and his voice shaking after visiting the killing site—the U.S. head of the Kosovo-monitoring mission called it a massacre and "an unspeakable atrocity," and "a crime very much against humanity."

"Nor do I hesitate to accuse the government security forces of responsibility," William Walker said, using prosecutors from the International War Crimes Tribunal as one investigator, with or without permission from Yugoslav authorities.

It was the highest single death toll — and perhaps the bloodiest spree of the nearly yearlong conflict — since an Oct. 12 truce brokered by U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke — with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic that largely halted more than seven months of combat in the separatist province of Serbia.

The informal cease-fire, which international officials have insisted is still largely intact, is in the worst danger yet of collapsing into a resumption of the provincewide fighting that devastated Kosovo in 1998, killing as many as 2,000 people.

As many as 2,000 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, have been killed since Milosevic launched an offensive last February to try to crush separatist militants and reinforce government control over the Albanian-majority province in Serbia, the larger republic in Yugoslavia.

Man survives death sentence of wall-topping

KABUL, Afghanistan — A man buried beneath a 15-foot brick wall as a death sentence for sexually assaulting a boy survived with serious head injuries, doctors said Saturday.

The Taliban, who have imposed a harsh brand of Islamic law on the 90 percent of

World in brief Afghanistan rules, say homosexuality is a capital offense and punishable by the wall-topping method. If the convicted person survives, the death sentence is commuted.

A tank on Friday toppled a brick wall on Shuma Khan, who was sentenced to death by a Taliban Islamic militia court. But he emerged alive from the rubble, doctors at Kabul's Wazir Akbar Khan hospital said. "Thank God I have returned from the jaws of death," Khan told The Associated Press.

Associated Press corrects report

MEXICO CITY — The Associated Press erroneously reported on Jan. 14 that Human Rights Watch said that Mexican

judges, prosecutors and law-enforcement officers collude to torture suspects, illegally obtain evidence and block investigations into human rights violations. The report by Human Rights

Watch did not say that judges collude in those acts. The group said that by failing to question evidence obtained through torture, judges become complicit in the abuse. — Compiled by wire reports

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EDITORIAL

Kemphorne charts sensible course on rough budget seas

After a campaign long on promise but short of specifics, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kemphorne has finally delivered the goods.

Last week, Kemphorne laid out a sensible, fiscally conservative agenda that reflects the wishes of voters. Unlike his recent predecessors, Kemphorne can't afford to be Santa.

The robust economic growth at the tail end of the Andrus administration, which extended into Phil Bann's term, has slowed.

This is no time for profligate spending. Knowing that, Kemphorne has set the stage for a business legislative session with a minimum of contentious issues.

One fight that Kemphorne isn't ducking - but should - involves trimming the two-thirds majority needed for voter approval of school bond elections. That's a losing fight, so we urge him not to squander his political capital.

The real answer to the nagging question of school construction lies in public-private partnerships. The Albertson Foundation, for example, wants to invest millions in education every year. Some of that money could be used as challenge grants for worthy construction projects.

That's the future path for public school construction.

As for his other priorities,

Kemphorne is of solid ground. He announced no new tax proposals and vowed to review existing state programs with an eye toward reducing spending. Toward that end, prison spending will be cut back - liberating about \$8 million for other uses.

On the positive side of the ledger, Kemphorne's focus on children's issues, drugs and crime makes good sense, but it won't break the bank. He pledged public schools will get nearly \$25 million more than last year.

Kemphorne's focus on children's issues is potentially great news for Twin Falls County, which has abysmal rates of infant mortality, school dropouts and violent teenage deaths.

Finally, we commend Kemphorne for leaving Idaho's share of the national tobacco settlement out of his current budget plans. Not a dime of that money has arrived, but when it does, there will be a battle royale over how it gets spent.

By steering clear of that melee, Kemphorne probably shaved a week or 10 days off this year's legislative session.

Kemphorne has charted a sensible course for his first year in office. Aided by a sympathetic Legislature, he should enjoy smooth sailing and early success.

Gov. Dirk Kemphorne's focus on children's issues is potentially great news for Twin Falls County.

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Sex squads hound Clinton like they did King

Although making the comparison requires something of a stretch, the temptation to point out similarities between the sex-related orders of President Clinton and the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is irresistible.

That temptation is intensified by the current juxtaposition of events: As the nation plunges into its annual observance of the anniversary of the civil rights leader's birth, a squad of House Republicans is trying to make a case to the Senate that Clinton should be removed from office for sexual indiscretions.

Although the articles of impeachment voted by the House are purely partisan lines accuse him of perjury and obstruction of justice, neither of which reach the constitutional threshold for impeachment, they are really prosecuting him for his sexual indiscretions.

Clinton's being placed in that predicament was the product of the same kind of political malice that was directed at King by J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI more than three decades ago.

"Turn the calendar back to this same month in 1965. Coretta Scott King finds a reel of tape and plays it, thinking it is different. The trip of one husband's speech is instead it contains manly remarks that King had made at a private gathering at the Willard Hotel in Washington a

CIECIL JOHNSON

year earlier, along with sounds of people having sex.

Moreover, the tape is accompanied by a letter, purportedly written by an anonymous African-American, castigating King as a "dissolute, abnormal moral imbecile." The letter threatens to expose King's sexual infidelities and proclaims that his Nobel Prize, his honorary degrees and other awards will not save him and that all the church organizations that have backed him will abandon him.

"None of them is anything left for you to do. You know what this is. You have just 34 days... You are done. There is but one way out for you. You better make it before your filthy, abnormal fraudulent self is hared to the nation."

That invitation to suicide plunged King into a deep state of dependency for weeks. The tape was one of the by-products of the FBI's intense surveillance of King, surveillance that included continuous bugging of his hotel rooms and other bedrooms.

Coretta King's recollections of the episode, as presented in David J. Garrow's Pulitzer Prize-winning book "Bearing the Cross," may perhaps reflect the mind of a woman now confronting a similar situation.

"During our whole marriage we never had one single serious discussion about either of us being involved with another person... If I ever had any suspicions, I never would have even mentioned them to Martin. I just wouldn't have burdened

him with anything so trivial... all that other business just didn't have a place in the very high-level relationship we enjoyed," she said.

It has been well-documented that King, like women, they threw themselves at him, and he became infatuated with them. Garrow quotes him as having told an associate that he was away from home 25 to 27 days a month and that sex was "a form of anxiety reduction."

Nevertheless, he struggled with the moral dimensions of his infidelities and expressed that in a sermon.

"Each of us has two selves," he said. "And the great burden of life is to always try to keep that higher self in command. Every now and then you'll be tempted all to those that you should be faithful to. It's a mixture of human nature. Because we are two selves, there is a great war going on within all of us."

We know now that King's principal persecutors were Hoover and two others, one of which wanted to be a woman.

Presumably though, Clinton's persecutors are not so double-minded, at least those whose fustler publisher Larry Flynt has not yet ousted. And because they are without sin, they are determined to drive out the adulterer.

But could it be that the majority of the American public is right in its perception that Clinton's political enemies are using sex to get him where they couldn't prove anything more substantial? That's what Hoover did. He bugged King's bedrooms after he couldn't make King out to be a communist.

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Bob Smith for president?

In the last six presidential elections there has been a Bush or a Dole on the Republican ticket and some people think there should be one of each in 2000.

But New Hampshire Sen. Bob Smith thinks that there should be a Sen. at the top of that ticket. Jay Lee thinks that is funny.

Smith, 57, announced his candidacy last week. He is a lawyer. Smith's running mate would be named John Doe. Bob Smith's wife, Mary Jo, thinks his candidacy is providential.

They are in a play. They are out for parts in a play. It's like "She Sings to Conquer," says Smith. "I forget who wrote it."

Years later, when he was teaching history to junior and senior high school students and running a real estate business, long before he went into politics, he told me, "I remember the first day my wife thought there is my husband, the father of my children, and a president of the United States."

Two out of three, so far. Elected to the Senate in 1990 after three terms in the House of Representatives, in 1996 Smith was barely re-elected, 49 percent to 46 percent. But he says he has the points ahead of Dole while Clinton was carrying the state 49-39. Besides, his reelection is providential. The night before the election in Bushman, he went to a Manchester convent and promised to convert to her husband's Catholicism if he won and could continue in the Senate.

It is almost theoretically impossible to get to the right of his voting record in Congress, where he is one of the strongest advocates of balancing the budget against ballistic missiles. And he knows how to serve real meat to right-wingers.

The Senate were to reject a pro-life nominee of name to the Supreme Court, I would send up another pro-life nominee. And another. And another. I'd send up Robert Bork's name back to the Senate.

He takes a page from the script used by the 1996 winner of New Hampshire's primary in Bushman, when he says a 2000 issue should be "sovereignty" - the excessive entitlement of the United States with multinational organizations. Domestically, too, he's somewhat Bushmanesque. He hopes to appeal to "Republican Democrats," meaning blue-collar conservatives, by blaming free trade (which he calls "miscegenation") for the plight, as he sees it, of America's "manufacturing base."

But with consumer confidence high and unemployment low (4.3 percent),



GEORGE F. WILL

with auto sales rising and commodities prices (especially oil) falling, Smith will need an issue other than hard times. And here is the social conservatives' conundrum.

How do they make a moral appeal to a country that continues to produce high poll ratings for President Clinton? Smith says Mary Jo thinks "the polls are taking in numbers that night as people come out of Hooper's." If not, will the country respond warmly to being told that it is sunk in moral decay?

Here is one of Smith's conundrums: New Hampshire is home to only four-tenths of 1 percent of the nation's voters, but what they lack in numbers they sometimes make up in surliness. If Smith's candidacy causes other candidates to de-emphasize New Hampshire's primary, which normally is a significant economic boost to the state, the voters will not be amused.

That is not yet a pressing worry. Smith, a muscular, informal bear of a man, is the largest potential president (6 feet 6 inches, 255 pounds) but he is casting a small shadow, with 4 percent support. He trails Elizabeth Dole (31) and George W. Bush (30) in the most recent New Hampshire poll. Never mind, says Smith, by the time New Hampshire votes, he will be trailing clouds of glory as the conqueror of Iowa.

Financed, he hopes, by getting a million conservatives to buy \$20 "shares" in his candidacy, he plans to be the first president elected from New Hampshire since Franklin Pierce in 1852. If not, he will have to face another fact of ancient history: The pugnacious people of New Hampshire (they were fighting the British before Lexington and Concord) had not elected a senator to a third term since 1968.

In presidential politics, as in baseball, this is the hot stove league season: Everyone is undefeated and hopeful. Smith may be the darkest horse in the race, but not darker than, say, the New York Mets were in January 1969. In this dark time in national politics, an engaging purity surrounds a candidate's high probability of futurity.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

Not all in Cassia welcome hogs

As a homeowner in Cassia County, I would like to voice my opinion.

It would have been nice if our county commissioners would have listened to the people of Cassia County. The hog farm has been a concern to a lot of people in this county. Not only with the waste concerns, research prove the gases can cause respiratory problems and contain parasites. What if the gases get into the air? Take our winds, it wouldn't take much to spread into the community. Then what?

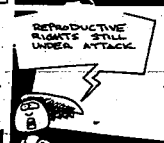
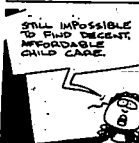
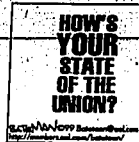
With hog prices being the lowest they have been in four decades, does it make sense to think this is going to be different? The trip the commissioners took to Albion, Ind., was not, even though they knew they were coming so everything was in good working order, clean and in tip-top shape and, with it being cold, the odor problems were under control. I think they should have also checked out some of the had ones as well as the good, since the county paid for it.

Why has there been so many changes to the name of the farm or factory? With that many hogs, I'd consider it to be a factory.

The community of Twin Falls was concerned enough to get the commissioners to send it back to planning and zoning to check into the proposal a little further, so Greg Dana should not hurry and slip it into Cassia County, which he did. Are we an easy pushover? Some of us aren't! We as a community need to stand up for our community, who will?

VICKY SONNIER
Burley

LETTERS



Alternate route requires upgrades

I feel the best long-term solution to the alternate route around Twin Falls is to upgrade Pole Line Road from Blue Lakes Boulevard to the junction with Highway 30 by Buhl. Then improve the connection between Pole Line Road and the 93-00 junction. This stretch should be made free-flowing and non-stop. The advantage to this route is it links an existing line and does not cut across any farms.

Then a canyon crossing site should be selected and connected to Pole Line Road. I feel a bridge across the canyon is the only viable long-term solution. This crossing could be partially financed by making the bridge a toll bridge. As one who has traveled the United States extensively, I have found that in many areas of the country toll bridges are the norm.

Anyone who has lived here in the val-

ley for any length of time is aware of the great amount of truck and recreational vehicle traffic on Highway 93. As one who has driven a big rig down Pole Line into and out of Twin Falls, I can assure you it is a scary trip, especially in town. You must constantly be aware of where traffic is around you. Four wheelers sit in your blind spot, pull out in front of you and cut you off. I swear many drivers are unaware of the distance required to stop a big rig.

Highway 93 also carries a large volume of traffic from western Idaho, Canada and from other areas headed to Jackpot. I feel that many of these people, especially truckers and RVer's would rather pay a reasonable toll than drive through heavy town traffic.

I urge all concerned to investigate all possibilities before making any decisions.

DON PETERS
Twin Falls

LETTERS

Pigs cause real problems. When I read the editorial Jan. 13, I wonder what's become of responsible journalism. Does the editorial staff read the Associated Press or their own editorial page? Do you really think problems other than expensive expanded judicial facilities is a real problem?

Check with Idaho's Department of Agriculture and see how many piglets and piglets are being spawned with disease each year. These are facts, the problem is far from solved and no significant fines or penalties are being inflicted. Do you really think citizens in Twin Falls County who speak out are the vocal minority? Letters to the editor on the hog issue were at least 5 to 1 in opposition. Go back and count them. Do you research your facts before writing these editorials or are you thought of lock, stock and barrel by yet another special interest group?

People lined up over the state are speaking out and are opposed to this growth. We are such a vocal minority that you will soon see a legislative introduction that may bring about a moratorium on large operations. In the meantime, we need a moratorium on large operations until sufficient, enforceable regulations can be put in place. This is not emotional, this is proactive. It doesn't jeopardize the economy, it's a common sense approach that respects the citizens' right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness over state's experienced.

Hogs aren't the only problem, they are just the new twist in an already existing problem. The population that threatens to turn the Magic Valley into a cesspool. Milk cows produce massive quantities up to 10 times that of humans. Dairy herds in the Idaho Department of Agriculture says we need 100,000 more milk cows to meet the needs of the market on moving herds and expansion, 100,000 multiplied by 10 is the equivalent of 1 million people. Their sewage will be pumped into creeks and poured into lagoons that are untreated, unmonitored and will eventually be sprinkled onto land where no one wishes to live. This is not a plan either. Would we want 1 million people to move into the state so quickly? Could our infrastructure handle this? It's not a dark future. Yet the dairy industry wants that kind of growth right now. Why?

Do you really think the valley is capable of supporting high-tech industry? I've never seen a high-tech kind of growth and no one reason why it's not possible, unless you add 100,000 cows and their crap into the mix. No one will want to move here then. BERRY KEMEN, Federal Way, Wash.

INEEL story spreads hate. To Steve Conroy, the designer I work at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, I live in Bonne County. I used to live in Rock Springs, Wyo. I used to live in Bannock, Mont., and I'm an engineer. I drive an old pickup truck and I live in a house that I drive a new truck, a car and a classic, that someone as dumb as you couldn't possibly afford. I'd like to see you in a dark alley. The only danger I know of is you. We have freedom of speech, but it should be taken away from someone as incompetent and stupid as you. Why should you spread so much hate and discontent? Oh, you're from "Twin" and you have the "Sun Valley attitude." You're so proud and arrogant about the INEEL project, Rock Springs, Wyo., Bonne, Mont., Steve Conroy and engineers, but you're not so proud and arrogant and wacky about it. I know Rock Springs, Wyo.



Slicing guns doesn't help

The front-page picture in The Times-News on Dec. 31 showing the city of Twin Falls slicing seized guns presents a biased image of the public that firearms are only used for evil purposes. There are millions of gun owners in the United States who enjoy their firearms for recreational shooting and hunting. Trap, skeet, sporting days, combination shooting, silhouette, and rifle and pistol competitions are all popular sports in this area. These guns are used as a piece of equipment in their sport no different than a baseball bat or golf club (which can be used as lethal weapons in the wrong hands).

There is also the constitutional right to keep and bear arms. As president of the Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club and vice-president of the Snake River Handgun Silhouette Shooters, our organization strongly object to this position taken by the City Council. If the City Council truly wished to limit the youth of our area, it could have used the money lost in this action by having the police teach the Eddy Eagle Program in the schools. Shooters, our organization strongly object to this position taken by the City Council.

There is another aspect to firearms obtained for self-protection. In the 41 states, including Idaho, that have passed "right-to-carry" laws, their crime rates have dropped significantly. FBI statistics show total violent

crime is 18 percent lower, homicide is 21 percent lower, robbery is 32 percent lower and aggravated assault is 11 percent lower.

If the Twin Falls City Council wants to lower the crime rate, it should instruct the police to enforce the laws already on the books that are designed to punish the criminal. For example, the Youth Curfew Act, passed as part of the 1984 Central Act in 1988, calls for a juvenile curfew at

coupled with a handgun to be fined and imprisoned for not more than a year or both. Or, these drive-by shootings, etc., in Twin Falls, police do not have to prove the status of the juvenile as an accomplice of a handgun. It is an automatic federal violation of the Fourth Amendment they should be charged. The judges should then back them up with an appropriate sentence. STEPHEN L. WILKINS, Jerome

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Canada province relents, bans spring bear hunt

TORONTO (AP) — Ontario, home to one of North America's largest bear populations, has banned its controversial spring bear hunt after years of pressure from activists outraged that hunters could target weak, sluggish bears emerging from hibernation.

Animal rights groups hailed Friday's decision, but hunting guides were outraged, saying millions of dollars worth of hunting trips already booked for this spring in rugged northern Ontario will have to be canceled.

Home to an estimated 75,000 to 100,000 bears, Ontario is the first province in Canada with a major bear population in hibernation through early June. About 4,000 bears have been killed each spring in Ontario, according to government figures.

John Szachel, Ontario's natural resources minister, said his government — which in the past resisted the ban — decided the spring hunt should stop to cut down on the incidence of bear cubs being orphaned by the shooting of their mothers.

Though killing of mother bears during the spring hunt was outlawed, the government estimated that illegal killings left about 270 orphaned cubs each year. About one-third of the 4,000 bears killed each spring have been females.

Ontario began the spring bear hunt in the 1960s, that opens in mid-April and runs through early June. About 4,000 bears have been killed each spring in Ontario, according to government figures.

John Szachel, Ontario's natural resources




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The day the job-jar disappeared

"Only by accepting what he is not can a man achieve what he may become."

— Hermann Hesse, "Siddhartha"

Words to live by, those. Especially since New Year's Day.

That's the day I adopted a new mantra when my wife declares that one or another household chore must be done, and always urgently.

"Call a plumber, honey," I'll protest. "I'm handling the laundry."

Fellas, I've struck gold here: My wife has known me long enough to realize whereof I speak.

She has seen water pipes snap under the gentle ministrations of a wrench in my hands; She has watched paint drip, wallpaper flap, sockets spin and breakers blow.

She knows the heartbreak of crossed circuits, leaking faucets, overflowing toilets and storm windows that inexplicably fall from their mounts in the first high wind.

Two samplers, which my wife embedded herself, hang in our kitchen: "Because I'm the mom, that's why." The other says, "Don't help!"

In short, by my dazzling mechanical incompetence I've wangled myself an unrestricted license to lie on the couch and channel-surf.

Genius like that doesn't come along every day, gentlemen.

But I'm confident, with a little guile and at least four thumbs, that most of you can be sound as brass in your Barcelonaerish weekends.

Read on, and learn:

• Step 1 is fumbling a simple household chore — and the rule is, the simpler the better. Something like putting a 100-watt bulb in a 60-watt socket and melting the light fixture.

Or defrosting the freezer and forgetting to turn the power on after you've put the food back in.

• Next step is bemoaning, "I fixed that before, I don't see how that could have happened."

• Step 3 is to be visibly overzealous to take on the next chore. "How dare I let you remodel the downstairs bathroom myself! I can do it, I just know!"

• Step 4 is to appear noticeably hurt at the slightest criticism of your handymanhood. "Well, if you're disappointed with the way I fixed that, fine. If you were you'd better get somebody else to do it next time."

• Step 5 is to put a dollar figure to the consequences of bungling. This should be done casually.

• YOU: How's Charlie? (Or whatever neighborhood neighbor's name it is.)

• YOUR WIFE: Fine, I guess. Why? YOU: Didn't you see the fire truck?

• YOUR WIFE: Where? YOU: Charlie tried to clean their chimney himself. Say, does our homeowner's insurance cover water damage?

• OK, you've made your case. Now it's time to close the sale.

• YOUR WIFE: I'd really appreciate it if you could get the new dryer hooked up and working this weekend.

• YOU: Whatever you say, babe. (Significant pause.)

• YOUR WIFE: You're ... OK, what?

• YOU: Me? Sure. I'll get out the hammer first thing Saturday morning and get it done.

• OK, guys, what have we learned here today?

• We've learned that your spouse no longer trusts you to successfully make the lid of a jar of pickles.

• We've learned that she can't count on you to do it better than she believes you to be only too eager to take on any household task.

• And we've learned that she fully expects a complete justification — that you will fall at it.

• You, sir, are home free — and you owe me big-time.

• I suppose there are a few folks wiser than a married man with 20 years under his belt, but let's face it: There aren't many.

Now, if you'll just stand in to the football game and save me some Cheese Doodles, I'll be along in a minute. Gotta finish balling out the basement first.



Instructor Pat Stewart leads Bob Kloor, Doug Woodland and Michael Alwood through the cross-country course at Magic Mountain Ski Resort Saturday.

Free ski day attracts crowd

More than 100 novice and advanced skiers converge on Magic Mountain

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

HANSEN — Before sliding along the cross-country ski path, Duane Reich, 9, made sure his poles were steady and his boots were set in his bindings.

Reich was one of more than 100 novice and advanced skiers taking advantage of free cross-country skiing at Magic Mountain Saturday.

"It's fun to ski around like this and play in the snow a little bit," said Reich of Twin Falls, joined

by his father, Brian, and sister Shannon, 17. "I fall a few times but it's still a lot of fun."

The free ski day was coordinated at Magic Mountain 10 years ago by Jack Yarbrough of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. It's a joint effort of Parks and Recreation and the High Desert Nordic Association of Twin Falls.

The annual event lasted five hours and was open to the public. Skis, poles and boots were supplied by Twin Falls sporting goods store — and — the Outdoor Adventure program at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

"There are so many recreational activities that are available around here, and not many people make use of them," said Jack

Prudek, owner of Adventure Outfitters in Twin Falls. "We want to introduce people to what they have in their own backyards."

For the past four years, Prudek has been involved with the free ski day, donating gear and equipment for use.

"This is a great way to see the back country," Prudek said as a light snow fell. "It's also a great way to get in tune with nature."

Todd Ballard echoed his friend's thoughts. Ballard represented Elevation Sports of Twin Falls. Please see S1E, Page B3



A tow truck hooks up to a Cadillac that collided with a KART bus in Ketchum Saturday. No one was injured in the crash, which tied up traffic for nearly an hour.

Auto collides head-on with bus; car driver is cited

By Margot Higgins
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — A head-on collision on icy Warm Springs Road Saturday evening resulted in a traffic delay lasting more than an hour.

Jebediah Spencer, a Sun Valley Co. lift attendant, was on his way home from work at about 5:30 p.m. when his Cadillac collided with an oncoming KART bus carrying a driver and three passengers, the sheriff's department said.

"The Cadillac was completely totaled, and the bus needs \$1,500 in repairs, the sheriff's department estimated. No injuries were reported."

Blaine County sheriff's deputy Dale Stocking said Spencer's car skidded when he tried to slow down to let the stopped car in front of him make a left turn into a parking lot west of Heidelberg Inn. To avoid hitting the car in front, Spencer steered across the center of the road into oncoming traffic. To try to avoid hitting Spencer's car head-on, KART bus driver Dean Richardson hit the brakes, and the bus skidded 35 feet before colliding with the Cadillac.

Kevin Kling said he watched the accident from the parking lot. He was trying to drive his Chevrolet Tahoe out of the parking lot onto Warm Springs Road when he noticed the bus skidding toward him.

Kling said he immediately "floored the accelerator," landing his truck in a nearby snowbank to avoid being a third party in the crash.

Spencer said he was driving just under the posted speed limit of 30 mph.

He was cited with the "basic rule of driving too fast for the conditions" and driving without insurance, Stocking said. Spencer's license will be suspended for a yet-to-be-determined period.

Stocking said the accident was among many in Blaine County this winter.

"Certainly the icy roads were a factor in this accident, but obviously you have to drive as conditions permit, and (Spencer) was driving too fast for the conditions."

Stocking recommended driving 15 mph in a 30 mph zone under icy conditions.

Times-News correspondent Margot Higgins can be reached in Ketchum at 726-7287.

Morley leaves Cassia schools on solid ground

By David Lee
Times-News writer

BURLEY — After two and a half years of "leaving the rug" at Cassia County School District, Thomas Morley has a little trouble remembering which items in his office belong to him and which to the district.

"The scissors and stapler are district issue. But he's not sure about the planning calendar, which is scribbled full of January appointments and every everywhere else."

His solution: Play it safe and rip out the January page.

Leaving the calendar for the next superintendent is one last, small act to help the Cassia district — an institution that Morley says is in better shape than when he arrived in June 1996.

Since last week, Morley, 49, has been juggling duties as the outgoing Cassia superintendent and as the new education policy adviser for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

The Cassia School Board will meet in executive session at 7 p.m. Monday to begin discussing how to find Morley's replacement.

"This is the most important decision the board makes, selecting a superintendent," said Assistant Superintendent Jerry Duggan.

The board members are the same ones who selected Morley. But as they begin a new search, they have a district with several new programs and buildings that developed under Morley's leadership.

The Cassia Regional Technical Center, which offers modern technical and vocational training for students, often with college credit.

The Newcomer Center, a school designed to help students with limited English skills catch up to their peers.

The Instructional Model, which helps teachers better use their time with students.

Several construction projects.

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Departing Cassia County School Superintendent Thomas Morley looks through his drawer for leftover personal items at his district office. Morley is now the education policy adviser for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Adviser plans to keep role distinct from Howard's

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BOISE — As Gov. Dirk Kempthorne lays the groundwork for his "Generation of the Child," he'll be working with two education experts in and around the Statehouse.

Marilyn Howard emphasized her background in reading development to become an upset victor in last year's Democratic primary and general election. As the new state superintendent, she has constitutional authority over public schools in Idaho.

Tom Morley, while losing a standing-room-only Republican primary to Howard's predecessor Anne Fox, impressed the right people around the state with his experience and accomplishments. Now, as Kempthorne's education adviser, he has the new governor's ear.

Kempthorne has been a fan of Morley's since Cassia County built its new technology building

and performing arts center. During his gubernatorial campaign, Kempthorne touted the partnerships that the Cassia school superintendent cultivated with the College of Southern Idaho and the Burley community to get those projects done.

He said he brought Morley up to Boise because of Morley's supporters in the Legislature and because Kempthorne wants good advice on education.

"I want to have someone to turn to, and say, 'Give me your best counsel on this,'" he said.

In devoting so much of his message and budget to education, Kempthorne said he wants to be prepared to make the right decisions.

Howard and Morley should be on the same team, he said, and there's no reason for legislators or anybody to "divide the lines."

Some lawmakers are warning that Morley and the rest of Kempthorne's team of advisers

Radioactive waste site plan draws criticism

By N.S. Nokketter
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Plans for a radioactive waste disposal site above the Snake River Aquifer in eastern Idaho are ill advised.

A prominent expert on low-level commercial radioactive waste disposal.

And an odd assortment of critics — including environmentalists and the conservative Idaho Farm Bureau Federation — has weighed in against a federal Energy Department proposal for a 54-acre radioactive waste disposal facility at the INEEL.

It's a part of cleanup plans at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, formerly the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant.

The disposal site is environmentally unsuitable, said Jack Lemley of Boise-based American Ecology Corp., the oldest company in the country that disposes of low-level commercial radioactive waste.

The public comment period on the plan was scheduled to end on Dec. 22, 1998 — has been extended to Feb. 12, the Energy Department announced this week.

The extension was in response to a Dec. 17, 1998, letter to Energy Secretary Bill Richardson from U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth, R-Idaho.

She expressed her concern about building a disposal site above the Snake-River-Aquifer and asked for a 30-day extension of the comment period.

She also asked the department to work with state and federal environmental officials to find

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DEATH NOTICES

Raymond J. Weister

TWIN FALLS - Raymond J. Weister, 77, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1999, at his home. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. A viewing will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Mary Ellen Cruz

RUPERT - Mary Ellen Cruz, 69, of Rupert, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 1999, at her home. Arrangements are pending, and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Virginia M. Honstead

KIMBERLY - Virginia M. Honstead, 78, of Kimberly, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 1999, at the Burleigh Estates. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Marie L. Wyland

TWIN FALLS - Marie Loraine Wyland, 84, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 1999, at the St. Benedict's Dialysis Center in Jerome. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names omitted at patients' request. Released. Katlyn Ruder of Filer.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names omitted at patients' request. Admitted. Harold Blauer, Julianne Dayley, Lisa Howell, Frank Paslun, Fern Peterson, Anna Marie and Anna Turo, all of Burley; Suzanne Bryggesson of Heyburn; Priscilla Morrison of Oakley; Jennifer Struchen of Paul; and Sherri Host of Orem, Utah.

D. Jennie Egbert, Katy Helmer and Dorelynn Stearns, all of Burley; Shauna Bennett of Albion;

and Beatrice Romero of Heyburn. Births. Babies were born to Christopher and Annie Priest, Kyle and Lisa Howell and Ted and Julianne Dayley, all of Burley; and to Bernon and Sherrie Host of Orem, Utah.

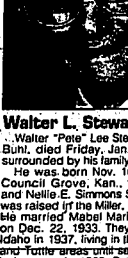
MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names omitted at patients' request. Admitted. Lloyd Schorzman of Malin; Adriana Ferreira of Filer; and Maxim Brothof of Twin Falls. Released. Gilbert Alvarado, Kenneth Reed and Manuel Rivera, all of Rupert; Maxim Brothof of Twin Falls; and Adriana Ferreira of Filer.

OBITUARIES

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BUHL



Walter L. Stewart

Walter "Pete" Lee Stewart, 88, of Buhl, died Friday, Jan. 15, 1999, surrounded by his family. He was born Nov. 16, 1910, in Council Grove, Kan., to John A. and Nellie E. Simmons Stewart. He was raised in the Miller, Neb., area. He married Mabel Marie Harpignol on Dec. 22, 1933. They moved to Idaho in 1937, living in the Lucerne and Teton areas until 1942, then in Lucerne in 1942. Pete devoted his life to farming and the dairy business. He and Mabel enjoyed traveling and winters in Arizona with their friends. He was a devoted family man and enjoyed spending time with them at their cabin in the Sawtooth valley.

Fuentes, and his daughter, Quanh Hatfield, all of Colorado Springs, Colorado, three daughters and two grandsons; and three nieces. He was preceded in death by his father. Larry was a ranch foreman for 20 years and ranched for six years. He worked as a journeyman electrician for 40 years. He spent the past nine years of his life working as an electrician in Cascade for his lifelong friends, and as Ben Gannon. Larry enjoyed his grandchildren, rodeos, leather working, horses and the country way of life. This was a quiet found in Larry's things. When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom-filled room, why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared, but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone on a part of the Master's Plan, a step on the road home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, you go to the friends we know. And bury the sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss me, but let me go.

Cremation is under the direction of the Payne Mortuary in Burley. At Larry's request, no services will be held.

11, 1967. They made their home in Hansen and moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1982. She worked as an accountant for McCall and Associates and as a office manager for Spokane Community Mental Health. Most recently, she became the church administrator for the First Presbyterian Church. She was an active member of the Community United Methodist Church, having served in leadership roles on many committees. She was also a member of Walk to Emmaus and a past officer and member of the American Society of Women Accountants. She is survived by her husband at home; daughters, Erica Moore of Portland, Ore., and Tanya Hanson of Seattle, Wash.; her mother and stepfather, Edna and Don Devany of Idaho Falls; a brother, John Novosel of Pocatello; sisters, Kay Leaf of Idaho Falls and DeeAnn Stanger of Twin Falls; and 35 nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999, at the Community United Methodist Church in Coeur d'Alene with arrangements under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls. A graveside service will be held at a later date at Sunset Memorial Park of Twin Falls with arrangements under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

KIMBERLY

HAZELTON

Margaret M. Green

Margaret Marcella Green, 78, of Hazelton, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 1999, at her home in Hazelton. She was born June 5, 1921, in Neodesha, Kan., the daughter of Frank and May Cranor Green. She moved with her family to Edinburg, Tex., in 1932 and graduated from Edinburg High School in 1939. She worked for Idaho Power Co. in the Hazelton office for many years, retiring in 1983. Margaret is survived by one daughter, Jert Lynn Steinmetz of Twin Falls; one grandson, Shaun Steinmetz of Twin Falls; two brothers, Frank "Pete" (Dorothy) Green of Twin Falls and John "Dick" (Dora) Green of Lewiston; two sisters, Georgia Shoup and Patricia (Diane) Hornhorst of Hazelton; Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ray and Curtis; and three sisters, Rena and Ruby. A memorial service for Margaret Green will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999, at the Mortuary with the Rev. Kevin Anderson officiating. The family suggests memorials to the Valley Presbyterian Church or the American Diabetes Association. Memorials may be left at the mortuary by sending to White Mortuary, P.O. Box 845, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0845.

KIMBERLY

Calvin O. Kysar

Calvin O. Kysar, 82, of Kimberly, died Friday, Jan. 15, 1999, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. He was born Oct. 28, 1916, in Deer Moines, Iowa, the son of Calvin and Pearl Anderson Kysar. He was raised in Lincoln, Neb., and served in the Seabees during World War II. After the war, he moved to Idaho and married Thelma Anderson on Feb. 9, 1949, in Bliss. Mr. Kysar worked for Idaho Power for 40 years, retiring in 1980. He and his wife then moved to Kimberly, where he has since resided. He was a member of the Kimberly Christian Church, where he served as an elder for many years, and a member of the American Legion. In addition to his wife of Kimberly, he is survived by three children, Gary Lee Kysar of Hawaii; Calvin O. (Steve) Kysar III of Oregon; and Sharon Kay Cutter of Salem, Ore.; two grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and one brother, the Rev. Dr. Robert Dean Kysar of Atlanta, Ga. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, and one daughter, Susan Jean Kysar. A memorial graveside service for Calvin O. Kysar will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999, at the Valley View Cemetery in the American Falls, with the Rev. Steelman Borden officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

BURLEY



Larry D. Hatfield

Larry Davis Hatfield, 60-year-old Burley resident, died Thursday, Jan. 14, 1999, at the Idaho of his cancer. He was born July 11, 1938, in Burley, the son of David William and Eva (Morris) Hatfield. He attended schools in Declo following a short but courageous battle with cancer. Larry was born July 11, 1938, in Burley, the son of David William and Eva (Morris) Hatfield. He attended schools in Declo following a short but courageous battle with cancer. Larry was born July 11, 1938, in Burley, the son of David William and Eva (Morris) Hatfield. He attended schools in Declo following a short but courageous battle with cancer.

TWIN FALLS

Victoria J. Moore

Victoria Vicki Josephine Moore, 56, of Post Falls, died Friday, Jan. 15, 1999, at her home following an extended illness. She was born Jan. 7, 1943, in Two Falls, to James and Edna (Savago) Pied. She grew up in Twin Falls and Murtaugh and graduated from Two Falls High School. After graduating from Idaho State University, she attended Whitworth College, where she studied accounting and became a certified public accountant. She taught high school in Murtaugh and was married there to Dean Moore on Feb.

Coeur d'Alene reviews parade law

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - City officials faced with the possibility of another Aryan Nations parade through downtown are hiring a constitutional law expert to overhaul the city's parade permit law. Avenue legal review is backed by a \$20,000 donation from local business leader Duane Hagadone, who had earlier threatened to sue the city if it again issues a parade permit to the white-supremacist group. No particular organization is targeted by the potential new parade ordinance, city officials insist. The move comes after an agreement that drew more anti-Aryan protesters than marchers. Many residents left town or closed their downtown shops during the parade. City officials granted the Hayden Lake-based group a permit, saying First Amendment free-speech protections gave them no choice. The group has applied to hold another march down Sherman Avenue this summer. City officials have not yet acted on the application. The City Council is expected to begin a city law review Tuesday by finalizing a \$40,000 contract with David J. Burman, an attorney with the Seattle firm of Perks-Oles. Hagadone, chairman of Hagadone Hospitality, sent a letter to the city last fall, saying he suggested the city if it again issued a permit to the Aryan Nations. He then met with Mayor Steve Javoy, who said he suggested Hagadone could help the city find a constitutional expert rather than suing.

Hagadone agreed and later offered to pay half the cost to hire the expert. City officials hope others also will donate money to offset the cost of hiring Burman, who is supposed to complete his research for the city by late February. "We want (Burman) to exhaust all legal and constitutional possibilities relative to an ordinance that would give the city more tools and more control in dealing with controversial parades," Javoy said. Last summer's Aryan Nations parade cost taxpayers more than \$100,000, much of it for police to provide parade security.

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SERVICES

Catherine Butala of Twin Falls, rosary at 6 p.m. today at the Brundage Funeral Home in Dillon. Monday funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Rose's Parish.

Leigha L. Remaly of Elko, Nev., 10 a.m. Monday at Burns Funeral Home in Elko.

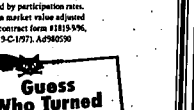
Norma M. Curtis of Burley, 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel; friends may call from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Peggy L. Johnston of Pocatello, 2 p.m. Monday at the Burley-LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary in Burley and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

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VALLEY IN BRIEF

Accident sends 1 person to hospital

BURLEY - An accident Saturday sent one person to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with possible neck injuries and resulted in the arrests of two men, said Deputy Paul Bach of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

A 1984 Ford pickup was broadsided at 4:35 p.m. by a 1980 Cadillac limousine at 1600 East and U.S. Highway 30 in Burley, Bach said.

The driver of the pickup was wanted on a warrant out of Washington state; the sheriff's department didn't release his name. The pickup's passenger, Dennis Lewis, was wanted on a warrant out of Twin Falls County. Both men were booked into the Twin Falls County Jail Saturday night. They were not hurt, Bach said.

A back-seat passenger in the Cadillac was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center but suffered no injuries. Neither vehicle was released Saturday night. The vehicle's owner, R.A. "Mick" Fox, was also a passenger and was unharmed, Bach said.

Fire damages house in Shoshone

SHOSHONE - A fire caused an estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000 in damage to a home at 66 S. 200 E. in Shoshone Saturday.

Fire department officials arrived at the scene at 4:41 p.m. Owner Lorenzo Bollar called officials upon arriving at home and finding the house full of smoke. The fire apparently started near the wood stove in the living room, said Brian Haught, assistant chief for the Shoshone Fire Department.

The exact cause of the fire had not been determined. There was smoke and heat damage throughout most of the residence, Haught said.

Nobody was in the house when the fire started, Haught said.

Hospital releases accident victim

TWIN FALLS - A woman involved in a single-vehicle rollover on Interstate 84 Friday was released from the hospital Friday evening.

Driver Sheri Staley was taken to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center and released after being treated for minor injuries, an Idaho State Police dispatcher said.

Staley was driving a light blue 1994 Saturn on Interstate 84, two miles east of the U.S. Highway 93 exit, when she rolled the vehicle at 6:22 p.m., the ISP dispatcher said.

Human relations forum will be at CSI

TWIN FALLS - In its first meeting, the Human Relations Council of Twin Falls plans a human relations forum and celebration from 2 to 3:30 p.m. today in the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The forum includes a panel from around the United States and the world including Rev. Jerry Leary, Suzanne Frye, Dr. Sabba Jaisal, Suzanne Jur, Maya Lemmon and Shazne Ridley-Stevens. The forum will be moderated by Dr. David Bean of Gooding, said Cher Bartlett, Human Relations Council president.

Entertainment will be by the Youth Workshop Dancers from Boise. The event is free to the public, Bartlett said.

Gardeners will get together Monday

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Master Gardeners will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the meeting room at the University of Idaho Twin Falls County Extension office, 246 Third Ave. E.

Delana Frey will talk about seed propagation. A seed and plant exchange will be held. Everyone is invited.

Master Gardeners are dedicated to community service through gardening projects by mentoring new gardeners and researching solutions to gardening problems for fellow gardeners.

For more information, call Louise Kozak at 733-9115 or Frey at 734-8781.

Business professionals to convene

TWIN FALLS - The Regional Business Professionals of America Conference will be held Monday at Twin Falls High School.

About 200 students representing 11 schools will compete in 43 contests, such as job interviews, foreign and prepared speaking, accounting, computer programming and keyboarding.

TFHS is sponsoring the event. For more information, call Carol Bearup at 733-6551.

Republican women meet at luncheon

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Republican Women will have a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 25 at Canyon Springs Inn.

Idaho sens. Laird Noh, John Sandoz and reps. Celia Gould, Doug Jones, Randy Hansen and Leon Smith will talk with those at the meeting via a teleconference from the Sunhouse in Boise, said Shirin Blazynski, group president.

The meeting's purpose is to hear about current and upcoming legislation relevant to the Magic Valley, Block said in a news release.

There will be a question and answer session with the officials. Scott Martin and David Swelson of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will moderate the conference.

The teleconference is open to the public, Block said. For reservations, call 343-5755.



Sam Goodhart, 10, keeps his stocking cap in place as falling snow provides the frosting.

Ski

Continued from B1. Falls, which also donated ski gear for the event.

"This is an introduction to cross-country skiing and a way to get new people to try the sport," Ballard said. "We want people to understand that they don't have to be an expert to enjoy the sport."

The free ski day on the mountain is a fun way to attract those who normally might not brave the elements of the great outdoors, Yarbrough said.

Volunteer instructors from High Desert Nordic Association helped novice skiers—Dave Bjorneberg, High Desert president, showed skiers better cross-country techniques.

"The main thing is to keep people feeling comfortable on skis,"

Bjorneberg said. "Most people get up and get used to the balance."

One of those trying cross-country skiing Saturday was Gordon Hart—a little shaky on his skis at first. After a few spills, he eventually found his balance.

"This is the best thing I've ever done this," Hart admitted. "I haven't been on skis for about 30 to 40 years. Not since I was a kid."

Others on the trail were more experienced. Calum Campbell, 18, has been skiing since he was 5.

"I want to do more cross-country," Campbell said. "Cross-country is more energizing."

Times-News staff writer John T. Hudny can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

SLC office shooting victim remains critical

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Anne Sleater, the 30-year-old AT&T employee shot in the head as she worked at Triad Center, remained in critical condition Saturday.

Sleater had been upgraded from extremely critical condition on Friday, a day after a woman with an extensive history of run-ins with the law and a background of mental illness stormed the Triad Center and shot Sleater.

The woman, now in jail, was being treated in a psychiatric hospital in the Triad Center and was threatening to kill someone there. However, she ended up on the 4th floor of the office building, where she shot Sleater and two AT&T Wireless Services employees tackled her.

The building manager also was wounded. Sleater, who had recently returned to her position as human-resources director at AT&T Wireless Services after maternity leave, was interviewing a new employee part way through his first day on the job.

"They have a lot of friends and

everyone is pulling for her to get through this," said Leigh van der Esch, the director of the Utah Film Commission, where Mr. Sleater is employed as production-services director. The couple have a 6-month-old daughter.

Police said 25-year-old Di-Kieu Doy, dressed in a parka, walked into the downtown office building with a grocery sack of bullets and began firing shots at random at 3:15 p.m. Thursday.

Chief Ruben Ortega said the suspect had targeted Sleater because she believed someone at the television station was harassing her.

At least two AT&T employees tackled the suspect and stopped the shooting, holding her down until police got to the fourth floor. The woman remained in custody Friday. No charges had been filed.

Besides shooting Sleater in the head, the woman also allegedly shot KSL building manager Brent Wightman twice. Wightman was taken to Salt Lake Regional Medical Center with minor wounds and was treated and released Thursday night.

Mini-Cassia bureau gets new chief

The Times-News

BURLEY - A veteran news reporter will take over leadership of The Times-News Mini-Cassia bureau.

David Lee, who joined the bureau as a reporter last year, will direct local news reporting and will join the newspaper's Editorial Board.

A Chicago native, Lee came to The Times-News from the Iowa City Press-Citizen.

"I moved here for the outdoor beauty of this place," he said. "The Midwest is too flat."

Lee said he looks forward to

leading and improving the Mini-Cassia edition.

"I want our reporting to go beyond local meetings, police reports and press releases," he said. "This is a great opportunity for me as a journalist and I'd like to see what I can do as a manager."

Lee received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism at the University of Iowa. He lives in Burley and enjoys skiing and jogging.

Lee replaces departing Bureau Chief-Kurt Friedemann, who resigned to pursue a new career opportunity.

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disposal site that isn't above the aquifer.

"Our own government must not plant the seeds of future problems in the process of correcting its own past mistakes," she wrote.

From 1952 to 1992, the facility chemically processed spent reactor fuel. Highly radioactive and corrosive liquid waste from that process was stored in 11 underground tanks. Over the years some of the liquids leaked out, contaminating the soil.

And for years radioactive waste was dumped directly into the aquifer.

As part of cleanup required by federal law, the Energy Department, the state Division of Environmental Quality and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency developed a proposal for cleaning up the messes.

Lenley praised portions of the plan, but criticized the disposal site above the aquifer. Shallow soils and permeable basalt bedrock are not sufficient to contain waste in a disposal facility and artificial liners are likely to leak.

The disposal site would hold 2.9 million cubic feet of contaminated soil. The soil would be put in a tank that would include a collection system for any liquids that might leak out of the waste.

Talley Jenkins, the department's manager of the cleanup effort, said the agency is working on responses to comments received during the comment period. Department officials have issued a recommended alternative, but their final decision will be made only after considering public comment.

The recommendation for on-site disposal is the most cost-effective alternative, and the dump site could be constructed, operated and closed and still protect the aquifer, Jenkins said.

But it's hard to believe it is that

much more expensive to dispose of the water off site, said Stephen Romano of American Ecology.

The environmental group Snake River Alliance also has concerns about creating a new disposal site.

"It is increasingly apparent that when INEEL 'cleanup' is done, an enormous amount of nuclear contamination will remain above the Snake River Aquifer," the alliance said in its comments on the plan.

The Idaho Farm Bureau Federation also questioned the idea of disposing of radioactive waste above an aquifer that is essential to Idaho agriculture, and provides drinking water for thousands of people.

"Surely a better alternative could be secured for disposition of radioactive and chemical wastes produced at the (INEEL) Farm Bureau President Frank Priestley said in a Jan. 8 letter to Chenoweth.

State and other critics raise points that state and federal agencies need to respond to, said DEQ's Dean Nygard, who helped develop the plan.

"We need to take a look at some of these things," Nygard said. If an on-site disposal facility is selected, all the agencies involved will have to agree on the design and waste criteria.

No waste would be accepted at the facility if it posed a significant risk to the aquifer. A planing a disposal site above an aquifer is not a problem, if it is properly designed, said Wayne Pierre of the EPA's Seattle office.

But if it were truly more cost-effective to dispose of contaminated soil elsewhere, the EPA would support that.

"This is not a catch-all landfill that you can put everything into," he said.

Times-News staff writer N.S. Norkknen can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237.

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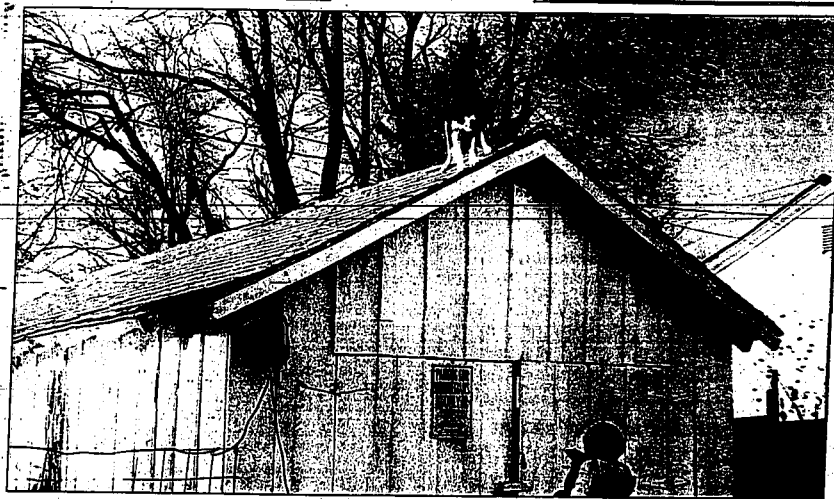


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Jonathan James looks on as Sam the border collie keeps watch over the neighborhood. Charles Chaffee owns Sam and said his dog on the garage roof is a regular sight.

Idaho study on computer use in classrooms shows impact of investment

BOISE (AP) — The results of a statewide report requested by lawmakers indicate Idaho's \$50 million investment in school technology is improving academic performance while making teachers more computer savvy.

But many teacher training is critical to get the most out of the state's \$10 million-a-year, high-tech grants to public schools, state educators say.

Idaho lawmakers asked for the report to check on how the money, which has flowed to schools since 1994, is being spent.

It comes as Gov. Dirk Kempthorne prepares to launch his own \$100,000 study of computer effectiveness in classrooms. Kempthorne has recommended asking back a third of the state's money until the study is completed.

The computer study focused on 35,835 eighth- and 11th-graders who have been in Idaho schools since technology grants were first awarded. It was prepared for the Idaho Council for Technology in Learning, which oversees computer grants to schools.

Students with high exposure to computers are 2.4 months ahead of students who have little interaction with computers, based on statewide standardized test scores, the report shows.

"That's \$46 a year per child," said Mike Rush, State Division of Vocational Education administrator and a council member. "It's the price of a textbook."

Most of the academic improvement came while white computers were new in Idaho schools, said Carolyn Thorsen, a Boise State University professor who works with area school districts to provide computer training to teachers.

"Given the extremely small exposure by untrained teachers, even that little bit helped some," Thorsen said.

Teacher training, however, has hit a bumpy road in the past several months. The failure rate has climbed 20 percent since September among teachers taking a required computer competency exam. Nearly half of Idaho's 13,000 teachers have taken the exam. Only 3,500 have passed.

The exam is meant to assure a minimum computer competency among teachers in kindergarten through 12th grade.

"We're now moving into an area where teachers haven't had much training," said Rich Mincer, bureau chief for technology at the State Department of Education.

Without training, computer costs will be hard to justify.

"There still has to be a huge training effort to make technology cost-effective," Thorsen said.

School board airs concerns about resort

DONNELLY (AP) — The McCall-Donnelly School Board says it is not against the proposed WestRock four-season resort, but has strong misgivings about its effects on the community.

The development west of town is expected to produce 781 new students over an 11-year span, added to the current average of about 1,200 district-wide.

According to a draft analysis by Superintendent Gabe Hogan, the board "is not opposed to WestRock as long as the educational welfare of the children who attend our schools isn't compromised by the inability to provide adequate resources to meet

the challenges presented by increased student enrollment."

The schools would reach capacity in the next few years, with Payette Lakes Middle School being the last in 2007. The predictions were reached by estimating an annual growth of 55 percent plus the expected influx from WestRock.

"I think it would be very crowded at the capacities, to say the least," board member Nancy Graves said.

The current school bond will not be retired until 2010. It was passed in 1994 after five previous bond issues were rejected.

"It is the district's concern that

the time frame involved in building out this project doesn't address the fiscal challenge," Hogan said. "And that the funds provided to mitigate the impact of WestRock on the district alone could easily surpass the \$15 million earmarked for the entire county."

Other costs would include buying new buses, books and other items, as well as upgrading playground equipment, parking lots and cafeterias.

One of the benefits of WestRock to the schools is the fact the project is located exclusively within the McCall-Donnelly School District, keeping

revenue from property taxes there rather than dividing it with other districts.

Hogan said it will make a difference whether or not the resort gets started right away. If construction were to begin this year, the district's revenue would exceed its expenditures in 2002.

But with each year of delay, the gap between income and expense widens and it becomes a longer time before the district would be out of the red.

The board will present its findings to the Valley County Planning and Zoning Commission when the final analysis is completed.

Cat saves man in trailer fire

BLACKFOOT (AP) — When Martin Taylor took in a stray kitten 12 years ago, it was one of the best investments of his life.

The smoky Siamese he named NeeNee, which sleeps on his chest, woke him during a trailer fire in November. NeeNee has earned \$500 by winning the Northshore Animal League's annual Best Friend award.

"We thought it was so incredible that a cat did it," said Kristen von Kreisher of the Northshore Animal League, a weekly humane society which has adopted the adoption of stray pets since the 1940s.

Taylor has returned to work at Basic American Foods after recovering from second-degree burns, and he has moved into a new trailer with his wife, Brandy.

Taylor found NeeNee on a fishing trip when she was wandering around with her eyes matted shut.

On the night of the fire, Taylor had just come home from work and lay down with NeeNee. Falling asleep, his window stove overheated, igniting the ceiling.

NeeNee tickled Taylor's chin and woke him up. He jumped through the window, then went back for his dog.

"You could say they took turns saving each other's lives," she said.

Adviser

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ers will make the governor less accessible, but Kempthorne says he doesn't expect Morley to be doing everything by himself.

"It's not to me to take me out of the picture," he said.

Kempthorne and Morley have yet to work out all the details on just what Morley's job will be, but during the session Morley will likely become a permanent fixture in the Senate and House education committees. He plans to keep the governor apprised of all education-related bills and their implications.

Anticipating a likely perception by some, Kempthorne called Howard before he announced Morley's appointment to assure the move wasn't designed to edge her out.

"She has done this very well in any way to undermine the Department of Education or my role as superintendent," Howard said.

She said she hoped Morley would make it easier for the department to work with Kempthorne, giving the department a desired contact in the governor's office.

Morley said he and Howard will have "totally different roles." He plans to be strictly an adviser to the governor, saying his and Howard's lines will be parallel, and never cross.

"I think everyone's best interest is children," he said.

House Education Committee member Doug Jones, R-Filer, said Morley's role isn't entirely new. Former Superintendent Jerry Evans' public information officer went to work for Gov. Phil Barr to advise him on education and health and welfare issues. She sat in on committee meetings and took a lot of notes, Jones remembered.

Kempthorne has put more emphasis on education, Jones said, and that may make Morley's role more important. It also will make Morley more visible — though Morley has said he's not looking at the position as a political stepping stone.

"It certainly has to give him a much higher profile," Jones said.

Schools

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including a new Declo High School and Ouley High School and additions to Raft River High School. A new building almost is complete for Burley High School.

Morley isn't finished. Though he already has begun working for Kempthorne, Morley is trying to complete some more projects for the district.

He's working on completing a district policy handbook, pursuing a grant for a Tech Center expansion and pushing for a state law change that could bring more funding for the Newcomer center and similar programs around the state.

Morley said he'll use the phone and the Internet to help the district, but "if need be, I'll be here from time to time."

Though the Cassia district could be considered small, its four high schools make it complex, he said. Overseeing the district gave him the experience to move to the state level.

"They're all my school districts now," Morley said.

Kempthorne's appointment came as a surprise, Morley said. While Kempthorne was on the campaign trail in the Mini-Cassia area this fall, Morley had a chance to make contacts and share educational ideas with members of Kempthorne's team.

In fact, when Valerie Morley said their son got to drive Kempthorne around while he was in Burley.

After Kempthorne was elected governor, he called the Morley home and said he wanted Morley on his team, Valerie Morley said.

"You don't tell Dirk no," she

Thomas Morley's road to the state Capitol

- Grew up in Philadelphia.
- Graduated from Brigham Young University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1973 and a master's degree in public administration in 1974.
- Taught at San Luis City schools for three years and then earned his doctorate from Purdue University in 1980.
- Was a principal in Bellevue for a year before moving to Valerle and moving West.
- Taught for a year in Blackfoot before being principal for three years.
- Spent six years as a principal in Boise.
- Spent six years as superintendent in Reburg.
- Came to Cassia School District June 17, 1996.
- Began working as Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's education policy adviser last week.



said. "He doesn't take no as an answer."

Morley had been considering a change in jobs anyway, Valerie Morley said, including a position with the Defense Department overseas. The family — including six children — was prepared to make a move at some point, but Kempthorne's appointment accelerated everything.

"We're losing our minds. It's happened so quickly," she said.

The Morleys have secured a home in the Boise area and will sell their Burley home, Valerie Morley said. The five children in school will transfer at the end of the semester, she said.

The move will be difficult for most of the children, but they realize the opportunity facing their dad, Valerie Morley said.

Son John Morley, who drove Kempthorne around last year, is one of Declo High School's top students and was ready to be on the student council. He'll have to give that up, but rumors are that he may get a job as a Capitol page, Valerie Morley said.

Otherwise, the family is saying goodbye to neighbors and friends, and Morley is saying good-bye to his Cassia County colleagues.

"I'll keep in touch, but I'll miss a lot of people," Morley said.

The feeling is mutual.

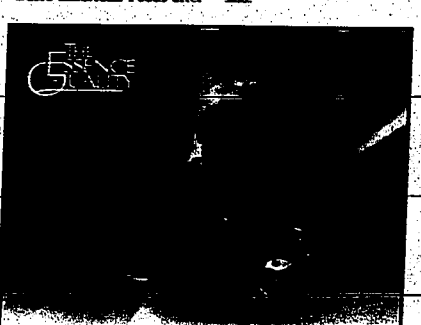
"Of course, we're sad to see that he has to go, but we're glad for his appointment to the governor's cabinet," said Bruce Bowen, chairman of the School Board.

"I'd love to go with him to Boise," said Janice Boskins, who has been Morley's secretary in the district. "He's the best boss I've ever had."

Doggett said he plans to maintain contact with Morley for advice and help.

"I'd love to keep in touch with him and ask him for more than he can give," Doggett said.

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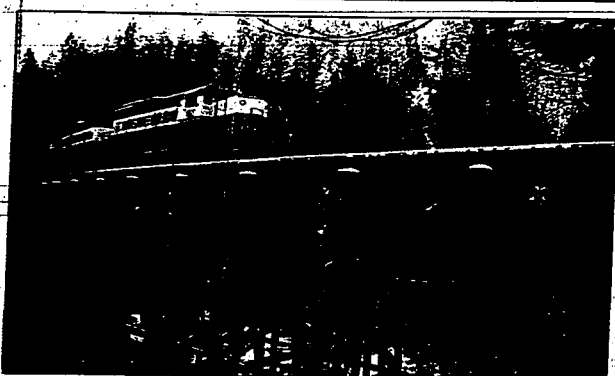
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An engine from the St. Maries River Railroad, a short-line used to haul logs and garnets, chugs over a trestle Dec. 16, 1998. High above the St. Maries River, which it follows from St. Maries to Clarkia. For the small crew of railroad men who operate the trains, there is a glimpse of Idaho backcountry that few can get to. Its 71 miles of track are a snippet of the former Milwaukee Road, whose main line stretched from Chicago to Tacoma.

Trains carry logs, nostalgia over St. Maries River through Idaho

ST. MARIES (AP) — Through the caboose windows, conductor Joe Spiesman can see cedar-logs and steel ribbons, the fabric of North Idaho history.

"From here on out, there's a lot of used-to-be's," he says. "There used to be a mill here ..."

The heyday of the timber industry is over, and in the past year alone, business has dropped by half for the log-hauling St. Maries River Railroad. No one knows how much longer it will keep chugging. But for its 19 employees and for railroad buffs, the snow should be forever.

Potlatch Corp. has owned the short-line railroad since 1980.

Its 71 miles of track are a snippet of the former Milwaukee Road, whose main line stretched from Chicago to Tacoma. The 14 miles from Clarkia to Bovill aren't being used now. The St. Maries train's regular routes are the 36 miles from St. Maries southeast to Clarkia along the St. Maries River and the 20 miles from St. Maries westward to Plummer.



Conductor Joe Spiesman waits for the caboose to slow before hopping off and helping the brakemen switch train cars on the St. Maries River Railroad in the Panhandle of Idaho.

being home every night, crew members say. They don't work weekends.

The conductor is the train's bookkeeper. From his perch at the back of the train, Spiesman also keeps an eye out for trouble, such as marks along the tracks that suggest something's dragging.

"I'm looking through a haze of smoke, I know something's wrong."

Up in the locomotive, engineer Dick Dauenhauer grabs the levers that control the brakes, pulls the throttle through its eight notches, blasts the horn at road crossings and keeps an eye on his speedometer. "I rarely top 20 mph."

The scenery is a major perk of working for the St. Maries River Railroad. In the most remote stretch of track, there are no roads. There is one tunnel. There is moss-covered granite. There's a winding waterway decorated with rapids.

"It's prettier when you come in from here and there's two or three feet of snow," says Dauenhauer.

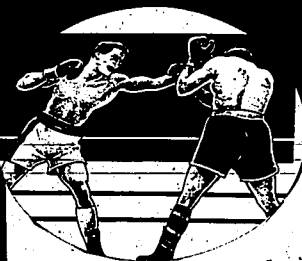
"It's indescribable."

The men could be tour guides. They might be, someday. Hauling tourists is one possible solution to declining revenues.

"Everybody in town would like to see it," says Frank Carroll, who works in the Potlatch corporate office in Lewiston. He loves the St. Maries railroad so much that its existence swayed his decision to leave the Forest Service and become the company's communications manager.

Railroad manager Jerry Allen questions whether there would ever be enough visitors to make a profit. He spent nine years on a rail line that takes tourists and freight through California's redwoods. His terminals were Bragg, which has accommodations for 4,000 people and other attractions. "St. Maries doesn't even have a motel."

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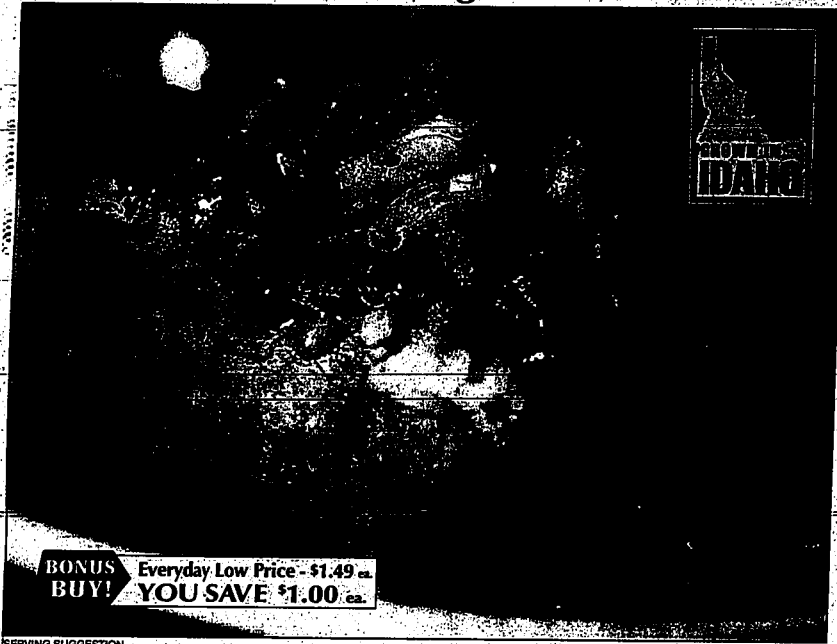
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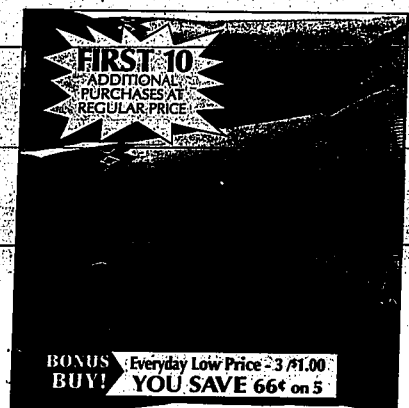
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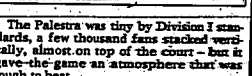
Section C

Dietrich does it in old-school fashion

It had everything you could ask for in a basketball game.

Friday's Shoshone-Dietrich high school girls' basketball game had it all: competitive teams, a heated rivalry, imitating players, and rabid fans packed into a one-of-a-kind gymnasium.

The gym and the game brought to mind my Philadelphia days and the Big 5, where in years past before big-time conference affiliation became the Sugar-Daddy-of-college athletics, five Philadelphia-area schools - Pennsylvania, Villanova, St. Joe's, La Salle and Temple - met each year in a glorified high school gym called the Palestra.



ABOUT THE GAME
Francis Davis

The Palestra was tiny by Division I standards, a few thousand fans stacked vertically, almost on top of the court - but it gave the game an atmosphere that was tough to beat.

Because of their proximity to the court, the fans had an influence on the game no state-of-the-art gym offers. The players could feel the breath of their fans on their backs and the roar of a crowd would send shivers down the spine of the most hearty of opponents.

It might have been a tough place to play, but it was a great place to watch basketball.

Walking into the Dietrich gym Saturday, I felt I was back in the Palestra.

Dietrich's gym is a little tired box of a place, about 30 feet high and 50 feet wide with a stack of elevated stands on one side separated from the court by a sturdy metal bar. Along the other side of the court are two rows of seats that would make Spike Lee green with envy.

The entire court has about two feet of sideline space and protective padding is pasted to the wall behind each backboard.

I arrived a few minutes before tipoff and the place was packed. I was lucky enough to squeeze in beside the clock-keeper who told me not to lean forward too far so as not to block her view.

A unique place for sure. A gym straight out of Hoosiers. And in my humble opinion, the best place to watch basketball in the Magic Valley.

That said, I'm not sure what it's like to play there.

Shoshone coach Tim Chapman said his team practiced all week with cones outlining the court to give his players a sense of the intimate feel of Dietrich's gym.

Dietrich coach Gene Shaw, who stomped along the sidelines like a wild man in his passion, said his players sometimes like to play on the road because they are able to get out and run more.

Though the court is regulation size, the surrounding crowd and cement are like sixth and seventh defenders. Heavily discouraging the running game.

And that's the key.

What makes the Dietrich gym so special is that it encourages a type of game one rarely sees anymore.

It encourages the pick and roll. It inspires the hard pick and the extra pass. By golly, the place makes you want to throw up a two-handed set shot. It makes you want to play your defense.

Imagine hard enough and you can see John Wooden striding along the sidelines holding his wrapped program. Squint and that rim and net turns into a peach basket.

What the gym doesn't inspire is the type of run-and-gun, trash-talking, who-got-game hoop that passes for organized basketball in so many places these days.

Now all this nostalgia isn't meant to suggest there's something seriously wrong with above-the-rim basketball. (I mean, I did grow up watching the great Dr. J.) It's just that once in a while it's nice to turn back the clock and watch a game that would make grandfathers proud.

For that reason, the Dietrich gym is unique and here's one vote hoping the good folks of Dietrich never decide to abandon the venerable place for something new and fancy.

Sometimes, old-fashion is just as good as state-of-the-art. Sometimes, vanilla is a whole lot tastier than chocolate.

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CSI men fall short

By Damon Clow
Times-News writer

REARMBURG - The ones who had been the quietest in the days leading up to Saturday's Ricks-College of Southern Idaho men's basketball game almost made all the difference.

Curtis Bobb scored his team's first nine points in the second half as the Golden Eagles erased a seven-point halftime deficit, and fellow sophomore Adrian McCullough had 10 points in the final minute and a half, but the Vikings sealed the game from the free-throw line in a 69-63 win where they took as many shots from the line (29-of-43) as from the field (18-of-41).

The two sophomores, both of whom were on this same floor when Ricks ended CSI's season last year, were the only two Golden Eagles in double figures - Bobb had 21 and McCullough had 18.



Curtis Bobb

Bobb's shots to open the final period pulled CSI (11-1, 3-4 in conference) within two points of Ricks (14-6, 4-3) and McCullough's steal and short jumper tied the game for the first time since the 15:01 mark of the first half.

McCullough later pushed the team back into the lead, 35-34 with 13:13 left in the game.

It was Bobb, rarely at a loss for words, who couldn't, or wouldn't, find any

before the game, instead relaxing after Thursday's win in Coeur d'Alene and saying simply, "I want to play hard."

The sophomore did just that, with the lone exception of an indecisive drive to the basket that resulted in a CSI turnover instead of trimming Ricks' lead to five with five minutes to play in the game.

The Vikings entered the double bonus with 4:20 remaining and hit 16-of-22 attempts from the line after that. Ricks scored from the field just twice in the final nine minutes of the game, on a Kris Cox 3-pointer with 7:16 to play and a Vance Roberts layup with 2:27 left.

Cox led Ricks with 18 points, Mark Garrett had 13, Roberts had 12 and Jon Palmer had 11.

With Chico Moore in foul trouble after collecting his third personal within more than six minutes left in the first half, CSI head coach Kevin Jones had to

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CSI women sweep road foes with win at Ricks

By Damon Clow
Times-News writer

REXBURG - Maybe in his wildest dreams did College of Southern Idaho women's basketball coach Joe Baer envision his first win over Ricks College in three years would be like it was Saturday.

The Golden Eagles built a 17-point lead in the first half and a 27-23 rout of the Ricks Vikings, and notched another in an impressive string of road wins.

The team has now handed the only road losses of the year to Ricks, North Idaho College and the College of Idaho.

"This team is very, very disciplined on the road," Baer said. "We've had our shots around at 10:30 at night (against NIC) and they were sharp, and we had a shoot-around at 8 in the morning (against Dixie) and they were sharp."

CSI (14-5, 6-1 in conference) won Saturday's game without sharp shooting, but with strong defense and ball control. The team committed just nine turnovers to Ricks' 24 and was fully aware of everything Ricks coach Lori Woodland threw at it.

"I think our switches and our ability to drive caused a lot of problems and kept a lot of people out of their bench," Baer said. "Out in their face... our switches killed them."

The Vikings hit on just one of nine 3-point attempts for the game. Five-shot bucket came with less than three minutes remaining in the contest.

CSI was just 1 percent from long range, and 34 percent overall. Baer, Nelson led all scorers with 20 points. Jessica Gibbs added 16 and Katarina Gabanova had 12.

For Ricks, Sarah-Jane Miller had 11 points and Alyson Finocch and Caroline Beus had 10 each.

The Vikings (17-8, 5-2) held CSI without a field goal for seven minutes in the second half, whittling a 21-point lead to 14 points before Gabanova was fouled in the lane and made the 3-point play to make the lead 37-40.

FROM THERE, the Golden Eagles got most of their final points from the free-throw line, as the league's second-leading free-throw shooter (Nelson) and freshman Chrissy Walsh were the prime targets of Viking fouls.

The two teammates were combined 17-of-24 from the line for the game (this team was 25-of-39 overall) as Ricks tallied 26 personal fouls to CSI's 11.

"LAST WEEK after the Colorado game, I really think this team responded in embarrassment," said Baer, whose Eagles have won twice since a shocking loss at home to Colorado Northwestern.

The key for us now is keeping a high level of intensity without burning out. We have to keep this up for two more months.

The two squads fought through a handful of errors in the first minutes of the game, with the Golden Eagles struggling to get rebound at one end and the Vikings committing unforced errors on consecutive possessions.

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Madison girls scrape by Twin

By Jeff Hanson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Fifty-eight days ago, the winless Lady Bruins traveled to Madras and lost by roughly 30 points.

When a difference two months makes Saturday night, the Roberts lagged for three quarters but ultimately kept their season girls' basketball afloat with a narrow 45-44 decision over Twin Falls in the Magic Kingdom.

"I don't know how many shots we missed," said Twin Falls coach Lawrence Pfeiffer. "We were real tentative in the second half, and we got a little stagnant offensively."

Twin Falls was in command until just 1:22 remained in the third quarter, but surrendered the lead there on the third of Robert Karlie Holman's four steals.

The top Madison guard threw a Bruin inbounds, spun around, and drove it straight to the rack.

The game was not without some highlights. Along with outbounding the 1998 conference visitors 34-23, the Lady Bruins led just about every statistical category: junior guard Christie Fair-Gabauer five steals, McCullough, Ashburner, Amanda Pierce and Keri Coan hauled down seven boards each; Missy Oplin drained a quarter of 3-pointers.

Saturday night, however, the 65-percent accuracy the Lady Bruins have enjoyed from the free-throw line this season slipped to 82 percent from the field, especially in the second half, that percentage was even lower.

"We started standing around," Pfeiffer said. "Their press caused us a few problems."

So did fresh legs off Madison's bench. Roberts coach Preston Berry got the Bruin back on the court and adding sending in four subs at once - but found all out wonder moments later rotating in an entirely new five-girl team.

The Lady Bruins' coming further hurt by foul moments of senior guard Amanda Bird, out with severe shin splints, and sophomore forward Marissa Ketchum, who was nursing a finger.

Nevertheless, Twin Falls was the hot team early. Ashburner was fouled while sinking a short bank shot, hit the beam, and the Lady Bruins jumped out to a 5-0 lead moments later on a Jill Deagle bucket off Fair's first steal.

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Bulldogs bite Declo in final seconds of game

By John Dear
Times-News writer

DECLO - It was deja vu Saturday night in Declo.

Just like the last time these teams met, the Hornets had the lead in the final minutes only to see Kimberly come in in dramatic fashion to take the victory. Rich Aronson hit a shot in the lane with four seconds left and Declo was unable to connect at the buzzer.

Kimberly, the second ranked team in the A-2 State boys basketball poll, defeated Declo in the upped ranked team in the A-3 ranks, as in a battle of non-conference rivals.

The win gave the Bulldogs the season sweep over the Hornets that Declo defeated them five times last year including the state championship game.

The Bulldogs led by four points going into the final period only to see the Hornets come back and take the lead. Kimberly scrambled from the field and

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Amanda Pierce tangles with a Madison defender during Saturday night's game. Pierce racked up seven rebounds and six points in the Bruins' 45-44 loss.

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Tyson stops Botha in the 5th round

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Mike Tyson, looking like anything but the baddest man on the planet for most of the fight, threw a thunderous right hand from nowhere that knocked down Francois Botha and stopped him with one second left in the fifth round Saturday night.

Botha was more than holding his own in the mauling dirty fight when Tyson landed a bomb to the South African's chin with 10 seconds left in the fifth. The 233-pound Botha went down in a heap, tried to get up, then dropped back into a sitting position. He got up at the count of 7, but fell back into the ropes and referee Richard Steele waved the fight over.

Although Botha was on his feet, he was knocked out if he ever fights again.

When the fight ended with one second left, Botha slumped against to the canvas and Tyson went over and tried to help him up.

The sudden ending concluded a fight that almost ended in controversy at the end of the first round. It also saved a career that was in jeopardy.

"I had a tremendous amount of rust," said Tyson, who had not fought since he



Francois Botha of South Africa exchanges punches with Mike Tyson, left, of New York, after the bell sounded at the end of the 1st round during their Heavyweight bout at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev., Saturday.

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Dietrich takes control

Win over Carey puts squad in 1st place in Sawtooth conference

THE CAREY-News

CAREY - Carey may have fallen to Dietrich 31-35, but Panthers got a look as one of the competition they will have to face in upcoming tournaments.

"The win put Dietrich in first place of the Sawtooth conference in girls' basketball."

"We had a little bit of trouble with the full court pressure from Dietrich," said Carey girls' junior varsity coach Mark Sauvageau. "Overall, we had a little bit of an off night with our shooting and spacing."

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Local sports

Tuesday

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Huskies trounce Pitt, stay perfect at 15-0

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - Albert Mourning scored a career-high 18 points to lead Connecticut to an 81-58 victory over Pittsburgh on Saturday.

The Huskies (15-0, 7-0 Big East), along with Auburn the only undefeated teams in Division I, took command against the Panthers (9-7, 1-5) with a 13-0 run that gave them a 15-0 lead with 11:36 to play in the first half.

Pittsburgh, which has lost three of four, was led by Isaac Hawkins' 14 points.

No. 2 Duke 98, Florida State 73

DURHAM, N.C. - Elton Brand had 27 points and 13 rebounds to lead Duke to its 12th straight victory and 32nd straight at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Saturday.

William Avery and Trajan Langdon added 21 and 19 respectively as the Blue Devils (17-1, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) moved to 31-3-3 overall on Saturday.

Damon Anderson led the Seminoles (9-7, 3-2), who fell to 0-9 all-time in Cameron, with a season-high 25 points.

No. 3 Cincinnati 72, Oklahoma 59

CINCINNATI - Pete Mickelack scored 17 points and the rejuvenated Bearcats rebounded from their first loss.

The Bearcats reeled double figures as Cincinnati (16-1) maintained its two-year pattern of following losses with double-digit wins.

The Bearcats' second-best start in school history ended with a lethargic 62-60 loss at North Carolina Charlotte.

No. 6 Kentucky 63, Mississippi 57

OXFORD, Miss. - Scott Padgett scored all 13 of his points in the second half, including six in a row that kept Kentucky ahead for good.

The Wildcats (15-4, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) made all six of their free throws in the final 13 seconds — two by Padgett — to avoid losing to the Rebels (12-6, 2-3) for the third year in a row and dropping their second game this season.

Keith Carter scored 18 points to lead Ole Miss, which had more turnovers (21) than field goals (17).

No. 8 Auburn 88, Florida 69

AUBURN, Ala. - Reserve Jay Heard scored 18 points as Auburn snipped Florida's three-game winning streak to remain undefeated.

The Tigers (17-0, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) join Connecticut as the only undefeated teams. The Tigers next game is Wednesday at No. 6 Kentucky.

Florida (12-8, 3-2) now has all three of its games to Top 10 teams.

Massachusetts 64, No. 15 Kansas 60

AMHERST, Mass. - Charon Clarke's two free throws in the final minutes left gave Massachusetts an upset-win-over-the-top victory.

Alex training for most of the second half, Clarke (13-0) came back to tie it at 58 on two 3-pointers by Jeff Boecher, but a pair of free throws by Matt Kener with 2:13 left gave the Massachusetts lead for good.

Mousty Mack led Massachusetts with 20 points, and Kener had 15. Defensive specialist Mike Sabut had 12 rebounds for the Minutemen, who outscored Kansas 46-33.

No. 17 Wisconsin 57, Northwestern 49

EVANSTON, Ill. - Sean Mason scored 13 points, including four free throws in the final minutes to lead Wisconsin to a late rally to beat Northwestern.

The Wildcats (9-5, 2-3 Big Ten) lost despite Sean Eismeyer's 24 points. Eismeyer, who retired after a first-career triple-double at Indiana's Assembly Hall earlier this week, scored 16 of Northwestern's 26 second-half points and had 10 rebounds.

Wisconsin (16-3, 4-2) also got a season-high 12 points from Jon Bryant, who sat out last season after transferring from Division II St. Cloud State.

No. 18 Syracuse 81, Georgetown 79

WASHINGTON - Jason Hart scored 26 points, including a key 3-pointer that put Syracuse ahead for good.

Hart also had eight assists and Damon Brown had career-highs of 19 points and 11 rebounds for Syracuse (12-4, 4-3 Big East), who won for the fifth time in 11 games. The Orangemen have won five straight against Georgetown.

Anthony Perry had 20 points for the Hoyas (8-1, 1-0), who have lost back-to-back nail-biters to ranked teams under new coach Craig Esherick. Esherick's 12-point take-over following John Thompson's sudden resignation Jan. 8.

Michigan 87, No. 21 Ohio State 74

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Josh Asselin had a career-high 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead Michigan to its fourth win over a ranked team.

Michigan (19-1, 3-3 Big Ten) improved to 7-1 in Great East Area.

Scottie Penn scored 17 points for the Buckeyes (13-5, 3-2), who never led after Louis Backley gave Michigan a 13-12 lead on a jumper near the top of the lane with 10:24 left in the first half.

No. 19 Minnesota 75, No. 12 Iowa 70

MINNEAPOLIS - Quincy Lewis scored 29 points as Minnesota ended Iowa's 11-game



AP Photo

Connecticut's Kayvin Fremont goes up for a shot as Pittsburgh's Jarrett Lockhart defends him in the first half of the Saturday's Big East Conference matchup in Hartford, Conn.

winning streak.

The Golden Gophers (13-2, 2-2) held off a furious Iowa rally, which cut a 15-point deficit down to two points with 1:44 to play. But Lewis scored on a baseline jumper and the Gophers made 6 of 8 free throws in the final minute to clinch the victory.

Olive scored 24 points for Iowa (13-2, 4-1).

No. 23 Indiana 87, No. 13 Purdue 76

WEST LAKEAVILLE, Ind. - Luke Recker scored 24 points as Indiana won at Purdue for the first time since 1993.

A.J. Guyton had 21 points, William Gladness scored 13 and Lynn Washington led season-high of 12 points and 10 rebounds for Indiana (16-5, 3-3 Big Ten), which snapped a three-game losing streak on the road.

Jarun Cornell scored 18 points and Greg McQuay added 17 for Purdue (14-4, 2-2).

No. 20 TCU 92, Colorado St. 89, 01

FORT COLLINS, Colo. - Ryan Carroll scored four points in the final 38 seconds of overtime, and Marquise Gainsou had 24 points to lead the Buffaloes to Colorado State.

Carroll's layup broke an 88-88 tie with 38 seconds left, then added a tip-in with 26 seconds remaining after a miss by Prince Fowler.

Wick Meyer missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer for Colorado State (11-5, 13 Western Athletic Conference). Andre McKanstry scored 21 points, who lost for the first time in nine home games.

Lee Nalton scored 15 points for TCU (14-3, 2-1).

No. 24 Arkansas 82, Georgia 79

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - Pat Bradley broke out of a shooting slump with 26 points, and Kareem Reed made two free throws in the final 10 seconds of shooting time against Arkansas (13-4, 3-2 SEC) led by seven points with a minute to play, but Jumaane Jones scored seven points in the next 40 seconds to give the Razorbacks a 79-79 tie.

Bradley, who was 0-for-12 from 3-point range and 9-for-39 overall in his previous 10 games, finished with 29 points, including 12 free throws.

Arkansas (12-5, 3-2) closed at 80-73.

No. 11 St. John's 88, Rutgers 78

NEW YORK - Lavar Postell scored 16 of his 21 points in the second half as St. John's extended its home winning streak to 14.

Erick Barkley had 15 points and seven assists for St. John's (15-3, 4-1 Big East), while Postell added 12 points and 11 rebounds.

No. 14 Michigan St. 51, Illinois 49

CHICAGO, Ill. - Jason Krum scored 15 points to lead Michigan State to 11 points and 10 rebounds as Michigan State defeated Illinois.

Illinois, which trailed by 10 points with six minutes left, had a chance to win at the buzzer but Cory Bradford's shot from beyond half-court bounced off the rim.

Michigan State (14-4, 3-1 Big Ten) has won 10 of its 11 rows, while Illinois (8-9, 0-5) has lost five in a row.

N. Arizona 74, Montana St. 73

HELENA, Mont. - Casey Farris scored 16 points, including the winning basket with 24 seconds left, as Northern Arizona got by Montana State 74-73, preserving its unbeaten status in the Big Sky Conference.

The loss was the first at home this season for the Bobcats (8-8, 2-3 Big Sky), and put a damper on MSU center Nate Holmstedt's 27-point performance.

Chicago St. 89, S. Utah 87 07

CHICAGO - Matt Normand's 3-point with 2:20 left in overtime Saturday evening lifted Chicago State to an 89-87 win against Southern Utah.

The win gave the Cougars (3-14, 3-3 Mid-Conference) a chance to win at the first time since the 1996-97 season.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Winning streak ends at 99

MARIETTA, Ga. - Life University's men's winning streak ended at 99 games Saturday night when Derrick Shaw's desperation 3-point attempt fell short and the Running Eagles lost to Talladega 75-72.

Shaw hit the NALIA powerhouse in suburban Atlanta would have made Life only the fourth men's college basketball team to win 100 straight games.

Talladega's Matt Johnson scored 31 and 34 with his victory, trailed 67-67 with 2:55 remaining but went on a 1:04 run in the next minute to take the lead.

Chummy Johnson pulled Life within 31-29 with a 3-point basket with 33 seconds remaining, but three free throws by the Alabama team provided the crucial cushion.

Sixers reach agreement

PHILADELPHIA - Two days after the 76ers agreed on a long-term deal with Charlotte free-agent center Marc Gasol — all it is awaiting are the signatures — they are expected to do the same for Zach Randolph.

Numerous sources confirmed on Saturday that the Sixers have reached an agreement with their free-agent center on a seven-year deal worth roughly \$57 million.

The Sixers and Randolph's agent, Joel Bell, declined comment. No details can be signed until the deal is finalized.

"The deal's about done," said Bell, refusing to give specifics or Saturday.

Chargers fire trainer

SAN DIEGO - San Diego Chargers general manager Dennis Green fired Saturday afternoon with the team.

When reached at the team's headquarters, Green said he had no idea why he was being fired, and said he had no further comment.

Team spokesman Bill Johnson said the decision was made by general manager Tom Teague. Charged and team president Dean Spanos.

Green had won six Super Bowl titles with the Chargers.

SPORTS

Elway's legacy: Many Mile High memories

DENVER (AP) — His 16-year journey got off to a bad start when he was labeled a spoiled brat for refusing to play for the team that drafted him.

The spurred team owner proclaimed, "John Elway will never be any good."

Robert Irsay of the Colts got it all wrong, of course.

Elway went on to become one of the greatest quarterbacks in NFL history.

He will leave the game — possibly today after the AFC championship — with a decidedly different reputation than the one Irsay made.

Elway is respected, even revered. He is treated in his adopted home of Denver as if he were a demigod.

"John Elway is Denver's Moses," said Broncos tight end Shannon Sharpe. "He has led Denver out of obscurity into the land of milk and money."

In June, after four months of pondering his future, Elway said he intended to play just one more season. But since then there has been no talk of retirement or going-away presents or goodbye letters, which is just the way Elway wants it.

On the day Michael Jordan retired, Elway was asked what it's like to go out on top.

"No matter when he went out," Elway said, "he was going out on top."

The same could be said for the 38-year-old blond punting with the John Wayne walk and the knack for late-game heroics.

A season after finally winning his Super Bowl ring, Elway and his Broncos back in the AFC title game, this time against the upstart New York Jets. He's within one victory of his fifth Super Bowl appearance, and another championship would be a fitting end to his Jordanesque career.

On the game Sunday could be his last and most likely his farewell to Mile High Stadium.

"I'm not even thinking about that," he said. "I don't want to go to four or five Super Bowls, doing-and-that's to win the football game. I'm not even letting that enter my mind, what I'm going to do for the rest of my life. I came back for. So I'm going to enjoy it now and then cross that bridge when the season is over."

The name is Elway, impressive, and that right now to me. I'll get plenty of time to make that decision in the offseason."



Denver Broncos quarterback talks about today's AFC Championship game with the New York Jets during a news conference in Denver Friday afternoon.

Elway has already made a firm decision, he has told his teammates.

"I haven't heard him discuss it," running back Terrell Davis said. "If it is his last season, I don't think we're going to find out about it until after the season."

By then, everyone will probably be reminiscing about Elway's extraordinary career. His 148 victories as a starter are the most in NFL history, and he and Dan Marino are the only quarterbacks who have thrown for more than 50,000 yards.

Many of those passes came at Mile High, of course, where Elway has created countless magic moments.

One of his favorite comebacks was the desperation drive that included two successful fourth-down plays in the closing minutes of a 26-24 divisional playoff win over Houston, in January 1992. Another was the 20-19 victory over Kansas City the following season when he threw two touchdown passes in the final two minutes.

Elway also fondly recalls that in his rookie season in 1983 he threw three touchdown passes in

the fourth quarter in a 21-16 victory over Baltimore, the team he rejected after it selected him with the No. 1 overall draft pick.

In fact, Elway and Mile High victories have become almost synonymous. Including possession, his career record as a starter at home is an amazing 102-25 (.803).

Ask his teammates about their favorite Elway moments, and they quickly come to mind. "Definitely that fourth-and-6 pass against Houston here, when he avoids a sack and throws that great pass to Vance Johnson," said safety Tyrone Braxton, who

Jets vs. Broncos

When the Jets have the ball

When they did agree with Jets coach Tom Allen to control the clock and keep Denver's potent offense off the field. Quarterback Lawrence Sanders (18) has become an all-purpose threat at wideout, running every kind of route, catching high low and in-between passes. Wide receiver Eric Decker (80) also runs every type of pattern and is most dangerous on third down out of the slot. Tight end Kyle Bass (70) has been an effective blocker and a vastly improved as a receiver. But he dropped two passes last Sunday against Jacksonville.

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It is the most formidable offensive weapon in football. He proved that once again with 199 yards rushing and two TDs against Miami last Saturday. Not only is he a 6-foot-7-inch power forward, he is also a power forward with power, speed, movement and a mode, but Davis is a first-rate receiver who averaged 8.7 yards a catch during



Intangibles

These Broncos and his coach have been this route before, and he has 19 players with previous playoff experience. These Jets haven't been to a title game together. They made some errors against Jacksonville that would be more costly against the Broncos.

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When they did agree with Jets coach Tom Allen to control the clock and keep Denver's potent offense off the field. Quarterback Lawrence Sanders (18) has become an all-purpose threat at wideout, running every kind of route, catching high low and in-between passes. Wide receiver Eric Decker (80) also runs every type of pattern and is most dangerous on third down out of the slot. Tight end Kyle Bass (70) has been an effective blocker and a vastly improved as a receiver. But he dropped two passes last Sunday against Jacksonville.

When the Broncos have the ball

It is the most formidable offensive weapon in football. He proved that once again with 199 yards rushing and two TDs against Miami last Saturday. Not only is he a 6-foot-7-inch power forward, he is also a power forward with power, speed, movement and a mode, but Davis is a first-rate receiver who averaged 8.7 yards a catch during

admission from foot, too.

"He may, in fact, ultimately be the greatest to have ever played this game at that position," said Marty Schottenheimer, who was tormented by Elway as coach at Cleveland and Kansas City.

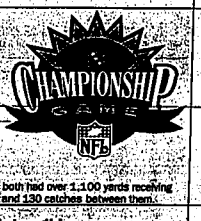
"And I steadfastly believe that it doesn't have anything to do with his arm strength with the people around him. The guy is the greatest competitor I have ever witnessed in sport. That, to me, is the quality I will always remember about John Elway."

"If he chooses to retire, he is going to be greatly missed by all of us."

Falcons vs. Vikings

When the Vikings have the ball

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Intangibles

Atlanta's Dan Reeves, who underwent quadruple heart bypass surgery a month ago, has been in eight Super Bowls as a player, assistant coach and head coach, losing in 1987, 1988 and 1990 as head coach of the Broncos. He has two former head coaches on his staff: defensive coordinator Rich Brooks, who coached the Rams in 1995-96; and offensive line coach Art Shell, a Hall of Fame tackle as a player, who was coach of the Raiders for almost five seasons.

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No! America's teams will not be playing in the Superbowl

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Dennis Green has had enough of America's Teams.

"People have to get used to the idea of a team that's not playing in this game," he said as his Minnesota Vikings prepared to take on the Atlanta Falcons in the AFC championship game today. "These two teams are here because they deserve it."

But that might take some getting used to. The fans won't be getting Steve Young, Brett Favre, Troy Aikman and other established superstars.

Instead, in the Vikings, they'll see a team that scored an NFL record 556 points. It also might be the first good look for many at rookie receiver Randy Moss — perhaps the next Jerry Rice.

They'll also see the gritty but relatively faceless Falcons, who went 14-2 in the regular season and disposed of the haughty 49ers both as champions of the NFC West and in a playoff game last week. Still, these are teams whose prominent moments in NFL history are negative ones. The Vikings were last in this game in the regular season of 1987 and before that in 1976, the last gasp of a good but not great team featuring Fran Tarkenton and a defense known as the Purple People Eaters. Minnesota went to four Super Bowls in eight years — and lost them all. The Falcons have had almost no history, not even in Atlanta, where they have traditionally been eclipsed by the University of Georgia ("How 'bout them Dawgs") and more recently by baseball's Braves. In fact, entering this season, the Falcons' regular-season record was 184-294-5. They have appeared in just seven playoff games, winning two. But they finished last season, Dan Reeves' first as head coach, with six wins in eight games. Now they've won 21 of 25, including a 31-19 win over San

Francisco in the regular season and a 20-18 playoff victory over the 49ers. That was with Reeves on the sidelines less than four weeks after undergoing quadruple heart bypass surgery.

"It's really exciting to be a part of this for the city of Atlanta and particularly the fans," said running back Jamal Anderson, pointing to the Braves baseball cap he was wearing. "I really like it when I'm out and I see people wearing Falcons clothes and hats. I don't even have a Falcons hat but it's all Atlanta so it all works."

Anderson is the typical Falcon. He was a seventh-round draft choice when he came out of Utah

Tyson, and Magic Johnson. "You've got to have a star."

Many of the other key Falcons have similar stories. Quarterback Chris Chandler, in his third season, is in the playoffs for the first time. Linebacker Jessie Tuggle, a 12-year standout at Michigan State, is in an undrafted free agent out of Valdosta State. Wide receivers Torrance Mathis and Torvare Martin each with more than 1,000 yards — were castoffs.

The Vikings have nine Pro Bowlers, including offensive line center Tom Stettinius, Randall McDaniel and Jeff Christy. But the skill players — led by Randall Cunningham — have made this season for the Vikings. The 33-year-old quarterback revived his career after sitting out the 1996 season.

This plateau is new to Cunningham. In the 13 seasons as scrambling one-man highlight reel in Philadelphia that had as many downs as ups.

"I'm not going to say now," said Cunningham, now a pocket passer. With targets like Moss, Cris Carter, Steve Watson and Andrew Glover, and running backs like Robert Smith and Leroy Hoard, he leads an offense that might be the best in NFL history. That means the Falcons will try to exploit a good but not great Minnesota defense. The way to do it is with ball control. Tampa Bay, the only team to beat the Vikings, run for 246 yards and kept the ball for more than 33 minutes. The Falcons will guard the NFL in time of possession at 33:10, the Falcons will have problems with the noise at the Metrodome, some of it artificially generated. Reeves has already tried to get the NFL to mute it after watching some of the best teams taken out of their games. Green Bay had five illegal procedure penalties on one touchdown drive in a 28-14 loss Nov. 20.

Ohio State teammates lead East in Shrine Bowl

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Ohio State teammates Joe Montgomery and Joe Germaine proved to be the East's best players in the East defense had three interceptions and four sacks in a 20-10 win in Saturday's East-West Shrine Bowl.

Montgomery had 23 carries for 93 yards, including a 7-yard scoring run, and Germaine threw for 207 yards as the East won for the third time in the last 10 Shrine games.

L.C. Stevens of North Carolina caught six passes for 154 yards for the East squad, coached by Ohio State's John Cooper. Stevens caught a 22-yard scoring pass from Aaron Brooks of Virginia.

Jeff Hall of Tennessee added five goals of 47 and 26 yards for the East.

Oregon's Alodi Smith had a 53-yard scoring pass to California's Damonico Douglas for the West and Kansas as the East won for the third time in the last 10 Shrine games. Gramatica's field goal midway through the first period gave the West a 3-0 lead, but the East responded with a 127-yard punt catch up the middle of the field and Hall's 47-yard field goal to tie a 3-3 lead early in the second period. The West tied the game on Douglas' scoring catch, on which he got behind two defenders, but an interception by Germaine's Reggie Stephens of a halfback option pass set the East up for Montgomery's scoring run and a 17-10 halftime lead.

People have to get used to the idea that Dallas, Green Bay and San Francisco aren't playing in this game.

—Dennis Green, Head coach of the Minnesota Vikings



Robert Garff, chairman of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, shows off the \$5 million check presented to him Saturday by U.S. West President Sol Trujillo, right, during a news conference.

U.S. West pitches in

Company restores sponsorship to beleaguered Games

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Things got better Saturday for the beleaguered Salt Lake Organizing Committee — better by \$5 million.

That's the amount of a check U.S. West president Sol Trujillo handed to SLOC chairman Robert Garff. It had been held up amid the scandal over Salt Lake Olympic boosters' lavish wooing of International Olympic Committee members.

And, from Switzerland, president Juan Antonio Samaranch said the IOC might step in to help the 2002 Winter Games cope with any financial shortfall.

In an interview with the newspaper, Le Temps, Samaranch indicated some flexibility.

"We signed a contract, and each partner should in principle abide by that," he said. "It depends on what help Salt Lake City wants. We will find a solution."

Samaranch also told the newspaper that the IOC executive board probably will decide next week to ban member visits to cities bidding for the Games.

Trujillo, flanked by Gov. Mike Leavitt and Garff at a press conference, said he was impressed with Salt Lake's efforts to get to the bottom of corruption, expose it and get on with the business of staging the games.

"We're investing significant dollars and we expect to have the kinds of results associated with the sponsorship," Trujillo said.

"There has been candor and forthrightness. I believe this state is stepping up to the values and principles of the Olympics."

Earlier this month, U.S. West said it was withholding \$5 million from the company's \$50 million cash and in-kind services commitment — until it had assurances the scandal would not interfere with the games.

The SLOC's two top executives resigned Jan. 8, two others were put on administrative leave and a third was fired.

Tom Welch, was stripped of his

consulting contract and pension.

On Saturday, Garff beamed as he held the check, made out to Olympic Properties of the United States, the joint venture of the SLOC and the United States Olympic Company to raise sponsorship revenue for the games.

"It's that a welcome sight?" he asked.

"This is symbolic of what will happen — when integrity is restored to the games," Garff said. "It's symbolic in every way of the good times ahead."

Garff said he remains confident the 2002 Winter Games will raise all the money it needs from sponsors.

U.S. West already has commitments for 75 percent of the \$1.4 billion budget. Another \$250 million must yet be raised from sponsors.

The governor said Saturday that he has had calls from many existing sponsors, and they are excited with Salt Lake.

Samaranch has not explicitly agreed to help Salt Lake if sponsors shy away, Leavitt said.

"I sense they are prepared to do so," he said. "They share responsibility in this. It's appropriate that they do (help)."

"The actions of U.S. West make it very clear we're moving one direction — forward."

He said he doesn't know when an independent SLOC ethics panel will finish its investigation, but "the truth will be put on the table."

"We'll make it very clear what happened with full detail," Leavitt said. "All our knowledge will be disclosed."

"The ethics panel is conducting one of four investigations. The others are by the IOC, USOC and the Justice Department."

In the newspaper interview Saturday, Samaranch reiterated that he believed that a smaller committee — and not the full IOC membership — should be responsible for awarding the games in the future.

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IOC president hints at financial compensation

Organization might cover any SLC losses

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The International Olympic Committee may step in to help Salt Lake City organizers cope with any financial shortfall resulting from the corruption scandal, its president hinted Saturday.

In a newspaper interview, Juan Antonio Samaranch also said that the IOC executive board will likely decide next week to ban member visits to cities bidding for the Games.

The VIP treatment lavished on IOC members during trips to cities competing to host the Games lies at the heart of the widening corruption scandal surrounding payments and gifts from Salt Lake City to IOC members.

Word that the scandal will make it difficult to come up with extra sponsorship, the chairman of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee said Thursday that the city may put pressure on the IOC to pay out more and expect less punting during the 2002 Winter Games.

Robert Garff said he would discuss the possibility of changing the contract to reflect this — Samaranch visits in March.

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would be in place before the winter of the site of the 2006 Winter Games.

The Swiss city of Sion, Turin in Italy, Poland's Zakopane, Klagenfurt in Austria and the Finnish capital Helsinki are candidates.

Samaranch said the IOC executive board, which meets Jan. 24, had the power to impose the ban on visits without awaiting approval from a special assembly of all 115 members convened for March.

Representatives of each of the cities competing for the 2006 Winter Olympics had been invited to appear at next weekend's executive board meeting in Lausanne, he said.

"The decision will probably be reached during the course of the visits," he said in the interview.

Samaranch told The Associated Press in an interview Thursday that he has written to 13 members implicated in its inquiry into cash payments, scholarships, free medical care and other favors accepted during the course of Salt Lake City's successful bid for the 2002 Olympics.

Nine risk expulsion and four face lesser sanctions, he said.

In the newspaper interview Saturday, he said the vast majority of IOC members deserved respect. But he rejected criticism that the IOC should do more to control its members.

"The IOC is not a dictatorship," he said.



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IOC members linked to scandal

International Olympic Committee members linked to the scandals, news media reports or their own statements to the Salt Lake City Organizing Committee during the 2002 Winter Games. In Salt Lake City include:

- Anthony Arroyo, 75, Ecuador. IOC member since 1988. Former president, Ecuadorian Olympic Committee and the Ecuadorian Judo Association; honorary president, Ecuadorian Taekwondo Federation. Former private secretary to Ecuadorian president, former State Supreme Court judge. Former ambassador to Britain. Company director.
- Arroyo's stepdaughter, Nancy, worked briefly for both Utah state government and the Salt Lake bid committee, and received tuition help from the committee while attending a school in Texas, according to former Salt Lake Olympics chief Tom Welch.
- Bashir Mohamed Attaraballi, 61, Libya. IOC member since 1977. Former vice president, Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa. Official, International Committee for the Mediterranean Games. Former advisor, Libyan secretary of youth and sport.
- Atsuhiko's son, Suhei, told the Desert News of Salt Lake that he received tuition at BYU and other Utah schools, plus \$700 a month for expenses, from both the Salt Lake bid and organizing committees. On his application to BYU, the address he listed was the Salt Lake bid committee offices.
- Jean-Claude Ganga, 84, Republic of Congo. IOC member since 1986. Former, Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa. Former ambassador to China, Congo and the United States. Official, International Committee of Africa. Ganga, who led the African boycott of the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, made a \$60,000 profit on a land deal in Utah arranged by a member of the Salt Lake bid and organizing committees. He also made a \$100,000 profit on a real estate deal in Utah. He had a son, who was a father in his war-torn homeland, and published reports have linked Ganga to a total of \$70,000 from Salt Lake officials. He and his mother also received medical care paid for by SLOC.
- Antonius Geesink, 64, the Netherlands. IOC member since 1987. Olympic judo gold medalist 1984, two-time judo world champion. Advisor to Dutch secretary of state for sports, teacher and coach. Member, IOC evaluation commission for the 2002 Winter Games. In 1994, Geesink said the Friends of Anton Geesink Foundation in the Netherlands received \$5,000 from Salt Lake to buy a vehicle.
- Piirjo Haeggman, 49, Finland. IOC member since 1981. Middle-distance runner in 1972, '76 and '80 Olympics, 12-time Finnish champion at 100 and 400 meters. Ceremonial manager, 1984 European Track and Field Championships; former vice president, Finnish Amateur Athletic Association; member, Finnish National Olympic Committee. Teacher. Former vice chairman, IOC athletes commission.
- Haeggman's ex-husband, Barne, reportedly worked briefly for the Salt Lake bid committee and for 20 months in an Oregon government job initiated by the Toronto committee leading for the 1996 Summer Games.
- Sergio Santizator, 72, Chile. IOC member since 1992. Former vice president, South American Sports Organization. President, Chilean Olympic Committee. Welch said he gave Santizator \$20,000 to help finance his campaign for mayor of Santiago, Chile.
- David Shikhaluni Shandwa, 66, Swaziland. IOC member since 1984. Former executive committee member, Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa. Former member of National Olympic Committees of Africa; founder, National Sports Council of Swaziland, vice chairman, Supreme Council for Sport in Africa. Former senior executive officer, Swaziland Ministry of Works and Communications. Company director. Sibandzo's son, Sito, was given a job with the Salt Lake City Economic Development Office after receiving a master's degree from the University of Utah.

\$3 million paid for 70th dinger is called 'incredible'

By Hal Bock AP Sports Writer

The ball looks rather ordinary, really. There's a smudge here, probably where it was struck by Mark McGwire's bat, and a nick there, possibly from its collision with the metal bleachers at Busch Stadium before it landed at Philip Ozersky's feet.

What makes this particular ball extraordinary is the \$2.7 million an anonymous bidder paid for it at Guernsey's baseball auction. Add the \$305,000 buyer's commission and the total price is over \$3 million.

And that's without McGwire's autograph.

Ozersky, a bright, 26-year-old



Mark McGwire

research scientist working on a gene project at Washington University in St. Louis, recognized the absurdity of it all.

"It's pretty inconceivable," he said, shrugging his shoulders. "I want to see a Cardinals game to have some fun with my friends and this happened."

Did the price exceed his expectations?

"Oh, yeah," Ozersky exclaimed. "The sky's the limit, and I found out what the sky was."

What is it Don King always says? Only in America.

Later in the auction last Tuesday, Guernsey's offered the 75th home run ball hit by Hank Aaron, significant because it was the last one struck by baseball's home run king. It was sold to get the bidding to \$800,000

and when auctioneer JoAnne Carter was asked if there was more than the item was withdrawn because it had not reached its unannounced minimum price.

Now understand, McGwire almost certainly will hit more home runs and Aaron will not. Yet Carter had no trouble pushing the price of No. 70 into the stratosphere, the cost jumping to \$1,000,000 in increments, when Ozersky drew a ho-hum from the high rollers who came with their checkbooks.

More puzzling is that two months ago the first home run ball Babe Ruth hit in Yankee Stadium sold for a mere \$126,500, chump change by comparison.

And Ruth happened with it.

"What transpired with the McGwire ball was incredible," said Joshua Evans, who runs Leland's Auction House and sold the Ruth ball. "It makes sense because this is an amazing piece. It's probably the most significant home run ever hit — never has it been so timely for it to be sold."

Right now, McGwire is baseball's most famous slugger and Ruth is the game's distant past. It is the same, Evans said, as the difference between the price of Michael Jordan memorabilia and Willie Chamberlain's.

"This ball is the only piece that people will pay to see," Evans said. "Look at the response it got. The ball went for what it should have gone for."

That's the Guernsey's fair had a surrealistic feel about it. The Madison Square Garden gallery cheered loudly, like a ballpark crowd rooting for a rally, as the price soared for the McGwire ball.

After the price hit \$1.6 million, just two bidders remained: the faceless voice on the telephone and Irwin Stenberg, a New York businessman. There was a gasp from the crowd when the \$2 million plateau was reached.

Stenberg blinked at \$2.6 million and later said he was sorry that he had not stayed in the club. He came away with a consolation prize, a ball signed by Ruth and Roger Maris, previous

holders of the home run record, that he paid \$60,000 for it.

There was some booing when Arlan Ettinger, president of the auction house, withdrew one of the other prize lots — Mickey Mantle's 500th home run — because of a question of authenticity. It was as if the crowd wasn't concerned with that little detail. They were ready to bid anyway.

Other home run balls went for less glitzy prizes, No. 63, No. 67 and No. 68 sold for \$55,000 each. And No. 16 — a ball that sailed 545 feet for his longest homer of the season — went for a mere \$20,000.

Go figure.

Then there was the matter of Sammy Sosa, McGwire's partner in the season-long home run chase. No. 66, won't be a bust in basement at \$15,000, but some of his other homers were received less enthusiastically. No. 64 went for \$24,000 and No. 61 went for a bargain basement \$15,000.

Hey, at that price, Ernie Banks might have said let's buy two.

SPORTS

Davenport, Martin win titles

U.S. athletes gain momentum

By The Associated Press

Americans Lindsay Davenport and Todd Martin picked up some momentum on Saturday heading into the Australian Open. Both won their tune-up events.

Davenport defeated Martina Hingis 6-4, 6-3 to win the Sydney Adidas International. Hingis had won the only two matches between the world's best women since Davenport claimed the top spot last October. But Davenport repeated her straight sets win in the U.S. Open final in September and leads 4-3 in their seven final meetings in the past 14 months.

"I love playing Martina, it's always an enjoyable match and hopefully will be playing again two weeks from today," Davenport said of the Australian Open, which starts Monday.

Martin, the No. 8 seed, upset top-seeded Alex Corretja 5-3, 7-6 (7-5) to win the men's title.

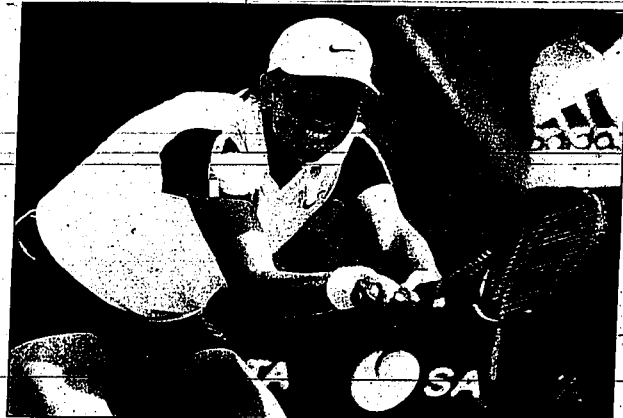
It was the 28-year-old Martin's eighth title of his pro career stretching back to 1990.

Martin, who won this tournament in 1996, has reached the semifinals stage just four times in 25 Grand Slam appearances, but gives himself a chance of figuring prominently in an open field in Melbourne.

Tasmanian International

In Hobart, Australia, American Chanda Rubin won the Tasmanian International with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Italy's Rita Grande.

Rubin, formerly a top 10 player, has fallen to No. 31 in the world because of an injury.



Lindsay Davenport of Murrieta, Calif., hits a return in her women's final match Saturday against Martina Hingis of Switzerland at the Sydney Adidas International tennis tournament. Davenport won the match in straight sets.

The unseeded Grande had been the surprise of the tournament, overpowering higher-ranked players with her big serve and powerful forehands.

Dutchman Sjeng Schalken defeated Tommy Haas 6-4, 6-4 to win the Auckland Open, and then dedicated the victory to his brother.

Schalken's brother, Tuer, died exactly three years ago from leukemia at the age of 15.

"He was my greatest fan, he watched me win my first two

titles on television because he was sick," Schalken said. "I was sad when I woke up this morning. I wasn't feeling so good."

"He died today three years ago and I had to withdraw from the Australian Open for personal reasons at that time and fly home."

The 22-year-old Schalken didn't drop a set in the tournament.

Colonial Classic

In Melbourne, Thomas Enqvist had no problems with defending

champion Mark Philippoussis to win the Colonial Classic on Saturday.

Enqvist won 6-4, 6-1, 10-8 to increase his winning streak to eight straight matches in 1999.

His string of wins also shows he is well rid of a foot injury which limited him to just 17 tournaments last year and ultimately required surgery.

"This is an exhibition so you shouldn't do too much about it but I'm still happy with the way I played," said Enqvist.

Intrigue reigns on eve of Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Pete Sampras is beat up and burned out, too weary of body and mind to make the long trip Down Under.

U.S. Open champ Patrick Rafter wishes he were back in New York, or snorkeling in the Bahamas, anywhere but home, the pressure of winning at home.

Andre Agassi is prancing again on his bandy legs, wondering if he can find the game he left behind four years ago at the Australian Open — the last time he won a Grand Slam title.

Petr Korda, the sad-eyed and skinny defending champion, is under siege, scorned by his colleagues after escaping harsh punishment for taking a banned steroid. A year ago, Korda joyfully scissor-kicked his way to his first major title at age 30, and everyone loved him.

Now, as play begins again Monday under the retractable roof of the National Tennis Center, his racket-wielding comrades want him yanked from the circuit for a year or two.

Korda proclaims his innocence loudly, saying he never "knowingly" took the steroid nanodrone, which was found in his urine sample after Wimbledon last year. And he shrugs off the fact that he's not even seeded in the Australian Open this year after falling to No. 21 in the rankings. For Korda, the only words that matter are "game, set, match," followed by his name.

Top seed Marcelo Rios has a bad back, or maybe a strained hamstring, whatever. He quit during a first-round match as a tuneup in Auckland, collected a fat appearance fee and skipped town without saying much.

He says he'll play at the Australian Open, where he reached the final a year ago but



Pete Sampras

lost all his prize money at the casino. Maybe he'll play, maybe he won't. Rios has never been easy to figure out.

This year's whole "Australian Open is a mystery mingled with the intrigue of the accepted Korda coup and the predictable unpredictability of the weather, which can swing from 120 degrees to chilly rain in a single session.

The absence of Sampras leaves no clear favorite among the men, even if the oddsmakers lean toward Agassi and Mark Philippoussis. The winner could just as well emerge from the Spanish camp—perhaps No. 2 seed Alex Corretja or No. 4 Carlos Moya, both of whom lost their most famous matches to Sampras.

It was against Corretja that Sampras vomited on court at the 1996 U.S. Open. Yet still won after 4 hours, 9 minutes, when the Spaniard double-faulted on match point. And it was Moya that Sampras thrashed in the Australian final two years ago.

But with Sampras out, the way is open for any of the top players.

"I can only speculate that Sampras' mood may be feeling too good to give up the opportunity to win a slam," Agassi said. "I didn't think I would see the day when he would choose rest over a slam, but that most speak volumes for the way he is feeling. But I can say from my perspective that I'm glad that he's not here."

Korda escapes grilling at ATP meeting; players back 'zero tolerance' drug policy

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

Petr Korda, accompanied by three security guards, rushed out of an ATP Tour meeting without a word Saturday night after escaping a grilling from players about his positive steroid test amid calls for a "zero tolerance" drug policy.

Despite talk of a boycott of Monday's start of the Australian Open to protest the handling of the case against the defending champion, there was no discussion of any player action, and Korda never spoke during the three-hour session, which was attended by more than 200 players.

Agassi, Jim Courier and Michael Chang all spoke at the meeting, and though they had said before going in that they wanted to know specifics of the Korda case, none pressed him for details or proposed any immediate reprisals by the tour against Korda at the Australian Open.

"The tournament will not be affected by any anti-doping case coming into it," said ATP Tour chief executive officer Mark Miles. "But it was pretty clear that (players) have the expectation, and really require, a world class (drug) program so that the field is aware that all players will be treated consistently and fairly and that our sport is clean."

"This was not a witch hunt. The focus of this discussion was on the program, how it's written, how it's implemented. Not so much on this case, except to say, 'What are we going to learn from it?'"

Neither Korda nor anyone among the tour leaders addressed details of the "exceptional circumstances" that led an appeals panel to reduce his punishment after he tested positive for the banned anabolic steroid nandrolone after Wimbledon last year.

"I was assigned a black mark which obviously doesn't belong to me and I'll have to try and remove it, although I don't know how yet," Korda told Czech TV from Melbourne before the meeting. "I

"The players expect a program that is tough and that has zero tolerance for cheating."

—Mark Miles, ATP Tour chief executive

still can't explain the mystery even to myself. I know very few people trust me now but I'll do everything I can to solve it out.

"Last year, I was tested 10 times and nine tests were OK, except for the Wimbledon one. My conscience is good."

The International Tennis Federation, upset by the appeals board ruling, has taken the case to the Committee for Arbitration in Sports in Lausanne, Switzerland. Korda's lawyers are seeking to block the ITF action, and Korda has claimed that he didn't knowingly take the drug.

The intent in the wording of the (exceptional circumstances) rule

was never to allow for a circumstance where a player can simply make a case, that he didn't knowingly take a banned circumstance and therefore he shouldn't be punished," Miles said.

Exceptional circumstances would only come into play, Miles said, in something like a player receiving a banned drug without his knowledge during an operation or as a result of sabotage.

"None of us have viewed exceptional circumstances to have meant simply a general denial," Miles said. "The players expect a program that is tough and that has zero tolerance for cheating."

Player Council president Todd Martin, who arrived late for the meeting after his victory in the final of a tournament in Sydney, described the atmosphere in the room as "calm," and said only one player encouraged Korda to speak.

"We all feel very strongly about having the strongest (drug) program we possibly can, but we also respect the fact that the process was set up for our benefit and to protect us against any situation that can harm us inappropriately.

We'll wait for the appeals process to be over in a few months."

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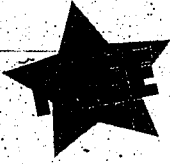
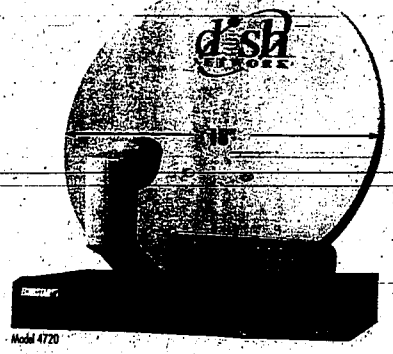
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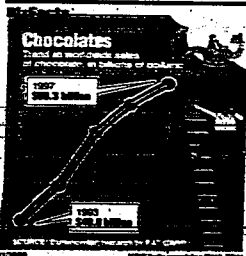
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Magic Valley Builders will meet Tuesday in TF

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Builders Association will hold its general business meeting Tuesday at Brince Fireplace, 157 Second Ave. W.

A bar with appetizers hosted by Dan Brince begins at 6 p.m. Dinner, featuring steak and chicken combo and Caesar salad, will be served at 7 p.m.

The program includes the installation of 1999 officers and board members. Idaho Building Contractors Association president Ken Marnussen will attend. Brince will speak on new financing.

Cost is \$12 per person. If you plan to attend, respond by 10 a.m. Monday by calling Condie at 734-6637, by fax at 734-6483 or by e-mail at marn@magic-valley.com.

Pick up savvy etiquette hints at business workshop at CSI

TWIN FALLS — A business etiquette workshop, "Savvy Hints for Business and Personal Success," is set for 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Presenters are Debbie Hetherington, Diana Rolfe of 4 Ways Travel and a representative from Magic Valley.

Anyone interested in a more professional, successful look and attitude are invited. Topics include effective phone etiquette; how to win the job; success-oriented techniques to build business and customers; travel tips; how to relate personal experiences to provide learning experiences; learning which cause is best; and how to distinguish what you represent; developing a strategy for dealing with other customers; avoiding the sins of conduct; building self-confidence; and how proper courtesy equals repeat customers and more business.

Enrollment is \$25 per person, which includes lunch. To enroll, call 733-9574, Ext. 2829. A two-for-one special is available. The event is sponsored by the CSI Community Education Center.

Several local companies make most influential list

BOISE — Several companies based in the Magic Valley or with operations in the region have made the second annual list of the 100 Most Influential Idaho Businesses in the just-released "1999 Idaho Public Affairs Yearbook and Directory."

The list was compiled by Kootenai Press publisher Randy Spaulin with advice from Idaho economists and others familiar with Idaho businesses and their impact on the state.

Criteria used to compile the list included the number of employees and salary ranges, the business' leadership role in state or local affairs, members of Idahoans apart from employees who come into contact with the business, value added to the Idaho economy and whether the company is headquartered in Idaho. The list includes nonprofit organizations.

The companies and their rankings include: No. 1, Jacob Communications; Inc., Kentucky-based but owner of 14 radio stations in southern Idaho; No. 2, Lamb-Weston, Boise, food processing plants in American Falls and Twin Falls; No. 27, Amalgamated Sales, Clark-based with some best-selling products in Burley and Twin Falls; No. 29, Heitz Foods, formerly Boise, food processor with plant in Burley; No. 30, Sun Valley Co., Sun Valley; No. 31, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Twin Falls; No. 41, Magic Valley Foods, Rupert, potato growers' processor; No. 50, Power Engineers, Healy, engineering firm; No. 51, Clear Springs Foods, Buhl, trout producer; and No. 82, Horizon Air, Scenic, includes service to Sun Valley.

Twin Falls Area Chamber announces board of directors

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce has announced its new board of directors for the next three years.

New members are Joy Tremblay of the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, Sue Ann Jones of Cozco Wholesale, Dan Olmstead of Idaho Power Co. and J. Francis Florence of the Cornerstone Group.

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The next time you cram into a plane three abreast, think about the alternative: a Boeing 737 all your own.

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For \$35 million off the assembly line and up to \$45 million fully loaded, the Boeing Co. is marketing a derivative of its popular 737 commercial jet for corporate and VIP customers. It's called the Boeing Business Jet, but it's a far cry from your average Gulfstream or Learjet.

With 807 square feet of floor space, the passenger compartment is more than twice that found in competing private jets. Indeed, it's bigger than the average studio apartment in Manhattan, which runs a cozy 600 square feet.

Customers have already ordered 46 — and the Boeing Co. is General Electric's global jetter — even though the BBJ is still in development. It's based on the 737-400, from \$1 million more than for competitors.

The combination of maximum maintenance reliability and creature comforts such as espresso machines and Bose music has already triggered sales to Net Jets, a fractional ownership program that lets the wealthy lease planes part-time. The program is based in New York.

Greg Norman, the professional golfer, even put in an order. But he backed out last year when the BBJ's economic crisis cramped his plans to cross the Pacific Rim building golf courses.

While private jets have long been the domain of

heads of state, celebrities and the Fortune 500 crowd, the BBJ is in some ways more comprehensible to the average flier. The 737 is the world's most widely used passenger jet. All 280 jets in the Southwest Airlines fleet, for example, are 737s.

The BBJ combines the fuselage of the 737-400 with the strengthened wings and landing gear of the larger 737-800. That allows it to carry from eight to 50 people on nonstop trips of up to 7,000 miles. Despite its size, it can operate out of many municipal airports.

Step inside a mockup at Teterboro Airport, though, and it's clear the BBJ is not the typical 737 that 150 people pile into for a comm-



For just \$33 million (or up to \$45 million for a fully-equipped model) you can own a Boeing Business Jet, with 807 square feet of floor space.



The passenger compartment in the Boeing Business Jet is more than twice as big as the new Gulfstream V.



A passenger nuzzles on the edge of a queen-size bed in a compartment of the Boeing Business Jet.

cial flight.

Buyers design interiors to meet their individual needs. Some are all business, picking lots of seats — first-class size, of course — and a conference room. Others indulge themselves, partitioning the cabin into a living room, dining room, library and master bedroom suite. Some galleys have dishwashers, middle East customers order ovens to roast lamb.

Either way, Boeing says the new planes will be more comfortable than other private jets. In those, passengers can touch both sides of the cabin at once and have to walk down the center aisle to avoid bumping their heads.

"We provide space that affords the chief executive to do more than just travel from A to B," BBJ President Borge Boeskov says in a promotional video. "He's able to have a meeting in this airplane, he's able to sleep in this airplane and he's able to eat a proper meal in this airplane."

Ed Bolen, president of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, said the new jet is especially attractive to global travelers.

It allows companies "to go into some parts of the world and stay on the aircraft," Bolen said. "They can basically make that office headquarters and boardroom in a country."

While Boeing has found success, companies such as Gulfstream consider the BBJ more of a niche player than

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Showroom will display cars at mall

By Pat Macintosh
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Shoppers will be able to browse for a new car at the Magic Valley Mall next month.

Therion Motors, based in downtown Twin Falls, plans to open a second showroom Feb. 1 in a 1,750-square-foot space next to the Reed Cinema, said

Joe Smith, the dealership's general manager.

A car showroom inside the mall is probably the first in the state, but it's a natural because an estimated 3 million shoppers visit the mall annually, said Brent White, mall manager.

Exposure was one reason Therion Motors wanted to go to the mall, Smith said.

"We feel when people see our product they tend to buy, and we just want to get it in front of more people," he said.

Five new Honda, Lincoln and Mercury vehicles will be displayed at the mall showroom. Vehicles will be available in the mall parking lot for test drives.

At least four to six sales people will be hired for the mall

store, Smith said. The manager there will be Laura Keyhour.

People also will be able to leave their cars at the mall for repairs Monday through Saturday, Smith said. While they shop, their cars will be taken to the downtown Therion Motors operation for servicing and then be driven

What's new at mall?

- **Mer's Outpost**, a national chain of casual dining for men and women, will open April 1, mall Manager Brent White said.
- **Mr. Field's Cookies and CCB's yogurt** opened around Thanksgiving.
- **New car and truck sales** by county in 1998 (most sales excluded):
- Blaine: 787 □ Cassia: 613
- Elmore: 1,152 □ Jerome: 375
- Minidoka: 292 □ Twin Falls: 3,902
- Starke: 40,577.

Source: Idaho Registration Service.

One more glitch to worry about: The April Fools' bug

By Dan Gilmore
Knight-Ridder News Service

It doesn't rank with the Year 2000 software problem as a potential threat, though it could lead to some real problems for one week beginning on April Fools' Day, 2001. Some Windows programs will tell the wrong time.

Dangerous or not, this bug again demonstrates the fundamentally brittle nature of modern software. You have to ask: What other flaws don't we know about?

I learned about this one from Richard Smith, president of Thur Kap Software Inc. in suburban Boston. Smith, who's well regarded in the industry for his technical expertise, blew the whistle last year on some disturbing security holes in popular E-mail software. He calls his latest find, as you might have guessed, the "April Fools' bug," but

Daylight-saving time always starts the first Sunday in April, which happens to be April 1 in 2001. Unfortunately, a file commonly used by Windows programs thinks daylight-saving time begins on the first Sunday only when that Sunday isn't the first day of the month.

The file in question is called "MSVCRT.DLL" and is often distributed as part of software written in the Microsoft Visual Cplusplus programming language to run on Windows 95, Windows 98 and Windows NT. According to Smith, Microsoft has confirmed the bug and is working on a fix. I

asked Microsoft for a comment but didn't get an immediate call back.

Software affected by this bug will give a time that's off by one hour. On April 8, when the software thinks daylight-saving time has actually arrived, the software will give the correct time.

Smith is disturbed that no one seems to have discovered the April Fools' 2001 bug before now. "It calls into question all of the Y2K testing that folks have been doing," he told me in e-mail. "I don't understand how so many folks missed such a simple bug."

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TWIN FALLS — Marilyn Beutler has been promoted to residence director at Crossings in Twin Falls, which is owned by Alternative Living Services Inc.

Beutler previously held the position of community services representative at Crossings. She has lived in Twin Falls for 27 years, is a Chamber of Commerce Magic Valley leadership graduate and involved in community projects.



Marilyn Beutler

Alternative Living Services Inc. says it is the nation's largest health-care provider operating assisted-living residences.

TWIN FALLS — Dennis Schmidt of ABC Seamless of Jerome has been recognized for outstanding achievements.

The recognition was given by ABC Seamless President Gerald Byers during the company's national meeting in December in Fargo, N.D.

ABC Seamless manufactures seamless siding and seamless gutters on the job site. It also installs soft, fast and replacement windows on residential and commercial buildings. National headquarters for the franchise system are in Fargo. The system has 125

franchises in 38 states.

TWIN FALLS — David M. Cooper, managing partner of Cooper Norman & Co., was elected to the board of directors of Certified Public Accountants International Inc. in December in Fargo, N.D.



David M. Cooper

Cooper said he is delighted to offer his services to CPA Associates International, of which his firm has been a member since 1980. Cooper has been with Cooper

Norman & Co. for 26 years, joining the firm after three years with the Internal Revenue Service.

He holds a bachelor's of business administration degree in accounting from Boise State University and is a licensed CPA in Idaho and Nevada. He also is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Idaho State Society of CPAs, Nevada Society of CPAs, Institute of Business Appraisers and the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts.

He serves as chairman of the Standards Committee of the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts.

TRADEWINDS

Many stores pay cash refunds even after deadlines

The Associated Press

If you're still debating whether to return that dreadful shirt your aunt gave you for the holidays, and it's past the store's deadline for refunds, go ahead and take it back.

Consumer Reports magazine in its January issue reports that all of the undercover shoppers got cash refunds even though they took the merchandise back to shops several days after the deadline.

The magazine found the biggest obstacle to a return was the lack of a sales receipt. But if you throw away the original packaging, you stand a good chance of still getting your money back.

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back to the mall.

"We'll give the customers hand-held papers so we can page them when the car is done," he said.

The mall store also will feature photographs of used cars at the Thiersen lot downtown.

The mall showroom will provide a different kind of shopping environment from car lots, Smith added.

"It will be very soft-sell," he said.

For years, dealers have displayed new cars in the mall, usually in the common area or at special sales. But in the past two years, Lincoln-Mercury has been putting showrooms in malls with great success, Smith said.

Thiersen hopes to sell 30 to 40 cars a month, out of the mall cars, now being remodeled, he said. He declined to release renovation costs.

White said he has encouraged dealers to lease space at the mall. But Thiersen Motors was the first to take a run at it.

Although Thiersen Motors may be a mall first in Idaho, White expects it won't be the last.

"I don't have any doubt about it."

Chris Wills of Wills Toyota on Shoshone Street said he saw no threat from the downtown mall expansion to the north, and he said it was a good idea and that he wishes Thiersen well.

But mall car stores may be limited by lack of a service department, he said.

"The convenience of sales takes a back seat to the convenience of service," Wills said.

A dealership going into a mall was just a matter of time, said Lowell Lytle, owner of Canyon Motors Subaru of Twin Falls.

"I think it was a great idea," he said.

The idea probably better serves larger dealerships than small because they have larger budgets and volume for such an expansion, Lytle said.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Remodeled TF bank will host After Hours

TWIN FALLS — The newly remodeled First Security Bank will host the "First Security Bank/Historic Downtown Association Business After Hours Jan. 28.

The event will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the bank located at the corner of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street.

Event will allow youth to 'shadow' mentors

TWIN FALLS — Groundhog Job Shadow Day takes place nationwide on Feb. 2, an event dedicated to providing half a million young people with job-shadowing experiences.

Students can shadow a workplace mentor and get a firsthand look at how the skills learned in school are put into action in the work place.

Firms like Cooper Norman & Co., Costco, Solo Cup, KMYT, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Randy Hansen Chevrolet, STARR Motors, and the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital will participate.

For more information, call Charity Michle, school-to-work coordinator, at 733-9554, Ext. 2347.

Area legislators will take conference calls

TWIN FALLS — Friday morning conference calls with area legislators will begin at 7 a.m. Jan. 29 in the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's conference room.

Anyone wishing to sit in mornings throughout the session is welcome.

Business Day at the Legislature is planned for Feb. 1 at the Grove Hotel in Boise. Chamber members will car pool to Boise that morning and return in the afternoon for an opportunity to discuss issues with legislators and business people from around the state.

For more information or reservations at \$20 each, call Judge at 733-3974.

NW Nazarene may offer MBA classes at CSI

NAMPA — Northwest Nazarene College is interested in starting a Magic Valley offering of its master's of business administration program now offered at its Nampa campus.

All courses would be taught at the College of Southern Idaho campus. Anyone interested should call Larry McMillan at Northwest Nazarene College at (888) NNC-4MBA.

Industrial output slows in '98 but levels out

WASHINGTON — Output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities in 1998 grew at the slowest pace in five years but a modest end-of-the-year pickup offered hope that 1999 won't be as dismal as feared.

Industrial production increased 0.2 percent in December from the month before and 3.7 percent in 1998 from the year before.

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a competitor.

"The BBJ is a larger aircraft, a slower hybrid aircraft which flies at lower altitudes," said company spokesman Keith Morford.

"Undoubtedly there are some customers who would want a very large cabin despite the many tradeoffs and they will purchase a BBJ, but these customers are not typically Gulfstream customers."

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Law spares many from AMT hassles

Who pays what taxes?

The percent of filers who pay no income tax, by income class:

Income class	Percent of filers who pay no income taxes	Average income tax liability*
Below \$10,000	83%	No income taxes due
10,000-20,000	68%	No income taxes due
20,000-30,000	39%	\$1,133
30,000-40,000	21%	2,257
40,000-50,000	9%	3,374
50,000-75,000	2%	5,187
75,000-100,000	.004%	9,479
100,000-200,000	.002%	19,688
200,000 and over	.002%	128,128
Total	35.7%	

Percentage of total income taxes paid, by income class, 1997 vs. 1998.

Income class	No. of taxpayers, millions (1998)**	Percentage of total income taxes paid, 1997	Percentage of total income taxes paid, 1998
Less than \$20,000	44.9	2.6%	2.0%
20,000-30,000	20.4	2.6%	2.0%
30,000-40,000	16.2	5.3%	4.1%
More than 40,000	52.4	93.6%	95.5%
More than 100,000	10.5	55.6%	62.4%

*Per tax return.
**Includes all returns for filing and nonfiling units. Filing units include all taxable and nontaxable returns.
Source: Internal Revenue Service API/Amj Kraus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Middle-income taxpayers should consider themselves lucky that Congress made sure they wouldn't be forced to calculate the complex alternative minimum tax if they take advantage of new child and education credits.

Many investors, however, might not be so fortunate. The modest \$3.2 billion tax bill passed in fall 1998 provided a temporary, one-year exclusion of the \$400-a-child tax credit and the Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits from the AMT, sparing an estimated 800,000 taxpayers.

"Right now, the law only applies to this year, but often provisions like this do get extended," said Larry Torella, an accountant and partner with Richard A. Eisner & Co. in New York.

"We should continue to work on a permanent solution to ensure taxpayers receive their full credits," said Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass.

The AMT is intended to ensure that mostly high-income taxpayers don't completely escape income taxes through various deductions, such as those for state income taxes or local property taxes. It is formidable to calculate and takes an average of five hours to complete the forms, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Given the heavy trading in this roller-coaster stock year, some investors might find themselves subject to the AMT if they decided to cash in due to the new,

lower 20 percent capital gains tax rate on long-term investments.

What happens is that many investors accelerate deductions — for example, paying state and local taxes in 1998 instead of waiting until 1999 — unaware that they might fall into AMT. "All of a sudden, you've got a problem."

"All of a sudden, if you live in a high-tax state, your federal return shows the income without the deductions," Torella said. "Unfortunately, there's not much to be done this year. Buy investors in 1999 should consider waiting to pay state, local and real estate taxes until 2000 — even if there's a small penalty involved — if they think they may be forced into AMT."

"It's better to pay interest for a couple of months than it is to lose an entire deduction," Torella said. "You're still better off." To find out if the AMT applies to you, do the worksheet that comes with the instructions for the 1040 form if you think you

had deductions such as property taxes and state taxes that may trigger AMT. Form 6251 is used to figure your income under the AMT formula, adding back certain tax benefits "preference items."

In simplified terms, it works this way: Subtract from your income an exemption of \$45,000 for joint filers, \$33,750 for singles or heads of households. The rest is taxed at 26 percent for a couple's first \$175,000 in income and 28 percent above that.

Subtract line 5 from line 5 ▶ Enter the smaller of line 2 or line 7 ▶ Subtract line 3 from line 8

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1998 IRS codes finally simplify capital gains rules for taxpayers

By Curt Anderson
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Last year, changes in capital gains law meant millions of people saved money on their taxes, if they could pick their way through the confusing maze of different rates. For 1998, things aren't quite so complicated.

"It's going to make it much simpler for people to complete their returns and also to do planning," said Martin Nissenbaum, personal income tax planning director at the Ernst & Young accounting firm.

Effective in January, 1998, a wider range of sales, exchanges or conversions of investments or property held for more than one year are eligible for a 20 percent capital gains rate. Last year, the time frame was 18 months.

There are exceptions: collectibles such as coins or stamps and gain from certain small business stock are still taxed at the maximum rate of 28 percent, while gain from depreciable real property is taxed at 25 percent.

Details are available in Internal Revenue Service Publications 544 and 550.

The upshot for 1998 is that the majority of investors, particularly those with mutual funds and stocks, will know that their capital gains are covered by the 20 percent rate or lower if they held the investment for at least a year.

"That's good news to be concerned about a third, especially with mutual funds,"

Analysis

Nissenbaum said. The rates are due to change again beginning in 2001, when the 20 percent bracket drops to 18 percent.

"After 2000, things get complicated again," Nissenbaum said. More information on mutual fund distributions is found in IRS Publication 564.

There are also some changes in the way taxpayers report investment income for 1998. In general, most capital gains and losses should be reported on IRS Schedule D, including gains from mutual funds, stocks and bonds. But ordinary dividend income above \$400 should be reported on Schedule B, along with regular interest income.

In past years, capital gain distributions from mutual funds and ordinary dividends were reported together on one form, with capital gain distributions then transferred over to another form.

Although the new system is simpler, Nissenbaum said people might make errors if they do what they did last year.

"Don't add together your dividends and your capital gains," he said. "You used to subtract out those dividends."

One other change involves investors in foreign companies, who are increasing as global technology and information become better and faster.

New for 1998, single filers who paid \$300 or less in foreign income taxes, \$600 or less for joint filers, can generally take a credit for any foreign taxes they paid without doing a time-consuming calculation required by U.S. tax law.

In one example from last year, Nissenbaum said a taxpayer with \$15 in tax paid to Brazil had to spend at least an hour figuring out the IRS forms. "There are so many more people who are investing in foreign companies, he said. "Why make people go through all of those hoops?"

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Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate with neither side vulnerable, LHO opens one heart, and my partner overcalls one spade. If RHO jumps to four hearts, is a Blackwood inquiry justified with a A-Q-9-7-6-4, ♠ 3, 10, ♠ A-K-5-7?

ANSWER: Yes, partner's bid of a new suit at the three-level was forcing. You have no choice other than bidding three no-trump. Re-bidding diamonds at the four-level, raising hearts and raising clubs are very poor alternatives.

ANSWER: Why not? If partner has an ace, a small slam is not a bad gamble. Depending on his club holding, you may be cold for 12 tricks.

At duplicate, nonvulnerable vs. vulnerable opponents, partner opened three diamonds. If RHO overcalls one spade, is it worth an obstruction raise to four diamonds? I held ♠ A-Q-9-5, ♥ 10-8-7-2, ♣ J-8-5, ♠ A-7-2.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, vulnerable vs. nonvulnerable, should I risk a three-club suit with this hand: ♠ 10-8-7-2, ♣ A-5, ♠ Q-10-7-6, ♠ A-K-10-8. LHO had opened one heart, and RHO had bid two diamonds after my partner had passed.

ANSWER: Yes, I would do so. If you defend against the no-trump game, you do not rate to score well. If you bid four diamonds, you have two chances for a better score. If they double, the penalty will not be more than 100 on you, may defeat their game.

ANSWER: I would not recommend it, because the vulnerability conditions are extremely unfavorable. It rarely pays to stick your neck out with the opponents when you have strength and your partner promises little — especially with only a five-card suit and length in LHO's suit.

Dear Mr. Wolff: We play negative doubles. If partner opens one club and next hand overcalls one heart, should I make a negative double with ♠ Q-10-7-6, ♥ 5-2, ♠ A-K-7-5, ♣ 6-3? Is it better to bid one spade?

Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner opened one club, RHO overcalled one spade, and I bid two diamonds. LHO raised to two spades, and partner bid three hearts. What should I have done with ♠ J-10-8-6, ♥ 5-2, ♠ Q-10-9-8, ♣ A-7? Was partner's bid a force?

ANSWER: Had you held five hearts and had RHO overcalled one spade, a negative double would have been correct. However, in the actual sequence, a one-spade response would be more descriptive. Save the negative double for those hands with only four spades.

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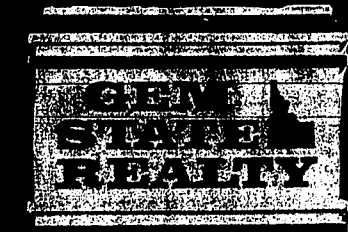
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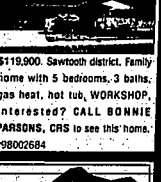
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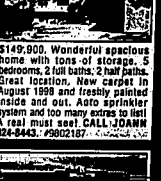
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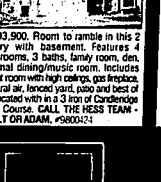
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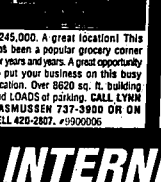
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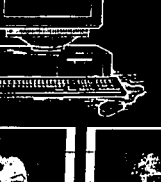
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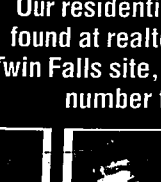
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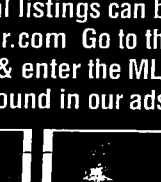
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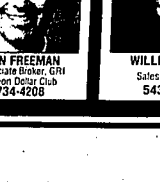
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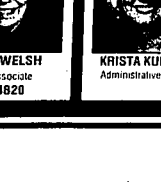
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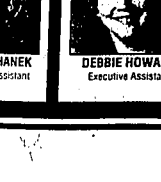
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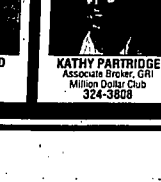
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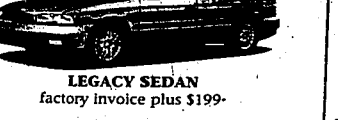
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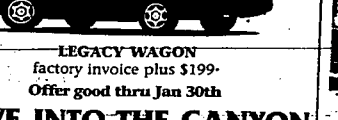
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I just received a news release about Joseph Oberle, author of "Diary of a Mad Housewife." He talks about going to the hardware store with a shopping list that reads "rake, garden hose, nails, 3/8-inch drill bit, candy corn" - and about making sure...

According to the news release, there are more than a half million stay-at-home dads. That's impressive. I remember when a kid in a Sault Rapids newspaper wrote such an unusual sight that people talked about it over coffee.

By the time my children were born, women were going back to work and dads were changing diapers, but most fathers were still "in training."

Sitting in a room full of twins waiting for our daughter to finish her ballet lessons never made my husband's Top 10 list, even though he had come a long way from the "dick" when my own father wandered around the house baby-sitting for me...

And my friend Lorenz, who had her first baby the same year I did, still talks about leaving her husband home with their 4-year-old. Lorenz's husband was trying to paint the hall when he went to answer the phone...

Women know how to do five things at the same time. Lorenz admitted, "Bob didn't know how to watch a baby, paint the hall and answer the phone simultaneously."

Diane Hales, writing for Marriage Partnership magazine, told about leaving her newborn home with Dad for the first time.

Her husband asked, "What will I do if she falls?" She told him to sing, and when he said he didn't know how to sing, she told him to sing whatever he knew. When she returned home, Dad was singing "The Man Who Shot Liberty Bells" and the baby was content.

A survey released by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists reported that four out of five fathers are present at the delivery of their children. One out of four were in attendance in 1974.

And though the average mother still puts in more hours a week caring for the baby, the most are in the same house. "Of course, some mothers remain convinced that Dad can't help in the nursery, even as they complain that their husbands aren't helpful enough." And some women do have reasons to be apprehensive.

One father wrote a newspaper column about a weekend with his kids. Toward the end a long day, he told the children they could leave candy for dinner if they would be good. Then he ended up making them eat peanut butter cups, because he figured peanut butter was nutritious.

Personally, I've given up asking my husband to try to keep the front of my son's shirt clean when the two go out to lunch. I'd have to wash him twice to keep the front of his own shirt clean first.

Life and Times Denise Turner

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Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Seven-eighths of the smokers who try to quit never do.

And a lot more are starting. Statewide, the number of high school students who smoke rose from 23 percent in 1991 to 27 percent in 1995, according to Sharon Gerberding, the tobacco prevention coordinator for the South Central Health District.

And nationally, 42.7 percent of students surveyed had recently used either cigarettes, smokeless tobacco or cigars. "In this particular (health) district our incidence in 18-24 year olds in smokeless (tobacco) is 18 percent - the highest in the state," Gerberding said.

That leads new urgency to a coalition of students and health-care professionals trying to stamp out tobacco use before it starts. The Magic Valley Tobacco Free Alliance has been working on the issue for four years.

"We started out to try to do something about tobacco and we said 'Why don't we get the young people involved,'" said Dr. David McClusky, who is a Twin Falls surgeon and recent chair of the Tobacco Policy Subcommittee of the American Cancer Society and past president of its Idaho and Rocky Mountain divisions. "So now, it's a youth who are interested in preventing tobacco use among the general public and students," Gerberding said.

The group has checked the number of tobacco ads in stores, performed anti-smoking skits for first-graders and staffed a booth at the Twin Falls County Fair.

Bethany Hazen, 17, a senior at Twin Falls High School and president of the alliance, said its focuses a lot on talking to children about smoking and how to avoid it. The group's member also try to make sure teens aren't able to get their hands on tobacco.

Diane Crumline, the alliance's secretary and another Twin Falls High senior, said she noticed enthusiasm among students about a display the group set up in the school during the Great American Smokeout in November.

"We had probably 150 adopt-a-smoker packers with information about quitting smoking, and save them all out," Hazen said. "We had people sign up to pledge smoke-free for a day, and a lot of people saying how this is a good thing and we needed it."

Gerberding added that people who know she is in the coalition come up and tell her they made a new year's resolution to quit, or that they stopped smoking so many years ago.

"And over the smokeout, people were like 'I quit for the day,'" she said. "They really want to try, and they need the help." The Magic Valley Coalition is a member of the state of Idaho Tobacco Free Alliance, and it meets in Boise with people from across the state who are involved in tobacco issues. The group's member testify if a bill comes up before the Legislature regarding tobacco.

The alliance came about through a grant from the American Cancer Society and the safe and drug-free school, McClusky said.

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Diane Crumline and Nick Lewis are two of the officers of the Magic Valley Tobacco Free Alliance. The group works with other area agencies to try to prevent school-aged children from starting smoking.

First puff
Did you know?
• Last year more than 3.5 million people started smoking. That's more than 1 million a year, and more than one-third of them will eventually die from tobacco-related illness.
• Nearly 90 percent of adult smokers started at or before the age of 18.
• Eighty-six percent of kids who smoke are in the Marlboro, Camel or Newport - the three most heavily advertised brands - compared to only about one-third of adult smokers.
• Between 1989 and 1993, when advertising for the new Joe Camel campaign jumped from \$27 million to \$43 million, Camel's market share among young smokers doubled.
• More than 100 million dollars worth of change-of-branding ads are being run.

A new gender gap
Young women are taking to tobacco faster than boys are.
Among female high school seniors, smoking is at its highest rate since 1979 - 25.2 percent.

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percent of seniors now smoke.
Among high-school aged girls in 1993, 24.7 percent now smoke; in 1991, it was 22 percent.
One reason is that it's easier for girls to buy cigarettes than it is for boys, according to the American Journal of Public Health - even at the youngest ages.
Another reason is that tobacco companies specifically target girls.
The National Health Interview Survey showed an abrupt increase in smoking initiation among girls around 1989 - the same year that advertisements for brands specifically targeting at women entered the market.
Six years after the introduction of Virginia Slims, the rate of smoking initiation of 15-17-year-olds had increased by 210 percent.
And tobacco companies continue to focus on young women by offering products like such as Philip Morris's Woman's Third Smoke, a new 100-milligram per cigarette soft pack featuring young female artists and CDs available only with the purchase of cigarettes.

Source: Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids

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When parents smoke, their kids do, too

Even if your child never starts smoking himself, he's at risk if you do. The American Heart Association says second-hand tobacco exposure is a serious pediatric health problem.

Recent research suggests exposure to passive smoking may alter children's intelligence and behavior, and passive smoke exposure in childhood may be a risk factor for developing lung cancer as an adult, said the AHA's Committee on Atherosclerosis and Hypertension in Children.

Some studies suggest children who grow up in homes where parents smoke are statistically more likely to smoke themselves.

"There is... evidence that a direct relationship exists between tobacco access and smoking in young people," the AHA committee reported.

Source: American Heart Association

Bands offer Wednesday concert

BURLEY - The Burley Junior High School Bands will present a winter concert at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the junior high school auditorium.

The concert features the seventh-grade concert band, the Wind Ensemble, the Symphonic Winds and all three jazz bands.

Highlights include the seventh-grade concert band's performance of "Tool B or Not Tool B" a novelty number featuring Principal Dan Gillett, Assistant Principal Steve Coppman and Industrial Technologies teacher Tim Campbell performing on instruments from the construction industry. The Wind Ensemble will perform tunes from AM radio in "Bliss from the Past." The Symphonic Winds will present a dramatic new work from composer Robert W. Smith, "Songs of Earth, Water, Fire and Sky," based on emotionally charged melodies found in Native American dance and ritual. The jazz bands will present several pieces they performed at the College of Southern Idaho Jazz Festival.

The ninth-grade jazz ensemble recently performed for the annual convention of the Idaho State Secondary School Principals Association. The group was the first junior high band

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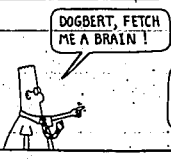
Those old 8mm, Super 8 and 16mm home movies are good candidates for deterioration: dampness can attack and ruin the emulsion on film. To avoid that consequence, store the film and negatives in a cool dry place.

Even if you've taken good care of your home movies, however, the chiding boxes or canisters for dunes are becoming slimmer because projectors no longer are manufactured.

The answer is to transfer home movies to video or CD-ROM. Before getting films transferred, check the boxes or canisters for dunes to help make a record of the film and put them in proper chronological order. Many films were mailed to Kodak for processing, and postmarks on the box can give a clue to its date. Get an older family member to view the film or video with you to help identify the people and places on it.

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The Times-News plans a Valentine's Day article on romances that have lasted. We're interested in relationships that have lasted - an illness, a long separation, a divorce and remarriage, for example. If you know a couple who fits that description, give us a call.
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FAMILY LIFE



LIKE YOUR PRESENT MODEL, OR ONE THAT WORKS?

'Dilbert' becomes part of office life

Knight Ridder News Service

The world is his cubicle. Scott Adams' "Dilbert" comic strip is as much a part of office life in the '90s as the yellow Post-it Note.

With his loopy coinages ("bungee bosses," "cubicle densification") and deliciously stewed take on the lunacy of corporate life, Adams has become America's workplace sociologist.

Faxed and photocopied in offices everywhere, "Dilbert" is "the Snoopy of the business world," says Temple University marketing professor Michael Smith.

"Dilbert" graces books and software, neckties and greeting cards. But there's nothing compared with what you'll see this year, when the comic expands to two new frontiers: the airwaves and the microwave.

At 8 p.m. EST on Jan. 25, a half-hour animated "Dilbert" show will make its debut on the United Family Network.

Featuring Dilbert, the tech-savvy engineer with the perpetually upturned tie, and the cynical, power-hungry Dogbert, the UPN show will address a question that has long tormented "Dilbert" fans:

What does this nameless corporate product produce?

The answer: The Gruntmaster 6000 — which, of course, has fewer features than the Gruntmaster 9000 but which is just as much fun.

Meanwhile, the microwave "product" — Adams talks about the cartoon and its offspring, without discernible irony, as "products" — will remain under wraps.

for a couple more months. But it's something called the Dilbertio, a frozen, meal-size "food-item" for the office that you can nuke and eat. It's an idea that stems lifted from the strip — like using spare cubicles to house convicts, or turning empty Fringles cans into tubular luggage for nerds, dubbed "Dorlogies."

But no, this is real. The 41-year-old cartoonist is so high on the Dilbertio that he's formed his own Scott Adams Foods of Newton, N.J., to produce it.

"Let me tell you what's wrong with the world now," Adams, a vegetarian, says from his home 50 miles east of San Francisco. "No matter how carefully you think you're choosing nutritional food you don't know if you're getting all you need. ... We've solved that problem."

Adams, clearly, is a man who thinks big. In the three years "Dilbert" has developed into a \$200 million-plus licensing empire (in cumulative sales), not even counting revenues from the strip itself.

Making fun of big business has become big business. Call it Dilbertia.

"I'm an economics major before I'm a cartoonist," says Adams, who spent 17 years as a corporate finance exec for Cocker National Bank (as a teller he was twice held up at gunpoint), then at Pacific Bell. He didn't quit his day job as the \$70,000-a-year PacBell engineer in cubicle 45700R until 1995, six years into "Dilbert."

"I was looking at the complete upside potential, not 'Wouldn't it be cool to draw pictures for a living?' It always was the big picture for me."

Wise grandparent quashes sibling rivalry

"Each of us can make a difference in the life of another."
— George Bush

By Muriel J. Busaman
Grandparents don't have a monopoly on wisdom and love, but sometimes it seems as though they do. Registered nurse Muriel J. Busaman attended a one-room schoolhouse in Iowa and raised a family of adult readers.

When her baby sister was born 60 years ago, my little brother was 6 and I was 8. I had always been the "Big Sister" and he had, always been "The Baby."

Her arrival was a complete surprise to both of us. In those days no one worried much about sibling rivalry, and there were no "experts" telling us how to deal with it. There were wise and loving grandparents, however.

I was thrilled about the baby, and I loved to hold her and to help care for her. My brother's feelings were quite different. He looked at her briefly and left the room. He was very quiet all evening and stayed in his room. When I went to his room to talk to him or try to get him to play games with me, he just looked away.

"Why did they have to go and get that baby?"

Grandpa came over that evening to see the new baby. He held her and said to my brother, "You know, she's a lot like that lamb I'm raising on the bottle. I have to take care of her and feed her often, just the way your mama does with the baby."

My brother said something under his breath, but just loud enough for Grandpa to hear.

"I'd rather have the lamb."

Chicken Soup for the Soul

"Well," said Grandpa, "if you'd rather have a lamb, maybe we could trade. I'll give you a day to think it over, and if you still want to trade tomorrow, we'll do it."

"I thought I saw him at Mama's. I knew I must be mistaken. Grandpa never winked at anyone."

After Grandpa left, Mama asked my brother if he wanted her to read to him. He cuddled up beside her, and she read to him for a long while.

He kept looking at the baby, and Mama asked him to hold his little sister while she went to get a diaper. When Mama came back, my brother was gently touching the baby's smooth black hair, and as he held his finger against her hand, she grasped it.

"Mama, look! She's holding my hand!"

"Sure; she knows you're her big brother," Mama smiled. He held the baby for a few more minutes, and he seemed much happier

at bedtime. Grandpa came back the next evening as he had promised: He called my brother to him.

"Well, are you ready to trade the baby for a lamb?"

My brother looked surprised that Grandpa had remembered the bargain.

"She's worth five lambs now."

Grandpa looked shocked, and he slowly shook his head.

"I don't know. I'd like to go home and give you offer some serious thought. Maybe I'll have to talk to my banker."

My brother took a deep breath, and Grandpa squared in the eye and made an announcement.

"The baby is worth 50 lambs now!"

Grandpa looked at him in disbelief and shook his head.

"I'm afraid the deal's off. I can't afford 50 lambs for one little baby. I guess you'll have to keep her and help your parents take care of her."

My brother turned away with a little smile he didn't know I saw, and this time I really did see Grandpa wink at Mama.

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ON THE JOB Dad

Well-fixed

Grease monkeys? Hal By 2000, there'll be more on the line. Putterization in the average new car than was involved in the Apollo 13 mission. Mechanics skilled enough to repair such cars will be in big demand. In California, some auto diagnostics already are earning as much as \$135,000 to \$150,000, the Chicagoer. Gray Christmas unemployment firm reports.

Not in recovery

The economic recovery that has improved life for many Americans has largely left displaced homemakers and single mothers behind, according to a report by a women's group. The report says that, despite women's rising workforce participation,

the number of displaced homemakers in the United States is virtually unchanged since 1990. The group — Women Work! The National Network for Women Employment — based its report on an analysis of 1997 Census Bureau data.

His dearest wish

For most of us, deer are something to avoid while driving. But one Maryland farmer thinks that raising deer for their meat could be a profitable business. However, Leonard Miller of Taneytown faces considerable odds not only in the skeptical farm community, but in the hamstringing legislature as well. Maryland is one of three states that prohibit deer farming.

— Compiled from wire service reports

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Nevertheless, the kind of nurture that dads give kids is significant. A University of Michigan study even found that the more nurturing and less restrictive the father, the better the child's performance on IQ tests.

The next step, as we count down to the millennium, is for moms and dads to decide exactly how much child-care sharing is best for their children.

In a book titled "When Your Wife Wants to Work" read a definition of the "psychological parent." This is the parent who knows at all times where the child is, is always conscious of the state of the child's health, knows how the child feels at any given moment, is responsible for medical and dental appointments and substitute child care and is

always available, either in person or by telephone.

The women are already nodding.

But even if Mom remains "the psychological parent," many dads will continue to carve out new roles for themselves.

A woman once told me that her 5-year-old grandson answered the phone one day when his dad was on the other end.

The child asked, "Who is this?"

Dad answered, "I'm the one who is responsible for you being here."

The child's wide-eyed response: "Is this God?"

Maybe not. But a fair number of today's dads seem to be earning high marks in caregiving.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

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has on their overall health.

Because individuals' tolerances vary, smoking may never affect some of them. But early in life or later on, they could run the chance of developing lung cancer, emphysema or cardiovascular problems.

"So basically they gamble whether they're in that low range or high range," Lewis said.

McClusky said adults are being hypocritical when they tell kids smoking is bad for them. That's not the image they're portraying by continuing to do their own smoking.

"He tells kids, 'If you smoke you're going to grow up and become ugly, you're going to lose your sex drive, particularly if you're a male, and you're probably going to have the opportunity to get the job you would like because an employer is going to have to spend \$5,000 to \$6,000 more a year if you're a smoker.'"

As smokers, kids are not going to be healthy through their lives, McClusky said. And if they have children, they will be poor role models for them.

McClusky says when someone who's 45 walks into his office, he can tell if they smoke: He can see the wrinkling and color of their skin. The person looks older than his or her age.

In the absence of these signs, McClusky tells young people that as a young man or woman, a person's skin and tell whether he or she smokes. The tissue is

unhealthy, bleeds a lot, the fat is not a brownish gray, and the skin is quite thin.

"They don't disagree with that, but the thing is they're saying 'I'm young and by the time I get to be your age, I'll stop smoking anyway,'" she said.

Kids are more likely to begin smoking at age 12, he said. And by the time they're 14 1/2, they're likely to be addicted.

"Statistics show probably at most 13 percent of people that start smoking will ever quit," McClusky said.

If they do manage to overcome the habit, there is the problem of going back to it when the going gets rough.

Gerberding said over the years she has noticed that the No. 1 thing that gets folks started again is stress.

"This is because for many, cigarettes are what they use to cope with it," she said. "They wait until something really stressful happens and their first response is to start smoking again and a lot of them do."

McClusky said, it has nothing to do with stress, but the addiction, McClusky said.

To demonstrate this to his young group, McClusky sometimes will have a smoker to an electrocardiogram before he has a cigarette. He said when the person smokes they can see his pulse rate, blood pressure and heart rate go up and oxygen consumption go down.

Nobody gets a quick divorce from nicotine

By Joan Bean Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — In the best of all worlds, it would be easy to give up cigarettes.

But it's very difficult to quit smoking, said Sharon Gerberding, tobacco prevention coordinator for the South Central Health District. She said tobacco is as addictive as heroin.

"Some people do manage to say 'OK, that's it — I'm quitting,' and then do it, and that works for them," she said. "Others need to go through a class, and some quit over the years in these classes."

There's also the option of using a stop-smoking product that contains nicotine to help break the habit, such as Nicoderm or Nicorette gum. For anyone interested in trying this, \$5-off coupons are available at the health department until March 31.

To explain how these work, Twin Falls surgeon Dr. David McClusky said when you smoke there are actually three different habits you have to break.

"I tell them he's feeling good, he's just like putting your car in neutral and putting the pedal to the floor."

For more information about

The first is the nicotine habit, which is an addictive one.

Then you have to stop the psychological habit and the physical one — the feeling of having the cigarette in your hand and mouth.

What the patch does is put nicotine in your system. You don't need the cigarettes, because you're not experiencing withdrawals.

So then you have to change the psychological and physical habits. McClusky tells people when they feel like smoking a cigarette in the morning, to take a shower or go for a walk instead. And he cautions against going to lunch with the same people they smoke with every day.

Change your environment, he advised, and then change those habits. Once you can get them changed, you're no longer addicted to those things. Then you can get off the patch by gradually decreasing the strength.

"I tell them — to stop smoking, to lose weight — it's not just a one-time diet; you diet for the rest of your life, he said. "You stop smoking for the rest of your life."

Doing that is just as traumatic as getting married, divorced or having a new baby, he said. If you are not prepared to do it for the rest of your life, you won't be successful.

McClusky said it's possible to overdose on nicotine. And if you have any problems with heart or lung disease, you could die.

With nicotine patches being sold over-the-counter now, one is monitoring its use. McClusky cautions patients to stop using them if they continue to smoke.

The feeling you get when smoking is actually the nicotine going to the center in the brain, McClusky said. That makes you feel good about the addiction of the nicotine and it also turns off the withdrawal.

A drug called Wellbutrin works at two levels in the brain stem, he said. It decreases craving or addiction to something, and when it's stimulated, makes you feel happy and satisfied.

Wellbutrin is an antidepressant that affects the brain center where the addiction really takes place.

"You start stimulating that

area of your brain, and pretty soon that area of your brain is about to function well for you to feel good, has to have that drug to do that — and once you take that drug away then you get the withdrawal effect," he said. "And that's where you start feeling angry and tired and uptight, until you can get that center feel again."

Wellbutrin is prescribed for only eight weeks, McClusky said. After that, there has to be the will to stop smoking.

"Folks who have tried cold turkey and made it work have the most success, he said.

"The sad thing is my patients that I have success getting them to stop smoking are the ones that I tell 'You just had a heart attack.' You just had a stroke' or 'You have cancer,' and 'If you keep smoking ...' McClusky said. "And they stop like that. But the problem is the damage has already been done. You're not going to reverse that."

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Dear Amy: One of the most awesome places where kids are writing online is the Diary Project at <http://www.diaryproject.com>. The inspiration for the Web site came from a young girl by the name of Zlata Filipovic, author of *Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo*. About her life growing up there in the war on the Web page, all kids are encouraged to write. Most of the diary entries are about serious issues such as violence, racism and relationships. What's a woman is that other kids write back with advice.

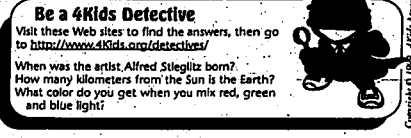
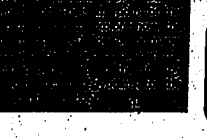
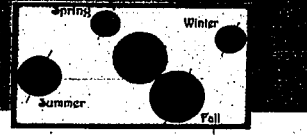
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NEW MOVIES FROM A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE — Punishment can be an effective deterrent

Combined wire services
"A Civil Action" (PG-13) — Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.

Parents worry about scary scenes in G-rated movies

Family flicks

Punishment can be an effective deterrent

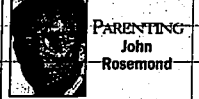
Best for: Mature teens and adults who enjoy a well-written legal thriller.
What it's about: Based on the legal crusade attorney Jan Schlichtmann (John Travolta) waged on behalf of eight families in Woburn, Mass., against two large corporations. The families claimed the companies contaminated local drinking water with chemicals that ultimately led to the deaths of their children. Schlichtmann had to prove that the companies dumped toxic solvents on the ground, which then entered the drinking water by seeping into nearby wells and resulted in leukemia cases. Robert Duvall, Tony Shalhoub, William Macy, Kathleen Quinlan, John Lithgow.

The Washington Post
When she first watched "Beauty and the Beast," Jennifer Sears was 3 1/2. While her mother was busy with chores elsewhere in their Southampton, Mass. home, the preschooler watched, spellbound by the classic tale, dazzled by the beauty of the Disney animation and music. But that changed abruptly moments after Belle fled the bewitched castle into the dark forest, and the pack of wolves savagely attacked her and mauled the Beast who came to her rescue.

and even run scared.
The most frightening of G-rated scenes are tame compared with the graphic on-screen violence that is now the norm of the film industry. For the youngest kids who can't yet distinguish what's real from what's not, though, loud and emotionally aggressive movie scenes can go beyond giving them a good scare; according to some psychologists, they can scar children psychologically for years — perhaps for a lifetime.

"Pleasantville" (PG-13) — Older teens will enjoy this comedic blend of idealism and cynicism, but younger children will be confused. When two kids of the liberated '90s are swept into a television show of the repressed '50s, there's an abundance of sexual talk. (110 minutes) (Twin Cinema)
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PARENTING
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The day?" she asked incredulously. "Do you want him to stop leaving his book bag in the living room?" "Yes, but isn't that a rather heavy penalty to pay for that offense? I thought the punishment was supposed to fit the crime." "That's right. But the punishment doesn't fit the crime unless it effectively deters the crime," I said. "If you stop reminding the children of the rules and, instead, slap a rather heavy penalty on them every single time a violation occurs, they will stop ignoring your rules and you will stop yelling. Isn't that a good deal?" "Well, yes, I guess it is," she said, but I could tell she wasn't convinced.

The good: Travolta is riveting as the tenacious small-time personal-injury attorney who begins the case thinking he can force the companies into settling but ends with his search for truth about the case and himself. This is an interesting journey into the politics involved in labyrinthine legal cases of this size. But it's also a telling tale about a man motivated by money and acquisitiveness, and how he had to risk losing everything in his search for the truth.

Many parents across the country experience similar awakenings as the "Beauty and the Beast" movie. Don't be scared. Be brave. But every single time she watched it, it frightened the daylight out of her," recalls Jacqueline Sears, Jennifer's mother. When I started watching the movie. When I saw there was a stabbing at the end, I said, "What am I doing lending her to the dark forest, and the pack of wolves savagely attacked her and mauled the Beast who came to her rescue."

In random-sample surveys of parents of elementary school children in Madison, Wis., Cantor found 43 percent of respondents said something on television or in a movie had frightened their child so much that the effect lasted after the show was over. About half of those said the incidents affected their child's sleeping. The child couldn't get to bed, refused to sleep alone or woke up with nightmares.

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"Well, yes, I guess it is," she said, but I could tell she wasn't convinced. "Look," I said, "when our son, Eric, was 15, he came in 30 minutes past curfew one Friday night. Most parents would take 30 minutes off the next night's curfew. Not us. We grounded him for two weeks. A kid who's penalized 30 minutes for coming home 30 minutes late is going to make his parents fight that battle indefinitely. Not Eric. He never came in late again."
"I think I get it," she said. "To teach children that crime doesn't pay, you have to make them pay. Up until now, I've been the one paying. Furthermore, you have to make them pay something they never want to pay again."

Violence: Mild violence, when men try to get proof of river pollution and an explosion occurs.
Parental advisory: Because of the language and adult themes, this movie is suitable for mature teenagers. Travolta tends to attract the younger crowd, but the legal material and complicated plot might bore some.
Entertainment value: A.

"A Bug's Life" (G) — The second animated respecter of life, "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, Gooding Cinema, Liberty Theater of Halley)
"Jack Frost" (PG) — Parents with small children may want to gauge their younger kids' emotions before seeing this well-meaning, but a bit scary, yet warm but winds up being mostly dippy. The film tells of a neglectful dad who dies in a car crash and returns as a snowman. This is the kind of film that's most enjoyed

by grandparents taking their grandchildren to see their very first movie. (96 minutes) (Twin Cinema)
"Mighty Joe Young" (PG) — A 15-foot gorilla with a heart of gold moves to Los Angeles and finds the concrete jungles far more to his liking than his African homestead. Younger viewers may get restless during the film's lengthy exposition scenes, but the arena is twice as big as that of most children will respond to the film. (114 minutes) (Red Theater of Twin Falls, Jerome Cinema)
"The Sandlot" (PG-13) — Robin Williams runs amok as a free-wheeling med student who shocks the medical establishment by feeling that patients should be treated as humans rather than

specimens. The film's ribald humor will appeal to teens and some pre-teens. (120 minutes) (Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Sun Valley Opera House)
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Later toilet 'teaching' becomes today's norm

PHILADELPHIA — Kelley Rose Gavel is 3 years and 4 months old, and she's a big girl now. She can use the potty. Finally. "When she turned 2, we got a potty chair," said Kelley's mother, the Gavel, 35, who lives in Harleysville, near Philadelphia. "But Kelley wasn't interested — not for nine months. Gavel said she asked often, but didn't push. One day, Kelley announced she needed to go to the bathroom, and soon after her third birthday, she

was wearing Barbie and Winnie-the-Pooh underpants and using the potty like a big girl. Once, most children get toilet-trained by 2. But not anymore. The age is drifting higher. Bigger, older children — 3, 4, even 5-year-olds — are still wearing diapers. The reasons have to do with lifestyle changes as well as disposable diapers. Pampers has a new size 5 diaper that fits boys and girls 35 pounds or larger. We're talking 3- and 4-year-olds. The jumbo diapers are selling like Tootsiebuds, and grateful parents have

clogged Pampers' consumer hotline. Junior may learn to spell p-o-t-t-y before he learns to use p-o-t-t-y. Grandma's comments aside, that's perfectly fine, say the experts. "We want to stress it's a process, and it takes time," said Elaine Frank, co-director of Parenting Services for Families and After Adoption, which offers discussion groups for parents. "It's not that you don't bring it up or try to educate your child, but you don't try to make them do it," added Denise Rowe, also a director of Parenting Services,

which is based in the Philadelphia area. And please don't call the process toilet "training." The word implies you're holding the potty or "learning" or even toilet "education." We no longer train our children. "Everybody's trying to figure out a word that sounds better than 'training,'" Rowe said. "You train your dog, or you train your cat. But because children have feelings — we want to help them, we want to work with the children to learn how to teach themselves to do it."

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CHEERLEADERS WELCOME CAMPERS



The Twin Falls High School Cheerleaders will host a mini-cheer camp for children ages 4-12 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Jan. 23. The cost of the camp is \$20.00 per participant and includes a t-shirt and mini pom poms. The youth will learn a dance to be performed at the high school basketball game that evening. They will also be taught some cheers. Please bring a sack lunch. Participants may pre-register at the high school's front office from Jan. 20 through Jan. 22 during school hours or on Jan. 23 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The Twin Falls High School Cheerleaders seen here include, from top, Jessica Ray, Kristi Buckley, Lindsay Holmstrom, Brookney Barron, Marscha Fairbanks, Kelly Kramer, Jenny Kinsey and Erica Lively. Pictured in the middle row are Michelle Williams, Danae Jensen, Tara Kamel, Wendy Haymore and Jenny Kassals. Standing are Kendra Colter, Erika Gasser, Britney Crandall and Allison Russell.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

<p>Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.</p> <p>BUHL</p> <p>Breakfast: Monday: Cereal and toast Tuesday: Scrambled eggs and toast Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy Thursday: Donuts Friday: Pancakes Lunch: Monday: Chicken sandwich Tuesday: Little smokies Wednesday: Baja chicken Thursday: Spaghetti Friday: Cold cut sandwich</p> <p>CASTLEFORD</p> <p>Breakfast: Orange juice, appleauce and milk every day.</p> <p>Monday: Breakfast muffin Tuesday: Scopes Wednesday: Donuts Thursday: Sweet rolls Friday: Scrambled eggs Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day. Monday: Spag Corn doggies Tuesday: Chili Wednesday: Baked potato bar Thursday: Pizza Friday: Cheese burgers</p> <p>FILER</p> <p>Monday: No lunch Tuesday: Shred ham Wednesday: Chicken sandwich Thursday: Pizza Friday: Chili</p> <p>HANSEN</p> <p>Breakfast: Cold juice and milk every day. Monday: Oatmeal toast Tuesday: Peanut butter sandwich Wednesday: French-toast Thursday: Egg and ham muffin Friday: Long Johns Lunch: Milk served with all meals. Monday: Spaghetti Tuesday: Chili Wednesday: Fish burgers Thursday: Pizza Friday: Cheeseburgers</p> <p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL</p> <p>Monday: Corn dogs Tuesday: Taco Wednesday: Italian dumbers Thursday: Rainbow treasures Friday: Cheese and beef pizza</p> <p>KIMBERLY</p> <p>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: Chicken nuggets Tuesday: Beef parties Wednesday: Hot dog Thursday: Potato bar Friday: No school</p>	<p>MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>Monday: No school Tuesday: Beef and bean burrito Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich Thursday: Cheeseburgers Friday: Chili and crackers</p> <p>MURTAUGH</p> <p>Monday: Sloppy Joes Tuesday: Fried chicken Wednesday: Nachos Thursday: Chili Friday: Chicken burgers</p> <p>SHOSHONE</p> <p>Monday: Chili Tuesday: Taco Wednesday: Roast beef Thursday: Rub-A-Que Friday: Biscuits and gravy</p> <p>ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL</p> <p>Monday: No school Tuesday: Chicken sandwich Wednesday: Turkey with gravy Thursday: Taco salad Friday: Macaroni and cheese</p> <p>TWIN FALLS ELEMANTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS</p> <p>Breakfast served every day. Monday: No school Tuesday: Bacon scramble Wednesday: Chicken sandwich Thursday: Waffles and syrup Friday: Cereal and peaches 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: No school Tuesday: Beef and bean burrito Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich Thursday: Hamburger deluxe Friday: Chili and crackers</p> <p>TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>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.</p> <p>VALLEY</p> <p>Breakfast served every day. Lunch: Milk served with all meals. Monday: Hot dog on a bun Tuesday: Chicken and noodles Wednesday: Pizza Thursday: Turkey chow mein Friday: Vegetable soup</p> <p><i>School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menu in Sunday's paper, send the menu to The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or fax it to 734-5533; attention: Lunch Forum. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.</i></p>
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Symphony league plans card party at St. Ed's

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Symphony League will hold its sixth-annual card party benefit at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at St. Edward's Parish Hall, 152 7th Ave. E. Card players can enjoy an afternoon of playing bridge, pinocle or any game of their choice. Door prizes, a raffle of handmade woolen garments by weavers Gloria Hann and Peg Sasse and cash prizes for bridge and pinocle winners will be featured. Homemade desserts will be served.

Admission is \$20 for a four-person and \$5 for individuals. For more information and/or reservations, call Dottie Miller at 733-7878 or Carma Smith at 733-2782 by Jan. 20.

Sons of Norway will install officers at meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Sons of Norway will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Community Room of the KMYT Building, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Officers will be installed at that time.

COPE supports those who have lost loved ones

TWIN FALLS - COPE begins Tuesday at the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. (just west of the College of Southern Idaho campus).

COPE is an organization offering support and help overcoming grief new ways of approaching problems for those who have lost a loved one.

The program consists of nine

Program offers look at seasonal depression

TWIN FALLS - A free community education program regarding "Recognizing and Overcoming Seasonal Depression" will be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Various signs and symptoms commonly identified with Seasonal Affective Disorder will be discussed along with the various options for the treatment of this problem.

Registration is encouraged but not required. To sign up for this free program or for more information, call Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services—of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center at 734-6760 or (800) 657-8000.

Canyon View teaches about suicide intervention

TWIN FALLS - Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is sponsoring a professional continuing education program on "The Assessment and Intervention with Suicidal Clients," to be presented from 1 to 5 p.m. in the KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Various signs and risk factors commonly identified with suicide will be discussed along with how to structure an assessment interview to determine the level of suicide risk. Participants will also be provided with information

Interfaith volunteers offer chance to learn more

TWIN FALLS - The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers (IVC) of the Magic Valley will have a photo shoot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Church of the Brethren, 461 Filer Ave. W.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome to drop by to learn about the IVC program. The caregivers offer a service for the elderly, the disabled and the chronically ill with nonmedical in-home care needs who would like to stay in their own homes with dignity.

For more information, call 733-5913 or visit the group's website at www.northern.net/ivc.

Immanuel Lutheran holds pizza fund-raiser

TWIN FALLS - Immanuel Lutheran School students are sponsoring a Pizza Superbowl Fund-raiser for their upcoming trip to Portland, Ore., for the Regional Lutheran Elementary School Tournament. All proceeds for the scholastic trip will support the Immanuel Lutheran School, fifth through eighth grades.

Pizzas will be ready to bake and cost is as follows: cheese, \$2; pepperoni, \$10; Canadian bacon/pineapple, \$10; and supreme, \$12.

To order your ready-to-bake

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Ricketts will sign book at historical museum

JEROME - Virginia Ricketts will be signing her book, "Then and Now in Southern Idaho" from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome County Historical Museum. The book is a collection and reproduction of the newspaper columns she wrote about Magic Valley history which appeared in the North Side News and The Times-News.

She will also sign books that were purchased before the book signing event.

CLASSES

Jerome rec welcomes TF residents to classes

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District has several new classes available.

Introduction to Quickbooks Pro is a five week course held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on consecutive Mondays, Feb. 8 - March 8, at the Jerome Middle School. Cost is \$25/\$30.

Learn to Sew in this two hour class held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Jan. 27. Cost is \$7.50/\$12.50 out of district.

CPR and First Aid will be held at 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Ambulance Garage. Cost is \$25/\$30. Pre-registration is required.

Investment Seminar, "The Decade Ahead" will be presented from 7 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday at the Jerome Recreation Center

Ice Skating in Sun Valley is scheduled every Saturday, for four weeks, Jan. 19 to Feb. 23, kids will 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. 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.

If you are interested in a class but have missed the pre-registration deadline there is a chance you can still register.

For more information, call Wendy Davis at the Jerome Recreation District 324-3389.

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