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State drug agents fear more methamphetamine labs will move to the Magic Valley in the near future.

COMING SOON?

Police fear major meth labs on the horizon

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Somewhere in the Magic Valley, someone is making methamphetamine.

A few-glass beakers, some rubber tubing and a collection of accessible chemicals are all it takes to crank out a few ounces of meth, and people are doing it. They're just not doing it in large amounts — at least not yet.

Most Magic Valley meth makers produce a batch big enough to feed their habit and sell a little on the side. But authorities predict it's only a matter of time before big-time producers bring big-time operations to the rural Magic Valley.

Evasive labs

An easy-to-follow recipe and simple-to-find ingredients mean just about any body can make methamphetamine, said Clark Rottiers, special agent-in-charge of the Idaho Criminal Investigation Bureau office in Twin Falls.



Watch

This article looks at methamphetamine and its possible effect on our community.

The problem is locating them and hearing the producers, Cassin County Sheriff's Lt. Cory Stuard said.

The search actually caught or severed as active

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Bean cuisine

They're not just for chili anymore, Valley residents learn

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

FILER — You can say Irma Haley knows a few beans about cooking beans.

All that experience paid off Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds when she took home three of the top prizes at the 12th annual Filer Bean Festival.

"Practice makes perfect," said Haley of Buhl, a perennial winner at the event. This year's festival displayed the usual creativity of the bean cooks, who produced pudding, banana cream cake, peanut butter brownies, fruit dips, chip dips and, of course, chili.

"It's fun to see what can be done with beans," said Rae Tway, executive director of the Idaho Bean Commission.

The entries are judged on their appearance, preparation, general appeal and taste. "I liked them all," said Mary Park, who drove from Twin Falls with her husband, Ken, to sample the bean cuisine.

The goal of the bean festival, which was sponsored by the Idaho Bean Commission, Filer Chamber of Commerce and the Western Bean Dealers, is to promote the eating of beans, said Ken High of the Western Bean Dealers.

"The whole idea is to have a good time with Please see BEANS, Page A2



Jud Cox of Castleford, right, hands out a sample of her '24-hour low carb yaggo salad' to Judge Cassin Belmont at the Filer Bean Festival.

The best of beans

- The best of the Filer Bean Festival
Best overall — Irma Haley (Spicy Bean Pie)
Best appetizer or salad — Judi Cox (24 Vegetable Salad)
Best main dish — Teresa Shark (Warm Ya Up Beef)
Best dessert — Irma Haley (Banana-Peanut Pie)
Best low-fat recipe — Irma Haley (Red and Green Bean Salad)
Best dealer recipe — Kelley Bean

Irma Haley's Spicy Bean Pie

- 1 pound of ground beef
2 to 3 garlic cloves, minced
1 can (1 1/2 ounces) condensed bean with bacon soup, undrained
1 jar (1.6 ounces) thick and chunky picante sauce, undrained
1/4 cup cornstarch
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon salt

- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 can (1.6 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (1.6 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese, divided
3/4 cup sliced green onions, chilled
Pastry for double-crust pie, 10 inches
Cook beef and garlic until browned; drain. In large bowl, combine soup, 1 cup picante sauce, cornstarch, parsley, paprika, salt and pepper; mix well. Fold in beans, 1/4 cup cheese, 1/2

cup cheese and beef mixture. Fill two-thirds the way or less. Top with remaining pastry, as which will have been cut. Bake at 425 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until lightly browned. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting. Garnish with more cream, onions and sliced green onions. Cheese and onion.

Social Security specifics: Republicans, president submit competing plans

WASHINGTON — After more than a year of pledges on Social Security, Republican leaders and President Clinton have put competing plans on the table, starting in earnest the debate over the retirement program's future.

prepare Social Security for the flood of aging baby boomers expected to leave the system short of cash a decade from now. The differences are over how much of the surplus to commit the right away — and how to use it. And the incentives to compromise may be few.

money from the general Treasury in the future, has proved popular in public opinion polls. White House officials say they're willing to pursue a bipartisan compromise. "Our goal is unequivocally to pass legislation," said economic adviser Gene Sperling.

Albanians pledge to support accord

LONDON — All factions of the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo have promised to sign a peace plan today to give them autonomy, the Clinton administration said. The pledge, if carried out, would intensify pressure on the Serbs to sign or face NATO airstrikes.

Their would leave the Serbs' refusal to accept NATO's peacekeeping role as the main stumbling block when peace talks resume March 15. "That means, from that moment on the president will be in (Wednesday) President Shabudis' (Milosevic) to do the same," Dole said.



Cameron House and her husband, Tom, stand near their home northeast of Bryan, Texas, Tuesday. The couple wants to add the joys of procreation to their New Year's Day celebrations.

Couples plan to conceive Y2-Kids

ATLANTA — The odds oppose them, Y2K computer alarmists warn against it and doctors frown, but some prospective procreators are eyeing the mother of all due dates for their newborns — Jan. 1, 2000.

That doesn't discourage millennial mothers. "It's going to be all new — a new year, a new section of our lives," says Cameron House, a researcher in Bryan, Texas, who will schedule her artificial insemination at a clinic the second week of April if she and her husband don't conceive by then.

And while some couples want to avoid hospitals next January because they are terrified of the Year 2000 computer bug wrecking

honor, Mrs. House and others are seeking to add the joys of parenthood to their New Year's Day celebrations. "My husband, he thinks it's kind of cool," says Michelle Ramirez, a human resources manager in Hollister, Calif. "To me, at this point, I just want a baby."

NATION

COMING IN FOR LANDING



X-38, a space 'lifboat' prototype designed to bring International Space Station crews home, in emergencies, lands Friday at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

Clinton pushes teacher hiring vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton argued Saturday to get a vote on teacher hiring subsidies, the centerpiece of his education agenda, attached to a popular Republican school bill moving through Congress.

The choice is simple: Are we going to give Americans smaller classes, or more partisanship? Clinton said in his weekly radio address. "Are we going to put politics ahead of progress, or put 100,000 teachers in our

nation's classrooms?" Clinton accused GOP congressional leaders of "trying to shut down debate" and thwart his proposal for another round of grants to help schools reach the goal Clinton and Congress set in 1998 of hiring 100,000 new teachers over the next six years.

At issue is the GOP-written legislation, dubbed "Ed Flex," to give states more flexibility in spending federal school dollars. It appeared destined for swift enactment until Democrats, in-

what is shaping into the first big policy battle of the post-impachment Congress, sought to expand the bill to fit the president's education agenda.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has promised a vote Monday to force the legislation's passage without Democratic amendments. The legislation expands nationwide a 12-state pilot project that waives regulations for many federal school programs in order to encourage local reform efforts.

Sweatshop protesters gather across the country

NEW YORK (AP) — Protesters across the country demonstrated Saturday outside stores they say sell clothing made in sweatshop conditions.

In San Francisco, as many as 300 activists crowded in front of the Gap flagship store in the busy downtown shopping district. Police arrested 16 after they blocked a doorway to the store, said Capt. Dennis Martel. Several hundred activists marched up Manhattan's Fifth Avenue in the rain.

"We don't want clothes made in sweatshops," said a sign hoisted over a sea of umbrellas. The Gap has been charged with having its clothes manufactured with indentured labor, mostly young Asian women working on the U.S. island of Saipan.

Class-action lawsuits filed in January in California by human rights groups claim Saipan workers face beatings, forced abortions, vermin-infested quarters and armed guards — all while making clothing tagged "Made in the USA."

A call for comment to the Gap was not immediately returned Saturday.

Protester Emma Berkman, a bicycle messenger, says she no longer buys clothing "unless it, says it's union-made. You can't trust anybody otherwise."

Nicaraguans want Clinton to bring hope for jobs after Mitch

POSOLTEGA, Nicaragua (AP) — Nicaraguans who lost their homes and families to Hurricane Mitch are grateful for the aid they have received. But many in the devastated area President Clinton will visit Monday fear for the future when charity runs dry.

Melva Esquivel, a 37-year-old mother of seven, feeds mouthfuls of rice to her 4-year-old son. It is the last rice she has.

A pot of beans boils over a fire in front of the plastic tent that has been the family's home since Mitch hit in late October. When the beans are gone, she says, "we'll hope for the help of God."

Esquivel's story is not unusual in Central America, where the hurricane devastated regional economies.

Yet in some ways, Esquivel is among the lucky. Hers is one of 100 families moving into a new neighborhood of windowless, two-room houses built for hurricane victims, and her husband is among several dozen men being paid \$1.30 a day to help finish the project.

Behind the government-funded settlement, Villa Dolores, looms the Casitas Volcano, the site of a massive landslide caused by Mitch on Oct. 30 that killed an estimated 2,000 people. A huge gash remains in the volcano where mud rolled down the slopes after the crater lake at the base collapsed.

Unlike most in its path, Esquivel's family escaped harm, but their home was swept away. On Monday, Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will step onto the flattened wasteland of cracked mud and rocks at the base of Casitas.

Later they will visit Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala on a four-day tour of the countries hit hardest by Mitch, which killed more than 9,000 people, left hundreds of thousands homeless and caused billions of

dollars in damage. At Casitas, the Clintons will dedicate a plaque honoring "the souls that were lost here." A few yards away, they will lay flowers at an impression in the ground left by the body of a tiny girl — an unidentified victim of the mudslide.

At the base of the volcano, Francisco Castillo drives a herd of cattle past the remains of a lone, vacant and crumpled farmhouse at the edge of a sea of dried mud that the Clintons will visit.

"It is good that he's coming to see this and feel this," Castillo says. "It's a little sad here because there are no houses now."

Flor, Bety, Victor and Antonio — those were his friends, the 21-year-old man recalls. "These people, they died."

Clinton also will honor the survivors of Hurricane Mitch, meeting privately with a handful of people selected by aid groups and addressing an expected crowd of 5,000 at a primary school in Posoltega, 80 miles northwest of Nicaragua's capital, Managua.

Two women spending the afternoon Friday outside Posoltega's Roman Catholic church said they were thankful for the president's visit. They will go to see him at the school to show their gratitude and, perhaps, to let him know of

the economic disaster. "There are no jobs here," says one of the women, Anastasia Berio, 58. Mitch destroyed the crops that were the basis of the rural region's economy, putting thousands of people out of work. No one has replanted in the destroyed area, where for days hundreds of rotting bodies lay in the hot sun.



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Neighborless neighborhood

Government money helps build homes, but sales are scarce

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Christina and Steve Larson's new home has almost everything they wanted — big kitchens with new appliances, two bedrooms, open living room with picture window.

What's missing are neighbors. Houses are all around, but in their immediate four-square-block neighborhood, only three others are occupied. The yards are only partly sodded. The windows have no curtains and "For Sale" signs are everywhere.

"We love it here," Christina Larson says. "But, yes, of course we would love to have neighbors. It's TOO quiet, sometimes." After flood and fire ravaged the city in 1987, two new subdivisions with 193 houses were built in a hurry, with the help of federal grant money.

But even after offers of free snowblowers, lawn mowers and an allowance of up to \$5,000 for appliances, 180 of the homes in the Congressional 1 and Congressional 2 subdivisions remain vacant.

Critics complain the homes are too near trailer courts and that schools and supermarkets are too far away. Many say the prices — ranging from \$105,000 to \$145,000 — are too high. And most grumble that the subdivisions' names, echoing government-issue housing, put some buyers off.

"I took time to buy the land and get the houses started," said Grand Forks area planner Floyd Hickok. "By the time they became available, most of the people displaced by the flood had made other arrangements."

In addition, he said, "most of the houses that were lost in the flood were in the \$50,000 to \$80,000 range, 50-year-old homes. There's no way that you can build new for anywhere near that price."

Real estate agents, city officials and Grand Forks Homes, the non-profit agency in charge of the development, all say they have put their squabbles behind them to focus on sales.

"I think our biggest concern was that we were not involved



Christina Larson looks at her new home in Grand Forks, N.D., Tuesday. Larson and her husband are one of only about a dozen families to purchase homes in a Congressional subdivision which was built after flood and fire ravaged the city.

in the process early on," said Janette Kerr, president of the Grand Forks Board of Realtors. "But we have really taken a proactive view, as everyone has, that the important thing now is to be part of the solution."

"We know something needs to be done," said Mayor Pat Owens. "In hindsight, would we have done things differently in the beginning? Absolutely. But at the time, all we knew is there was a demand for homes and private builders weren't interested in taking the risk of building on their own, so somebody had to step in."

In August 1997, the City Council approved the purchase of 20 acres of open fields on the west side of town with \$4 million in federal grant money.

To head the project, the city called on the expertise of Grand Forks Homes, an eight-member board of people appointed by local churches that builds housing for low- and moderate-income families.

The city sold the land to Grand

Forks Homes for \$12,000 per acre and approved \$10.15 million in bonds to build up to 200 houses.

Pat Keeley, a Grand Forks Homes board member, said he was skeptical of the project in the beginning. "At first, I resisted it," he said. "I didn't think it was our position as a not-profit housing group to be in the business of building 200 new homes."

But private contractors didn't step forward, Keeley said, and he became convinced people would buy the homes. Grand Forks Homes did a survey that found 1/3 of property owners interested in buying a house for about \$125,000.

Keeley still doesn't understand why the homes are not selling. "It's a mystery to me. But there has been an incredible amount of speculation about the project, talk of bad construction and poor quality, 'that kind of thing,'" Keeley said.

"We feel that virtually everything being said is either untrue or unfair."

Mother faces charges of killing kids

WHEATON, Ill. (AP) — A nurse authorities say used prescription medication to put her three children to sleep and then suffocate them was charged Saturday with murder.

expected to be jailed Sunday, prosecutor Joseph Birkett said. Police said Mrs. Lemak's wounds were self-inflicted.

Marilyn Lemak, 41, was under police watch at a hospital in Naperville, a Chicago suburb, with minor injuries and was

for me to think about," Birkett said. "There's no good reason to kill three beautiful children."

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Fear of being burned on Social Security drives GOP

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Fear of being burned politically over Social Security has driven congressional Republicans to defer party goals — such as a major tax cut — and limit their flexibility in meeting demands for new spending on education and defense.

Responding to gut-level political anxiety that goes back to

Social Security-related election disasters as long as 17 years ago, Republicans have deliberately made it harder for themselves to cut taxes and pass appropriations bills, and instead are concentrating on political inoculation as they craft this year's budget.

"We're going to lock away every penny of the Social Security trust fund for our nation's elderly," said Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., when he

unveiled the Republican leadership's fiscal 2000 budget proposal Thursday.

The effort was to ward off Democratic charges that Republicans are raiding Social Security, attacks that had the effect of stopping GOP members in their tracks last year, when Republicans planned to finance cuts by tapping into the Social Security-generated budget surplus.

House speaker promotes investment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Individual taxpayers, not the government, should control investment decisions when it comes to Social Security, House Speaker Dennis Hastert said Saturday.

In the Republicans' weekly radio address, the Illinois congressman said he agrees with the Clinton administration that Social Security needs to get a better return on its investment dollars. But Hastert said he wants to enable individuals to decide how to invest their Social Security taxes into the stock market. Republicans have expressed unease in the past that letting the government

make such decisions ultimately would lead to political interference in financial markets.

Hastert also said Republicans want to do more than put aside 62 percent of the budget surplus to shore up Social Security, as President Clinton has proposed. "Our proposal will lock away every penny of the Social Security surplus for our nation's senior citizens. It will also create a safe, deposit box to make sure that these funds cannot be raided for wasteful spending programs," Hastert said. "Social Security is a trust fund for the American people, not a slush fund for the federal government to use it as it pleases."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., voiced similar thoughts Friday, accusing Clinton of trying to turn Social Security into a slush fund for foreign aid by using it to help Central American victims of Hurricane Mitch.

Lott's assertion was based on Clinton's plan to use federal surpluses to pay for the bulk of a \$1.9 billion emergency measure approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee. All of this year's projected \$11 billion budget surplus comes from Social Security, which is building up reserves to handle the retirements of baby boomers as they begin a decade from now.

Security

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But Democratic allies such as labor unions, seeing an issue that might help their party win back control of Congress, are urging Clinton not to give too much to the conservatives who insist something must be done to curb the program's rising costs.

"There still continues to be this very big chance that nothing gets done," said AFL-CIO chief of staff Gary Shea.

Adding to the potential for a political standoff, Republicans last week announced a plan to counter Democrats' accusations that they're eyeing money — for tax cuts — that rightfully belongs to Social Security.

The Republicans would limit the possible uses of the portion of the budget surplus that comes from Social Security taxes. The plan would have to be used to overhaul the program, or, if lawmakers couldn't agree on changes, it would automatically be used to help pay down the national debt.

Clinton's own rescue plan also calls for using the surpluses that Social Security's trust fund is expected to run in the near term, while baby boomers are still working.

But Republicans say Clinton's plan doesn't live up to his own rhetoric.

"He's running around saying he's the one saving Social Security," said Senate Budget Committee chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M. But it's the GOP plan, he said, that would "lock away every penny ... for our nation's elderly."

The issue arises because the government's budget surplus in 2000 will come solely from Social Security taxes. Clinton would spend some of the expected \$133 billion — about \$50 billion — on other programs including defense, education, Medicare and new gov-

Comparison of Clinton, GOP plans

A comparison of Social Security plans from President Clinton and from Republican congressional leaders.

Clinton
The president wants to use about 80 percent of the Social Security surpluses expected over the next 25 years for Social Security.

Most of that money would be used to pay down the national debt in an attempt to boost the economy and thus future tax revenues. He would earmark that money for Social Security by placing funds from the general treasury into the retirement program's trust fund.

The rest, about \$700 billion, the government would invest in the stock market for Social Security, to try to increase the money's value.

Remaining surpluses would be spent on other programs, including Medicare — the health insurance program for the elderly — defense, education and new government-subsidized retirement savings accounts. The accounts would be targeted toward those least likely to have employer-sponsored pensions.

Republicans
Republicans would set aside about

two-thirds of expected surpluses, requiring that the money be used either to overhaul Social Security, or, if lawmakers can't agree on changes, to reduce the national debt.

Republicans would not, however, prohibit money from being used to pay down the national debt.

The GOP is opposed overall, although not uniformly, to Clinton's Treasury — another weekly column — proposal that individual investors could invest in the stock market through their own accounts.

The GOP is in that the government could provide credit with the same money. Then, Social Security officials could be reduced proportionally.

During a transition, budget surpluses would likely be needed to pay down the national debt.

The GOP plans for the remaining third of budget surpluses include increasing the contribution to a new government-subsidized retirement savings account, defense, education and new gov-

ernment-subsidized retirement accounts.

Administration officials say that spending would be made up to Social Security in later years, after income taxes start producing a surplus, too.

They also complain the GOP has not yet spelled out specific steps to improve Social Security's long-term finances. And have no explicit plan for Medicare, the also-overburdened health program for the elderly.

Baby

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baby enthusiasm, especially if women want help hurrying their baby along around midnight Dec. 31. They warn that inducing labor increases medical risks and costs. Atlanta gynecologist Mark Perloe, like many doctors, doesn't let patients pick their child's birthday.

"I think people set all kinds of crazy goals, but that doesn't mean that medical science should go out there to meet it,"

he says. "It's not medically appropriate to do something like that."

Women can schedule in-vitro fertilization and other clinical procedures electively, but that doesn't much improve the chance of birth on a specific day. Caesarean sections can also be elective, as medically warranted, but with Jan. 1, 2000, falling on a Saturday, many doctors will try to avoid the operations that day.

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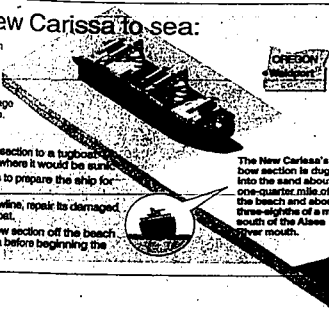
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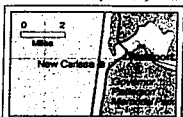
Towing the New Carissa to sea:

When the battered bow section snapped its towline almost 50 miles out to sea during a force storm and ran aground Wednesday morning near Waldport, Coast Guard and salvage crews were back to square one.



The tugboat... Crews... to a tugboat... pull the bow section off the beach... the sea before beginning the...

The New Carissa's bow section is dug into the sand about one-quarter mile off the beach and about three-quarters of a mile south of the Alsea River mouth.



What happened Tuesday night, the tugboat ran aground north and bowches south of Waldport on Wednesday morning.

Wildlife at risk

The beaches near Waldport are home to a variety of seabirds and shorebirds including sandpipers, scoters (wagging ducks), glaucous-winged gulls and marbled murrelets, a threatened species that nests in coastal old-growth forests. The Alsea River tidal delta is a sand and silt plain rich in shellfish, crabs and stumps. Around the estuary are several sites that harbor seals with a population of 200 to 500. Harbor seals use an haul-out. The harbor seals whelp their young later in the year.



Food stamp numbers worry some

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Advocates for the poor and some members of Congress are alarmed by a steep drop in the number of Americans receiving food stamp assistance and have begun pressing for changes to ensure that poor families have enough to eat. Nearly 8 million Americans have left the food stamp rolls during the past four years, a 28 percent reduction that is far greater than the decline in poverty for roughly the same period, according to new federal figures.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said that suggests "that a lot of poor families left the program even though the need was still there."

The combination of plummeting food stamp rolls and a similar, but smaller decline in the number of people in Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor, has fueled concerns among advocates for the poor that the 1996 federal welfare reform law may be discouraging some families from seeking needed aid. Private food pantries and charitable organizations have reported an increased demand for food assistance.

Rep. Nancy L. Johnson, R-Conn., chairman of the Ways and Means human resources subcommittee, said the declines are "quite mysterious" and need to be investigated because they "far exceed expectations."

Starting from square one

Crews struggle to pull freighter free, will try again today

WALDPORT, Ore. (AP) — Taking advantage of calm seas and blue skies, Coast Guard officials easily attached a tow rope to the beached, oil-laden bow of the New Carissa Saturday and began easing it off the sand.

The afternoon high tide came and went with the black and red hull still stuck in the sand parallel to the beach, waves breaking hard against the seaward side. Once pointed toward the shore, the rusted ship rotated slowly as the tug worked with the rising water to wiggle it free.

"Ships refloat when they're ready," said Bill Milwee, salvage consultant for the freighter's Japanese owners. "All

we can do is help her along." Milwee said the tug will resume pulling when the tide comes up this morning. Crews are also hoping to take advantage of a storm expected to hit Monday, bringing 20-foot swells that could help rock the hull off the beach.

Mike Serrero of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality said more oil could be spilled in the process — adding to the estimated 2,000 gallons that have leaked since the 420-foot bow section came ashore Wednesday morning.

The tug Sea Victory, at 7,200 horsepower the mightiest on the Pacific Coast, returned Saturday from Coos Bay

where it went to replace towing gear. The route to sea is planned to avoid heavily-used commercial fishing areas.

"We looked carefully at all the options and have chosen the quickest, most environmentally safe way to get the bow away from the coastline," Milwee said. The process will be essentially the same as it was in Coos Bay, with the tug first trying to turn the bow of the ship to sea, then pulling it off the sand.

Last time, the ship was 50 miles from shore when the full force of what the Coast Guard calls a 20-year storm hit, breaking the cable that was attached to the tow rope.



A gull, its wings soaked in oil and unable to fly, drags itself up the beach Friday south of Yachats, Ore.

Conservatives back Steve Forbes

The Washington Post

Last week, the Rev. Louis P. Sheldon, head of the anti-gay-rights Traditional Values Coalition, warned that his support of the presidential candidacy of Malcolm S. "Steve" Forbes was waning as the pull of Texas Gov. George W. Bush grew stronger. "I want a winner," Sheldon said.

Now, three lions of the old-guard right are stepping in to buttress Forbes's conservative credentials: direct mail czar Richard



Steve Forbes

A. Viguerie, media critic L. Brent Bozell III and Virginia Republican National Committee Chairman Morton C. Blackwell.

In a memo faxed to conservatives, the three took swipes at Bush and Elizabeth Dole.

"Republicans have suffered two major defeats in a row for the presidency by nominating moderate, establishment candidates," they wrote, citing President George Bush.

Forbes, the superwealthy heir to the Forbes magazine empire, "has the resources to challenge and win over the establishment," they wrote. "Underfunded conservatives will have little chance of knocking off a better funded candidate by George W. Bush or Elizabeth Dole — both good people, but moderate Republicans who will not offer the voters a clear distinction from Al Gore."

S. Carolina GOP official leaves controversial group

The Washington Post

A tearful Buddy Witherspoon, South Carolina's Republican national committeeman, has succumbed to pressure from party leaders and resigned his membership to the Council of Conservative Citizens, an organization that promotes controversial racial views.

"I am a Christian. I am a conservative. But one thing I am not is a racist," Witherspoon told the South Carolina GOP executive committee.

was formed in 1988 in part to replace the now-defunct Citizens Councils. Initially, Witherspoon said he had no plans to leave the organization, but, he told the executive committee last week, "never has my name been dragged through the local media like it has in the last few weeks."

The council was a little-known organization generally off the national radar screen until recent disclosures that such GOP honchos as Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (Miss.) and Rep. Robert L. Barr Jr. (Ga.) had spoken to the group. Barr and Lott have since renounced the council.

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NATION

Officials assault sweepstakes industry on several fronts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sweepstakes "performance reviews" sent to Mr. R. Miller is marked "personal & confidential" and includes details on a \$1 million drawing.

The material raises how well Miller did such things as filling out Publishers Clearing House entry forms and mailing them on time and how he can upgrade his status with the company by making purchases.

State regulators says people are being duped by such personal appeals.

"... They make you believe that out of the millions and millions and millions of people who have sent in responses, that you have personally come to their attention."

— Wisconsin Attorney General James Doyle, on the sweepstakes industry

They're getting you to buy because they make you believe that out of the millions and millions and millions of people who have sent in responses, that you have personally come to their attention," said Wisconsin Attorney General James Doyle.

Doyle's state is one of several suing sweepstakes houses over their mailings.

In Miller's case, he earned "exceptional" ratings in every category but one: "Often takes advantage of our Unbeatable Deals."

"Commendable" was his grade there. An attached note tells Miller he qualifies for an upcoming \$1 million drawing, and can upgrade his status with the company by ordering "by the deadline."

The sweepstakes industry is under new scrutiny on several fronts, including

Senate legislation that would affect companies such as Publishers Clearing House and American Family Publishers.

A bill sponsored by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, would set fines up to \$2 million for deceptive sales tactics and provide the first federal regulation targeting the sweepstakes industry.

A Senate committee plans hearings next week.

State regulators also are complaining sweepstakes companies target the elderly.

Morissette sees things tum gray

NEW YORK (AP) — Alanis Morissette is questioning the value of fame.

"I feel like I've gone from repression to explosion to contemplation," Morissette says in the April issue of Spin magazine. "I always believed in black and white; something was either great or horrible, including myself. And now it's just gray."

Following the overwhelming success of her 1995 album "Jagged Little Pill," Morissette took a lengthy recording break to find herself, studying yoga, spending time at a nudist colony and reading self-help books.

It wasn't always that way for the 24-year-old who started singing professionally as a girl in Canada, and recently released her second major album "Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie."



Alanis Morissette

People in the news

"I was very intrigued by what celebrity status, fame, adulation could bring me," she says. "It was touted as something that would raise your self-esteem and provide you with eternal happiness. Food would taste better, people would be more exciting, relationships would be great."

She found that wasn't true.

"I wish people could achieve what they think would give them happiness in order for them to realize that that's not the way that happiness can be found," she says, acknowledging that her success and wealth makes such judgments suspect.

"I get 'easy' for her to say 'all the time,' she says. "It is much easier for me to say."

R.E.M. aims for protest concert

FRANKFURT, Germany — When leaders of the world's richest nations meet in Germany this summer, R.E.M. hopes to be there performing at a protest concert.

Lead singer Michael Stipe wants to take part in a protest on behalf of Jubilee 2000, a movement sponsored by churches and other groups to persuade wealthy nations to write off the debts of the world's poorest nations in time for the new millennium.

The so-called G8 summit of leading industrial nations is scheduled for June 18-20 in Cologne.

"I can't yet say exactly if we really will appear there or if we'll only be participating in another form," Stipe says in Saturday's Frankfurter Rundschau newspaper. "That's still being discussed now, who will do what. But we'd like to be there. I was always a political person."

Soap opera star decides to go solo

LOS ANGELES — "The Bold and the Beautiful" star Bobbie Eakes used her soap opera exposure to sell millions of records in Europe with a co-star. Now she's going solo.

Eakes, who has played fashion executive Macy Alexander on the CBS soap for a decade, went double-platinum in Europe with her "Bold and Beautiful Duets I and II," sang with fellow soap actor Jeff Trachta.

Her as-yet untitled solo album was produced by songwriter Don Cook, who produced 13 No. 1 singles for the country duo Brooks and Dunn.

"I like a strong melody and singers that have big range," Eakes said Saturday. "I need to sit for hours with the lights off trying to hit Barbra Streisand's high notes and Karen Carpenter's low notes."

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But it's silly. Courtney Madson, left, tells Mitz Houska, dressed as The Cat In The Hat, Friday, during a lunch of green eggs and ham at McDonald Elementary School in Moscow. Students at the school have been studying books by Dr. Seuss all week in honor of his birthday.

Political intrigue marks Fish and Game's approaching centennial

By Dan Gallagher The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will observe its 100th anniversary next Saturday, but few people are celebrating.



Steve Mealey

The Fish and Game Commission on Friday fired embattled Director Steve Mealey, who has retained former Republican attorney general David Leroy to challenge the matter in court if need be.

only shake his head at the activity.

Legislators promised if the commission turned against Mealey, it was forsaking the \$4 million lake sportsmen's fees, phased in over three years, that the department so badly needs. The Legislature on Friday pulled compromise legislation containing that funding.

While lawmakers accused the four in the majority of crippling the agency, Carlson said what was an independent department supported by sportsmen and charged with fostering wildlife had become politicized.

State leaders say the department has hit a low point and look to the appointment of four new commission members to start the rebuilding. "Where do we go from here?" asked Rep. Golden Hatfield, Resource Committee chairman from Rexburg. "I sincerely hope we've reached the bottom, and I sincerely hope that when the new commission comes on board, they will read the code as to what their responsibility is to the wildlife of this state."

"The next several weeks are going to be extremely unpleasant," Carlson said. "But I'm actually encouraged for the future. It gives the department and the commission an opportunity to start over on a new track."

Meiers said the commission cannot operate on threats from legislators, but must champion the species sportsmen pursue. The atmosphere at the Idaho Falls commission meeting following the 4-3 vote was one of chaos. Chairman Nancy Hadley of Sandpoint, Keith Carlson of Lewiston, Richard Meiers of Eagle and Roy Brown of Soda Springs voted him out following a 2 1/2-hour closed session the night before.

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Kempthorne scores well in first session with legislature

By Bob Flick The Associated Press

BOISE — As a lackluster 1999 session meanders toward a final gavel, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is building a respectable record of success in an arena where he had only previous experience.



Dirk Kempthorne

Using his predecessor's chief of staff as the bridge between himself and lawmakers, the GOP chief executive survived weeks of poor communication during his initial session with the nation's most Republican legislature.

A handful of allies in the House and Senate helped smooth the way further until his staff got certain key legislation moving in to push his agenda.

And with adjournment likely only two weeks away, Kempthorne has seen the bulk of his initiatives endorsed, albeit sometimes grudgingly. "We're certainly moving in the right direction," the governor said recently as he assessed the progress of his program. "I feel very encouraged by the legislative process to date."

The success may be largely the result of Republican lawmakers still feeling uncomfortable about creating major policy confrontations with the leader of their party. But Kempthorne's detached style was an eye-opener for many who had known nothing but a dozen years of the hands-on approach to governing of Republican Phil Batt and Democrat Cecil Andrus.

Depending on how they are counted, lawmakers have rejected only a half dozen of Kempthorne's 43 initiatives and seriously tinkered with seven others. The jury is still out on another seven, but if not all are likely to fall the governor's way.

To a great extent, the \$1.67 billion budget he proposed in mid-January is the blueprint the state will operate under beginning in July. But that is typical in a system that pits a part-time Legislature with a cadre of just eight fiscal analysts against an administration with scores of number crunchers reinforcing the governor's own fiscal staff and policy advisers.

To be sure, Kempthorne has taken his hits, as any governor does. And in two key areas they have been relatively substantial. Civil school districts debate during last year's campaign, and Kempthorne took it on in his first State of the State address. But neither of his solutions — reducing the two-thirds supermajority to pass school construction bonds or state payment of bond interest for economically depressed districts — survived.

Although time is short, two other approaches are still alive, and the governor has expressed support for both concepts. "I know you'll make improvements, but I believe I've given you a good base from which to start," he told lawmakers just after they convened.

In the other, possibly more subtle, face-off, budget writers are allowing Kempthorne to begin his "Generation of the Child" with what amounts to phantom financing for his early childhood development initiative.

With no specifics on just what the money would buy, lawmakers sidetracked the \$1.5 million initiative — and a gratuitous \$1.5 million more for expanded Head Start programs — into an extremely restrictive federal welfare fund.

The administration still hopes to turn that around in the next two weeks since the legislative auditor "has indicated these federal funds may not be available for Head Start or similar purposes." He is likely to claim major victories, however, for his campaign against methamphetamine dealers. Mandatory minimum sentences and more state manpower and training for the battle are sailing through the Legislature. The reading initiative, developed by a special task force and embraced by Kempthorne, is

also moving, although not as easily.

The governor also got his way on delaying the opening of the new prison for six to nine months — a budget-balancing scheme that lawmakers wanted to take issue with but were outmaneuvered.

And there appears to be nothing standing in the way of his first step in repealing the so-called marriage penalty in the state income tax — a \$1.3 million expense that will yield married couples about a quarter a week in tax savings. But to get it, Kempthorne had to give up a proposal for letting those couples donate the savings to an early childhood development fund that he would personally decide how to spend.

The most public battles have come over what are probably the least important issues — administration policy advisers, increased Capitol security and a trade and government relations office in Washington.

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'Mouthpiece for the mob' to mayor?

Defense attorney has represented organized crime czars

LAS VEGAS (AP) — For more than three decades, attorney Oscar Goodman has danced with the devil. Critics call him a mouthpiece for the mob; he calls himself an advocate for the underdog.

He has represented a who's-who-of-wiseguys, including "Tory" The Ant" Spilotro, Meyer Lansky, Nick Civella and Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal. Goodman even played himself in the mob movie "Casino."

Now he wants a new title: mayor of Las Vegas. Goodman, 59, said Friday he will join the crowded race to become mayor of America's fastest growing city, replacing two-time mayor Jan Jones. She is stepping down after eight years in office; the primary election is May 4.

In a news conference in his office near downtown's Glitter Gulch, Goodman addressed the issue.

"I've represented people as vigorously as I know how, protecting their constitutional rights," Goodman said, clutching a yellowed copy of the U.S. Constitution in his hands. "I've represented judges and mayors. If anybody has a problem with that, they shouldn't be allowed to vote."

Goodman said he wants his representation of organized crime figures to be an issue.

"All I've ever done is to make sure that constitutional guarantees have been applied to my clients. When their constitutional guarantees have been violated is



Attorney Oscar Goodman announces his candidacy for mayor of Las Vegas Friday during a news conference at his Las Vegas law office.

when there's been problems with law enforcement.

"I've appeared in courtrooms all over the United States, and on the Senate floor, and have lent nothing but dignity to my clients," Goodman said. "I will bring that same dignity to the city of Las Vegas."

One of Nevada's top political consultants, Billy Vassiliadis, said Goodman's candidacy should not be underestimated.

"He's an interesting guy," Vassiliadis told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "I think he can capture some people's imagination. Remember, Jesse 'The Body/Mind' Ventura is governor of Minnesota."

The relationship between Anthony "Tony the Ant" Spilotro and Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal was

chronicled in "Casino." Goodman also plays himself in a new documentary, "Mob Law," in which he defends his passion for defending the mob.

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"This is more good news for Hill," said Capt. Jim Hansen, 38th Wing commander.

A member of the House National Security Committee, it clearly positions Hill Air Force

Base at the center of tomorrow's Air Force, he said.

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The charred remains of an Air France Boeing 747 cargo plane sit on the runway Monday after the aircraft caught fire after landing at Madras Airport, India. One person received minor injuries, but the three-member crew and one Air France agent escaped unhurt. The accident occurred as the aircraft's nosewheel failed to open during landing. Indian officials said on condition of anonymity.



Cambodians capture Khmer Rouge leader

PENOM PENH, Cambodia — The last senior leader of the Khmer Rouge guerrilla army was arrested Saturday and flown to Phnom Penh, where authorities said he will face trial for his alleged role in a regime that killed up to 2 million people. Soldiers captured Ta Mok, known as "The Butcher" for his ruthlessness, near the northern border with Thailand, senior Cambodian generals said. The one-legged guerrilla chief topped the most-wanted list of senior Khmer Rouge figures after the death last year of the movement's leader, Pol Pot.

Most of the group's aging leadership has either died or defected to the government as part of Prime Minister Hun Sen's strategy of destroying the guerrillas. Only about 100 rebels were still loyal to Ta Mok. "We are looking for him in order to arrest him — and castrate him as well," Gen. Tea Banh said with a laugh. The Khmer Rouge enslaved Cambodians in crude farming collectives in an attempt to create an agrarian utopia. As many as 2 million people died from the harsh conditions and bloody purges before Vietnamese troops ousted the Khmer Rouge from power in a 1979 invasion.

Rebels free 31 abducted children in Sierra Leone
FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Rebels in Sierra Leone have released 31 abducted children as a goodwill gesture, United Nations observers said Saturday. The group of 16 boys and 15

girls arrived at the Waterloo refugee camp near the capital, Freetown, late Friday. They had walked along the last few miles from rebel-held territory in the West Africa country. The children were to be handed over to U.N. Children's Fund officials after being debriefed by the Nigerian-led intervention force. The force is backing President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah's democratically elected government. Many of the recruits of Sierra Leone's rebel Revolutionary United Front are young boys kidnapped from their village homes and trained in remote jungle bases. The rebels have killed, maimed and raped thousands of people in a mass terror campaign in their bid to topple Kabbah's government.

French aircraft carrier runway is too short
PARIS — If it's not one thing it's another. France's brand-new multibillion dollar aircraft carrier, the Charles de Gaulle, cut short its January maiden voyage because of engine troubles. Now the Defense Ministry says the carrier's runway is too short. A ministry statement said snafus were under way to see if the 637-foot runway on the nuclear-powered carrier should be lengthened by 15 feet. According to the daily Le Parisien on Friday, the runway on the \$3.4 billion vessel is too short for a comfortable landing by the U.S.-made E2C Hawkeye planes. The runway was designed to accommodate the Hawkeye along with two types of French jet fighters.

— compiled from wire services

Mexico to start charging tourists an entry fee July 1

Los Angeles Times
MEXICO CITY — Mexicans have been squeezed for more than a year by their government's relentless budget cuts and tax increases. Soon, foreign visitors will start feeling the pinch. On July 1, tourists who travel

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WORLD

Ski resort residents feel betrayed by U.S.

CAVALESE, Italy (AP)—The people of this Alpine hamlet expected more from the United States than the ugly new gondola that annually descends around the spot where 20 people plunged to their deaths last year.

Most of all, they wanted the truck about why a Marine pilot flew so low and so fast through their valley. But now that Capt. Richard Ashby has been acquitted, they feel angry and betrayed.

"The biggest offense is that the United States is telling us that it is to blame for the deaths of 20 people," said Anna Vanzo, the 18-year-old daughter of the gondola operator who died.

"I didn't care whether Ashby was 200 years in prison or two, but I wanted to hear the truth," Vanzo said. "Someone killed five people."

The gondola had just begun its ascent when Ashby's EA-6B Predator swooped into the valley on a training flight on Feb. 3, 1998, and severed the cable with its wing.

Everyone from Cavalese's mayor to its newspaper vendor expressed outrage at Thursday's



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U.S. warplanes bomb Iraqi anti-aircraft sites

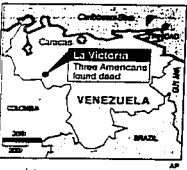
ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—U.S. Air Force jets Saturday bombed five Iraqi anti-aircraft sites after being fired upon during a patrol over northern Iraq. U.S. military officials said.

The Iraqi sites were south of the Saddam Lake near the city of Mosul, 250 miles north of

Baghdad, said a statement from Operation Northern Watch, which enforces the northern no-fly zone. U.S. jets have been striking Iraqi military sites on an almost daily basis since late December in response to Iraq firing at the planes or locking its radar systems on to them.

Americans ventured into dangerous area

LA VICTORIA, Venezuela (AP)—The three American humanitarian workers kidnapped and slain while working with a Colombian rescue group had ventured into a dangerous and lawless region teeming with leftist rebels and drugies.



As suspicion fell on the rebels, authorities sought explanations Saturday for the killings of the Americans, whose blood, bloodstains and bullet-riddled bodies were found in a cow pasture.

The victims were abducted by suspected leftist rebels on Feb. 25 after spending a week in Colombia working with the U.S. on a 5,000-member hitman group which

inhabits a stretch along the border between the two countries. The dead, whose bodies were discovered just across the border in Venezuela on Thursday were

aged 48, 40 and 38, a member of the Messianic mission of Wisconsin, Lubeana's Gay, 35, director of the El Estero-based Pacific Cultural Conservancy International, and Terrence Freitas, a 26-year-old environmentalist.

Local rancher Segundo Salamanca found the corpses in the pasture just across the road from his farmhouse on a flat, steamy expanse abutted the Acaia River. He heard noises of automatic gunfire, waited 10 minutes, and then went out to investigate.

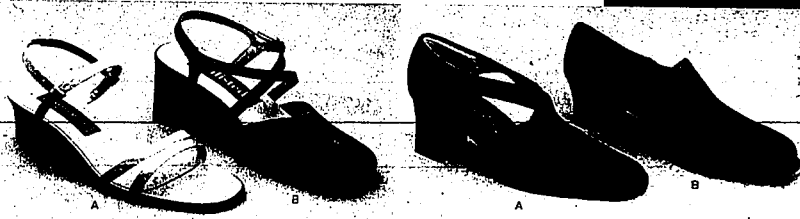
"I got halfway across the road and I put my hands on my head," Salamanca, 44, said. The

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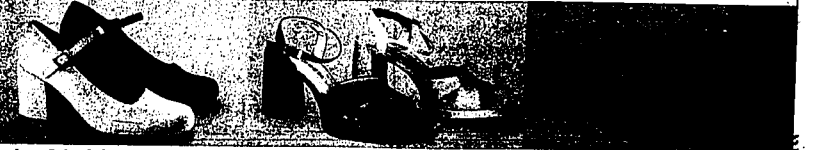
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Sheik Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa

Emir of Bahrain, key Western ally, dies at 65

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — The Emir of Bahrain, a key Western ally whose economic achievements were marred by political unrest, died Saturday shortly after a meeting with U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen.

Sheik Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, who ruled for 38 years, suffered a heart attack and died shortly afterward. The 65-year-old emir was buried within hours, with thousands of Bahrainis showering the 12-mile funeral route with flowers in a traditional display of mourn-

ing. His son, Sheik Hamud bin Isa Al Khalifa, assumed the throne within hours. Cohen and his entourage left for Saudi Arabia shortly after the emir's death.

Bahrain, a nation of 35 islands covering 260 square miles, is home to the biggest U.S. naval presence in the region. Sheik Isa allowed British and American warplanes to use Bahraini airfields during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Afterward, he traveled to

Washington and signed a security pact with the United States.

About 2,500 Americans live and work in Bahrain, including about 1,000 in the military. U.S. warships often dock in Bahrain, home to the 5th Fleet, so sailors can take shore leave.

Sheik Isa had offered the facilities to the Navy, discreetly at first fearing popular resentment against a foreign military presence. During and after the 1990-91 Gulf crisis, he became more open about the U.S. presence.

U.S. inks missile deal

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — The United States took the final step needed to sell advanced air-to-air missiles to Bahrain, Defense Secretary William Cohen said, but canceled a news conference to announce the sale after the emir of Bahrain, Sheik Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, collapsed in his palace and died.

Cohen released details of the missile deal in a written statement.

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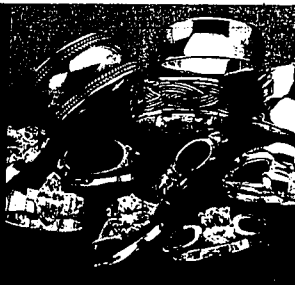
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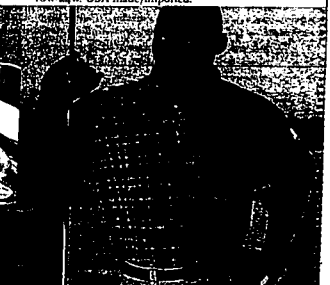
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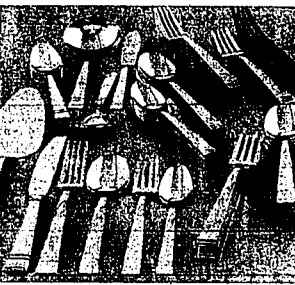
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EDITORIAL

Land at Auger Falls is a gem that merits public exhibition

Down in the Snake River Canyon, behind a locked gate, is a parcel of land with the potential to be an outstanding city park or a residential development.

Anyone who has visited the 550 acres at Auger Falls knows the land is a treasure. Situated on the south side of the Snake River, about a mile down-stream of the Twin Falls city sewer plant, the site is a world apart. Irrigation ditches waterfalls tumble from the canyon's ragged walls. All manner of birds drift on the wind. The sage-covered flats are dotted with gnarled juniper trees and abandoned homesteads.

It's an ideal place to take a walk, ride a bike or picnic. Heck, there's even a small lake for fishing. Some of the land is edged by Rock Creek, but most of it is hemmed by Idaho's master river. Like a beheaded dragon, the Snake thrashes through more than a mile of rapids before plunging into the maelstrom known as Auger Falls.

With the exception of the Perrine Bridge and a few homes up along the rim, signs of man are minimal. There's certainly nothing to suggest that a major Idaho city is only a hop and a skip away. Visitors savor a full measure of earth and sky, river and rock, solitude and serenity.

Neither the city nor the county can afford to buy the land, the value of

which is measured in millions. But that shouldn't stop local officials from trying to work with The Nature Conservancy, the Southern Idaho Land Trust, or some other entity to guide it into public ownership. At least one Land Trust board member says the idea is "a perfect fit."

The investors who own the land obviously must be paid, but they appear willing to steer it into public ownership. "We would like to see it wind up in the city's hands," one of owners Jack Straubhaar, told *The Times-News* last summer.

In addition to its recreational delights, the land could be an ideal place for the city to pump treated discharge water from the sewer plant. As things stand, the phosphorus-laden water goes straight into the Snake, but it could be used to irrigate fast-growing poplar trees.

Indeed, the city came close to openly supporting the doomed Auger Falls hydroelectric project, hoping to reap the benefit of reduced pollution of the river. The city could reap dual benefits if it owned the land at Auger Falls: pollution control and public recreation.

Money needs to change hands before the idea can become a reality, and nobody has offered any yet. But most of the principal players appear to be in agreement. It's time for some creative problem solving to bring the Auger Falls land to a higher use.

Anyone who has visited the 550 acres at Auger Falls knows the area would make an ideal public park.



Leaders can learn from Grant's example

ROBERT SCHWARZWALDER

One hundred and thirty-five years ago Monday, a smallish man approached the front desk of Washington's Willard Hotel. With numerous dignitaries, office seekers and military officials vying for rooms, the registration clerk assigned the man an attic room.

It was only when the clerk looked at the signature on the register that he realized the pedestrian-looking officer before him was the new general-in-chief of the federal army, Ulysses S. Grant.

Grant's meteoric rise to the top military post in the nation had been preceded by decades of underachievement. Although he performed heroically during the war with Mexico in the late 1840s, he soon faded into ennui, drink and professional collapse. A failure at peacetime military life, farming and business, the outbreak of the Civil War found him clerking at his father's leather goods store in Galena, Ill.

The Civil War ignited something in Grant not previously seen. He began to demonstrate great intensity and a capacity for focus. One observer said he looked as though he had proposed to his head through a wall and meant to do it.

Grant's facility at war-making helped propel the Union forces to victory. Critics charge that what was careless with his troops, that he spent their lives and well-being far too freely.

The record does not bear this out. Grant generally was cautious with casualties, and when he did blunder in the use

of his troops, it pained him beyond words. The federal charge against entrenched Confederate forces at Cold Harbor, Va., in 1864 cost Union forces about 7,000 men killed or wounded in only 10 minutes. This waste of life so haunted Grant he could hardly speak of it thereafter.

Grant was, of course, thoroughly human. He made military mistakes, in tactics and strategy. He was a melancholy man who sometimes drank when separated too long from his family. His administration as President is remembered (perhaps unfairly) more for its scandals than his achievements, although Grant himself never was implicated in the misbehavior of his subordinates. During his post-presidential career, he lost everything he owned when an unscrupulous partner absconded with their money.

But taken in its whole, Grant's life was nothing less than remarkable, and offers several valuable lessons for leaders in every field.

Know your temperament. Grant's proneness to depression was an impediment all his life. During the Civil War, he made sure his wife visited him whenever possible. He disciplined his use of alcohol by keeping a friend nearby. To know one's limitations is a key to effectiveness. Grant understood this truth well.

Play to your strengths. Grant had an uncommon ability to see his mind to something and stick to it. After a series of battles with Lee in 1864, his weary men expected to turn north and refill. Used to commanders who never stayed the course, they figured Grant would be of the same ilk. But as they found themselves marching south, realizing they would keep after the Rebel army, they cheered Grant as he rode by.

Remember that character counts. Grant's capacity for leadership was informed not by larger-than-life charisma but by a calm, unshakable sense of purpose rooted in deep conviction. His fortitude enabled him to be tenacious in battle. His compassion enabled him to be magnanimous in victory. And his self-awareness enabled him to recover quickly from setbacks and move on.

Overlooking the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Grant's statue reminds us of the man and his great hour. Draping him across a horse, wrapped in a rain slicker and with a hat pulled low on his head, the statue captures Grant at his finest — utterly intense and committed to victory in an effort that summoned his best.

On this anniversary of his ascendency to greatness, Grant's leadership still has much to teach us.

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Monica is a she-wolf, but is Bill a werewolf?

JAMES P. PINKERTON

As for the president, he's free to be himself. No point in apologizing for anything anymore, no point in even trying to explain where he was and what he was doing on April 25, 1978, the day that Juanita Broadbrick says he raped her.

As he is in the cliches and pieces of contemporary feminism, naturally flourish. And Lewinsky, too, as long as she demanded none of the dignity that once inhaled to the fairer sex. As she put it early in the Barbara Walters interview, "I had a relationship with a married man before, and I know the rules." When Walters asked her what she thought of the president's finger-wagging, "I did not have sex with that woman," Lewinsky responded with a lie she liked better. "I think he could have taken a higher road in his denial." She sniffed, suggesting Clinton could have said instead, "She's a great woman, she's a bright woman."

Of course, much of what Lewinsky had to say during the interview should also be regarded as untrue. A woman so obsessed with blue dress and appearance, for example, would have noticed the stain on the blue dress and would have known exactly what it was. And her explanation for the genesis of the talking

points — the false memo that Lewinsky gave to Linda Tripp on Jan. 14, 1998 — strains credulity, too. Why would Lewinsky, already under sufficient pressure from the Paula Jones attorneys, seek to help Clinton on with a carefully constructed fib about yet another woman, Kathleen Wilby? But as Lewinsky said to Tripp on Dec. 22, 1997, "I've lived my entire life."

Why would Lewinsky be so forthcoming about every aspect of her physical relationship with Clinton cigars, etc. and be so Nixonian about her legal relationship with the Clinton White House? As she explained to Walters, she had already told her girlfriends all the intimate details of her relationship with Handsome. Besides, why not tell all — and sell some books?

Nobody expects Lewinsky to serve and protect Clinton any more, but the East Coast elites do expect her to join them in hunting Ken Starr and right-wing Republicans.

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But what if Clinton is more than just a wolfish seducer? What if Broadbrick is telling the truth? Whose daughter could be next? The most dangerous wolves are those that can't be seen, at least by day light. And that might be remembered as the big difference between Juanita and Monica. Monica met the wolf and survived and prospered. Maybe Juanita met the werewolf.

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LETTERS

Letter brings back memories

Referring to a letter to the editor in *The Times-News* Feb. 25 from Myron Johnson of Richfield: It brought back some vivid memories of the Park in Lincoln County. The letter was quite an example of "smoke and mirrors" on the subject of honesty in government. I would suggest that Myron Johnson, maybe Bill Clinton and O.J. Simpson would include him in the proposed golf game.

ELWOOD R. WERRY
Shoshone

Reader laments obituary

I am in Florida on a business trip and always read *The Times-News* online edition news about Twin Falls. As a former resident who has lived in Buhl, Kimberly, Hansen and Twin Falls ('59 graduate), to keep up to date on what is happening "in the valley," I find it most disturbing to write (via e-mail) concerning an obituary, Gary Turner. Good grief, I have not seen him since I was in junior high school in Hansen (along with many others whom I cannot remember), Gary was in the class of Art Dahl and others. Gary was a great individual, even though I was two years younger and "in great awe" of those who were older and more educated.

May God be with you, Gary, you will not forget that I was originally a member of the Kimberly Christian Church who transferred to Twin Falls when my father moved to Twin Falls in the late '50's. It is sad and no matter how we really feel, we cannot convey to those who loved him, those feelings that we really feel via e-mail. To my dear God, I pray and please grant Gary the peace of mind, thought and deed. Gary, though I have not seen you in more than 40 years, I still remember the kindness you showed upon those who considered you peers. We will always remember you for your thoughts and deeds.

BILL LAMBING
Greenwood, Ind.

Jerome may get overcrowded

Every year, our tax accountant sends us a tax organizer with last year's figures printed beside the blanks on which to fill in this year's figures. When we got to "property taxes," we received a pleasant surprise.

Time is running out

The deadline for letters about the Jerome school bond election is noon on Monday, Feb. 22. The *Times-News* will publish letters on the subject through Wednesday, but no letters about the bond election will be published on Thursday, which is Election Day. You can deliver your letter by hand delivery to our office at 132 Third St., W. Twin Falls, or by mail to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403. Fax to (208) 734-5538. Email to letters@timesnews.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

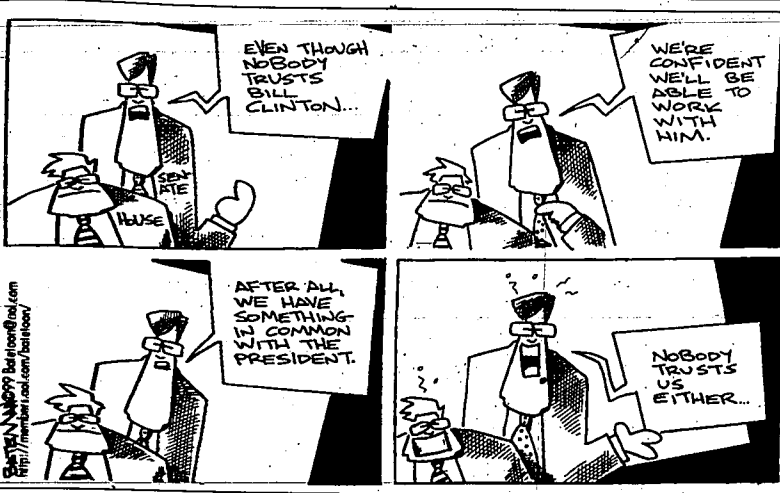
Our Jerome County taxes are down by nearly 9 percent. Curious, we checked our records from previous years; our taxes haven't been this low since 1993, when the Jerome County tax rates going down, they are already among the lowest in the Magic Valley.

Friends looking for housing in this area tell us that property is less expensive in Jerome than in Twin Falls; a recent letter to the editor from some real estate agents suggests one reason may be that overcrowded schools in Jerome are scaring buyers. We worry that Jerome may be headed in a direction most of us would rather not go; as the years go by, the crowding problem in our schools may solve itself as families and businesses choose to locate elsewhere and we become a collection (rather than a community) of people.

A healthy community needs retirees, workers, families, singles and childless couples. We each receive more services at some stages of our lives and are asked to contribute more at other times. It's a fair quibble with the details of the bond proposal (no plan is going to be entirely acceptable to everyone) or plead high taxes (really?) or excuse oneself from responsibility for public education because one doesn't have children, has already raised children or sends one's children to private school. Please, when you go to the polls Thursday, consider your commitment and responsibilities to the community of Jerome first.

JIM AND LORNA IRWIN
Jerome

OPINION



Blackmun established valuable right to privacy

Harry A. Blackmun once told the Associated Press that he hoped to be remembered as a Supreme Court Justice of " Integrity who wrote acceptably well and contributed in more than one field — a good writer in the sense that he held his own and contributed generally to the advancement of the law." He was all of that.

Yet Justice Blackmun, who died Thursday at 90, knew he would be best remembered for one case: Roe v. Wade, the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion. He that ruling by exercising a constitutional right to privacy, i.e., to be free of government intrusion in one's personal and private life. Many justices have recognized privacy rights in their constitutions.

Though welcomed by those then struggling in the halls of Congress and state legislatures to advance women's rights, Roe v. Wade subjected Justice Blackmun to unprecedented vil-

OTHER VIEWS

ification. He received more than 60,000 pieces of hate mail, letters calling him a murderer, a butcher and accusing him of genocide. Commendably he never wavered, and in 1992, when a 5-4 majority affirmed Roe, reiterated that fundamental liberties "are not to be left to the whims of an election."

Just before retiring in 1994 he did change his mind about the death penalty, saying that it couldn't be made to work and he would no longer try.

A lifelong Republican, he was appointed to the court by President Nixon, who described him as a "strict constructionist." Initially he voted so often with then-Chief Justice Warren Burger, a longtime friend also from Minnesota, that they became known as the "Minnesota Twins." Considered a staunch conservative when he

arrived on the court, he was described as its most liberal Justice when he retired in 1994. It was the court that changed, not him, he insisted.

Indeed, his rulings were generally consistent support for individual liberties against the power of the state but against expanding the rights of defendants in criminal cases, strict separation of church and state, supremacy for federal law over state law.

In a celebrated 1972 decision affirming Major League Baseball's exemption from antitrust laws he revealed a passion for the sport that provides "under for captured thrills, for reminiscence and comparison and for conversations and anticipations in-season and off-season."

Repeatedly, he prodded the court to address real-world realities in its decisions. Dissenting when the court majority refused in 1993 to require holding Haitians being interviewed at sea and returned to the island, he wrote: "They demand only that

the United States, land of refugees and guardian of freedom, cease forcibly driving them back to detention, abuse and death. That is a modest plea. We should not close our ears to it."

Born in Illinois, Mr. Blackmun grew up in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and went to Harvard on a scholarship. He majored in mathematics, graduated with highest honors, and went on to Harvard's law school. He was serving as general counsel for the Mayo Clinic when he was appointed to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 1959.

Justice Blackmun saw the human face when interpreting American law. Though "tagged" with Roe v. Wade, it is clear that — just as he longed for it to be — his legal legacy is far more comprehensive. To Justice Blackmun individual freedom was real world reality in need of the court's nurture, defense and protection.

The editorial was originally published in *The Miami Herald*.

Fly the regulated skies

Jokes about airline service may be a staple of cocktail parties and lounge talk shows, but some elected officials in Washington are talking the issue a bit more seriously. A rise in consumer complaints has prompted Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Wyden, D-Ore., to introduce the "Air Traveler's Bill of Rights."

The bill would grant passengers several new "rights" — ones the Federal Aviation Administration doesn't demand of. For example, passengers could demand a full refund within 48 hours of booking a flight. Airlines would be required to inform consumers immediately if a flight is overbooked, explain why a flight has been delayed or canceled, and better explain frequent-flyer programs. A House measure sponsored by Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., goes even further, mandating that airlines must track and check their ticket price if a flight is delayed for more than two hours.

But why stop there? While we're at it, I'd like to propose a couple of additional "rights" I think passengers deserve. For starters, I'd like a savory steak or lobster dinner served with only the finest champagne or single-malt Scotch on every flight. This elegant meal should be served as it is in a spacious cabin equipped with vibrating back-and-forth massagers.

The fact is, airline passengers deserve all the rights they need. As with any industry, they're free to shop for the best deal and change carriers if they're not satisfied. And there are still plenty of airlines and buses to choose from, if airline service is so unacceptably miserable. What passengers really need, of course, is the "right" to demand that airlines provide them with a government-mandated list of amenities.

ADAM D. THIERER

Lousy food mean flying is not always the most pleasant experience. But let's remember the main purpose of air travel: to get from Point A to Point B in the shortest amount of time and in the safest way possible. By that standard, airline deregulation has been a great success.

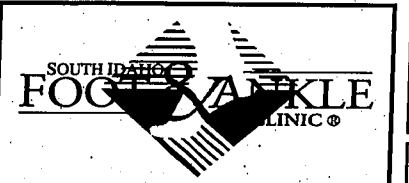
In fact, we need more deregulation to truly serve consumers. Most of the problems airline passengers experience stem directly from government meddling.

These proposals cheapen the Founders' original masterpiece. The rights enshrined in the Constitution did not obligate the government or other citizens to provide special treatment or a laundry list of goodies to any individual who demanded them. In the America mapped by the Founders, citizens don't have the right to own a mansion, a yacht or a Ferrari — but they do have the opportunity to pursue such dreams and riches through hard work.

Rights, rights, rights — all offering a free lunch at someone else's expense. Frankly, we're better off sticking with airline food.

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comes the Millennium and the great age will be over.

...I'm glad I won't see it," my Aunt Corinne told me last summer with a sigh.

Corrie didn't hear me, of course. She'd cranked up her hearing aid and pumped up the volume on Jerry Springer.

That kind of managerial, disingenuous-on-the-parole fatalism is dang near unassailable - but a little cruel, I think. Life should be more than a nihilistic search for a better demise.

So, I'm inclined to ride it on the road after I retire - even though persistent gonorrhea is fraying with peel.

Second, you have to wear Photorey eyeglasses that make you look like a deep-sea diver when you're wearing them.

Finally, you have to write those deals on the back of your nap detailing all the stunts you're wishing - including castration.

But the great advantage of mobile old age is that you get to afflict your children and spoil your grandchildren, which, of course, is one and the same thing.

Through years of careful conditioning, I've absolutely convinced our youngest son that once he gets a slice of his own, he had better expect a visit from Mom and Dad's RV at least once every other week.

We'll lavish forbidden treasures on the grandchildren and otherwise small obnoxious dog to retiree itself on the yard.

Leave large ugly oil stains on the driveway, and then clean them with a sure and certain knowledge that we'll be back in a fortnight to do it all over again.

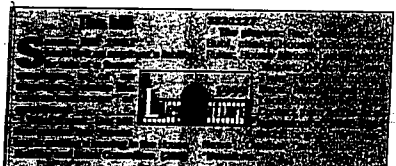
The lad is so scared that he's applying to military colleges.

But heck, that's as should be. A parent's preeminent role in life is to embarras his children.

And my wife is even thinking about getting a case - even though she doesn't need one - to, um, punctuate her points of view.

Attorneys criticize business lobby's bill

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer
HOUSE - Attorneys from around the state are criticizing a business lobby group for pushing a bill that says will let employers off the hook for making illegal hiring and supervisory decisions.



Idaho Supreme Court decision last year. So far in the Statehouse, IACI is holding sway. The bill swept

through the Senate and is awaiting a hearing in a House committee. But that's not to say the idea has universal appeal.

Arguments, counter-arguments
The bill says no employer, unless it acts in a "willful, wan-

ton, and outrageous" way, is liable for what an ex-employee does or for what an employee does outside the "course and scope" of the job.

BACK TALK

TF teachers sock feedback

By Jennifer Sandman Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Teachers in Twin Falls public schools recently asked students and their parents to evaluate their classroom performance.



Julene Hiest, a 5th grade Spanish teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High School, said she learns the most from the negative evaluations she gets from her students. She said she has made minor changes in the way she teaches as a result.

Teachers generally like the results and share them with their principals, but they worry more about feedback from students and parents.

The intent is to provide feedback for the teachers. It is not a formal part of their evaluations, said Jerry Stein Beach, curriculum director.

Headteachers usually like the results and share them with their principals, but they worry more about feedback from students and parents.

That's another perspective: I probably wouldn't have gotten it.

Committee member Julene Hiest, a Spanish teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High School, said students' feedback

can alert teachers to instructional practices such as whether assignments are explained clearly.

Teachers send home surveys with students from one class period so parents won't be deluged with forms, but the parents might not know that teacher well.

Whether the process will be continued long-term hasn't been decided, but sticking with parental surveys will depend on participation. The district would like to see at least a 50 percent

response rate from parents to have useful data, Rancic said.

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ident at Twin Falls High School, said the questionnaires are a good plan.

"It's something that I think will make the high school that much better, as far as communication, and not just by parents," Matthews said.

Times-News staff writer Jennifer Sandman can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 241.

Six MV counties create haz-mat team

By John T. Hasky Times-News writer

BOISE - It's a hazardous material situation developing in the Magic Valley, a special team from Boise on Tuesday would be called in. But it could take between two to three hours before the team arrives at the scene.



Jerome Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Dan Daniels helps fireman Larry Gary into a hazardous material suit. In an effort to provide immediate hazardous material response capability in southern Idaho, the Magic Valley Emergency Response Team, a multi-agency group, is gathering equipment and training through grants and donations.

To make things easier, if a problem does occur, six Magic Valley counties have joined forces in developing a Regional Hazardous Material Team. Lt. Gary Bristol of the Cassia County Sheriff's Department said.

"Hopefully, if we can get a hazardous material team together, it would only take an hour or so for a response to respond," said Bristol, a team volunteer.

The team consists of representatives from Cassia, Blaine, Jerome, Twin Falls, Hootch and Gooding counties have banded together to create the team, which consists of agencies from all six counties.

More than 60 volunteers have been trained in hazardous material awareness. These volunteers will work in their own counties, while helping other counties when needed.

Each year, the state responds to more than 100 hazardous material incidents.

Chemical accidents require skilled response

By John T. Hasky Times-News writer

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Longtime Gooding lawyer dies

The Times-News

GOODING - Cecil D. Hobbey, former Gooding city attorney and county prosecutor, died of natural causes, as far as county Friday at his Gooding home. He was 75.

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"He was the type of person you would respect," friend and former Gooding mayor, David Adair said. "I was glad to know him."

Hobbey served as the city attorney for more than two decades until he retired in the mid-1980s. He was the county prosecutor in the late 1950s and early 1960s, and served as president of the Fifth District Bar Association around the same time, said his son and current Gooding city attorney, Craig Hobbey.

The elder Hobbey later worked for the Big Wood Canal Co. and spent 29 years working for the American Falls Reservoir District, No. 2.

Twin Falls water lawyer John Rosholt worked with Hobbey in the 1970s during the court battle to replace the American Falls Dam. Hobbey was instrumental in securing a congressional bill to allow for private replacement of the dam, Rosholt said.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Radio doctor leaves coast for Worley

WORLEY (AP) — Picture Dr. Lauri Schlessinger on testosterone. That's how Worley's new resident, Dr. Ray Watson, describes himself and his job as a syndicated shrink whose program airs daily on 100 radio stations nationwide.

"Except I don't have an agenda that I use callers as a springboard to express," says Watson, referring to his estrogen-laden monologues often known as "heerobic answers to desperate callers."

Watson's way is winning hearts gently, he explains in a live talk and vignette-style format that has been produced in Seattle for the past three years and could be heard on another 100 stations by this spring.

Local supporters of the talk doc are hoping that might include an Inland Northwest station. As yet, Watson has no stations in the Spokane-Coeur d'Alene-area broadcasting his program — but he is working on it.

"You have to cut to the chase for radio," he explained. "As a therapist, you have to make rapid judgment calls and trust your intuitive instincts."

BLUSTERY DAY



Battling a strong gust of wind Monday, an unidentified woman regains control of her umbrella, but not her hair, before docking into an office building in downtown Seattle, Wash.

Zoo will not house chimps again soon

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's Hogle Zoo will no longer house chimpanzees, at least for now, after one of the animals seriously injured a zoo worker.

The zoo's last surviving chimp, a female named Tammy, will be transferred to an out-of-state facility. "For the foreseeable future, we will not have additional chimps," said zoo director Craig Dinsmore. "That doesn't preclude that we won't build a fabulous habitat and exhibit and bring them back to the zoo workers."

Zoo worker Jamie Bradley, 28, and primate supervisor Kim

Tropen, 35, were attacked Feb. 27 after Tammy and two male chimps named Chip and Happy escaped their cages.

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LDS church plans to put archives on Web

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon church plans to put at least some of the world's largest family-history archive on the World Wide Web.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints posted a terse statement on the plan on its official Web site, www.lids.org, on Friday after rumors of such a move flourished on genealogical Web sites.

Family history buffs are thrilled. The Salt Lake Tribune reported in a copyright story on Saturday.

"There are millions and millions of records just in their International Genealogy Index alone, and millions more in their ancestral files, and both of those are electrocronic databases," said Karen Clifford, president and chief executive officer of Genealogical Research Associates.

"So we're terribly excited. We're waiting with bated breath to see exactly what things they are going to pop up." The church statement said a

brief beta test of a new genealogical service for the Internet will be conducted in March or April.

"The church believes this service will greatly enhance the way people trace their family history," the statement said. Spokesman Mike Otterson acknowledged Friday that the statement was prompted by speculation about the service. A formal announcement is expected in the spring or summer, and the church will have no additional comment until then, he said.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.
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Catrina Tolman of Jerome.
Released
Pansy Brown of Buhl.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Admitted
Ryan Arbon, Maria Deltoro, Wendy Stoker, Dorald Galbraith, Grace Hunt and Jesus Solares, all of Burley; and Tucker of Paul, and Floyd Obermiller of Rupert.
Released

Jason Hunter, Evelyn Juliano, and Teresa Juliano Galbraith and Clyde Anthon, all of Burley; Gabrielle Colvin and Reynolds Smith, both of Rupert; Linda Bair of Heary; Maudie Fou Durfee of Almo; Joy Haire of Oakley; and William Corrigan of Gooding.

Births
Babies were born to Antonio and Maria Deltoro and to Lavel and Wendy Stoker, all of Burley.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
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Admitted
Jack Adams of Paul; Niki Price of Heary; Santiago Martinez of Hazelton; and Grant Millerberg of Hailey.

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Niki Price of Hearyburg; Santiago Martinez of Hazelton; and Grant Millerberg of Hailey.

DEATH NOTICES

Eugene H. Sheppard
TWIN FALLS — Eugene H. Sheppard, 88, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 5, 1999, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Antonio Rodriguez Jr.
DEULO — Antonio Rodriguez Jr., 4-month-old son of Antonio and Teresa Rodriguez of Deulo, died Saturday, March 6, 1999, at his home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Doris West
BURLEY — Doris West, 67, of Burley, died Saturday, March 6, 1999, at her home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Mary V. Holyoak
BOUNTIFUL, Utah — Mary Vonetta Holyoak, 97, formerly of Burley, died Friday, March 5, 1999, at her daughter's home in Bountiful, Utah.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at 11 a.m. at the Gooding United Methodist Church with Pastor Dave Bean officiating. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery. Friends may call on Tuesday from 1 until 7 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Funeral Home. A memorial service may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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SERVICES

Wayne Ainsworth of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel.

Richard E. 'Dick' Nelson of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church of Jerome.

Helen Grundy Fowles of Bennet, Utah, 11 a.m. Monday at the LaPoint LDS Chapel in LaPoint, Utah; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hüllinger-Olpin Mortuary in Roosevelt, Utah, and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

Martin Havel of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel.

Mildred L. Callen of Custer, Wash., memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Moles Funeral Home Chapel in Ferndale, Wash.

Frank Curtis Puskett of Burley, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Burley West LDS Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Payne Mortuary in Burley and 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral Tuesday at the church.

Charles Benedict Dondoro of Burley, graveside service Friday at Crestlawn Memorial Park in Riverside, Calif. (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

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GOODING

Cecil D. Hobday
Cecil D. Hobday, 75, a Gooding, Idaho, resident, died Friday, March 5, 1999, at his residence. Cecil was born on March 10, 1923, in Hagerman, Idaho, the son of Arthur I. and Gertrude Fletcher Hobday. He attended schools in Gooding and was active as a student body officer and in sports at the University of Idaho Southern Branch (SU). Cecil served with the Air Force (Army Air Corps) during World War II in the European Theater, with the 8th Air Force, 30th Bombing Group. He completed 30 missions of which he flew 6 squadron leads, 6 outpost leads and 1 division lead as navigator. He received the European Theater Operations Ribbon with three Battle Stars, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He also served as navigator in the Air Transport Command, flying Douglas Ferry Flights and instructed navigators in proper use of their instruments during the war. He belonged to the Idaho National Guard and the U.S. Air Force Reserves, retiring in 1954. After the war, he returned to complete his schooling at SU, later attending the University of Denver College of Law. On October 7, 1947, Cecil married Elizabeth Anne Hopson of Pocatello in Denver, Colorado. Elizabeth preceded him in death in 1982. He graduated from the University of Denver College of Law in 1952. He worked as an attorney in Gooding from that time on.

No. 2 or 29 years, and attorney for the city of Gooding for at least 20 years. He was a member of the Idaho Bar Association, Gooding Country Club, and past president and served on the Gooding School Board. He was an avid golfer and skier. Cecil enjoyed the mountains, camping, hiking and fly fishing. Cecil was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Cecil is survived by his two sons, Scott (Dorothy) Hobday of Pocatello and Craig (Mary) Hobday of Gooding; three daughters, Laura Hobday of Boise, Kathy (Ernesto) Hobday-Sanchez, also of Boise, and Rebecca (Lucie) Hobday of Jerome; and the grandchildren, Bill and Jake Lewis, Sarah and Jessica Hobday, Samantha and Ramon Sanchez, Samantha Hobday and Jerrill Royce. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Harold.

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Temple and he preceded her in death in 1994.

Norene was actively involved in the community of Jerome, teaching at the Jack and Jill Kindergarten, operated the Bookmark Book Store and then working as the librarian at the Jerome Middle School. Her love of books was evident in many of her current activities, including Friends of the Library and Book Club. She was an excellent homemaker and belonged to an extension club, and was superintendent of the women's department of the Jerome Community Center for many years. She also ran the concession stand for the Jerome Little League and served as a 4-H leader for many years. She was a member of the Jerome County Historical Society and was appointed chairperson of the 1999 "Live History Day Celebration."

Norene was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held numerous offices and especially loved the Relief Society program. Survivors include her children, Randy (Boih) Andrus of Wendell, Scott and Jerome and Candy (George) Howard of Gardner, Kansas; her mother, Kathryn VanOrman of Twin Falls; a brother, Lowell (Sue) VanOrman of Jerome; and a sister, Sally (Clarence) Phillips of Boise. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Katy Ann, Mallory, Laurie Beth and Carl. Norene was also preceded in death by her father, John VanOrman. Funeral services for Norene Andrus will be conducted at 10 p.m. Monday, March 8, 1999, at the White Ward LDS Chapel on East Avenue B by Bishop John Robertson of the First Ward of the Croze. Final rites will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Services are under the direction of the Howarth-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Family suggests memorial donations to the Jerome Historical Society or the Jerome Public Library.

JEROME

Norene Andrus
Norene Andrus, 62, of Jerome, died Thursday, March 4, 1999, at her home following a sudden illness.

She was born January 17, 1937, at Holaday, Idaho, the daughter of John and Kathryn Orchard VanOrman. She attended various schools between the family moved to Jerome in 1947 and then graduated from Jerome High School. On August 28, 1956, she married Charles Andrus in the Idaho Falls. L.D. Andrus in the Idaho Falls. L.D.

The family of Robert Adolf wishes to express their sincere thanks and deep appreciation to everyone, and especially the Rev. Mark Christ, and Mrs. Ovelle Greshch, organist, for the love and support shown by your prayers, beautiful cards and floral gifts, visits, phone calls, food were overwhelming, as well as the generous support for the memorial to Clover Trinity Lutheran School, and other charities. Not to be overlooked are the ladies of St. John's Lutheran Church, whose labors of love served such a delicious luncheon to the large crowd. May God bless each of you for your love!

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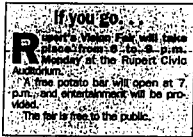
Fair will present progress in Rupert

By Damlan D. Rodriguez
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A "Vision Fair" on Monday will showcase the accomplishments of volunteers working to improve Rupert's economic climate.

"The Vision Fair is a look at what has been achieved in 1998 and a vision of future projects the community would like to see happen," said Chris Jackson, coordinator of the Rupert Renaissance Initiative.

"This is an important event for the entire community, Jackson said. "It's a time to voice an opinion on where we want to see our community go. It will be a time for the community set priorities and direction."



Charles Cason, chairman of the Rupert Renaissance steering committee, said the goal of the Vision Fair is to report what has been accomplished and look for public input.

The fair's theme is Volunteers in Vision and Action, Jackson said.

The event will feature

Susan Riddle, a professional community development specialist, Riddle's Twin Falls consulting firm works in community development, grant writing, grant administration, public involvement and public meeting facilitation, Jackson said.

"I hope I can inspire them to continue what they're doing, because whatever they do is going to make a difference," Riddle said.

In addition to Riddle's presentation, 10 booths will be set up to let residents see projects that have been completed in 1998, Creason said.

"I think they'll see potential for our community," Creason said.

Rupert residents may have a misconception of what the Rupert Renaissance committee does, Jackson said. The Renaissance Initiative is not an organization, but a movement to make existing businesses more successful and bring more businesses into Rupert, she said.

"If you get a bunch of people together, you can do anything," Jackson said.

The fair will show the community what 250 volunteers have accomplished within a year, she said.

"It's a real hard concept," Jackson said. "It's a volunteer, community-driven process. Ninety-nine percent of what goes on is what volunteers do."

Bill

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through liability.

"IACI doesn't want liability for anything," he said.

But Dawn Justice, IACI's head of human resources, said the bill is not true. The Idaho high court's decision said a Boise hospital can be liable for a former employee's actions in this case, a therapist who lied about his past troubles with sexual offenses, and was eventually convicted of molesting a boy he met while on the job.

"There has never been a case in the history of Idaho that has held an employer liable for the acts of a former employee," she said.

"But Pedersen and others argue that these suits hasn't been.

The Idaho Supreme Court ruling just overturned a summary judgment; the court said the case needed to go to trial.

"This is a case that hasn't even been litigated yet," said Boise attorney Jim Harris, who tried unsuccessfully to convince a Senate committee to kill the bill. "All they did was let a jury decide. ... They didn't make a decision saying the hos-

pital was liable."

Harris called IACI's argument a "paper tiger."

"I think the Legislature is being effectively duped for something they don't necessarily want to pass," he said.

That message is just beginning to be heard in Boise.

"The bill is short, but it provides a blanket of immunity," said Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, an attorney who sits on the committee that will hear the bill next week. Employers are right to want to protect themselves from employees' unforeseen actions, he said.

"But this bill frightens me in its present form," he said.

Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, was one of just two senators who voted against the bill.

"My opinion is that IACI overreacted," he said.

But the group says its reaction has already been justified.

A Magic Valley case

An IACI legislative report points to another summary judgment that was reversed after the high court's decision.

Pedersen, who is involved in the case, says IACI is misreading this issue.

The family of Wendy Hunter filed suit in 1997 against the Mr. Gas car wash in Burley and the Division of Probation and Parole. Hunter, 17, was stabbed to death in May 1996. The man convicted in the slaying, Core Hood, was Hunter's former supervisor at work; his probation did not allow him to be alone with anyone under 18.

District Judge Roger Burdick almost granted summary judgment to Mr. Gas, but the Supreme Court's decision came down the day after oral arguments ended in the Hunter case.

Since this case is yet to go to trial, and because Idaho judges are forbidden to do anything that can be construed as lobbying, the Legislature, Burdick could only comment about the issue, "My decision on the summary judgment."

He said he asked the attorneys to argue their sides on the new high court ruling, and eventually opted to let the case go to trial. The Supreme Court decision "awakened me to another type

of analysis," he said.

But when Burdick cited the case in his decision against summary judgment, he simply used it to refer to an older standard of liability.

Pedersen said neither this decision nor the Supreme Court's ruling changes that liability, or even determines whether any responsibility exists in these cases.

"That's what juries are for," he said.

Still, Justice stresses that employers can't know what everyone will do after work or after they leave a job. IACI says the employment process would be slowed tremendously if companies had to exhaustively check every reference and discard any applicant they can't check out completely.

"The bill doesn't raise the bar of liability so high that it can't be reached, Justice said.

"I pull us back," she said, "to what I think everyone assumed the liability was."

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

Team

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work for an emergency agency, such as the police or fire departments. Volunteers will get overtime wages by their department for their "Haz-Mat" work, said Bill Allred, chairman of the Region Four Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Although some equipment is still needed by the local teams, the goal is to be ready for action by August, he said.

"We want to get this up and running as soon as possible," Allred said.

If a situation occurs that is too big for a local team, the better-equipped hazardous-material teams from Boise or Pocatello will be called for support, Allred said.

The local teams should be able

to handle the majority of situations, Bill Bishop, director of the Idaho Hazardous Materials Bureau, said.

"When a situation happens, the local teams should be trained and equipped enough to start dealing with the incident while making life preserving actions," Bishop said. "The team should be able to isolate the public from the problem, while also waiting for a state response team, if needed."

Depending on the circumstance and the hazardous material, the teams' work will vary. A first step will be controlling the public's access to the area, assessing the danger and then start cleanup.

Each county team will be sup-

ported through state grants and local donations. The majority of a team's expense comes with equipment. A suit to protect a team member from hazardous material can cost anywhere from \$500 for a disposable suit to \$5,000 for a top-of-the-line reusable one, Allred said.

Whoever spills the hazardous material is liable for cleanup and a team's response costs, under the Idaho State Recovery Law. This takes the burden off the city or county to pay for any costs, Allred said.

"The local agencies are reimbursed by the state bureau for any equipment lost or used up in the response procedure," Allred said. "Money contributions from the county and city agencies will

not be asked for by the teams."

"I think a local team represents a quantum leap ahead for public safety in Idaho," Bishop said. "The team was developed in a way that wouldn't create an additional tax burden and allows the various police and fire agencies to train and practice together."

"The local teams are concentrating on the short term goals right now," he said. "But they're in it for the long run. Over time, more plans will be developed involving money, equipment and the capability of each county's team."

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

Governors see 'enlibra' as key to solving problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The joys of being a governor include security detail, rides on the state airplane and the ability to make up a word and have other people use it.

Two Western governors invented a word called "enlibra," which is a portmanteau of the words "enlighten" and "libra." But Govs. Michael Leavitt, R-Utah, and John Kitzhaber, D-Ore., use enlibra as a way to reach consensus on some environmental battles that have gripped the West for decades.

As the governors describe it, enlibra represents eight principles that governments, businesses and environmentalists can use to solve problems such as pollution, endangered species and how to best make use of land.

The principles are straightforward, such as focus on results, use science and let states decide how to meet federal standards.

Nine months after the word

and principles debuted, enlibra draws skepticism from environmentalists, confusion from others and jokes from those who can't resist poking fun at a made-up word.

But there are signs that enlibra is making small gains, too.

The word has been adopted as a philosophy among Utah state officials and has shown up as the "enlibra alternative" in a proposed state plan for managing the Great Salt Lake. Leavitt said a couple dozen counties have adopted enlibra as well.

The U.S. Forest Service has also decided to support the "enlibra doctrine," apparently becoming the first federal agency to do so.

And the Western Governors Association, meeting in the nation's capital last month, approved the formation of a task force that will further define the principles and suggest ways the governors can help spread the principles more broadly.

Crump

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Personally, I probably have the makings of an older couple. For a little extra income, we might even rent ourselves occasionally to reunions and Thanksgiving dinners.

But, of course, family comes first.

So, we have to clear out our oldest son's room — he's at college — and transform it into a combination Hummel gallery and fly-tying workshop.

They'll start shopping around for an RV that, when shifted into reverse, can take out

entire Volkswagens.

Finally, we have to transform our wardrobe. I've already started. I bought myself a pair of deck shoes last fall.

Around my house, those shoes are already a powerful symbol of things to come. And I'm going to wear them this spring when I put out the lawn ornaments.

Pink plastic flamingos, I think.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump advises parents to stop inheriting their kids' spending and start spending their kids' inheritance instead.

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to at least 300 hazardous material incidents, which can range from pesticide and gasoline spills to meth lab busts, Bishop said.

Of the 300 incidents, more than 25 cases require a high level of protection, he said.

Safety is always a concern in any emergency situation. The local teams will be trained and equipped just like the state agencies, Bishop said.

"I really don't see any downside to the creation of local mini-response teams," he said.

In 1986, the Regional Emergency Planning Committee was started to discuss plans to create a Magic Valley Emergency Response Team, said Bill Allred, chairman of the new Region Four Local Emergency Planning Committee.

The Magic Valley Emergency Response Team (MVERT) was created in December 1996 and

includes volunteers from the region that help city and county emergency agencies in times of crisis, Allred said.

One MVERT was created; plans for a regional hazardous material team were also discussed.

"We've always lobbied to the state Bureau of Hazardous Material Agency for something here, like a mini-response team," Allred said. "We've recognized a need for a team here in the

Magic Valley for at least 10 years."

Through a \$20,000 bureau grant, more than 300 police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians were trained in hazardous material awareness and technical skills through last year, Allred said.

Out of the 300 trainees, 60 will volunteer on a county "Haz-Mat" team. These volunteers must have at least 40 hours of technical training, he said.

Rupert Renaissance Initiative

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Crafters flock to Rupert fair

By Dex Dutton Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — The Mini-Cassia Spring Craft Fair had promised to offer something for everyone. And it did just that...

'This fair' shows that local people have a lot to offer, even though we live in a small community.

— Joe Goodrich, booth host

socializing with friends seemed a nice way to spend their Saturday. Organizers Joe and Roxie Goodrich of Rupert had a booth featuring candles presented in a variety of unique designs.

Record

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John Joseph Barrett, 35, 645 Fawcett St., Twin Falls, driving under the influence amended to driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$700 fine, 30-day suspended, 180-day probation...

Deane James Baraga, 29, 916 Canyon Road, Twin Falls, driving under the influence amended to failure to purchase/valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, 30-day suspended, 180-day probation...

David J. Heston, 43, 103 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, failure to purchase/valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$65.50 fine, 30-day suspended, 180-day probation...

Robert E. Harshbarger, 36, 4055 N. 3500 E., Kimberly, driving without privilege; no offense conviction; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, 30-day suspended, 180-day probation...

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Warren and Karen Kell of Rupert admire woodwork at the Mini-Cassia Spring Craft Fair/Home and Garden show held at Minidoka High School on Saturday. Justin Pankratz of Aberdeen sat in the booth. Early attendance to the fair was higher than expected.

live in Rupert and know a lot of the people from the area and appreciate their business," Joe Goodrich commented.

"This (fair) shows that local people have a lot to offer, even though we live in a small community."

The fair, which showcased items such as home decorations, jewelry, clothing, needle work, food and other handwork, was indeed a microcosm of ideas.

Many fair-goers, like Iva Wyatt of Burley, enjoyed the creativity of the artisans and the opportunity to draw on those ideas for their own craft projects.

"I come here to get new ideas and just to look at different things," said Wyatt, who attended with her daughter, Nancy Ferenc.

In addition to the local attendees, the event drew artists and customers from a wide geographical area.

Organizers Stephenson and Jean Phillips considered the biannual fair another successful success. Not only has attendance increased every year, but there is a waiting list for booth openings of up to two years.

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Snowboarder dies after fall from 200-foot cliff

OSGEM, Calif. (AP) — A 25-year-old snowboarder died early Saturday from head injuries he suffered after falling about 200 feet off a cliff and onto rocks near Snowshoe Ski Resort.

ended," said Kent Matthews, Snowshoe's mountain manager. "He had nowhere to go, so down he went, over the rocks."

bouncing off the rocks." The 25-year-old 154-lb. Patrol reached Doak by snowmobile within one minute and he was flown by helicopter to University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake. He was treated for multiple injuries, but died during the night, hospital spokeswoman Ann Brilling said.

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Twin Falls County

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

Arrests and appearances

Gay Tim Barry, 22, 1162 Sherwood Blvd., Sheerwood, this, charged without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$500 bond.
Dustin J. Hurrell, 17, 1023 Lemhi Circle, Twin Falls, driving under the influence (under 21); pleaded guilty; waived court; released on own recognizance.
Joe Luis Centeno-Azure, 27, 2186 10th Barton Road, Jerome, plea theft; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one day in jail, credit for one day served.
Timothy Troy Coppenrath, 21, 3550 Catherine, Ketchikan, Michi; burglary; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; not released on own recognition.
Catherine, 21, 3550 Catherine, Ketchikan, Michi; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; not released on own recognition.

Drunk-driving sentencing

Twin Falls County
Aaron Wayne Boyd, 19, 1133 Lehigh St., Twin Falls, driving under the influence (under 21); pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine; \$750 court costs.
Jeffrey Mitchell Walker, 32, 620 Second Ave., Twin Falls, probation violation on conviction for possession of marijuana; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$500 bond.
Pablo Marcos Rojas, 28, 101 N. Main St. No. 4, Scottville, Michi, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine; \$750 court costs; 90 days jail time with 90 days suspended; 180 days driving privileges suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Ruben Lee, 26, 10018 Barnedale, Boise, Count 1, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$750 court costs, two days jail time, 30 days driving privileges suspended; Count 2, failure to stop at the scene of an accident; pleaded guilty; two days jail time; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

City of Twin Falls

Misconduct - Flores, 43, 605 Second Ave. No. 1, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine, suspended; 90 days driving privileges suspended; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Joyce Kay Bartlett, 42, 4522 N. 1125 E. Blvd., driving under the influence; sentenced to 180 days driving privileges suspended; 180 days probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Charlotte Fay Reynolds, 41, 3613 N. 2700 E. Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine; \$750 court costs; 90 days driving privilege suspended; 180 days driving privileges suspended; 180 days probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Charles Fay Reynolds, 41, 3613 N. 2700 E. Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine; \$750 court costs; 90 days driving privilege suspended; 180 days driving privileges suspended; 180 days probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Nancy-Patricia Torres, 25, 498 Backingham, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, with \$200 suspended; 90 days jail time, with 180 days suspended; 180 days driving privileges suspended; 180 days probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Carmen Cecilia Thomas, 36, 121 Tyler St., Twin Falls, residing a peace officer; warrant for failing to appear at sentencing; pleaded guilty; public defender appointed; \$15,000 bond.
Toby Velazquez, 21, 125 11th St. E., Twin Falls, driving while intoxicated; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognition.
Jeffrey Mitchell Walker, 32, 620 Second Ave., Twin Falls, probation violation on conviction for possession of marijuana; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$500 bond.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Twin Falls County
Ira A. Althouse, 18, 27 115th Lane, Twin Falls, Count 1, possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine; \$400 suspended; \$41.50 court costs; 90 days jail time, suspended; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Christopher Arthur Jones, 24, 514 Ninth Ave. N., Boise, Count 1, disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs, 90 days jail time, suspended; 24 months probation; Count 2, use of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; 90 days driving privileges suspended; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
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Judge Charles Brumback.
Ted W. Culler, 44, 572 Heyburn Ave. W., Twin Falls, driving under the influence (under 21); pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$200 suspended; \$750 court costs; 90 days jail time with 170 days suspended; 180 days driving privileges suspended; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Robert H. Shaw, 28, 656 Wirsching Ave., Twin Falls, driving under the influence (under 21); pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days jail time, suspended; six months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Derek Lynn Perkins, 20, 339 Pleasant Road No. 8, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$750 court costs; one day jail time; 180 days driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

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Christopher Arthur Jones, 24, 514 Ninth Ave. N., Boise, Count 1, disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs, 90 days jail time, suspended; 24 months probation; Count 2, use of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; 90 days driving privileges suspended; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Christopher Arthur Jones, 24, 514 Ninth Ave. N., Boise, Count 1, disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs, 90 days jail time, suspended; 24 months probation; Count 2, use of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; 90 days driving privileges suspended; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

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Misconduct - Flores, 43, 605 Second Ave. No. 1, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine, suspended; 90 days driving privileges suspended; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Joyce Kay Bartlett, 42, 4522 N. 1125 E. Blvd., driving under the influence; sentenced to 180 days driving privileges suspended; 180 days probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Charlotte Fay Reynolds, 41, 3613 N. 2700 E. Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine; \$750 court costs; 90 days driving privilege suspended; 180 days driving privileges suspended; 180 days probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Charles Fay Reynolds, 41, 3613 N. 2700 E. Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine; \$750 court costs; 90 days driving privilege suspended; 180 days driving privileges suspended; 180 days probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Nancy-Patricia Torres, 25, 498 Backingham, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, with \$200 suspended; 90 days jail time, with 180 days suspended; 180 days driving privileges suspended; 180 days probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

City of Twin Falls
Dennis Calvin Williams, 55, 764 Baker, Twin Falls, battery; sentenced to confinement for the peace; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs, 90 days jail time, suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Toby J. Ravella, 24, 139 Third Ave. W. No. 2, Twin Falls, petty theft; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 30 days jail time, suspended; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.
Brian Lee Nelson, 20, 2626 E. 400th St., Twin Falls, driving without privileges; sentenced to failure to purchase/valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$43.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Juvenile arrangements

Christopher Steven Johnson, 14, 417 Broken St. N., Twin Falls, petty theft; pleaded guilty; \$43.50 court costs; appointment, sentenced to parents; remaining hearing at March 22.

Divorces

Adrian L. Johnson vs. Loretta E. Johnson.
Lament Keith Johnson vs. Sandra Kay Johnson.

Child Support

State of Idaho Child Support Services vs. James Robert Norman Shell. Sentencing \$142 monthly support; \$77.75 arrears plus fees and costs.
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IDAHO/WEST

Couple gets jail sentence for scalding

CALDWELL (AP) — Jail sentences have been handed down to a Nampa man and his wife after the man placed his developmentally-disabled son in scalding hot bath water.

Steven P. Young was sentenced to six years in prison with 18 months fixed Thursday by 3rd District Judge Gerald L. Weston.

The eight months Young has left in the Canyon County Jail will count toward his sentence, Weston said, which means he could be eligible for parole early next year.

Young's wife, Catherine Duncan, received a stiffer sentence from 3rd District Judge Dennis Huff for the same charge in December because she failed to seek help for her stepson after he was scalded.

Duncan should be eligible for parole in December 2000, Canyon County Chief Deputy Prosecutor John Christensen said.

Young was found guilty in January of not seeking medical assistance for his developmentally disabled and blind son when the boy, who was 8 years old at the time, was severely scalded in a bathtub last July, Young said the boy soiled himself.

Young's trial was held in Lewiston because his attorney said pretrial publicity had fouled the local jury pool.

Young tearfully told the judge he cared for his son but did not know what to do for the child's injuries because he distrusted Health and Welfare officials, whom he feared would take his five children away from him as soon as they learned what happened.

Shelley man sentenced

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A Shelley man has been ordered to serve a six-year to life prison term for his part in the January 1998 murder of a teenager.

Judge Richard T. St. Clair's ruling on Friday came immediately after a five-hour sentencing hearing for 19-year-old Jude Hammer, who pleaded guilty in January 1999 to conspiracy to commit first-degree kidnapping.

Hammer is one of four men convicted in the kidnapping and killing of 16-year-old David Thompson.

Hammer confessed three months ago to driving the murderer, Shawn Smith, to 17-Mile Cave last year, where Smith shot Thompson seven times.

Yellowstone to close roads

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Park officials will begin closing some roads to the public to remove snow that has built up during the winter.

Any kind of traffic, including snowshoeing, sledging and walking, is not allowed while snow removal equipment is on the roads, spokesperson Cheryl Manning said.

Mammoth to Norris Junction will be closed beginning Monday; Norris Junction to Madison Junction will be closed Wednesday, as well as Norris Junction to Canyon.

All remaining groomed roads will be closed March 15.

Also closing for the winter season are several Yellowstone National Park visitor facilities. Today, the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and Dining Room will close, as well as the Mammoth fuel station.

Resort has preliminary approval

CASCADE (AP) — In a turnaround from January, Valley County Planning and Zoning commissioners have approved preliminary plans for the WestRock ski and summer resort. The plans have stirred emotions in the small county, divided between supporters who say WestRock will boost the economy and opponents who worry it will burden the county.

For the approval to stand,

developers will have to meet specific conditions. They have to show they can deal with the resort's impact on schools, roads and services, as well as show that their plans are compatible with the county's comprehensive plan.

"It's far from a slam dunk for WestRock," said WestRock consultant John Barclay. "It's a very preliminary step in a long road."

Planning and zoning commissioners approved, on a 3-2 vote

Thursday, the plans.

Two of the three commissioners who voted in favor are new to the commission since WestRock plans were turned down in January.

Commissioner Dave Dewey resigned, saying he was tired of threatening phone calls and confrontations. Commissioner Lynette Adams was replaced after her term expired. Both had voted against WestRock.

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WEST

Gov. Leavitt fares well with Utah legislature

Moderates in House support his agenda

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)— Before the Utah Legislature adjourned last week, Gov. Mike Leavitt couldn't stop congratulating legislators on a job well done. And no wonder. The Republican governor says he got everything he wanted, much of it controversial: a growth-management act, a ban on guns at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, control over the attorney general, funding for Utah's first private prison, authority to block shipments of nuclear waste and the like.



Mike Leavitt

Leavitt "someone who has gained the ability to run the whole process." Leavitt says that overstates his influence and that he still had his share of arguments with legislators.

But he wouldn't have fared as well this year, Leavitt said, had Brown still been the House speaker.

It was Brown who led a last-minute attack in the House on the Quality Growth Act, the legislation that sets up an advisory commission on the House on the quality of growth and conservation fund to curb development sprawl along the Wasatch Front and around St. George in southern Utah.

Brown never was an "enthusiastic supporter" of efforts to control development "and frankly, when Mel was speaker, I did have more difficulty," Leavitt said.

At the end of the 45-day session, the governor's only regret was the loss of a local sales tax option for more land conservation, though it wasn't a loss because it wasn't his initiative.

His victories include legislation that will take away Attorney General Jan Graham's power over civil lawsuits and settlements. Once he signs the bill, Leavitt gets to call the shots. It was the culmination of a long-standing dispute between the Republican governor and Democratic attorney general.

"How much power does one person want?" complained Sen. Scott Ekwel, D-Granite, the leader in the Senate of minority Democrats, who clubbed Republicans relentlessly on this issue.

Leavitt also grabbed authority over the dirt roads around the Skull Valley Indian Reservation in western Utah, where he plans to dig a regulatory "moat" to block shipments of nuclear waste.

The legislation gave Leavitt "exactly what we asked for," he said, although it passed the House by only a single vote.

Federal agent polices the Internet

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)— Before the eruption of child pornography on the Internet, U.S. Customs Agent Don Daufenbach worked undercover in the drug world.

He says he perfected a "dirtybag" look so subtle in its nuances that people scurried across the street to avoid him.

But when Daufenbach goes undercover today, he simply sits at his computer to enter another netherworld of crime. As in the drug trade, the community of Internet child pornographers has its own language, its own source countries, its dealers and its addressees.

And since the early 1990s, it has had its own undercover officers, like Daufenbach, who spend their time tracking down criminals who believe themselves safe behind their computer screens.

"Before, in the old days, you actually had to go to look at somebody in the face" to obtain child pornography, said Leanne Lathrum, public affairs officer for the U.S. Customs Service in Washington. "Now it's anonymous and faceless on the Internet... they believe they are not easily traceable."

Daufenbach's early and aggressive efforts in the uncharted territory of investigating Internet child pornography had him jokingly referred to within the agency as a "porn star."

He stumbled into Internet investigation as a result of a phone call from a Brigham Young University police officer who said he had discovered child pornography on his computer.

That was in the early 1980s, when Customs had believed it had snuffed out much of the



Donald Daufenbach, a senior special agent with the U.S. Customs Service in Salt Lake City, shows some of the computer equipment that has been seized in an ongoing child pornography case.

child pornography coming into the country. The agency only slowly realized the trade had

gone deeper underground — into the Internet. Now at least 90 percent of Daufenbach's time is spent on Internet-related cases he tracks from his downtown Salt Lake office.

"Having done more than 100 of these things, everybody's a little bit different. Some people like to use e-mail to transmit the cart, some of them have FTP sites, some of them have a web site, some of them use the newsgroups, and on and on and on," he said. "There's all kinds of technology, so each time you do one of those you become more familiar with it."

Daufenbach's cases include the first foreign national charged by the American government for commercially distributing child pornography on the Internet.

Raymond McArthur-Jones, a 34-year-old London businessman, was sentenced to 24 months in federal prison last year for operating pay-per-view child pornography sites on the Internet.

Daufenbach paid to join McArthur-Jones commercial site in 1996 after he was tipped off by Scotland Yard.

Another case stands out in Daufenbach's mind because it shows the extent some child pornographers will go to disguise themselves.

Michael Aaron Wilson, of Aurora, Colo., received what was then the maximum sentence of three years in prison last April. He was accused of being the channel operator for the "Boy Torture Channel" on the Internet. The site showed images of underage males being sexually abused and tortured.

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Crews find gem bombs

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, Utah (AP) — A set of gem warfare bombs uncovered in an old dump are harmless, Army officials say, but critics fear the material inside could be a threat.

The 25 small bombs are filled with a variant of Bacillus subtilis, which the Army says is used to safely stimulate more potent germs like anthrax.

Yet Leonard A. Cole, a political scientist with Rutgers University, has questioned whether it is safe for the army to use the substance in open-air tests.

Crews searching for possible contamination found the bombs Monday at a remote dump site three miles east of Dugway's Carr Facility.

An Army press release said the bomb casings were probably

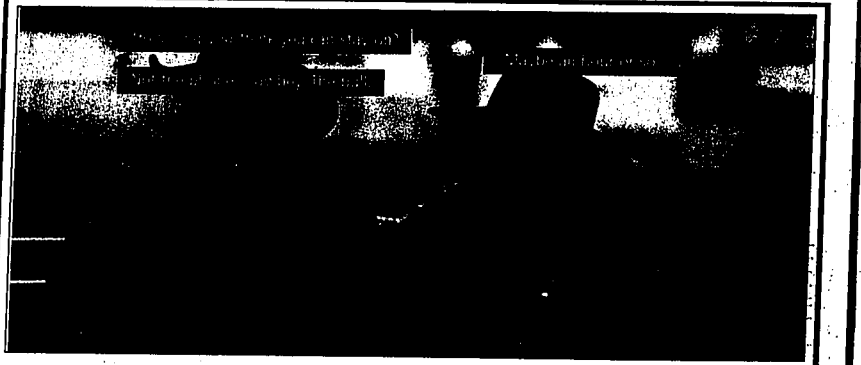
buried 30 years ago and "were very corroded and in various states of deterioration, but none were leaking."

Dugway spokeswoman Melanie Moore said tests of five of the weapons showed Bacillus subtilis.

The other bombs will be covered over and protected pending further investigation.

The Army said that form of bacillus is commonly found in soil around the world and has not been shown to cause illness.

But Cole argues in his book about germ warfare, called "Clouds of Secrecy," that the substance can cause infections in people who are sick or have open wounds. He also wrote that studies suggest Bacillus subtilis might be able to carry disease-causing viruses.



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SPORTS

Baseball

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two games on route to a 19-5 rout. With the weekend version of both Ricks on Friday and NIC, the Golden Eagles (4-0 SWAC, 14-3) solidify the top spot heading into next weekend's showdown against always-tough Dixie College.

"We took some pressure off ourselves today," said CSI head coach Jim Walker. "We still are not real balanced in the lineup but we're getting better at getting through adversity."

You can say that again, Skip.

CSI 14, North Idaho 3

In a battle of snappers, CSI's Nick Aeillo began the sunny day by whiffing the first two Cardinals batters he faced before going on a reality check from shortstop Jeremy Isherwood who belted a 3-1 fastball 400 feet for an early 1-0 NIC.

But the Golden Eagles, who seem to thrive on adversity, quickly erased the single-digit deficit by posting a three-pitch in the bottom of the frame off lefty Ben Frank.

The big shot was provided by torrid-hitting first baseman Jesse Hoorebeke, who hammered the first pitch he saw over the right field fence for a two-run homer, his third of the season, that brought the CSI dugout to life.

"Skip's been working with me to keep me weight back," said the burly batsman. "By having a lot more muscle (weight) I can keep me feeling nice and calm at the plate and I'm seeing the ball real well now, it looks like about the size of a grapefruit."

Following the Hoorebeke home run, the Golden Eagles added to their lead with catcher Sam Hess' single that was bobbed by Cardinals third baseman Bryan Salisbury, a Hess steal of second base, and an RBI single from Nick Bullen through the left-side that scored Hess to make it a



Ben Johnson

Hard hitters

CSI's senior ace: Game 1: CSI 14, NIC 3 Game 2: CSI 19, NIC 5 CSI West games CSI hosts Dixie College, March 12 and 13 CSI Saturday's star: Ben Johnson: 3-for-5, 6 RBI

fastball over the middle right-side of the plate - for his second homer in as many at-bats.

Right fielder Chris Florko followed his teammate's effort with his own home run swing, this time a grand slam, over the left center field wall that Aeillo desperately wanted back, as he kicked up some dirt on the mound in anger.

How would Aeillo react to the back-to-back homers? Designated hitter Nathan Holmes was next up and he drove a grounder through the right side for a single, the trouble was rising and Aeillo knew it. Undaunted, he stepped back on the mound and set down the next two batters in order - both on the right side, it was a testament to the pitcher's strength and poise. He got out of the inning on the next pitch when left

3-1 game. CSI padded their lead to 4-1 after two innings as Aeillo settled into a groove, mixing change-ups and curves with an occasional heater. Through three innings, the stout lefty had fanned five hitters and was looking to roll.

But the Cardinals big guns - led by Isherwood - had other thoughts. Leading off the fourth, Isherwood patiently picked his moment - a 2-0

fielder Keith Oso grounded out to short to end the rally. "They're a good hitting team," Aeillo said afterward. "I faced them in Las Vegas and I kind of shut them down but they came in and battled me real well."

Encouraged by the win, Frank held the Golden Eagles scoreless over the next two innings and Aeillo held serve as well. Facing Isherwood for a third time, the left hander didn't give in and eventually got the slugger to fly out to short left field.

"We were in the dugout and (Walker) said 'we're going to throw him any fastballs we're going to make him get himself out.' And he did, he hit the ball hard but he kept it in the yard so ... he had my number today and I got to tip my cap and get him next time."

Bolestered with winning that battle, Aeillo (1-0, 3-0) fanned Florko, but then ran out of gas, walking the next two batters. It was time to make a change and Walker did it, bringing in reliever Steve McGrew who struck out center fielder Jim Rupp to end any hopes of a rally.

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Thomas opened well getting an J.P. Chandelaria to ground out to short, but the hit-and-run was on and Maloff reached second on base called by reliever Tyler Hasbrouck singled, was replaced on the base paths by pinch runner Barclay Emery, then Adrian Thomas lounded the bases when he was hit by a pitch out. The next batter, pinch hitter Ben Johnson stepped to

the plate and promptly cleared the bags with a wall-ranting double that pushed the score to 9-3.

It just became uglier as Hess stepped up with Hoorebeke on second and drilled a homer over the right field fence to make it 11-3, completing the lineup bat around. Then, four batters and three more runs later, the once-close game was mercifully called.

Game 1: CSI 14, NIC 3

Box score table for Game 1: CSI 14, NIC 3. Columns include Innings, R, H, E, and Total for both teams.

CSI 19, North Idaho 5

In a game that was over after the first inning, the hot-hitting Eagles continued their dominating weekend with a relentless 19-5 performance in Game 2.

CSI pitcher Dale Deveraux took the win throwing three innings of five-hit ball to nab his first SWAC victory of the year while NIC starter Ryan Banks was blizzed for eight runs on five hits with three walks over two-thirds of an inning to take the loss.

Relievers Joey Clark and Travis Senninger mopped up the final two innings. Every Golden Eagle had at least one hit while left fielder Nick Bullen led the way going a perfect three-for-three at the plate, scoring two runs and knocking in three runs as well.

Game 2: CSI 19, NIC 5

Box score table for Game 2: CSI 19, NIC 5. Columns include Innings, R, H, E, and Total for both teams.

LETTER

CSI women's team deserves final words

I am writing concerning the article about the College of Southern Idaho girls' basketball team on the Feb. 28 sports page.

In the fourth paragraph, Damien Clark states: "Last year, sophomore Deena Berra went a tearful tribute in verse after the women's final home game. This year, with the post-season tournament still to come at CSI, the sophomores went with substance over saps."

I am sorry Mr. Clark couldn't find a negative thing to say about the seniors' last game and had to resort to making fun of a tribute Deena read on senior night last year. You bloggers at CSI seem a lot to Deena, as does Coach Berra. CSI and her performance at CSI. The only thing I regret about having Deena attend CSI is the poor reporting and negativity by Damien Clark.

Deena has attended Missouri State University Billings this year, and for the first time, we got to read positive reports in the newspaper about every game that was played. I would think that The Times-Sun would like to know a reporter that said good things instead of negative.

MARCY BARRON Postville

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SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



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The night center Bill Walton was almost perfect for UCLA

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of stories on great sports moments in each month during the century.

By Bill Brock
The Associated Press



Coach John Wooden always preached perfection at UCLA, where his teams won 10 NCAA championships in 12 years. On one magical night, Bill Walton almost delivered it.

UCLA was in the middle of a record 58-game winning streak when Wooden took his Bruins into the national title game against Memphis State on March 26, 1973.

In one of the greatest performances in college basketball history, Walton hit 21 of 22 shots and scored a championship game record 44 points.

These were the Bruins of Larry Farmer and Larry Hollyfield, Keith Wilkes and Greg Lee. And in the middle, there was the big redheaded kid from La Mesa, Calif., with a winning streak longer than UCLA's.

Walton's teams had won 128 consecutive games from grade-school to high school in 1969. Two years after Lew Alcindor left the pivot at Westwood, Walton stepped in, allowing Wooden to maintain a consistent game plan.

"With Walton and Alcindor, the first option was always to get it inside if we could," the coach said.

And they usually could.

UCLA's dynasty began in 1964 and by the time the 6-foot-11

quarter century later, the memory still had the center in 1972, the Bruins had won five straight N C A A championships and seven in eight years.

Walton's first varsity season ended with another national title when the Bruins beat Florida State 81-76 to finish 30-0. If the season was perfect, the championship game was not.

"We didn't play well," Walton said. "We stunk it up."

The Bruins were determined that would not happen again a year later when they returned to the championship game, again at 29-0, this time facing Memphis State in St. Louis.

"Now we were in against a tough opponent, an athletic team with a lot of scoring punch," Walton said.

Gene Bartow, now the athletic director at Alabama-Birmingham, was Memphis State's coach and he knew that to have any chance of winning the Tigers would have to control Walton. During timeouts, he tried to encourage his team. "I told them, if he doesn't touch the ball, he can't score," Bartow said.

Memphis State's trouble was that Walton kept touching the ball.

Bartow started with 6-foot-9 Larry Kenon on him. The man they called Special K drew three quick fouls and now, more than a

"He may not have dunked, but he was over the rim five or six times," Bartow said. "He used his size to his advantage."

And why not?

"I kind of like being 6-11," Walton said.

At the half, Memphis State was still in the game, tied at 39. In the dressing room, Wooden kept his team calm. "I told them to play our game and not get carried away," he said.

Memphis State scored the first basket of the second half.

"When Gene plays the tape of that game, that's when he shuts it off," said Farmer, captain of that UCLA team, later Bartow's assistant coach and eventually head coach at Westwood. "He says that's how he likes to remember it."

Farmer, now coach at Loyola-Chicago, recalled that midway through the second half, he realized something special was happening with Walton.

"When you're playing, you have no idea a guy is putting up big numbers," he said. "I was a garbage guy, scoring a lot on fast breaks and put backs and I remember thinking in the second half there weren't many put backs."

That's because the big redhead wasn't leaving any garbage around. "I missed a short shot in the first half but I got the rebound and suck it in," Walton said.

It was the only miss on a remarkable night. He had a tougher time at the foul line, missing three of five free throws. But with a .955 percentage from



UCLA center Bill Walton shoots for two of his record 44 points against Memphis State in the final game of the NCAA tournament in St. Louis, March 27, 1973.

the field, nobody noticed.

"I got a lot of individual credit but it was an exhibition of John Wooden basketball," Walton said. "Coach's philosophy of how to win is you compute an empty possession. Over the course of two hours, you accumulate small advantages and that results in a win. The ball was really moving

that night. Greg Lee got 14 assists, an NCAA record; Larry Hollyfield had a career-high nine assists. The ball was really moving in the zone."

Wooden was amazed by the performance.

"I don't think I've ever seen anything like that," he said. "But I think he played better than me."

NCAA Champions

Check it out! Here's the list of NCAA basketball champions:

- CALIFORNIA** 1950, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1965, 1967, 1973, 1985
- KENTUCKY** 1948-49, 1951, 1958, 1978, 1986, 1988
- NORTH CAROLINA** 1957, 1959, 1960, 1967, 1983, 1988
- INDIANA** 1949, 1953, 1981, 1987, 1989
- OHIO** 1961, 1962
- ARIZONA** 1951, 1952, 1957, 1981, 1988
- OHIO STATE** 1960, 1961, 1992, 1994
- KANSAS** 1952, 1956, 1982, 1983, 1986, 1989
- MASSACHUSETTS** 1947
- NEVADA** 1949
- NEW YORK** 1950
- OREGON** 1956
- TEXAS** 1956
- UTAH** 1944
- DIST. OF COLUMBIA** 1984
- WYOMING** 1943
- MICHIGAN** 1949
- OKLAHOMA** 1956
- PENNSYLVANIA** 1939
- WISCONSIN** 1941
- ARIZONA STATE** 1989
- ARKANSAS** 1994
- ILLINOIS** 1983

Called Oklahoma A&M at time of championship
*Called Texas Woman's Univ. at time of championship

Source: NCAA AP/Ed Casanova

No. 1 Duke breezes into ACC final

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Here we go again.

It's bitter rivals Duke and North Carolina meeting for the fourth time in the 1990s in the College Atlantic Coast basketball conference championship tournament game Sunday at the Charlotte Coliseum.

Duke not only trails the storied Tar Heels 6-2 overall in ACC tournament title games, but the streaking Blue Devils, who beat North Carolina State 83-68 Saturday, will have to do battle this time without their celebrated senior Trajan Langdon, who will miss a second straight game with a strained left foot.

No. 2 Michigan St. 56, No. 19 Wisconsin 41

CHICAGO — Michigan State fans call them "The Flintstones," and Mateen Cleaves, Antonio Smith and Charlie Bell wear their hometown with pride, even spelling it out with tattoos on their shoulders.

Michigan State may be their home now, but the blue-collar raised the three starters were raised with in Flint, Mich., is never far away. And the No. 2 Spartans were at their blue-collar finest Saturday, holding No. 19 Wisconsin scoreless for almost 11 minutes on their way to a 56-41 victory in the Big Ten tournament.

No. 3 Connecticut 82, No. 10 St. John's 63

NEW YORK — Connecticut put an exclamation point on its decade of dominance in the Big East.

The Huskies won their second straight conference tournament title with an 82-63 victory over St. John's on Saturday night. It was their third straight title in the last four years and their fourth of the '90s, twice what any other school managed in that time.

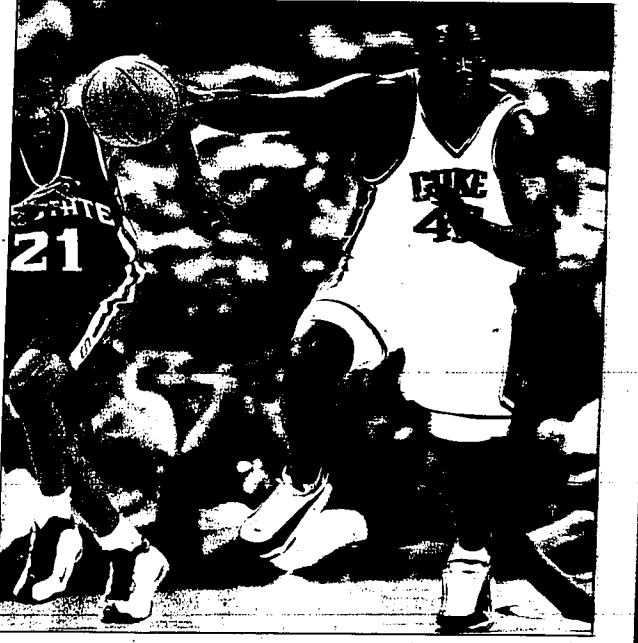
It was the fifth time in the last six years that the third-ranked Huskies (28-2) entered the tournament as the top seed and they have a 5-6 record in the league championships this decade. Connecticut won six of 10 regular-season titles in the 1990s and the title is the fourth for coach Jim Calhoun, putting him behind only the six wins by John Thompson at Georgetown.

No. 14 Kentucky 69, No. 4 Auburn 57

ATLANTA — The regular season may have been disappointing by Kentucky's lofty standards. Still, don't count out the defending national champions just yet.

The No. 14 Wildcats moved within one victory of another Southeastern Conference tournament title, jumping out to an early lead in No. 4 Auburn's struggle to a 69-57 victory in the semifinals Saturday.

The Tigers, who won their first



Duke's Elton Brand, right, rumbles down court on a fast break as North Carolina State's Henry (left) gives chase Saturday.

regular-season championship since 1960, were clearly out of their element against the Wildcats, who have won two straight tournament titles and six of the last seven.

No. 15 North Carolina 86, No. 5 Maryland 79

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Max Owens powered several key runs and North Carolina earned a shot at a third straight ACC championship by beating Maryland.

The Tar Heels (24-8) shot 53 percent from the field, including 9-of-16 from 3-point range, and held off a late rally by Maryland. The Terrapins (26-5) cut a 23-point deficit to four before losing in the conference semifinals for the eighth consecutive time.

Illinois 79, No. 11 Ohio State 77

CHICAGO — Illinois, the lowest

seed in the Big Ten tournament, pulled off its third straight upset to reach the title game.

The Illini (14-17) will meet Michigan State for the tournament championship Sunday and a chance to capture the league's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

No. 13 Arizona 87, No. 12 UCLA 70

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jason Terry, the Pac-10 player of the year, scored 26 points in his final home game as Arizona beat UCLA.

A.J. Bramlett, also in his final game in McKale Center, added 24 points and 10 rebounds as the Wildcats (22-6, 13-5 Pac-10) won their 32nd in a row at home.

No. 22 Arkansas 84, Mississippi St. 79

ATLANTA — Pat Bradley scored 27 points, including two key free

throws in overtime, as Arkansas advanced to the SEC final.

Arkansas (22-9) also got 17 points from Dariusz Howard, who sent the game into overtime with a basket off an offensive rebound and used the game-winner to defeat Sam and a chunk with 2:35 seconds left in overtime.

Rhode Island 62, Temple 59

PHILADELPHIA — Lamar Odom's team here on overtime at all when the shot went in. It was tense, but with no time of game, each team was on the edge.

At Newark, all the suspense had unfolded to get there — a crazy plane ride from the NCAA tournament — came on Monday.

Odom's team struggled to play at Rhode Island, but on Saturday night, with a thrilling game-winning shot that gave the Rams a 62-59 victory over Temple in the Atlantic 10 championship game.

Weber St., Northern Arizona provide drama in Big Sky final

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Drama was to be played out on the court — and next to it — late Saturday night when Northern Arizona and Weber State battled for the Big Sky Conference Tournament's championship game.

While the league's top two teams met on the court, the top two coaches were stalking at each other in a far melodrama. Both are expected to leave their current positions by season's end, and both wanted to go out a winner.

Northern Arizona coach Ben Howland reportedly was taking over the University of Pittsburgh program at season's end, and Weber State's Ron Abegglen is being fired after Abegglen was accused of injuring his wife during an argument, and his program is under NCAA and university-suspended sanctions for minor rules violations by a former assistant coach.

Neither coach talked about their futures Friday after guiding their teams to the title game, but praised the way their teams made it to the championship game, which rewards the winner with automatic NCAA berth.

While top-seeded Weber State's Harold Arceneaux was the conference's MVP during the regular season, teammate Eddie

Editor's note:

Results of many West Coast college basketball games were not available at press time or were not in the NCAA selection coverage in Monday's section.

Gill demonstrated Friday that he could just as easily have won the award.

With Arceneaux struggling early against Montana State, Gill took over to lead Weber State on a 33-73 romp.

Gill, the conference's newcomer of the year, led the Wildcats (23-7) with 22 points and five steals.

"I had open holes the first couple of times and hit them, then we just settled in," said the 6-foot-9 guard.

Abegglen was more to the point with his praise.

"Eddie can get on a roll. He might be the best-shooting point guard that I've ever coached," said Abegglen. "He can really light it up — and range is not a problem."

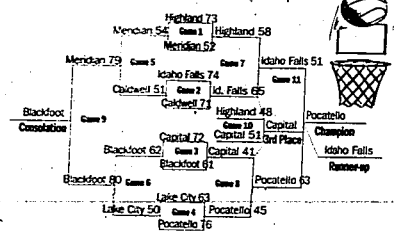
"A good coach would figure out how to get him more shots," he joked.

Damien Baskerville added 19 points and 13 rebounds for Weber State.

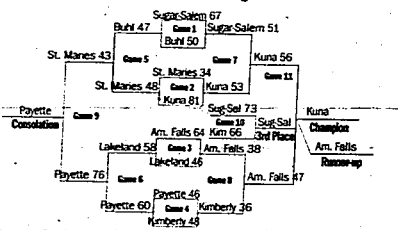
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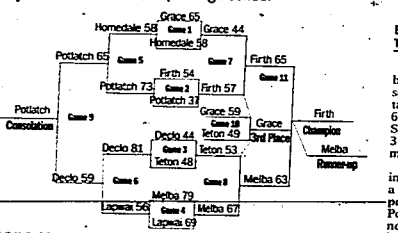
Class A-1, Idaho Center, Nampa



Class A-2, Meridian High School



Class A-3, Capital High School



Declo's Seth Christensen keeps his dribble alive during a scramble in the second half of the Hornet's A-3 state consolation game with Pocatello at Capital High School in Boise. Declo fell short in the contest losing to the Loggers 65-59.

Declo falls in consolation final

By John Derr Times-News writer

BOISE — The Declo Hornets built a 12-point lead early in the second half, but could not contain the Pocatello Loggers, falling 65-59 in the consolation final Saturday morning at the Class A-3 boys' state basketball tournament.

The Loggers were known as an inside team and the Hornets did a good job of shutting down the point. Unfortunately for Declo, Pocatello moved outside and connected on nine 3-pointers, their largest output of the season, to claim the victory.

Senior point guard Seth Christensen finished off an outstanding season with team highs in points (34) and rebounds (9) before fouling out with one minute left in the game.

"In the second half the kids laid back a little and we couldn't get any continuity," said Declo coach Loy Garey. "The 3-pointers hurt us. We concentrated on the inside and they hit the shots from the outside."

The Hornets opened with a 3-pointer from Jeff Stoker and a jumper by Shay Howard to take the early lead. The Loggers got two straight 3-pointers from T.J. Hadalle to move in front. Jesse Meyer, who came off the bench, added 13 points, hit a jumper late and Christensen put back the rebound as the Declo led 18-17 after one.

The teams traded baskets until midway through the period. Christensen scored twice and Meyer added two free throws to increase the advantage to six at the break.

Declo started the second half with eight straight points. Christensen tossed in two jumpers and Shay Howard and Stoker both connected as the Hornets took control 40-28. The Loggers responded by going on a 16-4 as the teams ended the third period tied at 44-44.

Pocatello hit four shots from beyond the arc and the Hornets were able to hit just one field goal over the last six minutes of the period.

The teams traded baskets over the first two minutes of the final period. Pocatello's Nick Nicholson, who finished with five 3-pointers, connected on a bomb to put the Loggers in front, but Shay Howard would tie the game at 54-54 with back to back buckets in the final minute.

Pocatello went up by three, but Kyle Howard had a steal and lay-up. He was fouled, but the Hornets missed the arc and Declo trailed by one, 57-56, with 45 ticks left on the clock.

Declo was forced to foul late and Pocatello went 6-of-8 down the stretch to ice the victory. Kyle Howard nailed a NBA-range 3-pointer late in the game, but time ran out on the Hornets.

Senior post Shay Howard and Lance Zollinger ended their careers at Declo with eight and seven points, respectively.



Kyle Howard of Declo drives into the key on Pocatello guard Nick Nicholson during the A-3 state tournament.

A-3 boys' basketball

Firth 65, Melba 63
Firth took on Melba for the state crown Saturday with the Cougars winning the game in the final seconds 65-63 at the Idaho A-3 boys' high school basketball tournament.

Firth was led by senior guard Edgar Quintero who put up 15 points in the win over the Cougars. Quintero has some help from Junior Cougar forward Ryan Williams who also has a standout performance, hitting 14 points and five rebounds to help stave off the Mustangs.

Things were close the entire game with the two teams separated by just three points at the half. Three points again was the margin going into the final quarter, though the Mustangs could not hang on for the victory.

Melba was paced by junior guard Matt Breach who was absolutely on fire with 21 points. Next up for the Mustangs was senior center Jeff Bus who contributed 17 points and five rebounds to keep the game close down the home stretch.

BY JOHN DERR
FIRTH: Kyle Howard 15, Wayne D. Day & Peter A. Jaky 8, Matt Breach 14, Ryan Williams 14, Declo: Seth Christensen 34, Jesse Meyer 13, T.J. Hadalle 12, Lance Zollinger 8, Declo 65, Melba 63.

Grace 59, Teton 49

Senior Jason Hardy hit baskets at will for a game-high 24 points Saturday to carry Grace to a 59-49 victory over Teton and third place at the Idaho A-3 boys' high school basketball tournament.

Teton smoked Grace 18-13 in the second quarter to grab an ample 32-27 edge by halftime. But the Grizzlies connected on eight buckets and 13 free throws in the second half to notch the game. The Redskins only mustered seven points from the line.

Britt Fletcher led a balanced Teton attack with 14 points, followed by Shawn Robinson with 11.

GRACE: Jason Hardy 24, Robert H. Smith 15, Matt A. Smith 11, Teton: John H. Robinson 11, Carson & Steve R. Hall 11, Carter 2, Hallock 1, Teton 49, Grace 59.

Payette 76, St. Maries 43

Senior post Luke McCartney turned in a game-high 19 points Saturday to help Payette roll over St. Maries 76-43 for the consolation title in the Idaho A-2 boys' high school basketball tournament.

Payette started to press the lumberjacks early, securing a 16-13 first-quarter score, then sailing to 37-20 by the half.

The Pirates racked up 15 points from the 3-point area while the Jacks went scoreless from long distance. Payette also enjoyed 53 percent field-goal shooting to St. Maries' 26 percent.

Trent Duffey and Derek Dicks each came up with 10 points for the lumberjacks.

PALETTE: Luke McCartney 19, Payette 76, St. Maries 43, Duffey 10, Dicks 10, McCartney 19, St. Maries 43.

Pocatello brings home championship in A-1

NAMPA (AP) — Pocatello senior center Cory Hunt broke out for 12 points and 15 rebounds Saturday to lead his Indians to a 63-51 victory over Idaho Falls to take the state title in the Idaho A-1 boys' high school basketball tournament.

The Indians had help though, in the form of senior guards Dan Birch and Brady Moon who each contributed 11 points.

The teams were separated by just six points at the half, but Pocatello opened the third quarter with a 16-4 run to put the Tigers away.

Idaho Falls was led by senior forward Scott Johnson who 14 points and went 4-9 in 3-point shooting.

POCATELLO: Cory Hunt 12, Dan Birch 11, Brady Moon 11, Pocatello 63, Idaho Falls 51.

Capitol 51, Highland 48

Junior Josh Bradshaw sank five 3-point attempts and led all players with 24 points Saturday to squeeze Capitol of Boise past Highland of Pocatello in a 51-48 first place at the Idaho A-1 boys high school basketball tournament.

Highland kept pace with Capitol in the opening minutes and led by the Eagles 27-24 at the half. Capitol returned to the free-throw line for

A-1 boys' basketball

five in the second half and drained four 3-point shots in that time.

The Rams still pulled in 30 rebounds to the Eagles' 24. Guard David Clarke was the only Highland player to hit double figures with 21.

CLARKE: David Clarke 21, Josh Bradshaw 24, Capitol 51, Highland 48.

A-2 boys' basketball

lem for the second game in a row as Kimberly took the floor at Meridian High School again. Things started well as the Bulldogs got the offense going with the open shots. With the tempo at a high level, Arrossa tossed in eight first-quarter points and senior Philip Knight added

six as the Bulldogs led 20-16.

Kimberly struggled in the second period. The Diggers went on a 6-0 run to take their first lead just minute into the quarter. Knight charged in for the lead at 24, but Sugar-Salem responded with an 8-2 run, beating the Bulldogs down the court. Arrossa kept it close with a jumper, but the Bulldogs trailed by seven at the half, 37-30.

In the second half, Kimberly would charge for the lead several times, but each charge would be answered by the Diggers. Derrick Arrossa nailed a 3-pointer as the Bulldogs cut the deficit to four, but the Diggers regained the seven-point advantage late in the period.

Nick Powers made a nice move in the paint, hit the shot and was fouled as the Bulldogs trailed 46-42. Sugar-Salem nailed a shot beyond the arc and led 51-44 as the third quarter ended.

Arrossa hit two quick buckets to open the final period, as the

A-2 boys' basketball

Bulldogs pulled within three, 51-48. The Diggers just as quickly scored five straight.

Knight hit inside and Arrossa hit another jumper as Kimberly trailed 60-55 at the 4-minute mark, but they would have to rally without Knight as he fouled out, finishing with 12 points and six rebounds.

With three minutes to go, Jordan Williams, who had 10 points in the game, added a free throw and Arrossa nailed a shot from beyond the arc to even the deficit to five, but Kimberly could get no closer.

It hit to see these seniors go. They are class individuals and competitors and we had a great season," Keller said. "I feel bad for them because we were a couple points away from the playing in the big game."

EMERY: Jordan Williams 10, Arrossa 12, Powers 8, Knight 12, Diggers 51, Kimberly 48.

A-2 boys' basketball

The Kuna Kamenen beat American Falls 56-47 Saturday to claim the state championship in the Idaho A-2 boys' high school basketball tournament.

The American Falls Beavers kept Kuna honest though, and at halftime led the Kamenen 28-22. The Beavers were led by junior guard Dustin Aldous, who had 16 points and six rebounds, and senior forward Adam Hoyberg who added 14 points and nine rebounds.

KUNA: Dustin Aldous 16, Hoyberg 14, Beavers 56, American Falls 47.

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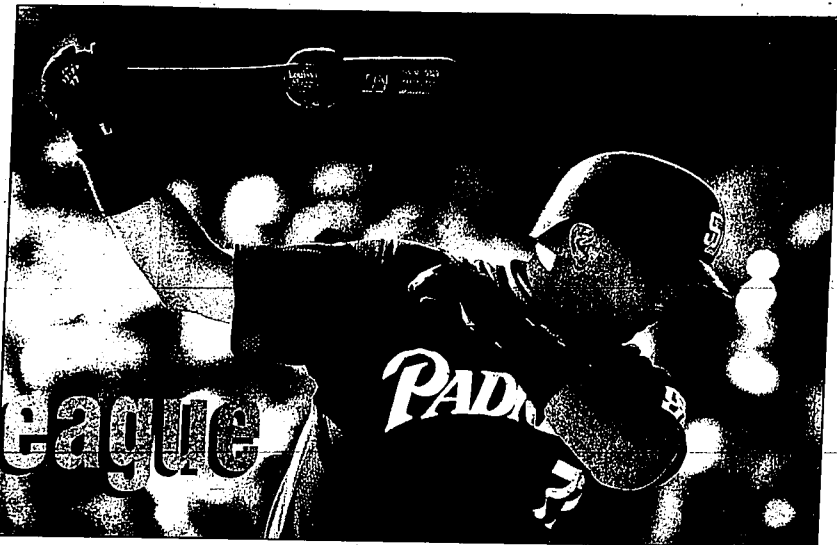
High school teammates recall Brooks as competitor

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Ronnie Mathews played baseball with Garth Brooks in youth league through high school, and doesn't think the country music superstar was born with major league talent.

But he does think the Yukon native, currently living out a lifelong dream with a major league club, will try mighty hard to find a way to do well.

"He always had a huge heart, and what he lacked in physical ability he made up for in hustle," said Mathews, now a Yukon police detective.

San Diego Padres non-roster invited player Garth Brooks watches play from the dugout during a charity game Thursday in Peoria, Ariz.



San Diego Padre Garth Brooks warms up on deck with a weighted bat during a charity game with the Seattle Mariners Thursday in Peoria, Ariz.

Fantasy League

Garth plays out lifelong baseball dream

"He did everything when we played" with the Yukon Crackerjacks in youth baseball. He pitched, played outfield, played infield.

Brooks, 37, is participating in spring training with the San Diego Padres at their training camp in Peoria, Ariz. His long-term \$200,000 salary is being donated by the Padres to Brooks' recently-formed Touch 'Em All Foundation, which helps children's charities.

Former teammates and coaches remember Brooks as a good-size athlete who had more desire than talent.

"His dad and my dad coached us, and his dad always talked about us 'having the want-to's,' Garth always did," Mathews said. "There were kids that were bigger-and-faster, ... but he was always side-by-side with them for as long as he could."

At Yukon Junior High, Brooks was a tight end and backup quarterback on the football team. Rodney Weidenmaier, who coached him in junior high and is now assistant principal at Lakeview Middle School, said Brooks never held back.

"He had a ton of desire and was a good team player. At that age, you could see the disappointment in him, but he had determination," Weidenmaier said.

Brooks continued with football through high school and finally got a break as a 5-foot-11, 175-pound senior, starting the first five games of the 1979 season. His team finished 5-4.

He also was on the baseball team, where he occasionally



Garth Brooks takes time to sign autographs Feb. 27 in Peoria, Ariz.

played right field.

"He was more of a role player," recalled Charles Teasley, now head coach at Southwestern State University. "I knew in high school he'd do something with his life. He was one of those kids who was real easy to get along with."

Teasley, who has had players go on to pro careers, said he never imagined Brooks at a major league training camp.

"From news accounts, it seems the (Padres) players give him respect; they know he's not a player," Teasley said. "But he's there for a purpose."

Teasley recalled that Brooks claimed of throwing the javelin at Notre Dame. He did throw the

javelin, but at Oklahoma State University.

Brooks' best performances were in the 1982 and 1984 Big Eight outdoor track meets. He threw a personal record 200 feet, 9 inches in 1982 and placed sixth in the 1984 meet.

Current Oklahoma State coach Dick Weis awarded Brooks his fourth letter. He remembers Brooks for his dedication — and his interest in music.

"He played in his band all the time, and the late nights didn't deter him. He still did what he had to do," Weis said. "Like everyone else, he had his ups and downs when he was here, but he did what he came here to do."

Family illness cuts short experiment with Padres

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Country singer Garth Brooks abruptly left the San Diego Padres training camp, apparently due to a family illness, and the club isn't sure when he might return.

On Saturday morning, club officials would only say that Brooks wasn't in camp due to personal reasons. The Associated Press learned that Brooks left for Los Angeles to be with his mother, who has had cancer. The team said it was waiting for more information from those close to Brooks.

"It sounds like a serious health problem," owner John Moores said. "A guy like him wouldn't leave camp if he didn't think it was serious. I'm sure he's concerned about his mom."

General manager Kevin Towers termed it a "leave of absence" and likened it to the recent illness of the daughter of outfielder Reggie Sanders.

When Sanders' 16-month-old daughter fell ill from a viral infection on Monday, Sanders rushed home to Florida and was told by the team he could stay with her until he knew she was OK. Sanders returned to camp on Thursday.

"It's up to him (Brooks) when he comes back," Towers said. "His locker's there waiting."

Said Moores: "Obviously he's welcome back; but we're a lot more concerned about his mom's situation as opposed to whether he's just coming back. It would be a shame if he doesn't because it's obvious to everybody he was committed."

Brooks was invited to camp on a non-roster basis as a way for him to kickstart his baseball-related Touch 'Em All Foundation. He has no chance of making the big-league roster, and would be sent to a minor-league team only if he showed he was competitive.

"He's yet to get a hit in eight at-bats in two intrasquad games, an 'A' game and a 'B' game, but he has been putting the ball in play."

Brooks has been widely popular with the fans and has spent hours signing autographs.

Moores said Towers and Bochy told the team's board of directors Saturday that Brooks' work ethic was inspirational to the team.

"From that standpoint, we wish that he'll be back in camp," Moores said.

Unforgiven

Even with Pirates, Brown can't escape 'The Error'

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — He dropped it. OK? He knows it. The whole world seems to know it and seems to keep reminding him about it.

That's why Brant Brown, the Pittsburgh Pirates' center fielder, wants this on the record for all who ask: He doesn't worry about the dropped fly ball that cost the Chicago Cubs a game, but didn't cost them their season. So everyone should just get on with his or her life and quit talking about Brown's ghastly error didn't keep the Cubs out of the postseason. Really, it didn't mean a thing. It wasn't like Bill Buckner's grievous error, a ground ball through the legs that ruined the Boston Red Sox's best chance in 80-some years to win a World Series.

Funny, Brown didn't catch the ball, but he has caught six months' worth of grief.

It was Sept. 23, and the Cubs, desperately clinging to a wildcard spot, were leading the Milwaukee Brewers 7-5 with two outs and the bases loaded in the ninth inning. If the Cubs won — and they were one out away — they would lead the Mets by a half-game and the Giants by three games.

Brown entered the game only an inning earlier as a defensive replacement but, as his role suggests, he is an excellent fielder. Adjusting to the late-afternoon sun, wind and the field conditions



Pittsburgh Pirates Brant Brown looks for a signal from the third base coach during a spring training game Friday in Bradenton, Fla.

shouldn't have been a big deal. It wasn't at least until Geoff Jenkins offered a relatively routine fly ball that Brown needed only to squeeze for the game's final out.

Brown bowed back a few feet and put up his glove. He didn't try to make a Barry Bonds-like one-handed snatch catch.

He didn't snort pumping his fist

in victory.

Still, somehow, some way, the ball glanced off the heel of his glove and bounded away. So did the Cubs' victory as all three runners scored.

Now, as a new season approaches, Brown still doesn't have an answer as to why it happened, but that doesn't keep inquiring minds from wanting to know. What intrigues him is the play ultimately meant nothing because the Cubs still advanced to the playoffs, yet he is treated as if he personally ruined their season.

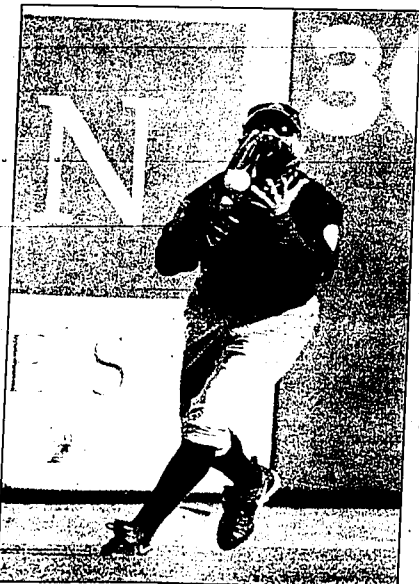
"We caught the same ball thousands of times," Brown said. "Why it happened then, I'll never know. But if that's the worst thing that ever happens to me ..."

Brown can't explain how he dropped the ball, but he also can't explain everyone's fixation with the play.

"I can't help it if everybody has to ask the same question about something that didn't mean a thing," Brown said Friday. "Players know it didn't mean a thing, but the media doesn't. And that's all I'm going to say."

At least he was traded from Chicago to Pittsburgh, hasn't he?

"No, I haven't gotten away from it over here," said Brown, who was asked about the non-catch within minutes of his first personal appearance for the Pirates in January.



Chicago Cubs left fielder Brant Brown drops a ball hit by Milwaukee Brewer Geoff Jenkins in the ninth inning Sept. 23 in Milwaukee. Three runs scored on Brant's error as the Brewers came back to win 8-7.

McGwire makes spring training debut

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Maybe hitting 70 homers again won't be so easy for Mark McGwire.

Big Mac looked like a regular ballplayer preparing for the season, not baseball's new single-season home run king, as he made his 1999 debut, Saturday against the Montreal Expos.

McGwire, whose 450-foot home runs in last year's spring opener set off his record-setting spree of 70 homers, flied out to center and was hit by a pitch in his two plate appearances in the St. Louis Cardinals' 4-3 loss.

"We just wanted the get him two at-bats," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "He's early in the spring. He still has time."

McGwire received a standing ovation before his first at-bat as the 6,938 fans thanked him for the glorious run he took the sport on last year and urged an encore in 1999.

Mike Thurman, who allowed No. 69 on the last day of a 100-inning season, didn't give up No. 1 this season. Instead, he got McGwire to fly out to Randall White on a 2-2 pitch for the second out of the first inning.

In his second at-bat, McGwire was hit on his left elbow pad by a Mike Johnson fastball, drawing scattered boos from the crowd. McGwire calmly jogged to first, where he was stranded.

"My heart skips a beat whenever one of my players is hit," La Russa said, pretending McGwire is no different than the other 59 players in camp.

McGwire was replaced by Chris Hays after the third inning and didn't talk after the game.



LEGENDS FIELD



The whole look and feel of spring training is changing as the ballparks get more modern and crowds get bigger. Legends Field, the New York Yankees state-of-the-art spring training facility in Tampa, Florida, is worthy of a world champion team. A look at the Yankees spring baseball complex:



Facade similar to Yankee Stadium

Yankees corporate offices

Crosswalk over Dale Mabry Highway
Parking lots

Legends program
Honors TBS off the greatest Yankees from Babe Ruth to Reggie Jackson

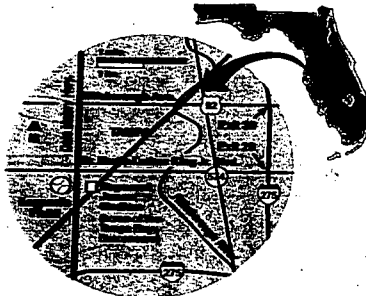
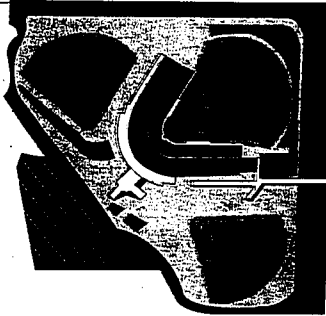
The Complex

- The 31 acre complex houses three baseball fields:
- Stadium (10,000 seats)
 - Community-use field, used by Hillsborough Community College (1,200 seats)
 - Practice field

What it cost to build

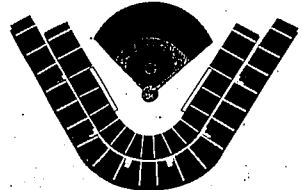
\$18 million
Construction time took 12 months.
The team has a 30-year lease with the Tampa Sports Authority Hillsborough County.

How to get there



Seating prices

- \$8
- \$10
- \$12

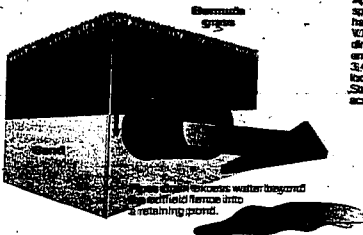


Record and attendance (at Legends Field)

Year	Record	Attendance
1988	15-12	149,498
1987	20-11	172,082
1986	16-15	173,247

Rain, rain, go away

The natural playing field's drainage system has 4-inch perforated pipes that are laid every 20 feet, 24 inches below the surface.



Where to park

Approximately 600 parking spaces are available for handicapped, reserved, VIP and general parking directly in front of main entrance. An additional 3,400 parking spaces are located at Ringwood Express Stadium across the street, accessible by a pedestrian bridge.

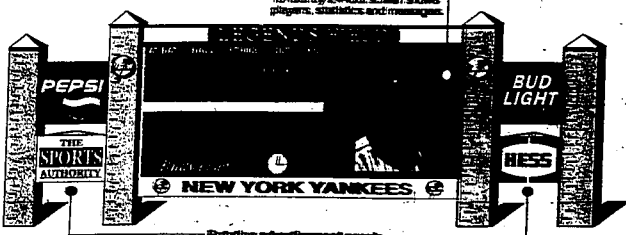


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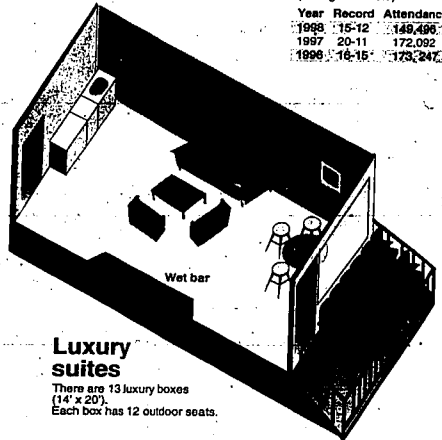
Aside from the scoreboard, the outfield fence is covered with 33 advertisements at a cost of \$7,000 for one year.

The scoreboard

Video screens, 18-foot by 26-foot screen shows players, statistics and messages.



Rotating advertisement panels



Luxury suites

There are 13 luxury boxes (14' x 20'). Each box has 12 outdoor seats.

Spring training sites

1902-04	Atlanta	1916-20	Jacksonville, Fla.
1905	Montgomery, Ala.	1921	Shreveport, La.
1906	Birmingham, Ala.	1922-24	New Orleans, La.
1907-08	Atlanta	1925-42	St. Petersburg, Fla.
1909	Macon, Ga.	1943	Kanbury Park, N.J.
1910-11	Athens, Ga.	1944-45	Atlantic City, N.J.
1912	Apalachicola, Fla.	1946-50	St. Petersburg, Fla.
1913	Hamilton, Bermuda	1951	Phoenix
1914	Hampton, Bermuda	1952-53	St. Petersburg, Fla.
1915	Savannah, Ga.	1954-55	St. Petersburg, Fla.
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1916-18	Macon, Ga.	1996	St. Petersburg, Fla.

SPORTS

American skier takes third in Swiss super-G event



American Kathleen Monahan takes a jump race in the World Cup women's super-G Saturday in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland (AP) — Alexander Meissnitzer of Austria captured the overall World Cup title Saturday with a fourth-place finish in the super-G that was won by teammate Michaela Dorfmeister.

American Kathleen Monahan finished third in the super-G and made her first trip ever to the podium.

"I was really surprised but it's dawned on me more and more," said an excited Monahan, who was the first skier down the hill. "Because I was first I didn't know what to expect so I tried for an aggressive line."

Meissnitzer seemed more relieved than excited.

"It's such a huge relief to have won it. It was getting to be a heavy burden to carry all the time," said Meissnitzer, who won the title despite not racing in alpine.

She has won eight times this year in downhill, super-G and giant-slam.

Meissnitzer, however, failed to clinch the super-G crown when Dorfmeister won and kept alive her slim chances.

Interimmate Renate Gostschl finished second on 2:29.37, beating Monahan's 2:29.57.

Monahan's previous best was an eighth place in the super-G in Mammoth Mountain earlier this season.

"When I saw Meissnitzer's time was slower than mine I knew I'd had an awesome run, because she's been skiing really fast," said Monahan, who joined the World Cup circuit in 1992. "This is really good for the upcoming finals in Sierra Nevada, because it gives me a lot of confidence."

Dorfmeister, who covered the slow-paced Cominella course in 1 minute, 29.17

seconds, moved up to second place in the super-G standings — 86 points behind her teammate.

To beat Meissnitzer, however, she would have to win the super-G this week at the World Cup final in Sierra Nevada, Spain.

On Saturday, Dorfmeister had never won a super-G. It fact, it was only her second World Cup victory ever.

"It's always been difficult to be on a team where everyone is winning except you," said Dorfmeister. "It's fantastic to get a win before the end of the season."

"I've been on the podium nine times and I've sometimes been so close I could taste it," Meissnitzer acknowledged she was disappointed. "I would have liked to win the super-G title here and have that over with too," she said. "But I'll be going to

Spain more relaxed, that's for sure."

Austrian captures his second World Cup downhill in two days

KVITFJELL, Norway — Andreas Schiffrer of Austria won his second World Cup downhill in two days Saturday while Lasse Klus of Norway finished second, helping his bid for the overall title.

Schiffrer was timed in 1 minute, 46.78 seconds. Klus was 18 second back and helped his chances in a three-way race for the overall championship with leader Kjetil André Amundt of Norway and defending champion Hermann Maier of Austria.

Maier chances dimmed with an 11th place finish after an even more disappointing 16th on Friday.

Both Gordon, Martin hope to grab momentum

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Momentum is a key ingredient in a Winston Cup championship season.

Heading into the Las Vegas 400 today, two-time defending Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon needs to build four. Three-time, series runner-up Mark Martin hopes to keep his going.

Those two — the biggest winners last year — have been the winners so far in this young NASCAR season. Gordon took the checkered flag in the season-opening Daytona 500, and Martin countered two weeks ago in Rockingham, N.C.

The problem is that Gordon followed his impressive win in the Daytona 500 with a 39th-place finish, thanks to a rare engine failure for the Hendrick Motorsports team. Martin, the defending champion at Las Vegas Motor Speedway — wound up 31st in Daytona after getting caught up in a multicair crash.

A year ago, those two left the rest of the series behind because of their consistency. Gordon, who has won three of the last four series titles, had a record-tying 13 wins and 28 top-10 finishes in 33 starts. Martin had seven wins and 26 top-10s.

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 RACE PREVIEW: 6:30 p.m. (ET)
 146.254 mph, March 1, 1998
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 168.224 mph, Feb. 26, 1998

his Winston Cup career as he starts only his third event in the Mattel-Monster-Chevy — but it doesn't matter what it pays, especially in my case, as long as we've gone without winning one.

"As a team, we've just geared

toward winning the race. We wanted to take a car capable of winning, and once it rains, there we have them."

Skinner, off to the best start of his career with finishes of fourth and sixth, will race 15th Friday.

"I think the thing that impresses me the most when I look at last year is those top-fives and top-10s," Gordon said. "You don't chunt on wins, but you certainly have to finish up front a lot if you want to have any chance to win a championship."

"It was disappointing what happened at Rockingham. We've got to forget about it and go on and make sure those problems don't happen again. We had a great shot at a top-five at Rockingham and we need to try to get a top-five here."

Gordon is speaking from experience. Martin has yet to win a championship, but he has a pretty good idea what it will take.

"When it's all over, the team that has the fewest problems and the fewest bad finishes will be the champion," said Martin, who drives for Roush Racing. "That's pretty simple, I guess, but your body is going to win a bunch of races and finish up front a bunch. I only hope it's us."

Gordon's No. 24 Chevrolet will start 11th in the 43-car field, two positions ahead of Martin's No. 6 Ford.

Up front for the start will be pole-sitter Bobby Labonte and Michael Waltrip, one of five drivers with a chance of winning a \$1 million bonus with a victory today.

The top five finishers from Daytona are eligible for the big bonus. Waltrip will be jockeying in the bonus hunt by Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, Kenny Irwin, and series points leader Mike Skinner.

"We came out here wanting to have a chance to win the million," said Waltrip, 0-for-396 in

"I've got a lot better race car than I had last year at this time," he said. "This is an awesome race car and it's going to race good."

Irwin will start 10th, but Earnhardt qualified poorly and will go from 39th.

"We'll be OK in the race," Earnhardt said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to get the car handling."

Handling will likely be a big factor today.

Last year, Ford's swept 13 of the top 14 finishing positions, but NASCAR has since made some major modifications to the aerodynamic rules.

Last year was a disaster, and NASCAR and everybody else knew they had to do something about it," said Earnhardt, whose Chevy finished eighth in the inaugural Las Vegas event.

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The year of the southpaw

I just received a news release proclaiming 1999 the Year of the Left-hander. Thirteen years ago, I probably wouldn't have noticed. Then I gave birth to a left-handed child - the first in our immediate family.

Since then, I have become more interested in the plight of left-handed people living in a right-handed world.

When I was a child, I remember my grandmother warning a friend against letting her boy remain left-handed. Such children will never be able to function properly in society, everyone warned.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

In school, I remember being with left-handed kids who were forced to write with their right hands. You could never read anything they wrote, but we just figured they would all grow up to be doctors - a profession where it's a plus to have handwriting that no one can read.

Eventually, everyone decided that it was bad to make left-handed kids use their right hands.

"I heard it could cause stuttering," my mother told me one day.

But my mother also said, "If you cross your eyes they will freeze like that." So we kids weren't sure what to believe.

Now we've come full circle. Left-handed people are no longer considered an oddity. In fact, they are being given their own years.

I'm not exactly sure what all of the fuss is about. Being left-handed has never made a whole lot of difference, one way or another, to my child.

But, as a parent, the rest of us to become aware of stuff that we had never considered before. I mean, I never really thought about left-handed scissors until my son was ready to go to preschool. Then I discovered that lefties in my son's classes were taught to cut with both hands anyway, and they seemed to adjust just fine.

So far, not one of those kids has shown any tendencies toward becoming serial killers.

I was more dismayed to find out that there is such a thing as left-handed golf clubs, because they cost a lot of money. And seating a left-handed person in a restaurant can be pretty complicated. The rest of us are always forgetting which side to sit on.

According to the news release about left-handers, there is a Left-hander's Newsletter and some researchers who compile statistics about left-handers. Questionnaire. There is also a National Left-hander's Convention, which is being organized by Left Hand Publishing. The convention is scheduled to take place Aug. 15 in Michigan.

There are lots of Internet web sites, too, and information about links to them at www.lefthandpublishing.com.

I logged onto this web site last week and learned that an estimated 30 million left-handers reside in the United States, and no one knows for sure what causes people to be left-handed.

The Internet also listed famous left-handed people, including Michelangelo, Beethoven, Albert Einstein and Isaac Newton - possibly to dispel the old myth that lefties are less talented or less intelligent than the general population.

Some of the left-handed web sites report that there used to be quite a bit of prejudice toward lefties, but that's pretty much gone today. Except for polo. It's illegal to play polo left-handed, but I think that has something to do with spooking the horses.

Mostly, people are now celebrating left-handedness.

I remember once hearing someone say, "Since the left side of the body is controlled by the right brain, left-handers are the only ones in their right minds."

I don't think I'd go that far, but I've certainly never been sorry that my son is a lefty. Especially after he got interested in baseball.

The list of left-handed baseball players could fill this whole newspaper, but a much shorter list gets the main point across. Left-handed baseball players include Lou Gehrig, Ty Cobb, Ted Williams and Babe Ruth.

On behalf of the world's lefties, what more could I say?

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

mommy's boyfriend

ARE KIDS AT RISK FOR ABUSE FROM THE NEW MEN?

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

JEROME — Zachary Nolan made two trips to the hospital emergency room in September 1997.

The second time, he didn't come home. On both occasions, the toddler had been left in the charge of Michael R. Elison.

Any parent would be mortified at committing an act that would put a 22-month-old boy on a helicopter on the way to St. Luke's (hospital) in Boise. Jerome County prosecutor John Lothspich said during Elison's hearing on a charge of involuntary manslaughter in fall. "This man did it twice."

Except Elison wasn't a parent. He was Zachary's mother's boyfriend.

Statistically, children are still far more likely to be injured by a relative, but the role of Mom's boyfriend is getting increased attention, fueled by new research into family violence that reveals some startling results.

"Our report showed that mothers' boyfriends committed 27 times more child abuse than their hours of child care would lead us to predict," said Leslie Margolin, a University of Iowa counselor education professor who's one of the leading researchers on the subject.

Elison, an unemployed, 22-year-old Navy veteran who was convicted in December of involuntary manslaughter, will serve at least six years in prison. His is one of three recent high-profile child abuse cases in south-central Idaho involving boyfriends.

Jesse Thrush, 22, who was a Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy at the time, has been charged with first-degree murder in connection with the Feb. 21 death of 2-year-old Hailey Williams, the daughter of the woman who was then his fiancée. Thrush has not been convicted of any crime.

And last May, 20-year-old Jason Burdett was convicted of second-degree murder in the 1996 death of 20-month-old Brooks Comfort

WHO ABUSES CHILDREN IN IDAHO

1. Of the 32,000 victims of child abuse in one study, only 20 percent lived with both biological parents. Forty-four percent lived with their mother only and 28 percent with the mother and an unrelated adult.

2. A British study found that the incidence of child abuse was 33 times higher in homes where the mother was living with a boyfriend than in stable nuclear families.

3. In a study of 175 Missouri children under the age of 5 who were murdered, the American Academy of Pediatrics found that a child's chances of dying at the hands of an adult living in the house were eight times higher than if the adult were biologically unrelated.

— Sources: The Weekly Standard Bureau of Justice Statistics, Journal of Comparative Family Studies, Family Education Trust

Keenan in Mountain Home. Bartlett, who bashed the child's head into a bedroom wall, was caring for the toddler while his live-in girlfriend, Brooks' mother, worked in a Glenns Ferry potato-processing plant.

"A boyfriend living in the house often results in conflict with the children," Margolin said in a telephone interview from his office in Iowa City, Iowa. "He doesn't have the same emotional investment in the children, and the children sometimes resent his presence if they perceive he is keeping their father out of the house."

Eric Jensen, a University of Idaho associate professor of sociology, agrees.

"Age is a big factor," he added. "Boyfriends of single mothers tend to be younger, so they have less experience dealing with children."

Economics plays a part as well. A Heritage Foundation study of child-

abuse cases found that the father was absent from 75 percent of households that earned less than \$15,000 a year. And half of adults with less than a high school education lived together without benefit of clergy, according to the study.

"This mix — poverty, lack of education, children and cohabitation — is an incubator for violence," the study's author, Patrick Fagan, was quoted as saying in the Dec. 14, 1998 edition of The Weekly Standard.

In Idaho in 1997, there were 64 reported cases of simple assault and nine cases of aggravated assault against children by boyfriends and girlfriends of the child's parent, according to the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement. No statistics are yet available for 1998.

"But you need to put that into perspective," said Ann Thompson, the department's public information officer. "That's out of nearly 2,000



DAVE DEWALT/Thomas photo studio

reported cases (of child abuse) (boyfriend vs. child) abuse cases," said Cassia County sheriff Billy Crystall, a member of the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence. "But the number of domestic violence calls as a whole is up."

"People are doing a better job of reporting it," said Mindoka County sheriff Paul Fries.

But Camas County sheriff Harold Lee, Crystall's predecessor in south-central Idaho's representative on the Council on Domestic Violence, believes the rise in boyfriend-related child-abuse complaints is very real.

"We're getting more of those calls all the time," he said. "They lose their cool and turn violent. Sometimes alcohol is involved."

Counseling is the only real remedy, Lee says, but Margolin advises a dose of prevention.

"Any signs of violence" by their boyfriends should be a red flag for single moms, Margolin said — including a family history of violence.

And mothers should not cede disciplinary responsibilities to their boyfriends, he added.

"In our study, the coalition that most commonly preceded an abusive episode occurred when the child was quarreling with his or her mother," Margolin said. "Here, the boyfriend interceded on the mother's behalf by striking her child. These boyfriends said they became violent because they could not tolerate seeing children 'take advantage' of their mother, or 'mouth off' to her."

"The second most common coalition between mother and her boyfriend resulting in the boyfriend's violent outburst involved the child committing an infraction and the mother and her boyfriend deciding together that the child should be disciplined by the boyfriend. The rationale most commonly used for placing the boyfriend in this position was that he was physically stronger."

Please see BOYFRIEND, Page D2

Tips for safer sleeping

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers several safety tips that apply to infants who sleep alone or with others:

- Make sure babies sleep on their backs. Some medical conditions, such as breathing problems or excessive spitting up, require other sleeping positions. In those cases, consult a pediatrician.
- Don't keep babies too warm. A consistent indoor temperature of 68 to 70 degrees is recommended. And avoid dressing babies in more clothing than you would wear to bed.
- Keep soft bedding and pillows out of the baby's crib or sleeping place. Some infants can't raise their heads sufficiently to breathe if they come into contact with improper bedding or pillows, said Dr. Susan Pollack, a pedi-

Etc...

cian who oversees the University of Kentucky's program of preventing pediatric and adolescent injuries. Waterbeds can cause problems, as can leaving a baby on a couch unattended and propped up with pillows, she said.

• Provide a smoke-free environment. Findings from the National Center for Health Statistics indicate a link between women who smoke and sudden infant death syndrome.

—Source: Leaning, Health Leader (Lexington, Ky.)

CSI offers classes for kids

Saturday GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho's North Side Center will offer classes for kids and adults beginning Saturday.

There's a cake-decorating class, taught by Shirley Schutte, that will teach the basics of frosting, bordering and writing on cakes. The fee is \$10 and kids 12 and older can enroll with a parent. It's scheduled for the North Side Center from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For children in the third grade or older, bring a sack lunch and join Lori Hanzel for two Saturdays of ice skating at the Sun Valley Resort on March 13 and 20.

For \$27.50, each student receives a tour of the Sun Valley skate facilities, skate rental, instruction and ice time. The fee also includes the cost of transportation for a limited number of students. The van will leave from and

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For further information, call 934-8678.

Ongoing TWIN FALLS — There's a new show at the Faulkner Planetarium in the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.

It's "How to Build a Planet," a multimedia show that dramatizes the way the planets, moon and stars were born.

Narrated by John De Lancey — Q. of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" — Please see CLASSES, Page D2

FAMILY LIFE

Ritual may help you in a divorce

Knight Ridder News Service

Divorce can be one of life's most difficult passages, and society offers few rituals to help people through.

Some have tried to fill the gap. Rudolph Nemser, a Unitarian Universalist minister in Cherry Hill, N.J., wrote a "rite of divorce" back in 1966, and it has been included in the church's "Great Occasions" book.

The ritual calls for the divorcing couple, a minister and friends to gather for a ceremony that includes returning the wedding rings and acknowledging that a new and different relationship now exists.

Nemser suggests the couple recite a vow such as "I do hereby affirm my place in this ending of our marriage. From this day our ways separate and our loves part. I shall treasure always the things we shared that were beautiful. ... Above all, I promise to respect you as an individual."

Nemser says he knows of about two dozen couples who have used the ceremony. But the Rev. Doug Reiser, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Charlotte, N.C., says he's never found the right occasion.

"The idea is to be a civilizing thing, but I tell you, it is so hard to run into any divorce where people are more than barely civilized," he says. "There's almost always some hard feelings. There's a sense of failure."

Lori Poplawski of Charlotte, who is going through a divorce, was impressed by a separation ceremony in Dan Millman's 1992 book "No Ordinary Moments" (HJ Kramer, \$12.95). It suggests that the couple gather close friends and read words such as "Though we may seem to separate for negative reasons... it is time to accept that whether or not we consciously desire this change, it will be for the highest good of all concerned."

But while the 40 mirrors Millman's book, she couldn't imagine doing such a ceremony herself, and wonders whether it would work for anyone. "Divorce goes against the natural grain," she said. "I don't think it's meant to be done well."

Boyfriend

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"Thus, for example, one boyfriend explained that he does the discipline because the kids are more intimidated by my than by their father."

John A. Barnes, a editorial writer for the New York Post and author of an article on boyfriend child abuse in The Weekly Standard, has a more basic prescription: Unmarried women with children should think twice about living with their in-laws.

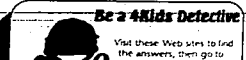
"The social sanction given to cohabitation is of recent vintage," Barnes wrote. "It can be reversed."

"How about a few public service announcements simply to raise the awareness of the dangers of sharing living quarters with a man who refuses to make a commitment to marriage?"

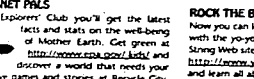
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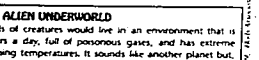
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MOVIE REVIEWS FROM A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

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"The Other Sister" (PG-13) — Real Theater of Twin Falls. Best for Mature teens to adults. Private boarding school for the mentally challenged, 24-year-old Carla Tate (Juliette Lewis) comes home to her family. She's frustrated by her overbearing mother, finds approval from her father (Tom Skerritt), goes to college and meets Danny, a new boyfriend (Michael Rooker) who's also mentally challenged. As Carla gains confidence in her new freedom, she also gains a new boyfriend and the two have to convince the world that they can make it on their own.

The good: Lewis and Rooker are phenomenal. This is an uplifting story about an improbable relationship with two very special people. It's not your typical story, and even though it has a few questionable elements (the couple have sex before marriage), the heart of the story is what's important. This is a funny, poignant, unusual love story that's worth seeing.

The not-so-good: There's language and mature themes concerning handicapped adults trying to have control over their own lives. There's a funny scene that has sexual dialogue and discussion and no full nudity. There's also a side story thrown in about one of the sisters who is a lesbian and tries to get her mother to accept her relationship.

Offensive language: Yes. Sex: No sexual situations, but there's lots of dialogue about it, as well as two suggestive scenes: one



showing a couple in their underwear and the other showing two women in bed together, but nothing sexual is shown. Violence: There's disruptive behavior, but nothing violent. Parental advisory: This is a delightful, charming love story with funny lines, poignant moments between parent and child, and a message that lifts the spirit, but it's more for adults and mature teens than children.

Entertainment value: B+ "Office Space" (R) — Real Theater of Twin Falls. Best for Mature teens to adults. What it's about: Peter Gibbons

(Ron Livingston) is a computer programmer who can no longer tolerate his mundane job or the trivial, annoying people who work with him. He seeks a help from a psychiatrist, who hypnotizes him into relaxing and not taking work seriously. Unfortunately, the doctor has a heart attack during the session, and Peter leaves a changed man. His erratic behavior is perceived as the new corporate way of thinking, and instead of getting fired he gets promoted. Crazy things start to happen involving Peter and his co-workers (David Herman, Ajay Naidu), as well as his girlfriend (Jennifer Aniston).

The good: There are some funny lines in this movie that illuminate how annoying and petty management and co-workers can be.

crude, crass behavior with remarks that go for cheap laughs, you'll enjoy the movie. Offensive language: Yes. Sex: None, just dialogue. Violence: Three men destroy an office copier machine in a fit of rage. Parental advisory: This is a movie aimed at the 20-something-and-up crowd that can relate to the corporate jokes, crudeness, and off-color humor. Teens will be attracted to it because of Aniston and the "Beavis and Butt-Head" mentality. Entertainment value: C

... also ... "Bliss from the Past" (PG-13) — This is the story of Adam Brennan (Frasier), who's come above-ground after spending his first 35 years in the fallout shelter built by his politically paranoid dad (Christopher Walken). His

mother, who drinks just a tad too much, is hilariously played by Sissy Spacek. The film's rating is for language and some sexuality. (115 minutes) (Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley).

"A Bug's Life" (G) — The second animated inspection of life in an ant colony is more kid-friendly than the sophisticated "Antz." The computer-generated animation is first-rate but without the inspired touches of "Toy Story." (96 minutes) (Twin Cinema)

"Jack Frost" (PG) — Parents with small children may want to give their young kids' gruff emotions before seeing this well-meaning movie, which tries hard to be warm but winds up being mostly drippy. The film tells of a neglected dad who dies in a car crash and returns as a snowman. This is the kind of film that's most enjoyed by grand parents taking their grandchildren to see the first movie. (96 minutes) (Burley Theater)

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each children a lesson by holding them responsible

Forget about being friends with your kids

In a recent column, I advised the parents of a 12-year-old girl who was stealing from them to hold the child responsible for any possession of theirs that suddenly and under mysterious circumstances, disappears.

The biggest mistake parents make is constantly getting into little emotional and mental battles with their children instead of using wisdom to know the best time and way to discipline. Rosemond gave several examples of defiance by his own children in which he didn't argue with them when they refused to do something he asked them to do, then punished them when they refused to do something he asked them to do, then punished them when they refused to do something he asked them to do...

Until a missing item was returned (to a "returns" box placed in some inconspicuous spot), the parents should restrict the child to the home, suspend all special activities and purchase for only essentials.

Here's some of Rosemond's favorites:
1. Give them enough rope to hang themselves.
2. Let them stew in their own juices.

Some might argue that assuming guilt without hard evidence of proof is not only un-American, it could cause psychological trauma, too. In fact, it is very American to hold someone who is suspected of committing a crime in custody until guilt or innocence is proved.

She was no longer going to micro-manage, Rosemond said. This was not a woman who was constantly busy in her child's life.

Mothers of twins are more likely to suffer postnatal blues

The Washington Post

Mothers of twins are more likely to suffer from postnatal blues, according to a study of 12,712 mothers published in the British Medical Journal in April 1991. Karen Thorpe, a psychologist at the University of Bristol in England, found that 34 percent of mothers of twins showed a tendency toward depression. Only 23 percent of mothers with children more than two years apart scored high on the depression scale.

used to tell my husband I can't even finish a thought. We call it post-twin syndrome. The club became vital for me," she added. "When the twins were in a room we lived in an isolated area of Utah and there was not a club there. I felt so alone. I know what it's like to be without support."

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Babies who use pacifiers stop breast feeding sooner

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"It's really important for your baby's health that your baby be breast-fed as long as possible." — Cynthia R. Howard, professor of pediatrics

children pacifiers until breastfeeding is well established. "If you substitute the pacifier for the breast, your milk supply is going to go down. And it's really important for your baby's health that your baby be breast-fed as long as possible," said Cynthia R. Howard, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Rochester.

Closing the teacher-technology gap

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As four school principals timidly approach Peter Dirr at an education conference last summer, he recognized the sheepish look on their faces. It was the look of the technologically intimidated.

They were restricted to your home at age 4 for a theft you hadn't perpetrated is unlikely to leave any scars. It behooves parents to keep in mind that this is not a perfect, pain-free world. In fact, a case could be made that growing up in an artificial "perfect world" created by one's parents might cause great psychological trauma when the person in question, as an

adult, discovers the truth. So, the next time you hold your child responsible for something you later discover he or she did not do, by all means apologize, but please don't grovel, weep, compare the child with a new toy, or otherwise make a big deal of it, because it isn't one. It's just the way the proverbial cookie crumbles sometimes. Sweep up the crumbs and go forward to your next mistake.

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"For it is in giving that we receive." — St. Francis of Assisi

By Kathleen Dixon

I was a single parent of four small children, working at a minimum-wage job. Money was always tight, but we had a roof over our heads, food on the table, clothes on our backs and, if not a lot, always enough. My kids told me that in those days they didn't know we were poor. But just thought Mom was cheap. I've always been glad about that.

It was Christmas time, and although there wasn't money for a lot of gifts, we planned to celebrate with church and family, parties and friends, drives downtown to see the Christmas lights, special dinners, and by decorating our home.

Back in the car driving home, everyone was in high Christmas spirits, laughing and teasing each other with hints and clues about what they had bought. My

Chicken Soup for the Soul

younger daughter, Ginger, who was about 6 years old, was unusually quiet. I noticed she had only one small, flat bag with her after her shopping spree. I could see enough through the plastic bag to tell that she had bought candy bars — 50-cent candy bars I was so angry. What did you do with that \$20 Bill I gave you? I wanted to yell at her, but I didn't say anything until we got home. I called her into my bedroom and closed the door, ready to be angry again when I asked her what she had done with the money. This is what she told me:

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The Dallas Morning News
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cent vs. 20.5 percent of men. Women did report "fewer incidents of difficulty or confusion in locating a specific destination," a fancy scientific way of saying they "don't get lost as much."

this to my wife. She always accuses me of not asking for directions. Fuqua says AAA does not keep gender-specific statistics on who gets its direction-filled maps and tour books.

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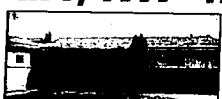
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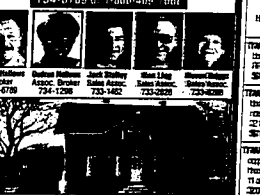
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Bobby Wolff

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ANSWER: I would choose four spades as the best action to show the massive playing strength.

ANSWER: The Laws of Duplicate Bridge specify that dummy "spreads his cards face up, sorted rank in columns pointing lengthwise toward declarer..."

Dear Mr. Wolff: At rubber bridge, I opened a ♠ A-K-Q-9-8-7-3...

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, we were vulnerable and opponents were not. Dealer opened three hearts...

ANSWER: The question should not be about making six, but about a possible grand slam.

ANSWER: You, as you definitely should have. Since the opponents have stopped below game...

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, only the opponents vulnerable, REO opens one heart...

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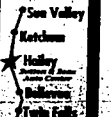
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Wall Street eyes Las Vegas resort

Will the gambling capital crumble under the weight of megaresorts?

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The public got its first look at the \$1 billion Mandalay Bay hotel-casino last week while Wall Street waited to see the numbers before judging the latest in a string of megaresorts in this gambling capital.

Some 4,000 VIPs roamed through the flashy resort on Tuesday evening, with Gov. Kenny Guinn calling it a "beautiful facility."

"It adds one more very classy entertainment center on the Strip," Guinn said.

Wall Street analysts will be waiting to see if Mandalay Bay generates new traffic as other new hotels have in the past, or just cannibalizes existing properties. Glenn Schaeffer, president of Mandalay Bay's parent Circus Circus Enterprises Inc., was quoted in the question during a media preview.

"The early going has been quite positive," Schaeffer said, when asked about Mandalay Bay's impact on the company's neighboring Luxor hotel-casino. "Luxor's (reservation) book is ahead of last year."

Mandalay Bay is the first of four new resorts scheduled to open here in 1999, generating a feast of new attractions for visitors and concerns of overbuilding for the industry.

The string of new properties started with the opening of the \$1.6 billion Bellagio in October.

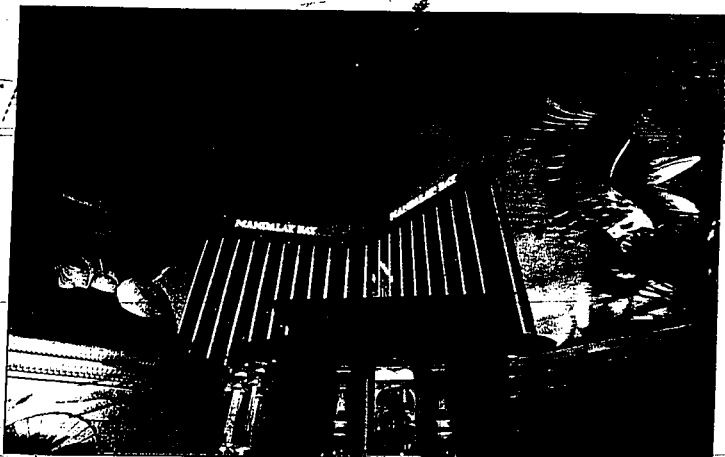
Jason Ader, gambling analyst for Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. noted in a recent industry survey that Las Vegas posted a 4.9 percent increase in visitors in October, 1.7 percent in November and 6.7 percent in December, the largest monthly increase three years. The 1998 visitor count was 30.6 million.

The number of airline passengers arriving and departing Las Vegas increased 5.6 percent in December, 9.1 percent in January.

Gambling company stocks have taken a beating the past two years, with concerns about overbuilding in Las Vegas, the spread of gambling nationwide and the possible end of casino gambling in California with voter approval of Proposition 5.

"That trend is beginning to change, with the Chicago Board of Options Exchange index of 11 gaming stocks up 14 percent the past month. Bellagio's parent Mirage Resorts Inc. was up 32 percent, MGM Resorts Inc. up 22 percent and Harrah's Entertainment Inc. up 12 percent.

Casino companies are hoping the new resorts, combined with a myriad of new



Mandalay Bay, the newest resort on the Las Vegas Strip, opened late Tuesday. The new \$1 billion resort features a host of attractions, including an 11-acre lake and beach with a machine that generates 6-foot waves.

Below, Laird Hamilton, a champion surfer from Hawaii, prepares his surfboard for a ride in the wave pool.

attractions developed here in recent years will be enough to keep pushing the tourism numbers upward.

Guinn said he was not concerned about overbuilding in Las Vegas although he expected resort owners to be "a little more cautious" until it is determined how the public accepts the surge of new rooms. But he said he had heard the concerns about overbuilding before and they proved unfounded.

"I remember when they said the MGM Grand (built in 1993) would be the last megaresort we'll see," the governor said. Mandalay Bay offers a South Seas theme, complete with an 11-acre lake and a beach where surfing competition is planned.

The 1,700-seat Mandalay Bay Theatre features the Tony-award-winning musical "Chicago," which opened to a VIP audience Tuesday night and opens to the general public on Wednesday.

Affiliated with the resort, the upscale Four Seasons has a separate two-story structure that includes its own lobby, restaurants, pool and health club, plus three private elevators that whisk guests to the hotel's 424 guest rooms on the 35th through 39th floors of Mandalay Bay.

Opening day's festivities began with the Blues Brothers — actors Jim Belushi, Dan Aykroyd and John Goodman — leading a procession of



some 200 motorcyclists up to the front of the South Seas-themed resort prior to an engagement at the House of Blues inside the hotel.

More than two dozen celebrities attended the opening, including Drew Barrymore, Quincy Jones, Chuck Norris, David Cassidy, Fran Drescher, John

Landa, George Lucas, Penny Marshall and Quentin Tarantino.

Jack Lemme, vice president of marketing for the resort, said the turnout exceeded expectations.

"We're looking forward to bringing something new and unique and unusual to Las Vegas," Lemme said.

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Subway stores sales increase over 1998

TWIN FALLS — During January, the eight Twin Falls regional Subway stores combined for a 2.7 percent average increase in sales, compared to January 1998.

The increase marks the second highest average sales increase in Subway's Twin Falls market over the past year. The fourth highest average increase was 3.5 percent, and the most successful January in history, the chain said.

Store owners credit the company's "Sub Zero" promotion, which ran from Jan. 4-31. Customers were able to purchase a free 6-inch sandwich at regular price and receive a second 6-inch sandwich for the price equal to the outdoor temperature as shown the previous day.

Con Patrick of Jenness is the Subway of Twin Falls advertising board chairman and multi-state owner.

The franchise calls itself the world's second largest fast-food chain with more than 13,400 individually owned and operated sandwich shops in 60 countries.

Simplex posts job openings on new Internet web site

MOSE — The J.R. Simplex Co. has expanded its recruitment efforts to the Internet.

The company's Internet employment site, which launched March 1, lists job openings at Simplex locations in Idaho and other states.

The new site allows potential candidates to access job listings online, transparency and receive details on available jobs at less cost than making long-distance calls and more timely, said Diane Willingham, director of corporate employment. The plus for Simplex is expanding its recruiting base by tapping into a wider network of potential employees.

The web site lists company benefits and other information about Simplex. Applicants also can submit resumes electronically and need not send resumes.

The Simplex Co. employs more than 12,000 people in the United States, Canada, China, Mexico and Australia. Annual sales are about \$2.8 billion, derived primarily from food processing, facilities manufacturing and agriculture.

Simplex has several operations in the Magic Valley.

To find the Simplex job site visit www.simplexjobs.com.

Albertson's annual sales increased 9 percent

MOSE — Albertson's Inc. reports increased sales and earnings for the quarter and year through two months.

Annual sales for the 1998 fiscal year increased 9 percent to \$36 billion, compared with \$33.7 billion last year. Operating profit for the year was \$26.2 million, an increase of 9.1 percent over the previous year. Net earnings for the year increased 9 percent to \$20.2 million from \$18.5 million last year.

Albertson's has two stores in Twin Falls and one in Beck's.

Gardnberger to shut down production in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. — Gardnberger Inc. will shut down its Portland production plant within two months, pending 75 contractors here out of work, the company announced.

The maker of meatless patties plans to begin its commercial production entirely in Clatsop, Wash., where the plant opened a state-of-the-art plant last year to meet increased consumer demand.

The company had not intended to open a new production plant in Portland, but the Clatsop facility offered to cut development time by more than a year and improve distribution.

Higher mortgage rates don't worry experts

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Once again, interest rates have been creeping up just as lenders and realtors prepare for the busy spring home-selling season — and once again, no one is terribly concerned.

"Our peak season last year started out the same way," said Dorcas Helfant, who runs Coldwell Banker-Helfant Realty, a large residential brokerage firm

in Virginia Beach, Va. Mrs. Helfant and other market experts say the recent rise in mortgage rates, however, is a relatively low historical standard, which means house hunters might be able to buy more brick for their buck. In fact, mortgage rates are lower now than they were last spring, when the rate on a 30-year conventional fixed mortgage averaged around 7.25 percent, after a slight seasonal uptick.

As of early March, the rate on a 30-year loan was around 7.20 percent, up from just under 7 percent at the end of February, according to HSH Associates, a Butler, N.J.-based mortgage research firm. The rate on a 15-year loan averaged around 6.75 percent, up from 6.63 percent in late February, and on a one-year adjustable rate mortgage, the rate was 5.70 percent, down from 5.73 percent.

Rates had remained below 7 percent for almost nine straight months, reaching a 35-year low of 5.49 percent in early October.

"Ten years or so ago, when rates were 8, 9, 10 percent, people would have lined up to see the kind of rates that we're seeing now," said Peter G. Miller, author of "Buy Your First Home Now." "The trend is, rates have been in a trough for a number of months and there's a sense

of relief about this mortgage market, reaching a 35-year low of 5.49 percent in early October.

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Intel's new Pentium chip could put personal info at risk

By Paul Andrews

The Seattle Times

Do you need to worry about the identification code in Intel's new Pentium III chip?

Here's the situation: The new chip, released March 3 and backed by a \$300 million promotion campaign, is Intel's latest upgrade of Intel's successful Pentium line. The III speeds audio and video processing, including 3D graphics and games. It is not a huge advance, but it does push leading-edge computing forward.

The problem is that the III also contains a software feature called the processor serial number, or PSN. Each chip has a unique PSN. Which means that the computer you buy can be linked electronically to your name and identity through communications over a network or the Internet.

Intel did this in an attempt to make it easier for corporations and businesses to track inventory and computer usage. Intel also hoped PSNs would smooth electronic commerce by helping to verify

your identity during Web transactions. The PSN, in other words, adds one more layer to the process of helping to authenticate that you are who you say you are, and that the transaction is valid.

Private users, however, see the PSN as one more potential hole in the dike protecting you from telemarketers and Big Brother. Your unique PSN could be collated with other information about you, not only about how you use your computer, but also about your general preferences, attitudes and lifestyle traits.

Because the privacy issue is so emotional, misconceptions are already arising about PSNs. Two issues need to be addressed. First, the PSN is not a flaw, as was the mathematical bug in the original Pentium four years ago.

Nor is the PSN a back door or tunnel to access nearly the actual contents of your hard disk or information otherwise stored on your computer. The PSN merely

identifies your computer with a unique number.

Why did Intel bother? The PSN is a boon to corporations and large enterprises that need to keep track of thousands of PCs. Bar codes, serial numbers and other identifiers have to be read by hand (or device) individually, by eyeight. The PSN enables an information director to locate in seconds an individual computer, via the network, that otherwise might take weeks to track down.

For you and me, the PSN offers a quick and easy way for a Web site to match us with our PC, one more method to make sure the transaction is legitimate.

As for the risks, a PSN over time could be used to create a user profile. But it would take some doing. A lot of vendors would have to get together and compare PSNs. Vendors could also do this with credit-card transactions. Both processes are pretty unworkable.

Another is for the user to disable the PSN feature each time the computer boots up. This can be done through the Windows registry via a utility in the Start menu, and the user will be notified by an icon that the feature is disabled.

Finally, Intel is promoting information access to computer manufacturers and BIOS makers on ways to mask the PSN in setup mode, before the PC is even shipped to a customer. That way, even should I can request a PSN-enabled PC or purchase

None of these methods is totally foolproof. Hackers can figure out a way to access anything on a machine's hard drive. It might be wise for Intel to consider shipping a version of the Pentium III chip without the PSN. Until that happens, users need to decide for themselves whether they can live with the feature.

Intel is to be credited for handling the PSN controversy for better than the month flow it had with the original Pentium. The company has been open about its reasons for implementing the feature. Intel has made clear that it will not try to track PCs.

MONEY

Tiny company scores big on Internet

Artistic greeting cards find niche

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Stephen and Susan Pells Schurz were flower children of the '60s, who deliver the era's passion on artful greeting cards that speak volumes to the heart.

Their 23-year-old son, Jared, is a tightly wound computer entrepreneur who delivers his parents' messages at the lightning speed of the Internet.



It is the blend of the Schurzes' creative juices and young Schurz's business acumen that has transformed the family's Blue Mountain Arts into one of the most popular Internet sites. Where the greeting card company has less than 1 percent of market share, the Web site has a 70-percent market share, said Jared Schurz, who handles business development for both interests.

"We don't consider any of the other electronic greeting card companies to be competitors," he said. "Our main competition is going to be the other top 10 sites."

In December, Blue Mountain ranked the 10th most visited Web site, surpassing Time Warner, Amazon.com and eBay to reach about 21 percent of Web users.

Its secret is a well-stocked supply of electronic greeting cards, ranging from whimsical to animated animals to Shakespearean sonnets for traditional holidays and even some obscure ones, such as the Chinese Lantern Festival.

Best of all, they're free. "Every day at Blue Mountain.com is like the year at Blue Mountain Arts," Mrs. Schurz said. "It's more hectic now, probably the most hectic it's ever been because of the Web site."

Analysts believe the company gained an edge by launching the site in 1996 when most businesses still were figuring out how to take advantage of the technology.

It's a completely remarkable phenomenon even for the Web, said Drew Ianni, an online advertising analyst for Jupiter Communications, who would be hard-pressed to think that any company could do what they have done starting out from scratch today.

The strength of the company comes from the Schurzes, who met while he was a graduate student in physics at Princeton and



Susan Pells Schurz, her husband Stephen Schurz and their son Jared Schurz, seen here in La Jolla, Calif., recently, run the Colorado-based Blue Mountain Arts greeting card company.

she was getting a bachelor's degree in English at Rider University.

As many Baby Boomers did, they attended the Vietnam War and rallied for farm laborers in California, driving an older car nicknamed "Freedom" that was decorated with psychedelic hearts and flowers.

They married in 1969 and relocated to Boulder, where Stephen Schurz worked at an advertising agency and his wife nurtured a writing career.

It was their desire to work together that prompted them to put one of her poems and his artwork on a silk-screen poster. They talked the manager of a bookstore into selling a dozen on commission.

As other stores followed suit, the Schurzes created Blue Mountain Arts in their ranch-style brick home, renting out the main floor, and living and working in the basement.

Mrs. Schurz's poems are words of love, hope and encouragement inspired by her family. Her husband's artwork is mostly in pastel shades, with silhouettes of people, trees and plants.

"We thought if we could sell our posters around the country, then we could travel, be together and have a great time," Mrs.

Schutz said. "We took all the money we had and put it on down payment for a pickup truck and put a camper on it — that's how we supported ourselves."

Their three children were bundled along for the cross-country trips, sometimes sitting in baby carriages at their parents' side at trade shows.

The company gradually branched into books, stationery and other products.

The Schurzes also have challenged the giants, winning a lawsuit against Hallmark over a line of cards that resembled Blue Mountain products.

Recently, they sued Microsoft Corp., claiming an e-mail program in an Internet Explorer Web browser was blocking notices sent to card recipients.

Microsoft officials say the e-mail program allows users to turn on a filter that sorts junk mail.

A judge recently granted a preliminary injunction forcing Microsoft to provide Blue Mountain a method of bypassing the filter.

But young Schurz has been the driving force behind trying to

make it profitable. Since the cards are free, the publishing company has financed the site, a cost that has grown significantly in recent years.

"It's a major business right now, but the money is going one way and the other," Mrs. Schutz said. "It has to be a business."

He also found an online flower delivery service, called Prolifers.com, which allows customers to order direct from the grower for delivery by Federal Express. He said the cost savings to consumers is about 40 percent.

Although the family does not typically disclose sales figures, Jared Schurz estimated that Prolifers did \$1-million in sales in February.

The Web site's success also has boosted sales by 20 percent a year for the publishing company, he said.

AT THE WATERCOOLER

All the bugs are gone — now what?

Companies that help computer users deal with Year 2000 bugs are hot commodities right now, but if they haven't figured out yet what they'll do once all the problems are fixed, they could be in trouble, says Individual Investor magazine. These companies, specializing in information technology, will see their revenue decline sharply next year if 20 percent or more of their business comes from Y2K contracts, the magazine says. The most vulnerable are entrepreneurial concerns founded primarily on one idea or product for fixing the bugs.

Nickel-and-diming and dollaring, too

If you've ever thought about adding up what you spend on day-to-day items and seeing just how bad the damage is over the course of a year, how does \$26,379 sound? American Express surveyed more than 800 adults in January and came up with that projection as a typical budget in 1999.

The telephone survey included 803 people nationwide who identified themselves as the head of their household. They were asked about their expenses for groceries and fast-food, gasoline and car utilities, insurance, health care, charitable donations, subscriptions, tuition, cable, phone a pager, taxes, home furnishings, drug store and beauty items — not rent or mortgage payments.

About 15 percent of the respondents lived alone, 35 percent had two family members, 19 percent had three family members and percent had four family members. The others had households of five or more people.

Compiled from wire reports

4 Ways Travel Service, Inc. advertisement listing various travel packages like Disneyland, Cruises, and European Vacations with prices.

In a hurry to get a business loan? Get on line.

Advertisement for KeyBiz featuring a man with a laptop and a key, with text about getting a business loan online.

Mortgage

Continued from F1 question as to how low rates can actually go.

Mrs. Helfant agreed. "Interest rates in the low 7 percent range are still excellent."

For those in the process of buying a home right now, "if they haven't locked up (a mortgage rate) already, they should have," said Keith Gumbinger, an HSH group president and analyst. He said the fixed-rate mortgage remains the most popular loan once again this year.

What's new in mortgage rates high in this winter was the Treasury market. Bond prices fell sharply, partly on fears that the Federal Reserve would raise interest rates later this year to slow the economy and guard against inflation.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan gave some indication that this could be a transient phenomenon before Congress passes a higher-rates bill.

Higher rates hurt bonds, but other investments paying a fixed rate of return by making the bonds in circulation less attractive to investors. Fixed-income investments are also less appealing when inflation concerns arise.

The mortgage market keeps a close eye on Treasuries. The interest charged on a new 30-year mortgage is often calculated at a fixed level above the yield on the 10-year Treasury bond.

Dave Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders, thinks the bond

market may have overreacted to Greenspan's comments. He predicted rates eventually would level off.

"I don't expect the Fed to move in the near term (to raise interest rates), but they sure won't ease," he said.

Either way, the housing market should remain strong, although below last year's record performance, he said. "The economy remains strong. Consumer confidence is running high. Barring a real mess in the stock market, I only see a modest slowdown in economic growth."

Seiders forecasts only a modest drop in single-family home starts, new home sales and sales of existing homes this year.

Meanwhile, the National

Association of Realtors also predicts sales of new and previously owned homes will remain strong in 1999.

Mrs. Helfant, a past president of the realtors group, says sales in her market last year grew by a robust 20 percent. She's expecting a more modest 3 percent increase this year.

Part of the reason for the slowdown is that inventory has declined slightly from a year ago. That has resulted in some properties selling for more than the asking price.

"Prime properties are getting multiple offers and are selling for full price or more," she said. Properties that are not well-maintained are selling at a discount.

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Advertisement for Snake River Glass, featuring custom glass mirrors and shower doors.

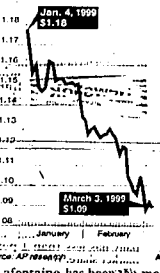
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NEW BUSINESSES

After strong start, Europe's new currency weakens

Sliding euro

How the euro has fared against the dollar since it began trading



BERLIN (AP) — Just a few months ago, Europe's new single currency was the darling of foreign exchange markets. But with European economies weakening while the United States continues to boom, the euro has lost some of its glow.

Investors and central banks had been expected to strap up the new currency after its Jan. 1 debut, pushing it up in value. Some suggested it might soon rival the dollar as a reserve currency.

Instead, it has declined steadily. Analysts point to the surprising strength of the U.S. economy and the prospect of higher interest rates in the United States, which mean higher returns for investors.

Lafontaine has been 100% vocal in pressing the new central bank, which sets monetary policy for the 13 euro nations, for a further drop in interest rates. "I argue that it would stimulate growth in Europe and create jobs.

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Alpha Leather Co., Jon Hays, P.O. Box 918, Twin Falls, ID 83401, retail trade. Alpha Products, Bob Smith, 226 N. Heyburn Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83401, retail trade.

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STUDENTS VOLUNTEER HELP WITH TAXES



Janet Yenkes, center, business education teacher at Grady High School in Burdick, Wyo., helps 15-year-old junior Shauna Shira, right, prepare a tax return for Debbie Pierce, left, a Norfolk resident. The IRS has several locations where volunteers prepare income tax returns, but the Grady program is the first in Idaho staffed entirely with student volunteers.

Worksheet to get child tax credit may stymie parents

Night Rider News Service

DETROIT — Life as a parent isn't easy. First, there's childbirth, then the every-other-week car payments, the regular IRS notices (and other assorted big puns).

And now the IRS is bundling up another joy, the new Child Tax Credit Worksheet.

By now, most parents know that they may qualify for a new \$400 credit on their 1998 federal income tax returns. What they don't know, if they haven't dabbled with their taxes yet, is that they're looking at a bearn of a work sheet that got even longer.

"It made me groan for a flat tax," said Jill Koney Daly, a part-time legal analyst for Oakland County Probate Court.

Daly, of Royal Oak, filled out her federal income tax forms a few weeks ago, without the aid of a computer or tax preparer. She said she spent several confusing minutes on the work sheet.

The Michigan Income Tax Return makes the state's new tax break for children much simpler.

Under exemptions on Line 8 of the state return, you simply claim an extra \$600 exemption for each child 6 and younger.

But work is the name of the game with many of the new tax breaks on federal returns.

breaks on federal returns. Expect some more IRS notices about child tax credit, the new education credit and the fiddling required to figure out the taxes owed if you convert a regular IRA into a Roth IRA in 1998.

If you have any doubt that the going might be rougher this year, just check out the Internal Revenue Service's own estimates for how long it will take you to complete your taxes.

For the 1998 returns, the IRS estimates it will take you an average of 11 hours and 34 minutes to fill out a 1040.

The worksheet associated with the child tax credit can be one of the most annoying changes, especially at first glance.

After all, the idea of a child tax credit sounds simple. An extra \$400 credit for each dependent child under 17.

Some refunds could be delayed — or longer than they should be — if the child tax credit isn't figured properly.

To overcome this trap, it helps to understand what you're looking at when you prepare your taxes.

You don't qualify, for example, if you have one child and your adjusted gross income is more than \$117,000.

IRA strategies can be complicated. By Gail Markovitz Knight Rider News Service

Q. I'm in the middle of doing my taxes and am wondering if I would be better off putting \$2,000 into a traditional IRA or \$2,000 into a Roth IRA?

A. A Chuck DeNet, a certified public accountant with Sands DeNet would always recommend if you are qualified to open a traditional, tax-deferred IRA, to go that route.

Q. After reading (about) stock splits, I'd like to keep my eye on stocks that are going to split. Is there any easy way to do that?

A. If you have access to a computer and the Internet, you can go to <http://www.investhelp.com>.

Q. The reason is that you can reduce your income by \$2,000 and, consequently, your taxes. With a Roth, you can't do that.

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Don't overlook these possible tax deductions

DENVER (AP) — Taking every allowable income-tax deduction is important for any taxpayer, but it's especially important for people living on fixed income.

Lisa Khalilian, a tax expert and an academic associate at the College for Financial Planning, suggests several deductions that retirees often overlook.

"Even if you've already filed your 1998 tax return, review it to see if you've overlooked any of these deductions," Khalilian says.

However, it's easy to overlook exactly what medical expenses might be deductible, Khalilian notes.

Another commonly overlooked deduction, Khalilian says, is transportation expenses.

You can deduct the cost of improvements made to your home for medical purposes, such as handrails, ramps and the widening of doorways or hallways.

What if you're sharing the support with siblings? For example, Khalilian says as long as each of your children is at least 18 percent of the total support, and as long as you and your siblings contribute over 50 percent of your parents' support, then one of the siblings can claim the medical deduction for the year.

Investment deductions. You may be able to deduct certain investment expenses, such as fees paid to an investment adviser, interest paid on money borrowed to buy an investment such as stock, computer software related to investing, safe deposit box rental fees, fees for maintaining investment accounts such as IRA trustee fees.

Your last-minute error checklist

1. Check your work. The common error is incorrect addition of exemptions, but there are many other errors.

2. Double-check the information on your W-2 and 1099 forms. Both the job, the employer name, the correct payment amount, the correct withholding amount, and the correct number of dependents should be reported on your return.

3. Copy your withholdings exactly from your W-2. If you have any other income, you should also check that the correct amount is reported on your return.

4. Get the correct amount of the tax credit. You may be able to reduce your 1999 tax bill, Khalilian advises.

5. Tax planning. You may not be able to take all of these and other deductions on your 1998 tax return, but with some advance tax planning, you may be able to increase your deductions and reduce your 1999 tax bill, Khalilian advises.

6. For example, you may try "bunching" elective medical expenses into a single year, so that total expenses will exceed the 7 1/2 percent threshold.

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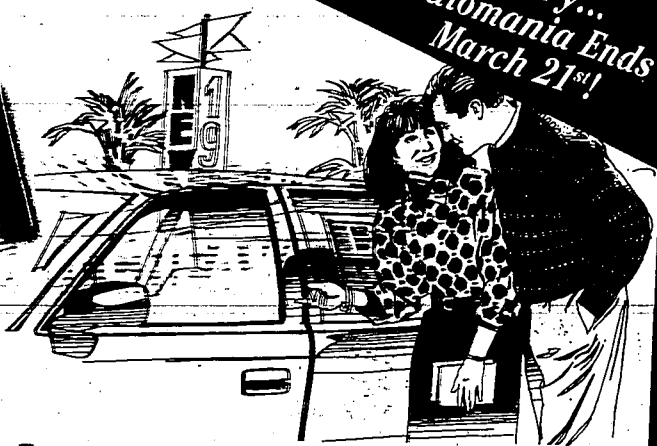
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