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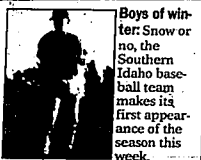
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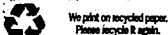
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## THE RUSH TO READ



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## Reading push makes libraries hop

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Thousands of new library books stock the shelves in the Twin Falls School District's elementary and junior high schools this year.

The district's goal - in step with a national effort - is to have all students reading at grade level by the end of third grade. Research suggests it's one indicator of whether students will complete school or eventually drop out.

The district is analyzing standardized test results and communicating data to teachers so they can spot strengths and weaknesses in the reading curriculum, Superintendent Terrell Donich said.

And schools have added several

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### Books and budgets

**H**ere's the price tag for upgrading reading in the Twin Falls School District:

□ \$2,800: About the average annual library budget for the district's seven elementary schools.

□ \$42,950: About the average annual library budget for Robert Stuart and Vern C. O'Leary junior high schools.

□ \$483,000: Grant money from the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation distributed among elementary and junior high schools since 1995. Schools are using the one-time, additional money to buy library books and support supplies, such as accompanying computerized comprehension tests, for the Accelerated Reader program.

□ 30,000: A rough estimate of the number of library books added to the elementary and junior high libraries so

far this school year. Some librarians still have more books to buy.

### What the numbers say

**T**win Falls School District scores from the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (grades three through eight) and the Tests of Achievement and Proficiency (grades nine through 11) are ranked by percentiles. Percentiles don't represent actual scores but are used to compare schools. The 50th percentile represents an average ranking.

Here are the 1998 numbers:

- Grade 3 89th percentile
- Grade 4 68th percentile
- Grade 5 55.1st percentile
- Grade 6 69th percentile
- Grade 7 84th percentile
- Grade 8 52nd percentile

- Grade 9 39th percentile
  - Grade 10 60th percentile
  - Grade 11 67th percentile
- The district continues to analyze the low ninth-grade score; last year as eighth-graders, the class ranked in the 55th percentile.

The district analyzed reading scores at four grade levels to find out how many students were ranking at or above average.

- Grade 3 54 percent
- Grade 4 63 percent
- Grade 8 87 percent
- Grade 11 68 percent



## Jordanian cabinet crowns Prince as King Hussein nears death

The Washington Post

**AMMAN, Jordan** - The Jordanian cabinet Saturday declared the stricken King Hussein incapacitated and transferred authority to his son Abdullah, as the United States and government in the Middle East pledged political and financial support for the neophyte ruler, and Jordanian citizens conducted an emotional vigil for a dying patriarch.

"His Majesty, may God protect him and help him recover, is still under intensive treatment under a condition which made him unable to carry out his constitutional authority," read the resolution approved unanimously by the country's 23-member cabinet.

Though technically the cabinet's action only temporarily passes authority to Abdullah, in practice it marks the end of Hussein's 46-year reign in a country sandwiched between Israel, Iran and other sometimes antagonistic neighbors in a turbulent region.

Abdullah will not assume the Jordanian throne until his father's death, but Hussein's lifelong friend and Jordan's former sugar general, Dr. Daoud Hanna, said that is likely no more than one to three days away following the failure of the king's liver and remaining kidney due to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. His other kidney was removed five years ago.



King Hussein of Jordan prays on the tarmac moments after his aircraft touched down at Amman's Marka Military base in this January 1998 file photo. The Jordanian cabinet declared the king incapacitated and transferred authority to his son Abdullah Saturday.

Because the lymphatic cancer has progressed to an advanced degree, doctors and family members have decided not to use dialysis or other machines needed to counter the loss of those organs, Hanna said. Under those conditions, he said, the monarch's body can only survive a short time, as

toxins accumulate in his system. "Nothing can be done. If you dialyze you are just prolonging the agony, and he is not going to recover," said Hanna, who visited the king briefly Saturday and noticed his body already swollen with the liquids that a functioning kidney would eliminate.

## Senate, nation view Lewinsky deposition

Knight Ridder News Service

**WASHINGTON** - With just days left before the Senate votes on President Clinton's fate, the nation Saturday for the first time watched and listened to Monica Lewinsky tell parts of the story of her relationship with the president, and his efforts to conceal it.

She appeared on videotape, on television monitors in the Senate and on television networks nationally. Pausing at times to take a deep breath, at others in glance at someone else in the room, she nonetheless came across as poised and practical, answering questions under oath yet again about the relationship that made her the symbol of scandal and the subject of international curiosity.

Though her voice had been heard on audiotapes made secretly by one-time friend Linda Tripp, she had never before been seen and heard telling her side of the story. Devised the opportunity to present witnesses in person, House prosecutors used the video snippets from days-old depositions of Lewinsky and two other witnesses to puncture in as dramatic a fashion as they could their argument that Clinton obstructed justice and committed perjury in concealing the relationship. One of the House prosecutors, Rep. James Rogan, R-Calif., said "After weeks of proceedings, the



Monica Lewinsky answers questions under oath on videotape.

### Testimony loses impact - A3

day has finally arrived when the United States Senate will listen, not just to lawyers talk about the evidence, but to witnesses with direct knowledge of the unlawful conduct of the president of the United States."

In response, White House lawyers also used Lewinsky's words to buttress their argument that the president did not commit the crimes alleged by the House. They relied on long excerpts from Lewinsky's testimony to argue that the abridged selections chosen by the House prosecutors presented a twisted version of the facts.

## Fiscal grip squeezes capitol

### Slumping economy hits Statehouse

By Bob Fick  
The Associated Press

**BOISE** - The financial limitations of Idaho's slowing economic growth are beginning to hit home in the state Capitol.

Spending proposals that could claim priority on just about any agenda are being pitted against each other in a political atmosphere where even thinking about increasing tax receipts is anathema despite continued pressure for meeting the needs built up from a decade of dramatic population growth.

"We have the unenviable job of making the tough decisions to bring this budget together," said Senate Republican Floor Leader James Risch, who as the top Senate leader in the 1980s presided over some of the Legislature's toughest budget debates.

Legislative budget writers have been spending more and more time in recent days quizzing Kempthorne administration officials on the intricacies of cash manipulation in the 1999-2000 spending blueprint intended to make the \$1.67 billion in general tax revenue stretch as far possible.

Some have started pressing cabinet members for the impact of the governor's decision to pay the salaries of his agency directors from their agency allocations at a time the budget committee sees worthwhile proposals going without support.

Even Gov. Dick Kempthorne had to significantly revamp financing for one of his top priorities - child hood immunizations. To cover the extra needs, Kempthorne had to shift over \$1 million from assured, albeit limited, general tax revenue to federal funds. Legislative analysts question whether all the cash from Washington will materialize.

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# Taped testimony loses impact

## Sides disagree on impact of video, but it's too late anyway, they say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Videotaped testimony by Monica Lewinsky and two presidential confidants finally put faces and voices to House prosecutors' case against President Clinton, but some lawyers say it came too late.

"It's like we're now into the fourth edition of a book and for the first time it's illustrated," said Charles Geyh, an Indiana University law professor and director of the American Judicature Society's center for judicial independence.

The presentation, while effective, was "too little and too late" with the president's impeachment trial nearing its final stages, said New York criminal defense lawyer Gerald Lefcort.

"This kind of stuff would have been much more effective if it had been done in the House," where the Judiciary Committee held hearings on the impeachment charges, Lefcort said. "You've got to capture your jury early with strong stuff."

Washington lawyer Barbara Nicastro said the prosecutors did a good job of using "the critical words out of the critical witnesses' mouths at important time periods."

"I admire them for putting on a case with a foregone conclusion," she said.

Prosecution and defense lawyers used numerous video excerpts of testimony by Ms. Lewinsky, Clinton friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal.

"Do you believe Monica Lewinsky?" prosecutor Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., said at one point. "I believe her testimony is credible. She is not trying to hammer the president."

Several lawyers said Ms. Lewinsky created a favorable impression, appearing self-assured and perhaps less like a victim than House prosecutors portrayed her.

"She comes off very well-prepared with a story that is not something that one could say for sure is not true," Lefcort said.

Nevertheless, he added, "she doesn't want to do the knoockout punch" against Clinton.

Los Angeles lawyer Ira Reiner wondered why prosecutors showed one clip in which Ms.



Monica Lewinsky responds to a question during her taped deposition Monday. The House managers showed the tape Saturday to the Senate.

Lewinsky said she told Jordan in December 1997 that she saw Clinton "more as a man than as a president, and I treated him accordingly."

"These are not the words of a victim," said Reiner, a former Los Angeles County district attorney. "Monica with her pearls, self-assured, poised and saying 'I treated him accordingly.'"

Reiner said he considered the prosecutors' presentation anticlimactic because they used only short snippets of Ms. Lewinsky's testimony.

"What this is about is the drama ... of presenting Monica Lewinsky for whatever impact

that will have on the public," Reiner said. "Present it and let it build ... and you get caught up in it myself."

Clinton's lawyers used much more testimony from Ms. Lewinsky, including her descriptions of conversations with a Clinton about her plan to file an affidavit in an effort to avoid testifying in Paula Jones's sex-harassment lawsuit against him.

"I separate necessarily signing an affidavit and using misleading cover stories" to hide their illicit relationship, Ms. Lewinsky said. "They weren't linked for me."

Whether the president should be removed from office.

Neither Hitchens nor Blumenthal's lawyer responded immediately to telephoned requests for comment.

Blumenthal has repeatedly denied being the source of disparaging comments to the press about Ms. Lewinsky.

## Reporter: Blumenthal source for Lewinsky 'stalker' label

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sidney Blumenthal's lawyer was so determined to show the White House side never leaked a rumor about Monica Lewinsky being a stalker that he released journalism and challenged them to come forward.

Now one has. Journalist Christopher Hitchens has sworn an affidavit stating Blumenthal several times described Ms. Lewinsky as a "stalker" and President Clinton as "the victim" of a predatory, and unstable young woman, when they lunched in March 1998.

Copies of the affidavit were being circulated in the Capitol

late Saturday and was a topic of informal conversation among a number of senators, as well as others who saw it.

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., said the Justice Department could investigate any false testimony given the Senate, but that the assertion by Hitchens was "collateral at best" to the overall question of

whether the president should be removed from office.

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## Lewinsky's youthfulness shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monica Lewinsky dipped her head, ebony hair falling over her face. Vernon Jordan once teased her about being in love with the president, she recalled.

A smile of fond reminiscence lifted her glasses. "I probably blushed or giggled, or something."

For the first time since America learned her name, memorized her face and scrutinized her voice on those phone tapes by Linda Tripp, the entire Monica Samille Lewinsky made her videotape debut with a youthful, wide-eyed earnestness from the Senate floor Saturday.

House prosecutor James Rogan, aiming to showcase Ms. Lewinsky, 25, as "a young woman very much like a family member or friend we might know," opened the witness phase of President Clinton's impeachment trial with a clip of her swearing to tell the truth.

Raised in oath, her short-fringed hand looked like that of a

child and seemed to emphasize her youth. Rogan, R-Calif., called the former White House intern's testimony "an image that the president did not want America to see."

He and other House trial managers aired snippets of Ms. Lewinsky's Feb. 1 deposition to stitch together their case that Clinton should be removed from office for perjury and obstruction of justice.

### What's next?

Here is what's ahead as the Senate continues to consider the case for removing William Jefferson Clinton from the presidency.

**Monday** — Closing arguments by both sides. The Senate will likely vote on whether to open up its final deliberations to the public. That vote requires a two-thirds majority.

**Tuesday** — Depending on the outcome of the earlier vote, the Senate begins to deliberate in public or in secret. Each senator is allowed up to 15 minutes to speak. The separate votes on the two articles of impeachment could occur Friday or earlier. The votes would be by roll call. Two-thirds, or 67, of the senators would have to vote guilty on at least one article to convict and remove the president from office.

— Knight Ridder News Service

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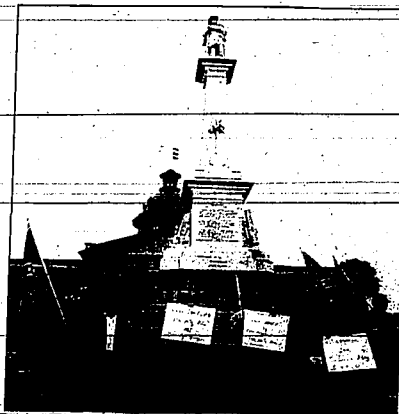
# Racism or conservatism?

## Southern-based group battles image as pro-white, anti-minority

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Behind a wooden wall and a back room of the Lizard's Thicket restaurant, about 30 members of the Council of Conservative Citizens — many wearing Confederate battle flag pins and belt buckles — hovered over plates of fried catfish and chocolate cream pie. Dennis Wheeler laid out the struggle before them.

Wheeler, a freelance writer from Atlanta, opened last week's meeting with a reading from Revelation about the beast that "opened his mouth in blasphemies against God." Among those blasphemies, he told the group, is a "Yankee radicalism" known as equalitarianism.

"[It is exactly this philosophy that our Confederate forefathers fought against in the War Between the States," said Wheeler, head of a council chapter in Georgia. "The current man of the beast is the equalitarian religion which names-as-sins racism, sexism, anti-Semitism and homophobia, among others, rather than the Ten Commandments."



South Carolina Council of Conservative Citizens members protest a Senate bill calling for removal of the Confederate flag from the Statehouse dome.



Rep. Bob Barr



Sen. Trent Lott

"We are not racists," insists South Carolina director Francis Bell, citing her American Indian background and noting the group has some Jewish members.

Is the council merely an organization so devoted to free speech and assembly that it refuses to silence racist or bigoted views?

The questions have sent Lott, Barr, and Barr, R-Ga., scurrying for cover. The chairman of the Republican National Committee has called on GOP members, including national committee member Buddy Witherhood of Columbia, to quit the organization that calls itself the "active advocate for the no longer silent conservative majority."

Gordon Baum, the St. Louis attorney who runs the group, says attacks on the council — especially by people like law professor Alan Dershowitz — are liberal diversions to take the heat off President Bill Clinton. "It all has to do with protecting Billy's butt," he said.

"Why are they so afraid of us?" Baum said in a telephone interview last week, noting that the council is best known for opposing affirmative action and quotas and defending the Confederate battle flag against those who would remove it from public display.

He answered his own question:

Isn't it? That's what this group is about. It's OK to be white."

Don McDermott, a Birmingham, Ala., city councilman and Council of Conservative Citizens member, campaigned with his chapter last year against a proposed 1-cent sales tax that he felt would go to fund "just a bunch of wish lists for some local bureaucrats." He said he wouldn't belong to the organization if he felt it was racist. "The chapter I belong to is definitely not," he said. "They're just some well-grounded beliefs in conservative values. Most of the group I'm involved with were Ronald Reagan supporters in 1976."

A.J. Parker, a sailing contractor who is director of the group's North Carolina chapter, doesn't like being condemned for the views of a few members.

"Why should I pay for deeds that took place 100 years ago, or even 50 years ago?" he said during a break from his business in front of his Asheville home. "They've tried to identify us with David Duke and people like that, and anybody who speaks out against affirmative action and quotas and immigration, they're automatically tagged with that dirty label."

But critics point to anti-Semitic postings on the group's Web site, and to infarmer columns like this from Patterson last fall:

"Western civilization with all its might and glory would never have achieved its greatness without the directing hand of God and the creative genius of the white race. Any effort to destroy the race by a mixture of black blood is an effort to destroy Western civilization itself."

Baum noted that the infarmer has a disclaimer, "like all newspapers."

"It was there, we can't lie. We did not endorse it. Our people don't walk in lock step. Organizing conservatives is like herding cats."

But Dick Harpootian, chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Party, offered a different animal analogy. "Birds of a feather flock together."

"If David Duke and those kinds of folks are showing up at those meetings, they obviously have some interest in them," he said.

gerous than the KKK or neo-Nazis because it has been "successfully masquerading as a mainstream conservative organization."

"They're not going to produce a Timothy McVeigh; they are much more interested in genuine political power than in any kind of violence or terrorism," Potok said. "I mean, Timothy McVeigh can kill 168 people, but he is never going to be elected your senator or president or congressman. So, yeah, on a political level they're much more dangerous."

Indeed, the group claims as dues-paying members dozens of elected officials, from local school boards to state legislatures. It does not, however, claim ex-Klan leader and sometime GOP candidate David Duke, who caused Baum considerable discomfort in November by showing up at a national board meeting in Jackson, Miss.

The group's Web site welcomes visitors to "join the vast right-wing conspiracy" — an ironic reference to Hillary Clinton's comment about who was behind the impeachment effort — and offers such publications as a pamphlet revealing "the ugly truth about Martin Luther King."

The South Carolina chapters have fought to keep the Confederate battle flag flying over the state capital and criticized The Citadel for not playing "Dixie" often enough during functions at the military college.

"Being pro-white is not equal to being anti-black," said Rebekah Sutherland, an executive committee member from Alken who ran for state school superintendent last year. "It's OK to be white,

## Juror prompts governor to set aside death sentence

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Gov. Mike Huckabee called off the execution of a man convicted of murdering an 8-year-old girl after a juror expressed reservations about the punishment.

Huckabee on Friday commuted the sentence of Bobby Ray Frewell, 24, in the wake of a juror's protest. Frewell had been sentenced to die Feb. 15.

Gov. Huckabee wrote a letter to the governor and the state public defender asking that Frewell's execution be strayed, said Glenn Reeves of the governor's staff.

On an interview last week, Huckabee said he was the one who built against the death penalty in Frewell's case but missed, fearing he would be an anchor in the small community. "Our governor, he's the only chance that boy's got," Huckabee said.

Frewell was to be executed for the April 23, 1985, murder of Sherann Sallings, during a robbery at Sullins' home.

"I am fully aware of the death penalty in this decision and I do not believe the gravity of such a decision," said Huckabee. "But I cannot ultimately before God and account for my decision. I cannot face the anger of people whom the anger of God."

Sullins' son LeRoy criticized the governor. "When you do the crime, you got to pay. You can't let people off in a few years."

Frewell's attorney, Deborah Sallings, said she was overwhelmed by the governor's decision.

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# Clinton seeks checks on gun show sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton requested legislation Saturday to require background checks on all firearms buyers at gun shows, which he says have become "cash-and-carry convenience stores for weapons used to maim and kill."

The new national policy, Clinton said, should be "No background check, no gun. No exceptions." The National Rifle Association called his proposal a "public relations stunt" and said the federal government is not enforcing existing gun control laws.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton said the 1994 Brady law's requirement for background checks — meant to bar felons from owning guns — now should include gun-show sales by unlicensed collectors and private hobbyists.

Such sellers make up one-quarter or more of gun-show vendors, leaving the current exemption a loophole "wide enough that criminals reach right through it, grabbing, collectively, thousands of firearms that disappear without a trace," Clinton said.

His proposed legislation, slated to be introduced by Rep. Rod R. Blagojevich, D-Ill., and Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., would also broaden the legal definition of gun shows to include flea markets — and any other venue — where



Wayne R. LaPierre Jr., chief executive officer of the National Rifle Association of America, answers questions during a press conference Friday in Las Vegas.

two or more people are engaged in the sale of at least 50 firearms. The Clinton administration also called for federal registration of all gun show promoters and for extending federal record-keeping requirements to unlicensed firearms vendors.

The collection of information

from these vendors would be "strictly limited" to data about the guns — not the buyers or sellers — so that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms could trace arms sold at gun shows if they turn up at a crime scene, said Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder.

According to the Gun Show Calendar, a periodical, 4,912 gun shows were advertised around the country last year. The highest number, 472, were in Texas. The National Association of Arms Shows says these weekend markets draw up to 5,000 people per show with admission fees starting at \$5.

Clinton called for the legislation after recommendations by the Treasury and Justice departments, which jointly surveyed over 300 recent ATF investigations involving 54,000 firearms linked somehow to gun shows.

Almost half of the show-related investigations involved firearms being sold or sold to someone, and more than a third of the investigations, the firearms in question were known to have been used in subsequent crimes.

"It shows conclusively that gun shows are a forum for gun traffickers, a cash-and-carry convenience store for weapons used to maim and kill," Clinton said.

The NRA-ambassador Clinton's plan as just another whack at gun owners, and said the federal government is not prosecuting felons who are identified under the existing Brady bill provisions.

"This is public relations mismanagement of the substance," said Wayne R. LaPierre Jr., NRA chief executive officer.

# Shooting of immigrant outrages community

NEW YORK (AP) — The Justice Department and local prosecutors say they will investigate the death of a 22-year-old immigrant from Guinea whom police killed in a barrage of bullets.

Four officers fired 41 shots at Yemudu Diallo, who was struck 19 times in the vestibule of his Bronx home, according to the medical examiner's report.

U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White said Friday her office would investigate the case along with the Bronx district attorney.

Family and friends encouraged federal officials to review the slaying, which they called an execution.

"This was not a police murder, it was a police slaughter," said the Rev. Al Sharpton. "If a man

was put in front of a firing squad, he would not expect to be shot at 41 times."

Some have suggested race was a possible factor for the shooting that took place early Thursday — Diallo was black, the four officers are white.

"Africans are murdered in this town every single month," said Sidique Wai, president of the United African Congress.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir said officials still don't know exactly what happened because there were no civilian witnesses and investigators have not talked to the officers yet.

The Bronx DA's office has asked police not to interview the officers until their investigation is completed.

# Can cholesterol be too low? Maybe so

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — While off-the-chart cholesterol levels can trigger strokes, a new study raises the possibility that unusually low amounts may sometimes cause them as well.

High cholesterol is always portrayed in public health messages as an undivided evil. A study presented Saturday at the American Heart Association's annual stroke conference suggests that the facts about cholesterol are a little more complicated, even though on balance low cholesterol is still far better than high cholesterol.

For many years, experts have been convinced that too much cholesterol, particularly the variety called low-density lipoprotein, or LDL, increases the risk of heart disease. But the link between cholesterol and strokes is less clear-cut.

The latest study attempted to sort this out by looking separately at the effects of cholesterol on the two kinds of strokes — bleeding strokes and clot strokes.

It found that very high cholesterol raises the risk of strokes that result from blood clots in the brain. But it also showed that low cholesterol increases the hazard of the less common but potentially devastating hemorrhagic strokes that result from burst blood vessels in the brain.

The study calculated that the perfect cholesterol level — at least, for preventing strokes — is about 200, which coincidentally is the target established by the federal government's National Cholesterol Education Program.

"I swear I didn't plan it that way," said Dr. David L. Tirschwell of Harborview Medical

Center in Seattle.

Other experts argued that the study does not change the overriding public health message. Even if low cholesterol carries a small risk, they said, the hazard is vastly overshadowed by its other benefits to the heart and the brain.

By preventing heart attacks and clot strokes, "lowering cholesterol far, far outweighs the potential negatives of a hemorrhagic stroke," said Dr. Philip B. Gorelick of Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago.

Heart attacks are the leading cause of death in the United States, while strokes are No. 3, striking about 600,000 Americans annually. About 80 percent of strokes occur when a blood clot blocks an artery, choking off oxygen and nutrients to a section of the brain.

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# But will it play in Peoria?

## A look at Sundance films, their distribution dates and chances for success

By Michael Fleeman  
The Associated Press

**PARK CITY, Utah** — You could hear it as you headed up the mountain from Salt Lake City, a faint hum at first, then louder. It was the buzz coming from the Sundance Film Festival.

Some movies have strong buzz. Others a building buzz. Folks talked about whether there was more buzz this year than last, in other words, the buzz about the buzz.

No wonder they call Utah the beehive state.

One thing, though, has proven true: Buzz doesn't necessarily translate into big box office for independent films. And even the buzziest of movies barely dip their toes into the mainstream.

Out of this year's crop of buzzing films at the Sundance festival, which ended last weekend, a few stand better than average odds of venturing out of art houses and into the multiplexes, if only because some are more mainstream than the usual festival fare. A sampling:



Kattie Holmes and Nathan Sexton chill out as two supermarket employees in 'Go,' an edgy comedy that traces the misadventures of a group of young people over two days and one wild Christmas Eve in Los Angeles.

**'Happy Texas'**

This is the Sundance discovery most people may actually see. Made by a Hollywood veteran with experience as a second-unit director, "Happy, Texas" is clearly the most mainstream of the festival lineup, a crowd-pleasing, fish-out-of-water comedy about two escaped convicts who end up in a small Texas town.

Director Mark Hulse put every penny of his \$1.7 million budget to good use, even managing to stage a shoot-out and a car chase. Add a proven talent in William H. Macy and a face that will seem familiar to many in Helena Douglas ("To Die For," "Message in a Bottle"), and "Happy" truly has the feel of a bigger-budget film. Steve Zahn won a special honor at Sundance for his performance as a dimwitted con with a bunch of 5-year-old beauty contestants on his hands.

"Happy, Texas" will be released by Miramax Films later this fall.

**'Go'**

A calculated commercial film with indie pretensions, this fast-paced, high-energy, booming-soundtrack, isn't that the girl-from-Dawson's Creek? production gave Sundance audiences a rush.

Directed by Doug Liman of "Swingers," "Go" tells three overlapping stories of an eventful night in the lives of some hip young people from Los Angeles: the daring supermarket check-out girl (Sarah Polley), her straight-laced friend (Kattie Holmes of "Dawson's Creek"), the wild-and-crazy Brit (Demond Askew) and a pair of soap opera actors (Scott Wolf and Jay Mohr). Miramax is distributing.

Crossover odds: Have you seen the box office lately? "Varsity Blues" and "She's All That" are leading the youth brigade. Certainly, young audiences have no trouble plowing down \$8 to see in-the-movies-a-personality they can watch for free on "Party of Five."

**'Tumbleweeds'**

Winner of the Filmmakers Trophy, selected by the moviegoers at the festival, "Tumbleweeds" is the emotional — but not sappy — story of a Southern mom and her young daughter who flee an abusive man for a new life near San Diego.

The movie features a compelling performance from Tony-winning stage actress Janet McTeer, as the feisty mom Mary Jo.

Fine Line Features picked up the film.

Crossover prospects: Without big stars? Less than 50-50.

**'Guinevere'**

A film that was so slickly produced that festival-goers were complaining it wasn't indie enough, "Guinevere" actually is closer in spirit and themes to traditional Sundance films than, say, "Happy Texas."

Polley (again), in the standout performance of the festival, stars as an awkward young woman from a wealthy but emotionally stunted family who sneaks up with a middle-aged bohemian photographer, played by Stephen Rea, in a funny and moving story. Jean Smart of "Designing Women" plays the woman's icy mother.

Despite some grumbling from

the audience, the film's writer, Audrey Wells, shared a screening award at the festival with Frank Whaley, who wrote "Joe the King." Miramax will distribute.

**'Mainmax'**

Crossover prospects: Should venture out of New York and Los Angeles, but how far? Complex emotions or the hip references to the rave scene found in movies like "G" may limit the film to big-city art houses.

**'Trick'**

If it weren't for the explicit sexual references and the gay subject matter, "Trick" would be another romantic comedy and a shoe-in for the multiplexes. It also features Tori Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210" as a neurotic actress with one of the funniest tantrum scenes in a long time.

But the film's chances of reaching the mainstream are weakened by those explicit sexual references and the gay subject matter. It's a boy-meets-boy urban fable about a nice young guy who falls for a gorgeous lesbian. Of the comedy turns on their inability to find a place where they can

have sex. The film was bought by Fine Features at the festival.

**'Three Seasons'**

This was the big winner at Sundance, the first film to capture both the Grand Jury Prize and the audience balloting award. It also won honors for Lisa Rinzier's gorgeous cinematography. And it's the least likely to get beyond a few dozen art houses.

Directed by Tony Bill, "Three Seasons" is the poetic, stunningly beautiful, though plot-thin story of people coping in modern-day, postwar Vietnam. They include a pedicab driver with an eye for a beautiful prostitute; the street urchin who manages to find time for childhood; and a U.S. veteran, played by Harvey Keitel, looking for his long-lost daughter.

While a refreshing break from movies that show Vietnam only as the killing fields (the film, as said to be the first U.S. production in that country since the war), "Three Seasons" nonetheless suffers from the dreaded double-S's: subtitled and slow. October Films will distribute.

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## Don't be afraid to fail, Costner recommends

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Kevin Costner thinks you can't have hits without a few misses.

"Twish I had a life that was mistake-free, but if you take a big bite out of life, it generally is going to take a big bite out of you," Costner says in the March issue of Redbook. "I am a risk taker, I am evolving; and I experiment with my life."

Costner isn't daunted by critical flops like "Waterworld" or "The Postman" since his successes include the Academy Award-winning "Dances With Wolves." "Failure doesn't kill you; it increases your desire to make something happen," Costner says.

**Sitcom star recovers following brain surgery**

**LOS ANGELES** — "Petticoat Junction" co-star Meredith MacLane is out of the hospital recuperating at home after brain surgery. "She's in great spirits and glad to be home," her publicist, Sandy Strick, said. MacLane, 53, had a tumor removed from the right side of her brain Jan. 28 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. She was released late Thursday.

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# Teacher's treasured lesson endures

Internet chain letter keeps memory alive

MORRIS, Minn. (AP) — With a stroke on a keyboard, the electronic letter snaked through cyberspace, bouncing from one corner of the globe to another before reaching Sandy Kudenov's computer.

It was a chain e-mail promising good fortune to the recipient who passed it on — and Mrs. Kudenov almost dismissed it as junk mail.

But it had come from a friend who encouraged her to read this tale about a nun, a soldier and a piece of paper.

So she did, and when finished she thought: "Everybody should read this."

Hitting the send button in her Livermore, Calif., home she forwarded it along to another e-mail link in the Internet chain of thousands — perhaps millions — sharing this recounting of a true-friend act of kindness.

Yet even as she sent it she wondered: Is the story true?

The same question has been asked and answered by e-mailers reaching this Minnesota farming town of 5,500 from around the United States and far away. From Bombay, India. From the USS Kitty Hawk in the Pacific.

The reply from Sister Helen Mroska, the local Franciscan nun and teacher at the center of the chain-letter story: Yes, it is.

## A lesson in kindness

After teaching for 35 years ... I know that I'll never have another Mark Eklund in any of my classes," begins Sister Mroska's story, words she wrote a decade ago that someone unknown had since put on the Internet.

Mark was the kind of student teachers never forget — a precocious, polite kid who was always drawing attention without really trying.

Mark met Sister Mroska (pronounced Mro-ska) in 1969 in her third-grade classroom at St. Mary's School.

He teased her with his shenanigans, polite kid who was always drawing attention without really trying. He climbed out the window of the two-story school, up the fire escape and onto the roof.

No matter the punishment, at the end of every day Mark stopped at the teacher's desk. "Good job, Sister. Thank you for teaching me," he would say.

Sister Mroska moved to junior high and she and Mark met again, in eighth grade math class. "The same ol' Mark," she recalls fondly. One Friday after a tough week



Mark Eklund  
Died in Vietnam in 1971

of algebra, she sensed her students were struggling and feeling dejected.

Put the math books away, she told them, and pull out a sheet of paper. On every other line, she said, write the name of each student in class and next to the name write a kind word — a sincere compliment.

That weekend she compiled the lists for each student on yellow legal-size paper, adding her own compliment at the end.

She handed the papers back during the next class. On Mark's paper, among other simple compliments, somebody had written, "A great friend." His best friend, Chuck Lesmeister, was "fun to be around." On Judy Holmes Swanson's list, someone noted she "smiles all the time."

"No one ever said anything about the exercises after that class period," Sister Mroska wrote in the letter on the Internet. "I never knew if they discussed it with one another after class or if they mentioned it to their parents. It didn't matter. The exercise accomplished what I hoped it would — the students were happy with themselves and one another again."

## Death in Vietnam

Years passed. The schoolkids grew up. Life went on. Returning from a vacation in August 1971, Sister Mroska was met by her parents at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport. They were barely onto the "highway when her father cleared his throat, "as he usually did before saying something important."

"Mark was killed in Vietnam," he told her. "The funeral is tomorrow."

He had died in his sleep of a pulmonary and cerebral edema. He was 20.

Four months earlier, Mark had been sent to Vietnam, assigned to the 585th Transportation Company in Phu Bai, delivering supplies to firebases.

His letters to family painted a safe picture, describing his work as a clerk at a truck parts depot

*'After teaching for 35 years ... I know that I'll never have another Mark Eklund in any of my classes.'*

— Sister Helen Mroska

far from the shooting. But to friends, including Sister Mroska, he revealed fears of dying and frustration over what he perceived as a fruitless war effort. He told his former teacher about lying in his bunk listening to a firefight one night.

"He was scared to death from the shooting," Sister Mroska said. "He'd have nightmares about it. I remember telling him I was praying for him." She filled her letters with stories about her students and how much they were like his class.

Mourners at Mark's funeral lined the block around the red-brick Assumption Church, second only to the town's grain elevator in height. They filed up the stairs, into the sanctuary and past the open black casket.

Lesmeister helped bear the casket, draped in a flag, to a hearse. For the five-block ride to the cemetery, where a soldier played "Taps." As it was lowered into the ground, a soldier approached Sister Mroska.

"Are you Mark's math teacher?" he asked. "He talked about you. You may want to talk to his parents about his personal effects."

The Eklands were waiting for the nun when she arrived. At a reception at the Lesmeister family farmhouse. Standing in the sunny kitchen, James Eklund pulled out a wallet.

"We want to show you something. They found this one Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it," he said, gently taking out a worn piece of paper that had been refolded many times and taped together.

"I knew without looking at the writing," Sister Mroska wrote, "that the papers were the ones I had listed all of the good things each of his classmates had said about Mark."

A few of Mark's school friends who were gathered around also recognized the paper, and one by one they told her they still had theirs.

Lesmeister preserved his in his wedding album. The girl he kept hers in her diary. And like Mark, Jim Halbe had his with him in his wallet.

"That's when I finally sat down and cried ...," Sister Mroska's e-mailed letter continued. "He gave so much to all of us."

## Echoes from the past

Nearly a decade ago, Sister

Mroska wrote about Mark and the list of compliments for Proteus magazine, which had published a notice seeking stories about education. It was reprinted by Reader's Digest.

But it wasn't until her words were put on the Internet that they gained a global readership. Sister Mroska is happy people are reading the story, but unhappy it has become a chain letter promising good luck to recipients who pass it on.

"It cheapens it somehow," she said, sipping hot chocolate during an interview on a bitterly cold Minnesota day.

At 63, she still teaches. Now, it's college students who will one day be teachers themselves. She tells them about the compliment list and the reassurance it seemed to give to the once-impish pupil still never forget.

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## Mysterious teddy bear becomes issue in JonBenet investigation

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The teddy bear sought by authorities in the JonBenet Ramsey case first emerged as a clue in an interview last summer with her mother, Patsy Ramsey, The Denver Rocky Mountain News reported Saturday.

The toy was reportedly among stuffed animals found in JonBenet's room.

The newspaper quoted two investigators as saying that Mrs. Ramsey claimed the toy did not belong in her slain daughter's room when she was shown crime scene pictures by police in June.

"She stiffened," said one investigator, speaking on condition of anonymity. "The way it was described she went white when she was saying, 'Where did it come from?'"

I've never seen that before."

Last week, Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter posted a photograph of a stuffed toy bear dressed in a Santa Claus suit on the Internet and asked for the public's help in finding information about the bear.

Hunter refused to comment on how the toy might be connected to the investigation of the 1996 slaying of 6-year-old JonBenet. Investigators say they now know the manufacturer, distribution and sale points of the bear, but won't say why they need this information.

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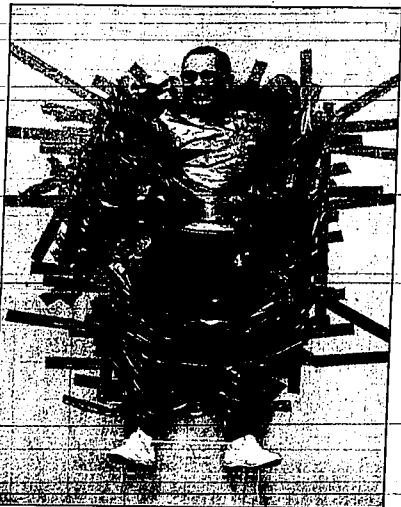
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Miss N.Y. wears Miss USA crown

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — A 21-year-old international business student from the University of Buffalo has been crowned Miss USA 1999. Miss New York, Kimberly Ann Pressler, broke up the audience Friday night when host Shemar Moore, from the soap opera "The Young and the Restless," asked whether she would leave her boyfriend behind to wear the Miss USA crown. "Oh definitely I would," she

quickly replied as she waved to her boyfriend in the audience. "I think if true love is there it will be there afterward." Miss Tennessee, Morgan Tandy High, was named first runner-up. Miss California, Angeliqe Breaux, was the second runner-up. Miss Pressler, who is considering a career as an actress, became the 48th Miss USA. Afterward she proclaimed it the most wonderful experience of her life.

Biosafety pact may hurt U.S. ag trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — An international agreement over genetically engineered products being negotiated in Colombia this week could have far-reaching implications for U.S. trade.

Exports could be hit in a range of products including blue jeans, soda pop, disease-fighting vaccines, potato chips and many more.

Negotiating teams are heading to Cartagena, Colombia, to draft the Biosafety Protocol. A United Nations-initiated agreement that aims to reduce risks from shipment and international movement of living modified organisms, or genetically engineered plants.

The deal has been in the making since 1992 but has run into trouble because of a push by some countries for broad regulations that bring under its umbrella not just plants but commodities and products derived from genetically engineered plants.

The United States is the largest producer of bioengineered crops

and biogenetic pharmaceuticals. Crops often genetically altered and used in products that include corn for chips and cereals, tomatoes for spaghetti sauce, cotton for jeans, timber for napkins and paper plates, corn syrup for sodas. Even soaps and detergents often are made with enzymes derived from the manipulation of genes.

The United States has used biotechnology for years to develop better strains of crops like soybeans, corn, squash and potatoes. By breeding genes in crops, scientists say they have managed to improve taste and make plants more resistant to disease and insects. Advocates argue that insect-resistant crops reduce the need for heavy doses of pesticides and other chemicals.

In the coming negotiations, things are complicated even more for the Americans because the Senate has not acted on the treaty that includes the Biosafety Protocol, which leaves the United States without a vote on the deal.

So far, 174 countries have joined the treaty.

"We have tried to be constructive partners in this negotiation, but our ability to influence the outcome is limited by that," said Rafe Pomerance, deputy assistant secretary of state for environment. "We don't have any voting rights at the end."

Among proposals being discussed: labeling products that contain genetically modified organisms, and requiring exporters to get permits for each exportation

of a genetically modified product. The United States wants permits only for products suspected to have a possible adverse effect on the environment.

"There is a lot of concern out there about genetically modified organisms because it's new technology," Pomerance said. "We don't believe those kinds of concerns rise to the level that there should be a permit prior to import. However, we think there ought to be a lot of information sharing."

Sociologists pan language laws

The Washington Post

ATLANTA — Some sociologists and language experts see laws such as the one in nearby Norway that limit the use of foreign words in signs as overreactions to a phenomenon that may turn out to be temporary.

"The public uses of Spanish are much more apparent than they used to be," said James Crawford, the author of several books on language policy. "But it is somewhat of an illusory phenomenon because while we definitely have a sharp increase in the number of Spanish speakers,

the speed at which immigrants are learning English is also increasing quite rapidly."

Others fear that the spread of Hispanic immigrants across America portends a long-term struggle over language and cultural identity that is only just beginning.

The growth of these Hispanic communities often serves to insulate newcomers from incentives to learn English, limiting their economic opportunities, said Eric Stone, research director at U.S. English, a civic group dedicated to preserving English as the nation's common language.

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# Idaho counties seek balance between growth, preservation

## Partnership wants growth; farmers worry about land

BOISE (AP) — Sweeping views of the Teton Mountains, some of the best powder skiing and angling in the nation, and far lower property values than the neighboring resort town of Jackson, Wyo.

Teton County, Idaho, residents have to wonder if those attractions are really a curse on the future of their life on the land.

"That beautiful view is something we don't have to pay for, but all of us enjoy a little bit," says Dick Gardner, Idaho Rural Partnership executive director.

"But it's a market failure," Gardner said. "The farmer has no way to financially capture the sense of enjoyment you just had by looking out over his mind field. So, he's motivated to do something else — sell out to developers."

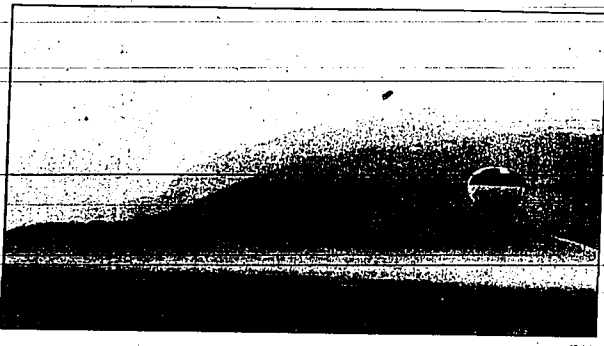
Gardner's federal-state-supported planning group stresses that economic growth and organize that thousands of "flatlanders" want to live in them and prepare for the influx.

The Western Rural Development Center, formed by land-grant universities, and the Rural Partnership rely on county extension agents or other rural experts to work with local officials.

They assess growth, evaluate whether local services are adequate and prepare strategies for land use or how to pay for local infrastructure improvements.

"Do we have classroom space or are we bursting at the seams with trailers parked in the schoolyard? Where is growth pinching us?" Gardner said.

Other Idaho locales such as McCall and Sun Valley have been shifting from logging and ranching to recreation and desires for decades. But Teton County is booming because of its proximity to hot real estate markets in western Wyoming and Montana.



Teton County, on the western edge of Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, offers scenery, recreation and far lower property values than Jackson Hole on the west side. The county is struggling with growth spurred by the attractions.

It was the sixth-fastest growing county in the country in the mid-1990s, but has dropped to 16th. Yet there is every possibility it could return to the top 10 again. The population swelled by more than half, from 3,460 in 1990 to 5,310 in 1997.

The Teton County Economic Development Council forecasts the "build-out" could reach a population of 20,000. That is the limit of available space to develop.

The hometown Grand Targhee ski hill just across the border in Wyoming has gained national prominence in skiing magazines for its powder. Sports Afield last month named Driggs, the county seat, the best outdoor town in Idaho and Men's Journal in September 1997 called it its No. 3 "dream town" in the country.

A moratorium on subdividing land to give the county breathing room expires on Monday and will not be renewed, said Teton County Commissioner David Trapp, a furniture maker in Victor. The lapse was intended to

streamline the zoning regulations, he said.

But there is opposition to the direction the county officials are taking.

Mike Whitfield of the Teton Regional Land Trust, a fourth-generation native of the valley, said the county is diverging from its comprehensive plan which says growth should be focused around the towns, rather than intensive development sprawling across the landscape.

Farmers and ranchers, facing rock-bottom commodities markets, are looking for short-term gain by developing their lands, Whitfield said, and the county is going along instead of looking to the future and preserving open space.

The land trust has had some success in helping protect agricultural ground, "but our work is never going to be a substitute for land-use planning," he said.

Trapp said one problem is that the cost of providing services to rural homes exceeds the property

taxes those homes bring in.

"Someone's grain or alfalfa field isn't asking for police, ambulance service or road maintenance," he said.

Victor on the south end of the county has become a bedroom community for Jackson, where the average home costs up to \$600,000 or more. People who work in Teton County, Wyo., but cannot afford to live there, commute from Teton County, Idaho. But Trapp said there is a two-year lag between when someone builds a home and when the tax revenue starts coming in.

No matter how much Teton County may try to plan for growth, the alpine backdrop and quiet life will draw people. Its leaders can only hope to accommodate the newcomers while leaving room for those who have worked the land there for generations.

"It's a balance, or at least we need to strive for a balance," Trapp said. "It's not one way or another."

**Problems for Sun Valley, Valley County**

As the counties in Idaho also are struggling from the demand for ski resorts and second homes, Sun Valley and Valley County are facing similar problems. The Sun Valley area has 10,000 second homes and 2,000 extra beds. Valley County has 1,000 extra beds. The two counties are facing similar problems. The Sun Valley area has 10,000 second homes and 2,000 extra beds. Valley County has 1,000 extra beds. The two counties are facing similar problems.

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## A few tips for learning to live rural

**The Associated Press**

Thousands of people are streaming from urban centers to mountain communities like Teton County, but they may not know much about their new life.

To cushion the ride, local experts are writing primers to acquaint them with life in the country.

The migration to Colorado's rural towns occurred much sooner than Idaho's influx. Larimer County Commissioner John Clarke wrote his "Code of the West" for the new explorers.

"You will experience an increase in vehicle maintenance costs when you regularly travel on rural country roads."

"It is illegal to create your own trash dump."

"Animals can be dangerous. They can attack human beings."

The Teton Economic Development Council has penned its own guide of guest writers called "Welcome Home: A Homeowner's Handbook For Living in Teton Valley."

"Farming and ranching, especially in Teton County, is challenging enough without nuisance lawsuits brought by neighbors who move into a farming area. If you have a serious problem with a neighbor, please try to seek a mutual accommodation," says Tve. Tve, council project director.

Perhaps the easiest advice comes from Linda Merigliano, Teton Regional Land Trust.

"Don't hide in your house. Take time to attend a musical show, a school play, an educational seminar, a sporting event or an art festival. Introduce yourself to someone new and find out what brought them to Teton Valley."

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# Activists want action from Kempthorne

Groups fear pollution from Montana mine

BOISE (AP) — Conservationists are urging Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to get involved in the issue of a proposed Montana copper and silver mine they fear could send untold amounts of pollution down the Clark Fork River to Idaho's Lake Pend Oreille.



Dirk Kempthorne

Three miles under the protected wilderness and then process it near the Clark Fork, already tainted with waste from mines upstream all the way to the Butte area.

"We are prepared to try and educate this by calling, initially rather softly, on the new administration to get involved," said Scott Brown, Conservation League state issues director.

The letter said that under former Gov. Phil Batt, the state Division of Environmental Quality presented a defensible staff analysis of how Idaho can protect its interests in the permitting process for ASARCO's proposed Rock Creek Mine.

But that analysis left some issues out, the groups say, and they want the Kempthorne administration to press Montana for more information about the mine's potential effects.

It would be located near the Clark Fork, 19 miles upstream from the Idaho border and 27 miles away from the lake. New York-based ASARCO anticipates it would provide 320 jobs. Idaho has little authority in the permit process, Batt said, but stressed to Montana Gov. Marc Racicot the lake is a "priceless Idaho treasure."

ASARCO wants to build the underground mine abutting the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness in Montana. To reach the ore, it

"ASARCO is a corporation with a particularly bad track record and hasn't shown itself to be a good corporate neighbor," said Aimee Boulanger of the Mineral Policy Center, a national watchdog of mining issues.

Twenty-one ASARCO projects are on the federal Superfund cleanup list, including the old Bunker Hill mine complex in Idaho's Silver Valley and the Triumph Mine dump being cleaned up near Kenilworth, she said.

The Rock Creek mine would discharge 3 million gallons of treated wastewater into the Clark Fork each day. Hundreds of millions of tons of mine tailings also would be left permanently on the grounds, she said.

Missoula, Mont., will spend \$20 million to reduce the amount of nutrients such as phosphorus in city wastewater released into the Clark Fork. Other Montana communities are following suit.

But if the Rock Creek Mine goes in, its discharge would constitute all of the nutrients, allowed into the river, that could hamper any Idaho development downstream to the lake, said Mary Mitchell, alliance co-director.

# Hatchery accident kills 330,000 spring chinook

RINGOLD, Wash. (AP) — About 330,000 spring chinook were suffocated when a water pump system failed at the Ringold fish hatchery in mid-January.

"It's an unacceptable way to do business," said Olyric Chaffin, Kennewick mayor and volunteer at the hatchery, "in negligence all the way around."

Dale Bambrick, regional manager for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife in Yakima, blamed the deaths on a combination of human and mechanical error.

"We had an accident," said Bambrick. "We're not at all

happy about it... (but) I certainly wouldn't characterize it as Armageddon."

"It's another instance of the game department not taking things seriously," charged Bruce Brunner, owner of a sport fishing tackle business in Burley.

About 12 million spring chinook were being reared at the Ringold ponds in early January.

The system to keep water in the ponds is equipped with an alarm to alert employees if it fails. But the alarm kept going off without consequence, said Bambrick, and an employee dismissed it.

Then the float system that regulates water failed, Bambrick said.

That suffocated about one-third of the 2-inch-long fish. That means only 900,000 spring chinook will be released from Ringold — a 10 percent decrease from normal years.

"A couple years from now, we will see a decrease in returns, and that is a bad deal," Bambrick said.

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## Police arrest Stones concert assault suspect

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police have arrested a man suspected of driving his truck through a crosswalk crowded with people leaving Thursday's Rolling Stones concert at the Delta Center.

Police say Justin Phillips, 23, first struck Monica Monson and then ran her over while dozens of witnesses looked on. Monson, 23, suffered a fractured spine and was in serious condition on Friday at LDS Hospital.

Monson said she tried to get out of the truck's way, but the driver became impatient with the crosswalk crowd and tried to drive through it, police said. Witnesses described the outcome as horrific.

"It was awful," said Tom Hansen, who was in the crosswalk. "I couldn't ever imagine something like that. I was only a few feet away from the driver's side. That could have been me."

The driver of the truck slowly inched through the horde of concertgoers crossing the street, police said. He was honking his horn and revving his engine, but the crowd kept moving.

Losing patience, he pulled forward and knocked down Monson before she could get out of the way, police believe.

"I started yelling, 'Stop, she's under your truck,'" Hansen said. "At that point he gunned it, and the back wheel went over her legs. If he would've stopped when we started yelling, she would've just had bruises and not a broken back."

Hansen, a trained paramedic, and another man took care of Monson until police arrived a few minutes later.

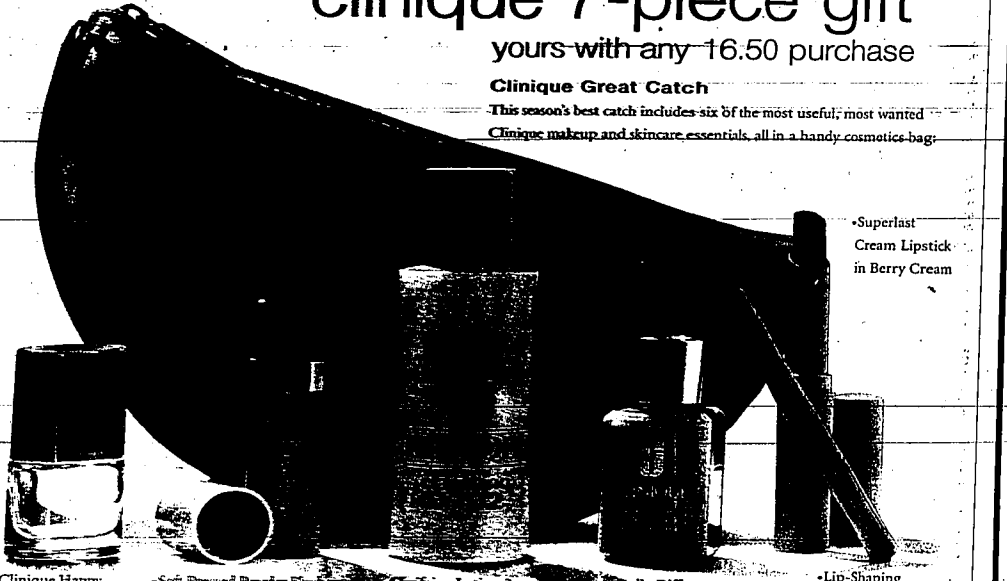
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Navajo Nation Chief Justice Robert Yazzie argues a point Saturday at Harvard University, which is holding a special session of the Navajo Supreme Court.

## Sioux challenges tribal justice law

Activist Russell Means, facing assault charge, says Navajo Tribe can't prosecute him

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — In a case that could ultimately determine the legitimacy of the American Indian justice system, the Navajo Supreme Court convened Saturday to hear the first case of celebrated Sioux actor-activist Russell Means.

The dramatic session, hosted by Harvard University, pitted an attorney for Means, who led the uprising at Wounded Knee and appeared in such films as "Dances With Wolves," against a tribal court that wants to prosecute him for allegedly beating his father-in-law in December 1997 in Arizona's Navajo Nation.

Means — an Ojibwa Sioux who lived on Navajo lands for more than 10 years with his former wife — claims Congress had no right to pass a law in 1991 that gave Indian tribes the right to prosecute nonmember Indians.

He has said the law is invalid because it came a year after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that an Indian tribe's inherent judicial powers extended only to members of its own tribe.

Means, a founder of the American Indian Movement, also says such a rule discriminates against Indians not belonging to the ruling tribe.

"If you assert jurisdiction over Russell Means, you deny him his right to equal protection under the Fifth Amendment," said Means' attorney, John Trebon. "It would not be difficult conceptually for the state justice courts to handle both civil and criminal cases of this type."

Means, who was born in 1939, was in Ecuador on Saturday and did not attend the hearing. In addition to his activism, Means has gained recognition through roles in such movies as "Natural Born Killers" and "The Last of the Mohicans."

Means and Trebon have vowed to take the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which has consistently scaled back tribal

court powers over the past two decades. Tribal leaders nationwide are watching the case because it could mean the erosion of their rights to handle crimes on their own lands.

With intermarriage and intermingling — as well as violent crime — on the rise on American Indian lands, tribal officials want more control over their territories, advocates say.

"Mr. Means, by his actions, has consented to the jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation and he became part of the community," said Navajo Nation prosecutor Donovan D. Brown. "If the court rules that there is no jurisdiction, within the Navajo Nation at least, it will create opportunities for illegal activists to basically go unpunished."

Brown discounted Trebon's arguments that Navajo prosecution violated Means' civil rights. "The Constitution does not apply to the Navajo nation," he said. "The Navajo Nation pre-dates the Constitution."

The hourlong hearing before Navajo Supreme Court Justices Robert Yazzie, Irene Toledo and Raymond Austin was held at Harvard law School, an invitation extended by the school because of the case's importance, the university said.

Sitting underneath a Navajo Nation flag bearing a rainbow and buffalo, the justices took the case under advisement. They are expected to issue a decision in several weeks from their headquarters in Arizona.

Joseph Flies-Away, a former trial judge for the Whinalapai Tribe of Arizona who came to watch the arguments, said he supported the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation.

Indian nations "should have jurisdiction over everybody," said Flies-Away, 33, who is pursuing a graduate degree at Harvard. "It goes to the heart of our peaceful community."

## County will sell electric vehicles

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Weber County officials have decided to sell two electric vehicles they say never worked well.

The electric vehicles, two 1994 Ford Ranger pickup trucks, are sitting in the county shops because their batteries won't hold enough juice to light a flashlight and there is no way to fix them. County commissioners last week voted to sell the trucks as surplus.

The county is trying through the courts to recover its money from the company that sold them. The county health department purchased the trucks in 1993 for \$24,000 each.

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## Agency plans sheep for Hells Canyon

LEWISTON (AP) — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep will release 20 highborn sheep in Hells Canyon if a capturing expedition goes as planned.

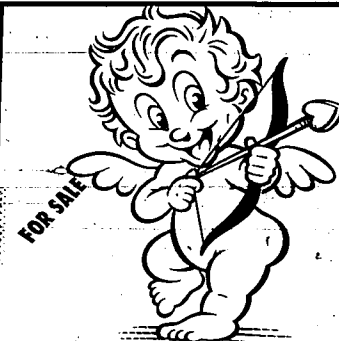
Biologists in Alberta, Canada, will attempt to capture the sheep this week just outside Jasper National Park.

The sheep are wintering on a reclaimed mining site, and their population is growing. Once captured, they will be released near Pittsburg Landing on both the Idaho and Oregon sides of the

Snake River.

Biologists hope the sheep will supplement two herds of highborn sheep that were introduced there from British Columbia in late 1997. Those herds are doing well, said Frances Cassiver, a Fish and Game wildlife biologist. "We had real good lamb production and survival," she said. "And the sheep have stayed close to where we released them."

The herds produced and successfully raised 10 lambs this spring. The Idaho herd now numbers 22, while the Oregon herd is at 12.



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# Squabbling precedes Kosovo peace talks

RAMBOUILLET, France (AP) — Under the threat of NATO guns, Yugoslav Serbs and Kosovo Albanians met down at the negotiating table Saturday, faced with intense international pressure to make peace in just two weeks.

President Jacques Chirac began the proceedings in a 14th century chateau here with a solemn appeal for all parties to "accept the call of history."

"There are times when history is in the hands of a few men," Chirac said in an opening statement. "When you leave Rambouillet, a page in Europe's history will have been turned. I exhort you to let the forces of life overcome the forces of death."

"The world is watching," the French leader said. "The world is watching."

Despite NATO's threat to unleash its missiles and bombs if all parties did not start talking by Saturday, Serb officials delayed the ethnic Albanians' departure from Kosovo and let it be known they would not negotiate with "terrorists," as they call the Kosovo Liberation Army rebels.

In the end, all parties turned up — at least for the opening speeches.

The ethnic Albanian delegation arrived in Rambouillet (near Paris).

### Yugoslav government takes over U.S. plant

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Serbian police forced their way into a U.S.-owned pharmaceutical plant Saturday, seizing the facility run by a political foe of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

ICN Galenika, the Yugoslav subsidiary of California-based ICN Pharmaceuticals, is owned by Milan Plinic, a naturalized American and former Yugoslav prime minister.

The Health Ministry reportedly acting on a Serb court decision, announced Friday that Plinic no longer owned a majority of the company but was being relegated to a 35.7 percent interest, with the state taking over the rest.

Panic subsequently spread for six months in 1992 as premier of Yugoslavia was ousted after losing a power struggle against Milosevic.

### Parliament debates adopting Islamic law

GROZNY, Russia — Parliament defied a presidential order to disband and instead began debate Saturday on whether to impose Islamic law in Chechnya.

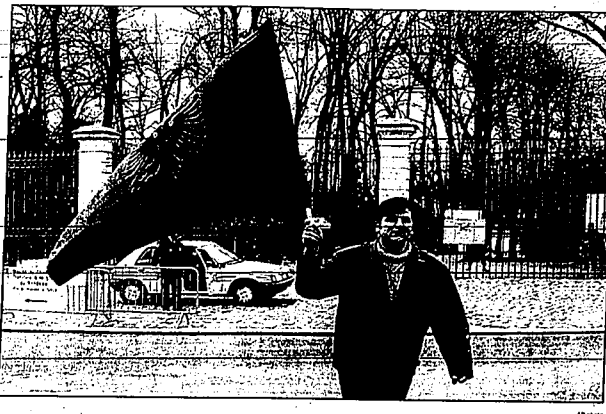
Legislators ignored President Aslan Maskhadov's order stripping them of power and imposing Islamic law, saying it violated the constitution in the breakaway Russian republic.

The president bowed Wednesday to the demands of opposition supporters in imposing Islamic law. The move was a victory for hard-liners, who have sought to establish an Islamic state since the republic won de-facto independence from Russia in a 1994-96 war.

The moves concern Moscow, which would be loath to accept Islamic law within its borders.

### Fighting breaks out between Eritrea, Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) —



A supporter waves the flag of Kosovo Saturday at the entrance of the chateau where the Kosovo peace talks will take place in Rambouillet (near Paris).

### World in brief

**Eritrean and Ethiopian troops clashed** along their disputed border Saturday, with each side accusing the other of instigating the latest round of fighting.

Ethiopia said late Saturday its army had inflicted "heavy losses" at Badme, 45 miles north of the capital, Addis Ababa, and had seized the Eritrean military outpost at nearby Geza Gerlase.

Eritrean authorities had no immediate comment.

As fighting along the remote, heavily fortified frontier continued throughout the day, fears of an escalation in the violence spread.

State-run radio in Eritrea urged residents of the capital, Asmara, to remain indoors for protection against possible Ethiopian airstrikes. In one residential neighborhood, two policemen were seen buttonholing passing pedestrians to reinforce the message.

Eritrea fought a 30-year war against Ethiopia and was granted independence in 1993, but the sections of their common 520-mile border, a colonial legacy, were never demarcated.

### Ugandan army rescues thousands of children

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — The Ugandan army has rescued more than 2,000 children captured by rebels in northern part of the country, a senior military official said.

Brig. Katumba Wamala, who is in charge of military operations against the Lord's Resistance Army, said Friday night on Uganda state television that his troops rescued 2,172 people in the past year, most of them children and teenagers.

The Lord's Resistance Army, led by former soldiers and other northerners disgruntled with the government, systematically kidnaps children and teen-agers to serve as porters, fighters and combatants.

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch say at least half of the rebel army's several thousand soldiers are youngsters and teen-agers.

### Philippine leader wants death for drug traffickers

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A day after the Philippines put a child rapist to death, President Joseph Estrada said Saturday that his country should execute drug traffickers next.

Leo Echegaray, convicted of raping his 10-year-old stepdaughter, was put to death by lethal injection Friday in the Philippines' first execution in 23 years.

Estrada refused to stop Echegaray's execution despite pleas from the Vatican, the European Union and human rights groups.

"If I had my way, drug users and traffickers should be next because almost all crimes are drug-related," Estrada said during his weekly radio program. "That is destroying the future of our youth so we have to impose stiff punishment."

About 2 million Filipinos, or 2.8 percent of the population, are drug users, according to police figures.

### Nazi-era artist makes rare public appearance

POTS DAM, Germany — Photographer and Nazi-era filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl made a rare public appearance Saturday during a visit to a museum retrospective of her career, the first ever in her native country.

Germany has produced few artists more controversial than Riefenstahl, who has spent decades trying to live down the films she made for the Third Reich, some of them on view at the Film Museum in Potsdam, a city on the outskirts of Berlin.

Now 96, the reclusive artist looked much younger, with a head of thick blonde curls. Her nails painted red, she wore a white sweater and stretch pants with fur-trimmed white boots. Her hearing and eyesight are failing, but her mind is alert, particularly to suggestions that she should feel guilty for helping Hitler seduce the public with her stunning propaganda films.

"It's had enough all I suffered," she said Saturday. "And you talk about guilt and want me to apologize! Only in Germany am I seen this way. Other countries concernate on my achievements. But here I am seen only for those seven months I worked for Hitler."

### Chinese swarm to new Swedish furniture store

BEIJING — Exquisitely carved chairs from the Ming Dynasty bring as much as \$80,000 at a Sotheby's auction, but the most popular home furnishing item in the Chinese capital these days may be an \$8 steel floor lamp at IKEA.

Since the Swedish furniture giant opened a store here in December, IKEA's showroom has become about the hottest spot in Beijing. Each weekend, tens of thousands of people pour through the doors in what looks more like an invasion than a shopping spree.

As if wandering through an amusement park, people stretch out on the futons, climb the ladders of the loft-style beds and peer curiously at the do-it-yourself flooring. "It's very refreshing and comfortable," says Dr. Yin Huijun, as she looks over a blue fold-out love seat priced at about \$160. "I've never seen things like this in China."

And that's the secret. In a city of cramped apartments largely filled with homogenous furniture, IKEA's space-saving designs, such as the loft-bed with a desk set underneath, stoke the imagination of Chinese starved for decorating ideas.

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Russian President Boris Yeltsin greets Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov Thursday at a sanatorium where Yeltsin was resting.

## Fresh Kremlin intrigues disrupt delicate balance

MOSCOW (AP) — Months of political peace in Russia ended abruptly with a raid on an oil company, a standoff between Russia's prime minister and an influential tycoon, and an eruption of rumors about a government shake-up.

President Boris Yeltsin even made rare public appearances last week, showing up twice at the Kremlin for his first visits this year to his office.

By the time he left, Moscow was awash in rumors: Is Yeltsin preparing to fire Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov? Is Primakov's enmity against billionaire businessmen a sign that the power of the so-called oligarchs is on the wane?

The government and opposition leaders were nervous that Yeltsin might trigger a major new political crisis. The lower chamber of parliament only passed the budget Friday after being assured that a government shake-up was not under way. As usual, when it comes to the secret-

ive realm of Russian politics, answers about what was happening were elusive.

One thing is clear: The dismissal of Primakov would throw Russia into deep political instability. "Neither the army nor the Interior Ministry ... would be able to deter this chaos" if Primakov were ousted, Yegor Stroyev, speaker of the upper house of parliament, warned Saturday.

A former spymaster and diplomat, Primakov is largely responsible for the relative political stability Russia has enjoyed since his appointment in September. He came to power as Yeltsin's compromise candidate to appease the Communist-led opposition in parliament.

But with Yeltsin sidelined by illness for months, Primakov has become increasingly bold. While the prime minister insists he has no further political ambitions, many suggest he is gearing up for a presidential campaign of his own.

## Crime sparks hot item in S. African cars

### Device shoots flame at would-be criminal

The Baltimore Sun

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Carjackers in this crime-battered country these days risk a hot reception — a driver-operated flame thrower.

It is the latest device to join the armory of personal security weapons deployed by a nerve-wrecked citizenry.

Already, many South Africans will not venture out of their high-walled, electric-fenced, window-

barred and burglar-alarmed homes without a gun. Now comes the newest, hottest deterrent — and the first person to order the product is a police superintendent.

The auto-mounted flame thrower's inventor, Charl Florie, insists: "I am the last person to want to burn anyone. But if someone attacks you, they will kill you, they will rape you, and they will maim you."

The device is built into the car doors, and is operated by pushing a button beside the foot pedals. It sends a man-high fireball from the car, engulfing the hijacker

without endangering the passengers or damaging the auto's paint.

Operating the \$650 device requires much less movement than pulling a gun, and therefore — theoretically at least — involves less risk of provoking the carjacker into shooting.

"It's a pity one has to resort to such extreme measures," Florie says. "But if my wife stops in the driveway (a frequent venue for carjackings) and these people attack her, I would rather she has this system than not."

Carjacking is a common crime here, with the stolen cars usually taken to the depressed townships

surrounding large cities to be stripped for parts, illegally registered through corrupt officials, or exported to neighboring countries by crime syndicates.

For every 100,000 South Africans, there were 32.7 carjackings between January and November last year, according to official figures — up from 29.1 over the same period of 1997.

Based on a population of 40.5 million, that translates into about 13,000 carjackings in an 11-month period, more than 1,000 a month. Fewer than one in 10 carjacking cases ends up in court, and only one in 50 ends in a conviction.

## Next South African leader remains aloof, inscrutable

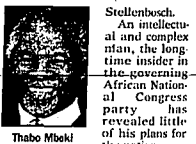
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — It was a natural photo op for a politician: nursery-age orphans playfully clambering on South Africa's next president during a national broadcast on AIDS awareness.

But Deputy President Thabo Mbeki sat immobile, stared straight ahead and avoided giving cues or hugs.

Just months before South Africa's second free election — a vote he is sure to win — the 56-year-old Mbeki is a question mark to many of his countrymen.

In comparison with President Nelson Mandela, an internationally popular figure who can charm a pope or mob with equal ease, Mbeki comes off as remote.

"He is not a populist, and that can be a bit problematic," said Sampe Terreblanche, a political analyst at the University of



Thabo Mbeki

Stellenbosch.

An intellectual and complex man, the long-time insider in the governing African National Congress party has revealed little of his plans for the nation.

Mandela has openly supported Mbeki and his abilities, saying it is time for a younger man to take over and speed up implementation of ANC policies and reforms.

The majority of blacks five years after the end of apartheid still live in terrible poverty. South Africa's next leader must have a reserve of popularity to face their impatience for a better life and to make tough economic decisions that might hurt in the short term,

Terreblanche said.

In the eyes of some, those reserves will be in short supply.

"I really don't trust the man," said Cosmos Nyathi, 28, a waiter who lives in the black township of Soweto.

Nyathi said he voted for the ANC in the last election, but will sit this one out.

Others, like William Mdluli, 24-year-old student from Pietermaritzburg, gave Mbeki the benefit of the doubt for now.

Because Mbeki spent most of his adult life abroad organizing and raising money for the ANC campaign against apartheid, "He lacks a certain amount of links with the community," Mdluli said.

## U.S. plans N. Korea security talks with Japan, S. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The United States, Japan and South Korea will meet in Seoul next week to discuss cooperation against the growing military threat from communist North Korea, officials said Saturday.

During the one-day talks Tuesday, key topics will include a North Korean underground facility suspected of being used for nuclear weapons development, officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade said.

The talks will be led by Charles Kartman, U.S. special envoy for Korean affairs; Terusuke Terada, Japan's ambassador at large; and Kwon Jong-raik, head of the U.S. affairs division at the foreign ministry.

Washington uncovered the suspected nuclear facility in Kumchangri, 25 miles northeast of the North's main nuclear complex of Yongbyon, last summer by satellite imagery.

Washington demanded inspections for the site, and North Korea said it would allow a one-time inspection if the United States paid \$300 million in compensation. Washington rejected the demand.

Under a 1994 agreement with

the United States, North Korea promised to freeze and dismantle its nuclear weapons program in return for two nuclear reactors worth \$4.6 billion and an annual 500,000 tons of fuel oil.

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## EDITORIAL

### Clinton budget shows why he's the Great Appropriator

Back in the old post-Gennifer, pre-Monica days, the Clinton administration promised to reinvent government.

That promise of a leaner, littler government, if it was ever to be believed, was buried for good with the Clinton administration's proposed seventh budget, released last week.

Reinventing government? Not even close. This administration has been about repackaging and expanding government — with a whole lot of frills and gizmos and gadgets that you get to pay for.

The kicker of this would-be spending spree — though not really a surprise — is that it doesn't do a whole lot of good for Western states such as Idaho. And it could do Idaho some direct fiscal harm.

Look at the hard numbers:

- The Clinton budget projects a \$117 billion surplus this year — and a reported \$800 billion in surpluses over the next five years.
- The budget calls for \$36.2 billion in tax cuts over five years. These would be narrow, feel-good cuts; for example, one would be directed at small businesses that add health-care coverage for employees, and another would go to stay-at-home parents.
- Over these same five years, the budget calls for \$82 billion in tax hikes.

You read that right. A strong economy is pouring surplus money into the federal piggy bank, but this White House wants more.

How about giving a little credit where it's due? The economy really owes its buoyant success to the businesses and the workers who are mak-

ing it run. How about a little reward for a job well done?

Not in the all-things-to-all-people Clinton budget. Here's \$5 billion to rebuild schools and hire teachers. Here's another \$5.3 billion to expand Medicare and other health-care initiatives. The money adds up quickly, especially in \$5 billion increments.

We can't be too surprised that the \$17.7 trillion

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\$18.9 billion of the first \$246 billion from the national tobacco settlement.

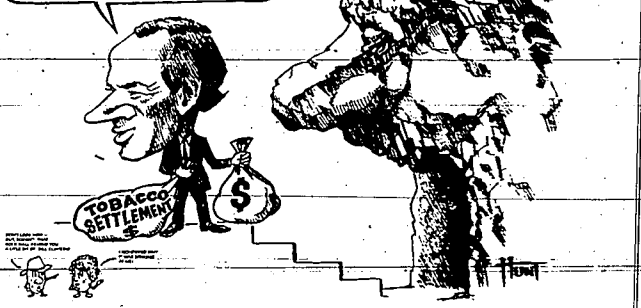
Never mind that the states' attorneys general pushed the issue to a settlement. And never mind that the states already have ideas for their money. It is, after all, money up for grabs, and this is one grabby administration.

This makes Gov. Dirk Kempthorne look even smarter for convincing the Legislature to bank away the first couple tobacco payments. He's also looking smarter for wanting to beef up statehouse security. It's looking like he'll need armed guards to keep the feds' mitts off of Idaho's tobacco money.

In his quest to be The Great Appropriator, Clinton just proposes the same old, same old. There's no budget like a federal budget, no program like a federal program.

Forget about reinventing government, because you can't reinvent around one truth: Big Government is still Big Government.

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## Mickey Mouse is a National Forest bully

The secret is out, Mouseketeers: The Disney company and other giants of the recreation industry are co-conspirators with the Forest Service of the forest user-fee program.

Now we realize that the hotly debated user-fee issue is bigger than just agreeing to pay \$5 to help fix trails; it's about the recreation industry's grand design to "commercialize, privatize and motorize" our national forests and parks while a fee-paying public covers for the neglectful U.S. Congress.

Disney is a leader in the politically powerful group called the American Recreation Coalition (ARC), which includes REI stores, KOA, LL Bean, Exxon, Harley Davidson, Boat US, and more than 100 other mostly motorized recreation companies.

ARC's allies in Congress passed the original user-fee legislation as a "rider" on the fall 1996 Interior Appropriations bill, which slipped into law with no public hearings or debate.

"We were sure that the National Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, which is the direct result of our efforts," is a quote from the group's Sept. 2, 1995 letter to Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

In testimony to Congress on Feb. 26, 1998, ARC said, "We have arranged for top marketing and communication executives from Disney, REI and other companies to work with the Enterprise Forest fee team in the design and implementation of that project."

Why, you might ask, are these corporations pushing the fee agenda? They want to "demonstrate" that the public will ac-



READER COMMENT Will Caldwell

cept the "pay for play" concept. The real money would flow their way later if our forests and parks become fully commercialized.

ARC is promoting legislation for "a program to encourage private-sector investment, construction and operation of forest-based lodges, resorts, marinas, riding stables, campgrounds and stores."

In a letter of July 24, 1998, an ARC spokesman wrote, "We plan to work with the federal agencies to help identify and eliminate the reasons for strong, localized opposition to the (fee) program."

Well then, do you suppose those media ads we heard last summer were part of that propaganda campaign? You'd think an honest "test of public acceptance" should be accompanied by a media blitz (telling how righteous just one viewpoint is) (and paid for by Disney, etc.).

One predictable example of ARC's corporate attitude applied to nature is its intense opposition to state-sponsored non-game wildlife funds because they often are funded by taxes on outdoor recreation equipment.

This new year, as we all consider our user-fee purchase, please realize that your decision is your "vote" on how our

national forests will be funded and managed from now on.

A yes vote ("I will pay") means you endorse congressional cutbacks of funds for recreational uses in the forests. Yes, you think we taxpayers should pay fees to hike or hunt, fish or swim in our forests, even though about 93 percent of the Forest Service's \$3 billion budget goes to support destructive industries like logging, mining and ranching. And yes, you support the agenda of the ARC group which is to exploit the national forests for corporate profits, turning you and all the real owners of the forest into paying customers in a theme park-like atmosphere.

A no vote ("I won't pay"), although you can be fined for doing so (very often), means you believe funding for recreation, wildlife and natural values in the national forests should be a national priority for the tax dollars we already pay. A no vote means you don't think the public should pay 7 percent to recreate when only about 7 percent of the Forest Service budget goes to support it — while the rest helps mining, logging, ranching, spoil the forests (even though our supply of wood, beef and minerals is absolutely not dependent on the national forests).

Your no vote means you register your objection to the ARC plan (Disney and all), saying that you believe our national forests, the great natural heritage of all Americans, should not be the target of a "wreckathon" corporate takeover.

What time is it, Mouseketeers? It's time to vote!

Ketchum critic Will Caldwell is co-founder of the Idaho Sporting Congress.

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## GOP starts to look like Dems with tax and spend

The era of big government lives in the 207-year-old Clinton's proposed fiscal 2000 budget. Should anyone be surprised that the man who can't tell the truth about "private affairs" would also lie about public ones?

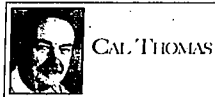
With record surpluses and near-record levels of taxation (exceeded only in the 207 years of President World War II), President Clinton has built an economic Berlin Wall between the federal government and the taxpayers. He takes billions of dollars of money from the pockets of working Americans, but once our money is on the government's side of the wall, every taxpayer must abandon hope of ever seeing any of it returned to them in the form of tax cuts.

For liberal Democrats, it is always more blessed to take and then receive. No surplus is ever enough to outpace their insatiable appetite to spend. Their revenues will total nearly \$1.9 trillion in 2000, which is 20 percent of gross domestic product (GDP). They'll total \$22 trillion over the next decade. The president has \$1.7 trillion in his 2000 budget. This includes about \$235 billion in interest spending on discretionary, over the next five years. Notes Scott Hodge of Citizens for a Sound Economy, surpluses will equal \$27,000 for each family in the household in America over the next 10 years. Do liberal Democrats want us to believe they are unable to refund any of our money?

From Social Security to the military, this president's budget multiplies the ideology of the New Deal. Call it the Raytheon tax for taxpayers who are overdue for a break.

The president's proposal to earmark 62 percent of the budget surplus to "save" Social Security ensures that the system will continue to rely on debt and IOUs rather than savings and personal investment. When a savings-and-investment retirement system has been tried in other nations, the results have been spectacular.

Under the president's proposal, future money would get back far less than they paid into the system. If they were allowed to have private accounts,



CAL THOMAS

they would carry far more and ease the government's burden. The federal government, under the Clinton plan, would gain unprecedented control over the capital markets, using "political correctness" in deciding which companies to invest in and which to avoid. The next generation of workers would be forced to pay higher taxes to reduce the huge Congress "IOUs." And today's extraordinarily high tax rate of 20.5 percent of GDP would be frozen for the next 15 years.

Republicans pledge to oppose most of the budget proposals and push for at least partial private investment retirement accounts. They've been rolled before, especially by the government shut-downs. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., tells me the GOP will avoid a shutdown this time.

There is a suspicion that Republicans are no better than Democrats when tax push comes to shove. As the CATO Institute notes in its new "Handbook for Congress," "IOUs." And today's extraordinarily high tax rate of 20.5 percent of GDP would be frozen for the next 15 years.

Since that election the federal budget has grown and the scope of federal power has expanded. The 105th Congress alone passed the largest highway park bill ever, revived flagging federal support for arts programs, brought farm subsidies back to life, widened federal involvement in local schools and loaded everything but the kitchen sink into a 4,000-page budget bill.

This time Republicans had better start tearing down the wall of big government, or they'll be forced to answer in the next election for behaving like Democrats.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

## Editorial simplifies the issue

Your editorial of Jan. 14 has been glowing at me. You took the Northwest Policy Center's report on what constitutes a living wage as an opportunity to attack minimum wage laws, unions, and to display a lack of understanding of economics or history.

Looking closely at the system which has worked for centuries, just 150 years ago, slavery was common and skilled labor could actually become indentured work in a mill, mine or factory for as much as \$10 per day. Unions were outlawed and project techniques and pass their secrets to their children. This century, workers had the right to work 12, 14- and 16-hour days without benefits or pensions of any kind. Every citizen had the right to begin earning a wage as early as 9 or 10. Professional skilled labor athletes were virtually slaves until they unionized less than 50 years ago.

Remember: (1) Unions are what got us an eight-hour work day, a five-day work week, safety on the job, pensions, retirement funds, health care, unemployment insurance, labor contracts and they vote; (2) unions are always the result of bad management.

The Northwest Policy Center's report (\$9 per hour is the minimum for an Idaho living wage) is true, who or what makes up the difference? When less-skilled workers do not make a living wage, they simply do what things like health insurance, car insurance, retirement planning, proper nutrition, child care and homes. Eventually some of these bills become due.

The less skilled don't work for each other. They are not self-employed. They work for employers who use taxpayers' money as subsidies. Skilled workers and taxpayers are the ones paying the bills for uninsured motorists, indigent hospitals, food stamps, health and human

services, family and child services, and support the prisons and jails. As a society, we eventually pick up the difference.

We subsidize a wide range of businesses who are unable or unwilling to pay a living wage. If we truly let the market economy work, these businesses would be allowed to fail and would go out of business, to be taken over by the more efficient who could pay a living wage.

In the final analysis, both you and I are guilty of the same thing — the oversimplification of a complex issue.

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## Teachers deserve a raise

I had a few moments this morning to glance through your paper before heading to work. After leaving work, driving to Twin Falls for a night class at the College of Southern Idaho and returning home at 8 p.m., I was able to finish reading the paper — a daily task that my wife will admit occupies more time than it should.

On reading your editorial of Friday, Jan. 29, I must confess that your views are, first of all, interesting, at least consistent. I have cancelled my Times-News subscription once before over your preposterous attitude toward public schools in general

and teachers in particular. It appears that a second cancellation may be in order.

As a public school principal, I have the honor to work with the most intelligent, caring, compassionate and wonderful people possible. Your praise of Gov. Kempthorne's wish "to reward teachers for bettering themselves" rather than paying state monies into raising the base rate for teachers is certainly consistent with your past editorials, but it is no less disturbing. It is completely obvious to anyone that works in public schools that you literally "don't have a clue."

You make reference to "incentives" and "merit-based systems," such as stippling a \$1,000 bonus for exceeding expectations from the National Board for Professional Standards, but that is going to be like sprinkling fairy dust and hoping the challenges facing public schools will disappear. You state that this incentive would "inspire teachers who want to be better teachers." Every teacher I work with has the desire to be a better teacher. You state that this incentive would "inspire teachers who want to be better teachers." Every teacher I work with has the desire to be a better teacher. You state that this incentive would "inspire teachers who want to be better teachers." Every teacher I work with has the desire to be a better teacher.

The process of teaching and creating change in the classroom is a very complex undertaking and narrow-minded editorials do not foster an environment that develops this understanding in the public. Gov. Kempthorne is wrong and I would challenge his new "education adviser" to provide the qualitative research to back up his claim.

I have, over 20 years of teaching and education, talked to anyone that has volunteered in schools tell me that our employees do not deserve a raise. I would ask that the advisory board of The Times-News spend a week with any one of my teachers or any of the classified staff. If you don't believe that they earn every dime and then some, I will gladly write a letter of support for your position.

JIM NORTON  
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Section B

## How about a mosh pit at Shady Acres?

As an industry, I doubt you'd find a more wholesome environment on the planet than nursing homes, assisted-living centers and extended-care facilities.

Be sure some of them run into problems with staffing, Medicaid and quality-of-care issues, but by and large their family values are beyond reproach.

Crafts, bingo, group outings, kaffeeklatch, breakfast at 6, supper at 4, all Lawrence Welk, all the time—these facilities are factories of nice. And therein lies the problem.

See, Mick Jagger turns 56 this year, and he's only the first wave. What happens when the time for the rock 'n' roll generation to move into Shady Acres? Isn't it about time the retirement-care industry made a place for the likes of Grace Slick and Wavy Gravy?

Where are the nursing homes for free-spirited older women and dirty old men?

I know, I know—this problem wasn't supposed to arise. When Pete Townshend sang, 31 years ago that he hoped he died before he got old, it was more of a promise than a prediction.

After all, the templates for the Woodstock Generation were Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison, who both died with their meters running at age 27.

But Townshend, The Who guitarist, will turn a very healthy 54 this year. He has a multimillion-dollar portfolio, an estate in Suisse and no plans to shuffle off this mortal coil.

So where's Pete Townshend gonna retire? Probably in the room next to your Aunt Emma, who plays air-guitar, drinks tequila shooters and keeps a poster of Antonio Banderas on the inside of her closet door.

See, the worst-kept secret about older folks is that they're not dead from the neck down—much as we, their children, nourish that illusion.

Truth is, senior citizens want to dispense with the polite fiction that getting duller is an unavoidable consequence of growing older.

Whoa! It's really about is being true to your long-deferred dreams—including a little hell-raising.

When I was growing up in eastern Idaho, the sixtiesomething who who lived on the street ran off with her thirtysomething insurance agent. The county was scandalous.

A couple of months later, another of our neighbors, a married woman in her 40s, ran into the Widow Greer at the grocery store in Pocatello.

Mrs. Lewis stormed up to her and shouted, "Ruth, how can you sleep nights with a man much as we, their children, nourish that illusion."

Ruth looked up from her shopping cart and smiled. "Who has time for sleep?"

Hope I get as young as she before I die.

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"You might be in a Texas church if....."

1. Folks is d-d-b-lamned irritated with Noah for a'letin' them coyotes on the ark.

2. A old boy asks to be buried in his four-wheel drive truck because, "I ain't never been in a hole it couldn't get me out of."

3. The only time people lock their pickups in the parking lot is during the summer so's their neighbors can't leave 'em a bag of squash.

4. Every prayer and invocation ends with the phrase "Dagnabbit."

5. Folks wonder when Jesus fed the 5,000 with two fish was he a Beseamster.

6. Most people figure "rapture" is what happens when you lift something too heavy.

7. The mesquite patch called the cemetery is such a pathetic piece of ground that folks is buried with a sack of fertilizer to help 'em rise on Judgment Day.

8. When they hear that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by fire and brimstone, most parishioners just assume a chili pot blowed up.

9. The choir is called the OK Chorale..... and then high notes on the organ set half 'em to howlin'.

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(With thanks to Times-News correspondent Cathy Walworth)

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## Idaho lawmakers work to regulate livestock

By Gregory Hahn  
Times-News writer

### Health and safety issues grow with ag operations; leaders seek balanced solutions

BOISE — As feedlots, dairies and other livestock operations get larger, and many states' regulations get tougher, the animal industry is turning to Idaho and its big, rural neighbors.

The migration is good news to dense Eastern states, where farms grow quickly and waste and odor technology often lagged behind. But the shift is also welcomed here, by Idahoans with agriculture rooted in their past and high in their vision of the future.

Even in the Magic Valley, where most of the past decade's dairy boom resonated loudest, county planners look to accommodating the 100,000 new cows expected in the next few years. Swine and poultry operations are showing interest in the state as well, and county commissioners such as Gooding's Tom Faulkner want to make sure they—and Idaho—are prepared to be the home of industries that left

other parts of the country devastated and reeling.

"There are great places to locate dairies," Faulkner said. "What we want is dairies to come, but we want them to do it right the first time."

State lawmakers agree. As they draft legislation giving counties more zoning power and the Department of Agriculture more regulatory authority, they're being

careful not to force existing livestock owners out of business or keep new ones from locating in the state.

"That's not anybody's goal," said Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, the 18-year Statehouse veteran directing Idaho's efforts to handle incoming animal operations.

Owners need to be able to operate under the regulations, Noh said, but the enormous growth and projected growth in the dairy industry—now under what many call the toughest rules in the nation—make it "hard to argue" the state is scarce.

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## Sailin'

### Pomerelle's first 'big air' contest is a big hit

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

ALBION — Face plant! Todd Justensen of Burley picked himself off the snow, spitting out a mouthful and scuttling out of the way before the next contestant came flying over the jump.

"Right here is where I knocked the wind out of myself," he said as he lifted his sweater and pointed to a red spot on his right flank.

Justensen was one of a gaggle of snowboarders who showed up for Pomerelle Mountain's first "big air" competition. The object was simple. Boarders made a straight,

long charge at a jump sculptured from a massive snow pile. After launch, they did

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Matt Reid, 20, catches air while pulling a rail grab at the Big Air Competition held at the Pomerelle ski resort near Albion Saturday.

## TF downtown market analysis sits in limbo

### Chamber has not made a decision on funding

By Rachel Denny  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A bid by a downtown business group to get money for a market study remains up in the air.

Three months after Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Kent Just said his group would have a decision, no decision has been made.

There's even some discrepancy over whether the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District proposal is being considered.

The chamber's Business Plus II program will dole out \$1.6 million over several

years to businesses and industries that meet its goal of creating jobs. In an October 1998 interview, Just indicated the committee was considering the request for \$50,000 to complete a market analysis with an Alexandria, Va.-based firm.

The chairman of the Business Plus II committee, KMYT general manager Lee Wagner, said the committee is not considering a proposal by the BID because it never sent in a formal application.

Until the committee sees a formal proposal and discusses it, Wagner declined further comment.

But Just maintains the proposal is still on the table.

"That decision (whether to fund the analysis) will be coming quite shortly I assume," Just said. "It's among the things that are in the mix."

Though the BID hasn't sent in a formal application, the committee is aware of its

proposal, Just said.

In the past three months, BID executive director Randy Bombardier was not aware there was a formal application to fill out; he said he just received the application Monday.

"I'll take (Just) at his word that they're considering it," Bombardier said. Originally he sent in a proposal to the committee and was never told he needed to fill out more paperwork, Bombardier said.

Just said he didn't know whether Bombardier knew of the formal application; he said he has not had a chance to speak with him about it.

Once Bombardier turns in the application it shouldn't take long for the committee to decide. But even then it doesn't look too hopeful for the BID, Just said.

"The committee is looking at all kinds of analysis information," he said, "including

the analysis we had done in the early '90s. This hasn't been a top priority for them," Just said. "I think when the time comes they're going to say they don't want to duplicate an analysis."

But the analysis is out-of-date, Bombardier said.

"We need this information that will help us in our attempt to design a multi-functional downtown and one that's successful for the marketplace," he said. "We want to find the highest and best use for the property downtown."

The BID needs an analysis to determine what sorts of businesses to recruit, Bombardier said.

"I don't begrudge them (the chamber) that they're being very deliberate," he said. "They haven't formally turned me down, and I don't know if they will."

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3761.



Gwen Leone, teacher at Big Valley Elementary in Rupert, shows some projects her students worked on using ideas gleaned from the Twenty-First Century Academy in Tennessee.

## Minidoka schools search for new ways to improve

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Although some parents in Minidoka County question the need for so many trips, officials in the county's school district say research travel is paying off with better standardized student test scores.

The most recent trip, which cost \$16,000, took 20 local educators and parents to a school in Chattanooga, Tenn. in January. It was the second time in two years that district officials visited the school using grant money to help pay for the trip.

The money couldn't be spent on students, said Anne Blayne, a parent of four school-aged children in Minidoka County.

"Whether at state or federal level, it is still taxpayer money," Blayne said. "This is the mentality they have. They act like it is manna from heaven."

But Nick Hallett, superintendent for the Minidoka school district, said the trips are paying off. Since the first visit to the Twenty-First Century Academy in Chattanooga, officials here have begun using the academy's teaching methods in local schools.

As a result, student test scores are on the rise, Hallett said.

These results prompted more questions. People who wanted to know more—including principals, teachers and parents—went to Tennessee last month to see for themselves, Hallett said.

What they learned not only confirmed the district is moving in the right direction, Hallett said, but brought back even more enthusiasm. Its new teaching methods have saved the academy from being closed by Tennessee officials, Hallett said.

The academy now has a waiting list. Please see IMPROVE, Page B3

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Car strikes snow plow

SHOSHONE - The Idaho State Police were still investigating a late afternoon crash involving injuries about a mile south of Shoshone Saturday night, according to an ISP report. A truck from Coalinga, Calif. drove a 1997 Ford Escort northbound U.S. Highway 93 that struck the rear end of an Idaho

Department of Transportation Snow plow being driven by Russel Hoyt. The Escort then pivoted and struck a Chevrolet pickup truck from the rear before leaving the highway. Victims were transported to a hospital from the accident scene. The driver of the Escort was not known at press time who had been injured or how severely.

HOSPITALS

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - Admitted Sherman Vaughn of Burley; Danielle Fisk of Rupp; Ruth Ruff of Burley; Carolina Menis of Costa Rica; and Sally Nicholes of Flor Hill, Calif. Released Lawrence Hanks, Randy Hubshmitt, Kuitipa Randall, Elizabeth Spencer and Charles Wood, all of Burley; Julie Robinson

and Zena Schorsch, both of Heyburn; and Juanita Armenta of Snov. HILDA - Admitted MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted Rebekah McDonough of Hazelton; Ada Barnas of Paul; and Leona Wilkie of Rupert. Released Ada Barnas of Paul.

Emma L. Hackett

TWIN FALLS - Emma L. Hackett, 67, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 5, 1999, at Bridge View Estates. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Leonard H. Murray

BURLEY - Leonard H. Murray, 83,

of Buhl, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Lolita D. Hepworth

BURLEY - Lolita D. Hepworth, 88, of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

SERVICE

Michael W. Powell of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at Twin Falls Reformed Church.

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patients. She enjoyed camping, fishing and the outdoors. Her talents were displayed through the many hand-crafted items she gifted to family and friends. On Dec. 27, 1995, she married Mike Vally in Jackpot, Nev., and they made their home south of Twin Falls. She is survived by her husband, Mike Vally of Twin Falls; two sisters, Betty Roberts of Las Vegas, Nev.; and Josephine Johnson of Pleasantwood, Mont., and live brothers, Rick Sandoval, Dave Sandoval and Paul Sandoval, all of McGill, Nev., Mike Sandoval of Pleasantwood, Mont., and Joe Sandoval of Boise. She is also survived by her mother-in-law, Virginia Kelley (OC), and sister-in-law, McNeola (Cloy) Wight of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by her parents. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, 1999, at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Officiating will be Pastor Jim Sommer. Instead of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent in her memory to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center CARES Program, P.O. Box 409, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Robert V. Vodraske

Robert V. Vodraske, 56, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 5, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He was born Sept. 20, 1942, in Ellsworth, Kan., the son of Alexander and Georgina Janda Vodraske. He attended elementary school in Black Wolf, Kan., and high school in Ellsworth, Kan. He attended Kansas State University, where he received his bachelor of science and master's degrees. On Aug. 25, 1965, he married Nancy Lynn Spangier at Altwater, Minn. He later continued his education attending Oregon State University. He moved to Twin Falls in 1987 from Lincoln, Neb. He worked as a Twin Falls County extension agent, retiring in 1997 due to ill health. He was an active leader in the Boy Scouts and volunteered at the 4-H fair and also many other 4-H activities. He had received the National Society of Agronomy, Plant, Grass and Soil Science Certifications. Robert was also a member of the Methodist Church in Twin Falls. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and all outdoor activities.

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Robert is survived by his wife, Nancy of Twin Falls; four children, Dr. Susan Margaret Vodraske of Chicago, Ill., Donald Robert (Lucky) Vodraske and two children, Michael and Amber of Lincoln, Neb. Robert Ellen (Sonia) Vodraske and their two children, Natascha and Susan of Twin Falls, and John Alexander of Twin Falls; one brother, Alvin Vodraske of Wilson, Kan.; and three sisters, Alice Boltonbeck of Geneseo, Kan., and Ruth Vodraske and Irene Wern, both of Ellsworth, Kan. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Gerald. A memorial service for Robert will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, 1999, at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Frabee officiating. There will be a graveside memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 1999, at the Elsworth Cemetery in Ellsworth, Kan. The family suggests memorials be given to the Boy Scouts, 4-H or the Polycystic Kidney Research Foundation, in care of White Mortuary, P.O. Box 845, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

IDAHO FALLS

He loved to debate - so much so that when he had won, he would begin arguing the opposing side. Dad always chastised the underdog, and never judged people by material assets. He truly believed in equality and in helping the less fortunate. An independent man who called himself "the eccentric rebel." Dad insisted on being self-reliant. As a result, he chose to live in the Graystone Hotel in Nampa until it was destroyed by arson on April 11, 1998. Seriously injured in the fire, Dad suffered through repeated trips to the hospital and to the intensive care unit at Valley Plaza Retirement Center and Midland Care Center in Nampa until his death. He is survived by a daughter, Joannina Sweet of Boise; a daughter and son, Patricia and John of Boise; four sons, Larry of Caldwell, Kevin of Boise, Steven of Meridian and Daniel of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Eugene and Bernice Sweet of Carey; a nephew, Wayne Sweet of Grandview, Wash.; nieces, Diana, Leah of Richfield; seven grandchildren, Melissa, Jeffrey and Dolanay Sweet, and David and Jennifer Christ of Boise; Erin White of Blaine, Minn., and Leigha Sweet of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by a brother, Logan, his mother, his father, and his stepmother, Isabel Anderson Lewis Sweet. A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the American Legion Hall in Richfield. Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at the Harbor City, Utah, Crematory. Cremation was under the direction of Acanth Funeral Services Home in Meridian. Utah arrangements are under the direction of Art Mortuary. The family requests no flowers, but suggests that memorials be made to Terry Reilly Health Services Clinic, 223 16th Ave. N., Nampa, ID 83687. The family would like to give special thanks to the staff at Mercy Medical Center, Drs. Daniel Castro and Victor Serio and their colleagues at Terry Reilly Health Services Clinic, and Dr. Terry Leighton and Dale Goodwin of Nampa Fire Department, who saved Dad from the Graystone fire.

Con A. Devaney

Con A. Devaney, 77, of Idaho Falls and a former Murfugh resident, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kimberly. Con was born June 13, 1921, in Gooding, the son of John and Ednah Devaney of Gooding. He graduated from Gooding High School. He joined the Navy in 1943, serving in World War II, aboard the USS Hennes of which he was one of 25 survivors. After his discharge in 1945, he returned to Idaho and was employed as an engineer with the Union Pacific Railroad until medical retirement. He married Edna Savage Devaney in 1947. They opened the original Dairy-Rite in Kimberly, sharing their love of flowers with customers until selling the business and retiring in 1983. In 1991, they moved to Idaho Falls, where he had since resided. He enjoyed reading, gardening, and traveling and spending time with his family. Con is survived by his wife, Edna of Idaho Falls; two sons and three daughters from previous marriages, Mike Devaney of California, Charles Devaney of Hattieson, Mont., Connie Mae Devaney of Seattle, Wash. and Grace Mae Stafford of Burley and Edna Kay Alderman of Glannis, Ky; Idaho; and three step children, Kay (Denise) Led of Idaho Falls, Don Ann Stanger of Twin Falls and John (Gordon) Led of Pocatello. Also surviving are 21 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Jim, J.B. and Don Devaney; and a stepdaughter, Vicki Moore. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, 1999, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Cemetery. Military rites will be performed by area veterans and auxiliary. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today and from 1

1 to 4:45 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

NAMPA

Hyrum Vern 'Ted' Sweet, 70, of Nampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1999, at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa. Mr. Sweet was born April 12, 1928, in Salt Lake City, the youngest of three sons of Archie and Elsie Hyman Sweet. He was raised in Salt Lake City, Richfield and Carey, Idaho, graduating from Carey High School. He attended the University of Idaho, earning a bachelor's degree in political science and economics in 1954. He took a position with the Department of Public Assistance in Caldwell, where he met Velva J. Caldwell. They were married Sept. 3, 1954, in Caldwell and had six children together. They divorced in 1974. Mr. Sweet had two established ponds. Dad wore a variety of hats during his life. He served as a DPA director in eastern Idaho, worked as an automobile mechanic, owned several businesses and managed an apartment complex. He loved to debate - so much so that when he had won, he would begin arguing the opposing side. Dad always chastised the underdog, and never judged people by material assets. He truly believed in equality and in helping the less fortunate. An independent man who called himself "the eccentric rebel." Dad insisted on being self-reliant. As a result, he chose to live in the Graystone Hotel in Nampa until it was destroyed by arson on April 11, 1998. Seriously injured in the fire, Dad suffered through repeated trips to the hospital and to the intensive care unit at Valley Plaza Retirement Center and Midland Care Center in Nampa until his death. He is survived by a daughter, Joannina Sweet of Boise; a daughter and son, Patricia and John of Boise; four sons, Larry of Caldwell, Kevin of Boise, Steven of Meridian and Daniel of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Eugene and Bernice Sweet of Carey; a nephew, Wayne Sweet of Grandview, Wash.; nieces, Diana, Leah of Richfield; seven grandchildren, Melissa, Jeffrey and Dolanay Sweet, and David and Jennifer Christ of Boise; Erin White of Blaine, Minn., and Leigha Sweet of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by a brother, Logan, his mother, his father, and his stepmother, Isabel Anderson Lewis Sweet. A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the American Legion Hall in Richfield. Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at the Harbor City, Utah, Crematory. Cremation was under the direction of Acanth Funeral Services Home in Meridian. Utah arrangements are under the direction of Art Mortuary. The family requests no flowers, but suggests that memorials be made to Terry Reilly Health Services Clinic, 223 16th Ave. N., Nampa, ID 83687. The family would like to give special thanks to the staff at Mercy Medical Center, Drs. Daniel Castro and Victor Serio and their colleagues at Terry Reilly Health Services Clinic, and Dr. Terry Leighton and Dale Goodwin of Nampa Fire Department, who saved Dad from the Graystone fire.

Pendleton in 1968 and accepted a position as instructor of botany at Mountain Community College, where he taught for 23 years. His spring wildflower identification classes became an anticipated event by the local botanical residents. Each summer for many years, he also taught intensive two-week vascular plant identification courses on Steens Mountain. He was instrumental in obtaining a National Science Foundation grant for a solar-heated greenhouse for the college. In 1991, he became the botanist for the Umalla National Forest. He cared for about 100 acres of forest resources and environment and had botanized virtually the whole of the Umalla National Forest. He drew the many of the wildflowers of the area and put them on coloring pages so children could learn of their natural heritage. He completed a natural vegetation map and associated database for the forest. Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Elaine Urban of Pendleton; sons, Mary Borkowski of Kimberly and Tom of 23 years; and five nephews, David (Lan) Borkowski and Craig, Elizabeth of Redmond, Wash., and Graig Borkowski and children, Brandon and Amy of Kimberly, and (Magan) Borkowski of Boise, and Dustin and Darin Divina of Greenview, Texas. A memorial service was held Feb. 6, at the Vert Auditorium in Pendleton. A private family service was held Feb. 6 at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton with interment at Kayview Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Karl Urban Scholarship Fund at Blue Mountain Community College directly or through Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97901.

BOISE

Christopher M. Showers

Christopher M. Showers, 48, of Boise and formerly of Filor, died suddenly and peacefully in his sleep at his home in Filor Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999. Chris was born in San Angelo, Texas, on one, 1950, the son of Clarence (retired USAF) and Dorothy Showers. Chris attended school in Swinn, Mich. and graduated from Gwinn High School in 1969. He received a bachelor degree in music education from Idaho State University in 1974. He was also a certified nursing assistant and worked in a law care center in the Boise area. For the last several years he has lived in Boise, enjoying bridge groups there and performing with the Boise Little Theater. Chris had been a member of Twin Falls Diablotians, St. Edwards Catholic Church, Knight of Columbus and an active member of St. John's Catholic Church in Boise. Chris lived a good life by listening to and following his own dream. He stayed true to himself. His interests were mainly playing bridge, music - both vocal and instrumental, the theater, drawing and reading. He knew a little bit about everything and had a head full of trivia, his love for bridge, punn-ing jokes and reviled in general. He baked a great cookie, loved his family deeply and believed in the Holy Trinity. We know that Christ met Chris and blessed him for doing well in his life. Although Chris did not have children of his own, he thoroughly enjoyed his nieces, Elizabeth Holland of Pocatello, Jessica and Hilary Showers of Alabama, Abigail Jerome of Twin Falls and Kaitlyn and Hanna Showers of McCall, Idaho, and his nephews, Christopher and Ian

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PENDELTON, ORE.

Karl A. Urban, 55, of Pendleton, Ore., died Friday, Jan. 15, 1999, at his home. Mr. Urban was born June 6, 1943, at Kimberly, to Leo and Frances Urban. He grew up at Kimberly, attended Pendleton High School and high school. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in botany from the University of Idaho. He moved to

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Kathryn Velly

Kathryn Velly, 35, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999, from an automobile accident. She was born May 3, 1963, in McGill, Nev., to Joe and Amelia "Molly" Gallogos Sandoval. She spent her childhood and graduated from McGill High School in 1981. She went on to attend the Northern Nevada Community College and studied child development, computer training and public relations. She received nursing certification in March of 1982 in Bozeman, Mont., and then went to work in Elv. Nev., and received her certified nursing assistant certification. She very much enjoyed her work caring for her elderly and disabled

# Once stung by undercover cops, store owner now wins police award

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** — Done done, Avon's watching. Once stung by undercover cops, the people at the Best Avenue shop have turned into the policeman's pal and recently busted some local burglars.

Ernest Christmann Jr. is founder and proprietor of the Rose's Avon Shop with his mother, Rose. He was bestowed with the Distinguished Citizen Award by city police on Thursday.

It is a happy turn of events. Rose's shop has attracted less positive attention for carrying on

a retail trade in a residential area.

A decade ago, undercover police bought items at the shop to prove she was defying city ordinances. After Rose was jailed twice, the city agreed to allow customers to call in their purchases and then pick them up at the shop.

One evening about six weeks ago, her son heard what he thought was a car door slam. Four minutes in a row, he peered out of his window and saw two men body-slammng the back door of the Best Avenue

barbershop across the street.

Officers caught two 17-year-olds and thanks to Christmann's attention to detail, he was able to identify them by their clothes. It is something he learned from his dad, a cop-in-law, both Seattle police officers, he said.

"I figured if I turn them in, by golly, it will get them off the streets," he said.

The burglars were linked to a half-dozen burglaries. They pleaded guilty to five charges and agreed to pay more than \$5,000 in restitution.

# Air

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their best to stay in the air longer — and look better doing it — than the other contestants.

Like last season, many ended up on their faces. Or backs, sides and rumps. But the only injuries were a few minor bumps and a few busted eyes.

Ski patrolman and contest judge Lamar Ferguson said only the most basic tricks were allowed. Throwing flips or other more advanced moves into the mix would have made the risk of serious injury too great, he said.

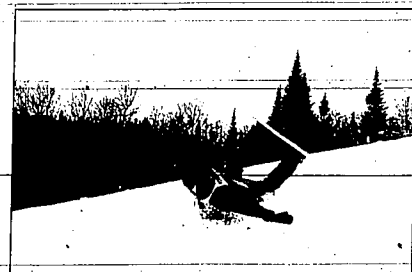
"There's guys who can do those things. Then there's guys who would try it but can't, and then get hurt," Ferguson said.

Jumpers were judged according to the distance, height and style of their leaps.

Mountain manager John Burrows said that because of the good turnout, there probably will be more big air contests in seasons to come.

Small bits of pine boughs were scattered over the landing ramp. Boarder Shawn Black of Twin Falls said they helped the ramp stand up in the tight air.

"You couldn't see your touch-



A contestant for Pomerelle's Big Air Competition goes for style points after falling on his attempt Saturday afternoon.

down point without them," he said.

Matt Reid of Filer said he was impressed with the ramp's design.

"The lift is awesome," he said. "It makes your whole body tingle."

Hard snow made the end of the

journey back to earth a little rough, he said.

"The landing just jars your guts."

Times-News staff writer Mark Hein can be reached in Jerome at 324-6962.

# Improve

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of several hundred students, said George McDonald, Minidoka County school board member.

Bluney was among the group that visited the elementary seven years ago and has watched as student test scores at Big Valley Elementary School have gone up ever since.

Bluney is not convinced. A former head of the Pershing Elementary School parent group, she began home schooling her children five years ago because she wasn't satisfied with the quality of education from the Minidoka district, she said.

"At the end of third grade my daughter didn't know addition," she said.

One district once took a trip to learn about uniforms, Bluney said, but the district does not require students to wear uniforms.

She said she is not sure if she will go up with their own rules and programs, that is pretty pathetic," she said.

"I've heard the district continues to seek better ways to teach its students — and research trips are one way of seeking. Since July, several school district officials here have been involved in 16 trips or service training sessions.

The Cassia County School District also sends teachers on research trips.

"If there is a need, you have to pursue it," said Jerry Doggett, acting superintendent of the Cassia district.

Doggett does not think trips taken by Minidoka County school officials were unwarranted. Trips taken by Cassia County officials are paid for with grants from the Robertson Foundation and other organizations, Doggett said.

Teachers, parents and principals who returned from Tennessee praise the way lessons learned there are being presented in Minidoka County schools.

"I'm seeing more progress with the average to lower kids," said Charlene Smith, who uses multiple teaching techniques in her fifth class at Acequia Elementary School.

In August, 36 percent of students tested were at or above their grade level, said Terry Garner, principal at Acequia Elementary. Since the school began using teaching techniques in Tennessee, 46 percent of its students are at or above their grade level, he added.

The imported teaching methods make learning more meaningful, said Sherry Kobayashi, a parent and substitute teacher at Acequia.

"They are motivated to do better because they must learn the concepts before they move on," she said. "It takes a lot of parental involvement."

# What ever happened to whole language?

By Lorraine Cavenor  
Times-News writer

PAUL — Seven years ago, schools in the Minidoka County School District began using a teaching method called "whole language program."

Using federal grant money, the new program was designed to teach children to develop learning concepts more quickly. The aim was to enhance reading, writing, listening and speaking by creating a more active and engaging environment. Among other things, the new activities included watching caterpillars go through metamorphosis.

The district used grant money to purchase books, videos, tapes and other learning tools for its whole language program. Over time, it became clear that some children were learning ahead of their age group, while other children were falling behind.

The district no longer uses whole language programs, but some teachers in the district still use modified concepts gleaned from the program.

One of them is Tara McCall,

who taught at Acequia elementary seven years ago and now teaches at Paul Elementary.

McCall said the program worked for her and students in her classes. She still uses some of the whole language concepts in her classroom.

One of the problems with the program, said Minidoka County Schools Superintendent Nick Hallett, was that it lacked basic elements — such as phonics.

In recent years, the pendulum has swung back to teaching basics, Hallett said.

Whole language consultants visited the district seven years ago and convinced local educators of its merit. What was lacking, Hallett said, were out-of-district visits to see how effective the program was elsewhere.

"It had already failed in California," he noted.

Money spent on whole language teaching could have been saved if district officials had simply gone on a few research trips, Hallett said.

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cavenor can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

# Regulate

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ing anybody away.

Noh and Rups, Doug Jones, R. Filer, and Wedy J. Jones, D-Ketchum, are among the leaders in the push to change the way Idaho counties issue permits to animal confinement farms and the way the state regulates them.

Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, has worked on legislation of his own, as well.

Idaho Dairymen's Association chief Lewis Eilers has been involved in the process from the start. This weekend, lawmakers are reviewing a version Eilers said dairies could live with. Noh called the dairymen's draft "inadequate," but the answer lies somewhere in between.

Eilers said the biggest problem with the first legislation was the change in Idaho's Right to Farm Act.

"They're trying to remove us from agriculture, and that's just not right," he said.

Dairymen also object to quarterly assessments for an emergency fund to pay for environ-

mental damages. In 30 years, Eilers said, the industry hasn't caused such problems in Idaho.

"The industry wouldn't survive the first proposed changes, he said: "It would just shut it right down."

Eilers, too, concludes that isn't what the lawmakers want, but his dairymen aren't necessarily convinced.

"I've never seen the dairy industry so mad," he said.

That's not the goal.

The discussion is essentially to find a balance between the state's legitimate power to ensure health, safety and citizen welfare and the rights of private property owners, said Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Blaine, who has worked on property rights issues for the past few legislative sessions.

Animal operations raise water and odor questions, but ensuring adequate waste disposal and finding the right location can provide answers.

"We can't just say 'health and safety' and deny everybody," he said.

Kempton and others have been exploring ways to reconcile development and land protection through new processes, mediation and ways to compensate landowners who may have to sacrifice potential profits for what the community sees as the greater good. The lawmakers exploring livestock rules, Kempton said, are dealing with the same issues.

"Just now, really, everything's coming-to-a-head from several directions," he said.

Planning for livestock growth is no different than planning for population growth, he said. As land-use planners evaluate development for "this animal confinement operation of the state of Idaho," they have to weigh the same issues as county zoning boards deciding where to locate a hog farm.

"The balance," Kempton said, "has to be there."

Times-News political writer Gregory Hahn can be reached in Boise at (208) 345-5198.

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Twin Falls County

JWIN FALLS - Recent 5th District Court activity in Twin Falls County included:

Drunken driving sentences

Jerri Kathleen Ellison, 31, street address unavailable, Eden driving while intoxicated pleaded guilty \$200 fine, 30 days jail with credit for time served, 180 days driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.
Janette Elaine Braine, 50, 1209 Semihole Circle, Jerome driving under the influence, \$100 fine, 30 days court; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.
Gary Lee DeBakke, 46, 519 Heyburn, Twin Falls driving under the influence, pleaded guilty \$750 court costs, 27 days jail with credit for time served, 30 days driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.
Sherry Lynn Apple, 43, 229 Midway St., 1305 sixties under the freeway, pleaded guilty \$200 fine, 30 days court costs, 180 days jail, suspended, 180 days driving privileges suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.
Aaren G. Dill, 18, 687 Canyon Rim Road, Twin Falls driving under the influence, 21; pleaded guilty \$250 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.
Walter A. An, 50, 1813 Idaho Highway 25, 1205 sixties under the freeway, pleaded guilty \$750 court costs (unavailable), 180 days jail with credit for time served, 180 days driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Misdemeanor sentencing City of Twin Falls

Adelaide E. Walters, 70, 521 S. Edith, 50 days court costs, 30 days jail, 180 days probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.
Shawn W. Fohlman, 17, 3064 N. 2000 E., Twin Falls reckless driving, sentenced to inpatient/rehabilitative driving, pleaded guilty, \$25 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Dismissals

Thomas K. Williamson, 40, 865 W. Fifth, Fillet; failure to purchase/renewal driver's license, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.
Adrian Sillabeo, 72, 212 Shoshone St., No. 34, Twin Falls; petit theft, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Juvenile cases

Sheridan Burton, 16, 7400 Alta Drive, Twin Falls; 1, curfew violation, court 2, providing false information to an officer, court 3, making an officer, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pretrial March 2, on strict house arrest.
Elizabeth Verheuten, 17, 128 Broadway Ave. N., 1800; petit theft, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 26, on strict house arrest.
Dyrell McWaters, 15, 3029 E. 3300 N., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, pretrial Feb. 19, on strict house arrest.
Scott Beale, 17, 942 Fair St., 1800; court 1, inebriated; court 2, malicious injury to property; 1, malicious injury to property; court 4, malicious injury to property; court 5, possession of drug paraphernalia, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 16, on strict house arrest.

Richard Lavin 2nd server, Chilly Support Services

of guilty \$630 court costs, one year's jail suspended, court 2, battery, pleaded guilty, 180 days jail, suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Twin Falls County

Ivor M. Link, 59, 3427 N. 3800 E., Hansen, battery, pleaded guilty, \$630 court costs, 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.
Ryan Douglas Wilson, 20, 3056 N. 2500 E., Twin Falls, court 1, possession/unlawful use of alcoholic beverage by a minor (second offense), pleaded guilty, \$630 court costs, 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.
Moses Fernando Valencia, 30, 178 Austin, 700; false battery, pleaded guilty, \$630 court costs, unavailability, 180 days jail with 178 suspended, 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.
Cody Douglas Strawn, 19, 645 Fairbank, No. 117, Twin Falls; domestic battery, amended 180 days jail, pleaded guilty, \$630 court costs, 180 days jail; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.
Jason Daniel Moon, 21, 1367 E. 4175 N., 1800; willful concealment, pleaded guilty, 180 days jail with credit for time served; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.
Ulma Quintana Aguilar, 27, P.O. Box 405, 1800; driving while intoxicated, no plea entered, accident, pleaded guilty, \$630 court costs, two days jail; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.
Donald Cory Reynolds, 34, 293 Maxwell, Twin Falls, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty \$750 court costs, 10 days jail, 180 days driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.
Jason Daniel Moon, 21, 1375 E. 4175 N., 1800; willful concealment, pleaded guilty, 180 days jail with credit for time served, 180 days driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.
Christie Lynn Wageman, 28, 1154 Washington St., No. 80, Twin Falls, violation of protective order, pleaded guilty, \$750 court costs; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Vincent Thomas Gaudreau

Seeking \$242 monthly support plus 20 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, private insurance, \$272 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Shannon L. Morgan

Seeking \$482 monthly support plus 20 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, private insurance, \$820 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Robert Lee Schmitt

Seeking \$309 monthly support plus 20 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, private insurance, \$272 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Joseph Warren Kautz

Seeking \$274 monthly support plus 20 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, private insurance, \$272 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Robert Lee Schmitt

Seeking \$320 monthly support plus 20 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, private insurance, \$272 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Kirby Clark Gandy

Seeking \$178 monthly support, \$272 attorney's fees and costs.

Divorces

Joseph Paluguet vs. William Carl Paluguet, Ken Sue Chan vs. Bruce Chan, Karen Laine Powell vs. David Daniel Powell, Mary Ellen Thumman vs. Lisa C. Thumman, Joseph Francis Shapiro vs. Nancy Shapiro, Jennifer Reed vs. Scott Reed, 38 and Carl M. Sturges vs. Kimberly Sturges, Gary Zarnock vs. Judith Clark Zarnock, Alexander Thomas Walter vs. Jennifer Margaret Walker, Jerry Lee Young vs. Cindy Jo Young.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

Three teen-aid members of the Straight Edge youth gang will stand trial on murder charges in the Halloween death of 15-year-old Bernhardt Repreza.

At the conclusion of a preliminary hearing on Friday, 3rd District Judge Sandra Peuler ordered Colin C. Reever, 18; Andrew D. Moech, 18; and Sean Parley Darger, 17, to stand trial

on the first degree felony charge.

The teens are scheduled for arraignment on March 8 before Judge Tyrone Melley.

"Based on the evidence I heard, this was a premeditated attack," Peuler said after the hearing, during which several members of the Straight Edge gang testified about the incident. Repreza's mother, Conchita Romero, traveled from Los

Angeles to witness the hearing.

"I feel guilty because he was my youngest boy, and they killed him," Romero said. "It would have been enough if they had beat him up, but they attacked him like wolves."

"To kill in a group is cowardly," she said the victim's father, whose name is also Bernhardt Repreza. "Nobody has the right to take anybody's life."

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VALLEY IN BRIEF

Gooding County takes up CAFO topic

GOODING — Confined animal feeding operations are the big topic for Gooding County Monday. County commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday. Walt Jackson with state veterans affairs is first on the agenda. Claims review and approval and three executive sessions regarding judgment matters follow. A planning and zoning discussion concludes the morning session. The afternoon session opens at 1 p.m. with discussion on Gooding Memorial Hospital. Other items on the agenda are the Disaster Services Bureau, Bureau of Land Management with a boundary adjustment and property at the landfill, multiple county medical insurance, and a law violation. Commissioners will take a recess at 4 p.m. The CAFO hearing starts at 7:30 p.m. in the courtroom. The regular session re-convenes after the hearing.

Elmore commissioners convene Monday

MOUNTAIN HOME — Elmore County commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday. Items on the agenda include a request regarding extraordinary hardship, an emergency medical technician contract, the 1999 Weed Control Agreement, planning and zoning discussions, consideration of alternate forms of government, discussion regarding extradition and Boise County Commissioner John Ford regarding a Boise National Forest lawsuit. An executive session for judgment applications is first on the afternoon agenda. The monthly meeting of department heads follows. Other discussion includes rural fires and the Central Health District regarding replacement of the senior environmental health. Time for the public concludes the meeting.

Blaine commissioners face full agenda

HATLEY — Blaine County commissioners will meet at 8:45 a.m. Monday at the old courthouse, 206 First Ave. S. Items on the morning agenda include a gravel bid opening applications for property tax exemptions, a pre-acquired visit with the Central Agency, planning and zoning discussions, and reports, a planning and zoning discussion that includes public hearing, scheduling and liquor licenses. The afternoon session starts at 1:30 p.m. with the first of four public hearings regarding applications from the Harry S. Kinkler Investment Trust. The first hearing is for subdividing about 132 acres into 27 residential lots at the Golden Eagle Ranch, on the north side of Greenhorn Gulch Road and the west side of state Highway 75. The proposal has been revised from what was heard by commissioners in October. The recreational tract is proposed to become a residential lot, and the recreation amenities are proposed to be moved to a tract within the Golden Eagle Ranch Subdivision. This tract contains a caretaker's quarters and is proposed to be enlarged to accommodate recreation uses for the Golden Eagle Ranch and proposed Golden Eagle Ranch II subdivisions. The planning and zoning board considered this application in the fall and recommended commissioners approve the preliminary plat for the Golden Eagle Ranch II Subdivision. A second hearing is to consider adjusting a common lot line in the Golden Eagle subdivision to increase the size of a parcel to accommodate subdivision recreation facilities and a planned maintenance facility and caretaker-employee dwelling. The application also requests an amendment to a plat note to list that a recreation facility is being allowed. The third hearing will be for an application for a stream-alteration permit to construct an overflow pipe outlet into the Big Wood River west of the existing Greenhorn Highway 75 bridge. The pipe will convey excess flow from the pond system at the Golden Eagle Ranch II Subdivision into the river. The final hearing is for the application to vacate a portion of Foothill Drive contained within the plat for the Valley View Subdivision. The Rinkler Trust seeks to vacate 315 linear feet of Foothill Drive next to a lot in the Valley View Subdivision and the Golden Eagle Ranch. A commissioner discussion concludes the meeting.


Compiled from staff reports

Utah county may prosecute adult entertainment outlets

PROVO, Utah (AP) — The police raids on Movie Buffs video stores two years ago may have been a preview of coming attractions in Utah County. The Utah County Attorney's Office will consider prosecuting other adult entertainment outlets if former Movie Buffs general manager Larry Peterman is found guilty of distributing pornography, the prosecutor told 4th District Judge Steven Hansen on Friday. "We have waited for a determination in this case before moving forward" with other prosecutions, Deputy Utah County Attorney Curtis Larson said during a four day of hearings on motions in Peterman's case. Randy Spencer, Peterman's attorney, has introduced into evidence more than 100 adult videos purchased or viewed at video stores, music stores and hotels around the county, intending to show such material is widely available. "That's mountain-of-pleasure," as Larson called it, "may bring about prosecution of other agencies. I told defense counsel that very plainly. ... I'm not saying we will. I'm saying we might."

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Expert says inmates' lawyers rely on anecdotal testimony

AUSTIN (AP) — A corrections expert testifying Saturday for the state said lawyers and experts for prisoners relied too heavily on subjective inmate testimony to make sound claims of systematic abuse and excessive use of force by guards in Texas prisons. "In order to make judgments about the system as a whole, you could taint your sample with inmates recommended by attorneys from either side or with inmates who ask to be interviewed in order to express complaints," said Gary DeLand, former executive director of prisons in Utah and a frequent consultant on jail and prison construction and policies. State lawyers have asked U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice to give up remaining federal control over the Texas prison system. Justice ruled 20 years ago that Texas prisons were overcrowded and that inmates were subjected to cruel conditions. Lawyers for inmates want Justice to retain some control.

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# Hagerman retailer alters plan

By Gina Mulder  
Times-News correspondent

**HAGERMAN** — An 8-inch sewer line has forced a business owner to redesign his plans for a new store.

Mike Miller, owner of 1000 Things Liquor and Grocery Store in Hagerman, appeared during last week's City Council meeting, hoping to persuade city leaders to vacate an alley just behind his State Street store. Miller plans to build a new store and needed a portion of the alley to accommodate it.

However, Hagerman City Superintendent Richard Scruggs said, the alley parallel to State sits above an 8-inch sewer line — not an ideal place to situate a permanent building.

After discussing the issue with council members, Miller decided to redesign his plans so he would

not encroach on city property.

"After re-measuring, I decided I can stick to my original plans. Less about 6 feet," Miller said.

Miller wants to build a new store, directly behind his existing building. The new store would measure about 2,700 square feet, nearly double the space Miller has now. But his original plans set the new building about 6 feet into the alley, and that raised some concerns with the city.

"The city definitely had some concerns about the placement of the new store," Mayor James Norwood said. "We'd really rather not put a building on top of a sewer line."

Scruggs said maintenance of a utility line buried beneath a building could turn into a construction nightmare.

"Building on top of a city right of way may not seem like a bad

idea at the time, but they always come back to haunt us," Scruggs added.

Miller said he decided to build a new store mainly to provide his customers better parking. Parking is limited to a few spaces on the north side of the building and around his fuel island.

"I need a bigger building, but mostly I need more parking," Miller said. "I mainly want to get the parking away from the gas pumps."

Construction should start around March, and Miller plans to do the majority of the work himself. Once the new facility is completed, Miller said, the old one will be torn down to make room for a parking lot.

Times-News correspondent Gina Mulder can be reached in Wendell at 536-6649.

## FOR THE RECORD

The Times-News

### Twin Falls County

**TWIN FALLS** — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included:

#### Arrests and appearances

David Lee Alberts, 29, 990 S.W. Fourth St., Ontario, Ore., obstructing an officer; carrying a concealed weapon; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance (this case only).

Danien Levi Barry, 20, 835 Falls Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$5,000 bond.

Justin Grier, 19, 4900 Redondo E. Vista, Idaho Falls; possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver; possession of marijuana with intent to deliver; two counts of tax stamp violation; conspiracy to possess a controlled substance with intent to deliver; preliminary hearing Friday; private lawyer through \$30,000 bond.

Courtin Rose Grismann, 18, 264 N. 200th E., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; warrant for failing to appear at sentencing; public defender continued; \$1,000 bond.

Brian Wesley Fisher, 23, 786 College Drive, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$200 bond.

Brian Wesley Fisher, 23, 786 College Drive, Twin Falls; failure to purchase driver's license; failure to appear; warrant; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$200 bond.

Ricky Lynn Priel, 39, 146 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; warrant for failing to appear; public defender appointed; \$5,000 cash.

Robert Morgan Gagnon, 63, 176 1/2th St., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance.

Beverly A. Garraan, 33, 394 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls; battery; warrant; to appear; warrant; \$5,000 bond.

Abel Macliel Gonzalez, 18, address unavailable; Jerome; petit theft; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$200 bond.

Frank Lee Correll, 21, 519 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls; failure to appear; warrant; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$300 bond.

Deno Laysa Goulak, 19, 750 Sparta St. No. 5, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; possession of a cancelled driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender continued; \$3,000 bond.

Michael S. Greene, 35, Box 6248, Ketchum; two counts of possession of methamphetamine; attempted obstruction or concealment of evidence; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$1,000 bond.

Michael S. Greene, 35, Box 6248, Ketchum; driving without privileges; obstructing an officer; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$200 bond.

Daniel J. Hummer, 16, 313 Sunny View Court, Twin Falls; failure to appear for work detail; sentenced to seven days in jail, credit for three days served.

Pedro Garcia Hernandez, 21, 3379 N. 4500 E., Murtagh; driving under the influence; failure to purchase a driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$1,000 bond.

Ricky Dean Hummer, 29, 826 Westwood Drive, No. 1, Elko, Nev.; driving without privileges; causing a peace officer; possession of drug paraphernalia; warrant; public defender appointed; \$1,000 bond.

David Brian Jay, 17, 545 Monroe St., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$200 bond.

Robert Jon Kimbel, 44, 720 Sawtooth Blvd., Boise; possession of drug paraphernalia; disturbing the peace; obstructing an officer; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance; to contact with victim ordered.

Shafrine Jane Kneeland, 34, 5590 Redondo E. Vista, Idaho Falls; possession of marijuana with intent to deliver; two counts of tax stamp violation; conspiracy to possess a controlled substance with intent to deliver; preliminary hearing Friday; private lawyer hired; \$50,000 bond.

Beverly A. Livermore, 25, 229 Carnegie St., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; warrant; pleaded innocent; waived court appearance.

Angel Adolfo Madrid, 20, 643 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; failure to pay on mail-order; failure to appear; pleaded innocent; \$138.50 cash bond.

James Hyde May, 19, 816 Riverview Drive, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$200 bond.

Chris Allen Newman, 31, 629

Morningland Drive, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender continued; \$5,000 bond.

Richard Garza Pena, 23, 321 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; warrant; \$5,000 bond.

Richard Garza Pena, 23, 321 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; warrant; \$5,000 bond.

Jonathan D. Petty, 28, 410 S. 150 W., Jerome; failure to pay on expired driver's license; warrant; pleaded innocent; \$77 cash bond.

Armando Renteria, 17, 724 E. 25th N., Rupert; failure to purchase driver's license; pleaded guilty; released on own recognizance.

Jason Robert Rice, 21, 1202 Sharfite St., Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; warrant; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance (this case only).

Tonia Mae Rio, 34, 328 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls; invalid driver's license; warrant for failing to appear at sentencing; public defender continued; \$5,000 bond.

Tonia Mae Rio, 34, 328 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls; invalid driver's license; warrant for failing to appear at sentencing; public defender continued; \$300 bond.

Justin Hefty Sanderson, 25, 404 U.S. Highway 20, No. 51, Filer; driving under the influence; driving without privileges; possession of a cancelled driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$10,000 bond.

Justin Hefty Sanderson, 25, 404 U.S. Highway 20, No. 51, Filer; probation violation on driving under the influence; warrant; pleaded guilty to violation; public defender continued; \$10,000 bond.

Tony Richard Starke, 52, 775 N. College Drive, Twin Falls; telephone harassment; pleaded innocent; private lawyer hired; released on own recognizance.

Richard M. Sisson, 43, 500 Rim View Drive, Twin Falls; invalid driver's license; warrant for failing to appear at sentencing; \$5,000 bond.

Lashawn Jaanelle Throver, 19, 6833 N.E. Rodney, Portland, Ore.; malicious injury to property; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$500 bond.

Paul Edward Trynka, 36, 659 Washington St. N., Twin Falls; probation violation on driving under the influence; warrant; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$500 cash bond.

Donald R. Williams, 41, 728 Bolton St., Twin Falls; possession of amphetamine; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$2,000 bond.

Donald R. Williams, 41, 728 Bolton St., Twin Falls; three counts of forgery; warrant; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$3,200 bond.

Donald R. Williams, 41, 728 Bolton St., Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine; warrant; preliminary hearing Friday; \$2,500 bond.

Donald R. Williams, 41, 728 Bolton St., Twin Falls; theft by possession of stolen property; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$2,200 bond.

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### FOOD & DRUG

IDAHO

# Litigation may cost Idaho spud farmers

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho potato growers who are already facing some of the lowest crop prices in history may also end up paying more to sue the Idaho Potato Commission to allow it to pay legal bills.

The commission is fighting a lawsuit by New York-based Hapco Farms, which claims the commission has unfair control over the Idaho potato industry. It is challenging the state's control of the use of the word "Idaho" with potatoes as a state trademark.

Pat Anderson, executive director of the commission, told legislators that legal costs from the \$15 million lawsuit filed by Hapco Farms and three other vegetable packers are already three times higher than the amount the commission budgeted, \$440,000. The commission's legal bills for 1998 were \$1,165,000.

But commission officials hope to take the liability insurance. A fund will pay the legal costs beyond what the commission can afford.

Potato growers, processors and shippers pay a 9-cent per hundredweight tax to the commission now. The commission is allowed to assess up to 10 cents, but would have to get permission

from the Legislature to tax higher.

There has not been public discussion about taking that step, but mounting legal costs have both Anderson and the commission's attorney, Pat Kole, worried.

If Idaho gives in on its assertion that the words "Idaho" and "potatoes" are a trademark, it will lose a label recognized by consumers worldwide.

Hope that the Hapco Farms case might be dismissed was diminished two weeks ago when a U.S. District Court judge ruled against the commission's argument that it is part of state government and, therefore, immune from lawsuits under the 11th Amendment's sovereign immunity provisions.

Judge Charles Brienet of the Southern District of New York said there is reason to believe the commission is not immune from out-of-state lawsuits in federal court because the commission is funded by its own tax, it engages in advertising and marketing and the state is not obligated to bail it out of a lawsuit.

"Barring a successful appeal in the next 30 days, the judge's ruling means the case will go to trial.

# Voters pass bond issue on 4th try

PAYETTE (AP) — In what was a turnaround from three previous jail bond issues, voters in Payette County passed a \$1.95 million bond to increase the size of the jail.

Of the 1,679 voters that went to the polls, 1,189 voted for the bond, and 490 voted against it. County Clerk Laura Stigile said about 18 percent of the county's registered voters turned out for Tuesday's vote.

A two-thirds supermajority is required to pass a bond in Idaho. "I am very happy with the vot-

ers' decision on this issue and would like to thank all those who supported the bond," Sheriff Bob Barowsky said.

The bond authorizes the expansion of the current jail and will add 52 beds, a laundry area, kitchen, eating and multipurpose area, visitation area, inmate work area and a medical examination and breathalyzer room.

Barowsky said approval of the bond will allow the county to begin work as soon as the bonds are issued with a completion date expected around Sept. 1, 2000.

# Idaho delegation votes for Lewinsky appearance

States News Service

WASHINGTON — The following shows how Idaho senators and representatives voted on key bills and amendments within the last week.

Senate

Bill number Lewinsky — The Senate on Thursday rejected, 70-30, a motion to subpoena Monica Lewinsky to appear before the Senate in President Clinton's impeachment trial. Supporters said Lewinsky's presence would provide senators an opportunity to judge her credibility. Opponents said that it is time to vote on the impeachment articles, and Lewinsky's live testimony would add nothing new to the House prosecutors' case. A "yes" vote favors the motion.

Sen. Larry Craig Y  
Sen. Mike Crapo Y

Bill number: Written

The Senate on Thursday rejected, 73-27, a motion to allow only the written transcripts of the testimony of Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan, and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal. Supporters said they want to protect the privacy of the witnesses. Opponents said that the public has the right to see the same evidence as the senators including the videotapes of the depositions. A "yes" vote favors the motion.

Sen. Craig N  
Sen. Crapo N

Bill number: Video

The Senate on Thursday approved, 62-38, a motion to allow both the videotaped testi-

How they voted



Sen. Larry Craig Sen. Mike Crapo

mony and written transcripts to be presented at the impeachment trial. Supporters said the video and transcripts are needed for a fair trial. Opponents of the motion believed that the videotapes and transcripts are unnecessary because they yield no new evidence. A "yes" vote favors the motion.

Sen. Craig Y  
Sen. Crapo Y

Bill number: Close

The Senate on Thursday rejected, 56-44, a motion to overlook the final steps of the impeachment trial and go directly to closing arguments. The motion would have put an end to the trial. Supporters of the motion said that the trial has gone on long enough. Opponents said that all of the evidence has not yet been heard, so the trial is not over. A "yes" vote favors the motion.

Sen. Craig N  
Sen. Crapo N

HOUSE

There were no House bills this past week.

# Ada County officials fight for right to connect trails

BOISE (AP) — Plans by Ada County officials to link a series of trails could be derailed by a federal government move to turn the hundreds of miles of trails over to an area irrigation district that has a history of billing public access as a safety measure.

To preserve canal right of way for part of a potential formal pathway network, Ada County government officials strongly opposed the transfer of the lands to the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation wants to switch the title to miles of land, west of Boise in Ada and Canyon counties, under a national initiative to make the federal government more efficient.

On Tuesday, the Ada Planning Association board sent a letter to the bureau attacking the plan. The association said the irrigation

district's staff and board routinely "trivialize and disregard" requests for multiple use of the canal system.

"Anything that's turned over to the district, all the elected officials agree, is pretty much locked up," Ada County Commissioner Roger Simmons said.

The possibilities for paths along the area's various canals are great if irrigation districts do not close their doors, Ada Planning Association Deputy Director Erv Olsen said.

The Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District maintains it needs to keep the public away from open canals for safety's sake. And the district says recreationists can get in the way of operations. Trucks, heavy equipment and workers regularly patrol, clean and make repairs to the canals, said Daren Cox, district secretary-treasurer.

# Here's news: It rains in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — The National Weather Service says 27.44 inches of rain fell on Seattle in November, December and January, a record for the three-month period. The previous record was 27.13 inches, set in the winter of 1955-56.

This winter's total is twice as much as a year ago, when the El Niño weather phenomenon brought only 13.71 inches. This year, blame La Niña, whose waters off the equatorial Pacific

are cooler than normal. Normal rainfall for the three months is 17.12 inches.

Cliff Mass, who teaches atmospheric science at the University of Washington, says weather forecasters got stoked by the prospects of a good storm — 88 mph winds, horizontal rain, that sort of thing.

"It'll be pretty wet through the next eight or nine days," says meteorologist Jay Albrecht of the weather service.

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Section C

## Evel now knows his bounds

Twin Falls faithful, take note your favorite daredevil Evel Knievel recently received a liver transplant.

Now maybe his son Robbie can recreate that infamous attempt over the area's beloved Snake River Gorge. Local lawmakers, the Idaho Department of Lands and city officials lead their O.K.

The younger Knievel has visited on a few occasions to inquire about the feasibility of another jump, while also measuring the city-falls and local government's enthusiasm for said event.

So far, a solid plan has yet to materialize.

### SIDELINE VIEW

Kevlin Hall

Meanwhile, his father's doctors down in Tampa, Fla., say the Evel one could be back up and on his Harley-Davidson within six weeks. The stuntman needed the new liver after contracting hepatitis C from an impure blood transfusion following one of his many crashes years ago.

Although not out of danger for rejection of the new organ, Evel "is a fighter and patients like him tend to do well," said Hector Ramos, director of liver transplantation for LifeLink in Florida.

Way back in 1974, if you can recall, little 'ol Twin Falls suddenly became the center of the wacky sports/outlaw bikers universe when, inside his superheated, steam-powered "sky-cycle," the fearless daredevil attempted the first, and possibly last, leap over the 500-foot deep Snake River Canyon.

He failed miserably.

At liftoff and before his glorified "rocket-bike" even left the ramp, his drogue parachute (in smaller "dute that was tank out of the main one) was already hanging out of the encapsulated vehicle.

But the "sky-cycle" did go. Knievel's craft zoomed off its launch ramp like a fearless bird out of hell, rocketing toward the heavens as if on its way to Shoshone.

Albeit briefly.

About two-thirds of the way across the span, with an ominous bright red smoke plume trailing after the wounded missile, Evel's bird prematurely released its primary parachute.

Unfortunately for Knievel, the wind was not on his side that fateful day either. Once his rocket had petered out, it took a severe nose dive straight down and dropped into the chasm's maw.

Luckily, he was quickly scooped up by rescue teams and the rest, they say, is history.

This did not sit too well with the gathered throngs of onlookers who had piled up some \$25 (which Evel pocketed) to witness the spectacle. After Evel disappeared from sight into the canyon, a wave of curious spectators suddenly began advancing toward the fire's rim.

Obviously, as the phalanx of bodies thrust forward the edge became frightened of being pushed over the lip of the crevasse. Flights and stowing matches broke out in the riot.

That wasn't the worst of it though.

The heinous weather sealed in the week commandeered Shoshone Falls park as their own partying paradise began to break loose. Beyond the landfill amount of trash the revelers had left behind, numerous Japanese motorcycles, assorted cars and anything else unattached to the earth were torched.

Do we really need to accommodate Robbie's ego by letting him attempt to do what the original American hero could not?

Let's answer no to another jump, and keep the image of Evel's gutsy try locked away in the city's lore.

### Hoopin' on up

Raise your hand if you actually care that the NBA finally tipped off its almost-aborted, asterisk-laden season.

For the longest time, I was dead set against supporting any form of NBA season. I resented that a fan with any sense at all would bag the league this year after all the whining and arguing by the two sides over how to divvy up \$1 billion in revenue.

How can a few open practice sessions, two admission-free exhibition games and having a hundred \$10 "cheer seats" available for low-income fans possibly compensate for their abuse and selfish greed?

What else is fans, the owners and players looking for fans to come back? I mean, what are the fanatical sports enthusiasts going to do in their spare time?

After all, there is some curious intrigue in the fact that the Los Angeles Lakers, Michael Jordan, has pulled it quits. Maybe now Utah's Malone, Stockton, Horrocks and long-suffering coach Jerry Sloan can finally claim their rightful NBA championships.

But being another year older and having to overcome some serious competition in the likes of the talent-rich San Antonio Spurs, Indiana Pacers and the Los Angeles Lakers, the Larry O'Brien championship trophy won't just be handed to the Jazz.

That's why they play the games we love to hate.

Times-News sportswriter Kevin Hall can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 239.

# Eastern Utah beats CSI men 86-73

By Damien Clow  
Times-News writer

PRICE, Utah — For the second straight night, No. 20 bailed out the Golden Eagle basketball team. Only after Saturday's game, the College of Southern Idaho men weren't smiling.

CSI's Adrian McCullough saved his team in the final minute of Friday night's win at Colorado Northwestern, but Seattle Vines, wearing the same number for the College of Eastern Utah, Golden Eagles, shocked the CSI squad Saturday night in an 86-73 CSI win.

Vines was CSI's sole offensive output for 14 straight second-half points, and

temporarily outshined the duo of Michael Marion and Hayden Prescott, who had 27 of CSI's 40 first-half points in a win over Treasure Valley Community College Friday night and who combined for 42 points Saturday.

"When we talked (in practice) about where the shooters were, we didn't mention Vines because he hasn't been



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## Women rebound from loss

By Damien Clow  
Times-News writer

PRICE, Utah — The Golden Eagles who had lost some momentum took it from those who had found it Saturday night, as the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team defeated the College of Eastern Utah, 84-69.

Coming off only its second conference loss, CSI got points from 10 different players to beat its namesake rival, who was coming off its first conference win, a

17-point decision over Treasure Valley Community College.

"We had a great last night, and in a little bit," Burt said after the Golden Eagles' 70-61 loss at Colorado Northwestern Community College Friday night. "People were upset with how they played, and how others played, and that's gonna help."

Burt played a hefty amount in the blame from Friday's loss to the lack of

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# Burley upends Tigers

## Bobcats close on state berth

By John Dorr  
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Burley Bobcats had lost twice to Jerome during the regular season, but on Saturday afternoon they got their girls' basketball revenge: upsetting the top-seeded Tigers and moving one game away from an A-1 state tournament berth.

The Bobcats got 18 points from senior post Ashley Toner and the Tigers struggled from the field as Burley led from the outset and won the Region III contest going away 48-36.

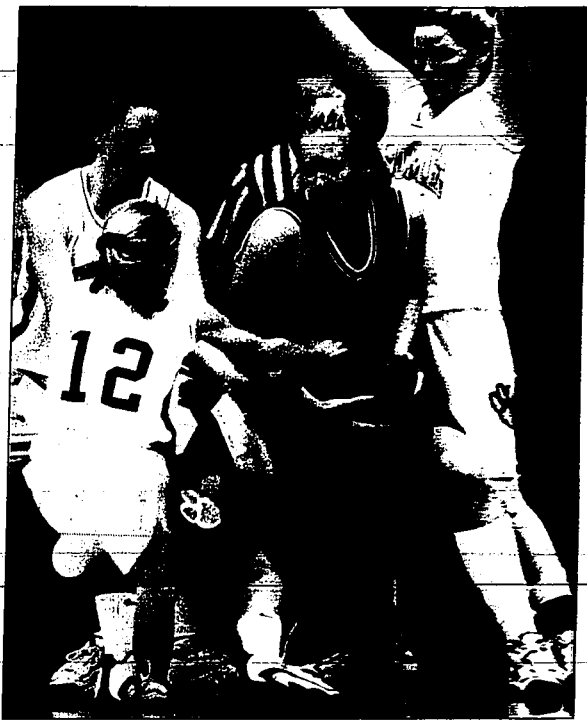
Jerome, who had been off since Monday's win over Minco, showed the rust racking up double-digit turnovers and shooting just 27 percent from the floor. Burley connected on 37 percent of its shots.

"We came out ready and we wanted to play good since they beat us," said Toner, who led all scorers despite being in foul trouble much of the game. "It's exciting. We need to come out and play like we did tonight."

Almost as important as the win is the fact that the Bobcats, who entered the tournament as the third seed, now have homecourt advantage and have assured themselves of at least a playoff for a state berth.

Jerome will now host Twin Falls, who eliminated Pocatello Saturday, on Monday night at 7 p.m. in a loser-out game. The Bobcats will await the winner of that game on Tuesday for a shot at the region title.

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Burley's Ashley Toner (left) drives to the basket against a Jerome Tiger defender in Saturday's Region III tournament game. The Bobcats won 48-36.

# Loaded on the mound: CSI gears up for '99

By Jeff Rosen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One of the more enduring images of last season's College of Southern Idaho baseball team was also one of its last.

On a soggy late-spring afternoon in May at Frontier Field, Golden Eagles pitching coach Bobby Maitis sat with his burlly arms draped across the broad shoulders of his dejected freshman ace in the Southern Idaho dugout.

"Remember that," said Craig Mosher and Cameron Reimers watched somberly as the Dixie Rebels, fresh off blowing Southern Idaho from the face of the Region 18 Tournament for the second consecutive year, accepted their second-straight batch of first-place medals.

Dixie, who dropped the Golden Eagles to the loser's berth with a 12-10 win in Game 1, had sent them packing for good in a 4-1 fifth game. In the regular season, CSI swept the Rebels twice over the course of the year.

When it counted, it was the other way around. And it was Maitis who posed the question to Mosher and Reimers.

"Remember that" at the beginning of the year, when you thought the sophomores were crazy, or taking this a little too seriously? Now you know what they were talking about."

With three wins and two losses at the Region 18 Tournament and an overall record of 47-11 — 19-5 in the scenic West Athletic Conference (SWAC) — an eight-game winning streak.

Flash to the present. There's still a bit of snow on the ground in Twin Falls, and surely someone somewhere is forecasting more to come.

But after working to get bigger, stronger and faster, it's time for Southern Idaho sophomores like Mosher



Photo courtesy CSI

Craig Mosher, sophomore ace for the Golden Eagles, will carry much of the team's pitching load this season.

and Reimers to get just as crazy as their predecessors. With their arms, maybe more.

"And maybe, just maybe, a whole lot more."

"We have really good maturity on this club," head coach Jim Walker said. "Our sophomores have stepped up for us as far as dictating our philosophy."

Namely, winning.

"That doesn't mean we'll win a national championship," Walker said. "But that's what this group wants to do."

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# Golden bloodlines and near-great names

By Jeff Rosen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Subtract 14 years from the average age of this season's Golden Eagle baseball player at the College of Southern Idaho, and the locker-room chatter might sound something like this:

Five-year-old No. 1: "My dad's Joe Rudi. He played big-league baseball, you know."

Five-year-old No. 2: Yeah? Dexter Manley is my uncle, and he played football for the Redskins. And he could kick your

butt. Bloodlines alone may not win games for Southern Idaho this season, but they've certainly turned the CSI roster into an intriguing piece of paper. Joe Rudi's son, Shawn, is a freshman backup outfielder for the Golden Eagles, while Manley's sophomore nephew Adam is the starter in right.

Adam's a player," Southern Idaho coach Jim Walker said. "He was real raw, but he's grown up to be a great player and a great human being."

Manley, from Tacoma, Wash., ranks high on the New York Yankees' wish list, thanks in large part to the nation's best fund raising in the 3 and 4 spot. They've drafted him twice.

"He's got a great career ahead of him in baseball," Walker said. "And I'm not talking college."

Barring 380 last season and fighting through some inconsistency, he proved himself to be a slugger with speed and a strong arm.

"He's the best player in the conference to be real honest," said assistant coach Boomer Walker. "He's got the most talent by far."

Rudi, meanwhile, bats from Escondido, Calif. He now serves at Southern Idaho drafted by the Texas Rangers — mostly to run, and more than able to take an unenviable pitcher's yard. If anything, the elder Walker said, this Rudi could work a bit on his throwing.

"He's not complaining of course."

"He could be a very good player," Jim Walker said. "It depends on him. But if he's got any of the old man in him, he'll do fine."

Just for good measure, the best's version of Golden Eagle baseball also sports McCrea and a Candelaria. Though neither are related to the well-known major leaguers sharing their respective surnames, this season as a freshman multi-overcast out of Coquihum, B.C.

Walker and his assistants aren't sure there's a trend in the works, but if there is, they'll take it.

"I hope Gene Reier has a kid out there," pitching coach Bobby Marz said. "He'll take his."

" Nolan Ryan's too," Boomer Walker added.

SPORTS

Loaded

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CSI pitching: More in the middle

While many believed the Golden Eagles line...

This season, however, the commitment...

Perhaps more than anywhere else on the field...

"It's the strategy in and of itself, no question,"...

When Walker says someone, he might as well...

A native of British Columbia, Canada, drafted...

A 1991 first round selection of Minnesota's...

Reimers, meanwhile, was drafted by the Toronto...

The Golden Eagles didn't come up with some...

Reimers was drafted by the Minnesota Eagles...

Clark was drafted by the Minnesota Eagles...

Devenaux's elder brother made the first...

"San Diego offered this kind of a lot of money,"...

"He's really deceptive," assistant coach...

Asked about closer mentoring, the elder...

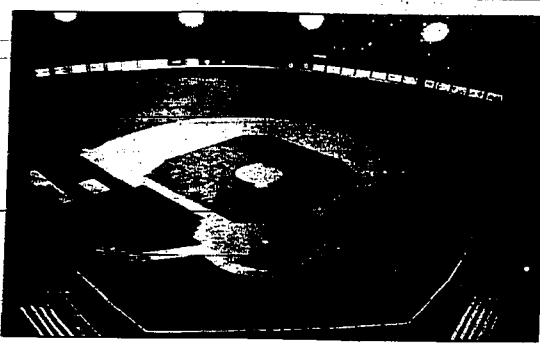
"He can't sit down," Walker said. "He sits...

Filling an arm slot that couldn't be...

Devenaux opened Gold's season in October...

"We really were counting on Goldie,"...

Semninger, meanwhile, the Kentucky...



Weather Field, pictured at night, will be the site of the Golden Eagles' home opener...

Table listing various sports events, dates, and locations.



Cameras witness, a right-handed sophomore pitcher...

Walker said the injuries in perspective...

Around the horn

Spanning the field, the Golden Eagles seem...

Mike Gillies, another Canadian, returned...

In the outfield, either Coeur d'Alene...

Behind the plate, Walker hopes the maturity...

Overall, the elder Walker is pleased.

"We've got to be able to move runners and...

The season begins

"We haven't worked out in this gym for 10...

The team really needs little help finding...

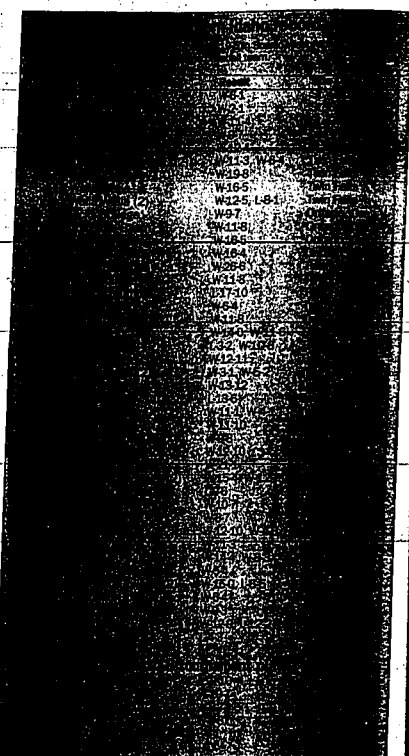
The Golden Eagles launch their season...

As if Masher, Reimers and their Southern...

"We'll take it in stride," Walker said.

The Rebels also make two regular-season...

Times-News sports writer Jeff Rosen can be...



CSI coach Walker goes temporarily Dutch

By Jeff Rosen

TWIN FALLS - In Holland they call it Hunkball...

Otherwise - even with a greater rage...

Entering his 25th season as skipper...

Walker spent three weeks working with...

Many of them were older than Walker...

Walker also found the older players to be...

"I took it from a different standpoint,"...

"I'm extremely happy to be back," he said.

"I'm extremely happy to be back, I got tired of running around in those wooden shoes."

CSI coach Jim Walker, on his stint as assistant coach to the Dutch National Baseball Team

"At the end," he said, "maybe I had a little impact on them."

"I picked up a better understanding of how to teach hitting,"...

The Dutch team, which finished sixth at the World Games last year...

"I'm extremely happy to be back," he said.

Women

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production from his past players.

After Friday's loss to St. Benedict's...

"We had a good ball with Jessica in...

Sarah Nelson and Cecilia Barre...

The home-state Eagles (4-1, 3-1)...

Point guard Jessica brought Eastern Utah...

advantage of CSI's ballhandling mis-

Butters opened the second half with...

Forward post Sammie East scored...

Former Mountain West David Tubbs...

From there, East was able to sub-

Men

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"abooing well," said CSI head coach...

Prescott led all scorers with 30...

"We lost the game at the defensive end...

Two free throws and a coast-to-coast...

The lead didn't last long, as

CEU came out of the locker room...

But Vines had his run of 14, and...

Jordan, who has been nursing a...

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# Southern Idaho: The 1999 Lineup

**NICK ABELLO**  
INF  
33  
Soph.  
6-2, 215  
Las Vegas, Nev.  
Bats: L  
Throws: L



He's lefty, easy against right-handed batters. Very competitive. Once projected as a closer, now likely to provide middle relief.  
Skip Says: "He's a guy who likes to pitch inside, and that's what I like. Nick'll get us show. He'll get right in your kitchen."


**JIMMY BLOCH**  
INF  
14  
Soph.  
6-2, 195  
Bakersfield, Calif.  
Bats: L  
Throws: L



Good arm, needs to build confidence. I-0 in 1998. Depending upon health of rest of pitching staff, may redshirt this season.  
Skip Says: "He has a pretty good arm. He just has to grow mentally."


## THE COACHES

**JIM WALKER, HEAD COACH**




Jim Walker, entering his 25th season at the Southern Idaho baseball helm, has recorded 850 wins, a remarkable 38th Region 18 championship, one national collegiate championship and eight NSCAA World Series appearances throughout his career. This winter, he was invited to spend three weeks coaching in the Dutch National Team in Holland in preparation for the 2002 Olympics.

**BOOMER WALKER, ASSISTANT COACH**




Golden Eagles defensive coordinator and base-running coach (not to mention son of Jim Walker). Boomer Walker was an All-Region pick two years straight playing at the College of Southern Idaho from 1990-92. He is embarking upon his fourth season as an assistant coach for CSI, having played baseball at and earned a degree in sociology from Northeast Louisiana University.

**BOBBY MAITA, ASSISTANT COACH**




Pitching coach Bobby Maita was a member of Jim Walker's 1984 national championship team at the College of Southern Idaho. From there, he played at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, and later made it to the Toronto Blue Jays. In 1999, Maita heads up a stable of pitchers the elder Walker refers to as his loaded gun. "I can't see anyone having five or six that are going to do as well," Walker said.

**NICK BULLEN**  
INF  
25  
Fresh.  
6-0, 200  
Boise  
Bats: F  
Throws: R




Runs well, throws well. Has improved tremendously since arriving last fall. Can play any of several infield positions.  
Skip Says: "Nick needs to play steady and not let those peaks and valleys affect him."

**J.P. CANDEARIA**  
INF  
6  
Soph.  
5-9, 185  
Taylorsville, Utah  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Heartbeat of the team, posting several clutch hits in 1998. Batted .350 last season. Plays beyond his talents.  
Skip Says: "He's our emotional and motivational leader. Comes to play every game."

**JOEY CANK**  
INF  
44  
Fresh.  
6-3, 225  
Chugiak, Alaska  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Right-handed pitcher, drafted by Montreal. Strong arm, knows how to use it.  
Skip Says: "He realizes what he wants to do, and he's gonna have a chance."

**DAN CLEMENTS**  
INF  
26  
Fresh.  
6-0, 185  
Idaho Falls  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Closer with two dangerous pitches (fastball, slider). Holds runners well, and appears to throw faster than his recorded 87 mph. Heavy-jerked man in mold of Dennis Martinez; finds batters.  
Boomer Says: "Great pitcher. Could probably play infield for us."


**BOOMER WALKER, ASSISTANT COACH**



**BOBBY MAITA, ASSISTANT COACH**




**DALE DEVERAUX**  
INF  
30  
Fresh.  
6-3, 220  
American Fork, Utah  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Was fourth pick overall by World Series-rumor up San Diego Padres, selected in sixth round, but chose not to sign in favor of gaining more experience. Throws 93-94 mph.  
Skip Says: "He's God's gift. That ball just absolutely fires out of his hand."

**BARCLAY EMERY**  
INF  
9  
Fresh.  
5-9, 165  
Sandy, Utah  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




First-year player, needs to increase strength. Will work his way into playing time pinch-hitting.  
Boomer Says: "We haven't found his niche yet, but he'll play a role."

**MIKE GILLES**  
INF  
22  
Soph.  
6-1, 210  
Port Moody B.C., Canada  
Bats: R  
Throws: R



Added 30 pounds of muscle in the offseason, and should thus improve upon his .267 batting average in 1999. Younger Walker drafts him "one of the best college class batters I've ever seen."  
Skip Says: "Was a project with the bat, but now he's ready to start it."

**JOSH GOLD**  
INF  
31  
Soph.  
6-2, 210  
Carnarville, Utah  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Underwent wrist surgery in October for a dead bone in his arm, so his status unclear until March. Even with a metal plate in his arm, could provide quality middle relief.  
Boomer Says: "If he comes back, our pitching staff will be phenomenal."

## THE SCHEDULE:

(Conference games appear in bold)


|                   |                           |                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Feb. 10, noon     | Yavapai College (2 games) | at St. George, Utah   |
| Feb. 10, 5:30     | Divie' Tourney, vs. Dixie | at St. George, Utah   |
| Feb. 11, 1 p.m.   | Dixie' Tourney, vs. Snow  | at St. George, Utah   |
| Feb. 12, 7 p.m.   | Dixie' Tourney, vs. SCCC  | at St. George, Utah   |
| Feb. 13, 10 a.m.  | S. Nevada CC' Tourney     | at Las Vegas, Utah    |
| Feb. 14, 11 a.m.  | S. Nevada CC' Tourney     | at Las Vegas, Utah    |
| Feb. 15, 11 a.m.  | S. Nevada CC' Tourney     | at Las Vegas, Utah    |
| Feb. 25, 11 a.m.  | American River' Tourney   | at Sacramento, Calif. |
| Feb. 26, 11 a.m.  | American River' Tourney   | at Sacramento, Calif. |
| Feb. 27, 11 a.m.  | American River' Tourney   | at Sacramento, Calif. |
| March 5, 1 p.m.   | Ricks College (2 games)   | at Twin Falls         |
| March 6, 1 p.m.   | North Idaho College (2)   | at Twin Falls         |
| March 12, 2 p.m.  | Dixie College (2)         | at Twin Falls         |
| March 13, 2 p.m.  | Dixie College (2)         | at Twin Falls         |
| March 14, 2 p.m.  | Praine Baseball Acad. (2) | at Twin Falls         |
| March 15, 1 p.m.  | Praine Baseball Acad. (2) | at Twin Falls         |
| March 19, 2 p.m.  | Snow College (2)          | at Twin Falls         |
| March 20, 1 p.m.  | Snow College (2)          | at Twin Falls         |
| March 26, 1 p.m.  | Utah Valley (2)           | at Orm, Utah          |
| March 27, 1 p.m.  | Utah Valley (2)           | at Orm, Utah          |
| April 2, 1 p.m.   | Colorado N'western (2)    | at Rangley, Colo.     |
| April 3, 1 p.m.   | Colorado N'western (2)    | at Rangley, Colo.     |
| April 9, 10 a.m.  | Salt Lake CC (2)          | at Salt Lake City     |
| April 10, 10 a.m. | Salt Lake CC (2)          | at Salt Lake City     |
| April 16, 4 p.m.  | College of E. Utah (2)    | at Twin Falls         |
| April 17, 1 p.m.  | College of E. Utah (2)    | at Twin Falls         |
| April 20, 4 p.m.  | Southern Nevada CC (1)    | at Ontario, Ore.      |
| April 23, 5 p.m.  | Treasure Valley CC (2)    | at Ontario, Ore.      |
| April 25, 1 p.m.  | Treasure Valley CC (2)    | at Ontario, Ore.      |
| April 27, 4 p.m.  | Ricks College (2)         | at Coeur d'Alene      |
| May 1, 1 p.m.     | North Idaho College (2)   | at Coeur d'Alene      |

**ANDY GRETZ**  
INF  
27  
Fresh.  
6-1, 215  
Apple Valley, Minn.  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Belief is this Gretz'll be even better than brother Nick (now at S. Alabama) was his freshman year. Also played competitive hockey. Needs work against lefties, but...  
Skip Says: "He's God's gift. That ball just absolutely fires out of his hand."  
Boomer adds: "Blindfolded."

**DAVE HANSON**  
INF  
5  
Soph.  
5-11, 180  
Belgrade, Mont.  
Bats: R  
Throws: R



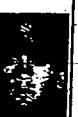
A freshman walk-on who has come a long way, according to his coaches. Hanson will see limited duty this season as a spot starter. Needs strength and experience.  
Skip Says: "He'll have to turn it on to throw for us in conference this year."

**TYLER HARBROUCK**  
OF  
19  
Fresh.  
6-0, 195  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Second of two Alaska products playing for CSI this year. Harbrouck is another of the Golden Eagles' deep array of first basemen-eyes.  
Skip Says: "We see him in a pinch, but he's got to be good."

**SAM HESS**  
OF  
24  
Fresh.  
6-0, 200  
Colbert, Wash.  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Intelligent, cooperative, natural leader. Drafted as an average-good off-season athlete, mature enough as a freshman to start behind the plate this year.  
Skip Says: "By the middle of the season he'll be good."

**JESSE HOOREBELKE**  
INF  
34  
Soph.  
6-2, 250  
Coeur d'Alene  
Bats: R  
Throws: R



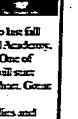
Was All-Pac 10 as a freshman at Washington State University before academic problems made him ineligible. Transferred to CSI. A natural hitter with great feet and hands.  
Skip Says: "He can hit the ball as fat as anybody I've ever seen. It'll come down to his mental attitude."

**BEN JOHNSTON**  
INF  
4  
Soph.  
6-0, 190  
Coeur d'Alene  
Bats: R  
Throws: L



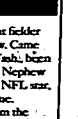
Huge heart for baseball. Developed well in fall ball playing both corners, can hit the ball a ton for a lefty. Has a shot at starting.  
Skip Says: "He's going to battle Bullen somewhat in left field, but he's going to be a great lefthanded hitter off the bench."

**BRAD MALOFE**  
INF  
18  
Soph.  
6-1, 190  
Castlegar B.C., Canada  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Came to Southern Idaho last fall as player of Pacific Baseball Academy. Has signed with UNLV. One of team's top three hitters, will start and play every inning as when. Great savvy for the game.  
Boomer Says: "I'm, Gilles and J.P. run the show. He's a great kid."

**ADAM MANLEY**  
OF  
10  
Soph.  
6-3, 215  
Tacoma, Wash.  
Bats: L  
Throws: L




The real package: a right fielder who can run, hit and throw. Came here over from Tacoma, Wash., been drafted twice by Yankees. Nephew of Denver Manley, former NFL star, but baseball is Adam's game.  
Skip Says: "I just wish him the best. I'm so proud of him."

**STEVE MCCREA**  
INF  
28  
Fresh.  
6-1, 190  
Coquitlam B.C., Canada  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Signed at CSI late last summer. McCrea established himself throughout fall as a solid middle relief pitcher - something the Eagles have lacked for two years.  
Bobby Says: "He throws a strikes and he's real consistent around the plate."

**CRAIG MOSHER**  
INF  
21  
Soph.  
6-0, 200  
Richmond B.C., Canada  
Bats: L  
Throws: L




Drafted twice by Texas, Mosher was the No. 1 pitcher on the Canadian National team that beat the U.S. last year. First-team All-American as a freshman. Already signed at the University of Florida.  
Skip Says: "Everybody should get to have a Mosher on their team."

**CASEY NELSON**  
INF/OF  
3  
Soph.  
5-7, 150  
Riverton, Utah  
Bats: F  
Throws: R




Great foot speed. Will be main designated runner. Could play a huge role for Southern Idaho this season stealing bases.  
Skip Says: "He really comes to play."

**CAMERON REMERS**  
INF  
13  
Soph.  
6-4, 205  
Missoula, Mont.  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Unlimited potential. Drafted twice by Toronto Blue Jays, can throw 94 mph. Shines in Mosher's ability to overpower hitters.  
Bobby Says: "We have two No. 1s. Remers is one of them, and he's going to open up a lot of eyes this year."

**J.D. RINGENBERG**  
INF  
8  
Soph.  
6-0, 190  
Twin Falls  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Local talent, has made dramatic strides in his career at Southern Idaho. Not known for blowing by batters, but does the job. Has benefited greatly from Maita's tutelage.  
Skip Says: "Sometimes you have to do it with mirrors. He works for us."

**SHAWN RUDI**  
OF  
17  
Fresh.  
6-0, 190  
Escalon, Calif.  
Bats: R  
Throws: R




Raw talent, needs experience. Drafted by Texas Rangers, can hit long and run fast. Son of former major-league Joe Rudi.  
Skip Says: "He could be a very good player. Maybe not this year, but he has all the tools."

**TODD PHILLIPS**  
INF  
2  
Fresh.  
5-9, 155  
Idaho Falls  
Bats: S  
Throws: R




Walk-on, will probably redshirt this year.  
Skip Says: "He's just a great kid to have around. He works hard and shows his desire."

**ADRIAN THOMAS**  
OF  
11  
Fresh.  
6-0, 210  
Pocatello  
Bats: R  
Throws: R



Leading hitter last fall. Not a rah-rah player, but listens well, his well and shows up to play every day.  
Skip Says: "He makes the game look easy. You think he's loafing, but he isn't. In his own way, he plays very well."

**MARK WESENWILLER**  
INF  
20  
Fresh.  
5-11, 200  
Las Vegas, Nev.  
Bats: F  
Throws: R



Late addition to Southern Idaho roster, will work to catch up and fill No. 2 catcher spot with Hoorebelke. A quarterback on the baseball field, Wesenwiller works well with the Golden Eagles pitching staff.  
Skip Says: "He'll struggle a bit, but we're glad to have him."



# Lady Bruins oust Poky, face Jerome

The Times-News

**POCATELLO**—They came, they saw, they blew Poky away. Playing with their backs against the proverbial wall, Twin Falls' favorite girls' basketball team kept its season alive with a huge 49-38 Region III victory at Pocatello.

"The girls played great," saidولات Bruin coach Lawrence Pfeiffer. "We were down two early, scored the next four points and never trailed after that."  
Junior Christie Paiz led the Bruin attack with 19 points and 10 big steals, while teammate Mery Olpin contributed 13 points and a clutch 3-point shot to quell a Pocatello rally.  
With Pocatello down by only five late in the fourth quarter, Olpin drained a long-range bucket that raised the deficit to eight points and broke the Indians' comeback spirit.  
"Misty's three was big," Pfeiffer said.

The coach credited Twin Falls' pressure defense and presence on the glass with keeping the usually game Indians down. Pfeiffer said the Indians' big points in the middle were neutralized by his team's tremendous overall effort.

"Down the stretch, we made our free throws (Paiz hit 6 out of 7 at the line in the fourth) while limiting Pocatello to one shot on offense," Pfeiffer said.

With the upset, the Bruin girls face another giant test Monday when they take on Jerome inside the Tigers' den. The loser-out game tips off at 7 p.m.  
"Hopefully we're getting into a little bit of a groove, knock out the girls," said Pfeiffer. "The girls are the ones that are making it happen."

Local sports

## Local sports

By T. J. ...

**Hagerman 43, Margethaugh 35**  
No report

**Boys' basketball**

**Burley 56, Skyline 41**

**IDAHO FALLS**—The Bobcats settled down in the second quarter to ease past Skyline in boys' non-conference basketball action Saturday night.

"It was a sloppy game the first half," said Burley assistant coach Troy Collins. "In the second half the kids stepped up mentally and played like they are capable of playing."

Burley (13-5) faces Minico in the first round of the Region III tournament.

**Shoshone 42, Dietrich 39**

**SHOSHONE**—Shoshone overcame Dietrich by three points in boys' Northside conference basketball action on Saturday.

The Indians were up by five points when Tristan Saxevidt hit a 3-point goal to bring Shoshone up by eight with 3:30 left in the game.

The Indians improve to 7-1 in conference standings, 8-11 overall. They travel to Richfield on Tuesday.

**Madison 53, Twin Falls 51 OT**

**MADISON**—The Bruins (3-16) couldn't quite hold to their early lead, and Madison slipped by in overtime to get the boys' non-conference victory in Saturday night basketball action.

Due to cell-phone difficulties no further information is available

By T. J. ...

**Buhl 58, Gooding 31**  
BUHL—The Indians held the Senators to only seven field goals in A-2 boys' basketball action Saturday.

"We played good defense," said Buhl assistant coach Kevin Cato. "It stifled them."  
The Indians now hold a 7-2 district record and are 12-6 overall. They travel to Wendell on Tuesday.

**Kimberly 74, Wendell 51**

**KIMBERLY**—Trojan Nelson King, back for his first game after injury, scored 22 points, but Kimberly had the momentum and took the A-2 win, 74-51.

"The big thing for us was the first half," said Bulldog coach Roger Keller.

"We kind of got off to a slow start last night, so we tried to focus on getting off to a good start."

Kimberly improves to 10-1 in conference play, 15-3 overall. The Bulldogs travel to Wood River on Thursday.

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**Declo 77, Valley 68**  
RICHFIELD at Camas County: no report  
Salmon at Wood River: No report

**Ketchum at Carey: postponed**

**Wrestling**

**NAMPA**—Minico went 4-0 and came out on top at this weekend's Nampa Duals meet to improve to 13-1 in duals this season.

Minico coach Brad Cooper said his wrestlers took their opponents, especially in the championship round, against a tough Pocatello team.

"Poky had been really rolling over everybody," he said. "So beating them was real nice."

Spartans undefeated during the two-day event were: Manuel Fries at 163 pounds, Jesus Tomayo at 112 pounds, Anthony Clinger at 119 pounds, Nick Thucson at 140 pounds, KC Uscola at 152 pounds and Dan Barrera at 160 pounds.

Minico's Fries got the Spartans off to a good start in the final when he beat Indian Shilo Armstrong, Cooper said.

Minico winds down the regular season by hosting a pair of duals this week.

First up is a Wednesday war on Tuesday, Feb. 10, as the Spartans meet the Highland, then the Spartans do battle Friday versus Bonneville.

PHILADELPHIA—Matt Geiger had 20 points and Allen Iverson had 16 points and 10 assists as Philadelphia opened 2-0 for the first time since 1990.

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For Orlando, Penny Hardaway had 24 points on 9-for-14 shooting and nine rebounds.

**Wizards 98, Raptors 97**

**WASHINGTON**—Calbert Cheaney hit a 20-foot jumper with 11.3 seconds left as the Washington Wizards rallied from a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat the Toronto Raptors 98-97 Saturday night.

The Raptors played without center Kevin Willis, who did not dress because of lower back spasms after getting 28 points and 16 rebounds over 40 minutes in Toronto's season-opening win at Boston.

**Celtics 77, Cavs 73**

**BOSTON**—Paul Pierce, who slipped to the 10th spot in the draft after being touted as a likely top three pick, scored 15 fourth-quarter points to carry the Celtics to a 77-73 win over Cleveland.

Cleveland took a 58-55 lead into the fourth quarter and led 73-72 before Pierce's tip after Eric Riley's missed free throw gave Boston the lead for good with 40 seconds left.  
Antoine Walker led Boston



Cleveland Cavaliers center Zydrunas Ilgauskas attempts a hook shot over the outstretched arms of Boston Celtics center Dwayne Schintzlis in the first half Saturday in Boston. The Celtics won the game 77-73.

# New-look Sixers go to 2-0, beat Magic

PHILADELPHIA—Matt Geiger had 20 points and Allen Iverson had 16 points and 10 assists as Philadelphia opened 2-0 for the first time since 1990.

Geiger, who signed a \$52 million, six-year contract as a free agent, heard plenty of boos after starting 6-for-4. But his workmanlike jumpers, coupled with Iverson's usual sensational drives, gave Philadelphia its first home-opening victory since 1995.

For Orlando, Penny Hardaway had 24 points on 9-for-14 shooting and nine rebounds.

**Wizards 98, Raptors 97**

**WASHINGTON**—Calbert Cheaney hit a 20-foot jumper with 11.3 seconds left as the Washington Wizards rallied from a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat the Toronto Raptors 98-97 Saturday night.

The Raptors played without center Kevin Willis, who did not dress because of lower back spasms after getting 28 points and 16 rebounds over 40 minutes in Toronto's season-opening win at Boston.

**Celtics 77, Cavs 73**

**BOSTON**—Paul Pierce, who slipped to the 10th spot in the draft after being touted as a likely top three pick, scored 15 fourth-quarter points to carry the Celtics to a 77-73 win over Cleveland.

Cleveland took a 58-55 lead into the fourth quarter and led 73-72 before Pierce's tip after Eric Riley's missed free throw gave Boston the lead for good with 40 seconds left.  
Antoine Walker led Boston

with 22 points.  
Cleveland was led by Shawn Kemp with 18 points and Zydrunas Ilgauskas with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

**Hawks 111, Nets 106**

**ATLANTA**—Steve Smith scored 28 points, including a key 3-pointer late in the game, then got into a fight with New Jersey's Kendall Gill after the final buzzer.

Smith and Gill, who confronted each other several times during the game, came into a fight on the way to the locker room. Both players fell to the floor and had to be separated by Georgia Dome security.

**Bucks 113, Hornets 107, OT**

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.**—Ray Allen scored Milwaukee's first seven points in overtime and as coach Karl von his debut as coach of the Bucks.

Allen, who led the NBA by averaging 27.5 points in the exhibition season, had 25 in the Bucks' regular-season debut. Glenn Robinson added 25.

One night after being held to 34 percent shooting and 66 points, the Hornets bounced back by shooting 52 percent and getting double-figure scoring from six players, including all five starters.

But Charlotte couldn't overcome its turnover problems, which included four in the extra period.



Megan Luck receives her first-place trophy after winning the 7-to-8-year-old division at this year's Arkoosh Cup ski event at Sun Valley.

## LOCAL SPORTS IN BRIEF

**McDowell qualifies for final round**  
POMONA, Calif. — Ecstasy turned to agony for Jerome nitro funny car driver Mitch McDowell Saturday at the NHRA Winter Nationals.

After a promising qualifying run Friday, where McDowell, 36, hit 281 mph in 5.4 seconds for sixth place, disaster struck Saturday during the team's first of two final qualifying runs.

About 200 feet down the quarter-mile stretch, McDowell's car blew its main supercharger, fuel pump and oil pump, ending the day early for the team — and dropping the racer to the No. 15 position where he'll face No. 2 qualifier Dale Worsman, who ran a 4.56 elapsed time.

"I'm really disappointed that the car broke," McDowell said. "We still feel that it was worthwhile to install the new parts, which will pay off in the long run."

Sunday's racing will be televised on ESPN2 at 7:30 p.m. MST.

**CSI plans co-ed volleyball tourney**

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho six-time defending national championship volleyball team is hosting a co-ed volleyball tournament Feb. 20 at the CSI gym.

There will be three divisions (A, B, C) in the all-day tournament, which begins at 9 a.m.  
The cost per team is \$65. Registration is due Feb. 12. For more information, call Ben Stroud at 733-9554, Ext. 2478, or Kathy Deahl at 733-9554, Ext. 2486.

**Twin Falls AAU meets Monday**

**TWIN FALLS** — Anyone interested in learning more about Twin Falls AAU Basketball — participating in, coaching or signing up — is encouraged to attend an informational session Monday at Twin Falls High School.

AAU Basketball is open to both boys and girls.

Monday's meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Coach Dan Vogt's room at the high school (Room G1). For more information, call 734-4780 evenings.

**Legion baseball meeting is today**

**TWIN FALLS** — An important informational meeting of the American Legion Baseball Boosters is planned for today at Twin Falls High School. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in Coach Mike Forder's room at the high school.

**Former BSU tennis coach to speak**

**TWIN FALLS** — Former Boise State University men's tennis coach Greg Patton, now a national junior coach with the United States Tennis Association, is coming to Twin Falls.  
Patton will speak Monday at the USA Tennis community rally at the Magic Valley YFCA from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free and there will be food and prizes.

Anyone interested in attending should please RSVP to Carrie Reed at 324-8939.

**Enter now for singles tournament**

**TWIN FALLS** — There will be a singles-only tennis tournament the evenings and weekend of Feb. 22-28 on the indoor courts of the YFCA.

Membership in the TFTA or the YFCA is not necessary to participate in the event, though the entry fee is \$20 per person for TFTA members and \$25 for non-members.

All levels of play are welcome from men's and women's 2.5 to 4.5. Juniors are welcome, but high school team players are ineligible according to IHSA rules. There will be awards at each level.

Entries are available at the YFCA and Elevation Sports. The deadline for entries is Feb. 17. For more information, call Steve Erquiaga at 324-6802 after 6 p.m.

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SPORTS

Pro Bowl may be last bow for White, Elway

HONOLULU (AP) - Today's Pro Bowl could be the last NFL game for John Elway and Reggie White.

Or maybe not. Elway, 38, had intended to retire after this season, but the prospect of an unprecedented third consecutive NFL championship might prove elusive.

The MVP of Denver's 34-19 Super Bowl win over Atlanta a week ago, Elway said he'll make a final decision within a couple of months.

White, who at 37 led the NFL with 16 sacks and was selected the league's defensive player of the year, said earlier this week that he planned to retire, but he seemed to leave a slight chance that he'll return.

Ray Rhodes' hiring as Green Bay's coach gave White some second thoughts about ending his career, since he's close friends with Rhodes. White retired last April, then changed his mind.

Elway is the second-oldest player on either Pro Bowl team, younger only than 39-year-old Gary Anderson, the Minnesota kicker.

Symbolic of the NFL's 1998 season, when older quarterbacks stood out, Atlanta's Chris Chandler is the baby at the position at today's all-star game - and he's 33.

Elway, expected to play starting, is joined on the AFC squad by a couple of comeback players. Buffalo's Doug Flutie, 36, and the New York Jets' Vinny Testaverde, 36.

"We're the old men in a young



Minnesota Vikings' Eric Carter is a fan favorite as he signs autographs following NFL Pro Bowl photo day Saturday at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii.

man's game," said Flutie, who returned to the NFL after playing in Canada for eight years. "I guess you could call us survivors. I know I am. At the beginning of the year, if you said Flutie, Chandler and (Randall) Cunningham would be in the Pro

Bowl, people would have thought you were crazy." "Their counterparts along with Chandler on the NFC are San Francisco's Steve Young, 37, and Minnesota's Cunningham, 36. "We're just getting started," said Young, voted the NFC

starter. "Look at Chris and Randall, they're just coming of age." Cunningham, who retired in 1996 but signed with the Vikings the following year, had no explanation for his late success. "I can't say why all the quarterbacks are along mature lines," he

said. "We're just the seasoned vets of the group."

Elway, voted to start for the AFC, plans to play only one or two series, saying, "Anyway, Flutie's a lot younger than I am."

The AFC has a Broncos' air about it, with nine Denver players in uniform. Running back Terrell Davis, however, pulled out of the game because of a sore shoulder.

The Jets' Curtis Martin will fill in for Davis; the other AFC running backs are Indianapolis' Marshall Faulk and Tennessee's Eddie George. AFC wide receivers include Denver's Ed McCaffrey, the Jets' Keyshawn Johnson and Jacksonville's Jimmy Smith.

Among the Broncos on defensive are linebacker Bill Romanowski and free safety Steve Atwater. Jason Elam is the kicker.

The NFC running backs are Jamal Anderson of the Falcons, Emmitt Smith of Dallas, and Bruce Smith of the Redskins.

Robert Smith is a replacement for Detroit's Barry Sanders, who has injured ribs. The NFC receivers include sensational rookie Randy Moss of Minnesota and Jerry Rice of San Francisco.

Dennis Green of the Vikings coaches the NFC, the AFC is coached by Jets assistant Bill Belichick.

Jets head coach Bill Parcells decided not to participate on the advice of his doctors. Noting his past heart problems and the toll of the season, they advised him to skip the Pro Bowl.

Jury sides with Denver Bronco Tyrone Braxton

DENVER (AP) - Denver Bronco safety Tyrone Braxton was cleared of accusations he exposed himself in a crowded nightclub, and awarded \$8 damages from the women who made the accusations.

Braxton was on Friday found the four women who brought a lawsuit against Braxton guilty of outrageous conduct and awarded him \$2 damages from each woman.

"It feels great," Braxton said. "These allegations were horrible. It feels great to be completely vindicated."

Anne Sulton, an attorney for the four women who brought the lawsuit, declined to comment. The women are Reyna A. Brown, Shellyann Allen, Aretha Moore and Turkesha Tillis - left the courtroom without commenting.

By Braxton when he supposedly exposed himself at a Denver bar on Jan. 27, 1998, during a celebration of the Bronco's first Super Bowl victory.

He countersued, saying the story was a total fabrication and he told the jury he only wanted vindication, not money.

The jury concluded the women's actions, including filing a complaint with Denver police, filing a lawsuit against the Super Bowl starter and writing to Broncos owner Pat Bowler, were "extreme and outrageous."

"The plaintiffs fabricated the claims, set Braxton up and shook him down," said Braxton's attorney, Jeff Springer. "All we wanted was a symbolic verdict."

Springer said the verdict sent a message that high-profile personalities must stand up to "insultance suits" and not pay money to make them go away.

Braxton said he now will be able to enjoy the team's second consecutive Super Bowl victory, a 34-19 win over Atlanta.

"I'm going to stay in town and hang out with my wife and T.J.," Tyrone Jr. - who was born two weeks ago today, Braxton said Friday after the decision. "I just wanted vindication."

The jury awarded Braxton \$1 in punitive damages from each of the four plaintiffs.

The plaintiff's case was dealt a blow earlier when Abram's cousin, Leonard Brice, admitted he had to Sulton about having witnessed the incident in order to help her. Brice testified he was not even in the club that night.

Browns pick through league's refuse in expansion draft

CLEVELAND (AP) - In this draft, the Browns can take Tim and Ricky.

Tim McTyer and Ricky Bell, that is.

The NFL expansion draft on Tuesday lacks the allure of April's college draft when the Browns are expected to take Tim Connel and Ricky Williams with their No. 1 overall pick.

There won't be any franchise players on the expansion list of 150 names, five from each team.

Instead, Cleveland will pick through the league's refuse, which includes the injured, overpriced and overpaid during the 2 1/2-hour draft at the sold-out Canton Civic Center.

Oh, there are some big names on this list: Denver's Darriin Gordon and Neil Smith, Green Bay's Robert Brooks and Reggie White, Dallas' Darryl Johnston, Oakland's Desmond Howard, Seattle's Kevin Glover and Washington's Terry Allen and Gus Proctor.

But they're all on there for a

Dipping into the NFL expansion pool

The Cleveland Browns' expansion draft will include a total of 150 qualified veteran players - five from each of the 30 NFL teams.

Where: Canton Civic Center, Canton, Ohio  
When: Feb. 9, 1999, 4:00-6:30 p.m. EST, on ESPN2  
Drafting: The Browns must select between 30 and 42 players in the veteran draft or a fewer number with total salaries of 38 percent of the salary cap.

An existing club can recall one player from its list after one of its players is selected. After a second player is selected from a club, that club can pull back both of its remaining players.

Time limits: The Browns have three minutes to make each pick. An existing club has two minutes to pull back a player.



of football in Cleveland. And it will also serve as a reminder to coach Chris Palmer of how much work still needs to be done to get the Browns ready for their first exhibition game.

Cleveland will make its NFL return on Monday, Aug. 9, against Dallas in the Hall of Fame game.

AP Source: National Football League

"There are some guys on there who are surprising," said Dwight Clark, Cleveland's director of player personnel. "But once you look into it a little more you start to understand why."

For Browns fans, the expansion will be another step in the rebirth

"I've got coaches coming in real early and staying very late," said Palmer, who is piecing together his coaching staff while working with Clark on the draft.

Unlike 1995, when Carolina and Jacksonville participated, the Browns are on their own in the NFL's second expansion draft since 1976. And this time, instead of being conducted via teleconference, the draft will be broadcast live (ESPN2) with 3,500 rabid Browns fans on hand.

Cleveland, which has 15 free agents under contract, will be on the clock and there are some rules, of course. It's not as if the Browns can hand in a list, and say, "OK, here are the guys we want."

Cleveland can select as many as 42 players and can take a fewer number as long as those players' salaries add up to 38 percent of the Browns' salary cap, expected to be about \$58 million. Because the Browns inherit a player's contract, dollar figures will be as important as stats.

Florida St. athletic director barely conceals anger over cancellation

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - Florida State athletic director Dave Hart said Saturday he would seek recourse from Auburn after the Tigers canceled this year's opener with the Seminoles.

"We will deal with the specific elements of Auburn's untenable stance through the appropriate persons and channels over the course of the next several weeks," Hart said in a statement. "For now, our facts have to be on finding an 11th grade."

On Friday, Auburn chose to pay Florida State \$500,000 rather than face the threat of being coached by Billy Bowden, father of ousted Tigers coach Terry Bowden.

The Huntsville (Ala.) Times reported Sunday that Auburn will not open against Appalachian

State, a Division I-AA team from the Southern Conference.

Florida State is still looking for an opponent.

Hart had refused comment Friday until he had an opportunity to talk to Auburn athletic director David Housel. When he did, it apparently wasn't very amicable.

"We prioritize class and integrity," Hart said Saturday. "My remarks to David about how unacceptable I deem this action to be are best left in the private arena."

The Sept. 2 Auburn Florida-State opener was to be televised on ESPN. It was to have been college football's first father-son coaching matchup, but Terry Bowden's bizarre departure from Auburn threatened to cast a long shadow.

U.S. almost sweeps halfpipe event

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) - Olympic medalist Ross Powers and Tricia Byrnes dominated World Cup halfpipe action Saturday as U.S. riders swept the top three men's places and top two women's spots.

Powers, of South Londonderry, Vt., received 47.3 points to 44.7 Tonyy Mueschler of Crowley Lake, Calif. Powers was the bronze medalist in Nagano a year ago and the 1996 world champion and World Cup champion.

Local favorite Ricky Bowens, who won the gold medal in halfpipe at the recent FIS World Snowboard Championships in Germany, took third place with 44.4.

"It's been a long time since we've had this much snow on the podium," Bower said, conceding he was nervous about performing in front of his hometown

fans. "I had butterflies in my stomach right up until the competition started," he said.

Byrnes, of New Canaan, Conn., edged Kim Stacey of Stratton Mountain, Vt., by less than a point for the win with Germany's Sabine Wehr-Hastler in third place. Byrnes had 41.7 points to 40.9 for Stacey.

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# UW acknowledges contacting 8 recruits

SEATTLE (AP) - The University of Washington has acknowledged that eight football recruits, instead of the four originally reported, were visited a week ago in violation of NCAA regulations.

Also, out of those visited on Jan. 31, the five who signed letters of intent with the Huskies have been ruled ineligible by the university.

Jim Davies, UW sports information director, said Friday that coach Rick Neuheisel had forgotten to mention Jerome Stevens of Oxnard, Calif., at a press conference earlier this week, when Neuheisel said that four players had been improperly visited by Husky recruiters.

The other four players declared ineligible are kicker John Anderson, of Boyton Beach, Fla.; cornerback Chris Massey, of Moreno Valley, Calif.; cornerback Dominic Shaw, of Oakland, Calif.; and safety Clayton Hawthorne, of Cary, Texas.

In addition, Washington competition director Ralph Bayard said Friday that three other players were contacted Jan. 31, during the quiet period for recruiting before an announcement of letters of intent. Bayard said they were Adam Wade of Moreno Valley, Calif., who signed with Colorado State; David Wood of Oxnard, who signed with Oregon; and Daniel

Waldrop of Los Angeles, who signed with Nebraska.

Neuheisel, who turns 38 on today, was jured away from Colorado on Jan. 9 with a seven-year contract worth \$1 million a season.

On Wednesday, national letter of intent signing day, Neuheisel admitted he broke an NCAA rule by having assistant coaches in the homes of four recruits on Jan. 31. He said he was unaware of the rule prohibiting coaches from having off-campus visits with recruits on the Sunday before signing day.

Neuheisel also was accused of tampering, another NCAA rules violation, by his successor at Colorado, Gary Barnett. Neuheisel said he only called his former Colorado players - without that player's permission - to tell them goodbye.

Barnett said Wednesday that he had joined three other coaches - Washington State's Sonny Lubick, Oregon's Mike Belloni - in signing a letter "requesting" the punishment might be for Washington.

Washington officials, who petitioned the NCAA on Friday to restore the eligibility of the five Husky recruits, said they didn't expect more than a reprimand for any of the coaches.

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Hings regains top ranking in WTA

TOKYO - Martina Hings regained the No. 1 ranking in women's tennis, beating Jana Novotna 6-3, 6-4 Saturday to advance to the final of the Pan Pacific Open.

Hings, who won the Australian Open last week, has been ranked second on Ladies' Development of the United States since falling out of the top spot Oct. 12. Her opponent, a semifinalist in the Australian Open, was eliminated in the quarterfinals Friday by Amanda Coetzer.

Hings first climbed to the No. 1 rank March 31, 1997, surging ahead of Steffi Graf of Germany. She'll get the top spot back Monday when the weekly rankings are released by the WTA.

## Maoier wins in Vail; others crash and burn

STANFORD, Calif. - Benjamin Maoier showed what it takes to win a downhill, Doreen Robinson and Casey Packett showed what a downhill can do to a skier.

While Maoier, the powerful and fearless Austrian, streaked to a gold medal in the men's downhill on Saturday, Robinsons and Packett suffered horrendous crashes in this most dangerous of disciplines. That each managed to survive or to walk away was as surprising as Maoier's victory was the thing.

"I wanted to get on a slow down here, but that's not what I had in mind," Packett, of Crested Butte, Colo., said while crawling up the finishing face of the mountain. "I was just trying to survive."

With one slalom still left attached, Packett picked himself up and hopped across the finish line to a roaring reception from the crowd estimated at some 20,000.

## Mike Holmgren completes coaching staff

KIRKLAND, Wash. - New Seattle Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren completed his staff Friday when he hired Jerry Colangelo as the offensive quality control coach and Clayton Loper as the defensive quality control coach.

Colangelo comes to the Seahawks after being the University of Mississippi's director of recruiting since Dec. 7. He is a former University of Tennessee quarterback.

Loper joins Holmgren's staff after being at the University of Nevada for four years. He was the Wolf Pack's running backs coach and recruiting coordinator from 1997-98 after serving as a graduate assistant for the team from 1995-96. He played as a safety at the Reno school.

## Tyson's last opponent denies punishment

SAVANA, Ga. - The man Mike Tyson knocked out in his would-be comeback last month denied the former heavyweight champ's punishment.

"What he did was wrong, maybe, but I think the punishment he is receiving is really too hard," Francis Botha told the Orange County Register on Friday.

Botha was sentenced Friday in Maryland for assisting two motorists after a traffic accident last summer. He pleaded no contest to the charges in December.

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# Stewart keeps lead

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) - In some of the nastiest weather since Bing Crosby moved his clamshells to the Monterey Peninsula in 1947, Payne Stewart shot a 1-over-73 on Saturday and birdied the final hole at Spyglass Hill to get to 10-under 206 for a one-stroke lead over Frank Lickliter at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Lickliter also played Spyglass Hill and had a 71 for 207, while Craig Stadler was under stroke back after his 72 at Poppy Hills.

"I'll tell you one thing," Jack Lemmon said after missing yet another cut in the previous edition of the AT&T. "Bing is up there laughing his head off. He'd love this."

No one else did, particularly those who had the bad luck of playing Pebble Beach, which is exposed to the Pacific winds and played about four strokes harder than Spyglass or Poppy Hills.

"I don't think it was nice on any golf course," Stewart said. "It definitely wouldn't have been a fun day out on Pebble. The hole on the ocean would have been vicious. I'm glad I wasn't there."

Actor Jack Lemmon has tried to make the cut at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Golf Championship an estimated 25 times. He failed once again on Saturday.

Stewart is a two-time U.S. Open champion, which should come in handy if the conditions are brutal again on Sunday when everyone has to play Pebble. He was at 10-under 206.

# Jeff Gordon nips rookie Stewart for Daytona pole

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Jeff Gordon is accustomed to being alone in the spotlight. The two-time defending series champion had to share it Saturday with the driver who could be the next Jeff Gordon.

It took a sizzling lap of 195.067 mph by Gordon to keep Tony Stewart from starting the first race of his Winston Cup career from the pole. Still, the precocious Stewart - actually 76 days older than Gordon - will start alongside the established star in the front row of the Daytona 500 on Feb. 14.

"He's an icon in this series," Stewart said of Gordon. "He's the top dog and that's the guy everybody has to beat."

Gordon, who counts the 1997 Daytona 500 among his 42 career victories, was impressed by Stewart's effort.

"Being involved with Joe Gibbs Racing and having good sponsors, that gave him an edge. Usually, it really kicks up late in the day. I just hoped I got it at a moment when it died down. Luckily for us, that's the way it worked out."

schooled quite a bit," added Gordon, who started third and finished fifth in his first Daytona 500. "I told Tony he's going to learn a lot. If (Dale) Earnhardt can get up there, he'll be schooling him, too."

On a dazzling, 80-degree Florida afternoon, most of the experts were forecasting the drivers who went out early in qualifying - before the heat of the day was able to build to its worst - would have the edge.

It turned out to be exactly the opposite as Gordon went out 55th among the drivers who made qualifying attempts on the 2.12-mile Daytona International Speedway oval.

In fact, the five fastest drivers on Saturday qualified in the second half of the nearly three-hour session that began at 10:30 a.m. MST.

"I was more concerned with the wind than anything else," Gordon explained. "Usually, it really kicks up late in the day. I just hoped I got it at a moment when it died down. Luckily for us, that's the way it worked out."

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Simply Irresistible (13)  
Everyday 12:30-2:40-4:50-7:00-9:15

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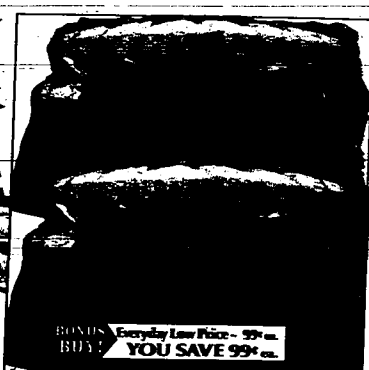
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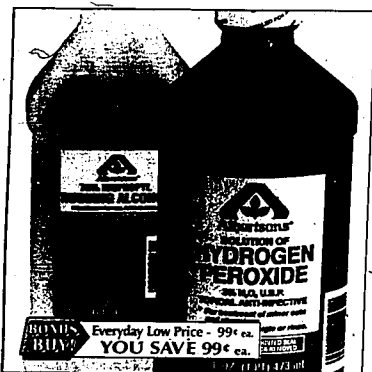


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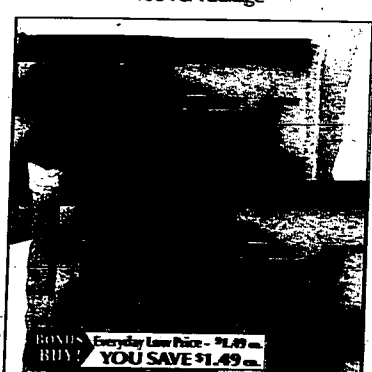
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Table with 2 columns: State and Percentage of Hotel Taxes Used by Top Cities. Includes Florida (20%), Alaska (15%), and others.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Beauty consultant adds certification to résumé

TWIN FALLS - Debra Denny, a Beauty for All Seasons image consultant, recently became certified to offer "Perpetual Beauty."

Denny also offers classes including "Compliment Your Face with the Correct Accessories," "Getting Back Into the Workplace," and "How to be Stylish and Look Successful."

ISU will provide free seminar on adding employee benefits

FOCAELLO - Idaho State University's Small Business Development Center and School of Applied Technology is offering a free seminar from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Microsoft markets hand-held 'universal remote' device

The long arm of Bill Gates is reaching for America's treasured appliance, the remote control. Microsoft has designed a universal remote that looks like the child of a PalmPilot and Game Boy marriage.

Stocks in recreational vehicle companies may boom soon

Good stories don't always make good stocks, but there's no denying that one of the better tales concerns the RV industry - makers of recreational vehicles and motor homes.

PRIVACY VS. PRIVATE BUSINESS

Clamps could come down on telemarketers if bill finishes journey to Kempthorne's desk

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

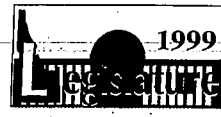
TWIN FALLS - You sit down to dinner and the telephone rings. Sure enough, it's a telemarketer with another sales pitch.

Rest assured, it happens to other people, too. It's happening so often that a bill already has passed through the Idaho Senate to protect consumers against unsolicited sales calls.

A matter of privacy

Proposed by Idaho Attorney General Al Lance, Senate Bill 1023 is now in the House State Affairs Committee.

Last year, Lance's consumer protection unit logged 530 telephone calls from people complaining about fraud

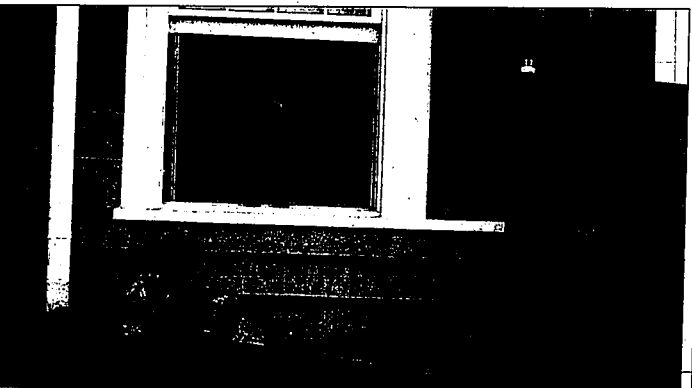


and the sheer number of sales calls, said Lance spokesman Bob Cooper. "In the simplest terms, people of Idaho are just plain tired of having their meal interrupted by people wanting to sell them something," Cooper said.

"I am in favor of a law that has teeth and can be enforced," he wrote to Sen. Clint Siemmet, D-Ketchum. "This law will not do it."

Even if the bill becomes law, Teleperformance USA President Rob Hardesty expects little impact. The Salt Lake City-based company has 17 call centers, including one in Twin Falls, that employ 100 full- and part-time telemarketers.

Almost all of the firm's business revolves around calling customers of their bank clients to offer new services



A pair of dogs watch the world go by from atop their home in Greensboro, N.C. Acquiring homeowner's policies is getting tougher for dog owners.

Some dogs create insurance liability

Owners of 'high-risk' breeds face limitations on homeowner's policies

Knight Ridder News Service

Chip Davis was on his way to a new homeowner's insurance policy - until he mentioned his dog.

The conversation was over like that. Davis couldn't understand why an insurance company didn't trust a dog he trusted with his two children, ages 7 and 9.

After paying out a record \$250 million in dog-bite claims in 1996, insurance companies began cracking down on some breeds, said Mike Erwin, a spokesman for the Insurance Information Institute.

New ad opportunity aims at small firms

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News has a new inside sales department, aiming to offer advertising possibilities to smaller and unique businesses while highlighting community events and interests.

leave their businesses, Hinthar said. Past promotions have included the recent bridal section and a salute to Boy Scout page.

smaller businesses which may not have the advertising budget of larger companies, she said. The special pages and sections also will serve businesses with unique products or services that haven't found a way to present themselves to the public, Hinthar said.

Launched at the beginning of the year, the department employs four people. The Times-News will create special sections and pages to showcase businesses, said Barbara Hinthar, the department's supervisor.

Upcoming pages or sections will feature themes of community issues and events, public service information and a salute to consumer tips such as child immunization, volunteers, Easter and diabetes.

"We saw an opportunity to grow that part of the operation," Hinthar said. Larger businesses also are welcome to advertise in the special sections.

Repressive nations desperately try to limit Web access

By Dan Gillmor Knight Ridder News Service

Last week, an Internet service provider in Dublin, Ireland, was forced to shut down temporarily after a cyber-attack on its computers. Topping the list of suspects is the government of Indonesia.

Online

discourse for granted in the United States, but in this case political speech had a price. If the Indonesian government was pulling the strings, it wouldn't be the first time a regime tried to control a medium that tends to find ways around censorship.

propriate or dangerous. Nor is this the first time a government may have been involved in trying to suppress a foreign-based Internet site like, The Spanish government, by some accounts, tacitly supported an electronic mail-bombing campaign against a San Francisco Web site that published material for Basque separatists.

Telephone tidbits

- What the bill would do: Consumers pay \$10 to get on a list for three years that lets telemarketers not to call them. Telemarketers pay \$15 for the list. If telemarketers call someone on the list they are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000. Charitable groups are exempt.

Hailey firm will design Alaskan plant

The Times-News

HAILEY - POWER Engineers, an Idaho consulting engineering company, has been awarded the contract to design a new gas-turbine cogeneration power plant at a refinery in Alaska.

The design work will start this year and the plant is scheduled to start up in 2000, said the company, which has its corporate offices in Hailey.

The new 5 megawatt plant will be built at the Petrostar Refinery in Valdez, near the southern terminus of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. The plant will be owned by the local utility company, Copper Valley Electric Association, and provide power for the refinery and for export to the Copper Valley system, which serves a large, dispersed area in southeast Alaska, the company said.

The Valdez turbine engine will be fueled with natural gas or distillate, and the waste heat from the turbine exhaust will heat the crude oil at the refinery to facilitate pumping and refining.

POWER Engineers, which employs 450 people in Idaho, said it is already designing a sophisticated gas-turbine power plant installation on Alaska's Kuskokwim Island. POWER engineers design projects in Anchorage, Wrangell and Kenai. POWER Electric Engineers calls itself one of Alaska's leading utility system engineers and has been a principal part of the Alaska electrical power network for 20 years.

A number of factors - the growing electrical power requirements in Alaska, the area's problematic territory and the design of the additional capacity in turbine power plants - have resulted in steady growth in power plants, POWER Engineers said. Many utility companies are isolated from or only tenuously connected to major transmission lines. So they maintain their own generation plants for base-load generation or emergency backup. Additional capacity to meet local consumption peaks.

Because of POWER's roots in Alaska and its recent part in the gas-turbine plant design industry in the United States, POWER offices in Hailey and Boise expect their business in Alaska to increase significantly in the next few years. POWER's other offices are in Denver, St. Louis, Portland and Atlanta.

POWER's project manager for the Valdez project is Todd Krankkala of Hailey. He has worked on gas turbine projects for Mobil Oil before he came to Idaho in 1990.

As Web access grows, foreign and domestic, it's another warning that the Information Age brings new complexities to some old notions.

As with other causes of lacking of Web sites, moreover, the incident highlights how the Internet's basic openness is double-edged. Decentralization lets information be viewed by anyone, anywhere. It also creates vulnerability to outside attacks.

# MONEY

## IRS offers thorough, useful - and cool - Web site for taxpayers

The Washington Post

Who would have thought the Internal Revenue Service's own Web site would be so thorough, so accessible, so useful and so - can this be true? - so cool? It's origins in one of the government's least humorous agencies, this site is actually amusing to read, at least at first. The cover page takes you to an ersatz news-

**Check it out**

The address for the IRS Web site is [www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/covto.html](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/covto.html)

paper, called the Digital Daily, which has the motto "Faster Than a Speedy 1040EZ" and counts down the days left until April 15. From this home page you can link to tax tips, regulations, frequent-

ly-asked-questions-forms, publications and so on. What makes the site cool is its sheer helpfulness. You want a form? As long as you have a decent printer (laser or inkjet) or a fax machine, you can have any form the IRS publishes in minutes. We used it several times and found it virtually flawless, but we also found the Post has a nice, fast Internet connection and nice, fast laser printers. Even allow-

ing for slower service over normal phone lines, though, this is still remarkably handy. There are plenty of non-IRS sites that offer forms, but our cursory search turned up none as comprehensive or as universally cheap (forms are free here). As for tax advice, it is copious and usually written in plain English. One of the best features is an interactive Q&A gizmo that answers 30 basic questions

(Do I have to pay capital gains taxes? Can I deduct my home as a business expense? Can I deduct my all my mortgage interest?) by walking you through a series of yes-or-no questions and giving you a verdict based on your responses. If you don't get the verdict you want, you can go back and fiddle with your answers until you do. Try that with a real IRS agent.

## Advocate helps solve hardships

### Too few Americans know about service

NEW YORK (AP) - You've been hearing a lot about how Washington wants to do something for you, so much in fact that you've probably forgotten that there's one out there for yourself. This article in *WashPost* explores your income taxes. Do you know that the Internal Revenue Service has available for your use a Taxpayer Advocate whose job it is to help resolve cases that might otherwise lead to hardship?

Very few people know of this, and because locked in endless battle with the IRS or face seizure of their property or are threatened with wage or bank levies.

The TA can help. In fact, under the 1998 IRS Restructuring and Reform Act the TA is charged with the affirmative duty to step in and set things right when the IRS creates hardship for taxpayers.

You're not likely to find the form for contacting the TA in the usual distribution sites, such as banks and Post Offices, and you may not even read them in IRS literature. No wonder the TA isn't well known.

Dan Pilla, a tax litigation consultant who has trained hundreds of accountants and CPAs on tax matters, claims that sometimes the IRS denies that official IRS forms exist for communicating with the TA.

But, says Pilla, you may have to avail yourself of the TA if you file late to take action it should, like issuing and collecting a wage garnishment or carry out an action, like imposing a wage or bank levy.

You gain access to the TA in a number of ways: by using form 911, "Application for Taxpayer Assistance Order," or by writing a letter to the local TA in your district.

Easier said than done. Historically, says Pilla, the IRS refused to publish the addresses and phone numbers of the various TA offices. But Pilla knows his way around the IRS. He sells a complete directory of TAs.

The problems are explained in "The Pillars of Taxation," published by the IRS Problem Solver, in which he addresses 29 of the most common problems people discuss with him and his associates at the Tax Freedom Institute.

Each year, he says, millions of citizens face the IRS in some kind of adversarial exchange. Some of the disputes are easily resolved, but "too many escalate into significant or even overwhelming financial hardships."

In short, and despite efforts by Congress and even by the IRS itself to open up the channels of communication, countless numbers of taxpayers suffer their nightmares because they don't know how to begin.

It has become a dedicated researcher and later a professor and author of books and newsletters after experiencing a tax confrontation nightmare within his own family. That problem led to the firm's work.

Why worry about such matters now - matters such as being a non-filer, inability to pay on monthly payments, fear of an audit, inability to pay all, getting lost in the bureaucracy, missing deadlines?

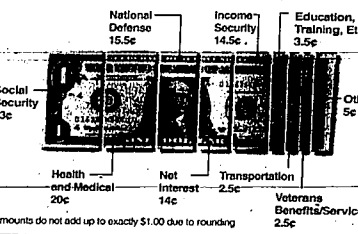
Why worry? Because tax season descends upon you as swiftly as winter comes spring (which is just a matter of months) and because the vigilance and printing presses at the IRS never cease.

By Pilla's estimates, each year the IRS issues about 100 million computer notices affecting nearly \$200 billion in accounts, and issues more than 34 million penalties against individuals and businesses.

That's the beginning, he says, and goes on to state that it executes more than 4 million tax liens and bank levies, files about 4 million general tax liens, and seizes tens of thousands of businesses, homes and cars.

## Where the tax dollar goes

Breakdown of how the federal tax dollar will be spent in 1999:



## Tax collector faces deadline of its own

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - On April 15, the tax-filing deadline, the Internal Revenue Service faces a deadline of its own making: That day, employee teams are to deliver blueprints for the biggest IRS reorganization in a half-century. The blueprints, the employees believe, will help turn one of Washington's most hated bureaucracies into a streamlined, friendlier organization that satisfies customers and employees alike. How about dispatching IRS vans to make neighborhood stop-by customers can avoid annoying trips to downtown federal buildings? Or using e-mail to answer taxpayer questions and setting up "chat rooms" on the Internet so taxpayers could engage anonymously in give-and-take with the IRS on personal problems, such as divorce, that affect their tax status?

John A. Rossini, a 30-year IRS veteran whose 11-member team came up with these ideas, said, "We're going to burn the house down and build it back from the foundation."

Meeting weekly since September at an IRS facility in suburban New Carrollton, Md., the teams have come up with plans that also include a complete restructuring of the IRS hierarchy.

"This is a big deal," said Donald F. Keitt, a University of Wisconsin professor who studies government reform. "The IRS is the one part of the government where if it doesn't work, we feel the pinch."

As a series of congressional hearings made clear over the past two years, dealing with the IRS can be a very painful experience indeed. Senate testimony in late 1997 exposed an array of IRS abuses of ordinary taxpayers and agency employees. A second hearing last year featured testimony about armed raids on businesses.

As a result, Congress ordered new IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti to overhaul the way the tax collectors do business with the public.

Under the plan conceived by Systems Inc., an international computer systems and consulting company that he helped found,

offices and 33 district offices will be eliminated, and the Washington headquarters will shrink in size and responsibilities.

None of the approximately 100,000 IRS employees will lose their jobs, but thousands will need retraining to work in the new IRS structure.

That's not easy. The IRS dwarfs most other financial institutions, here and abroad. Each year, the Treasury Department agency collects about \$1.7 trillion in taxes, which finance 95 percent of the government's operations.

Previous attempts at reform have failed. Isolated studies inside the agency commissioned studies, worked up projects and advocated changes, but never achieved the power to push anything through.

Part of the problem, Rossotti said, was that agency officials tended to "focus on one piece of the puzzle and say, 'Just do that.'"

Initiatives were developed to fix the agency's "absolutely horrible technology," as Rossotti described it, or to increase the collection of tax dollars by being tougher on delinquent taxpayers, property liens and seizures.

The overriding problem, however, has been the agency's structure, Rossotti said. The IRS "basically is such a maze that you could hardly figure out what anybody is really in charge of."

The place is so bad, he added, that "there is no one authorized to really make a decision about anything in the IRS that covers anything more than a very simple thing, until you get to the commissioner or deputy commissioner."

With IRS structural and management woes in mind, the White House opted to recruit a general executive, not a tax lawyer as customary, to take over the agency. Rossotti, a 1960s "whiz kid" under Robert McNamara at the Pentagon, embraced the notion of a new challenge and left American Management Systems Inc., an international computer systems and consulting company that he helped found,

their share in partnerships.

**Large and Mid-Size Business**  
Only 170,000 filers fall into this category, but they include the nation's big economic players, such as banking, health care, insurance, retail, farms, oil and gas, computers, the news media, sports franchises and real estate. Middle market will likely be defined as companies with assets of \$5 million to \$250 million, and large corporations as those with assets of more than \$250 million.

**Tax Exempt**  
About 1.5 million filers round out this division, which would include nonprofit organizations, state and local governments and employee retirement plans.

## Deductions for personal computers are possible

By George Hager  
The Washington Post

Tax questions keeping you up at night? Now the IRS itself is willing to help. Each 24 hours a day, seven days a week, you can call 1-800-829-1040 for live assistance.

Below are some of the more interesting questions and answers we found in checking with both the IRS and the Web.

**Q: Can I deduct my home computer and software on my taxes?**  
A: The Intuit TurboTax Web site ([www.turbotax.com](http://www.turbotax.com)) advises that if you're self-employed, "then absolutely you can deduct your computer as a business expense, as long as you actually use your computer for your business. If you are employed by someone else, then it's a different story."

You must meet two different tests: The computer is required as a condition of your employment and it is used for the convenience of your employer, and even if you pass the tests, your computer expenses go into the miscellaneous itemized deductions category, where the total of your miscellaneous deductions must equal more than 2 percent of your gross income before you can start deducting anything.

Note: "J.K. Lasser's Your Income Tax 1999" says the IRS is a bear on such deductions. You must prove you need your own computer to do your job because your employer either doesn't provide one or provides one inadequate for the job. You also must be prepared to show records proving you used the computer more than 50 percent of the time for your job.

**Q: What do I have to do to deduct large charitable contributions?**  
A: The Kiplinger TaxCut Web site ([www.taxcut.com](http://www.taxcut.com)) advises: "Congress is a suspicious group. That's why lawmakers told IRS that it can no longer accept a canceled check proof of a contribution of \$250 or more. You must have a receipt from the charity to back up your write-off. That applies to a single gift - of cash or property - of more than \$250. If you gave your church \$25 contributions during the year, for a total of \$1,250, you don't need receipts. Your canceled checks are good enough."

**Q: How can I check the status of my refund?**  
A: The IRS Web site says you can get no refund information until at least six weeks after you filed your return (three weeks after filing electronically or by telephone). After that, you can call the Automated Refund Service at 1-800-829-4477. Have a copy of your return.

**Q: Oops! It's after April 15 and I haven't filed my tax return. On the other hand, I don't owe any tax. - I'm expecting a refund. Will I have to pay a penalty?**  
A: If you're due a refund, there's no penalty for late filing, advises the IRS.

**Q: If I mail in my return after April 15, does IRS consider it received the day it's postmarked or the day it's actually received?**  
A: As long as your return is postmarked on or before April 15, the return is considered filed on April 15. After that, it depends on when the IRS actually receives it. If it's postmarked April 16 but IRS doesn't get it until April 17, it's considered filed on April 20.

**Q: What should I do if I can't pay my taxes?**  
A: The worst thing you can do, advises the Motley Fool's Investment Tax Guide ([fool.com/school/tax/taxes.htm](http://fool.com/school/tax/taxes.htm)), is not to file at all. Better to file and make no much of a partial payment at all; you can file late-file penalties mount up at a brutal rate of 5 percent a month (to a maximum of 25 percent of the tax you owe), and a failure-to-pay penalty accrues at just 0.5 percent a month.

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# Telemarketers

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 upgrades, Hardesty said. There is little "cold calling" to people who aren't customers of their clients.  
 "I think that is what most people make exception to," he said.  
 No one projects that similar laws passed in other states have hurt the telemarketing industry, Hardesty said. In fact, business is expected to increase over the next five years.  
 "If there is a change in the industry, it will be less and less of the cold calling," he said.  
 There's no ratio of how many times people say 'no' to 'yes' because that depends on what's being offered, Hardesty said.  
 "The majority of cases would be they are not interested," he

conceded. It's the ones who are interested who keep Telemarketing in business.  
 The company doesn't call just at dinner, he said, adding, "It's pretty even throughout the day for us."  
 First Security Bank just launched a new telemarketing program, but only for its customers, said Charles Preston, Salt Lake City-based senior vice president for marketing.  
 "It's mainly a call to see how they're doing on the line," he said. "The callers will mention specials or services, but they won't do any heavy-duty selling."  
 Like Hardesty, Preston doesn't expect any change if the bill passes. The bank serves 250,000 households in Idaho.

Though some people dislike sales calls, many thrive on doing business over the phone, he added.  
 "If telemarketing wasn't successful it would be stopped," he said.  
**Other ways to say 'no'**  
 US West Communications, which has 450,000 customers in Idaho, has not taken a stand on the bill, said spokesman Mike Reynoldson in Boise.  
 But in response to complaints, the company has a new service to discourage unsolicited calls. Incoming callers hear a recorded message that says no unsolicited calls are accepted and asks solicitors to hang up. Friends and family can press a button for the call

to go through.  
 Under law, the message is considered a warning and telemarketers would be subject to prosecution if the call goes through, Reynoldson said.  
 The cost is \$6.95 per month, but so far, it's only offered in the Treasure Valley.  
 Elsewhere, the next-best option for weeding out telemarketers is caller identification, Reynoldson said. That service costs \$6.50 per month.  
 One useful feature of caller ID is anonymous call rejection, which allows people to block calls from anyone who has shielded their number from identification. Telemarketing companies usually have their numbers blocked, Reynoldson said.

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Chicago-Tribune  
 Environmental Medicine: The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics backs up that statement with a report that shows in 1996 there were 490,608 back injuries suffered by workers that resulted in time away from work. Most at risk, the bureau says, are men.

# Dogs

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 "The answer is almost always going to be no," said agent Duane Becker of Charlton Manley, an independent agency in Johnson County.  
 The breeds considered highest-risk are pit bulls, Rottweilers, German shepherds, huskies, Alaskan malamutes, Doberman pin-

schers, chows, Great Danes, St. Bernards and Akitas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
 The reported number of dog bites requiring medical care rose 36 percent between 1985 and 1996, from \$85,000 to 800,000, according to a report by the National Center for

Injury Prevention and Control. During that time, the number of dogs kept as pets rose only 2 percent. Erwin attributed the rise in bites to the increasing popularity of dogs such as Rottweilers and pit bulls.  
 The average dog-bite claim takes a hefty \$2,600 chunk of cash with it

for companies, Erwin said.  
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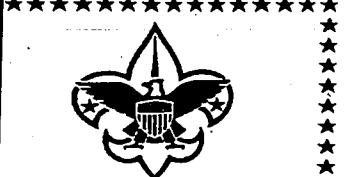
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MONEY

Malls face same fate as dinosaurs

Adviser predicts that shopping centers will die out in 21st Century

NEW YORK (AP) — Those regional shopping malls, thronged with shoppers, walkers, movie-goers, students, and in some instances, diners, will be mere piles of dust before the 21st century is done.

That, to be sure, is a long-term forecast, but one destined to have immediate results, coming as it does from a real estate adviser who has been involved in the management of properties worth billions of dollars.

"Regional shopping malls are comprised of tons of inflexible, immovable bricks and mortar," says Allen Cymrot, the proponent of this story. "Sociological changes are resilient and constant," he says.

He argues that the regional mall concept evolved in the post-World War II years before discount and destination (or stand-alone stores such as shopping clubs), before the surge in catalogs and now the Internet.

He envisions the day in 2099 when archeologists uncover the dust of what once were thriving centers of social and business activity.

"Overblown," counters Steven Wechsler, who heads the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, many of whose members have received, built and manage some of the nation's largest malls. He says he is acutely aware of change, but he is not ready to adapt as quickly. "Society

changes and consumers adapt," he said. Malls, he asserted, will maintain "a social and positive setting."

"It's difficult," said Cymrot, who has helped finance regional mall developments and is a past chairman of the National Mallbuilding Council.

He lists a number of reasons why so many mall owners risk their own financial future. They extracted equity and transferred their ownership risk and financial obligation to the public shareholder, he says.

Cymrot, now an independent real estate investor and adviser to real estate concerns, suggests that the expensive fixed rates of malls mean a continuing, and eventually losing, battle with business and social change.

Among current changes, those include: an exodus (as opposed to mall closures) with owners such as Costco, Best Buy, U.S. Office Depot and Costco Plus present some of the most serious competition.

Consumers want better time management for their shopping needs, Cymrot says. They're less inclined to browse or take the kids to the mall to keep them quiet. They don't want traffic problems. And they want lower prices.

Of course, the baby boomers also are advancing in age, less inclined to shop and they drop more so than before, their interests extend beyond the domestic market, reallocation time to exercise, travel, museums and hobbies, and spending more time with family and friends. "Like most grandiose statements

there's a small bit of truth," to such claims, says Wechsler, who maintains that malls already have shown they can adapt. Among other things, they are community centers, he says.

Malachy Kavanaugh, of the International Council of Shopping Centers, couldn't agree more. Malls, he observed, are gathering places that may have movies, live entertainment, restaurants, medical and eyeglass shops.

He pointed out that shopping center sales for 1998 through November rose 3 percent over the comparable year-earlier period, to more than \$1 trillion.

Recognizing the growth of services, some offer classrooms, perhaps a children's museum, walking sites, facilities for community meetings and even a Social Security office. They have space and flexibility, he says.

Says Cymrot: "There is no disagreement with what I say except among people with a vested interest." There is no future for the traditional shopping mall in America, he said again.

An occasional writer of articles and books, he has written a scenario in which two archeologists a century from now are probing an interesting site when they uncover what looks like part of a cinderblock wall.

"What do you think it is?" asks one of the diggers. "This or sure," his partner replies. "It looks like part of a regional shopping mall."



Mario Fuentes, a field service technician for Dinamation International Corp., works on a life-size, animated replica of a Tyrannosaurus Rex at the Mall of Louisiana Jan. 27 in Baton Rouge, La. A major retail estate adviser, Allen Cymrot, predicts that regional shopping malls will join dinosaurs in extinction by the end of the 21st Century.

NEW BUSINESSES

The Times-News

BOISE — Following is the remainder of a list of businesses filed during December 1998 with the Idaho secretary of state's office. Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business. The first part of the list was published Jan. 31.

• Reflections, Julie Conley, 242 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade and services.

• Rico's Pizza and Pasta, Frank Bright, P.O. Box 100, Sun Valley, ID 83340, retail trade and services.

• Rim View Mediation and Coaching, Mike Kinser, 767 Falls Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

• River Co., Olivia Expeditions Inc., P.O. Box 2329, Sun Valley, ID 83333, services.

• Riverside Estates Homeowners Association, Richard W. Fairchild, 222 Willow Road, Hanley, ID 83333.

• Riverview Dairy, Jeanne Swartz, 179 S. 200 E., Jerome, ID 83338, agriculture.

• RLA Construction, Robert L. Albright, P.O. Box 1633, Ketchum, ID 83340, construction.

• Rock Down, Doug Nieldich, Box 291, Hatley, ID 83333, services.

• Rocky Mountain Artworks, Little Howell, 1251 Fairway Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

• Ronald F. Mielak MD PA, 570 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Roth Dairies Inc., Simon Roth, 5396 S. 800 E., Jerome, ID 83338.

• S M Warehouse, Cliff Seider, 2989 E. 3500 N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

• Sen Bel Construction, Scott Bell, 1811 W. St., Heyburn, ID 83336, construction.

• Service Master of Magic Valley, Tegan and Gest Inc., P.O. Box 2045, Twin Falls, ID 83303, services.

• Signature Tile, Susan Fields, 915 E. Ave. H, Jerome, ID 83338, construction.

• Silms Guiding Lights, Ronnie Hewitt, 1845 E. 600 W., Oakley, ID 83346, manufacturing.

• Smith Livestock, David K. Smith, 710 N. Road, Jerome, ID 83338, agriculture.

• Snake Road-Davidson Inc., Farnis Fenderson, 3401 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Snake River Chevron, Mike Hooker, 111 Fairfir Drive, Kimberly, ID 83341, retail trade.

• Snake River Feedstore, David S. Nagel, 793 Academic Drive, Terns Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

• Snow Star Studios, Patricia E. Smith, P.O. Box 2173, Hailey, ID 83333, services.

• So He, Yoni Lee, P.O. Box 2463, Jerome, ID 83338, services.

• Sobotka Farms, Michael R. Sobotka, 107 S. 200 E., Jerome, ID 83338, agriculture.

• Sonen's Catering Services, Sonen Restaurants Inc., 546 Shoshone St. S., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

• Southern Idaho Distributing, Vemore South Distributing Inc., 1040 Main St., Twin Falls, ID 83301, wholesale trade.

• Sportsman's River Boat, Terry Lee Johnson, 2867 S.E. Highway 30, Hagerman, ID 83332, services.

• Stafford Farms, Harlan Dworzecki, 2107 W. Park Road, Rupert, ID 83350, agriculture.

• Star Partnership, Glenn Antonson, P.O. Box 46, Twin Falls, ID 83301, insurance and real estate.

• State Farm Insurance, Paul T. Smith, 2010 Stadium Blvd., Twin Falls, ID 83301, insurance and real estate.

• State Construction Inc., Douglas A. Sauer, 9419 S. 2000 E., Coalinga, ID 83330.

• Studio 717 Salon, Kima Blaker, Box 360, Bellevue, ID 83302, services.

• Sturtevant and Associates, Corporation of Sun Valley Inc., P.O. Box 22244, Ketchum, ID 83340, construction.

• Sun Country Management, DMSM Ventures Inc., P.O. Box 1525, Sun Valley, ID 83326, services.

• Sun Valley Area Real Estate Guide, Express Publishing Inc., P.O. Box 1013, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail and wholesale trade and services.

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• Sun Valley Medical, Sun Valley Foods LLC, P.O. Box 332, Sun Valley, ID 83326, services.

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• Sure-Gro Inc., Gordon Harper, 725 S.W. 8th, Burley, ID 83302.

• Sweet's Construction, David F. Sweet, 307 N. 2000 E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

• Sweet's Food and Drug, Sweetcorp Inc., P.O. Box 850, Paul, ID 83301, retail trade.

• T & T Enterprises, an Idaho general partnership, Tim Oberchiner, P.O. Box 220, Twin Falls, ID 83303, insurance and real estate.

• Table Top Publishing, Catherine L. Ruberson, P.O. Box 1944, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail and wholesale trade and services.

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• The Bugs Window Press, Sally Swanson, P.O. Box 3123, Ketchum, ID 83340, wholesale trade.

• The Church, Green, Connie S. Church, 292 W. 200 S., Jerome, ID 83338, retail trade.

• The Gemie Scarvo, P.O. Box 507, Wamsutter, ID 83302, retail trade.

• Thompson, C. C. Miller, P.O. Box 100, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

• Tillemo Inc., Deborah S. Clough, 1400 S. 200 E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• The Times-News, Magic Valley Newspapers Inc., P.O. Box 548, 122 Utah St. W., Twin Falls, ID 83303, retail trade and manufacturing.

• Tom's Barber Shop, Jeffrey E. Durbin, 2525 Eastgate Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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• Underwood Recycling, James C. Underwood, 613 N. Fir St., Jerome, ID 83338, retail and wholesale trade.

• Van-De-Van, Andrew G. Venn, 536 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

• Vin's Old Towne Pasta House, Vin's Pasta Brewing Co., 516 Second St. S., No. 2, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

• Wagon Wheel Management, Dale W. Ralph, 748 Cento Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, finance, insurance and real estate.

• Wagon Wheel Motel, Dale W. Ralph, 748 Cento Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, finance, insurance and real estate.

• Walk-Hes Realty Inc., Walt Hess, 2050 Trail Creek Circle, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Waters of Eden Inc., Gerald Delon Miller, 1186 E. 290 S., Eden, ID 83326.

• Weiside Cafe, Charles B. Park, Box 597, Burley, ID 83318, services.

• Weiside Inc., Danny E. West, 211 W. Westview Lane, Declo, ID 83323.

• Weiside Livestock Co., Kenyon Weiside, 100 W. 157 S., Rupert, ID 83350.

• Wesleyan Holiness Association of Churches of Twin Falls, Idaho, Inc., Lloyd W. Rieger, 203 Madison Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• West Gate Outdoor Adventures, Randy Hess, P.O. Box 2733, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail trade and services.

• Winfield, Doctor, S&L Enterprises Inc., P.O. Box 728, Burley, ID 83318, services.

• Wolverton and Wright Subdivision Owners Association, Mark W. Wright, 166 Cordova Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Wood River Animal Hospital, Steve G. Fairbrother DVM, 748 S. Main, Bellevue, ID 83313, retail trade and services.

• Wood River Equine Hospital, Steve G. Fairbrother DVM, 748 S. Main, Bellevue, ID 83313, retail trade and services.

• Wood River Urology, Ambrose F. McLaughlin MD, P.O. Box 4827, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

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TRADEWINDS Big stocks make big news

TWIN FALLS - Peggy Van Wagner has been promoted to general manager of the Best Western... The new manager of the Best Western... Van Wagner has worked in sales and marketing at the hotel for 12 years.

TWIN FALLS - Carrie Orr of The Clip hair styling salon recently attended National's 1998 International Symposium in Las Vegas, Nev. Orr said she interacted with the world's top educators during advanced training in color, hair design, business development, scientific technology and beauty trends.

TWIN FALLS - Willis Stone and Dick and Carolyn Wick have joined the staff of lenders at Irwin Realty. Stone has been selling real estate for more than nine years. He has an associate broker's license, is a Graduate of the Realtor's Institute and has



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TWIN FALLS - Debbi Daniels is a new associate at Gem State Realty. Daniels has more than six years of real estate experience. She has earned the national designation of Graduate of the Realtor's Institute...

Martindale of Burley has been promoted to manager of Mr. Gas at 306 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Debby Bingham was promoted to financial controller at Lynch Oil Inc. Carol Henscheid was promoted to district manager of the Mr. Gas locations throughout Magic Valley.

The Sols are members of the Magic Valley and Inland Empire and searched throughout their 45-year marriage. They have been in the real estate business for 12 years. Carolyn is a past president of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors and serves as a state director. The Sols will only be in Magic Valley if it meets their needs.

JEROME - Curt McEwen of Hazelton has joined the D&L Lawn Service team to head up the lawn, tree and spider-spray division. McEwen has had his own lawn service business for several years in the Magic Valley and was a licensed technician for Perma Guard. He is a native of Magic Valley.

NEW YORK (AP) - One of the biggest stock-market stories of the late 1990s has been the renaissance of the blue chips. Through the past several decades on Wall Street, investors learned to think of big stocks as slow and stolid, "mature" companies that can't hope to grow as fast as their newer, smaller counterparts.

But over the past few years, the once-overlooked blue chips shined with a dazzling display of earnings progress by dozens of big companies, ranging from old-line conglomerates like General Electric to more specialized operators such as Microsoft and Intel. In an increasingly global economy, "certain big companies have figured out how to use their muscle," says Beth Terrano, manager of the \$10.5 billion Fidelity Fund in Boston. "In doing so, they've generated great returns."

largest-company stocks climbed 156.42 percent. That left the Russell 2,000 index of medium-sized and smaller companies, up 63.18 percent over the same span, in the dust.

For most of this time, many small-stock aficionados assumed that the trend was just a passing phase. There have always been cycles, they recalled, when small stocks moved in and out of favor from the investment world. Over long periods, study after study showed that small stocks were the place to be. Now, however, many investors are wondering whether those ideas have lost at least some of their validity. Amid great economic turbulence from the mid-1980s through the early '90s, many large companies subjected themselves to a radical restructuring, overhauling their operations and cutting costs.

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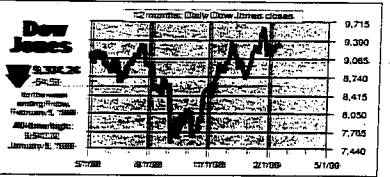
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WASHINGTON (AP) - The American economy added 245,000 new jobs in a year, keeping the unemployment rate at a 26-year low of 4.3 percent and pushing the jobless rate for blacks and Hispanics to their lowest on record. "It's a great time to be an American worker," said an economist with SHI Consulting of John Hancock in Boston. "The job market, except for manufacturing, is generally remarkably robust."



package of \$41.5 billion would hobble Latin America's dominant economy with higher interest rates, worsening unemployment and deeper recession.

The United States fears that continued economic turmoil in Brazil could stifle growth elsewhere in a region that accounts for a major share of U.S. exports.

Traders said the lack of specifics in the government's pledge Thursday to reduce its public debt and achieve a budget surplus triggered a decline on the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange, where shares closed down 2.5 percent Friday.

MR. STONE was previously a mobile salesman to Mark victims after disclosing that he helped finance the construction of the Anacostia death camp.

New York City's commissioner, Alan Bersoff, said he is eager to help to block Deutsche Bank's acquisition of Bankers Trust Co. because the German bank conceals their own health care with out substantially increasing costs.

health care system is in worse shape than it was five years ago, says the information for The Associated Press. The biggest complaint was the inability of people to choose their own doctors.

As these concerns grow, Congress is again considering how to give people more control over their own health care with out substantially increasing costs.

The Los Angeles, the founder of the Sierra Environmental Center announced that he helped finance the construction of the Anacostia death camp. He has been arrested several times for his involvement in the camp. He is currently in custody.

Stock, currency values erode further in Brazil. SAO PAULO, Brazil - Stock and currency values eroded further Friday due to investor skepticism over the lack of details in Brazil's new belt-tightening commitments to the International Monetary Fund.

The government's annual economic report for this year, issued Friday by the Labor Department, showed that 245,000 new jobs were created in the construction, computer and other fields. That put January's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at the lowest level since December, last April's decline that, in 1970.

GM, 6 other companies sell shares to the public. NEW YORK - After months of waiting for Wall Street investors to submit seven offerings of shares to the public Friday, naming \$2.2 billion in the biggest one-day stock offering since last July.

The offerings were led by General Motors Corp.'s partial spinoff of its automotive parts unit, Delco. Other offerings included Del Monte Foods Co. and MicroFinancial Inc.

Deutsche Bank helped finance Nazi death camp. NEW YORK - Deutsche Bank

Americans are satisfied with insurance packages. WASHINGTON - Americans are generally happy with their health insurance coverage, but favor in 100 adults say insurers have a long way to go in the case they receive, according to a new poll. Women are more critical than men, with 40 percent saying the

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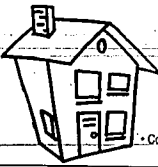
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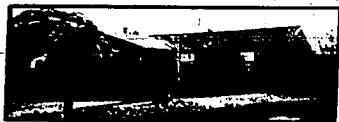
**Hagerman - BUYER'S LOOK!** Seller will pay \$1,500 toward your costs. Beautiful home in good location. \$129,500. KAY CALHOUN JERKE 324-5554 OR LINDA MILLER 324-8684 OR 324-3354. #98-01606

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**1270 TWIN PARKS DRIVE • TWIN FALLS**  
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 Great Family Home within walking distance to Perrine Elementary School. Approx. 1577 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 1.75 baths, living room with fireplace. Huge fenced backyard, large shop and 2-car garage. \$99,900. Mark Jones 734-4599. MLS #9940119



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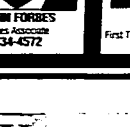
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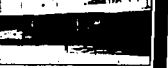
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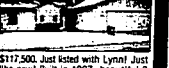
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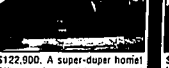
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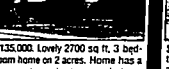
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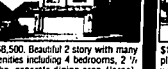
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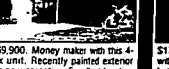
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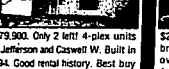
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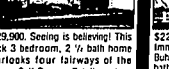
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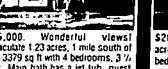
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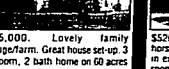
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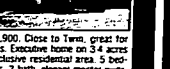
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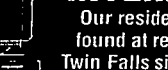
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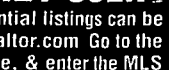
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolf

Dear Mr. Wolfe: Partner opens no-trump, and I bid a Stayman two clubs. If he bids two hearts, am I safe to assume he does not hold four spades?

ANSWER: If partner is using the convention properly, the answer is yes. After checking on aces, if the Blackwood bidder asks for aces, he guarantees that no ace is missing.

Dear Mr. Wolfe: Partner deals and opens a strong two-spade bid. Must I keep the bidding open? I had only nine HCP, and two spades would give me game.

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Dear Mr. Wolfe: We have a partner of 70 points, an off partner opens a strong two-spade bid. Must I keep the bidding open? I had only nine HCP, and two spades would give me game.

ANSWER: Yes, I would think so. In fourth- or fifth- or opening pre-empt it is not the same as its cousins in earlier positions. Since passing is an option, the fourth- or fifth- or opening pre-empt is made only when there's a good chance for the contract to succeed. It invites partner to bid three no-trump with a suitable hand. Opener usually has either a running or a near-solid suit.

Dear Mr. Wolfe: Partner deals Blackwood, and I answer two spades. If he continues to ask for aces, should I answer two spades again? I have 15 points, and two spades would give me game.

ANSWER: No. In standard methods, only the redouble shows strength. Jump bids in new suits are not a strength signal. The objective is to make it difficult for the bidder's partner to bid. A jump to two spades, depending on vulnerability, might promise as little as a seven-card suit headed by the Q-J and not much else.

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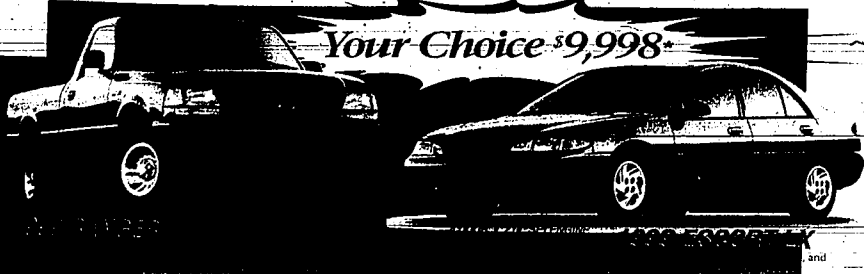
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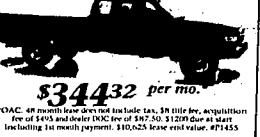
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## Happy Valentine's Day

It's almost time to think about Valentine's Day. The valentine stuff has been in the stores for more than a month now, sitting right next to the half-price Christmas items.

What will it be this year - candy, flowers, a Beeping Wallet?

Time out: What's a Beeping Wallet?

A Beeping Wallet is a new product from Koppel Inc., out of California, that is making a bid for a spot on cupid's shopping list this year. This is the "first patented electronic wallet that reminds you whenever a credit card is removed from your wallet." The thing beeps every 20 seconds until the card is replaced.

Definitely unique, though maybe not par-



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Denise Turner

ticularly romantic, this wallet would surely get you noticed at the mall.

If beeping isn't your style, you might consider giving your significant other some of the new Sweethearts candies from the New England Confectionery Company. Each year, the company puts 10 new savings on its conversation hearts.

Get ready... da da... here's this year's list:

- Love Me Tender
- My Way
- E-Gee-U Babe
- I Will Be
- Walk On By
- You Rock
- Let's Do Lunch
- I Wonder
- I-800 Cupid
- As If

Some of the new sayings pay tribute to the century's most popular romance makers. Others, from New England Confectionery's candy sayings guru Walter Marshall, are the results of conversations Marshall overheard when his nine grandchildren were around.

The newer sayings are always among the most popular, according to company spokespersons. Last year's "You Go Girl," inspired by TV's Rosie O'Donnell, has been a huge success.

"Fax Me" and "I Don't Think So" have become popular, too.

The original sayings still included - "Be Mine," "Kiss Me," "Sweet Talk" - sound almost quaint in comparison.

For those who prefer valentine's cards or messages to gifts, there are some unusual ideas in a book with a great title: "How to Jump Start your Husband," by Langdon Hill. The book suggests giving your husband an old shoe the message, "I love you heart and sole," or a coconut with a note that says, "I'm nuts about you."

I once ran across a survey that indicated that women would actually like to receive valentine flowers, especially a flowering carnation or an exotic bloom like a bird of paradise. But I'm not completely convinced. I still think my own husband is more the fishing hole and nachos type than the roses and truffles type.

"My husband is not into poetry, either, and I'm happy about that. I don't write great poetry, and he certainly doesn't. Besides, it's pretty hard to make sure a poem conveys the meaning you really want to convey."

Author Judith Viorst once wrote a magazine article about romantic, funny or outrageous ways real people have proposed marriage.

One man gave his intended a dozen roses and this verse:

"I really do not mean to be unkind,  
But let me tell the truth right from the start.

You're not exactly what I had in mind,  
But you're exactly what I had in heart."  
I guess that was romantic, but I think I

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Got a love story?  
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The Times-News is preparing a Valentine's Day article on true romances. If you are one, or know one, share it with us.

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## Learn to budget family funds

### Financial cooperation can strengthen a family

By Night Rider News Service

Dave Ramsey could easily map out the family's monthly budget by himself. After all, the husband and father of three is the best-selling author of "Financial Peace" and "The Financial Peace Planner." He also has spent the last decade providing financial counseling to hundreds of thousands of people during his seminars.

Bur-Ramsey and his wife, Sharon, view their marriage as a partnership in all aspects.

So, Ramsey will do the first draft of the family's monthly budget. Then, Sharon Ramsey gets involved.

"She'll remind me that the kids might have signed up for soccer that month, or that I've done the grocery budget on 1987 prices," said Ramsey, who lives in Tennessee. And while his wife might not love numbers, he says, "she does enjoy having a system, and her input is wise."

Ramsey explores such issues as family budgeting in his new book, "More Than Enough: Proves Keys to Strengthening Your Family and Building Financial Peace" (Viking, \$22.95).

The book is full of advice for families who struggle over money, a sort of road map for building wealth while strengthening relationships with family and friends. The 330-page self-help book is an eclectic mix of folkie advice, quotations from the Bible, case histories,

quizzes and financial worksheets. He includes advice for married couples, engaged couples, children and blended families.

Ramsey, in fact, knows what it is like to struggle with money. By age 26, he had accumulated a personal real-estate portfolio worth more than \$4 million. But, like millions of Americans, he got himself too far into debt to get out and

*"Please teach your kids to work. You doom them to a life of frustration and mediocrity if they don't learn a work ethic from you."*

- Dave Ramsey, author

lost his entire portfolio and nearly everything he owned. By age 30, he declared personal bankruptcy.

That's when he and his wife began to work together on their finances. By doing such things as working together on the family budget, the couple developed a method of communicating with each other about money - and, in the process, about their hopes, dreams and values - which led them to financial health in about three years.

Wives often say they want more communication in their marriage, while husbands wish for more cooperation, Ramsey notes. Working on a budget

together helps on both levels, Ramsey says. Couples find themselves talking about retirement plans, vacations, the education of their children and, by doing so, evaluating and sharing individual and shared hopes and dreams.

Ramsey says that couples should work on the family's budget together because "it forces us to communicate." To have one checkbook, he says, is to "examine your dreams."

In the book, Ramsey also discusses teaching children about the value of money.

"Please teach your kids to work. You doom them to a life of frustration and mediocrity if they don't learn a work ethic from you," Ramsey says. "Our nature at birth is not a nature that leads us to prosperity - there has never been a child born who gets up every morning, makes his bed, cleans his room and brushes his teeth - without instruction."

And don't give the kids allowances, either, Ramsey advises. Instead, pay them commissions.

"Commission means work, get paid; don't work, don't get paid," Ramsey says. "If the table is not cleaned, or the dog not fed, and Mom or Dad has to catch your slack, you get docked some of your pay."

Ramsey says he hopes his book can help people change their lives as well as their checkbooks.

"After learning the hard way, I have made it my life's mission to help others recover from financial problems and learn to make their own financial opportunities," he says.

## Lebt free

### How to put your family finances back on track this year

By Cathy Walworth  
Times-News correspondent

Even thousand Idaho families announced that they could not pay their bills in the past two years - and 5,388 families filed for bankruptcy in Idaho in 1997.

That number went up about 10 percent - to 5,508 - in 1998.

How do you get many people get into that much trouble?

It's a slippery slope.

Credit cards are one of the leading problems, say experts, and a medical catastrophe can put a family in the red much too easily. Plain old greed and impatience lurk about every corner on the road to financial health, as well. Even parents can help lose our footing, though they may mean well.

"There's too much credit card debt," said Jim Meservy, a Jerome attorney who has handled his share of bankruptcies. "We're getting a lot of credit-card cases today. Credit is too easy. Why, if you answered 10 percent of the offer, how many credit cards would you have?"

- If a family has several credit cards, they could easily get \$15,000 in bills, looking at \$300-a-month payments.
- If you get 10 cards and be owes \$20,000 a year, a lender would probably hesitate if they checked his credit rating. But I doubt if most credit card companies check credit," Meservy said.

And there's the problem factor.

"I think the problem is primarily impatience," said Jeanne Schlaegenhauf, of Consumer Credit Management Services in Twin Falls.

People are refusing to wait until they can afford to buy that luxury new car, said, and they can't tell the difference between "want" and "need."

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## Students sing Tuesday

### This week

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School Music Department will present its Winter Choral Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the John W. Cooper Fine Arts Auditorium. Directors are Richard Smuck and Dennis Borz.

The Girls Choir will perform "Come Sing This Round With Me," "My True Love Has My Heart" and other numbers. Accompanists are Amy Charney and Anna Stephenson.

The Concert Choir will sing "Say, Love" and "In Winter" among other selections. Jason Gunnell, Evan Allan and Alison Homan are the accompanists.

The Chamber Singers will perform "Who Is At My Window, Who?" "Steal Away To Heaven" and other selections. Rachel Williams is the

## To do for families

solist and Jodi Traveller is the accompanist.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and students. Activity cards will be accepted.

### Upcoming

BOISE - Reading Rainbow's Fourth Annual Young Writers and Illustrators Contest returns to inspire children to write and illustrate their own stories. Students in kindergarten through third grade may enter the competition.

Each story and its pictures will be judged first at an Idaho

Public Television station: KAIT (Boise), KISU (Pocatello) or KUID (Moscow).

Then, winners from the Idaho stations will be entered in national finals to compete for books, computers and other prizes.

Submit an official entry form and rules at your school, library or bookstore, or call (800) 424-1226.

Submit the story with at least five illustrations. Only one entry per person is permitted and it must be received at the Idaho PTV station by March 31.

Every Sunday, To Do for Families lists family oriented events throughout south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesdays.

## Coping with the death of a parent

- Write your thoughts in a journal. Or say them aloud at the grave site or in a prayer. As a starting point, go over the good things you remember and what you appreciated about your parent. But don't be afraid to acknowledge your regrets, as well.
- By doing this, you give closure to the unfinished longings you're often left with," says Dr. Gordon, a Pembroke Pines, Fla., licensed clinical social worker who created a nationally known course on improving relationships.
- Play out conversations with your deceased parent, says Arthur Kovacs, who teaches at the California School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles. In some cases, you'll know exactly how he or she would respond and "hearing" those words can be a comfort.
- Find a support group through local hospitals or religious institutions or check the Internet, which offers dozens of online sites dealing with loss and grief. Among them: <http://www.griefnet.org> and <http://www.healthcareers.net>
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FAMILY LIFE

Children learn the art of being polite

By Kristen Scharnberg  
The Baltimore Sun

DAVIDSONVILLE, Md. — The prim wucenan at the front of the room is unrelenting. It's "Ma'am" and "Sir" to your elders — absolutely no first names, please. It's "Excuse me" and "Thank you" and feet on the floor and napkins folded neatly in the lap.

"This stuff is important," she says somberly, and the youngsters try extra hard not to squirm.

Welcome to Etiquette 101, a course parents openly adore and children barely tolerate. The six-week course being taught in Davidsonville — one of the more upscale ZIP codes dotting the Baltimore-Washington suburban landscape — is designed to shape your kid into shape for the bargain price of \$120. It is one of hundreds like it around the country.

In a day where congressmen are screaming at each other on national television and the president is in trouble for doing far more than opening doors for women, etiquette is becoming



At the Davidsonville School in Davidsonville, Md., children are instructed in the fine art of being polite.

through their business schools. There are such things as "national etiquette consultants." A business that operates under the motto "You can dress so well you can't take them anywhere" has been contracted by such computer-industry giants as Hewlett-Packard Co. and Apple to teach their microchip geniuses how to be socially appropriate. And due to this fall: "Etiquette for Dummies."

In Davidsonville, parents are taking no chances that their kids will turn out to be respectable: Beginning at age 6, children can attend the Stillmeadow School of Etiquette to learn the rules of fine dining, telephone demeanor and party propriety.

Leslie Carter, who owns a horse farm and an equestrian camp, started the etiquette school last year after several parents picked up their children from riding lessons and commented, "They are always so polite after they've been here."

Carter teaches her young charges some of the most tried and true rules of social grace: how to write a thank-you note, open doors, pull out chairs, graciously receive a compliment, and how to tell the difference between polite and inappropriate conversation.

Paying the price for bad behavior is fair, effective

Thirty or so years ago, experts began telling parents that high self-esteem would lead to better grades, better behavior, and prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

Unfortunately, it just hasn't turned out that way. In fact, not only has research failed to establish a definitive connection between "feeling good" about oneself and high achievement or good behavior, it also strongly suggests that "good" self-esteem may dispose certain people — children included — to antisocial and/or self-destructive behavior.

As it turns out, "good self-esteem is good" is not the only example of a child-rearing myth purveyed by parenting pundits. Myth: Parents should be consistent in how they discipline their children, lest their children become spoiled.

Fact: Parents need to be consistent in how they discipline for, but not in how they discipline. More important than the method is the message, and the disciplinary message can be sent in numerous ways.

Let's say a 3-year-old has a full-blown public outburst because his parents refuse to buy him a toy he sees in a store. His parents could take him home and confine him to his room for a week. The next time a public tantrum occurs, it would be perfectly OK for them to make him cancel a weekend sleepover at a friend's house.

The point is that every time this child throws a public tantrum, he is given a price. The nature of the price, however, can vary from situation to situation. Myth: Parents need to discipline immediately after a misbehavior occurs. The child in question may not be able to connect misbehavior and consequence.

This certainly is true for toddlers, whose short-term memory spans long-term memory — usually around age 3 — consequences for misbehavior can be delayed accordingly.

The fact is, it's often impossible to come up with a suitable consequence at the moment misbehavior occurs. Not a problem. An older 3-year-old can still connect the consequence with the misbehavior if the consequence is delayed as much as a day. By age



John Rosemond

5—a child can easily relate to a week-long delay. And for a teen-ager, well, the sky's the limit.

Let's say Bonzo, age 17 going on 2, comes home obviously inebriated one January night. Let me assure you, he will be able to make the connection between that no-so-little indiscretion and not going to school with his friends over spring break.

Myth: Most misbehavior should be ignored, since giving it attention is such a question in not occurring. Fact: Again, this is true of toddlers. After all, it's not reasonable to expect a 2-year-old to know public tantrums are a social faux pas. So, when a tantrum occurs, you take said toddler to a relatively private place and ignore his screams until they go away.

On the other hand, a 3-year-old who throws a tantrum in a store needs to be taken home without that toy he was looking forward to. In most cases, a child who misbehaves needs to be punished. Not always, mind you, because in some cases, especially if the misbehavior in question is not recurrent, just a stern look accompanied, perhaps, by a few equally stern words will do the trick.

What's the best way to punish? Take away valuable freedom and/or privilege. Something as simple as sending a child to his room for an hour, or even the rest of the day, is generally very effective.

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Today, it isn't the sofa or bed or stove, as explained, it's the entertainment centers, the CD players, the stuff off QVC, any of the shoppy-TV sets. They sit and watch those ads and by the time it's over, they're convinced they've got to have it.

Your parents and grandparents didn't do things that way. They cashed his check and brought home the money. That money was divided among several envelopes, marked "rent," "groceries" and "extra." Money was a concrete item. People knew that, when they took the cash from an envelope to pay the milkman or buy groceries, that it's all there was until next payday. Many people don't know how to do that anymore.

Too often, we get into trouble. Then learn how to take care of our money.

We've got to learn how much we can spend every month. So Brent Jussel of Magic Valley Bank in Twin Falls. "The utilities, rent, car payment, entertainment, groceries, home improvements — everything you write a check for. You set the budget. Most people get paid every two weeks, so you make a budget in 14-day increments. That takes some bookkeeping, but until you know where you're spending your money, you won't know how to get a hold on it. Figure out the budget, the actual and the variance."

That means sit down with pen and paper and figure out how much you can and should spend on each expense (the budget); the night before payday, figure out how much is left over (the actual) and then figure out how much is left over, or overspent (the variance).

"If it's using credit cards to pay for credit cards," said Mike Kidwell, co-founder of Debt Counselors of America in Maine. "A lot of times, he said, consumers make the mistake of jumping to another credit card for a low, introductory interest rate."

"Those rates are only for a short period of time," Kidwell explained. "After that, it goes back to maybe 13%, even up to 25 percent. They transfer their

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whole balance, then they fail to send more than the minimum due. Instead, he said, debtors should take advantage of the low introductory rate and send as much money as we possibly can to get the balance down quickly. The other side of the coin, Kidwell said, is when consumers think they're being smart transferring their balances from one card to another, repeatedly.

Another warning, said that you may be in trouble is that you are having to use credit for items you used to pay for in cash.

"You can pay for food or gas with your credit card, but you can't do it each month," Kidwell said. "If your credit is out of control, seek assistance from a non-profit agency such as Consumer Credit Management Services or Debt Counselors of America. They can help you figure out how to pay off the impossible debt load you've put on your credit."

There are a couple of ways to do that. The counselors can help you restructure your payments to a manageable sum, or suggest a home equity loan or even bankruptcy.

"We negotiate a lowered payment over local banks. We've got lots of them right here." "Consolidation loans don't always fix your problems," Kidwell said. "They might not

pay off all your credit cards. And you might run the balances up all over again. One couple said it was for remodeling. As an aside, I've never seen anybody actually do any remodeling with this loan. But they said they paid-off the mortgage and took a trip to Disneyland. Their balances are now higher than they ever were."

Now what? "You can work your fingers to the bone, hide from it, file bankruptcy or send what you can to creditors," Kidwell said.

Kidwell, who has a talk-radio show on finances, said that people call in often to say there's nothing good about a bankruptcy.

"The average time spent with an attorney is 90 seconds," he said. "They file bankruptcy for you. If it's approved, your unsecured debts are wiped out. The downside is every time you apply for a job, a mortgage, a car loan or apartment rent for the rest of your life, you'll have to disclose you filed for bankruptcy. Over 60 percent of the people who filed said it was 'extremely painful' and it was 'personally humiliating and embarrassing.'"

"It still carries a stigma," Meservy agreed. "It's embarrassing. People struggle emotionally with it. It probably will negatively affect your credit. It's expensive."

Chapter 7 bankruptcy is less expensive than the others, Meservy noted. Attorneys charge \$700 to \$900 to file for you. Other forms of bankruptcy can be even more expensive.

Even if a person pay that kind of money if he can't pay his bills? "You borrow it from their families or wait for tax refunds. You have to figure it out if somebody has \$30,000 in credit card bills, it doesn't take but a month or two (not paying to get your money back and you can pay an attorney," Meservy said.

But many say getting money for your tax refunds is not a good idea. "Parents, tell your kids not to kidnap," said "Helping out a child isn't helping him. You're not teaching anything," Meservy added. "Teach your kids how to reconcile a checking account. It's convenient to make your own deposit, but they don't learn anything. Be smart and share your skills with your kids. It's easy to say and hard to do because it takes time."

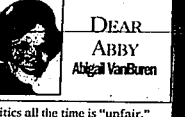
The advice: "Teach your kids that not everything in life comes when you want it. Times-News correspondent Cathy Wulworth can be reached at 733-5015.

Activist mom embarrasses woman and her friends

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 37-year-old mother of three. Until recently, I had a wonderful relationship with my mother-in-law. She's a beautiful lady who adopted me when I was 5. Mother is a teacher, author and political activist.

However, as she begins her 82nd year, our relationship has taken a nosedive. For years, she has been strong-willed about discussing her political views at every dinner and conversation. Guests have literally run out of the house after being badgered by her, and quake at the thought of visiting her. I finally gathered enough courage to tell Mom that her outspokenness was embarrassing me and my friends.

My reprimand worked for about a year. However, during the past three months she has been avoiding me. She refused to attend the family holiday parties and asked to see my children without me. She flirty states my demand that she stop talking



DEAR ABBY  
Abby VanBuren

politics all the time is "unfair." Her behavior is starting to me, and I'm unsure how to handle it. I hope you'll have some insight on how I can mend this fence. —PUZZLED IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PUZZLED: Given her professional background and her age, I'm sure your mother feels that the world wants her opinions. She's punishing you for not being receptive to her ideas. You aren't going to succeed in "muzzling" your mother, so apologize. Be grateful that she cares enough to have a viewpoint — and tease her about it if she becomes a bore.

Times

Continued from F1 could do without the poetry. Even the senior citizens' group interviewed said a better job of conveying a message of love.

An 81-year-old widower asked a 78-year-old widow to marry him, and she wondered if that might be "too old for such foolishness." The man responded, "I may have a lot of miles on me, but there's something about you that makes my motor hum."

I guess the key to a happy Valentine's Day isn't found in choosing the perfect gift. It's more a matter of nurturing that day-by-day relationship of love. Here's a tip: According to "Consumer Tastes and Trends for 1999," a new University of Washington study of married couples reveals that the marriages that work the best are those in which the husband and wife are accepting of influence from their wives and end up in happy, stable marriages.

Did you already know that, Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

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# Ask a silly question, and you'll probably get a silly answer

Private eye develops a game in which wrong answers can win

By Eleanor Ostman  
Knight Rider News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — What two names were rejected for the Seven Dwarfs? Luffy and Shazzy? No, but that answer is funny, and plausible.

David Van Wyk of Maplewood, Minn., loves to ask that question. He tends to spring it on people he meets at stores that carry his new game, it's Anybody's Guess.

And plausible? If improbable — not to mention incorrect — answers are at the heart of his game, Van Wyk said, in a recent interview. Guessing at the answers and hoping other players will think you're right, even if you're not, is part of the strategy.

"Being correct has nothing to do with it if it's a great answer," Van Wyk said.

A private investigator, Van Wyk said, he thrives on questions and research.

"I analyze everything to death, and I have a philosophy about everything," he said.

When he started working on it, Van Wyk's Guess three years ago, Van Wyk put his analytical skills to use culling books filled with facts and trivia. He then turned those tidbits into questions for which the exact answer is nice, but not necessary. He prefers queries for which many alternatives come to mind.

"I stay away from questions

where people have to know specific numeric answers, or names of books, plays or composers, sports or geography," Van Wyk explained. Neither did he localize his game with Minnesota questions, or include currently popular data.

"There's nothing in here about the Spice Girls," he says. "I like questions that are a little off-kilter, and I want the game to be relevant 10 years from now."

Working on a format similar to "the dictionary game," in which people look up unusual words and challenge other players to define them, Van Wyk devised 4,500 questions while developing his strategy. The finished board contains 1,500. Since each game uses only 10 questions, he says it's possible to play 150 rounds without repeating.

"With Trivial Pursuit, educated people have an advantage. So do older folks, just because they've lived longer and gathered more information," Van Wyk said. "Lots of people refuse to play trivia games because they don't want to appear dumb."

His goal is to make people laugh, perhaps ask a question or two, and score points for either right or wrong answers.

"I don't like competitive games," Van Wyk said. "Of course, we need a few rules and have to keep score, but the real enjoyment of the game is when

you get a really obscure question, write down a really silly answer, and someone falls for it. I deliberately made the game without a board. I've been known to have a beer-or-some-people-white-lie-games, and I didn't want a board taking up the table space. No dice to roll, either. We have double- and triple-point rounds, like Double Jeopardy, so someone can come from behind and win."

This game is Van Wyk's, from the concept to the questions to the money for publishing it under his business name, the Family Game Co. Twice, at national toy fairs, he connected with game companies willing to take it on, but both backed out. Ultimately, he printed the game himself, introducing it just before Christmas.

From a business perspective, it's anybody's guess whether his game will be a money maker. For now, both Van Wyk and his wife, Sandie, plan to keep their day jobs. Van Wyk runs his agency, Midwest Welfare Fraud Investigations, and Sandie works as a legislative assistant to a Minnesota state senator. The couple have five grown children.

To order by mail, send \$31.95 (Minnesota residents add 6.5 percent sales tax) to: The Family Game Co., 2685 Stillwater Road, St. Paul, Minn. 55119.

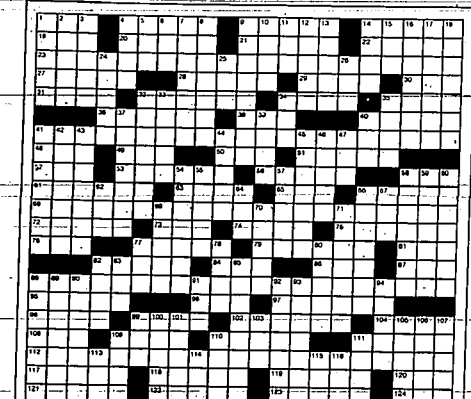
## FAMILIAR EXPRESSIONS

By Josiah Brown, Scranton, Pennsylvania

# THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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  - 21 Wasted time
  - 22 Chamber instrument
  - 23 Unusually continued prisoner, 'Amnesty?'
  - 27 Hair's base
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  - 30 Spirit rival
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- 33 College cheers
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- 36 Our sun
- 37 'Foggy' tailors?
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- 114 Guy's date

## Which way to the nap room?

Knight Rider News Service

Asleep on the job: Many people who study our sleep habits believe it's perfectly natural for workers to want to take a nap during the afternoon. And some companies agree. Inc. magazine says a small Chicago public relations firm has a nap room, and the boss is one of those frequently using it. At one Boston company, there are two nap rooms. Ear plugs are available on request.

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## REVIEWS OF NEW MOVIES FROM A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

For once, here's a PG-13 movie that's safe for 13-year-olds (guaranteeing their lack of interest). "She's All That" tells its familiar teen-love story with a requisite measure of body talk and sexually charged humor. But a genuine sweet heart beats at the center of a movie that incites its lovers with respect and saves their first kiss for last. (99 minutes) *Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum*



... also ...

"At First Sight" (PG-13) — A blind man, at his lover's urging, undertakes an operation to restore his sight. This drama starring Val Kilmer and Mira Sorvino might appeal to young dating audiences. But its lewdly paeans and predictability will test their endurance. (124 minutes) *Reel Theater of Twin Falls*

• "Jack Frost" (PG) — Parents with small children may want to gauge their younger kids' emotions before seeing this well-meaning movie, which tries hard to be warm but winds up being mostly drifty. 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) *Reel Theater of Twin Falls*

"Nighty Joe Young" (PG) — A 15-foot gaww with a heart of gold moves to Los Angeles and finds the concrete jungles far more twisted than his African homelands. Younger viewers may get restless during the film's lengthy exposition scenes, but the animal lover that's an innate part of most children will respond to the film. (114 minutes) *Reel Theater of Twin Falls*

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"Patch Adams" (PG-13) — Robert Downey Jr. runs viewers free-wheeling mad 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, Century Cinema of Burley, Jerome Cinema, Sun Valley Opera House*

• "Stepmom" (PG-13) — The film inspects some problems pertinent to the lives of many teens, and it does so in a rosy, dumfry manner. Some will resent the screenplay's easy answers to difficult problems, but overall, the movie will win friends with young audiences. (124 minutes) *(The Orpheum of Twin Falls)*

"The Prince of Egypt" (PG) — Parents should be prepared to answer questions regarding this animated account of the life of Moses. The actions of the sometimes wrathful God will have to be explained, and some younger

• "Waking Ned Devine" (PG) — Two old-timers scheme to get a huge lottery payoff in the comic tale. Younger children won't be amused, but teens might get a kick from the Irish humor. One scene includes comic audacity. (91 minutes) *(Magic Lantern of Ketchum)*

"You've Got Mail" (PG) — Young kids may be impatient with the pace of this e-mail romantic tale, but this harmless, good-natured comedy could be a hit with the young dating crowd. Dealing with dating boogymen, it may even make them want to go to one. *(Twin Cinema, Liberty Theater of Hailey, Gooding Cinema)*

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## Daring CEOs risk high insurance premiums

Risky business: Many companies take out "key man" specialty tailored life insurance policies on their CEOs. But if your

boss engages in risky sports, premiums cost much more. Annual premiums on a typical \$1 million policy for a healthy 50-year-old CEO typically run \$10,135.

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# Love and the remote control

The Dallas Morning News

Forget about who'll pay the bills, who'll fix the gas furnace and who'll pick up Junior from day care. Those are minor skirmishes compared with the pitched battle in many households who'll hold the TV remote control.

Nearly half of all participants in a recently released survey say they've tussled with their partner over the rights to the clicker.

We'd like to think love means never having to say, "It's either 'Tomb Raider' or the dog house for you." But welcome to the real world.

"A lot of the disagreements come down to the use of the remote control, and the men wanting to dominate the device," says Sandra Beckwith, author of "Why Can't a Man Be More Like a Woman?" (Kensington, \$10).

The nationwide telephone survey was conducted in October by Michaels Opinion Research. The survey of 715 men and women who were married or in serious relationships had a margin of error no more than four percentage points. Among its findings:

• Forty-eight percent of men and women have disagreed about who holds the remote control. Sixty-five percent have disagreed about who'll turn TV show to watch.

• Men are more likely than women, 68 percent vs. 52 percent, to say they channel-surf.

• Forty-four percent of both men and women ages 18 to 24 say they often resist giving the remote control to their partner. Only 17 percent of those ages 45 to 54 put up a fight; the percentage drops off even more for older age groups.

• In relationships that are older, women have gotten used to the idea that the man is running the show," Beckwith says. "But there's more of an equal power split among younger couples."

• Forty-six percent of women say they often complain to their mate about their channel-surfing. Only 27 percent of men say they object to their partner's channel-surfing.

All of which spells trouble because television-viewing sur-

veys reveal men and women have different preferences in TV programs.

Harmelin Media, a media-research firm in Philadelphia, has found that men are more drawn to watch sports, science fiction and adventure and police shows. Women go for sitcoms, as well as medical and legal dramas.

In the first week of January, for example, the five top-rated prime-time shows for women were "ER," "Friends," "Just Shoot Me," "Frasier" and "Veronica's Closet," according to Harmelin Media. For men, the top five popular prime-time shows were the Fiesta Bowl, "The PJs," an NFL playoff game, "The X-Files" and "The Simpsons."

Men are drawn to "anything that's driven by immediacy, anything that's action-oriented, anything where there's high tension and plot," says Wade Hyde, a partner of Brandon Hyde et al, a Dallas public relations firm.

"Women tend to be more character-driven," says Hyde. "Ally McBeal, I can almost guarantee you, has a higher female viewership."

Beckwith has three theories on the remote hog: "First, men tell me they have short attention spans. They're more comfortable going hop, hop, hop." Second, "men are the eternal optimists... He keeps clicking because he thinks something better is on."

And third, "it's a power issue. The person who has power over the remote control has power in the home."

Some suggestions for the battle-weary? Use the technology. Get your 6-year-old to teach you how to record programs on your VCR. Or spend lots of money and get a set with a picture-in-picture feature — a help, at least, when he's trying to keep up with the game.

And — surprise, surprise — Thomson Consumer Electronics, which funded the survey, touts a new feature on many of its RCA TVs. The feature allows viewers to scroll through an on-screen program guide while other family members continue to watch their favorite show.

## NIPPER-HALQUIST

TWIN FALLS — Jennifer M. Nipper and Richard S. Halquist were married Dec. 5, 1998, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

Officiating was Father Robb Keller. Jan Olsen was the organist. Bonnie Harpster was the soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Ralph and Terry Nipper of Buhl.

Parents of the bridegroom are Robert and Rita Halquist of Henderson, Minn.

Polly Watt, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Debbie Sousa, friend of the bride, and Janell Nipper, sister of the bride.

David Halquist, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Scott Hennen, friend of the groom, and Matt Lentz, brother-in-law of the groom.

Ushers were Phil Hennen and Brian Shaughnessy, friends of the groom.

Special guests included uncle and aunt of the groom, Tom and



Jennifer and Richard Halquist

Geraldine Sons of Norwood, Minn., and aunt of the groom, Jean Bigonette of Albany, N.Y.

A dinner reception and dance were held following the ceremony.

Jared Nipper, brother of the bride, attended the guest book.

The bride is a graduate of Buhl High School and attended the University of Idaho in Moscow.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Mankato State University in Mankato, Minn. He is employed at Ralph Schnell Ranch.

The newlyweds reside in Rogerson.

## THE POLLARDS

HANSEN — Mr. and Mrs. Keith Pollard of Hansen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 26. They were honored by family and friends at a reception at the Hansen Assembly of God Church.

Pollard and Hazel Gray were married Jan. 26, 1949, in Elkton, Nev.

They have lived in the Hansen area for most of their married life.

He was self-employed and now retired.

She is a housewife. They are active in the Hansen Assembly of God Church.

The couple has six children, the Rev. Jim (Pat) Pollard of Meridian, the Rev. Jerry (Wanda)



Hazel and Keith Pollard

Pollard of Clarendon, Texas, Sherry (Joey) Phillips of Jerome, Larry Pollard of Medford, Ore., Dennis (Ritsuko) Pollard of Oakland, Calif., and Tim (Bonnie) Pollard of Klamath Falls.

They have 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

# WEDDINGS

# ANNIVERSARY

## FELLOWS-MCLAUGHLIN

BOISE — Colleen Fellows and Jeff McLaughlin were married Aug. 8, 1998, at Bogus Basin Resort in Boise.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Kathy Fellows of Lewiston and Thelma Fellows of Flushing, N.Y.

Parents of the bridegroom are Ed and Lela McLaughlin of Twin Falls.

The bride is a graduate of Boise State University with a bachelor of science degree in art with a photography emphasis. She is a reservist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and is currently seeking a bachelor of science degree in biology with minors in political science



Colleen and Jeff McLaughlin

and environmental studies at BSU.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Idaho with a master's degree in civil engineering. He is employed as an environmental engineer for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The couple resides in Boise.

## Planning an anniversary or wedding?

We welcome your announcement

The Times-News welcomes wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements.

Deadline to get them into Sunday's Family Life section is 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Questions? Call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262.

# ENGAGEMENTS

## FISHER-HANDY

BILLINGS, Mont. — Judy and Clark Whiteley of Billings, Mont., and C. Michael and Venessa Fisher of Rey, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda M. Fisher, formerly of Twin Falls, to Leslie D. Handy, son of Joyce Handy of Crittenden, Ky., and Michael and Susan Handy of Rossford, Ohio.

Fisher and Handy are stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The wedding is planned for April 10.



Leslie Handy and Amanda Fisher

## PEARSON-SILVERS

TEROME — Kenneth and Julene Pearson of Terome announce the engagement of their daughter, Spring Pearson, to Christopher Silvers-son of Charles Silvers and Jolene Crook, both of Jerome.

Pearson is a 1996 graduate of Jerome High School. She is employed as shift manager at McDonald's on Pole Line Road in Twin Falls.

Silvers is a 1992 graduate of Jerome High School. He is employed as a shipping supervisor at Star Enterprise in Cottage Grove, Ore.

The wedding is planned for



Christopher Silvers and Spring Pearson

March 27 at the First Baptist Church, 308 First Ave. E. in Jerome.

The couple will reside in Cottage Grove, Ore.

# FAMILY NEWS YOU CAN USE

## Show us the money

So don't waste your time looking for love. Go ahead and marry for money. This is the advice dispensed at a class titled, simply, "How to Marry the Rich," one of the most popular adult-education courses in New York City. "Don't feel guilty. The rich will marry you," says the author, who also wrote the book "How to Marry the Rich."

## Scenes from a wedding

Speaking of weddings, anyone who missed Angela and Dennis Thielges' last month will get a second chance to see "The Wedding Story" on Janesville, Wis., couple were chosen from thousands of applicants to have their wedding taped for "Wedding Story" on the Learning Channel on cable. The Thielges' wedding is expected to

## Monkey business

We've gone to the moon, but when it comes to sex and fidelity, people have progressed far from when they believed the world flat. Science has long held that a key difference between men and the apes is that human females possess fidelity to one male, with that mate in return providing for the family of which it is the assured pattern. But researchers told the American Association for the Advancement of Science that in modern societies the "maternal bargain" might just be an illusion.

## Why not ask?

Millions of older Americans have been shuffled off to adult-day-care and assisted-living facilities at the wishes of their children, their doctors, or their insur-

ance companies. But in too many cases, no one bothered to ask the elders what they wanted, says a new Brandeis University study. Even older people with full mental capacities aren't being consulted often enough, says John Capitanio of Brandeis' Institute for Health Policy.

## Here's looking at you, kid

Hey, kid! Sixty-eight percent of 8- to 12-year-olds prefer calling themselves "kids." But typically, teen-agers are all over the place, according to the 1998 Roper Youth Report. Forty percent of 13- to 17-year-olds refer to those their own age as "teen-agers," but 29 percent call them "kids." Next most popular is "kid," at 19 percent, followed by "person," at 15 percent. Least popular among this age group is "child" (2 percent).

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## Work less, yet get ahead

Trying to juggle work and family life has left most Americans feeling overworked, but it's still possible to work less and get ahead. "Married working couples who are launching young families are more likely to work the longest hours, and therefore, report the lowest quality of life among working couples," says the American Association for the Advancement of Science. But a Purdue University study of work hours found more than a third were not.

Speaking of working parents, 62 percent of mothers with children under 3 had jobs last year, compared with 52 percent in 1989, says the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Working mothers spend an average of 2.3 hours a day with their kids, a half-hour increase over 20 years ago, say the Family and Work Institute and Wall Street Journal.

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# LETTERS

## Bond between sisters is a gift for life

"A ministering angel shall my sister be," — William Shakespeare, in "Hamlet"

By Dawn Braulick

A sense of humor combined with a love of nature has united two sisters throughout their lives and continues to be a source of strength. Dawn Braulick is a freelance writer who lives in Hillman, Mont.

Although my sister and I are five years apart in age, people have always said that we look so much alike that it's uncanny. Our facial features are similar, and we both have long, red hair. Well, at least I had hair until I started chemotherapy. My long red locks fell from my head as the treatments went on.

I touched my now-bald head. Fresh tears sprang to my eyes. People would not say we looked alike now.

My sister, Marlene, was flying in from out of state to see me. She didn't know how bald I was going to look. I wanted to prepare

## Chicken Soup for the Soul

her somehow for the shock. I had always watched over her, trying to keep her safe and out of harm's way. She was born on my fifth birthday. Our mother said that she was my birthday present. I took that seriously and I loved her with all my heart and soul.

As we grew up, our parents used to tell us that we should have been twins for how much we resembled each other, and for how close we were.

We even thought the lot alike. When we went shopping, we would buy each other a small gift. Most of the time we bought each other the same thing, from T-shirts to coffee mugs. We shared a connection that is

beyond understanding. How odd, we live in different towns. When she would call me on the phone, all I had to say was "hello," and instantly she would know I was home.

Since she had called almost daily, I became concerned about her. She was cheerful nonetheless. She sent me a funny card every week. She was a bright ray of hope that made me believe life would be OK again.

During a casual phone conversation she told me she knew for sure that I would not die from this intrusive called cancer.

"Oh, how do you know?" I asked through my tears.

"Because when we were really small, we made a spit promise that we could die if the other sister was ready to die, too. And I'm not ready to die yet, so neither can you."

We never discussed what would happen if we broke a spit promise. But we both knew that it had to be serious.

I heard a car pull up in front of my house. My sister, my friend, had arrived. With me, she would always be there. I had always thought her to be. There she was in her tight jeans, T-shirt and a hat that said, "The living is hard but I will live." We both smiled.

"Hello, sister," I said.

"Hello, sister," she replied.

"I missed her," I said, and removed her hat. My sister had shaved her hair. We stood there crying and laughing and hugging.

"We still look like sisters," we all said.

"I love you," we all said.

"I love you," she said, and I kissed her eyes and said a silent prayer. "Thank you, God, for my life. Thank you, God, for my sister. For my love. Thank you, God, for my gift."

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## Boomers approach role as family elders

By Robert Chisholm  
Knight-Ridder News Service

When it comes to family elders, the boomers are taking the initiative to help family members.

For George Earnest, it means becoming the keeper of the family Bible and pictures.

For most of us, assuming to own with family members seems to be a reminder of our own mortality that brings with it a sense of responsibility. Suddenly, we are no longer children to be taken care of but "orphans" expected to also shoulder new burdens.

Family generation has to deal with becoming the matriarchs and patriarchs, the elders, the leaders for younger generations.

But boomers seem to be wrestling with the transition in a way that others perhaps haven't.

Many say they're not ready for the role.

"It's a very interesting time of our lives," Earnest says. "And I'm not ready for that."

"I think we're one of the first generations where the family traditions have been gone in this," Earnest says. He is an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita.

Boomers are nervous about the Depression-War II era kids, and I think they had a fairly strong sense of family.

"So one of the things you're talking about is that sense of community," Earnest says.

Generation after generation were farmers, so Earnest's mother's side. It was much easier than to say "This is what I can put on my table."

Says Earnest, "We're not sure we have the expertise or the experience or the wisdom that our parents had."

Her mother died several years ago, and her father, who

died about a year ago, and she lost her mother-in-law in November.

Mean, whose parents both died during the summer of 1997, misses being able to turn to them for advice and "experienced wisdom," even though "sometimes they gave you more than you wanted."

George finds himself taking the adviser's role for his children now. Somebody has to, he says, or "who would they turn to?"

When her Uncle Ed, the last of his generation on her mother's side, died in November, she was left with a disheartening feeling, "like a hollow spot that can't be filled," because he had been the keeper of the memories, the family values, the family heritage.

"We're the generation now to continue to instill these family traditions and connecting ties," she says.

She is trying to get her children interested in their family's history. "I want for me now, so that you can carry it on," is her message. "Learn as much as you can about the family tree while you're young."

Earnest also has tried to share family heritage with his children, "and they're not really interested in his parents to do it was their way at their age."

Meals has decided that maintaining family ties — a task that he has passed on to his children — is important enough to continue. He is an only child, but his father's side is still living.

"This year, at the holidays, we decided to go back to Missouri to see my aunt," he says. "We thought we should try to maintain those ties. As you don't want that relationship to end, so you have to take a more active role in that."

Earnest says women may have more of a struggle than men in dealing with the transition "because I think historically men solved it by letting women do it."

"In our culture, men have still been putting most of their energy, their thoughts, into career and family issues," he says. "It's by the ones who think about family."

## SOCIAL SECURITY

By Robert Chisholm  
Knight-Ridder News Service

How much money can a retiree expect to receive from Social Security?

For Social Security beneficiaries, the average monthly benefit amount for a retired worker is \$770 and will rise to \$780 in 1999. The maximum monthly retirement benefit payable is \$1,353 in 1999.

For spouses, who are 65 and 66, monthly retirement benefits will still be a little lower. How much can they expect without doing any benefits?

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## Put brain to work for personal change

"You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You steer yourself in any direction you choose."

It was the late Dr. Seuss, a man who brought great joy and happiness to children everywhere. Here was a man who certainly followed his own advice.

How often, unfortunately, unlike Dr. Seuss, do the majority of us let our feet override our brains in making choices. We start some dieting, and it is as though we are robots — once set in motion we cannot change course. As a result we often end up in positions that make us miserable, but we believe that we have no way out. Indeed, making our way out of the maze of mistakes we have made seems almost impossible at times.



**AFTER CLASS**  
Gay Petersen

about the human psyche it is that we are all capable of bringing about change in our lives. And if we really desire that change, we can surely find ways to work toward that end.

it. No one else can do for us. There are restrictions, of course. We cannot do things that adversely affect those we love, but bettering ourselves and our lives rarely hurts anyone.

Often it has the same effect of making us feel more secure, more worthwhile, more important or more attractive.

Don't let anyone convince you that change is something you should not do. Only you can look into your own heart and decide what is best for you. Change can occur only if you are willing to take the time and use the energy to change. It may be a small change or it may be large, but you will never know it's potential until you try.

To improve your attitude at work, and at home, be a workaholic. Let's be clear, I don't mean to love that you love them and do it often, quit smoking, quit drinking, exercise more, quit being vain, sing, let the music overwhelm, be more kind, use your capabilities to help another.

In most cases the changes you have mentioned will better your life and, because you will the happier, those around you will benefit as well.

So — get yourself out of a bad situation, go back to school and further your education, do more

## Helping women prepare for retirement

The Associated Press

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BOSTON — Women earn less than men. They also live longer than men. The two facts combined have become women's alarming disadvantage when it comes to retirement savings.

With the help of a federal program, national women's centers have teamed up to help prepare moderate-income women for old age.

The program's kind of jumping on the financial planning bandwagon, but women still don't know where to go for information, said Arna Alcon, research coordinator at the Waltham-

based National Center on Women and Aging. "We want to provide that brokerage for women from the point of view of having women's best interests at heart."

The new program on Women's Education for Retirement, or POWER — plans to teach low-income women especially that they can have control over their financial future.

A joint project of the women's aging center at Brandeis University and the Washington-based Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement, POWER has already held workshops in Atlanta and plans others in northern and southern California.

"There is a lack of core educational materials and programs focused on the working needs of women who are living from paycheck to paycheck and struggling to keep their families afloat," said Cindy Russell, POWER's executive director.

Here's a retirement rule of thumb: For every \$1,000 a month

you make while working, you should plan on bringing in \$700 a month in income when you stop working.

Social Security now replaces about 40 percent of the average worker's income.

However, that figure would change as a result of an ongoing debate about Social Security financing.

A 65-year-old woman can expect to live another 19 years, while a 65-year-old man can expect to live another 15. And he'll have to support himself and several years older than themselves, they can expect lengthy years of widowhood.

## Lucky couple meets again after 54 years

Sun-Sentinel, South Florida

He quietly cornered Ellie's date later that evening and asked if their relationship was serious. When the escort shrugged no, Ron moved in.

Ron met Ellie's father when he went to pick her up for his first date. But he had a nervous concern over his daughter being courted by a 20-year-old penniless aspiring lawyer, Ron Hippert, replied that at 18, Ellie could make her own decisions.

"I think you had better sit down, son," her father replied. "She's 18."

Ron forgave Ellie her fib. For two years, they waited gently toward matrimony. Living with their respective parents, they got to know each other by going to the movies or taking long walks.

Then, suddenly, it was over. Ellie remembers her annoyance started with Ron not calling on her birthday. She was so disappointed, she was going back to school and his future.

"He's too serious," she fumed to herself. "I want to go out, have fun."

Ron recalls the trouble coming not over a missed phone call but over not buying Ellie a birthday gift.

"But I need the money for textbooks," he fumed to himself. "It's hard to study and see her every night."

asleep when he heard his sister storm in from her last date with Ron.

"I heard my parents whispering that they had broken up, that she had left him out there in the hall," Stumberger said. "I thought Ron was great. He could hit a baseball a mile. The whole family felt badly."

It was Stumberger who, years later, bumped into an old baseball buddy of Ron's working at Deerfield Beach, Fla., restaurant. Eventually, Pete called Ron.

Ron had become a teacher instead of a lawyer, married and had five children, then retired to Virginia. He had lost his wife in a car accident several years earlier.

"Hins's Ellie" was among the first questions Ron asked Pete.

The next call to Ellie was Pete. She told Ron her name was Ellie. She told Ron her name was Ellie. She told Ron her name was Ellie. She told Ron her name was Ellie.

"Oh, were you a secretary?" Ron asked politely. "A sheriff's deputy," she replied.

One of the first women she reported in the Broward Sheriff's Office, Ellie had worked in criminal warrants and rubbed elbows with some of the Broward jail's most notorious citizens.

their reacquaintance. One banquet, several long phone conversations, and one month later, Ellie boarded a plane to Virginia.

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Ron turned around and discovered Ellie still had her beautiful blue eyes. She wasn't wearing high heels.

She grabbed her, and kissed her, full on the mouth.

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — The first thing she said to her long-lost love: "So do you still have your hair?" His response: "So you're still wearing those silly high heels?" "No," she chuckled into the phone. "I'm too old now." ... At this time, a time when love can turn so dull and disappointing quickly and publicly. Maybe more than that ever before, he had to know that a romance like Ellie and Stumberger's and Ronald Donnelly's exists. "I think most people have a childhood sweetheart that they always wondered what happened to," said Edith Lederberg, executive director of Broward Area Agency on Aging, who has seen a few interesting romances among seniors. "Memories of the past are so much of the most beautiful memories of all." Ellie and Ron met 54 years ago at a party in their hometown of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., when she was a high school student and he was a college boy. Ellie had a date that night but she still had the midsize young man with the wavy brown hair. "Oh, he's super," she thought. "I can't believe it." Ron, though, noticing her glance and her sparkling blue eyes. "Maybe there's something wrong with my tie?"