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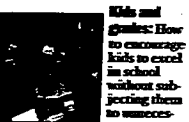
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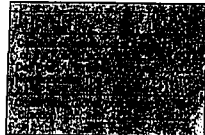
This is a video image taken from Yugoslav television shown early Sunday, which the government says is the wreckage of U.S. F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter about 25 miles west of Belgrade.

U.S. aircraft crashes

Pilot rescued hours after craft goes down over Yugoslavia

Night Rider News Service

WASHINGTON — An elite American air commando team rescued a U.S. pilot whose F-117A stealth fighter crashed late Saturday deep inside Yugoslavia, Pentagon officials said. The dramatic rescue came more than five hours after the plane crashed in a field about 70 miles northwest of Belgrade. The pilot was reported in good condition, according to a Pentagon spokesman, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.



Defense officials late last night were trying to determine why the plane crashed. Serbian authorities said it had

shot down the stealth fighter at 4 p.m. EST. An hour later, Serb television showed footage of the burning wreckage, including tail markings that identified the plane as a single-seat, radar-evading Nighthawk fighter based at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico.

At 9:52 p.m. EST, the White House learned that the rescue team and the pilot had safely cleared Yugoslav air space. The rescuers were from the 16th Special Operations Group at Plessee see NOSOVO, Page A12

Meth at work



Chris Hamilton prepares a urine sample for testing at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. About 600 Magic Valley companies use drug testing to protect themselves from the costs associated with a substance-abusing employee.

Drug-free workplaces increase

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The average substance abuser doesn't work the street corner for or spare change. He works on the loading dock, in the store and in the office.

Nearly 70 percent of substance abusers are employed, and an increasing number of Magic Valley companies are instituting drug testing to protect themselves from the costs associated with a substance-abusing employee.

About 600 companies participate in drug-testing programs across the Magic Valley. About half of those companies do random drug tests, said Hill Chestnut of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's occupational health division.

That number continues to grow as drug testing becomes more acceptable, she said. The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, which recently joined a drug-testing program, will encourage companies to sign up. Executive Vice President Kent Just said.

"If we can get the vast majority of firms to sign on to drug-free programs, it will go a long way towards changing the way the work force views drug use," Just said.

Idaho lawmakers added an incentive by passing a bill that allows insurance companies to reduce a worker's compensation premiums for drug-free workplaces. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed the bill Monday.

By requiring drug testing, employers protect themselves from potential losses, and they could help get a substance abuser back on the job. Patry Skuus of Magic Valley Regional.

But many employers continue to believe they are immune from drug users, and are surprised when they find some employees are using drugs, she said.

"Anybody who doesn't believe drugs are in the workplace is buying their heads in the sand," she said.

Counselors see rise in employee meth use

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Most people probably think they know what a meth user looks like. Dirty, walking the streets, strung out, no job.

But in many cases the meth user can be the man in the suit working 9 to 5, the waitress serving your hamburgers or the truck driver in your rear-view mirror.

Like most addictive substances, methamphetamine doesn't discriminate.

So it's probably no surprise that Idaho's anti-drug movement is focusing more attention on the workplace. Anti-drug activist Milton Creagh spent part of his time in Twin Falls earlier this month attending a meeting with



business leaders. Last week, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed a new law to encourage drug and alcohol-free workplaces also.

Troubled by bad economics, safer nuke energy is running out of steam

The Associated Press

SAN ONOFRE, Calif. — Surfers have been riding the thundering breakers of this beach since the days of the steam automobile. Long before anyone cracked an atom to make electricity.

Joe Higgs adopted this beach as his summer home even before bulldozers scraped away 1.5 million cubic yards of sand for the first of three nuclear reactors. He and the San Onofre nuclear plant are uneasy neighbors to this day, peering at each other through barbed-wire fencing.

"I've learned to live with that. I love surfing, and I love the ocean so much," he said, looking up at the plant's three pressurized water reactors designed to seal in radioactivity during an accident. But then he added: "I wish it wasn't here, to be truthful." The way the nuclear industry is

declining, his wish may yet come true.

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have been characterized by paralyzing ambivalence and mood swings. Under public pressure, the industry and government have profoundly reworked safeguards at tremendous effort and cost. Warily, the public has watched 51 commercial reactors hum to life in the years since the accident. But all of them had

been planned before Three Mile Island; none has been ordered since.

Virtually no one in the industry can imagine building a plant in the foreseeable future.

It is not runaway chain reactions but exploding costs that have jeopardized this \$43 billion a year business. With barely a whimper, the nation has let 21 atomic reactors shut down. That's 17 percent of its total of 125. They are victims of the intertwined costs of safety changes and heavy staffing; building debt; and mounting expense to replace parts, clean up abandoned sites, and store radioactive waste.

Cranking up pressure, some states are making nuclear power stand on its own as they drop guaranteed electric rates for power monopolies to inject competition into energy production.

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This attention on the workplace squares with the on-the-ground experience of drug counselors. They see people from all walks of life hooked on meth.

"The average drug addict is the person down the street," said Bill Southwick, administrative director of Canyon View addiction services.

Those addicts down the street are using methamphetamine more than ever before, he said. "I think meth is right up there with all other substance use," SpiritWalker addiction counselor Brent Cunningham said.

Counselors can only guess at how many working people are using methamphetamine, but

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Revision of 'marriage penalty' gains support

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If you're married, and both you and your spouse work, and you make similar salaries, you have friends in the House and Senate. A lot of friends.

In a Congress where bitter policy disagreements are the norm, reducing the "marriage penalty" that causes some two-earner couples to pay more taxes than if they were single has become a cause that unites left and right, Democrats and Republicans, conservative tax-cutter Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, and liberal House Democratic leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo.

The GOP has all but abandoned hopes to push this year for a big across-the-board tax cut. That plan faded when Democrats struck it as a giveaway to the rich and tax-writing Republicans such as Rep. Nancy L. Johnson, R-Conn., and Rep. Gerald "Jerry" Weller, R-Ill., introduced

more narrowly tailored tax-cut bills sponsored by provisions that would ease the marriage penalty. If there is a tax-cut bill this year, chances are good that one of its central elements will involve the marriage tax.

Part of the issue's allure is that it is simple to explain and easy to promote. It is a provision that would ease the marriage penalty of the progressive federal income code, many two-earner couples who make similar salaries pay more than they would if they chose not to marry. For example, two singles making \$22,000 apiece each fit comfortably into the 15 percent tax bracket. But if they marry, their \$44,000 in joint income bumps them into the 28 percent bracket and gets them a bigger tax bill. The average marriage penalty, according to Weller, is \$1,400.

That disparity falls existing outrage at the tax code, joins it with Congress' natural proclivity

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie
 High: 43 Low: 21
 Cloudy with slight chance of snow in the morning, turning to partly cloudy this afternoon. Cloudy on Monday with highs near 50.

Treasure Valley
 High: 49 Low: 39
 Mostly cloudy this morning and partly cloudy this afternoon. Winds from 10-15 mph this afternoon.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 35 Low: 15
 Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow showers. Clearing tonight. Partly cloudy on Monday with highs in the mid-30s.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 44 Low: 23
 Partly cloudy with southwest winds 10-20 mph. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny and warmer on Monday with highs in the 50s.

Northern Idaho
 High: 47 Low: 31
 Partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain showers. Southwest winds 5-15 mph. Cloudy on Monday with chance of rain.

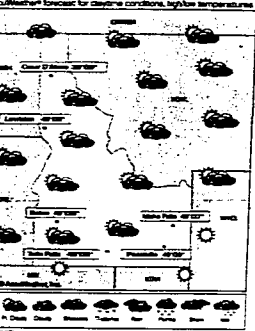
Northern Utah
 High: 47 Low: 24
 Partly sunny today and clear tonight. Mostly sunny and warmer on Monday with highs in the mid-50s.

Northern Nevada
 High: 48 Low: 33
 Partly cloudy, with southwest winds 10-20 mph. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 40s.

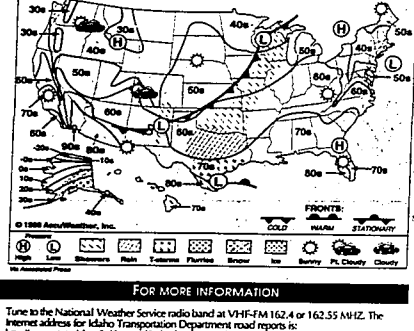
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 48 Low: 36 Partly cloudy with southwest winds 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy tonight.	High: 66 Low: 37 Partly cloudy with a chance of showers.	High: 50s Low: 30s A chance of rain.	High: 50s Low: 30s A chance of rain.	High: 40s Low: 30s A chance of rain.

Idaho weather



National weather



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 4-5
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STORMWATCH
 Sunset today 6:59 pm.
 Sunrise tomorrow 6:26 am.
 Lunar phase: Full, March 31; Last quarter, April 9; new, April 16; first, April 22.

ACROSS THE NATION
 Idaho: An upper-level disturbance that brought snow flurries and gusty winds moved out of Idaho Saturday afternoon. In its wake, snow showers and winds gusting to 40 miles an hour continued to blast the Snake River valley from Mountain Home in the southwest to Pocatello and Idaho Falls in the east. Winds will diminish and clouds will decrease tonight, leading to a milder day across the state on Sunday.
 Elsewhere: Rain fell across wide sections of the Plains and along the central East Coast on Saturday, with showers in the Northwest.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Highs/Lows
Yesterday 42 30	Yesterday in Twin Falls	Tr.
Last year 37 28	Month to date	30
Normal 56 30	Normal mo. to date	07
	Water year to date	6.46
	Normal year to date	6.00

Idaho	Highs/Lows
Boise	Max 47 Min 37
Barley	43 32
Fairfield	m m
Hagerman	m 33
Idaho Falls	42 31
Jerome	m m
Lewiston	49 35
Malad	m m
Mesa	m m
McCall	30 12
Pocatello	43 32
Salisbur	39 25
Stanley	25 19
Sun Valley	m m

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	44	17	0.0
Atlanta	60	34	0.0
Boston	46	37	0.0
Chicago	42	31	0.0
Dallas	61	33	0.0
Denver	42	38	0.0
Des Moines	63	32	0.0
Detroit	54	39	0.0
Honolulu	80	71	0.0
Houston	70	50	0.0
Indianapolis	51	30	0.0
Kansas City	65	35	0.0
Las Vegas	78	55	0.0
Los Angeles	65	35	0.0
Memphis	62	36	0.0
Miami Beach	60	43	0.0
Minneapolis	60	33	0.0
New Orleans	66	49	0.0
New York	52	37	0.0
Oklahoma City	51	48	0.0
Omaha	57	35	0.0
Phoenix	51	29	0.0
Pittsburgh	55	29	0.0
Portland, Ore.	48	27	0.0
Reno	60	30	0.0
St. Louis	54	33	0.0
Salt Lake City	47	39	0.0
San Antonio	60	33	0.0
Seattle	45	37	0.0
Spokane	45	30	0.0
Washington	51	38	0.0
Yuma	m	m	0.0

Canadian Cities	High	Low
Calgary	50	22
Edmonton	48	28
Toronto	46	25
Vancouver	48	37

Tax

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sentiment and multiplies the result by demographics. Statistics show that the number of two-earner couples has increased from less than half of all married couples in 1960 to nearly three-quarters today. Weller said about 21 million couples are paying the marriage penalty on their federal taxes.

That's a lot of voters.

"It's unfair that a married couple with two incomes pays more taxes than an identical couple living together outside of marriage," said Weller, who adds that "people in the audience nod" whenever he speaks to groups about the issue. "Odds are they're paying the marriage penalty," he said.

Democrats feel they cannot afford to get on the wrong side of this issue. "Both parties want to be seen as strongly pro-family," said a senior House Democratic aide, explaining why so many Democrats are on the bandwagon. Democrats have different proposals for fixing the code and generally favor tax cuts that would primarily benefit middle-class and lower-income taxpayers, but the end goal is pretty much the same.

While the Clinton administration has not proposed proposals for fixing the code, Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin has said the administration could support such an effort.

Finally, the big oomph behind the issue right now is cash, the nearly \$800 billion in surplus federal revenue forecast to materialize over the next 10 years, above and beyond the surplus in the Social Security trust fund. This is a crucial impetus, since eradicating the marriage penalty is enormously

ACROSS THE NATION

expensive — for example, it would cost the Treasury roughly \$30 billion a year to implement a Weller proposal that would eliminate much of the marriage penalty by doubling the standard deduction and widening the tax brackets.

Because of the cost, conservatives sought no more than a partial fix, such as doubling the standard deduction, which would cost an estimated \$5 billion to \$6 billion a year.

Although the skirts seem greased, action is by no means certain. For one thing, prospects for any tax-cut bill are iffy. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Archer and Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-Dele., both want to wait to write any tax bill until this summer, when they'll receive updated forecasts of the

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they know the number of meth-addicted workers in their programs has grown over the past few years.

The drug testing lab at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center caught 57 meth users in 1998, a small number considering the hospital administered more than 7,000 tests.

But for those who are caught, many are go undetected, said Paty Skuzza of the hospital's occupational health center.

"We're not catching all of them," she said.

Only about 600 Magic Valley businesses have drug-testing programs, and drug users avoid those companies in favor of ones that don't test, she said.

Supporters of drug-free workplaces want all businesses to test employees, but convincing employers to do it takes time.

"The difficulty with all these things is that people have a tendency to sit back and say, 'Somebody's doing it so I don't have to do anything,'" said Jeff Gooding, a member of the Drug-Free Workplace Community Project committee.

Drug-free workplace advocates are trying to convince employers that the

LOTTERY UPDATE

AND THE WINNING CONTINUES.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 NUMBERS
POWERBALL
 5 12 13 45 48
 POWERBALL NUMBER 35

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 NUMBERS
WILD CARD
 6 10 17 28 29 35
 WILD CARD: KING OF DIMONDS

FRIDAY, MARCH 26 NUMBERS
5 FAST
 3 4 19 23 24

A lucky player in Burley won \$1,000 playing \$100,000 Jackpot. She purchased her ticket at Smith's Food.

ALSO
 Another lucky player in New Plymouth won \$8,888 playing Chasing The Eighties. He purchased his ticket at Lowells Mini Mart.

AND
 Roger Ausmus of Idaho Falls won a \$21,000 top prize playing Double Blackjack. He purchased his ticket at Speed Mart in Idaho Falls.

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NATION

Murder conviction disappoints advocates of assisted suicide

DETROIT (AP) — After nine years as the eccentric crusader for assisted suicide, Dr. Jack Kevorkian may soon leave that role at a prison's gates — and leave a void in the debate over how people can end their lives.

Assisted suicide advocates said they were dismayed at Kevorkian's conviction Friday on charges of second-degree murder and delivery of a controlled substance in the injection death of a Lou Gehrig's disease patient that was aired on "60 Minutes."

"He's important, or was important, because he was the only person who said assisted suicide should be allowed and I'll be the assister," said Dr. Ed Pierce, who led a failed effort to legalize assisted suicide in Michigan.

Other observers, including Kevorkian's prosecutor, said the debate would continue for years to come, and that if Kevorkian fades from the scene, some acrimony might fade with him.

Assisted suicide opponents said they hoped the verdict would send a message that the alternatives to dying are always better.

"Each of his victims were denied a chance to get the support to live to the point of natural death," said Diane Coleman, the founder of Not Dead Yet, an anti-assisted suicide group consisting of people with disabilities.

The jury of seven men and five women debated 12 1/2 hours before reaching their verdict. One juror, Patrick Pollock, said jurors



Jack Kevorkian calls the courtroom with his sister Flora Hochheimer, right, after he was convicted of second-degree murder in Oakland County Circuit Court on Friday.

watched the tape Kevorkian made of Thomas Youk's death "a number of times" before coming to their verdict.

Prosecutor Dan Lemisch said jurors told him they spent most of their time deciding between first- and second-degree murder.

First-degree murder requires a specific intent to kill; second-

degree murder does not. Kevorkian's main defense was that he did not intend to kill Youk, just ease his pain and suffering.

Kevorkian, a 70-year-old retired pathologist, told freelance writer Jack Lesterberry in a story written for The Oakland Press of Pontiac that he didn't believe the verdict was rational.

Gov. Ventura: Some athletes weren't meant to study

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. (AP) — Some academically-challenged athletes shouldn't have to attend classes in order to play college sports, Gov. Jesse Ventura said.

Ventura's comments were aired Friday from an interview with a young reporter for KARE-TV's "Whatever." The interview was conducted after allegations broke about academic misconduct in the University of Minnesota men's basketball program.

"My view is, to eliminate this cheating, or the possibility of it, why not let kids go to college and just be athletes while they're there?" Ventura said. "No classes. Let them simply play."

"Then when they're done, if they don't make it in the NFL, if they don't make it in the NBA, if they don't make it in pro baseball, whatever it might be, then give them their scholarship."

In fact, the former professional wrestler said, colleges should just accept that some students were never meant to study.

"How many great athletes simply aren't smart? But why

shouldn't they have the chance to compete?" he said.

The governor said his own talents aren't being sufficiently rewarded.

"I get paid \$120,000 a year,"

he said. "What do you think I'd be paid if I was with a \$12 billion corporation in the private sector? I'd be making \$120,000 a month, and that wouldn't even count stock options."

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Experts link stroke risk to chronic inflammation

ORLANDO, Fla. — (AP) — Smoldering, low-level inflammation that goes on for years but is detectable only on blood tests, appears to be a sign of a high risk of stroke.

Experts say it's unlikely that inflammation itself triggers a stroke. Rather, it appears that chronic inflammation is one part of the underlying disease that eventually leads to these medical catastrophes.

Several studies in recent years have shown that signs of inflammation in the blood are strongly linked to an increased risk of suffering a heart attack. In these studies, researchers check for C-reactive proteins, substances that rise in the bloodstream during inflammation.

The latest findings were presented at an epidemiology conference sponsored by the American Heart Association that concluded Saturday.

Both strokes and heart attacks usually occur when a growth of fatty material, called plaque, breaks open in an artery, triggering a clot that chokes off the blood supply. In these lumps begin when cholesterol collects on the artery wall. This in turn attracts

immune-fighting blood cells, which treat the cholesterol as a foreign substance, causing an inflammatory reaction.

Some believe that germs, too, might start the process of plaque build-up, and the inflammation could be part of the body's attempt to kill bacteria.

"C-reactive proteins don't cause a heart attack," said Dr. Lewis H. Kuller of the University of Pittsburgh. "It's a marker of what's going on in the plaque."

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NATION



The Rev. Gregory Dell, left, and his wife, Jane, are hugged by their son Jason DeThorne as they listen to comments at a news conference Friday in Downer's Grove, Ill., following Dell's suspension by the United Methodist Church for performing a same-sex union ceremony.

Jury decides to suspend minister for blessing a same-sex union

Chicago Tribune
 DOWNER'S GROVE, Ill. — The United Methodist Church effectively defrocked a Chicago minister Friday for blessing a homosexual union, in a historic ruling that will have repercussions throughout Protestant Christianity.
 A jury of Chicago-area ministers declared by a 10-3 vote on Friday afternoon that the Rev. Gregory Dell was guilty of violating church law. The jury then retired for another 2 1/2 hours to deliberate on a penalty. Shortly after 11 p.m. Friday the jury announced its decision to suspend Dell from ordained ministry until he either agrees in writing

not to perform homosexual unions in the future or until the church repeals the law.
 Dell responded by saying he would stick by his principles.
 "I will never sign such a pledge," Dell said after the punishment was announced. "That would be a violation of what I believe the spirit of God and all these people signify."
 Whether he is an active minister or not, Dell said he plans to remain a member of the church and to continue working for gay rights in the church.
 Dell's bishop and friend, C. Joseph Sprague, will have to enforce the decision, but he expressed anguish over it nonetheless. Citing the time,

energy and nearly \$100,000 spent on the trial, Sprague said he would have to think twice in the future about filing similar complaints against other pastors.
 "I have an idea that God isn't smiling tonight," Sprague said.
 The sentencing, which concluded the marathon two-day church trial at the First United Methodist Church of Downer's Grove, will take effect July 5.
 Methodists, like other mainline Protestant denominations, have fought for decades over the church's stance toward marriage-type vows between homosexual partners, as well as over the question of ordaining gay and lesbi-

Execution nears after 25 years

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Robert Excell White wasn't supposed to be alive this long.
 The jury that heard his history — how he beat his pregnant wife and sliced a friend's throat with a hunting knife — decided the man police called "Excell the Executioner" should be put to death for killing a small-town grocer with machine-gun fire.
 Faced with the death sentence at age 36, White wrote U.S. Supreme Court justices saying he opposed appeals to spare him.
 "That was almost 25 years ago. I have a few qualms about the

death penalty, but if they're going to have it they ought to carry it out and not wait 25 years," says Dorothy Lawson, whose 73-year-old father, Preston Broyle, owned the country store north of Dallas where he and two teen-age customers were gunned down.
 White turned 61 on March 14, the longest serving of 452 men and women awaiting execution in Texas. But time may be running out for White, who faces lethal injection Tuesday.
 A clemency petition to Gov. George W. Bush appears to be White's lone remaining hope.

Authorities suspect ex-con in atheist's disappearance

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A second ex-convict has been ordered held in Michigan on a federal weapons count as investigators try to determine whether he and a former prisonmate had any role in the 1995 disappearance of atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair.
 Gary P. Karr, 50, of Novi, Mich., was arrested after FBI agents and police searched his suburban Detroit apartment Wednesday and found two loaded handguns, court papers allege.
 Also on Wednesday, authorities searched David Waters' apartment in Austin and arrested him after reportedly finding 119 rounds of ammunition.
 Waters once was O'Hair's office manager in Austin and was convicted in 1985 of theft in his stealing \$24,000 from the O'Hair organizations.
 Both men, who for eight months in the mid-1980s were inmates at the same minimum-security prison in Vienna, Ill., were charged this week with weapons counts under a federal statute barring felons from possessing ammunition or firearms.
 Both remained jailed Saturday. Karr served more than 20 years in Illinois prisons after a 1974 crime spree that included rape, kidnapping and armed robbery.
 He left prison in May 1995, four months before the disappearance from San Antonio of O'Hair — the founder of American Atheists Inc. — as well as her son Jon Garth Murray, and granddaughter, Robin Murray O'Hair. The three vanished along with \$20,000 in gold.
 The San Antonio Express-News reported Saturday that evidence puts Karr and Waters in San Antonio about the same time in 1995.
 A lawyer for Waters has told the Express-News that he has been told by a federal prosecutor that Waters has been implicated in her slaying.

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Republican hopefuls split over Kosovo

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As the Clinton administration continued airstrikes in Serbia, Republican presidential candidates remained deeply divided over how their party should respond.

While GOP leaders unanimously condemned President Clinton's foreign policy in general, they sounded discordant tones last week over whether the United States should be intervening in Kosovo. The views of the leading presidential contenders ranged from support for strong intervention and qualified backing for airstrikes to denunciation of any involvement and avoidance of the issue entirely.

"They're all over the map, and certainly that reflects the fissure that exists in the Republican Party," said Thomas Moore, director of international studies at the Heritage Foundation. He described the split as essentially



George W. Bush



Elizabeth Dole

between "nationalists," who represent the party's more isolationist wing and "globalists," who want to maintain a leading, active U.S. role in world affairs. "That great divide is certainly going to be accentuated by what we do in Kosovo," he said.

A spokeswoman for Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the GOP favorite in early polls, said he believes "that if we are going to commit American troops, we must be certain they have a clear mission, an achievable goal and an exit strategy." The spokeswoman, Karen Hughes, declined to say whether Bush thinks those conditions exist

in Kosovo. "That's a decision that needs to be made by the commander-in-chief," she said.

Elizabeth Dole said she supports Clinton's decision "because I believe this action can be instrumental in stopping a potential escalation to a dangerous, escalating military conflict." She added, "The atrocities carried out by the Serbian commandos must be halted."

In a Senate speech, Sen. J. Mitt

McCaig, R-Ariz., who is making his first bid for the GOP presidential nomination, also backed U.S. airstrikes in Kosovo.

"We must take action," he cited "a clear and present danger to our interests."

But McCain, a former Navy pilot and prisoner of war in Vietnam, joined other Republicans in denouncing what he called the administration's lack of an "exit strategy" in Kosovo.

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Clinton, Congress relations further apart

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Senate Republicans accused President Clinton of having misled the nation, of having abrogated his constitutional duty. "But this time, the subject wasn't Monica S. Lewinsky, it was about bombing Kosovo."

With some reluctance, Congress voted to authorize military operations in Yugoslavia, with large majorities of Republicans in both chambers voting no. But it was the rancor and intensity of feeling throughout the debate that was far more telling. The GOP distrust, anger and frustration that fueled the Senate's impeachment trial are further eroding already strained relations between Clinton and Congress on foreign policy as well as domestic concerns.

"This president has debased the one currency we each have in this business, and that's trust," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb. "His (Clinton's) believability level is virtually nil among Republicans on Capitol Hill," said Marshall Wittman, director of congressional relations for the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. "They don't believe him even when he tells the truth."

Administration officials insist that while relations are strained, the president continues to exert considerable influence on Capitol Hill. "There are obviously difficulties that occurred, but in dealing with Congress (Clinton) has enormous weight," Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin said Friday during a meeting with Washington Post editors and reporters.

Moreover, Clinton and the GOP-led Congress have cut deals in the absence of trust — including welfare reform and a major budget deal — and probably will do so again, at least on must-pass legislation that serves the needs of both sides.

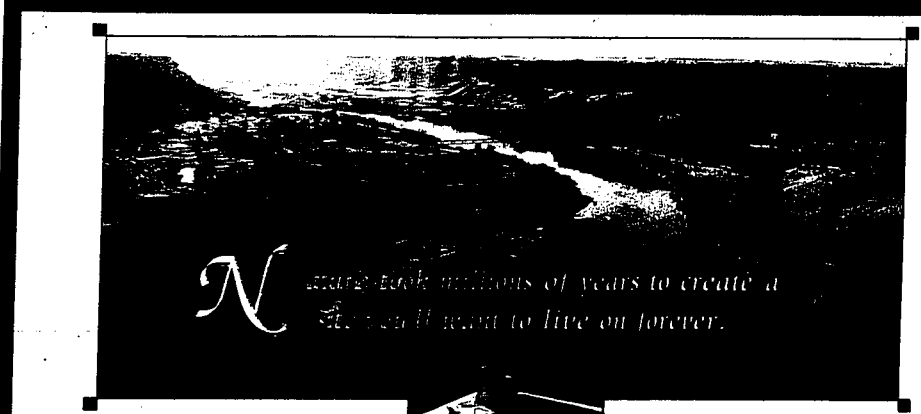
But lawmakers express fear that the cumulative effect of the sour feelings will make it especially difficult to resolve their biggest problems, such as overhaul of Social Security and Medicare. It could also complicate the handling of new international crises, they say.

Bush musters \$3M campaign war chest

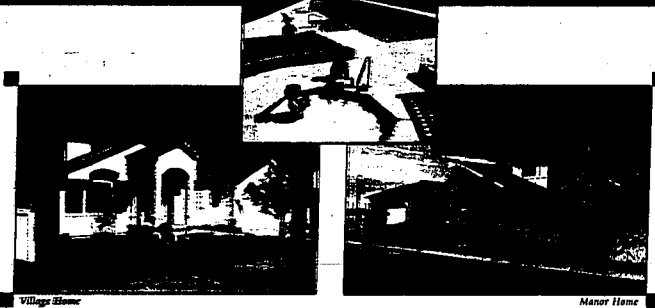
WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking an early edge in a crowded GOP field, Texas Gov. George W. Bush has raised at least \$3 million so far this year for a possible presidential bid, according to Republicans close to him.

Bush's take for the first three months of 1999 is expected to put him ahead of several potential rivals for the Republican presidential nomination when their first fundraising reports come out April 15.

Two of Bush's potential challengers expect to report less than \$1 million in fund raising: Former American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole will report in the "mid six-figures," while former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander expects to report between \$700,000 and \$800,000, his spokesmen said.



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Experts analyze worrisome computer virus

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A new computer virus can allow doctors to be e-mailed to other people without warning, a potential security breach that should worry businesses and governments, an expert at Carnegie Mellon University said Saturday.

Learn more about the Melissa virus is available on the Web at http://www.cert.org/.../melissa.html

analyze the virus and develop a fix, CERT manager Katherine Fithen said. "We're getting so many reports from across the world, that we know this is going to be a huge problem come Monday," Fithen said.

where the Melissa virus originated. Fithen said she is not allowed to say whether any governmental agency has suffered a security breach as the result of Melissa.

Cracks begin to show in Starr case

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Cracks are appearing in independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's case against Judge Eliot A. Spitzer, one of the minor players in the Monica S. Lewinsky scandal — and the problems are causing doubt on Kathleen Willey's claim that President Clinton made an unwelcome sexual advance toward her in the White House.



Kenneth Starr

Starr was charged with perjury early this month when members of Washington's legal community charged him with perjury. But attorneys are not clear on agreement on an overall plan to strengthen the nation's retirement system.

Social Security reform grows less probable

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans last week pushed through Congress a budget blueprint that would set aside for Social Security the bulk of a pending government surplus, much as President Clinton wants. Lawmakers are not clear on agreement on an overall plan to strengthen the nation's retirement system.

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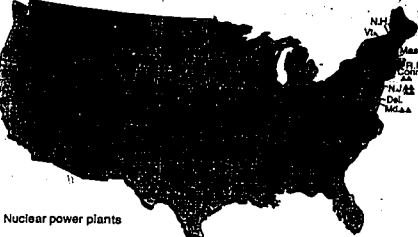
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Power

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The nuclear industry still supplies about one-fifth of the country's power — second only to coal. But the U.S. Department of Energy predicts it could wither away almost entirely over the next 20 years. By just about any standard of policy or politics, atomic power is looking like a lesson in energy wasted.
"We over-promised and under-delivered. We created fears that are not appropriate, and the industry handled it all in a very defensive, closed way," said consultant Roger Gale, president of the Washington International Energy Group. "We took a good technology, and we blew it."
It's a remarkable turnaround for a technology that began with such hope. When the lights flickered on at

Moorpark Nov. 12, 1957, the country was electrified. CBS television captured the moment for history. The town of 1,146 people went black when it was cut off from Southern California Edison Co.'s conventional power grid. A few seconds later, thanks to the company's little atomic reactor in the Santa Susana Mountains, Moorpark and the nation awoke to the age of atoms for peace.
National leaders were eager to redeem the research and destructive power of the atom bomb. They promoted and helped finance the first round of nuclear energy plants and dreamed aloud of electricity so cheap it would hardly be worth metering, maybe 1,000 reactors by the year 2000.
In the 1970s, public worries about air pollution, the Arab oil embargo and the limits of

fossil fuel supplies boosted the inherent high-tech appeal of nuclear power.
The backbone of the new nuclear's work force came from the ranks of the nuclear Navy — a gangho breed that later proved inept at dealing with a doubting public.
Decades of environmental and economic bruises have now thoroughly rubbed off the veneer of atomic technology as the wonder boy of energy.
Public support for nuclear energy has slipped from 70 percent before Three Mile Island to 43 percent in 1997, according to Roper Starch Worldwide, the polling company. Though some still view the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission as too cozy with the industry, the agency sees itself primarily as a safety enforcer, not a booster.

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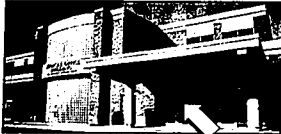
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Series of assaults puts Georgia women on edge

SMYRNA, Ga. (AP) — Women in the suburbs north of Atlanta jog through their neatly landscaped neighborhoods only in pairs these days, and many pack more than water bottles. At night, they barricade doors and sleep with kitchen knives or even machetes beside their beds.
Over the past six months, 24 women have been attacked, apparently by the same man. All the women — some alone, some with male companions — were robbed, five were raped and at least five others suffered some form of sexual assault.
"People are taking it very seriously," said Kathy Frazier, 45, who lives two buildings away from where one woman was attacked. "I had some Mace but I never carried it. Now I've got that, a siren attached to my bed and a cell phone."
Police won't say if they have DNA or other evidence linking the crimes, which began in October, but they say victims' descriptions, crime locations and

times, and the man's tactics have been similar. The attacker sometimes wears a ski mask or cap and dark clothing.
Police also say he carries a silver-colored handgun. But he has only used the gun once, in the latest attack. The victim was shot in the side when she opened the door after a man knocked to tell her she left her headlights on. The 33-year-old woman, who was not sexually assaulted, has been released from a hospital.
"It shows that he's escalating," Fulton County police Maj. Terry Mulkey said. "This person is displaying very violent tendencies now and it does alarm us and it should alarm the community."
All the crimes have been in Cobb, DeKalb and Fulton counties, within a couple of miles of Interstate 285. Besides the separate county investigations, the FBI and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation are looking into the crime wave and helping with a profile of the attacker, Mulkey said Saturday.

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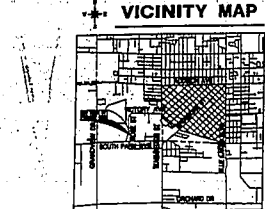


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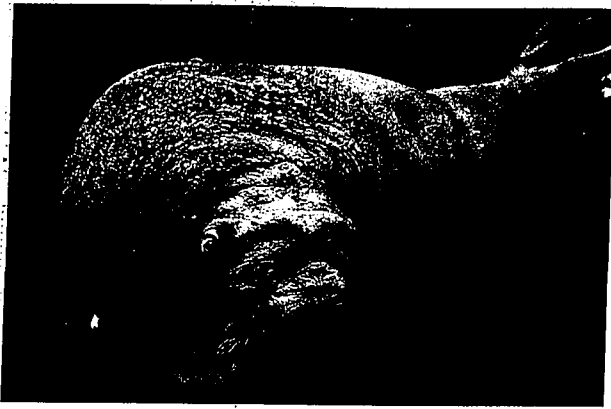
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Witnesses: Man drowns after trying to flee

SWAN FALLS DAM — An 18-year-old Boise man is presumed to have drowned in the Snake River after battling the river's cold, fast-moving currents. Witnesses said Roger Kennedy ran into the river Friday after he was caught stealing tires from a vehicle that had gotten stuck near the river. Rescue workers searched the river for several hours but could not find Kennedy. The water was 47 degrees and moving at about 12 miles per hour, making search efforts dangerous. The Ada County Sheriff's Department said that Kennedy, who used to attend Meridian High School, and several other Meridian and Boise teens were


partying near Swan Falls Dam overnight Thursday. Most left Friday morning, but Kennedy and four others stayed. Kennedy and a friend then tried to steal the tires of a vehicle. Boise resident Stuart Gore and his son, David Gore, had left the vehicle in the Snake River canyon on Thursday after they got stuck while stuck with the tires. Stuart Gore and a tow-truck driver returned to the vehicle Friday as the teens were taking the tires. Kennedy and his friend took off running and Gore chased them. "They kept running," Stuart Gore said. "I kept telling them to stop." The teens jumped into the river. Kennedy's friend immediately turned back to land, but Kennedy kept trying to swim. Divers combed several miles of the river by boat while a helicopter searched above. This is very dangerous water to be in even for a person trained in whitewater rescue," Boise Fire Department Battalion Chief Steve Hamilton said.

DOE focus turns to shipping Idaho waste

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — While U.S. Department of Energy officials celebrate the opening of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, a milestone 25 years in the making, it is unclear how soon Idaho waste could be buried there. The agency is running up against a deadline to get the first shipment of radioactive waste out of Idaho by April 30. The department has focused most of its attention on getting the first shipment from the Los Alamos National Laboratory to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico. The first nuclear waste was placed in the salt caverns Friday, said Dennis Hurt, spokesman for the Energy Department in New Mexico. Now that the nuclear dump is finally open, the agency can begin working out details of other shipments. "But it has not committed to any schedule for waste from other sites. Several days ago, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory gave other states along the transportation route an eight-week notice that it intends to ship waste to the New Mexico plant. But the

Department of Energy may still have to send the waste to another location to meet the state's deadline. "It's still in a state of flux," Department of Energy-Idaho spokesman Brad Bugger said. "We're looking for alternatives." The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and the Rocky Flats site in Colorado are the only other sites to receive the Environmental Protection Agency's consent to ship waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. The waste consists mainly of plutonium-contaminated rags, clothes, boots, and debris left over from producing nuclear weapons. But the state of New Mexico may still have to certify that the waste is free of hazardous chemicals, which will not be accepted at the New Mexico plant until the state issues a permit later this summer, Hurt said. Environmental groups have also threatened to ask a judge to block future shipments from Idaho and other states. "I just think a lot of issues need to be worked before we'll see any shipments," Hurt said.

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A mother's dilemma: Conflicting DNA results create familial quandary

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A second set of DNA test results on an infant buried 23 years ago confirmed the initial test performed last year, and throw the parentage of the child into doubt.

The infant's body was exhumed and tests performed by a North Carolina laboratory last year. Those results showed the baby, buried 23 years ago, belonged to Cheryl Johnson, not Janet Johnson, whose name was on the death certificate.

But on Friday, test results from a different lab show the dead infant may indeed be Janet's and not Cheryl's. Janet and Cheryl are not related. Police hope a third test will resolve the question in about a month.

"We anticipated the same results, but what we have is a 180 degree difference in the results from two labs," said Murray

police assistant chief Pete Fondaco. "We really haven't solved the mystery."

"All along, our medical records indicated Janet Johnson had a stillborn baby. This last set of tests confirms that."

— Greg Schwitzer, hospital spokesman

"The problem is with the (baby's) bones being 23 years old and very fragile and tiny," making DNA extraction difficult, he said.

Cheryl and Janet Johnson gave birth less than an hour apart at Cottonwood Hospital on April 20, 1975. Janet was told her son was stillborn. Cheryl had a healthy daughter, whom she named

Sharmaine. Two months ago, police told Cheryl that the baby in the grave in the American Fork cemetery was Sharmaine's twin brother, although hospital records don't show Cheryl having twins.

The latest test results leave Cheryl and Sharmaine "exasperated and confused," said the Johnsons' attorney, Eric Barton. "They were troubled by the information they got in January. This is equally confusing."

Cottonwood Hospital officials said they were pleased but not surprised by the new results. Janet Johnson is suing the hospital.

"All along, our medical records indicated Janet Johnson had a stillborn baby," said hospital spokesman Greg Schwitzer. "This last set of tests confirms that."

Sheep farmers rejoice over commission vote

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — American sheep producers may get relief from an International Trade Commission unanimous vote to restrict sheep imports.

"We're thrilled that they are paying attention to us," said Cathy Cummins, director of communications for the American Sheep Industry Association.

Friday's ruling was welcome relief to producers, many of whom are struggling through lambing season, she said.

The six-member commission handed down three recommendations that will be forwarded to President Clinton, who has until May 26 to approve one, deny them all or write his own form of import relief.

The trade commission ruling came after years of complaints by domestic sheep producers that imported meat, mostly from New Zealand and Australia, has undercut American lamb prices.

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Off-duty officer shoots suspect after traffic stop

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An off-duty police officer shot a man in the face during an altercation after a traffic stop for speeding.

The Salt Lake City police officer, whose name was not released, had just finished his shift early Friday morning when he observed the speeding car traveling south on 500 South at about 700 East, police said.

The car, driven by 27-year-old Wesley Scott, was pursued for about two miles before Scott pulled over. When the officer walked to the driver's side of the car, Scott slammed the car into reverse, said Salt Lake City Police Sgt. Craig Gleason.

An open door caught the officer and dragged him about 175 feet. While being dragged, the officer fired several rounds in Scott's direction, hitting him twice in the cheek.

Scott sped onto Interstate 80 and led several other officers on a chase that ended about 10 min-

utes later at an apartment complex. Scott stopped his car and was transported to St. Mark's Hospital. He was released several hours later and booked into Salt Lake County Jail.

The officer suffered minor injuries. Gleason said it is somewhat unusual for an off-duty officer to stop someone for speeding, but speculates that Scott must have been speeding so excessively that the officer felt he had to pull him over.

"The etiquette is that you let little things slide by when you are off-duty," Gleason said. "But, (Scott) must have been speeding fast enough that the officer thought, 'I've just gotta stop this guy.'"

The officer will be put on paid administrative leave until an investigation is completed.

It was the second time in a week that a Salt Lake City police officer had shot a suspect.

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Mother faces child abuse charges

Six-year-old beggar alerts officials; other children still missing

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The mother of a 6-year-old girl who wandered into a Holiday home and begged for food earlier this month was charged Friday with child abuse.

Leelee Susan Magee, 40, who had been missing for two weeks before speaking with Salt Lake County detectives Tuesday, is being held at the Salt Lake County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail. If she is convicted on the charge, a second-degree felony, she could face up to 15 years in prison.

Kayla Magee, 6, was found about 33 pounds when she walked into the home and devoured the pork chops, apples and other food offered to her by resident Debbie Carlson.

The girl was taken into state protective custody, where officials say she is gaining weight and doing much better.

"Kayla told authorities that she, her three brothers, her mother and grandmother went to a Mormon bishop's house to get food on March 10. When Kayla was left alone in a van, she "decided to run away because she was cold and hungry and her mother had been beating her with a coat hanger," according to court documents.

Kayla says her grandmother, Helen Dipio, had also been beating her with the coat hanger, according to charges filed in 3rd District Court, Salt Lake County, sheriff's Deputy Peggy Faulkner said Dipio, with whom Kayla had also lived, remains under investigation for abuse. An examination of the girl two days after she wandered into Carlson's home revealed multiple contusions and injuries "consis-

tent with being struck by a wire coat hanger." "The malnourishment and failure to thrive was consistent with being disciplined by having food withheld," charges state. "Kayla suffered serious physical injury because of the actions and inactions of (her) adult caregivers."

Magee — who has used several aliases — has a criminal history that includes a 1991 misdemeanor conviction of child abuse resulting in the death of her infant daughter. Magee served 30 days in jail on the charge. She has also been arrested for theft, according to jail records.

Magee has thus far refused to divulge the location of her three sons — ages 2, 5 and 9 — saying only they are out of the state. Authorities are concerned about their welfare. "The likelihood of having four children and abusing only one is very low," Faulkner said.

Utahn due home after being stranded in Paraguay

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — An uprising in Paraguay left a Gunlock woman and her 16-month-old son stranded in that country while visiting relatives.

Rebecca Benson and her son Jared are due to board a plane home Wednesday, said Benson's husband, John, who has endured sleepless nights worrying about his family.

The country was shaken when assassins gunned down Vice President Luis Arana on Tuesday in the midst of an impeachment trial of President Raul Cubas.

Rebecca Benson had been visiting her grandmother in Asuncion, Paraguay, for five weeks before the assassination, which happened to take place in that same area. "She and her grandmother had

been in the same place the day before, and had planned to return the next day," said John Benson. "But something made them late and they never saw what happened."

After the assassination was linked to Cubas, a political foe of Arana, protesters armed with automatic weapons took to the streets.

Hate crime advocates like chances Backers say failed legislation has still raised the bar

BOISE (AP) — Although Idaho legislators this year rejected the addition of bias based on sexual orientation to the list of motivations defining a hate crime, the measure's backers declared the effort a success in getting the word out.

Anti-representatives for the disabled said they plan to introduce a measure next session which would add sexual orientation and disabilities to the list which defines hate crimes, ancestry and national origin.

"Just because Idaho doesn't include violence against the gay community in its malicious harassment law, that doesn't mean it isn't a wrong thing to do and doesn't mean we don't have an obligation to speak out against it at every opportunity we have," Idaho Human Rights Commission Executive Director Leslie Goddard said Saturday.

Misty Schymtzik, chair of Your Family, Friends and Neighbors, Inc., gay-support group, called this year's legislation a success even though the House State Affairs Committee voted it down 14-7.

It received the support of all Democrats on the panel and three Republicans, she said, and it was the first time a gay and lesbian group advanced legislation in the Statehouse.

Some lawmakers against the bill, as well as conservative Idaho Christian Coalition President Kelly Walton, warned no particular segment of society should get special protection.

Lawrence Ralston of the Magic Valley Youth Center, Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays said that in researching the police files on the murder of his son, Gene Hartwig of Hansen, he found the case was termed "hate-related" rather than a hate crime.

Transient Christian Anthony Liebel pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for beating the gay man and leaving him to die in an alfalfa field south of town. Jim Kirkpatrick, a board member for the Living Independence Network Corp., said his group will sponsor legislation to add sexual orientation and the disabled to the hate crime list.



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Refugees report wave of terror, describe horrors

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SKOPIJE, Macedonia — Violence against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo appeared to be escalating sharply Saturday with fresh reports of murders, bombings, arson and forced expulsions, a slight increase in development that could increase pressure on NATO to send in ground troops.

In reports of refugee resettlement in Bosnia, aid officials said an entire Albanian neighborhood in the western Kosovo city of Pece was sealed off, the residents effectively held captive, while being heavily bombarded by Serb artillery.

"In the last 24 hours, they've started shelling urban areas that are entirely civilian. We are told there are dead bodies on the streets," said an aid official who asked not be identified for fear of endangering his contacts in Kosovo. "It is developing into a frenzy. Kosovo is not such a big place. There won't be much left of it in a week."

Reliable reports are emerging of murders of Kosovo who were politically active or who had worked with Western aid agencies.



Refugees from Kosovo weep as they wait for registration outside a police station in Kragujevac at the Turkey-Bulgaria border Saturday. Over 3,000 Kosovo refugees found shelter in Turkey.

Two bodyguards who had worked with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) until the mission evacuated were murdered

Saturday in Pristina, according to a diplomat here. Refugees who arrived Saturday told of entire villages being wiped out, torched after their inhabi-

tants were forced out at gunpoint by Serb militias.

"It is not a pretty picture," said William Walker, the American head of a 1,400-member monitoring mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. "Everything we hear is consistent with a massive push to clear out the villages on the pretext of cleaning out the Kosovo Liberation Army."

Officials here cautioned it was impossible to confirm reports of mass executions. A press agency linked to the Kosovo Liberation Army reported that the whereabouts of 20,000 refugees who had been living in Circe, in northern Albania, was in question. There was also an eyewitness report that some 200 men were forcibly marched into a munitions factory in nearby Srbica and possibly executed or held as human shields.

The escalating violence presents an ethical dilemma for NATO and U.S. officials who had hoped the Serbs would capitulate as soon as the threat of airstrikes was carried out. That notion was encouraged by the experience in Bosnia in 1996, when NATO

airstrikes almost immediately halted the shelling and siege of Sarajevo.

If policymakers are now surprised by the brutality of the Serbs' behavior against the Kosovo Albanians, they have little time in which to switch course. Any use of ground troops would most likely entail weeks, if not months, of preparation.

A NATO force of 10,000 French, German and British troops is already deployed in neighboring Macedonia, but these troops are equipped as peacekeepers, not as

combat soldiers. The same goes for the 9,800 U.S. troops in Bosnia. (Another 354 U.S. soldiers are also stationed in Macedonia as part of a separate NATO peacekeeping mission. On Friday, 100 additional combat Marines arrived in Macedonia to secure the U.S. embassy in Skopje, which was attacked by an enraged mob on Thursday.)

NATO officials have acknowledged there is little they can do to prevent Serb atrocities against Kosovo civilians by using airpower alone.

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Hurlbert Field in Florida. It was NATO's first destroyed plane in the air since the start of its war against Yugoslavia, illustrating the risks to the operation that is designed to end Serb violence against ethnic Albanians in the province of Kosovo.

The F-117A crash came only hours after NATO's decision to broaden its air strikes to include riskier missions by lower-flying planes such as the F-117 and F-16 against the Yugoslav army and special police forces in Kosovo.

Flying at lower altitudes improves the chances of hitting Serb troops, armor and tanks, but it puts pilots at greater danger of being hit by Serb anti-aircraft artillery and shoulder-fired missiles.

Saturday's crash won't change NATO's escalation in the air campaign. Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said late Saturday.

"Nothing that happened today over Yugoslavia has dampened our resolve to see this operation through to its military ends," Bacon said. "We knew we were flying into a risky environment."

He declined to give details of the rescue, but said: "I want to stress the bravery of the pilot and the heroism of the team this evening. They performed in a way that we all Americans proud."

Serb television also claimed the Yugoslav forces downed two F-4 Phantom jets, and that farmers had turned over two aircraft — one a German — to the authorities. But it showed no pictures of Phantom jets, and Germany

denied that any of its pilots were in custody.

The two-seat F-4 Phantom is a Vietnam-era long-range bomber used mostly in ground attacks. It is no longer in the U.S. arsenal.

In the air campaign's first three days, NATO planes shot down five Yugoslav jets. Meanwhile, U.S. reconnaissance photographs showed bodies believed to be those of ethnic Albanians in several Kosovo villages, according to a U.S. intelligence official, speaking on the condition of anonymity. The photographs lend credence to widespread

anecdotal reports of Serb atrocities against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, in Yugoslavia's dominant republic of Serbia. It could not be determined if the photographs were taken by satellite or spy planes.

Any downed aircraft is a blow to NATO's air campaign and may fuel growing domestic concern over the alliance's mission, both in the United States and in several European capitals, even though President Clinton and other leaders have warned that the military operation carries significant risks.

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WORLD

Toxic fumes in tunnel inferno hamper rescuers

CHAMONIX, France (AP) — A thick curtain of toxic fumes and intense heat hampered the search Saturday for victims of the truck fire that turned the Mont Blanc tunnel into a death chamber.

Rescuers tried to cool the tunnel under Western Europe's highest peak by spraying a mist of water, and rescue workers wearing heavy oxygen tanks surveyed the damage left by the blaze, which began Wednesday and raged for 50 hours.

The heat turned the seven-mile tunnel's concrete ceiling into sand and transformed the asphalt into a spongy black goo. At least 35 people died in the fire, and officials say that figure could rise. Identification of some of the bodies may prove impossible.

Firefighters who emerged Saturday after working for hours in the tunnel had sweat pouring down their blackened faces. Many were unable to speak about

the horror they had seen.

"The firefighters are in shock, especially those who went in first," fire Commander Philippe Pathoux told reporters gathered at the entrance on the French side of the tunnel.

"The vehicles are totally destroyed — just twisted wrecks," said Pathoux, who is heading French rescue operations.

The fire broke out in a Belgian truck carrying flour and margarine through the tunnel near Chamoin, a French Alpine resort at the foot of Mont Blanc. The tunnel, a major route connecting Italy and France, is expected to be closed for weeks.

French judicial authorities immediately opened an investigation, and say criminal charges may eventually be brought.

Tunnel officials, police and firefighters have been reluctant to talk about what might have led to the inferno. Investigators have

not been able to examine the entire tunnel because of the heat and fumes.

One of the biggest questions remained unanswered: Why was the truck allowed to continue even though French monitors detected smoke shortly after it entered the tunnel?

Were the French slow in closing the tunnel to further vehicles once the alarm had been sounded? Why did the ventilation system fail to suck out the toxic fumes?

A recent report by the fire department of the Haute-Savoie region where the tunnel is located reportedly raised questions about the feasibility of carrying out rescue operations inside the tunnel in case of a serious accident.

But French officials rejected criticism that security measures were inadequate.

Husband of opposition leader dies

LONDON (AP) — The husband of Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi died on his 53rd birthday Saturday, after being blocked by Myanmar's military government from visiting his wife in his final days.

Michael Aris, who had prostate cancer that had spread to his spine and lungs, died at Churchill Hospital in Oxford, Myanmar's military government had rejected a visa request this month from the ailing Aris, who taught Tibetan studies at Oxford University's St. Antony's College.

Aris had not been allowed to meet with his wife since the 1995 Christmas season. The ban on his visits was apparently in retaliation for his carrying out a public statement from Suu Kyi.

Western governments and international human rights groups had urged the Myanmar government to grant Aris a visa on humanitarian grounds, but the military government said Suu Kyi ought to leave the country and visit her husband in Britain.

Muslim pilgrims brave heat

MINA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The sacred pilgrimage of 2 million Muslims peaked Saturday with a searing desert sun with a return to the holy city of Mecca and a ritualistic stoning of the devil.

Afterward, pilgrims at a tent city in nearby Mina enjoyed a feast of freshly slaughtered sheep, goats and camels. Similar sacrifices, marking the start of the three-day Eid al-Adha holiday, were carried out by Muslims around the world.

Dozens of those performing the hajj, a pilgrimage all able-bodied Muslims are required to make at least once if they can afford to, succumbed to heat exhaustion Saturday as the temperature climbed to 106 degrees.

Most pilgrims, however, waited for the heat to subside before performing a key ritual — throwing stones at three 50-foot-high pillars representing the temptation of Satan.

The stoning — performed once before dawn and once after — and a morning walk seven times around the Kaaba, the black-draped cube in the center of Mecca's Grand Mosque, represent the high point of the three-day hajj that began Friday.

After the pre-dawn stoning ritual, many pilgrims spent hours in traffic Saturday covering the six-mile journey from Mina to Mecca. Others enjoyed a relatively cool walk under the stars, strolling among desert shrubs to the Grand Mosque of Mecca.

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EDITORIAL

INEEL may meet deadline with a garbage-bag solution

Sometime before April 30, INEEL officials hope to ship out a load of plutonium-contaminated waste. It will go someplace, but not to the federal government's designated resting place — the now-opened, but not-yet-open-to-Idaho Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

It's just another bizarre turn on WIPP's road to Idaho. The Department of Energy won't be sending any waste from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory by April 30, which is when a deadline to do so expires. The best the agency can do is send a truckload of Idaho waste on a nuclear whistle-stop tour to some as-yet-undetermined place that isn't WIPP, but isn't in Idaho, either.

This isn't what the Department of Energy led Idahoans to expect. And it isn't what Idaho wants. But it's looking like the best we're going to get for now. We can only hope things will get better later.

In a way, INEEL workers have done their part. They have a symbolic first shipment ready for delivery to WIPP. But WIPP, the off-delivered nuclear waste repository near Carlsbad, N.M., still isn't ready for Idaho's waste.

The Energy Department has filed a 60-day notice, required before any shipment from Idaho to WIPP. But it wasn't filed in time to meet the April 30 deadline. Thus, anything that leaves Idaho before the end of next month will be in limbo.

INEEL officials bristle at the suggestion, but the fact is that the April 30 shipment is largely symbolic. It always has been, but that doesn't mean it isn't significant.

Shortly after his election, Gov. Dirk

Kempthorne said he would not be pleased by a symbolic gesture. More recently, he said a 50-barrel shipment would meet the deadline in the agreement.

The symbolism of the first shipment is highly significant. It's another metaphor for an agency long on nuclear waste and promises to move it, but short on success stories. The shipment to someplace else is a pretty good metaphor for a federal agency that ought to do its job better.

The Energy Department has plenty of opportunity to improve.

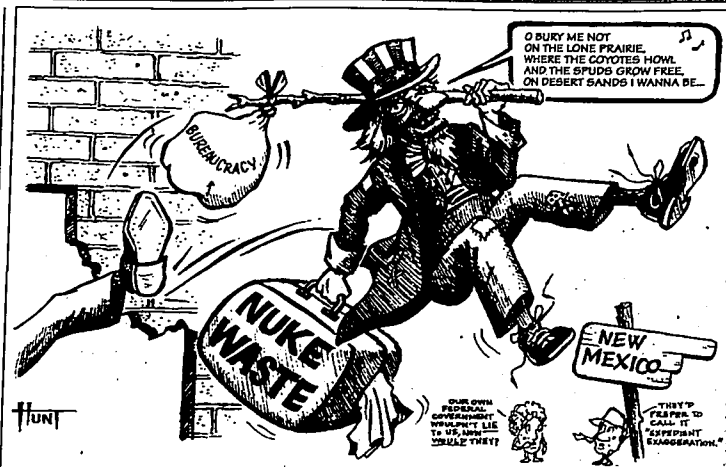
By the end of 2002, the INEEL is supposed to send more than 100,000 cubic feet of plutonium-contaminated trash to WIPP. That's not one shipment; it's 360. That's one shipment on the road every four days between now and Dec. 31, 2002. INEEL officials concede this is a tougher milestone to meet than the April 30 deadline.

The Energy Department could also do better by Idaho if it would abandon its ill-conceived idea to bury contaminated soils from the old Idaho Chemical Processing Plant in a site directly above the Snake River Plain Aquifer. The best argument for this bad idea is that it's cheaper, but that's not a good enough for people who drink that water.

As Idahoans watch one shipment leave Idaho for someplace else in the next few weeks, they should keep their eyes on bigger issues down the pike.

The Energy Department can make us forget the problems over WIPP. Or they can keep finding ways to remind us.

To meet its April 30 deadline, the Energy Department probably will send a truckload of INEEL waste on a nuclear whistle-stop tour to some as-yet-undetermined place.



New administrator makes sense for schools

READER COMMENT

Vera Redman

It seems that every year my colleagues and I, members of the Twin Falls School District Board of Trustees, are compelled to write a response to a *Times-News* editorial. The editorial we would like to address was published on March 19 and was titled, "Is another administrator the way to help students?" We would like to discuss some of the issues raised in the editorial in an attempt to provide patrons with accurate information regarding the creation of the position of Director of Data Analysis and Program Improvement.

The *Times-News* editorial board stated that it was not "anti-education," but rather, "pro-accountability." The Twin Falls School District Board of Trustees is also pro-accountability and is willing to go beyond rhetoric and opinion with definitive action.

Speaking in terms of accountability, the board of trustees approved the pilot for this project in part because of our interest in meeting community concerns. In 1997, the district conducted a series of community round-table meetings. Throughout these meetings, our patrons sent a clear message that they wanted to increase student learning to meet higher standards and expectations and to ensure that all students attain more knowledge in core subject matter: reading, writing, math and science. The community's expectations apply that we provide measurable evidence that students are learning more of what we expect them to learn. Additionally, they expect us to change and find the best way to get results and to re-engineer the system to make it work.

The approach we selected in meeting expectations of the community that we be accountable is an approach promoted

by others interested in enhancing quality in an organization. Describing that approach in practical terms means that we intend to enhance the quality of what we should produce in this district: student learning. Therefore, we must collect measurable evidence of student learning, identify strengths and weaknesses illustrated through the school system. All of this must be done while our staff attends to all the other issues the patrons, parents and others expect of their schools, i.e., character education, substance abuse prevention, extracurricular activities, etc.

Meeting the quality expectations of our community will require the assistance of someone who has the time to devise a systematic way to collect and display the achievement data, help teachers identify the weaknesses illustrated by the data and devise strategies to address them, and reemerge progress.

Why an administrator, and better yet, why this administrator in particular? The answer to the first question is simple. We wanted a person who would have the authority to work in any grade level where student performance indicated such services were warranted. We wanted Dr. Steve Smith because he has shown that his techniques being proposed has worked extremely well at Har-

risson Elementary and that he has an ability to interpret data and design improvement strategies based on that data. Finally, through its allocation formulas, the state provides us with funding to support a predetermined number of administrative positions. This district has never utilized its full administrator allocation from the state. We've supported more teachers than the state authorizes and more classified personnel than the state authorizes, and yet we've never created all of the administrative positions we could have created.

Over the past four years, the district has worked diligently to establish rigorous academic achievement standards in the core subject matter areas and to design testing instruments that reflect student learning in these areas. With these in place, we must now begin the task of training our staff how to interpret test data and revise instructional strategies and practices that will assure optimum student performance. It is with this goal in mind, supported by the expectations of this community, that we go beyond the conveniently critical rhetoric and into the application of improved student achievement in the Twin Falls School District. After reading approximately 18 editorials and articles regarding test scores printed in your paper over the last two years, we assumed the editorial board understood this effort and naturally would support our efforts to increase student learning. As you stated on Sept. 24, 1997, "...just good enough isn't acceptable."

Thank you.

Vera Redman is the chairman of Twin Falls School District 411's Board of Trustees.

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LETTERS

TF school turns boy's life around

My children attend Harrison School. My son is a sixth-grader and my daughter is a second-grader. We moved to Harrison School a little over a year ago. This is not remarkable. The story of how this move has changed my life is remarkable.

My son struggled in school. He spent the first three school years struggling with math, reading and spelling. He only excelled in science. He was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder during the second grade. We made the difficult decision to place him on Ritalin. His performance improved somewhat during the third and fourth grades. I remember my excitement when all C's on his report card. I also remember praying that his difficulty with academics would not cause him to become too frustrated in school.

When we moved to Harrison School, we met with Dr. Smith, Terri Steelman and my son's teacher. He was on a 504 plan for this change in performance. We understood the accommodations my son needed. We discussed his performance on standardized tests (his test scores were below the 5th percentile). Smith told me to wait a year and I would see a dramatic difference in his scores. I did not believe him.

Well, a year has gone by. My son has been on the honor roll for six quarters. He has all A's on his report card. He is talking about being in advanced math next year and is looking forward to college where he can major in three sciences. His standardized scores have improved to the 50th percentile or above. A lot of credit for this change in performance can be attributed to the Harrison Husky card that kids earn through achieving A's and B's, good citizenship or academic improvement. This card entitles each child to receive treats, meals or activities from local businesses. This partnership between the school and the community is what we need.

I credit the education he is receiving at Harrison with this turnaround. When I heard that Dr. Smith had been selected to teach other Twin Falls schools how to increase the academic performance of students, I was excited. If other children can benefit from the approach being used at Harrison, everyone in Twin Falls and beyond will benefit. I applaud the school district for recognizing an asset and utilizing it in a positive manner.

ANNETTE WILKINSON
Twin Falls

Kempthorne butchers wilderness

In the world of today, it isn't what we see that counts the most; it's the effect we don't see that does the "damage."

I have been an on-again, off-again Dir. Kempthorne fan. He is, to me, a real Housecat. He has done the "damage."

I have been involved in the heavy construction fields both as bidder, supplier and employer. I subscribe, receive all kinds of publications from the construction industry. For many years, I read about the championships for contractors, construction industries. I have covered most of the grand articles sponsored by Dirk Kempthorne, a great deal of it I supported, but most of all it didn't set well with the environmental fans.

This always disturbed me. Mainly because he was the senator from Idaho. Since the first day I saw this majestic state, the overall beauty of it, I hoped one day I could live out what was left of my life in the state of Idaho. I have been involved in the heavy construction fields both as bidder, supplier and employer. I have covered most of the grand articles sponsored by Dirk Kempthorne, a great deal of it I supported, but most of all it didn't set well with the environmental fans.

The reason the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is in Idaho in the first place is simple: out of sight, out of mind. The population, votes, horsepower in California, New York, the state we live in, is what most men want. The politicians of record of our state in the past wanted these environmental (hazardous) projects, including the "new" governor.

The million-dollar payroll of the INEEL and construction to the massive changes of today. The importance of Morrison Knudsen Co. is important to Dirk Kempthorne and me, but I think the governor is too obvious in his quest. To put the control of the Endangered Species Act for Idaho in the hands of one man is ludicrous and downright foolish. The Endangered Species Act, as an ex-Morrison Knudsen big gun in a sensitive position already at a new cabinet level, I believe we better pay attention to it.

RAIKY J. ROWLAND
Hagerman

Why this war now?

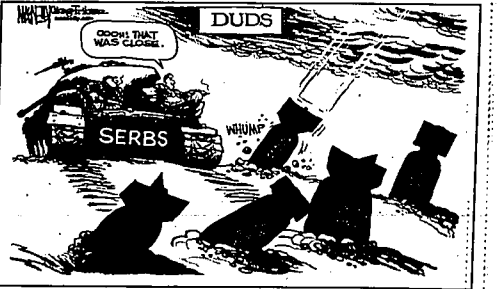
Some of America's sophisticated military assets are in the Balkan skies, perhaps illustrating the problem of having the best lead at the wrong wall. Still, Senate Democrats have become belligerent.

Most of them opposed the Gulf War, fought in response to an unambiguous violation of international law (massed forces of civil strife was not the rationale for the war). Many Democrats opposed the Contras fighting a dictatorship aligned with Moscow. The Democrats argued that there was no significant U.S. interest in the outcome of a "civil war" in this hemisphere, and that taking sides in civil strife was without any international basis. Many Senate Democrats opposed procuring the B-2 bomber.

Now they favor employing the B-2 in a civil war that is a prelude to the invasion of Yugoslavia. The short answer is that the president wants their support. There is, as yet, no long answer.

Sen. Joseph Biden never wavered for accuracy, repeatedly saying that one reason for bombing is to stop "genocide." President Clinton, ever the vulgarizer, echoed Biden.

Clinton's Tuesday speech, effectively announcing war, was made not to the na-



tion but to a public employees union. The speech began with grossly inappropriate jokes, then oozed snarling folksiness ("look at a map tonight," this is not a slam-dunk) concerning "this Kosovo thing is in the balance." He compared war against Serbia to the missed opportunity of confronting Hitler early, but his tone was less Churchill than that old Guy.

He indulged in his characteristic verbal tic, invoking "our children" (who deserve a peaceful Europe). And he recited the "in the economy, stupid!" trope — American prosperity depends on a Europe "wealthy enough to buy our products," which depends on peace, which depends on Kosovo. This "domino theory" dressed up in "globalization" patter: Everything is connected to everything, therefore everything depends on everything, and so on.

The proliferation of reasons for using force reflects uneasiness with the three best reasons. One is that European decadence and proclivities has at long last been denied. Europeans are granted to act against barbarism in their own

back yard and it is in America's interest to encourage this European lethwood.

The second reason is that if NATO cannot act against nearby barbarism, NATO should not be expanding. It should be disbanding. The third is that graphic journalism in a wired world forces America either to respond to this humanitarian calamity or to stop thinking of itself as having some responsibility for certain universal values in a region — Europe — to which America has civilizational ties.

Uneasiness about the sufficiency of these reasons reflects the excessive concern of a pressed (and for that reason increasingly violent and secessionist) ethnic group within its borders.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

OPINION

Behind language debate lies a new American melting pot

JOE RODRIGUEZ

A few years ago, I took my out-of-town friends Harry and Janice Siskert to an Asian supermarket in East San Jose. I thought they'd appreciate a taste of our city's rich cultural mix. After all, they are a biracial, politically liberal couple. Harry is white, Janice is black.

But in this case, my plan turned out a little naive. "All the signs are in Chinese and Vietnamese and whatever," Janice complained. "I can't understand anything."

Since Janice had studied Spanish in Mexico and still spoke the language, I thought her point of view odd. Harry only laughed. I couldn't tell if he was snarving or smiling while watching my puzzled face as Janice became more upset. "There ought to be a law!" Janice said.

Her comment set off an argument between us over the regulation of foreign languages in public life. But like so many arguments over language between individuals, ours blew over by the time we returned to the parking lot.

I recall that story because the debate has spread from immigrant-entry states like California and Florida into small towns once bypassed by immigrants. I read recently where a marshal in Norcross, Ga., slapped a \$150 fine on Maria Cobarubias for the sign above her little grocery store: Supermercado Jalisco.

Four years ago, the town of 6,500 people decided they'd had enough of all that Spanish imported by Mexican immigrants working the fields and slaughterhouses. About 500,000 Latinos now live in Georgia. Norcross outlawed all signs if less than 75 percent English.

The "super" is English. But I

don't know what "super" means," Sgt. Bill Smith told the Washington Post. "If an American was out there driving by, he wouldn't know what that was."

My oh, my. If they applied that law to TV commercials, what would happen to Hickey, the popular Chihuahua, who says, "I'm quiero Taco Bell?" Why, poor Hickey might be heading out east from his position on a Georgia highway chain gang.

Where does this tendency come from? We can learn from the liberal critic Randolph Bourne. In 1916, he observed how an elite coalition of Americans of Anglo-Saxon descent was "guilty of just what every dominant race in history has done: it has imposed its own culture upon the minority people."

That's how waves of Germans, Italians, Irish and other immigrants lost so much of their languages, customs, religions and ethnic philosophies, standards of taste and morality. An Anglo elite stamped its image on them.

With the civil rights movement of the 1960s, the economy became more respectful of minority rights and cultures. Our melting pot started changing. Immigrants join the mainstream more on their own terms now. Even so, in some basic ways we are still defined by the 300-year dominance of Anglo culture.

This social transition is fascinating, confusing and frustrating for lots of people.

Joe Rodriguez is a writer/columnist for the San Jose Mercury-News.

LETTER

Try using facts next time

In The Times-News March 17 editorial, "Idaho Power isn't the villain in Camp Roach situation," your editorial staff failed to use fact, documentation or verification of information in composing its opinion. The reality is, no agency has advocated, promoted or recommended removal of the Boy Scouts from the property. Here are sources of facts which can be verified by reviewing documents Idaho Power and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission have in their reforming libraries from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and other agencies: Idaho Power Co. (the landowner), not the agencies and public, proposed using the Banbury Springs site for rehousing migrants in their "I and W agreement Plan" and "Protection, Migration and Enhancement" recommendation to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In all of the correspondence between Idaho Power, FERC and intervenors in the reforming process, you won't find anyone but Idaho Power discussing or recommending removal of Camp Roach and the Boy Scouts.

None of the agencies have "blessed" anything to do with the Idaho Power reforming process. There have been no settlement agreements between agencies mentioned and Idaho Power. In fact, Idaho Power is still collecting information and writing plans for the site to satisfy concerns

expressed by FERC.

There is one correct piece of information contained within the editorial: Idaho Department of Fish and Game is an advocate for fish. That's our mandate under Idaho law. All our comments pertaining to the Banbury Springs site have been made based on this premise and our experience, knowledge and expertise in dealing with fish and wildlife - resources belonging to all of the people of the state of Idaho. People have been figured into the Camp Roach equation.

In summary, this issue has been made contentious by The Times-News' lack of understanding of circumstances and failure to verify its information. To modify an appropriate phrase from The Times-News editorial board, "It's obvious the villain in the Camp Roach issue is the too-prevalent attitude of The Times-News editorial staff in its rush to sensationalize and its "bash the bureaucrats attitude." Solutions do exist, but they may be more difficult to reach now because of irresponsible and sensational journalism.

You recently chastised a public employee who gave a fictitious name with his opinion. Is The Times-News editorial staff providing fictitious information in an editorial any different? CARL H. NELLS Supervisor Magic Valley Region Idaho Fish and Game Jerome

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Hillary, Chelsea: A story of devotion

Mother, daughter stick together

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton told the story of a Tunisian widow with six daughters who shocked her neighbors by leaving the "women's work" in olive groves to start a career business and put her girls through college.

"She persevered, withstanding taunts and scorn, working hard and inspiring her daughters to do the same," the first lady recounted with admiration to a women's rights convention.

The story of a mother-daughter dynamic of devotion and inspiration finds a reflection in the relationship that Mrs. Clinton appears to share with her daughter.

After an excruciating and embarrassing year of scandal in the White House — a year in which Mrs. Clinton held her head up and her family together — Chelsea Clinton, 19, emerged during a 12-day trip with her mother through Northern Africa as poised, polite, curious and open as ever.

A shy but indulgent smile was her reward to Egyptian photographers in Cairo's walled Coptic quarter who ducked their tongues and called out "Gizel! Gizel!" to get her to turn their way.

One of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's security agents, who were at the Clintons' service last week, said Chelsea, after poking around the tombs at Luxor's Valley of the Kings with her mother, was "so enthralled with the pharaohs" that she asked to return on her own — if the Egyptian agent couldn't mind.

At the El-Djem College in Kairo, Tunisia, Chelsea ducked behind walls to study the Roman structure and tried to peek into the pit where wild



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, center, daughter Chelsea, left, shows visiting a playground in Sid Ashour, Tunisia, Friday, as a story of mother-daughter togetherness.

ostriches, antelope and leopards once wanted to do battle with gladiators.

She was apologetic to photographers who asked her to stand still and pose beside her mother. "I was just wandering around," she said.

The Stanford University sophomore's spring break offers the most lingering glimpse in more than a year of the Clintons' much-sheltered only child.

But only a glimpse. While Chelsea herself seems

not to have withered at all during her father's scandal, the protective layers around her have thickened.

In her best-selling "It Takes a Village," Mrs. Clinton likened the sheltering of Chelsea to the successively larger dolls that cradle the smallest in a set of Russian folk-art nesting dolls.

It is a metaphor borne out in practice. At least one member of Mrs. Clinton's staff is almost always at Chelsea's side.

And the staff, on orders from the first lady, instructed eight reporters traveling with the Clintons that Chelsea's casual remarks — even her gestures — are strictly "off the record" unless she appears purposefully before news cameras, as at El-Djem.

Troops guard lawmakers during trial

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) — After deadly overnight clashes, hundreds of troops forced apart rival demonstrators outside Paraguay's congress building Saturday and lawmakers resumed the president's impeachment trial.

Cuba's government has been dogged by political infighting and economic turmoil since taking office in August. The assassination Tuesday of Vice President Luis Maria Argana plunged the country deeper into crisis.

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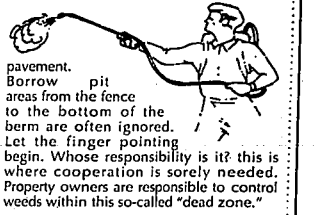
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For more information you may contact: Sheila Huizar, T.F. County at 734-9000 or Sherry Jeff, T.F. City at 736-2264.



Conflict may not affect Russia loan

MOSCOW (AP) — Heightened tensions over NATO bombings in Yugoslavia should not affect negotiations over a new loan package for Russia, the head of the International Monetary Fund said Saturday after arriving in Moscow.

Meanwhile, Boris Yeltsin's spokesman said the president's state of the nation address on Tuesday would emphasize Russia's continued adherence to free-market reforms.

Spokesman Dmitry Yakushkin told Echo of Moscow radio that one theme would be that "there will be no backtracking from reforms." Yeltsin also will stress the need to make the economy competitive, Yakushkin said.

Michel Camdessus, the IMF's managing director, told reporters Saturday that the fund hopes to quickly come to an agreement on new loans for Russia.

"We've got a degree of optimism (about the talks)," Camdessus said. "Our goal is to come to a credible agreement, which could assist your country in very difficult conditions."

Camdessus said his talks would not be affected by the rift between Russia and the West over the Kosovo crisis. U.S., German and British planes have conducted airstrikes for three days despite Russia's strong opposition.

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One thousand years ago today, Europe was populated by Vikings. Life expectancy was 28. For those who survived infancy, the leading causes of death were dysentery, cholera and typhus because folks couldn't quite make the connection between keeping the village latrine and the village water supply separate.



People smelled but their teeth rotted away by their 20s, and their knuckles were always red and raw from dragging on the ground.

It wasn't the Dark Ages; it was the Dim Ages. And into this realm, Y2K anxiety was born.

Folks' backs then were very, very darn sure the jig was up come the year 1000: Comets had been sighted. Omens had been noted. Entrails had been read. Sooths had been said.

Self-flagellation was all the rage. People tarted themselves up in sackcloth and ashes and whipped themselves — quite literally — into a frenzy in the sure and certain knowledge that the Lord would take note of their penitence for being dumber than a stump.

By Jan. 1, 1000, damned pretty much like any other rotten day in paradise. The winds howled, the snow fell, and when the people read their prayers of thanksgiving, their lips moved.

I mention all this because we moderns are getting perilously close to the repeat performance with all this Y2K hysteria.

An acquaintance told me the other day that he was going to melt down his family's possessions so it could be bartered for jerky and MRE's next January.

One of my cousins in eastern Idaho closed out his 401(k) as a big loss and bought titanium futures, and I heard secondhand that one of the guys I went to school with had accumulated one of those 900-gallon underground tanks that gas stations use and is gradually filling it with gasoline.

One of my uncles — he's the same guy who told me that he was going to melt down his family's possessions for his family during the Gulf War — is talking about burying the Winnebago in the back yard and using it as a fallout shelter.

Now far be it from me to disparage paranoia; it's an old and honored tradition among us Idahoans. When I was a kid, my extended family yielded to no one in its reverence for John Birch and its fear of Russia.

But the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse just aren't coming to New Year's dinner, my friends.

I figured that out the other day when I went to my bank's ATM, put in my card, punched in my code — and the computer said it had never met me.

It wasn't a calamity; it was machine with a brain cramp. That's the worst thing that's going to happen you Jan. 1. I can see you now, pathetically huddled before your heat pump and watching the Rose Bowl on your big-screen TV set as a desolate because there are no funds available to buy Cheez Doodles.

Oh, the humanity!
The story goes that a bunch of Norman monks, sure the end was at hand, hurried themselves from the island to sea in the last hour of the first millennium.
But there was a little Y1K problem.
They had calculated their leap for high tide, based on a set of lunar tables drawn up centuries before.
The moon, it seems, hadn't stood still. The tide wasn't high, the monks landed in several feet of mud, and they had to walk all the way back to the shore to fix boots and caulk the neighbors.
Caked with grime but very much alive. Something tells me that's an apt metaphor for things to come.

Symposium airs land issues

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Public participation in natural resource policy issues is important and a key to better decisions, one state official says.

People might not like the outcome, but at least they had a chance to participate, said Doug Howard, regional administrator of the state Division of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls.

But public participation can be frustrating, he said. Its an ongoing process, not just one meeting, and often it pits ordinary people against well-financed special interest groups.

A couple of dozen people, many of them CSI honor students, spent the day at the College of Southern Idaho discussing land and natural resource issues at this year's Snake River Symposium.

The symposium was started in 1980 by a group of women in the community to promote an exchange of ideas on issues important to people in the Magic Valley. Since then the annual event has covered a variety of subjects from writers to music to world issues, Honors Program Director Mark Lindemeyer said.

The event eventually was taken over by CSI, and this year's program was sponsored by the Honors Program, the Outdoor Program and the Agriculture Program, Lindemeyer said.

One way people can be involved in water quality issues in southern Idaho is through "watershed advisory groups" and "basin advisory groups" instituted to help state officials develop cleanup plans for polluted streams.

The local Mid-Snake watershed advisory group meets monthly and is open to public participation, Howard said.

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Accident leaves one man dead

The Times-News

ROGERSON — An accident early Saturday morning left one man dead and another man charged with vehicular manslaughter and driving under the influence, according to Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Nancy Howell.

The accident happened at about 5:45 a.m. on U.S. Highway 93, 10 miles north of the Nevada border, said Idaho State Police dispatcher Denise King. Robert Ortiz, 49, of Nampa, was thrown from his vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene, King said. Demetrio Trujillo, 26, also of Nampa, was not injured. Trujillo was arrested and taken to the Twin Falls Criminal Justice Facility where he was later charged with vehicular manslaughter and DUI, Howell said.

According to an ISP news release, Trujillo was driving southbound on U.S. 93 when he lost control of his vehicle on the slick road. His vehicle went off the side of the road and rolled once. Trujillo was wearing his seatbelt and was not injured. Ortiz, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected from his vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene, the ISP news release said.

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Volunteers reap bounty of trash

By Lorraine Cavenor
Times-News writer

BURLEY — When the snow melts in the spring, flowers aren't the only things that bloom along southern Idaho roads. A few days ago, a state highway crew plucked a dishwasher from alongside Highway 81 near Malta.

Just yesterday I saw a washing machine, the same area," said Roy Draper, regional maintenance foreman for the Idaho Department of Transportation.

We've all have to go out and get that."

State and local road officials say the roadside litter problem seems bigger every year. Highway crews find the most trash at interchanges, especially those in more isolated areas, said crew member Ed Bean.

"Truckers sit there and throw garbage out," Bean said. "The Decks exchange is the worst."

At that interchange alone, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers go out twice a year and pick up 50 to 60 bags of trash each time, he said.

The volunteers can manage the normal litter, but state highway crews have to pick up larger items — such as that recent dishwasher. Draper could not estimate exactly how much time state crews spend picking up and hauling trash each year.

"We could be doing other things," such as repairing roads, he said.

Counties do not use the Adopt-A-Highway program on their roads because of liability issues, said Jerry Fleeth, traffic designer for the Idaho Transportation Department and coordinator for Adopt-A-Highway.

"We get a county pickups full each spring," he said.

Highways and interstates have

Opening day at Shoshone Falls



From left, Chris Hawkey, Lorna Dixon, Bill Dixon and Belinda Hawkey came to observe Shoshone Falls Saturday, opening day of the season for Shoshone Falls and Dierks's Lake parks.

Cold temperatures don't keep visitors away

By Lorraine Cavenor
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Despite chilly temperatures in the upper 30s and wind gusts up to 35 mph, about 150 carloads of people visited Shoshone Falls and Dierks's Lake Parks by 2:30 p.m. Saturday, opening day of the season, said a park spokesman.

Visitors are up from \$2 to \$3 per vehicle, but it didn't seem to stop people from bundling up and coming to gaze at the extra 3 million cubic feet of water which spills over the falls this time of the year. Later in the year, the

water is diverted upstream at Milner Dam to irrigate 500,000 acres of farmland.

"I've never seen it this high," said Chuck Hoenes of Burley, who brought relatives from Wyoming. "The mist coming off here is beautiful. I wanted to show them how much it runs over and how the spray comes over the railings. I've been here when people could stand out there. Now it is totally covered with water."

Children squealed as they played in the mist coming over the rails. Shifleen Stoller of Sherwood, Ore. said she had

never seen anything to compare.

"It was very much worth the \$3," she said.

Visiting the park from Kansas were Nelson and Mary Jane Funk. "We live in the plains," Nelson Funk said. "There is a river about 50 miles from us called the Cottonwood River. Cottonwood Falls is a three-foot drop."

Carol Jay, of Wendell brought relatives from Missouri and Wisconsin.

"They've never seen so much water coming so fast," Jay said.

Lorna and Bill Dixon of Caldwell admired the water with Chris and Belinda Hawkey of

Cortes, Colo.

"There is a great flow this time of the year," Lorna Dixon said.

"We bring everybody here. It's the highest we've ever seen it."

Though Shoshone Falls drew a good number of visitors, not a soul was at the new picnic tables, which were part of an improvement project at the parks. The Twin Falls City Council set aside \$200,000 for the project last year to capitalize on a matching funds offer from Idaho Power Co.

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A TROOPER'S GOODBYE

Accident changes lawman's life forever

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

RUPERT — In a split second, Steven Rodriguez' life changed forever.

Until that moment, the 30-year-old former naval officer had everything planned. He would finish his Idaho State Police training, serve his 20 years and one day retire as a veteran officer.

On Feb. 20, Rodriguez' plans drastically changed because of a fatal accident he was involved in while on duty. He resigned from the ISP Monday, two days later, he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge stemming from the accident.

A model recruit

Rodriguez graduated at the top of his class from the Police Officer Standards and Training Academy in Meridian. Rodriguez was a model recruit, ISP Lt. Lamont Johnston said.

"He was progressing through



Steven Rodriguez holds the uniform he used to wear as an Idaho State Police trooper. Rodriguez resigned from the police force after being charged with a misdemeanor in connection with a fatal Feb. 20 accident.

A lesson learned

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

RUPERT — While Steven Rodriguez and his family prepare to leave Minidoka County, Dale Hays, 42, still recovers at his Rupert home.

Hobbs, who lost his wife Lily, 76, in the Feb. 20 accident in Rupert, did not wish to comment anymore about the crash.

"I still haven't fully realized that she's gone," Hobbs said of his wife. "I just don't feel comfortable talking about it right now."

Hobbs spoke about his wife with grace Monday March 5 from Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

"She was the best wife in Rupert," Hobbs said. "Everyone knew her and loved her."

Rodriguez resigned from the Idaho State Police Monday after the Minidoka County prosecutor's office filed a misdemeanor charge of unlawful operation of a motor vehicle against him. On Wednesday, Rodriguez pleaded guilty to the charge.

Though the Idaho State Police

A lesson learned

Though the Idaho State Police

LDS records may help link bank accounts to Holocaust victims

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormon genealogical records may help connect bank accounts in Switzerland to some 300,000 to 400,000 Jewish Holocaust victims.

Billie Bills, spokesman for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said that the accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand asked for copies of records to further their work with the Volcker Commission.

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker is heading up an audit of Swiss bank accounts, hoping to identify Holocaust victims who had untold millions deposited and never retrieved.

For years, descendants of those victims have said they can't get enough information from Swiss banks to determine whether assets still remain that are rightfully theirs.

Bills said the church intends to provide the records, but officials are waiting to see if there are any objections.

In 1995, the church signed an agreement with the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust

Mormon genealogical records may help connect bank accounts in Switzerland to some 300,000 to 400,000 Jewish Holocaust victims.

Survivors to stop doing "baptisms for the dead" — proxy baptisms done in its temples for deceased individuals — for Jewish Holocaust victims.

The agreement came after the organization objected to the posthumous baptisms, which Mormons perform not only for their own ancestors, but for millions of others who have died.

The agreement also stipulated that the church would remove the names of Jewish Holocaust victims posthumously baptized from its International Genealogical Index, a database available to the public for family history research, and Bills said the names have been removed.

The database is also one source of names the church uses to per-

form proxy baptisms and other ordinances in their temples.

But the church still has private records of the names, Bills said. "Otherwise, we couldn't help them (the Volcker Commission) with their request."

As part of the 1995 pact, the church also agreed to provide a list of names to the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington, D.C.; A Living Memorial to the Holocaust-Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City; the Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles; and Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem.

Family history work done by the church entails gathering names, birth, marriage and death dates and other genealogical information regarding deceased ancestors. To date, the church has collected more than 2 billion names on a variety of records.

"Bills said the church has "no formal agreements with any other ethnic or religious groups that restrict the performance of temple ordinances."

participant in this and there was nothing I could do. It was such a helpless feeling.

The ISP placed Rodriguez on administrative leave. He felt like he was on the opposite side of the badge he swore to serve and protect.

"It's like losing your life, but still being alive," Rodriguez said.

"We have to figure out our future. There's nothing left for us here."

One day at a time

The next step for the Rodriguez family is to leave Rupert and continue their life somewhere else. Although the thought of responding to an accident is scary to Rodriguez, the thought of spending time working in an office is even scarier.

"When I got out of the Navy I wanted to do something that would make a difference," Rodriguez said. "I didn't want to sit behind a desk all day."

Rodriguez said he might enter law enforcement again someday. For now, he has to get his own life back on track — one day at a time.

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Ed Sloan, left, and Bill Hays pick up pieces of a camper shell that was left under the Heyburn exit overpass. The Idaho Transportation Department picks up objects that are too big for Adopt-A-Highway volunteers.

Trash

about 55 Adopt-A-Highway groups working in the Minidoka-Cassia area to pick up trash. Hays said.

"There are a lot of good Boy Scout groups there. Some of them

have between six to 10 miles," he said.

Draper said he is disgusted that anyone has to go and pick up litter, which people have thrown out of car windows.

"We've become a generation of

wanting government to do it for us, but we need to be responsible for ourselves," Draper said.

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Trooper

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clad in jeans and a blue T-shirt, admits he is reluctant to speak about the accident that ended his career as an ISP officer. That accident killed 76-year-old Lily Hobbs of Rupert and seriously injured her 82-year-old husband Dr. Hobbs.

Rodriguez' wife Janne, a slender, attractive young woman, sits by his side. She holds Aurora, the couple's six-month-old daughter. Aurora stares intently at her father, remaining quiet as though listening to something terribly important.

"Everything is shattered," Rodriguez said. "Where do you go from here? I don't know if I could help out anymore. If I went back into law enforcement, I don't know how I'd feel if I'd have to put the lights and sirens on and go through an intersection again."

Janne Rodriguez consoles her husband as he speaks. Putting her hand on his shoulder, she softly said, "It's all right, honey, you don't have to talk about it."

For Rodriguez, the nightmare won't go away. He is forever connected to the Hobbses' tragedy.

A tremendous impact

At 2 p.m. on Feb. 20, a call

Symposium

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study of the many uses of the Snake River, its waters and its banks — known as the Snake River Resource Review.

The effort is compiling essential information to help managers make better decisions. An important part of that effort is getting people together to solve complex issues, to get people used to working together, Kidd said.

People involved find that others, with whom they may not agree, have in common as much as they do.

But whatever your position, one effective way of being heard is through political action letters, said Sally Moser, executive director of the Access Fund an advocacy group for climbers.

She recommends writing short,

clear and to the point letters to administration officials — especially during public comment periods on proposals — and to elected officials.

"It's their job to be responsive to you," Moser said. They're your representatives whether you voted for them or not."

And as long as you're writing a letter or e-mail to your local newspaper, she said.

Planning consultant Mike Pepper presented a recreation management plan for the middle Snake River. The plan was developed mostly by volunteers with some help from the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service.

The purpose of the plan is to recommend ways to improve recreation access and opportuni-

ties, to make advantage of tremendous recreation resources of the area, Pepper said.

Among the many issues discussed Saturday, BLM archeologist John Lyle talked about the dilemma of trying to preserve historic sites, such as fragile Oregon Trail ruins, and still let people visit and enjoy them.

And Judy Brossy, a Lincoln County farmer and volunteer in recreation and conservation issues, talked about the southern Idaho Land Trust as a way to maintain open space and control urban sprawl — a way of keeping farmers and ranchers on the land.

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Lesson

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and the Minidoka County Sheriff's investigations into the crash are complete for the time being, the facts of the case still can be used to train other officers on the importance of safe driving while handling a road emergency.

ISP Lt. James Johnson said.

While responding to an emergency, officers are trained to proceed with extreme caution. They are not allowed to drive in a manner that would endanger other

people, Johnson said.

"Depending on the seriousness of the situation, an officer does not have to stop at a light or stop sign," Johnson said. "But we do emphasize that they are prepared to stop at an intersection before proceeding through."

In his statement, Rodriguez said he slowed at the intersection of Oneida and F Street in Rupert. He made sure traffic was clear and then proceeded through the intersection.

Rodriguez accelerated through the intersection at 46 mph. The Hobbs had a green light while he had a red light, a sheriff's report says.

In his statement to his lawyer, Joe Filicetti, Rodriguez said he thought his light was green.

Rodriguez was a rookie officer at the time of the accident. He was almost halfway through his 240-hour training program when the crash occurred, Johnson said.

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Kids Choir; call for information

"In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, love"

IF YOUR FAITH HAS DIED,
THIS IS A GOOD TIME FOR RESURRECTION.

First Presbyterian Church of Jerome

March 28 - 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship
8:30 p.m. Pot Luck Fellowship
April 1 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion
April 2 - 5:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship
April 4 - Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service of First Baptist Church
9:30 a.m. Confessional Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Resurrection Worship and Church School Celebration

First Presbyterian Church of Jerome 262 East Avenue A
Rev. Bob Stebe, Pastor • 324-2972

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH
175 2nd Ave. W., Wendell
Pastor Paul R. Kroeger
April 4th
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM
Sunday School 10:15 am
Fellowship Meal 11:00 am

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. JOHN 11:25

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Twin Falls

The mission of UUFTF is to help each person live, laugh, love and seek the truth; to be a place of celebration, comfort, love, and learning for all ages; to serve our community in the spirit of justice and democracy; and to respect all religious paths.

Easter Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 4

Services 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays; Community Forum 3rd Sunday 10:30 a.m. at the YPCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd. 734-6552
Children's religious education and nursery available.

A vibrant church home for people of all spiritual backgrounds.

Calvary Chapel
241 Main Avenue West, Twin Falls • 733-3133
Pastor Mike Kestler

March 28th
10 a.m. Palm Sunday Service
Pastor Mike Kestler
Following Jesus
7 p.m. Evening Service
"The Second Coming of Christ"

Join us for our
20th Anniversary Easter Celebration

April 2nd 7 p.m. Good Friday Service and Special Mission to Mexico Send-off
April 4th 10 a.m. Easter Sunday Morning Service
7 p.m. Bonfire (weather permitting) at our new location (Corner of Falls Avenue and 3300 East)

All services broadcast live on KAWZ 89.9 FM and Coast to Coast on the CSN-Radio Network

Share Easter With Us!

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

SUNDAY, March 28 10:30 a.m. Easter Contests
Hallelujah! Was a Savior? Adult Choir
THURSDAY, April 1 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Fellowship and Worship
FRIDAY, April 2 10:30 a.m. Good Friday Service
SUNDAY, April 4 10:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Park
Garden
SUNDAY, April 4 10:30 a.m. Easter Service at 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls

WORSHIP WITH US THIS EASTER

GOOD FRIDAY
April 2, 1999
7:30 p.m.

EASTER WORSHIP
April 4, 1999
8:45, 10:00 & 11:15 a.m.
In The Event Center

TWIN FALLS REFORMED CHURCH
1631 Grandview Drive N
(Corner of Pole Line Road & Grandview Drive N)

Gooding First Christian Church
334 4th Ave W., Gooding • 934-4542
Pastor Andy Morris

April 2nd - Good Friday
Service - 7:00 P.M.

April 4th - Easter Sunday
Worship Service -
8:30 A.M. & 10:55 A.M.
Bible School for all ages
- 9:45 A.M.

Castleford & Buhl United Methodist Churches

Maundy Thursday - Buhl United Methodist (908 Maple)
5:00 p.m. Service of Foot Washing
8:00 p.m. Palestinian Dinner (Call 5-43-6498 for reservations)

Good Friday - at Castleford United Methodist (303 Elm)
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Services
Easter Sunday - Community Sunrise Service
7:00 a.m. at Wells Bluffs in Castleford
Castleford UMC - 9:00 a.m. Celebration of Resurrection
Buhl UMC - 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Resurrection

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Good Friday 10:00am

Music: Bell Choir

Rev. Paul C. Reeves, Pastor

Resurrection Day Service

Service begins at 11:00 a.m.
All Ages Welcome

Come worship the Risen Savior with us

The Salvation Army
Majors Eddie & Ann Patterson
348 4th Ave. N.E. • Twin Falls • 733-8720

WOOD RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Catch the Vision"

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 5PM
Services held at Immanuel Episcopal Church
101 2ND AVE. S. • HAILEY • 788-0167

The CHOICE

Presented by A.C.T.S. Drama Cast,
Voices of Celebration Choir & Celebration Orchestra

SCENES OF EASTER
In Drama & Music

Saturday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.
Palm Sunday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, Idaho • 733-6648
Easter Sunday Worship Services are at 9:10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Come Celebrate Easter at

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
1708 HEYBURN AVENUE EAST
Twin Falls • 733-3774
Child Care (Infant - 3 yrs. provided)

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - 7:00 p.m.
Special Style Communion

EASTER SUNDAY - 7:00 a.m. SUNRISE SERVICE
Special Drama and Music with Communion

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. - **EASTER BREAKFAST**
hosted by OSJ Youth (\$4/person; \$12 family).

9:30 a.m. Easter Worship
Special Drama and Music
Theme: "It's Alive!"

COME CELEBRATE WITH US AT THE

ROCK CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Meeting At:
Twin Falls, American Legion Hall
447 Senstrom (just off South Eastland)
Office phone 734-5268

Palm Sunday - March 28 - 10 a.m.
"BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY"
Parade of Palms by the Children
Special Music - Shea Peterson • The Men's Chorus
Pastor Dale Metzger - Preaching on "A Celebrity" Fellowship to follow service.

Easter Sunday - April 12 - 10 a.m.
Special Music -
Burt Hulsh • Jeff Drown • Norma Jean Traband
Pastor Dale Metzger - Preaching on "An Eye-Opening to Death"

Sunday School for all ages 9 a.m.
Child Care Provided during 10 a.m. worship hour
There's a friend for you at Rock Creek Community Church

JESUS IS ALIVE!
Be Personally Transformed

Contemporary Upbeat Worship
Easter Services at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Featuring
The Amazing Grace
Worship Singers & Band
Special Music, Drama & Dance
And
An Inspirational Message

From Senior Pastor Lynn School

Come Worship with us!
Worship Services
8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School 9:00 A.M.

AMAZING GRACE FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Lynn A. School
1061 Eastland Dr. N. • Twin Falls

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Services at 11:00 AM

"Come Worship with Us"

461 Filer Ave. W.
Twin Falls

VICTORY BIBLE CHURCH!
"Holding forth the Word of Life"
Philippians 2:10

Pastor Mike Jones

Sunday School 10:00 AM
AM Worship 11:00 AM
PM Worship 6:30 PM
(Ministry provided for ATO)

288 Tyler Street
Twin Falls, Idaho
(Corner of Highway 6 & Tyler)
(208) 733-2919

St. Jerome's Catholic Church
216 2nd Ave. E., Jerome
324-8794

Holy Week and Easter Celebration
Semana Santa y Pascua

Holy Thursday
Jueves Santo
April 1
7:00 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday
Viernes Santo
April 2
7:00 p.m. (Eng)
8:30 p.m. (Span)
Our Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil
Vigilia Pascual
April 3
8:00 p.m.
Mass

Easter Sunday
Domingo de Pascua
Sunday, April 4
9:30 a.m. Mass (Eng)
12:00 p.m. Misa (Span)

The Family of St. Jerome's Parish welcomes everyone to be with us as we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord.
"Venega a celebrar con nosotros la Resurrección del Señor!"

THE MOVEMENT Show!

Friday, April 2nd
6:00PM
"Passover Meal"

Saturday, April 3rd
11:00AM
"Kids Church"

12:00PM
"Easter Egg Hunt"

Sunday, April 4th
11:00AM
Easter Celebration

LIVING WATERS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
262 18th Ave. East • Twin Falls, ID • 708-797-2472
Pastor VERNON L. BISHOP
E-mail: lwcw@mscnet.com

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
(on Hwy 30 next to Buhl Visitor Center)

Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 2 at 8:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship Service
April 4 at 11:00 a.m.

CROSSROADS United Methodist Church
215 Madison E. • Kimberly, ID • 423-4311

March 28 - Palm Sunday
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Praise and Celebration • Children's Procession & Choir
Special Music: Beate Etheuer

April 1 - Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Worship - Holy Communion
MESSAGE: "Jesus' Long Walk" - Pastor Jerry Steele

April 4 - Easter Sunday
9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt and games for children
10:30 a.m. Praise and Celebration • Children's Choir
Special Music: Robin Eschenburg
MESSAGE: "Raising for What?" - Pastor Jerry Steele

New Hope Lutheran Church
"Built on the Rock"

Invites you to share Easter Worship with us.
We are a welcoming church... Come as you are!

Sunday, April 4, 1999, 7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Devotional on our property just south of town on Hwy 24. In case of extreme inclement weather, this service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church.

Sunday, April 4, 1999, 10:30 AM Festive Easter Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Hwy. 93 & West B Street, Shoshone.

(208) 886-7000

Grace Christian Center
100 N. Mexican Ave • Rupert
(one mile north of Bays)

You are invited to a life-changing Service

Easter Sunday
"10 wishes that build strong families."

Special appearance by Sergeant Friday (puppet show)

Child care provided

Service: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Jay Greenwall

Holy Thursday, April 1:
6:00 pm St. Anthony's, Wendell
7:00 pm St. Peter's, Shoshone
7:30 pm St. Elizabeth's, Gooding

Good Friday, April 2:
6:30 pm St. Elizabeth's, Gooding
English
7:00 pm St. Anthony's, Shoshone
7:00 pm St. Peter's, Shoshone
8:00 pm St. Elizabeth's, Gooding
Spanish

Easter Vigil, April 3:
5:00 pm St. Peter's, Shoshone
7:00 pm St. Anthony's, Wendell
7:30 pm St. Elizabeth's, Gooding

Easter Sunday, April 4:
8:30 am St. Peter's, Shoshone
10:00 am St. Elizabeth's, Gooding
English
11:30 am St. Anthony's, Wendell
2:00 pm St. Elizabeth's, Gooding
Spanish

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

360 Shoshone Street East, Twin Falls • 733-5872

Pastors: Jim and Rinya Frisbie, Susan Staley

You are invited to share in these Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday event for Magic Valley churches featuring Rev. Dr. Joe Harding - March 28 at 7 p.m.

Palm Sunday Services
Rejoice Service - 8:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Service - 11 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Joe Harding

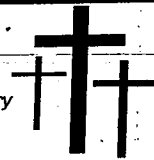
Maundy Thursday
Communion Service - 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday:
Sunrise Service - 7 a.m. Shoshone Falls
Easter Breakfast, Church Fellowship Hall - 7:30 - 9:45 a.m.
First Service of Worship - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School For All Ages - 9:45 a.m.
Second Service of Worship - 11 a.m.
Sermon: "If Stones Could Talk" by Pastor Jim Frisbie

Mini-Cassia Community Christian Church

Contemporary Music, Praise Band & Nursery
Meeting Sundays at 1250 21st, Heyburn
(Seventh Day Adventist Building)

Sunday School 10:00 am ~ Worship & Praise 11:00 am
Youth Groups K-12 ~ Sunday ~ 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Praise & Prayer Time 6:00 - 6:45 pm
Pastor: Dan Pearson ~ Telephone 678-1514

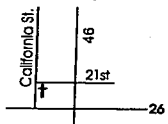


REPRESENTATIONS
Cornerstone
PASTOR: JIM FRISBIE

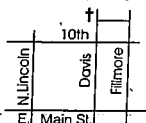
Celebrate Christ With Your Family This EASTER

GOODING Calvary

21st & California
934-5355
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Good Friday - 7:00 p.m.
Easter Breakfast - 8:15 a.m.
Easter Worship - 10:00 a.m.

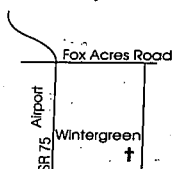


JEROME St. Paul's
1301 N. Davis • 324-2842
Maundy Thursday Potluck Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Services - 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday - 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday School Special - 9:00 a.m.
Communion Festival Service - 10:30 a.m.



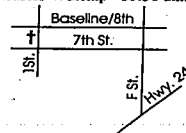
HAILEY Valley of Peace

Woodside & Wintergreen
788-3066
Good Friday - 7:00 p.m.
Easter Worship - 10:00 a.m.

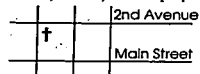


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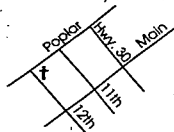
909 8th • 436-3413
Maundy Thursday - 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday - 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service - 7:15 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Easter Worship - 10:30 a.m.



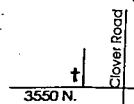
WENDELL Christ
175 2nd Ave. W. • 536-2588
Maundy Thurs., Friday and Easter Sunday
Worship with Calvary Gooding
Weekly Sunday Worship 7pm



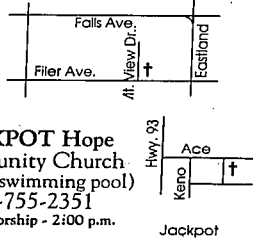
BUHL St. John's
1128 Poplar • 543-4282
Maundy Thursday - 7:30 p.m. April 1
Easter Vigil - 7:30 p.m. April 3
See Clover Trinity for more
Easter Day Services



CLOVER Trinity
3552 N. 1825 E. • 326-4950
See St. John's for Maundy Thursday and
Saturday Easter Vigil
Good Friday - 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship - 11:00 a.m.



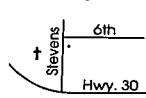
**JACKPOT Hope
Community Church**
(Next to swimming pool)
702-755-2351
Easter Worship - 2:00 p.m.



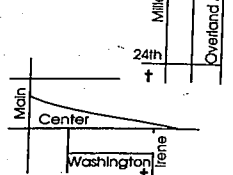
THE MISSOURI-SYNOD LUTHERANS OF THE MAGIC VALLEY

invite you to celebrate the victory
won by Christ on the cross.
"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking
for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here;
He is risen, just as He said."
Matthew 28:5-6

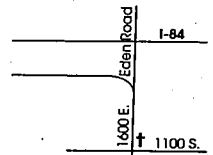
FILER Peace
Stevens & 6th • 326-5450
Good Friday - 7:30 p.m. Communion
Easter Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.
Easter Worship - 9:00 a.m.



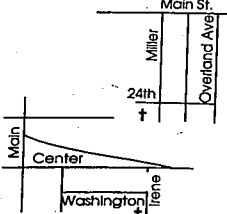
KIMBERLY Redeemer
Irene & Washington
423-5139
Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 7:00-8:30 a.m.
Easter Worship Service - 9:00 a.m.
Bible Class - 10:15 a.m.



EDEN Trinity
1602 E. 1100 S. • 825-5277
Maundy Thursday - 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday - 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Worship - 10:30 a.m.



BURLEY Zion
2410 Miller • 678-9621
Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday - 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Worship - 10:30 a.m.





Easter SAVINGS

All Stores OPEN Easter Sunday



Cooks Shank Portion Ham


Bone-In
Limit 1 Please

68¢ lb.

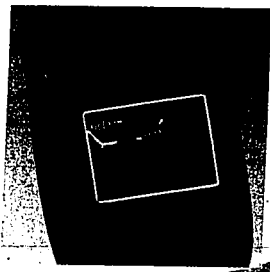
First of the Season!!

Fresh Alaskan Halibut Steaks

**397¢
lb.**

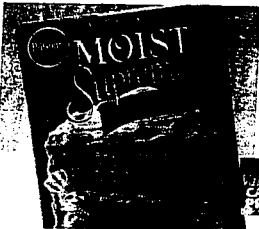


Fresh Alaskan Halibut Fillets..... **4.97 lb.**



John Morrell Golden Smoked Boneless Ham
Ham and Water Product

87¢ lb.



Pillsbury Cake Mixes
18.2-19.2 oz. All Varieties
Except Angel Food

79¢

With Your Fresh Values Card



Black Pearls Olives
5.75-6 oz.
Assorted Varieties

79¢

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10 lb. Bag Russet Potatoes



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Prices Effective March 28th through April 4th, 1999

Local runner returns from Australia after competing in ultramarathon

Special to The Times-News

KING GEORGE ISLAND, Antarctica — Magic Valley athlete Mary Ritz recently returned from the first recorded ultramarathon in Antarctica.

Ritz, who has completed marathons on all seven continents, is now striving to join an even more elite group — runners who have completed ultramarathons on all seven continents. No one has accomplished the feat to date.

The 50K event was held in conjunction with Marathon Tours' Third Antarctica March, the only athletic competition currently held in Antarctica.

The race started and finished at Artigas, the Uruguayan base on King George Island. Seven participants had convinced the race director to allow them to continue on for another eight kilometers after a 50K ultramarathon and the "Antarctica

Artigas Adventure 50K" was born.

The weather on race day clear and sunny, with favorable temperatures around freezing and a 10-15 mph wind. Roughly 140 runners were present to run either a half-marathon, a full marathon or the ultramarathon. They set off across a glacial stream and then a boulder-strewn beach at Maxwell Bay for the initial part of the course.

The biggest challenges were the climb up and down the

Collins Glacier and the rocky and muddy roads that linked the different countries' research stations.

After this undulating terrain, the runners continued on through aid stations at Russian, Chilean and Chinese outposts.

After the marathon, the Ritz and the other ultramarathoners continued on for another eight kilometers. Ritz finished the total distance of approximately 31 miles and was the first female finisher.

Duval survives major conditions at TPC

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Players Championship is not a major. By the look of things Saturday, it may be even harder.

Beaten and battered, David Duval trudged off the 18th green after his fifth bogey of the day and tried to muster enough strength to acknowledge the hometown gallery that applauded his perseverance as much as the fact he was in the lead.

"We just got kicked around," Duval said.

"As far as the golf course goes, this is as tough as I've ever seen it."

The third round had the whipping wind of a British Open, the nasty rough of a U.S. Open, the terrifying greens of the Masters. Still, Duval holds a one-stroke lead over Phil Mickelson and Skip Kendall.

Despite a bogey from the rough — the chip shot landed 6 feet in front of the hole and rolled 30 feet by — he survived with a 2-over 74 for a 212, the highest score of a third-round leader since the tournament moved to the Stadium Course on the TPC at Sawgrass in 1982.

More is at stake for Duval today than just \$900,000 of the winner.

He has a chance to rise to No. 1 in the world ranking. And if his father, Bob Duval, maintains his three-stroke lead in the Senior Tour event this week in Pensacola, Fla., they would become the first father-son combination to win in the same week.



Floridian David Duval tees off on the 18th hole Saturday during third round of the Players Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Duval holds a one-stroke lead heading into today's final round.

Senior Duval retains lead in Emerald Coast

MILTON, Fla. — Bob Duval kept his lead through the second round of the Senior PGA

Tour's Emerald Coast Classic on Saturday, setting the stage for a possible father-son victory celebration today in Florida.

"I know David's been in that position a lot of times; I've been

in it two or three times," said Bob Duval, who has yet to win his professional career.

"He knows how to handle it. I'm going to call him tonight."

Duval shot a two-under 68 for a second round total of 114 over 129 on the par-70, Scottsdale-style course at The Moors Golf Club.

Pepper's 67 takes over Dinah Shore lead

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Dottie Pepper and longtime friend Meg Mallon seemed to have turned the Nabisco Dinah Shore into a match-play event.

Of course, the two are familiar with the format, having been teammates on the U.S. Solheim Cup squad.

Pepper, whose only major championship came seven years ago in the Dinah Shore, opened a three-shot lead Saturday as Mallon stumbled to a double bogey on the last hole.

Pepper shot a 5-under-par 67 to go to 13-under 203, helped by holing a sand wedge from 79 yards for an eagle on the par-5 ninth hole.

Mallon, who led the first two days of the tournament, the LPGA's first major of the year, had a 71.

Mallon still may be the only player to have a realistic chance to catch Pepper, since the golfers nearest the two — Juli Inkster and Kelly Robbins — are six shots out of the lead.

"I don't think it's going to be a little match play," Mallon said. "We got a lot of momentum together, were kind of feeding off each other."



Alaskan Megan Garety flies through the air March 23 during the women's Super G event at the U.S. Alpine and Snowboard Championships at Snowbasin Ski Resort in Huntsville, Utah. Garety finished in second place.

Utah skier reflects on excellent season

HUNTSVILLE, Utah (AP) — After six years of frustration and wasted time, Chad Fleischer made a decision: He would quit talking about being the best and set out to do it.

In early March, he capped his best year on skiing's World Cup circuit and silenced many critics with a second-place finish in the downhill final in Sierra Nevada, Spain.

Now, after picking up a second — national title in downhill at the recently completed U.S. Championships in Utah, the Vail, Colo., native is pleased with where he is, but says it's nothing compared to where he's going.

"I think I want to dominate the World Cup, and I'm working toward that all the time," he said. "I really think it's time for a dominant American skier."

Wrong. ... It sounds like a little thing, but it was huge for me." For starters, Fleischer hired a personal trainer and a nutritionist and began working with a variety of coaches. At 6-foot-2 1/2 and 220 pounds, he was always a big skier, but he began to use that size to his advantage.

He posted five top-20 World Cup finishes in the 1997 season, but he suffered more setbacks in 1998 when he contracted salmonella and finished just 24th in the super-G at the Nagano Olympics. He seriously considered retiring before once

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again finding his competitive fire.

"It was a strange year, but it recommended me to being the best," Fleischer said. "I wanted to get used to being on top, and I missed it last season."

The results showed quickly, with four top-25 World Cup finishes in December 1998 alone. At February's world championships in his hometown of Vail, Fleischer finished a career-best sixth in super-G.

But that was nothing compared to his performance in the World Cup downhill finals at Sierra Nevada, where Fleischer reached his first podium with two scorching runs. Only Norway's Lasse Kjus, the year's overall champion, was faster.

"I got to the finish, and I really couldn't believe it for a little while," he said. "But after I thought about it and let it sink in, I was thinking, 'It's about time.' I just wish it hadn't taken me so long to get here."

At season's end, Fleischer was ranked 15th in downhill, 25th in super-G and 32nd overall. Last season's 1998-99 campaign, all career-best.

"It's a good start for me, and that's all it is," he said. "I'm not done."

Fleischer's surge couldn't come at a better time for the American team, which was devastated last season by the retirements of Tommy Moe, Kyle Rasmussen and A.J. Kirt. Before Fleischer's performance in Sierra Nevada, the United States hadn't had a World Cup podium finisher in four years.

During the national championships last week, he added a downhill title at Snowbasin Ski Resort's Olympic run and finished second in the super-G. In Sierra Nevada, course conditions. Though he is the American team's oldest regular skier, Fleischer feels like a kid again.

Krajicek wins Lipton; Sisters wage war today

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Maybe it was nerves, or the Florida heat, or too much birthday cake the day before. Whatever the cause, Richard Krajicek felt weak and listless Saturday in the final of the Lipton Championships.

His serve, however, looked plenty strong. The big Dutchman defeated 24 aces to beat unseeded Sebastian Grosjean 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 7-5.

Saving his best for key points, Krajicek earned his first U.S. tournament title since 1993. Krajicek, who beat Pete Sampras for the fourth consecutive time on route to the title, earned \$350,000 and a nice present for his daughter, Emma, who turned 1 Friday.

"I won Lipton for him," Krajicek said.

At age 27, he'll climb to a career-best fourth in next week's rankings. Grosjean, 20, earned \$150,000 and will jump from 74th into the mid-40s after reaching his first ATP Tour final.

The future arrives today

With a remarkable combination of finesse and force, the Williams sisters have made their way to an all-in-the-family final today at the Lipton Championships. Impressed opponents admit the matchup is no fluke, but

Pro tennis

rather a sign of the future.

"Their athleticism is incredible," said Steffi Graf, eliminated by Venus in the semifinals.

Serena, who beat Hingis, Coetzee and Monica Seles en route to the final, has won 16 consecutive matches and is on the threshold of her third tournament title in a row. No longer is she overshadowed by Venus, who is 15 months older.

But Venus has compiled an impressive winning streak — 11 matches in a row at Lipton, including last year's final and victories this week over Graf and Novotna.

Venus is 20 against Serena, with both matches last year. They played each other for the first time in the Australian Open in January, then at the Indian Open in May.

Two more withdraw from Family Circle event

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — U.S. Open champion Lindsay Davenport and Mary Joe Fernandez have joined Serena Williams, withdrawing from the Family Circle event.

Davenport said she strained her left wrist at the Lipton.



The Netherlands' Richard Krajicek smashes a volley from Frenchman Sebastian Grosjean Saturday during the men's final of the Lipton Championships in Key Biscayne, Fla. Krajicek won the match 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 7-5.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Lobos hire Fraschilla as basketball coach

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Brooklyn-born Fran Fraschilla will finally get to go West as the next coach at New Mexico, a decision made just four days after Dave Bliss left the Lobos to take the head coaching job at Baylor.

Fired last year at St. John's after developing an interest in the coaching vacancy at Arizona State, Fraschilla was hired Saturday by the Lobos.

His name had surfaced in openings at Georgia, San Diego State, Pittsburgh, East Carolina and Southwest Missouri State.

Vol's Holdsclaw wins final game after all

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Tennessee's Chamique Holdsclaw won her final game as a collegian after all.

Holdsclaw, The Associated Press national player of the year, scored eight points Saturday to help the West beat the East 70-44 in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association all-star game.

Former Weber State star faces charges

OGDEN, Utah — Former Weber State University football player Scott Shields has been charged with assault and disorderly conduct for allegedly hitting a fellow student.

Shields, 22, a three-time All-American expected to be drafted by an NFL team, was charged Friday for the altercation that occurred after a Weber State basketball game two weeks ago.

Worm skips Lakers practice — again

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Lakers forward Dennis Rodman, benched during the final 16 minutes of a 111-109 loss to the Sacramento Kings on Friday night, missed practice Saturday.

However, Rodman met with coach Kurt Rambis for about 30 minutes afterward, according to team spokesman John Black. Rodman will play against the New York Knicks today.

Know the score?

Read The Times-News sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

SPORTS



Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Scott Erickson signs an autograph Saturday for Anthony Taylor of Washington D.C. during a visit to a neighborhood park in Havana, Cuba, after arriving with several teammates from Florida for today's game between the Orioles and the Cuban National team.

Orioles make Cuban connection

HAVANA (AP) — Don Zimmerman barely contain himself. He gets buy-eyed talking about those old times when he played in Cuba.

"Oh, what a great place!" the New York Yankees interim manager said. "Cuba — Havana, Cuba! People fought to get to Cuba. They loved their baseball. It was electric. They went goofy for their players. Oh, Havana, Cuba, was something I'll never forget!"

Starting pitcher Scott Erickson and the rest of the Baltimore Orioles will always remember their visit. Too. The 55,000 fans who pack Latinoamericano Stadium for today's game between Baltimore and the Cuban national team will make sure of it.

"I'll let our players know that this will be the seventh game of the World Series for their country," Orioles manager Ray Miller said.

"There is might mean even more than that. It's been 40 years since a major

league team visited this one-time International League hotspot, the old home of Cincinnati's Triple-A club, the Havana Sugar Kings.

Cincinnati pitcher Brooks Lawrence made that final trip in March 1959 when the Reds played the Los Angeles Dodgers in an exhibition game at the same park, called the Gran Stadium de La Habana when it opened in 1946.

That game took place two months after a former University of Havana right-hander — Fidel Castro — took power on the communist island nation.

"It was a crazy atmosphere," Lawrence said. "The new reign was coming in. Fidel came to the dugout and talked to a few of the players."

"You saw the people walking around with guns and shooting around the ballpark. It was something."

Former Reds pitcher Joe Nuxhall also played in Havana that spring.

"There were guys with

machine guns and machetes standing everywhere," he said. "Right away we said, 'What's going on?' We go to the ballpark and they were all over there. It was scary."

In July 1960, the Sugar Kings moved to Jersey City, N.J., and American ball never returned. Pretty soon, the Cuban stars who played after the likes of Tony Oliva, Luis Tiant, Tony Perez and Camilo Pascual stopped making their way out.

Later, some young boys who left the baseball-crazed country blossomed into big leaguers — Jose Canseco, Rafael Palmeiro and Tony Fossas, among them.

And more recently, Cuban defectors have been making a major impact in the majors — 1997 World Series MVP Livan Hernandez, his older left-brother, Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, Rey Ordonez and Rolando Arjoe.

In coming years, the delicately drawn visit might lead to more American-Cuban matchups.

Irabu slouches in Yankee loss

The Associated Press

Hideki Irabu still hasn't shaken the slump that began halfway through last season and Nomar Garciaparra proved that even if he can't throw the ball he can still hit it.

Irabu allowed six runs in five innings in his third straight lackluster spring outing against major leaguers as the New York Yankees lost to the Philadelphia Phillies 11-10 Saturday at Clearwater, Fla.

"I really don't have much to say about it," Irabu said through an interpreter. "In baseball, numbers are everything and I have to pay attention to them. It's not really for me to judge the numbers."

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Garciaparra hit his third homer in two days since returning from a sore elbow as Boston tied Tampa Bay Devil Rays 4-4 in 10 innings, while at Fort St. Louis, Fla., Mario Dalmonte, who has played on two World Series champions, was given his unconditional release by the New York Mets.

In other games:
Orioles 4, Mets 3
 At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Juan Guzman allowed six hits in five innings for his third win of the spring as Baltimore won home before leaving for their historic exhibition game in Cuba.

At Bradenton, Fla., Jason Kendall and Freddy Garcia each homered twice and Brent Shown had a solo homer off Pittsburgh's five homers came off Brett Tomko, who allowed eight runs in 5.2 innings.

At Kissimmee, Fla., Greg Maddux allowed six hits and one run in six innings and Brian Hunter hit a two-run double in Atlanta's five-run first inning off Hipolito Pichardo.

At Ft. Myers, Fla., Tom Gooden had three hits as Deshaun Ross roughed up Brad Radke for seven runs in four innings.

At Jupiter, Fla., Chan Ho Park didn't allow a hit in six innings and scored the only run of the game on an error by Mark



Clayton Kershaw slouches during a double play in Boston's victory over the Yankees Saturday night during the opening of a spring training game Saturday at Orange County Stadium in Orlando, Fla.

McGwire
 Home Runs 8, Hits 7

At Houston, Fla., Tim Lincecum allowed two runs in six innings and Mark Buehrle hit a two-run, RBI single in the ninth.

At Kissimmee, Fla., Will Cordero had two doubles and two RBIs and Alex Ramirez drove in three runs.

At Melbourne, Fla., Steve Anderson homered and drove in three runs as Minnesota's grounded Tyson Strassburg for six runs in five innings.

At Ft. Myers, Fla., Tim Lincecum continued his hot hitting streak with a three-run homer and the first six Milwaukee homers got him off Brad Rigby.

At Jupiter, Fla., Chan Ho Park had a hit in six innings and scored the only run of the game on an error by Mark

George Arias hit a three-run home run.

At Mesa, Ariz., Jeff Blauvelt, who's recovery from offseason surgery to remove bone spurs in his right elbow has taken longer than expected, was 2-for-3 with an RBI and Gary Gezzi and Jose Nieves homered.

Diamondbacks 3, Giants (ex) 1
 At Tucson, Ariz., Todd Strohman allowed one run in six innings and Bernard Gilkey homered.

Padres (ex) 5, Giants (ex) 4
 At Yuma, Ariz., Gary Matthews Jr. and Andy Sheets hit back-to-back home runs in the sixth inning to lead San Diego.

Mariners 4, Angels 2
 At Tempe, Ariz., Burt Hootnick hit a two-run homer, John Mabry hit an RBI triple and Jamie Moyer won his fourth game of the spring.

M's want players to match classy park

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — The Seattle Mariners are getting a brand-new ballpark, but they still aren't sure if they're going to be able to keep Ken Griffey Jr. and/or Alex Rodriguez.

They're going to try their best, though prices for free agents keep skyrocketing.

And Griffey and Rodriguez might become the most popular free agents of all time if the Mariners can't get the two All-Stars to sign extensions before their contracts run out after the 2000 season.

"There is this thing going," Mariners' president Chuck Armstrong said of rising player salaries. "I wish I knew."

Scheduled to move from the drab Kingdome into sparkling

Safeco Field on July 15, the Mariners watched in horror from the sidelines in the offseason, when they weren't a major free-agent player.

Kevin Brown signed a \$105 million contract for seven years with the Dodgers, Mike Piazza was handed \$91 million for seven years by the Mets and Mo Vaughn got \$80 million for six years from the Angels.

Armstrong sees the numbers as major-league suicide.

"It's really discouraging and frustrating," he said. "There's going to be some clubs going broke and some clubs having to relocate."

Even with a new retractable-roof stadium with grass, can the Mariners compete economically

with high-budget giants such as the Yankees, the Dodgers, the Braves and the Orioles?

In 1995, the year that was supposed to be the Mariners' banner season with the move to their new \$498 million stadium, the franchise has a cloud over it.

Seattle's owners will have a \$3 million player payroll this season, the same as last season. The Yankees' payroll will be close to \$90 million.

Armstrong won't talk specifics about what the Mariners are willing to give Griffey and Rodriguez, but there has been speculation that Rodriguez — six years younger than Griffey at 23 — will be in line for a \$20-million-a-season contract from some team if he becomes a free agent.

League won't pitch to androstenedione

The Associated Press

Baseball is beginning the season by pitching around andro.

"Our policy is, we really don't want to see Oakland Athletics trainer Larry Davis said.

Unlike the Olympics, the NFL, the NCAA, the men's and women's tennis tours, and most recently the NBA among others that have taken stands against steroid use, baseball is going into another season without any rules about potentially dangerous performance-enhancing substances.

No one among the owners, union or commissioner's office was heard from on the matter.

McGwire's home run record or tackle the thorny issue of drug-testing by barring androstenedione and other testosterone boosters.

So they commissioned a study of andro by Harvard scientists and held off a decision until those results, and possibly more studies, are in.

That means virtually no chance of a ban this season.

"It's legal," McGwire said. "Major league baseball is not the IOC. It had absolutely nothing to do with me hitting a baseball. It had something to do with getting through the workouts during the

season when you're worn down as an athlete."

Gabe Kapler, the Detroit Tigers rookie center fielder who has appeared on the cover of several bodybuilding magazines, agreed with McGwire that andro is "not going to make you hit any better."

Rockies left fielder Dante Bichette said he stopped taking andro last season because "there was too much negativity about it ... like it is illegal or something like that."

"It wasn't that I was scared of it, because I didn't feel any effects from it," Bichette said. "It was simply because of the bad press that it got. I didn't want people to judge me for it. It was helping me a lot, then I might have stuck with it."

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WEST

Bridge tenders remain patient, ever on-the-alert

Work on the river appeals to those seeking solitary life

VACAVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Dixon has its lambs, Vacaville has its ridges and Fairfield has the courthouse. And Rio Vista has THE bridge.

The bridge across the Sacramento River — known for years as the Rio Vista Bridge until it was renamed last year in memory of local civic leader Helen Madere — is one of the fastest ways to the delta from these parts. But when a ship or boat requires the bridge to open its steel span to pass traffic on state Highway 12 is halted — sometimes for several minutes.

The responsibility, and often the blame, falls upon the on-duty bridge tender like veterans Virginia Tyler, Janet Wilcox and Steve Esperson.

They watch, much like a lookout on a ship's crow's-nest, scanning the water for vessels of all sizes and monitor radio communications.

"It's like being on the river," said Esperson.

In addition to a usual stream of traffic, an average day can differ from experiencing calm water to wind-whipped white caps and conflicting tides, to sunshine or fog.

But Esperson explained his priority is to warn traffic to stop so the 300-foot hydraulic bridge section can be raised for a large ship or smaller watercraft.



Steve Esperson, bridge tender on the Rio Vista bridge, checks auto traffic on the bridge December 16, 1998.

When drivers hear the bells and whistles, that's when the four barrels kick in. Nobody wants to see them under any bridge to.

If it takes 20 minutes for a ship to pass, including time to raise and lower the span, the "traveling public gets a little impatient. But we seriously advise when you see the red light and hear bells and whistles, just stop and wait instead of run on through."

Waiting, however, can stir up a slow boil for some.

"When traffic starts up again they often have a little greeting for me," Esperson said, referring to obscene finger gestures and angry horn honking. "When they start yelling, I just

get behind the concrete. "But we do try to work with emergency traffic and Solano dispatch," he added. "We can accommodate them unless a ship is right here."

Rear-end accidents happen on the bridge when traffic is stopped.

"As we start to get down a gage, maybe five, six or seven cars will try to make it by, but the next gage has no choice but to stop and somebody behind him comes backing up and doesn't."

Esperson said his fellow bridge tenders are Caltrans employees who handle routine shifts solo and use a delicate touch to direct the most automated bridge controls.

"These bridges are a real kind of jokers, but we think it's a great job," he said.

Esperson is a Rio Vista native who took a different occupational turn than his father, a farmer.

"I like being on the river," he explained. "Look at the atmosphere. It's great for a load of lumber, but we think it's a great job."

With pride, he recalls the bridge was "once called the most beautiful bridge Rio Vista," he said.

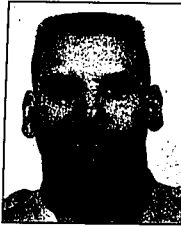
Former Tombstone marshal steps closer to vindication after firing

TOMBSTONE, Ariz. (AP) — More than a century after Wyatt Earp walked the streets of this faded, ornery Old West town, Bobby Genercer took his turn as its marshal.

Until the mayor and council fired him for insubordination. Now, Genercer may be getting the last laugh. Or certainly, at least, some satisfaction.

He's hoping there'll be some cash, too. A state appeals court has upheld a lower court's ruling that his July 1997 firing was invalid because former Mayor Delmas "Gene" Harper and the council violated Arizona's open meeting law.

The city of Tombstone — once a silver mining boom town and more recently a tourist draw, thanks to Earp's 30-second gunfight at the OK Corral — has appealed to the Arizona Supreme Court. A decision whether to hear



Bobby Genercer Former Tombstone marshal

the appeal could be months off. Genercer doesn't want his old job back. He's now a Cochise County sheriff's deputy.

And guess where he's patrolling these days.

Of course, in Tombstone.

"It's my home," he said. Genercer said he's encountered ex-council members on occasion, including one who favored his dismissal. "I don't carry a grudge or anything," he said. "I'm still providing public service."

Genercer was replaced as town marshal — Tombstone's police chief — by Max Hurlbut. When Mayor Bill Brett was elected last year, replacing Harper, he dismissed Hurlbut and named yet another new marshal.

Superior Court Judge Allen Minker and the appeals court found that the city had grounds to terminate Genercer "but that we didn't do it right," said Tom Clark, a Tucson attorney representing Tombstone on the appeal. Genercer's dismissal and court fight were but another partisan

battle in a series that has come to mark political life in this small town. Tombstone's unofficial motto seems to be "don't get mad, get even."

Disagreements between officeholders and constituents often have spilled over into conflicts and disputes. Since 1977, there have been four recall petition drives launched. One that targeted Harper and two others against city council members were voided on technicalities. One councilwoman was recalled.

Genercer, 40, joined the six-member police force in 1983. He worked up through the ranks before being appointed marshal in 1992. Five years into the job,

Harper and the city council informed him in June 1997 that they would consider firing him.

The mayor accused Genercer of insubordination and of failing to supervise his officers. Harper contended that Genercer failed to carry out his order at a council meeting to remove audience members making noise.

On July 14, the council convened and went into a closed, executive session, referring Genercer's job to a three-member committee of the council to hear the allegations of insubordination and incompetence.

The committee denied Genercer's request to hold the hearing in public.

After a three-hour session, it voted 2-1 to find him guilty of insubordination and recommend firing him. The council then recessed and approved another motion to fire Genercer.

Minker rebuffed the termination void because the action violated the state's open meeting law. He also said the violation nullified the vote to fire Genercer because the committee's and the council's actions were "part of the same meeting," which ignored open meeting requirements.

Genercer said he had looked at being Tombstone's marshal as a career. But he said the same kind of "factions" have plagued its politics since the days of Earp.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Class at CSI will offer techniques for selling

TWIN FALLS - A 15-hour class in selling techniques is scheduled through the College of Southern Idaho's trade and industry center April 28.

Tim Border of Self Management Systems in Layton, Utah, will conduct the one-week course called 21st Century Selling Techniques. The class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the Desert Building, room 113. Cost is \$285 per person, which includes books.

Border runs a high-energy, hands-on class that instructs sales people on future sales techniques in presentation styles, how to sell yourself, recognizing the personalities and profiles in selling, the importance of product knowledge and how to close the sale. The class is geared toward adding professionalism in all selling endeavors, a news release said.

For more information or to reserve a place in the class for you or for an employee, call Ruth House at 733-9554, Ext. 2301.

Better Business Bureau seeks local nominations

BOISE - The Better Business Bureau serving southwest Idaho and eastern Oregon invites nominations for the 1999 Integrity Council business honors program.

The program is an opportunity for consumers, suppliers, users, shareholders, employees and communities to acknowledge businesses they believe demonstrate a commitment to integrity and ethical business practices.

Nominations will be accepted through April 30. Nominations are open to all, including your own company. Submit a letter, stating why the business merits becoming an Integrity Council recipient, to Better Business Bureau Inc., 4619 Emerald Suite A2, Boise, ID 83706. Or call 342-4649, fax to 342-5116, or send e-mail to info@boisebbb.org.

Past Integrity Council recipients have represented a cross section of all industries and business sizes. A gala will be held Sept. 30 to honor 1999 nominees and recipients.

Hallmark begins rollout of new, low-priced cards

Hallmark Cards Inc. this weekend begins its biggest product rollout ever by giving away 24 million cards from its new low-priced Warm Wishes line.

To back the giveaway blitz, Hallmark is spending \$50 million to tell the story of Warm Wishes, a line of 1,040 cards selling for 99 cents, designed for poor casual relationships such as neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances.

Eventually, Hallmark will give away 36 million Warm Wishes cards in the rollout, which will run through August. The line will be sold as 20,000 retailers that sell Hallmark products.

"Consumers told us they wanted to be able to use cards for more occasions but at a lower cost," said Hallmark spokeswoman Linda Odell. "We didn't know how much revenue Hallmark hoped to generate from the new card line."

14 other airlines adopt United's e-ticket system

Seven years ago when United Airlines began development of an electronic ticket system, the company expected it to be popular with customers.

But United never dreamed competing airlines would like it so much.

El Al Israel Airlines last week became the 14th airline to purchase the computer-based electronic ticketing program that United unveiled to its California Shuttle by United customers in 1994.

"We were in a unique position, because we were first with the program," said Kurt Ebenboch, a United information systems project manager.

Among carriers that have acquired the systems are Air Canada, British Airways, Australia's Qantas Airways and VARIG Brazilian Airlines.

"It really has grown in popularity," said Ebenboch. He said 40 million of United's customers flew on electronic tickets last year, and more than 100 million worldwide used E-tickets for their flights.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Nailing it down

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Finding a reliable contractor was simpler when Idaho was more rural and local folk knew one another.

But in modern-day, urban Idaho, the man who builds a new home isn't so likely to be the neighbor's brother-in-law. Tales of fly-by-night operations, shoddy work and brokenhearted homeowners have the construction industry asking the state for rules.

"The guy who gives you a \$10 haircut has to have a license, but the guy who builds your \$200,000 home

doesn't have to have a license," said Rep. Jeff Allits, R-Hayden, who is drafting legislation to require licenses for all general contractors. He'll present it in the 2000 legislative session.

Those in the industry are having similar ideas.

"Anybody can be a contractor, and anybody can show up and start pounding nails," said Kevin Bradshaw, president of Magic Valley Builders Association and owner of KAB Home Designs Inc. in Twin Falls. He's involved in a separate bill-writing effort.

"The ultimate goal is to offer consumers a better product. Please see CONSTRUCTION, Page D2.



Home builder John Devine checks the blueprints of a home under construction on Tarpee Drive in Twin Falls.

Lawmakers will look at reducing red tape

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

BOISE - Lawmakers will look at streamlining how the state deals with the construction industry this summer.

A common location and leadership could help state agencies dealing with public works, building safety supervision, state licensing requirements for public works projects, larger commercial projects and application of the national energy code, said Rep. Lee Gagner, R-Idaho Falls.

Gagner, a general contractor, developer and real estate broker, carried the resolution to create an interim committee to study "the efficiency and the economic impact of state government relative to the construction industry," he said.

The construction industry in Idaho is second

Join the debate

Construction industry professionals are invited to a meeting from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesday at NWIT's community room, 11 Blue Lakes Blvd., N. Twin Falls. For more information, call Bradshaw at 733-0055.

Valley's construction activity soars

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Idaho's total construction activity reached a record value in 1998, and the Magic Valley's portion rose \$30 million over the year before.

After two years of dropping, the state's construction value rose 7.5 percent over 1997 to reach \$1.86 billion last year, said the Idaho Construction Report, compiled by First Security Bank economist Kelly K. Matthews.

The report's Magic Valley numbers are drawn from Gooding, Harley, Ketchum, Sun Valley, Jerome, Mountain Home, Shoshone, Twin Falls and Rupert; Cassia County; and the unincorporated portions of Twin Falls, Blaine and Minidoka counties.

The local number of new homes declined slightly — counting single-family, multi-family and mobile-home units. The Magic Valley issued permits for 1,269 new dwelling units in 1997 and 1,207 in 1998, the report said.

Cities in Blaine County, however, saw a rise in new homes. Harley's permits rose from 80 in 1997 to 93 in 1998. Ketchum's rose from 52 to 83; and Sun Valley's from 26 to 33. Most of that increase was in multifamily units; there were no mobile homes among them in either year.

For 1999, Idaho's forecast for total construction value and for single-family building permits is a 10 percent decline. Net in-migration and new-job growth both are expected to slow this year, the report said.

Furthermore, interest rates — which have fallen in each of the past two years — may stabilize or edge higher in 1999.

Its concerns about government, Gagner said. But he doesn't want to see the study get too broad.

If the construction industry has other issues — such as seeking licensing for home builders — it should work them out and present the consensus in legislation, he said.

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Construction industry asks

Idaho officials for regulations

"The guy who gives you a \$10 haircut has to have a license, but the guy who builds your \$200,000 home doesn't."

— Rep. Jeff Allits, R-Hayden

Hello, dollar!

Americans know how to cash in

By Peter Carlson
The Washington Post

Say what you want about Monica Lewinsky's morals or her lackadaisical laundering habits, but you've got to admit the woman knows how to play the game of cashing in.

Cashing in is the great American alchemy, the process by which the straw of fame is spun into gold. Lewinsky is cashing in as an American as her infamy as White House trollop with a scriptwriter, TV and magazine deals worth an estimated \$3 million — and counting — more.

And this week, George Stephanopoulos, who already cashed in on his Clinton connections to become a TV pundit, releases his own \$2.75 million cash-in memoir, "All Too Human."

Cashing in is as American as vaudeville, the chaquetauq circuit, the celebrity endorsement commercial and the quickie, ghostwritten tell-all autobiography — all prominent means of cashing in at various times in our history.



Monica Lewinsky

In America, cashing in is a wonderfully democratic process. Whether you achieved fame through good deeds or bad, heroic acts or heinous ones — if you've got the fame, we've got the money. This is, after all, the country where everybody is famous for 15 minutes and that's plenty of time to hack out a celebrity autobiography.

Washington is the capital of cashing in, a town where politicians cash in by becoming lobbyists, reporters cash in by becoming public relations flacks, generals cash in by going to work for defense contractors — and where the defeated presidential candidate goes for 15 minutes as a celebrity poster boy for erectile dysfunction.

Cashing in is a perk available to the president or the president's wife or the president's mistress or the president's wife's astrologer or even the president's dog, "Joni Quigley." Nancy Reagan, an astrologer, cashed in on her 15 minutes of fame with a celebrity autobiography titled "What I Don't Say." Millie, President Bush's dog, collaborated with Barbara Bush on a celebrity autobiography that earned \$89.99 in royalties, donated to charity.

And Lewinsky was not the first presidential mistress to cash in on her sins. Judith Campbell Exner, who fell for a grab for the brass ring and missed the big bucks.

In other places, the wages of sin may be less, but in America the pay is considerably better, particularly if the sinner is attractive enough to pose for jeans and jeans spreads. In 1987, Donna Rice, Gary Hart's sweet young paramour, was hired to appear in an ad for No. Excuse me, purring, "I have no excuses, I just wear them" — followed a couple of years later by Marla

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Craig Barrett, CEO of Intel Corp., left, speaks with John Roth, CEO of Nortel Networks, and Lew Platt, CEO of Hewlett-Packard Co., at the Tech Museum in San Jose, Calif., March 25.



Intel fails to understand consumers

By Dan Gillmor
Knight Ridder News Service

A little more than four years ago, Intel Corp. danced into a public-relations buzz when it laughed off PC users' worries about a calculation bug in the then-new Pentium microprocessor. The company ultimately did

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the right thing when it offered to replace the errant chips, no questions asked.

On Monday, Intel began to remedy another callous corporate decision. It backed off, to a

degree, from its ill-founded plan to put an identification system into its upcoming Pentium III chips.

The differences in Intel's approach from late 1994 to early 1999 show a company that has developed more sophisticated public-relations methods. Unfor-

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MONEY

Prospect of global recovery may provide new leadership for U.S. stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time in months, a company may not need a sassy "com" in its name to get some attention on Wall Street.

This past week, the chairman of Caterpillar Inc. said the construction equipment maker's earnings outlook was improving amid signs of economic recovery in Japan and Latin America.

An analyst upgraded Procter & Gamble's investment rating, saying the consumer products company should benefit from a global restructuring.

And Merrill Lynch issued a sweeping upgrade of Brazilian stocks.

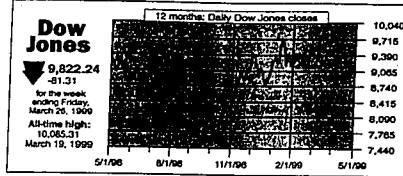
The world economy is improv-

Wall Street week in review

ing — maybe enough, analysts said, to allow soaring Internet and technology stocks to pass the mantle of market leadership to more traditional performers like basic materials and consumer products companies.

"Each of these sectors suffered from the loss of demand due to Asia's slump," said John Lonski, senior economist at Moody's Investors Service.

"But in the latter half of 1999, exactly when U.S. household expenditures will begin to show exhaustion, U.S. companies could



get boost from overseas customers, particularly from Asia. Give me a sufficient number of positive earnings surprises, and

that could trigger a change" in the stock market's leadership, Lonski said.

Companies like Caterpillar and

Deere could benefit from the growth in construction projects abroad. Consumer products companies including Procter & Gamble, Colgate Palmolive and Coca-Cola could sell more soap and soft drinks. And U.S. manufacturers with overseas plants, such as General Motors, could quickly increase production to take advantage of growing local demand.

All of these companies are watching carefully for signs of a global turnaround.

In eastern Asia, economic reforms are beginning to improve production. And the region appears to be close with most of the painful currency devaluations

that began in Thailand in July 1997.

Moreover, Asian investors are pouring money into their own stock markets, an early sign of economic growth, Lonski said.

As for Latin America, Charles Leonides, managing director of Sterling Advisors at Credit Suisse, said, "there are a swirl of indications that the worst is behind us."

Trends in western Europe are harder to read, analysts said, especially with NATO's bombing of Yugoslavia and the resignation on March 11 of Germany's finance minister, Oskar Lafontaine.

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sumer protection," he said.

The goal

"This is an industry asking to be regulated," Richard McCaughey said.

McCaughey is governmental affairs director for the Building Contractors Association of Southwestern Idaho, and he works on policy and legislative issues for the Building Contractors Association.

All it takes is one bad contractor and "the whole industry gets painted with the same big, broad, black brush," McCaughey said.

"I think it's time we looked at professionalizing it in the state and giving some protection to consumers."

Through a registration system, the state could have periodic verification that a contractor has liability insurance and worker's compensation coverage. The state also could make that information available to consumers, he said.

The effort has been criticized by big guys trying to keep little guys out, McCaughey said. That's why the building association never has asked for monumental requirements, for example, or for 10 years' experience in

the business.

"People who want to build their own homes aren't the target, either, Bradshaw said. And the annual registration fee would be minimal.

Builders' effort

The IBCA never has had its members' universal support for registration, but over the years it has developed an official policy of support, McCaughey said. The association has presented contractor-registration legislation before, "with abject failure every time, for a variety of reasons."

Bradshaw is asking builders, contractors and subcontractors for their input in the association's newest bill-drafting effort. Nonmembers are welcome to participate.

A House bill that nearly passed in 1998 is the starting point. It sought, among other things, to require contractors to register with the state, to prohibit issuing building permits to unregistered contractors; and to require registration before a contractor could use provisions of Idaho's lien law.

Other issues for possible inclusion are mandatory ongoing education for contractors, and proof of bond and liability insurance,

Bradshaw said.

Bradshaw and his IBCA counterparts elsewhere in Idaho will meet in Lewiston in April to compile comments from their areas before meeting with a few lawmakers to fine-tune their bill, he said.

All or nothing

A simple registration system isn't enough for John Devine. The owner of Devine Homes in Twin Falls advocates regulation with teeth — licenses that can be revoked. Either that, he said, or don't give consumers the illusion of protection. "Registered" on a builder's business card won't mean anything.

In the same breath, he cautions it's impossible to provide total consumer protection.

"You still have to pay attention to who you're doing business with," he said.

If the IBCA comes up with legislation he likes, he'll actively support it, said Devine, chairman of IBCA's legislative committee.

If it drafts something he can't support, he'll quickly resign "so they can get someone with fire in their belly on it."

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rately, Monday's action also shows that the company hasn't yet grasped some essential facts about consumers.

The Pentium III chips will have much to recommend them beyond speed and number-crunching capabilities. For instance, they'll also include a sophisticated "random-number generator" that can improve encryption, the scrambling of data to keep it away from prying eyes.

Intel stumbled, however, when it announced last week that the chips would also include always-on identification numbers. The company claimed the numbering scheme would make electronic commerce safer by assuring merchants, among others, that they were dealing with legitimate buyers.

To understand the problem, consider another kind of numeric identifier: the unique Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) that's stamped into every new car. The VIN is helpful in recovering stolen cars and essential in learning the history of a used car.

Now think about how you'd feel if your VIN included a transmitter, which sent out a signal giving your location at all times. Intel's plans were a rough equivalent for people who wanted to track the Web.

There's no reason to doubt Intel when it says it gave serious thought to consumer privacy when it came up with this scheme. Equally plain, the company failed to think it all the way through — or concluded that corporate Big Brotherism was a small price to pay for the marginal gains in some kinds of consumer transactions.

Can you easily see why Intel's friends in the software industry would love the identifier system. They could use it to enforce what are anti-privacy policies, but the reality is that they'd make life more difficult for honest software users, not just dishonest ones.

Intel's vow not to compile a database of chip users rings hollow to me. Corporate plans have a way of changing, and the advantages of this technology for those who want to collect valuable consumer information — or to police — are too obvious to be resisted.

view by putting it in writing, with clear and serious penalties for breaking the agreement. But someone will create this database even if Intel doesn't — and it will be used to invade privacy in unprecedented ways.

When it comes to making e-commerce safer, Intel's initiative sets off a BS detector, because there's a better way that doesn't track individual computers. Intel could use all of its considerable clout to push for a global infrastructure for easy-to-use, ubiquitous "public-key encryption," a method of data-scrambling that's extremely safe and has the added benefit of verifying who is on each end of the data exchange.

The government, of course, has only paranoid thoughts about the ability of criminals to keep their conversations private — even if the same technology will keep safe the conversations of the majority of people, who happen to be honest. So a variety of government officials and agencies are doing their absolute best to thwart development of a robust public-key infrastructure. Like other tech companies, Intel talks a good game on this, but doesn't follow through.

At least, in the current matter, Intel has agreed to make the default status Off for the Pentium III ID numbers. That's progress.

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TRADEWINDS

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Maples, the comely model who broke up Donald Trump's marriage.

Jessica Hahn, the church secretary who achieved fame for her brief fling with televangelist Jim Bakker — was earning nearly a million bucks for appearing in 10-page Playboy pictorial.

"People criticize me for taking advantage of opportunities," she said at the time. "But I believe God is opening the door."

In America, crime does pay. You could fill a fair-size bookshelf with the memoirs of celebrity criminals like Willie Sutton, Sammy "the Bull" Gravano, and Joseph "Joe Dogs" Iannuzzi, who followed up his autobiography with a book of recipes, "The Mafia Cookbook," which sold so well he's writing a sequel.

And then there's Sydney Bibeau Barrows, who achieved '80s fame by getting busted for running a high-class call girl operation in New York City. Dubbing the Mayflower Steamship, she cashed in with a best-selling autobiography, a made-for-TV movie and a book on etiquette.

Last month, hideous pictures of her face lit up a cover of *Playboy's* Bazaar magazine — a little preview of her next book.

Cashing in makes strange bedfellows. Back in the '60s, C. Gordon Liddy, then a New York prosecutor, used to read the home of Timothy Leary, the LSD guru. Twenty years later, after Liddy had served prison terms, they hit the lecture circuit together, staging a sort of intellectual mud-wrestling match that was later made into a movie.

Cashing in is such a part of American culture we hardly think about it. But, once the Americans were willing to walk

away from the spotlight without fattening their bankbooks first. After the Civil War, Robert E. Lee declined big money to write his memoirs, saying that by doing so "I should be trading on the blood of my men." A noble sentiment, but not one shared by politicians and business leaders.

In 1971, William F. Coody, an Army sergeant and Buffalo hunter, declined an offer of \$200 a week to play himself in the play *Buffalo Bill, King of the Border Scouts*. But within a few years, he'd cashed in eagerly, touring the world in his famous Wild West revue.

The great Apache warrior Geronimo found his own way to profit. After fighting fiercely for decades to avoid becoming part of the American way of life, Geronimo surrendered in 1886 and soon demonstrated a great natural talent for cashing in. He dictated an autobiography and traveled to fairs and exhibitions, where he sold photos of himself and picked up extra money along the way.

"When the train stopped at stations," wrote biographer Angie Debo, "he cut business from his shirt and sold them at 25 cents each to the eager spectators, and for 55, he would sell his hat."

Believe it or not, some people are offended by this whole phenomenon. When Geraldine Ferraro cashed in on her fame as a vice presidential candidate by doing a book and Tia O'Neil cashed in on his fame as a House speaker by doing ads for American Express and Miller Lite, columnist Edna Gosselin denounced cashing in as "the process by which America turns every achievement into a hustle and every achiever into a hustler."



Mevra Heinrich

TWIN FALLS — Mevra Heinrich has been promoted to resource director of Living Independence Network Corp., and Phyllis Williams recently joined LINC as office coordinator.

Heinrich has been at LINC for five years as community services specialist. She has had extensive training in issues regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. She is board chairman of the Crisis Center of Magic Valley and past chairman of United Vision for Idaho.

Williams brings experience in office administration, personnel, accounting, public relations and volunteer work to her new job.

Anyone with questions regarding the ADA or disabilities is encouraged to call 733-1712 or visit the new office at 139 Third Ave. S.

Tradewinds appear every Sunday in the Money section.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Gene and Ellie Sharp have joined Realty in Twin Falls.

Gene has been in the real estate business in Twin Falls for 14 years. He is a Multi-Million Dollar Producer and holds GRI and CRS designations.

Ellie has lived in Twin Falls for 24 years and has been a Realtor for the past seven years. She is a Million Dollar Producer and holds the GRI designation.

TWIN FALLS — Several Twin Falls-area chiropractors recently participated in a milestone research project for the chiropractic profession.

Timothy J. Schneider, Marshall J. Gohl, Spencer G. Williams and Geoffrey Gohly completed a survey developed by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, an international testing agency

for the chiropractic profession. The NBCE project was undertaken to define the tasks, duties and professional responsibilities common to U.S. chiropractors.

The resulting "Report of Chiropractic Practice in the United States" will have numerous applications in chiropractic testing, education, research and other areas.

TWIN FALLS — Avonmore West has announced recent hirings and promotions at its four Magic Valley locations.

Kathy Jacobson and Loren Ward were hired as residential real estate agents in Richfield.

Jacobson is head of the food applications group for the protein, lactose and meat stocks with AMPIC Inc. in Ames, Iowa, she also worked at Nutrasweet in Illinois, where she helped develop the Simplex fat substitute.

Ward held a similar position

for Schreiber Foods in Green Bay, Wis., and worked for Heart to Heart Foods and Willow Lane Dairy in Utah.

Deena Shevlin has been hired as a production supervisor in Richfield. His experience includes welding and fabrication of stainless steel carbon steel for Swamp Industries in Persis, Calif. He also held several supervisory warehouse and packaging positions for Golden Cheese Co. of California in Corona.

Nathan Baumann and Gary Diekemper have been named production supervisors at the Gooding wheat plant.

Baumann has worked at the Gooding plant since 1966.

He previously worked in construction for Tri-States Excavation in Bellevue. Diekemper worked for Mid-American Builders in Bartles, Neb., before joining Avonmore in 1997.

TWIN FALLS — Doyle Haney has been hired in a new position as information services technician. He previously worked in several other positions for Avonmore, including cheese warehouse manager in Gooding.

Gene Sharp
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MAKING A COMEBACK

Workers with dark pasts find sunny days at new companies

Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — Steal the copy machine? Gripe a subordinate? Point a loaded gun at a boss? The sweaty brow of your immediate supervisor?

"Maybe you just bungled the account. Maybe it was all just a terrible misunderstanding, but you had to hit the street anyway, stuck with a stigma and forced to convince potential employers that your past won't be prologue."

"It's haunting me," said Steven Laros, a Pennsylvania truck driver who was dismissed after he used a drug test, then arrested after he was accused of threatening to shoot some supervisors.

"Probably the most horrible experience of my life," said Jerold MacKenzie, a former Miller Brewing Co. executive in Milwaukee who was let go after he told a female coworker about a suggestive episode of "Seinfeld."

Though some large companies insist they aren't downsized their hiring standards, headhunters say the market in general is indeed far more forgiving, especially if workers with a calamity-filled "curriculum vitae" are willing to settle for less. Particularly in the technology sector, the amount of baggage someone can draw into a new job these days is considerable.

"Anything short of murder," said Richard Meissner, head of permanent recruiting at United Staffing Systems, a Manhattan firm that specializes in high-tech staffing. "And even then, I have candidates who have manslaughter charges against them. I have them out working."

The reason? The deeper employers dip into the shrinking prospect pool, the more polluted it seems, according to employee background firms.

"Employers are getting to the point that if they are breathing, they will hire them," said Barry Nadell, president of Infolink Screening Services in Los Angeles, which runs background checks for companies.

"Although some companies are compelled to swallow hard and bring aboard the besmirched, many are less likely to find out about a career-cripping fiasco from the past. A Supreme Court ruling in 1997, which held that an employee could sue his old company for defamation because it gave him a bad reference, has limited what information a prospective employer is able to pry from a past employer.

Employers are likely to do little more than confirm the job title and dates of employment

because they fear getting sued if they say something negative. "You can't say 'Hey, he's a thief.' You should see his expense reports," said Craig Pratt, a human resources consultant in Alameda, Calif.

Complicating matters is the fact that companies are likely to fire somebody for, say, theft, rather than prosecute them, said Peg Thoms, a Pennsylvania State University researcher who studies employee theft. She said they are unlikely to keep a written record of a theft, let alone pass the information along during a reference.

"We had a guy a day before yesterday — 56 counts of misdemeanor and felonies. I kind of laughed when I saw what was on his record," said Merrill Mat Williamson, who runs an employee investigation firm in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Despite a string of thefts and assaults, batteries included, the factory considering the applicant hired... him... anyway. And Williamson said a finite company in the area decided to retain a recently hired high-level employee after it learned she had embezzled several thousand dollars from her past employer.

"The employer said, 'Well, that's nice to know,'" she said. "Their reaction surprised me."

The worst thing somebody can do is slink ashamedly away from society, said Victor Karcher, a successful real estate agent in Annapolis, Md. After retiring from the Navy as a captain, the Vietnam War combat pilot eventually became the chief financial officer of a biomedical firm that sold and serviced instrumentation used in AIDS and cancer research.

Three years later, however, he was accused of embezzling \$350,000 and was fired. He joined a real estate franchise while awaiting prosecution. The 60-year-old Karcher was

convicted in January and was ordered to serve a year of house arrest and pay restitution — something he's now in a position to do.

"I didn't bury myself. I didn't hide myself in a corner," he said. "You take a look at the president, and he's kept his job."

If people can bounce back from a bad rep, however, it's frequently not very high. Laros was working as a truck driver in Bethlehem, Pa., in June when he failed a random drug test and was told he was being let go. A co-worker claimed Laros threatened to come back and "start shooting people."

Laros denied threatening anybody, and other employees ultimately backed him up. The charges were dropped, but not before Laros had been put in jail for "the longest 11 days of my life."

A 39-year-old father of two teenage boys, Laros had to haul his local infamy back into the job market. During one of the rare times he got to the interview stage, a would-be employer asked him why he had left his last job. Laros tried to explain, "I could see he made up his mind right there," he said.

Two weeks ago, he finally snagged what he considers to be a pretty poor job working as a courier on commission, using his own vehicle and paying his own fuel bills. "If I could get a (good) job, I suppose I could forget about it," he said of his firing.

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MONEY

Prospect of global recovery may provide new leadership for U.S. stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time in months, a company may not need a steady "boom" in the name to get some attention on Wall Street.

This past week, the chairman of Caterpillar Inc. said the construction equipment maker's earnings outlook was improving amid signs of economic recovery in Japan and Latin America.

An analyst at investment firm RBC's Gambale's investment rating, saying the consumer products company should benefit from a global restructuring.

And Merrill Lynch issued a sweeping upgrade of Biotech stocks.

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Wall Street week in review

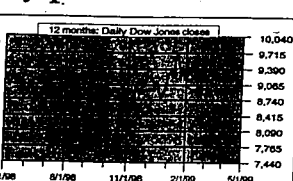
ing, maybe enough, analysts said, to allow soaring Internet and technology stocks to pass the mantle of market leadership to more traditional performers like basic materials and consumer products companies.

Each of these sectors suffered from the loss of demand due to Asia's slump," said John Lonski, senior economist at Moody's Investors Service.

"But in the latter half of 1999, especially when U.S. household expenditures will begin to show expansion, U.S. companies could

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get boost from overseas customers, particularly from Asia. Give me a sufficient number of positive earnings surprises, and

that could trigger a change" in the stock market's leadership, Lonski said.

Construction

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summer projection," he said.

The goal

"This is an industry making to be regulated," Richard McCaughey said.

McCaughey is governmental affairs director for the Building Contractors Association of Southwest Idaho, which works on policy and legislative issues for the Idaho Building Contractors Association.

All it takes is one bad contractor and the whole industry gets painted with the same big, broad, black brush," McCaughey said.

"I think it's time we looked at professionalizing it in the state and giving some protection to consumers."

Through a registration system, the state could have periodic verification that a contractor has liability insurance and workers' compensation coverage. The state also could make that information available to consumers, he said.

The effort has been criticized as big guys trying to keep little guys out, McCaughey said. That's why he's building associations never has asked for monumental bonding requirements, for example, or for 30 years' experience in

the business. People who want to build their own homes aren't the target, either, Bradshaw said. And the annual registration fee would be minimal.

Builders' effort

The IBCA never has had its members' universal support for registration, but over the years it has developed an official policy of support, McCaughey said. The association has presented contractor-registration legislation before, "with a slight failure every time, for a variety of reasons."

Bradshaw is asking builders, contractors and subcontractors to press this week for their input in the association's newest bill-drafting effort. Nonmembers are welcome to participate.

A House bill that nearly passed in 1998 is the starting point. It sought, among other things, to require contractors to register with the state, to prohibit building permits to unregistered contractors, and to require registration before a contractor could use provisions of Idaho's Uniform Consumer Warranty Act.

Other issues for possible inclusion are mandatory ongoing education for contractors, and proof of bond and liability insurance.

Bradshaw said. Bradshaw and his IBCA counterparts elsewhere in Idaho will meet in Lewiston in April to compile comments from their areas before meeting with a few lawmakers to fine-tune their bill, he said.

All or nothing

A simple registration system isn't enough for John Devine. The owner of Devine Homes in Twin Falls advocates regulation with teeth — licenses that can be revoked. Either that, he said, or don't give consumers the illusion of protection. "Registered" on a builder's business card won't mean anything.

In the same breath, he cautions it's impossible to provide total consumer protection.

"You still have to pay attention to who you're doing business with," he said.

If the IBCA comes up with legislation he likes, he'll actively support it, said Devine, chairman of IBCA's legislative committee.

If it drafts something he can't support, he'll quickly resign "so they can get someone with fire in their belly on it."

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Online

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tunately, Monday's action also showed that the company hasn't yet grasped some essential things about consumers.

The anti-spam chips will have much to recommend them beyond mere speed and anti-spam capabilities. For instance, they'll also include a sophisticated "random number generator," which could improve encryption, the scrambling of data to keep it away from prying eyes.

Intel stumbled, however, when it announced last week that the chips would also include always-on identification numbers. The company claimed the numbering scheme would make electronic commerce safer by assuring merchants, among others, that they were dealing with legitimate buyers.

To understand the problem, consider another example of a identifier: the unique Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) that's stamped into every new car. The VIN is helpful in recognizing stolen cars and essential in learning the history of a used car.

Now think about how you'd feel if your VIN included a transponder, which sent out a signal giving your location at all times. Intel's plans were a rough equivalent for people who wanted to be tracked around the Web.

There's no reason to doubt Intel when it says it gave serious thought to consumer privacy when it came up with this scheme. Equally plain, the company failed to think it all the way through — or concluded that corporations, Big Brother, were a small price to pay for some marginal gains in some kinds of consumer transactions.

You can easily see why Intel's friends in the software industry would love the identifier system. They could use it to enforce when they call anti-spam policies, but the reality is that they'd make life more difficult for honest software users, not just dishonest ones.

Intel's vow not to compile a database of chip users rings hollow to me. Corporate plans have a way of changing, and the advantages of a technology firm those who want to collect valuable consumer information — or to police — are too obvious to the rest of the world.

Intel could make me trust its

vow by putting it in writing, with clear and serious penalties for breaking the agreement. But consumers will create this database using their e-mail — and it will be used to invade privacy in unprecedented ways.

When it comes to making e-commerce safer, Intel's initiative seems off by a big margin, because there's a better way that doesn't track individual companies. Intel could use all of its considerable clout to push for a global infrastructure for one-time, ubiquitous "public-key encryption," a method of data scrambling that is extremely secure and the added benefit of verifying who is on each end of the data exchange.

The government, of course, has only paranoid thoughts about the ability of criminals to keep their conversations private — even if the same technology will keep safe the conversations of the majority of people, who happen to be honest. So a variety of government officials and agencies are doing their absolute best to thwart development of a robust public-key infrastructure. Like other tech companies, Intel takes a good game on this, but doesn't follow through.

At last, in the current matter, Intel has agreed to make the default status Off for the Pentium III ID numbers. That's progress.

As an added bonus, you can make a regular phone call, too.

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Advertisement for United States Cellular. Features a mobile phone and the text: 'Digital PCS Receive \$400 credit to use towards digital phones, accessories, minutes, or all three! Plus, make calls to anywhere in Idaho from your home area and pay as if it were a local call.' Includes contact information for various locations.

MONEY

Dollar

Continued from D1. Maple's, the lonely model who broke up Donald Trump's marriage.

Jessica Hahn — the church social who blew up the fame of her brief fling with televangelist Jim Bakker — was earning nearly a million bucks for appearing in a 10-page Playboy pictorial.

"People criticize me for taking advantage of opportunities," she said at the time. "But I believe God is opening the door."

You could fill a fair-size bookshelf with the memoirs of celebrity criminals like Willie Sutton, Jeremy "the Bull" Gravano, and Joseph "Joe Dogs" Innucci, who followed up his autobiography with a book of recipes, "The Mafia Cookbook," which sold so well he's writing a sequel.

And there's Sydney Biele Barrows, who achieved fame by getting busted for running a high-class call girl operation in New York City. Dubbed the Mayflower Madam, she cashed in with a best-selling autobiography, a made-for-TV movie and a book on etiquette.

Last month, hideous pictures of her face hit print in *Playboy* magazine — a little preview of her next book.

Cashing in makes strange bed-fellows. Back in the 60s, G. Gordon Liddy, then a New York prosecutor, used to raid the home of Timothy Leary, the LSD guru. Twenty years later, after both had served prison terms, they hit the lecture circuit together, staging a sort of intellectual mud-wrestling match that was later made into a movie.

Cashing in is such a part of American culture we hardly think about it. But, once the Americans were willing to walk

away from the spotlight without fainting they haven't first. After the Civil War, Robert E. Lee declined big money to write his memoirs, saying that by doing so "I should be trading on the blood of my men." A noble sentiment, but not one shared by other American generals, from Ulysses S. Grant to Norman Schwarzkopf and Colin Powell.

In 1871, William F. Cody, an Army scout and buffalo hunter, declined an offer of \$500 a week to play himself in the play "Buffalo Bill, King of the Border." Cody, by contrast, a few years later, he'd cashed in eagerly, touring the world in his famous Wild West revue.

The great Apache warrior Geronimo found his own way to profit. After fighting fiercely for decades to avoid becoming part of the American way of life, Geronimo surrendered in 1886 and soon demonstrated a great natural talent for cashing in. He dictated an autobiography and traveled to fairs and exhibitions, where he sold photos of himself and picked up extra money along the way.

When the train stopped at stations, "he wrote biographer Angie Debo, "he cut buttons from his shirt and sold them at 25 cents each to the eager operators, and for 55, he would sell his hat." Believe it or not, some people are offended by this whole phenomenon. When Geraldine Ferraro cashed in on her fame as a vice-presidential candidate by doing a Pepsi ad and *Tie O'Neill* cashed in on his name as a radio speaker by doing ads for American Express and Miller Lite, and in the end, Geronimo denounced cashing in as "the process by which America turns every achievement into a hustle and every achievement into a hustle."

TRADEWINDS

for the chiropractic profession. The NBCC project was undertaken to define the tasks, duties and professional responsibilities common to U.S. chiropractors. The resulting "Report of Chiropractic Practice in the United States" will have numerous applications in chiropractic training, education, research and other areas.

for Schreiber Foods in Green Bay, Wis. and worked for Heart to Heart Foods and Willow Lane Dairy in Utah.

Dean Shotwell has been hired as a production supervisor in Richmond. His experience includes welding and fabrication of stainless and carbon steel for Swamp Industries in Fort, Calif. He also held several supervisory warehouse and packaging positions for Golden Cheese Co. of California.

Nathan Baumann and Gary Diekemper have been named production supervisors at the Gooding wheat plant. Baumann has worked at the Gooding plant since 1966. He previously worked in construction — for Tri-State Excavation in Bellevue. Diekemper worked for Mid American Dairymen in Norfolk, Neb., before joining Avonmore in 1997.

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She is a Million Dollar Franchisee and holds the GRU designation.

Several Twin Falls-area chiropractors recently participated in an on-site research project for the chiropractic profession.

Dr. Timothy J. Collins, M.D., D.C., of Twin Falls, and Dr. Jeffrey Galley, D.C., of Arvid, worked on a survey developed by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, an international testing agency.

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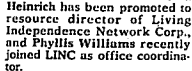
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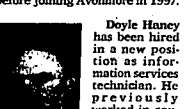
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MAKING A COMEBACK

Workers with dark pasts find sunny days at new companies

It's hard for a man getting used if they say something negative. "You can't say 'Hey, he's a thief. You should sue his expense account,'" said Craig Pratt, a human resources consultant in Akshaya, Calif.

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Water managers knock on wood

The Times-News

Vince Alberdi, general manager of the Twin Falls Canal Company, wants to be clear he's not boasting about what a great water year this is shaping up to be, even though it is. The last thing he wants to do is tempt the water gods.

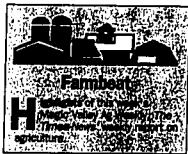
"It's a dang good feeling," he said of this year's outlook. "But that's one that comes back and kicks you in the backside. I've said that before, and a sink hole or something came up."

Nonetheless, with snowpack across the state above average, it's hard to deny the obvious. In its March 1 Water Supply Outlook, the National Resources Conservation Service forecasted snowpack as much as 180 percent of average at sites north of the Snake River and spring and summer runoff volumes as high as 165 percent of average in northern Idaho.

A dry March has tempered those numbers a bit, but there's still plenty of supply out there, said Phil Morrissey, an NRCS hydrologist. With peak snowpack normally checking in about April 1, Morrissey explains, average values have increased during April, but with no more snow fall the percentage of average has dropped in comparison.

"But, overall, we're still at least, in south Idaho, at 100 percent of average," Morrissey said on Tuesday.

The hydrologist added that even though runoff forecasts will probably drop slightly in the



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agency's April 1 report, he expects normal to slightly above normal runoff for the rest of the season. Morrissey said recent wet years have boosted ground water levels and spring flows and should result in better runoff as less of the runoff is needed to recharge ground water.

Officials issue warning

There's no way around it, this is one of those years when growers are trying desperately to cut costs. But if they're gambling with buying lower priced pesticides through telephone solicitors or on the Internet, they may end up with more than they bargained for.

The Oregon State Department of Agriculture last week issued a warning to growers and operators to beware of questionable out-of-state telemarketers making false claims to sell pesticide products. "In many cases, the phone solicitation is not just unscrupulous, it is criminal," said Duane Mitchell, assistant administrator of ODA's Pesticides Division. "Basically, the growers are being lied to on the telephone just so

sales can be made." Those "lies" have included claims that the product is new or more effective than commonly available pesticides products, when in fact, it is the same or perhaps a diluted version of the common product, Mitchell said. Other telemarketed products may not be labeled for use on the crops in question although growers are being assured by the solicitor that they are.

Here in Idaho, Bob Spencer, agrochemical specialist with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's Division of Agricultural Resources, said the problem is not a new one, but it has gained a new twist with the advent of Internet sales.

Spencer said his department has handled complaints in the past of telephone-ordered products not performing or not meeting guaranteed analyses. He said once a complaint is filed, the department attempts to sample the product to see if it meets all the statements on the label.

Wheat growers lobby

RUPERT — Wheat growers took their frustrations to the nation's capital last week.

"Prices have been at 30-year lows, and despite that the U.S. hasn't picked up any market share," said grower Duane Grant. "You'd think that when you put things on sale, you'd sell more but that hasn't happened. We went to Washington asking questions of the administration and Congress."

The answer Grant and other growers got was less than appealing. The European Union continues to subsidize their growers more heavily, on a per unit basis, than the United States. A study done by the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada, shows Europeans are subsidizing wheat growers to the tune of \$162 per acre compared to just \$27.35 per acre in Canada and \$23.70 per acre in the United States (all U.S. dollars).

Through the GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs) the European Union and United States agreed to lower subsidies, but because the European Union subsidies were at a considerably higher level before the trade talks began the EU is still allowed to subsidize at higher levels — 70 percent of the wheat exports and up to two-thirds of the pre-GATT levels, Grant said. That means, that by 2000, Europe will be allowed to spend \$8 billion on subsidies to its producers compared to 5600 million in the United States.

Those kinds of statistics just reinforce the Rupert grower's viewpoint that lowering grain prices is not helping American growers compete. Grant is also a member of the Idaho Grain Producers Association board of directors.

"In spite of the fact that U.S. producers have lowered their sales price and, in fact, driven down the world price, it's not hurting European producers because they're making up the difference in government payments," Grant said. "We're frustrated."



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Make your kids rich for just \$16 per month

By Julius Westheimer
The Baltimore Sun

People often ask how quickly their children's money will grow if invested in this stock market.

Modest start

"If a 10-year-old sets aside just \$16 a month (perhaps with help from parents or grandparents) in a stock or mutual fund," says Dick Davis Digest, "and the youngster keeps it up for 50 years, he or she will have over \$277,000 at age 60, assuming an average annual return of 10 percent — just under the 10.2 percent average annual stock returns over the past 69 years. Amazing fact is that the 10-year-old invested only \$9,600 over those 50 years to amass over a quarter-million dollars."

Acorns to oaks

"Small sums can grow huge," says Money magazine. "If you put \$25 a week into stocks that gain 10 percent, you'll have more than \$103,000 in 22 years. The longer you stick with the systematic plan, the more dramatic are your results. A 25-year-old investing \$25 a week in stocks that return 10.2 percent builds up more than \$728,000 by age 65."

Missing out

"Don't let world events stop families from investing small sums regularly," says Fidelity Investments newsletter. "Between 1995 and now there were at least 60 'reasons' not to

put money in stocks — wars, assassinations, recessions, foreign crises, etc. — but if you had put just \$1,000 in the S&P 500-stock index in 1935, your investment would now be worth \$660,000."

Telephone the Young Investor's Fund (nicknamed Kiddie Fund) for a free, easy-to-understand brochure, including minimum investment, fees, etc. The new toll-free phone number is 800-586-KIDS.

If you are planning to get married, "plan your finances before the wedding," says Financial Planning Perspectives. "Since friction over money is a leading cause of marital stress and divorce, pre-marriage financial planning may ensure your marriage outlasts microwaves and blenders you receive as gifts."

The newsletter recommends that you discuss your money "personalities" (who's the spender, who's the saver?) before you say "I do."

Also, talk about homebuying expenses, travel costs, college bills, etc. Discuss joint or separate bank accounts; the article recommends each couple have "his," "hers" and "theirs" checking accounts.

"All this may sound unromantic, but reviewing finances before you marry could be the best gift you can give yourselves."

Quote for the day

"If you don't have the right stocks, it doesn't matter whether the Dow hits 10,000 or not." (Alan Greenberg, CEO, Bear, Stearns Co.)

Stock valuations continue to amaze Wall Street gurus

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors who are finding good value before they buy stocks have had a frustrating time in the first quarter of 1999.

The supposedly overpriced blue chips, which soared much higher than the rest of the market in 1998, have gained still more ground in the January-March period.

And, the depressed small stocks, widely described as cheaper in relative terms than they have ever been before, have posted further losses since the new year began.

Powered by the seemingly unstoppable blue chips, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials has cracked the 10,000 barrier in recent days, and the Standard & Poor's composite index has broken 1,300.


Meanwhile, the Russell 2000 index, a widely recognized gauge of trends in smaller stocks, has extended last year's declines, and

linguishes about 20 percent below the best levels it reached last spring.

"Despite solid earnings growth, emerging growth stocks are on one of their longest losing streaks on record," says L. Keith Mullins, an analyst who specializes in smaller stocks at the brokerage firm of Salomon Smith Barney Inc.

All this demonstrates that following the simple old adage "buy cheap and sell dear" is no simple job. Indeed, all through the bull market of the past 17 years, it has been a very chancy proposition to try to gauge when any group of stocks, or the market as a whole, was over- or undervalued.

At Dow 10,000 and S&P 1,300, many people consider the blue chips overvalued by as much as 20 percent. The aggregate price-earnings ratio of the S&P 500, recently hovering around 34, looks outlandishly high by historical standards.



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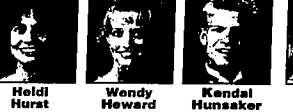
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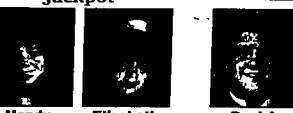
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Debate swirls around fate of former buffer land

Environmentalists would like all of the slope as a refuge



This 1997 photo shows the boundary of a federal land that formed a buffer for the Hanford nuclear reservation, left, on the Wahluke Slope near the Columbia River in Washington state. Since the Energy Department no longer needs the land, debate has focused on whether the land should be opened to farming or reserved in a natural state.

WASHINGTON (AP) — There once was a farm village called Wahluke in south central Washington. About 50 people lived there, grazing cattle on the banks of the Columbia River.

But in 1943, the government decided it needed 50,000 acres of land known as Wahluke Slope — to serve as a buffer around the Hanford nuclear reservation, then part of World War II's top-secret Manhattan Project to produce an atomic bomb.

Within a few months, the people were gone and their little town was flattened.

More than five decades later, World War II and the Cold War are over. Hanford has ceased producing plutonium for the nation's nuclear arsenal and is concentrating on cleanup of the nation's most contaminated nuclear site.

Wahluke Slope is in nearly pristine condition — as though settlers had never been there.

Since the Energy Department no longer needs the slope, the area is being considered for other uses. The question is, should some of it be handed over to farmers? Or should most of it be left to nature?

"There's a need for more agriculture, and the Columbia basin has some of the best agricultural producing lands in the nation," said Shannon McDaniel of the Pacific Columbia Basin Irrigation District.

"Eliminating it from ever being irrigated seems to be a decision that is not the best one."

Environmentalists, however, say the land is one of the largest chunks of high-quality farmland in the nation and should be preserved.

The issue is part of one of the West's major environmental battles, over the fate of 51-mile Hanford Reach, the last untouched stretch of the Columbia. The slope borders the reach, which also was inadvertently protected by Hanford and is a critical spawning ground for salmon.

"We believe the Hanford Reach and the Wahluke Slope are inseparable — that you can't save one without the other," said Rick Lentomont of the Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society.

The slope is still owned by the government. Two-thirds of it is managed by the state as a recreation area and the other third is a

federal wildlife refuge. Environmentalists would like the slope declared a refuge.

McDaniel contends 20,000 to 30,000 acres — at the west end near the river — could be irrigated and farmed without harming the environment.

Some of that land was farmed before the war, notes Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash.

Hastings introduced a bill this month that calls for the National Academy of Sciences to study the possibility of using the slope for farming, mining, grazing, recreation and other development.

"My preference would be to return area back to state and local people," he said. "This is looking at all possible uses."

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., is expected to introduce a bill this month that would protect the reach.

Her measure may also call for protecting the slope, but even if it does, Murray says she would oppose agricultural use of all but the tiniest portions of the slope — perhaps a 100 acres or less.

"I believe we have to protect the north slope, period," she said. The slope is a "treasure trove of biodiversity," with dozens of species — especially birds — that are on the verge of becoming threatened species, said Curt Soper, director of conservation for The Nature Conservancy's Seattle-based Washington state chapter.

There's the burrowing owl, a small creature with big eyes who lives in the ground. And the White Bluffs bladder pod, a bright yellow flower that blooms in June, can only be found on the slope, Soper said.

"The things we have been able to document out there have exceeded our dreams," he said. Environmentalists say very little of the slope — less than 10 percent — was farmed before the war.

Hastings' bill also would drain

some standing water on the slope and cap a wastewater to prevent water from sloshing through the White Bluffs, which abut the river on the west side of the slope. Sediment from the bluffs collects in the river and covers critical spawning beds.

"This is an attempt I think should be embraced by everybody," he said.

Environmentalists say Hastings' desire to stop the sloshing is laudable, but they question whether draining the standing water will solve the problem. Murray so far is uncommittal on the draining idea.

Her bill would designate the reach a federal Wild and Scenic River, which would protect it — but she also wants a commission that includes state and local officials to have a say in managing the reach.

"I believe the timing is really excellent this year because people in the region recognize saving salmon is a priority," Murray said of her bill.

"It absolutely has to be the

best," she added. "If we don't do this we will most likely be looking at court decisions on down the road with answers nobody

wants to hear."

Murray said courts may hesitate to order drastic salmon-protection moves, such as breaching dams, if the region is taking steps such as protecting the reach's spawning habitat.

Hastings says he also wants to preserve the reach, and wants state and local people to have a say in managing it. In some past wild-and-scenic-river designations, locals have been barred from fishing or boating, he said.

Hastings and Murray tried to work out a compromise last year on the makeup of a reach-management commission, but couldn't agree on who would have the most clout. Murray leaned toward the feds and Hastings toward state and local officials.

Hastings said he is open to further talks with Murray this year.

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EWU, facing deficit, seeks additional funds

CHENEY, Wash. (AP) — Eastern Washington University administrators are scrambling to find ways to raise money in the face of a potential \$3.5 million year-end shortfall next year.

The anticipated budget deficit, in part, stems from improper — but apparently not illegal — budgeting by former administrators, an EWU official said Thursday.

Alex Cameron, interim vice president of business and finance, said he discovered as much as \$600,000 in day-to-day expenses that were erroneously charged each year to Eastern's capital budget. Cameron said he believes the practice was used to circumvent deep cuts to the campus maintenance budget.

"We agree with his (Cameron's) position," said Ed Penhale, spokesman for Gov. Gary Locke's finance office. "It's clearly improper."

Eastern President Stephen Jordan, who took over last July, said Wednesday that Cameron's budget may inflate a projected budget deficit from \$1.5 million to \$3.5 million for the coming year. His staff is in the early stages of identifying solutions to balance the budget in time for the 2000, which begins July 1.

EA boost in student enrollment. Cameron said that in the early part of this year, but Cameron said those dollars won't cover the deficit because they were promised to academic departments as an incentive for recruiting students.

Former administrators dipped into the capital fund to pay for about generators, raising average units and fixing up campus. EWU officials said Thursday.

Cameron said he unearched the practice last summer after he was appointed to fill a vacancy left by the retirement of Michael Stewart, the longtime business and finance administrator. Stewart left after Eastern President Marshall Drummond resigned under pressure in February 1998.

Lawmakers approve Eastern's budget based on a promise to spend specific capital dollars for building and renovation, and other money on daily operations required to educate 7,400 students in Cheney and Spokane.

Budgets for the next two years currently are being drawn up in Olympia for Eastern and other state agencies. "Nobody was doing anything illegal, but the things were quite loose," said Cameron. "People were hunting around for other sources to get the work done."

Cameron said he found that when a generator had burned out, former officials used capital funds to rebuild it. Science equipment was moved during a construction project and capital dollars were used to rent a storage unit for years after the project was complete.

"We shut down most of this kind of spending three to six months ago, but I anticipate that it'll see some movement in the months ahead," Cameron said. "I'm not too worried about cleaning up the expenditures, but I'm worried about making sure that campus maintenance gets done."

Much of the capital funds spent on operations came from the Minor Works Preservation account, Cameron said. That was the same account that EWU officials used in 1997 to help pay for a \$200,000 west room renovation to lure the Seattle Seahawks to campus for a training camp.

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Busy signal

Rural customers of U S West can't get a line

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — Hospital technicians can't get a line to call for a consultation. Police have trouble getting through to the dispatch center. People sitting down to their computers can't get on the Internet.

Sound like phone service in a Third World country? Nope. This has been the state of U S West telephone service in rural southern Oregon for months.

Flooded with complaints, Oregon's utility chief is trying to rein in what he calls "U S West" and lawmakers want to force the company to spend millions to upgrade antiquated equipment.

"It's just irritant, frustrating and I really don't want to pay my bill," said retired millworker Wayne McDonald.

When calling, "I'll come in the nearby town of Oakland, he routinely has had to hit the redial button five or six times to get out the fast dialing signal that means no lines available. And it has taken hours to connect with his Internet provider in Roseburg to get his e-mail.

At Mercy Medical Center, as many as 38 percent of the 200,000 calls a month have been blocked.

In one case, a region's diagnostic medical sonographer filed a complaint with Oregon's Public Utility Commission after she twice got the message, "All circuits are busy now" while trying to reach a family physician to consult on a patient. The sonographer finally got through to the doctor's home.

Sutherland police Lt. Jim Gaskins got used to reading while punching the redial button for as much as 30 minutes to get through to Roseburg when telephone traffic got heavy during evening hours.

Some officers resorted to calling 911 — tying up critical emergency lines — just to get through to the dispatch center.

Once, when the district attorney called asking them to fax a crime report for a trial, Gaskins didn't even try to use the phone.

"We just drove in the miles instead of standing at the machine for 30 minutes trying to fax it over," he said. "As time went on, it just became usual."

The state utilities commission warns that other rural communities could be next, due to U S West's chronic failure to invest in new equipment outside the profitable big cities where it has competition.

PUC Commissioner Joan Smith noted that Denver-based U S West — which has 1.3 million customers in Oregon — is the only one of the state's 25 phone companies having these problems.

"To me that says either they have a planning problem, or some kind of a policy that I call disinvestment until the last moment," she said. "We've given up on tongue-lashing and are now in a full-blown investigation."

Under pressure, U S West has spent \$675,000 over the past five months to upgrade the switching station in Roseburg to keep pace with the growth of telephone traffic due to the Internet.

U S West officials say problems are already starting to ease and will further decrease when \$600,000 more is spent to build fiber optic cable between Roseburg and Sutherland by July.

"I think our commitment is a true one to the area," said U S West area manager Gary Kille.

"If you look at it with 20-20 hindsight, you wished you would have started that job in summer instead of last fall," he said. "The growth has been explosive. Another Internet company moved in and ordered 300 circuits overnight. That's tremendous impact on a network."

The PUC is not convinced. It says other rural communities around Oregon are experiencing similar problems and U S West has failed to follow through with the expansion needed to keep up with demand.

Oregon's Legislature is working on a bill that would partially deregulate U S West to give it more freedom to compete in big cities where the profits are. The return for spending \$120 million over four years to improve rural service.

Lawmaker's daughter softens mom's edge

BOISE (AP) — U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth's daughter doesn't seem like her controversial and outspoken mother.

The 37-year-old Nampa homemaker is slim, self-evident, almost shy. "She is such a gentle person on the outside and strong inside," Chenoweth says of daughter Meg Chenoweth Keenan.

Chenoweth talks to her daughter two or three times a week, and turns to her for counsel.

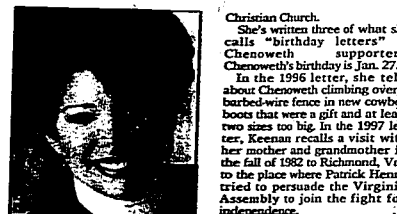
"I really trust her counsel on issues and administrative problems that come up. It is out of deep respect for my daughter's thinking that I have relied on her judgment as a close adviser."

Meggie, as her mother calls her, also emerged as one of Chenoweth's campaign weapons.

Keenan was a staffer on Chenoweth's 1994 and 1996 campaigns and still helps write Chenoweth's mailings to supporters.

In a campaign ad last fall, Keenan talked about being a working mom with four children who's going to vote for Helen Chenoweth because she's also been a working mother and understands Idaho's values.

In the waning days of Chenoweth's campaign, Keenan wrote a four-page letter that was distributed to supporters with some childhood stories about her mother. "You've had a chance to hear about Helen Chenoweth's from news people and editors," Keenan wrote. "You've had a chance to hear about her from TV ads, radio spots and people at the cafe. Now, I want to thank you for giving me a chance to show you who Helen Chenoweth is from



Meg Chenoweth Keenan, left, daughter of U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth, is shown, has moved a number of times in her mother's political and personal life.

her daughter and her best friend."

Chenoweth credits her daughter's letter, distributed in 102,000 hand-addressed envelopes, for her narrow victory over Democratic candidate Dan Williams. "It created enough positive reaction I was able to win and I'm fully convinced it was because of the letter. Meggie wrote every word in that sincere letter. It was reviewed by her mother, but no one else."

Chenoweth says the television ad was the best of her campaign.

"Laird Maxwell said he voted for Meggie in the 2nd district," Chenoweth jokes, referring to the spokesman for the conservative Institute for Tax Reform.

Williams, a Boise attorney, doesn't know whether the letter or television ad were that effective. "Both the TV ad and letter were an effort to soften Chenoweth's image. I think they worked to some extent," he said. "A lot of women didn't think much of Chenoweth, and I think they were trying to do some damage control."

Keenan says she wrote the letter and TV ad because Chenoweth isn't the typical politician. "What motivates her and inspires her is different. I think she is free of a lot of personal self-interest. Often a career politician has to consider what the environment will be after the next election. "My mother is motivated by

a professional respect for the Constitution and good law and she has respect for the freedom of other people."

Her role, Keenan says, "is to make sure what comes across is really her, who she really is."

Keenan lived in Orofino from 1961 until 1975, when her parents divorced and she moved to southwestern Idaho with her mother. She now visits her dad, Orofino attorney Rick Chenoweth, about three times a year.

She graduated from Boise High School in 1978 and has attended both Boise State University and the University of Idaho. She married attorney John Keenan in 1982. She's deeply religious and works part time for the Capital

Christian Church.

She's written three of what she calls "birthday letters" to Chenoweth's supporters. Chenoweth's birthday is Jan. 27.

In the 1996 letter, she tells about Chenoweth climbing over a barbed-wire fence in new cowboy boots that were a gift and at least two sizes too big. In the 1997 letter, Keenan recalls a visit with her mother and grandmother in the fall of 1982 to Richmond, Va., to the place where Patrick Henry tried to persuade the Virginia Assembly to join the fight for independence.

She didn't write a birthday letter this year because she was caught up in the creation of a political action committee called Helen's List to give financial support to like-minded candidates. Last month Chenoweth announced she will stick to her promise not to seek re-election next year. But she's leaving the door open to run for Congress in the year 2002.

Keenan intends to write a birthday letter for Chenoweth next year, even though she's not seeking re-election.

"It's a special way of reaching out," says Keenan. "I can see what's in her spirit. I wish people could see more of what I see and that's why I write them."

Keenan wishes there were somebody like her mother to run for Idaho's 1st congressional district seat next year. "We'll have to watch and pray. I sense what she ought to be doing in two years will open up. I feel confident whatever it is will be evident by then."

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Arraignments and appearances

Leta Marie Achenbach, 41 1/2 W. Ave. C, Jerome, driving under the influence (minimum); 900 bond; present conference April 26, 7:30 p.m.; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Lance Adams, 23 1/2 W. Ave. L, Jerome, retaining obstructing officer; failing or attempting to give police officer; \$25,000 bond; jury trial April 20, possession of drug paraphernalia; 300 bond; present conference April 20; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Amanda R. Archer, 59, 208 Omaha St., Caldwell, failure to stop at some of arrest; present conference April 12; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Courtney Michelle Baker, 19 304 E. 350 N., Jerome, failure to stop at some of arrest; amended to reckless driving; present conference April 12; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Damian C. Barry, 21 25 N. 161 W., Jerome, retaining obstructing officer; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty without arraignment; dismissed by court; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
James G. Benson, 31, 151 E. Fourth Ave., Jerome, driving under the influence; 150 bond; present conference April 12; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
James R. Birch, 36, 603A N. Filmore St., Jerome, driving under the influence; present conference April 12; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Sal Roush phanb Chansouvan, 20, 520 S. Idaho Ave. W., Jerome, possession of controlled substance with intent to manufacture/deliver; 500 bond; present conference April 12; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Roberto Zuniga Chavez, 31, 218 W. Ave. L, Jerome, obstructing prosecution hearing; 500 bond; present conference April 12; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Alexandria W. Clayton, 38, 300 W. Main St., Jerome, driving under the influence; 500 bond; present conference Sept. 13; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Eileen Ruth Cowen, 47, 404 1/2 Third Ave., Jerome, probation violation; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Kathleen C. Driscoll, 26, Sunset Trailer Park, Jerome, driving under the influence; affidavit of failure to pay; present at hearing; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Jeremy L. Everett, 25, 401 W. Main St., Jerome, driving under the influence; driving without privileges; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Alexander S. Frazier, 418 Mountain View Drive, Jerome, driving under the influence; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
William D. Flaaborg, 36, 427 W. Ave. E, Jerome, driving without privileges; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
David A. Greer, 34, 2027 E. 500 E., Wendell, driving under the influence; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Kenneth Wayne Hendrix, 32, 55 E. 500 S., Jerome, domestic battery injury to child; jury trial April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
William D. Hudson, 503 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls, battery; 500 bond; jury trial May 10; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
David A. Greer, 34, 2027 E. 500 E., Wendell, driving under the influence; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Nasha Ann Knight, 37, 1804 N. Jackson, Jerome, domestic battery; present conference May 10; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Timothy J. Koch, 37, 1105 W. 10th Ave. No. 12, Kennecott, Wash; driving without privileges; possession of controlled substance; \$25,000 bond; arraignment April 5; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Marche E. Lettice, 48, 210 E. 28th Ave., Jerome, driving under the influence; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Jody Wayne Martinez, 23, 2383 S. 200 E., Jerome, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to manufacture; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Brian Lane McFadden, 31, 118 E. 530 S., Jerome, grand theft; sentencing May 10; District Judge R. Barry Wood.
Dwight Jones McGroarty, 37, 230 Van Burn, Jerome, unlawful transportation of open container; jury trial May 11; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Amy McKendrick, 23, 2409 N. Durbin, Boise, possession of drug paraphernalia; speeding; 1000 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Joseph Ray Mellgren, 31, 210 E. Ave. D, Jerome, driving under the influence; driving without privileges; 1,000 bond; motion to dismiss; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Denny E. Menden, 31, 2677 Bagb Two Lane, Nowell, motion to revoke probation for assault with intent to commit a serious felony; present conference May 10; District Judge R. Barry Wood.
Doreen Ann Mickelson, 72, 2308 Lava Ave., Hamilton, retaining obstructing officer; motion to dismiss; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Danae F. Moore, 25, 22 Butte Drive, Jerome, driving without privileges; 800 bond; present conference May 10; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Delphy Larry Murray, 37, 2417 E. Lincoln Ave., Jerome, possession of controlled substance; 5,000 bond; preliminary hearing April 26; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Eric R. Nalson, 32, 239 S. E. of accident; failure to give immediate notice of accident; failure to stop at some of an accident; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Joseph E. Patton, 35, 300 W. First Ave., Jerome, driving under the influence; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Twin Falls driving under the influence; driving with expired license; motion to appear as being; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.

Jason Dean Reed, 31, 4252 River Road, Rubi; motion to revoke probation for rape; discontinue hearing; Monday; District Judge R. Barry Wood.
Cristine Rose Rogers, 25, 2306 E. Lincoln St. N., Jerome, battery; battery with intent to commit serious felony; preliminary hearing Wednesday; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Paul Phillip Sauer, 31, 217 W. Ave. C, Jerome, driving under the influence; driving without privileges; 500 bond; present conference April 5; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Donald H. Schildt, 19, 200 Cooney, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; 500 bond; present conference April 5; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Terma A. Sinclair, 41, 1820 Shoop Ave. E., Twin Falls, driving under the influence (second offense); amended to obstructive, carious driving; sentencing April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Jeffrey J. Stapleton, 38, 316 E. 400 N., Jerome, driving under the influence; driving without privileges; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Kevin E. Surin, 40, 535 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls, driving or attempting to use police officer's authority; 150 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Clifford Baldwin Bowditch Jr. and Lisa Ann Leys, Roger Lee Briggs and Kathryn Elaine Farworth, Marriage affidavits.

pleaded guilty; \$150 fine, \$100 suspended; \$63.50 court cost, \$30 public defender fee; five days in jail, suspended; all monetary unsupervised probation; no proof of insurance; \$170.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.

Dismissals
Avinell Everett Azzis, 21, 715 E. Plg. Jerome, possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed; defendant's motion to appear as being; present conference April 5; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Michael D. Barnes Jr., 18, 149 W. 100 E., Jerome, bail jumping; dismissed before trial or hearing; driving without privileges; dismissed before trial or hearing.
Kenneth Wayne Wood, 41, 1800 E. 364 S., Edna, possessor under the influence; dismissed before arraignment; 1,000 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.

Marriage affidavits
Richard Travis Springsteen, 59, 210 E. Eighth Ave. N., Jerome, battery; judgment hearing April 7; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.

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Deird Valencia-Belands and Sagarrio Rodriguez-Correa, Clifford Baldwin Bowditch Jr. and Lisa Ann Leys, Roger Lee Briggs and Kathryn Elaine Farworth, Marriage affidavits.

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

Arraignments and appearances

Donna Leann Alderman, 58, Gillette Trailer Park, No. 10, Rubi, driving under the influence; driving without privileges; possession of marijuana; warrant for failing to appear at present conference; 500 bond; present conference April 12; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Tina Marie Anderson, 18, 154 Elmwood, Del Rio, twin falls driving without privileges; possession of marijuana; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance.
John L. Baker III, 45, 850 N. 185 E., Decid, driving under the influence; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Shane Briggs, 18, 424 Fourth Ave. E., Jerome, stilling and abetting aggravated driving without privileges; driving without privileges; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Terry Lou Childs, 46, 499 Wakefield St., Twin Falls, disorderly conduct; warrant for failing to appear at sentencing; 500 bond; present conference April 19; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.

Sentencings

Marion N. Carnese, age unavailable, 806 S. D. St., Rupert; driving without privileges; 500 bond; 180-day suspended probation; 300 public defender fee; 180 days in jail, 170 suspended; 180-day driver's license suspension; present conference April 5; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Christy A. Chappell, 39, 220 S. 2nd Ave., Jerome, driving under the influence; amended to instrumented driver's license; 500 bond, 300 suspended; 60-day court cost, 500 suspended; 90-day driver's license suspension; 180-day driver's license suspension; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.
Christopher Lee Fisher, 20, 12855 Lincoln, 96, Penitentiary; 1987 stolen, present of school bus; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended; 90-day court cost; 150 suspended; 180-day driver's license suspension; magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borrem.

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ELUSIVE HISTORY

19th-century figure unrecognized, though vital to New Mexico's past

CBS show features Idaho girl

MORA, N.M. (AP) — If you doubt history is elusive, you've never tried to find the grave of Ceran St. Vrain.

St. Vrain — a mountain man, merchant, fighter of standfast courage and a mover and shaker in 19th-century New Mexico — died in 1870 in Mora, and that's where he's buried.

Getting to Mora, a village 30 miles north of Las Vegas, N.M., is no problem.

But finding St. Vrain's grave requires getting over or through three fences, across a cow pasture, up a steep hill and around the blank staves and shrubs of the people you ask for directions.

Unlike his good friend Kit Carson — a trapper, hunter, soldier and scout of legendary proportions — St. Vrain — one of the most important and intrepid New Mexicans of his time — is all but forgotten today.

"He certainly is one of the most unsung and least-recognized historical personages of New Mexico," said Marc Simmons, the author of dozens of books about the history of New Mexico and the Southwest.

Simmons, who is working on a biography of Carson, said someone should write a book about St. Vrain. His adventures, he said, are almost killed in hand-to-hand fighting at Taos Pueblo in 1847 — are nearly as bloodcurdling as the life of Carson.

"Everyone who knew him, including Kit Carson, had a great respect for him," Simmons said. "Unfortunately, the focus of the West — is more likely to remember the yarn-spinners, the hellraisers and the gangbusters than it is to remember solid citizens."

Perhaps that's why the story of a little killer like Billy the Kid is celebrated in scores of books and movies and lies, and the story of Ceran St. Vrain is buried with him in a grave people have forgotten or more likely — never even knew about.

St. Vrain, a descendant of French aristocrats who came to America during the French Revolution, was born May 5, 1802, near St. Louis, Mo.

His full name was Ceran de Haut de La Salle de St. Vrain. Chances are he had lightened that load by 1824 when he set out from St. Louis for Santa Fe to get in on the profits to be had selling goods to trappers and settlers.

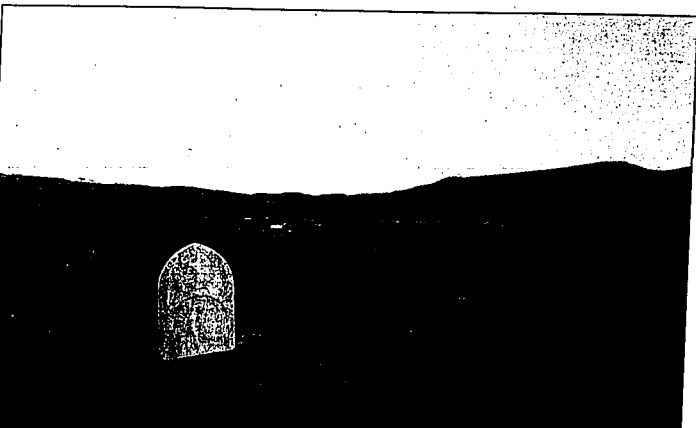
St. Vrain, still in his early 20s when he arrived in what was then still part of old Mexico, did not take right away to the rough-and-tumble frontier life.

He was "obliged to spend winter in this miserable place," he wrote his mother in 1825 after seeing Taos for the first time.

It did not, however, take St. Vrain long to get on his feet and learning Spanish right away, and in 1826, he married Maria Dolores de Luna in Taos. For many years, he would make his home in that "miserable place."

Almost from his first days in New Mexico, he displayed the courage and leadership that would make him one of the most influential men on the Southwest frontier during his lifetime.

"There are some conflicts about...



Ceran St. Vrain, mountain man, merchant, courageous fighter and a mover and shaker in the 19th-century Southwest who is virtually unknown today, is buried in this overgrown, hard-to-find and harder-to-find and harder-to-find cemetery in Mora, N.M.

the kind of man he was, but generally he was forthright, basically honest, perceptive and intelligent," said Albuquerque's Barton H. Barbour, a historian with the National Park Service. "He had the kind of qualities you often associate with leadership."

"That seems clear if you consider what happened in 1827 after St. Vrain and 35 other men set out from Abiquiu to trap in the Rocky Mountains farther north. When the leader of the party died, the survivors picked St. Vrain, 25, and still a comparative tenderfoot, to lead them through mountainous made perilous by hostile American Indians and harsh weather.

"Apparently, the vote was practically unanimous," said Barbour, whose published works include "Tales of the Mountain Men."

You get a sense of the esteem with which young St. Vrain was held by his companions when you realize that they published works include the names of Thomas L. "Peg-leg" Smith, a resourceful, hard-bitten mountain man who cut off his own leg after it was injured in a fight with Indians.

It is possible that St. Vrain's selection as expedition leader had less to do with his wilderness capabilities than it did with the fact that he promised to see that the men got paid.

"That information is very sketchy," Barbour said. "But probably this was a bunch of guys who were not illiterate and not savvy to business practices, and St. Vrain was already showing promise in that area."

Throughout his career, St. Vrain's success was based on equal parts backbone and business sense.

His fortune and prominence were assured in 1830 when he befriended trader Charles Bent started Bent and St. Vrain, which would become the largest mercantile company in the Southwest.

Bent and St. Vrain had stores in Santa Fe and Taos, and in 1833, with Bent's brother William, they built the famous Bent's Fort, a great adobe compound at the confluence of the Arkansas and Purgatoire rivers in Colorado.

For several years, St. Vrain spent much of his time at Bent's Fort, venturing out in the field to trade with Indians for buffalo robes.

The Indians — including the Cheyenne, who called him Black Bear — trusted him.

He was considered fair by Indians," Barbour said. "He was a decent trader, he wasn't the kind of man who would trade with an Indian, and then shoot him and steal back the goods."

St. Vrain was sharp enough to realize such nasty tactics were bad for business. Besides, reports paint him as a goodhearted person.

Described as a large genial and outgoing, St. Vrain was popular among both Americans and Mexicans. And since the blood of aristocrats flowed just beneath his weather-hardened hide, St. Vrain was given to entertaining visitors to Bent's Fort while dressed in frilled shirt and frock coat and presiding over a table set with silver, fine linen and

glasses of claret wine. Despite his fondness for finery, there is no suggestion that St. Vrain ever shied away from hard work — or a bloody fight. And in the New Mexico of 150 years ago, bloody fights were as common as wagon ruts.

A fight was in the making in 1846 when the United States, which had just declared war on Mexico, seized New Mexico. Bent, St. Vrain's partner, was made governor of the occupied region.

As might be expected, some Mexican and Indian residents did not take kindly to American rule, and by early 1847 trouble was boiling — especially in Taos.

On Jan. 19 of that year, a group of Mexicans and Indians killed Bent at his Taos home and scalped him in front of his terrified family. The revolt was on.

When word reached St. Vrain, who was in Santa Fe at the time, he organized the company of volunteers from Santa Fe to ride to Taos. "He got merchants, mountain men, anyone else who was turned," Simmons said.

Even a few Hispanics, including a tough young man named Manuel Antonio Chavez, St. Vrain's 63 volunteers threw in with more than 300 U.S. troops and set off for Taos. Along the way, they met and bent back a force of some 1,500 Mexicans and Indians.

The rebels, as the Americans called them, retreated to Taos Pueblo. Later, the revolt was put down, and St. Vrain lived to fight another day.

In 1855, he led companies of volunteers in sorties against the warring Utes and Apaches, a mission he performed well enough to earn Carson's enthusiastic praise.

That same year, St. Vrain moved from Taos to Mora, where he established a grismill and got even richer supplying flour to Fort Union north of Las Vegas and Fort Garland in southwestern

Colorado. He died in Mora at the age of 68. It was 1870 and he was given an impressive funeral.

Now, there is little left to mark the trail St. Vrain blazed through the region.

A mill he is believed to have owned and operated still stands near the heart of Mora.

And then there's the grave. A quarter of a mile away from the Mora Catholic cemetery, the sharp-eyed might detect a flash of white on a small hill.

Those who don't mind climbing steep fences can reach this small hill, the St. Vrain family cemetery. Overgrown with wild and forbidding shrub oak, the cemetery is fenced off but accessible. In the midst of several other markers is Ceran St. Vrain's white marble tombstone.

Under that stone, on that little hill, Ceran St. Vrain — mountain man, merchant prince, mover and shaker — rests in obscurity, full of peace. He calls the marker and the labored breathing of a rare visitor.

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DUBOIS (AP) — With the ring of a telephone, Amy Mendoza's life took an unusual turn this month.

When the 9-year-old picked up the receiver, a man told her he was national CBS news correspondent Steve Hartman. He then quickly asked how old she was, what her name was and if she would like to be on the news.

Less than 15 minutes after she screamed "Yes," "Amy" and "Yes," Hartman and a cameraman showed up at her parents' apartment. After a brief introduction, they began documenting three days of the third-grader's life for the weekly segment called "Everybody Has a Story," which will air April 16 or 17 on the CBS national news, locally KIDR-TV.

"They just followed me around," said Amy as she sat in her parents' living room with two CBS hosts Hartman gave her the weekly segment that afternoon. "Everyone at school asked me if I was going to be famous."

Amy is the latest person to be randomly selected by Hartman to be profiled.

CBS officials recently launched the three-minute segment, which gives ordinary people a chance to tell the nation about themselves and their lives.

Where Hartman goes to each week is determined by the last person he does a story on. At the end of his interview, the person throws a dart at a map of the United States. Where the dart lands, Hartman goes.

Before Hartman arrived in Dubois on March 6, he visited Indiana. Thanks to Amy's dart-throwing skills, his next stop is Iowa.

The person he profiles isn't decided until he arrives in the town or county on which the dart landed. Once there, he opens up a phone book, randomly picks a phone number, calls it and asks the person who answers if he can do a story on him or her.

The effort is modeled after veteran CBS anchor David Jones' "Everyone Else's Story" column in the Lewiston Morning Tribune.

Jones, who started his column 15 years ago, does a weekly story on somebody who he picks randomly by opening up the phone book. He calls the number and asks the first person he talks to if he can do a story on them.



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Laramie works to shake 'intolerant' label

Matthew Shepard case traumatizes town's residents

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — On a chilly October night, an old black pickup truck rumbled across the rocky, rolling plains just east of this city.

The driver parked near a log fence that could have adorned a pictorial Western calendar but instead wound up on covers of news magazines. Next to that fence is where Matthew Shepard was pummeled into a coma he would never awake from.

Russell Henderson, 21, is now on trial for actions that he and his friend Aaron McKinney may have taken at that desolate spot, where the nearest residents were too far away to have heard the 5-foot-2 Shepard's pleadings for the beating to stop.

The next evening, the worst fears of friends who were frantic over Shepard's disappearance were confirmed when police called with the terrible news that Shepard had been found.

"The gruesome nature of the attack, Shepard's valiant struggle to live five more days despite massive skull fractures and the image of the frail college student strung to a fence and left to die in Wyoming's often unforgiving climate provided elements for a story both captivating and revolting."

But the story took a different twist when it was revealed that Shepard may have been targeted because he was homosexual. Then some residents said that this city, founded by railroad workers and cowhands amid a backdrop of snow-capped mountain peaks, wasn't tolerant of gays.

"I really don't think most Laramie folks feel that way," said Rolinda Sample, chamber director, on Friday. "I really don't."

Bank president Dan Furphy agreed. "I don't think Laramie had an environment that induced that incident. That could have happened anywhere."

University of Wyoming literature professor Phil Holt, who was excused from the jury pool



Matt Mickelson, owner of the Fireside Inn, stands behind the bar of his downtown Laramie, Wyo., club Friday. The Fireside Inn was the meeting point for the sad saga involving three Laramie men last October that ended in the death of one.

Thursday, found portrayals of Laramie "odd."

"A few weeks after Shepard was killed there was a doctor who performed abortions gunned down in upstate New York. I didn't see a lot about gun culture and violence in upstate New York," he said.

At the University of Wyoming, where Shepard was a freshman studying political science, President Philip Dubois called some of the speculation about the cause of the attack "simplistic nonsense."

"There was an attempt to identify a root cause for this crime in the economic or cultural divisions of the city or the state. I personally don't believe that's what accounts for this."

But nevertheless, city leaders were troubled by the idea that two young men who had grown up in Laramie may have been capable of such rage.

"The two people we have on trial are our own. That bothered me," said Mayor Dave Williams. "Did we as a community not help these kids?"

Not waiting to see what the trials would reveal, officials decided to set. Six of the nine city council members attended a National League of Cities meet-

ing in Washington, D.C.

"Every member of the council went to every meeting we could that dealt with bias and hate and gathered as much information as we could to help us deal with this issue," said councilman Joe Shurway.

Three known bias crimes had been committed in Laramie in the last ten years, according to police, and it became apparent to council members that the problem is not that Laramie is antigay, but is not pro-gay.

Laramie motel owners report strong summer bookings and retailers have not noticed any drop in business from negative publicity surrounding the Shepard case.

One business, however, has suf-

fered dramatically — the downtown Fireside Lounge where Shepard met his alleged assailants.

Owner Matt Mickelson said business is off about two-thirds since the beating, possibly because of inaccurate reports that labeled the Fireside, which sits beneath a large beer glass-shaped sign, a gay bar.

"Whether or not it was homosexuals fearful to come here or others just not wanting the association, I don't know," he said. "After Shepard's death, vandals broke the windows on his pickup and stole lug nuts, causing a tire to fall off as he drove away one night."

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Milosevic gets close-up view of new NATO

Old European alliance would have avoided civil conflict

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is getting a close-up view of "the new NATO."

The old NATO, the one established in 1949 to defend Western Europe from a Warsaw Pact armored onslaught across Central Europe, in many ways is gone.

The new NATO, while still committed to defending the territory of its 19 members, sees itself more in terms of promoting their vital security interests. Some of those matters lie outside the alliance's traditional territory. Even if it means intervening in a complicated civil war.

Today those vital interests, in the view of the alliance, lie in Yugoslavia. Ethnic minorities in the Serbian province of Kosovo has the potential of spreading throughout the Balkans, posing a serious threat to the stability of all Europe. Serbia is a candidate even though Greece and Turkey, two NATO members, that also are uneasy neighbors.

Reflecting this fear was NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana's letter Monday to the leaders of five Balkan countries — Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovenia and Macedonia. He told them the alliance would step "with utmost seriousness" if a Yugoslav attack on any of them.

Solana said the security of those countries was "of direct political and essential concern" to NATO, and if Yugoslav attacks were directed against them, NATO would respond militarily even though they are not members.

The motivation for aiming missiles and bombs on Yugoslavia is NATO's desire to end the humanitarian tragedy in Kosovo, where at least 2,000 people have died and hundreds of thousands have been driven from their homes. NATO says Serb forces are waging an "ethnic cleansing" campaign to drive the province's ethnic Albanian majority.

The air attacks are aimed at bringing Milosevic to his senses, NATO says. These attacks, the alliance hopes, will degrade him of the capability of making war on Kosovo Albanians and perhaps force him to reconsider his rejection of a peace agreement.

The turning point in NATO's strategy was the earlier ethnic conflict that engulfed Bosnia-Herzegovina when it seceded from Yugoslavia in 1992. Solana



NATO spokesmen Jamie P. Shea, right, and Air Commodore David Wilby of Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe speak with journalists Saturday during a briefing in Brussels.

called it "a seminal moment in the post-Cold War security order."

After the United Nations failed to bring peace in Bosnia, NATO stepped in with an 11-day bombing campaign against Serb forces that drove Milosevic to the bargaining table at Dayton, Ohio. Some 60,000 NATO-led soldiers entered the country in 1995 to enforce peace. About 30,000 are still there.

The intervention "put into practice what we have so long contemplated in theory: the real capacity to mount an effective coalition against threats to peace," Solana said.

He said then that the Bosnia coalition of 30 nations — NATO members and non-members — was "a model for future operations."

The debate today, with the alliance just expanded by admitting Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, is over what the limits of the new NATO should be — geographically and politically.

President Clinton said last year that NATO must do its old job as well as the new one.

"Yesterday's NATO guarded our borders against direct military invasion," he said. "Tomorrow's NATO must continue to defend enlarged borders and defend against threats to our security from beyond them — the spread of weapons of mass destruction, ethnic violence and regional conflict."

This American-led drive to make the alliance more relevant to the 21st century will be wrapped up in a new NATO strategic concept sched-

uled for approval at a NATO summit in Washington next month.

Some fear the alliance is transforming itself into a global policeman, taking on the role of a mini-United Nations and acting on its own while ignoring the U.N. Security Council. NATO denies any such ambition.

Others worry Washington is turning NATO into a tool of

American foreign policy.

French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine, in an interview last year, said it was difficult to maintain cohesion among NATO members with even just its classic mission.

"If we want to enlarge all at once its membership, its area of action, its decision mechanism, we'll end up with something that loses its sense," Vedrine said.

Spaniard who leads NATO once opposed it vigorously

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Javier Solana Madariaga, who once fought against Spain's membership in NATO, is now the man at its helm.

Solana, 56, a dapper Spaniard with a salt-and-pepper beard took over at NATO in December 1995, directly after a six-month hitch at the 15-nation European Union. As Spain's foreign minister while his country held the rotating presidency of the EU, Solana was head of the EU Council of Ministers, which enacts EU-wide laws.

In that job, trying to construct agreements encompassing widely divergent views on subjects ranging from agricultural subsidies to foreign policy, Solana won praise as a facilitator of compromise.

Those skills are even more crucial at NATO, which is run entirely by consensus. Building that consensus — and more importantly, holding it together on such sensitive issues as bombing a country that is posing no direct threat to any NATO country — is a demanding job.

Despite being a second choice after Washington snook the hopes of former Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers, Solana has proved himself an able leader and his warm, direct personality has made him popular among NATO diplomats and in Western capitals.



Javier Solana Madariaga

The son of an illustrious Spanish family, Solana moved from the atomization of his student days in the early 1960s under the regime of Gen. Francisco Franco to foreign minister of a staunchly pro-NATO government in Madrid.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, he and other Socialist leaders marched against U.S. military bases in Spain and called for a referendum to take Spain out of NATO, which it joined in 1982. Solana, who served in the Spanish Cabinet from 1982-85, says his early attitudes were influenced by his student years in the United States during the unrest over Vietnam.

Kosovo conflict marks global-policy crossroad

WASHINGTON — Beyond the bombs and missiles, the Serbian and ethnic Albanian rebels, the crisis in Kosovo exposes some of the most profound issues facing the post-Cold War world.

The outcome may well define the pattern of global politics, diplomacy and security over the next decade in the way that the showdowns with Iraq — both the decisive 1991 Persian Gulf War and its uneasy aftermath — defined the 1990s, according to an U.S. foreign policy analyst and former politician.

The biggest of several precedents in Kosovo involves a new standard for international intervention that extends beyond the U.N. Charter, as well as beyond a principle sacrosanct for half a century: noninterference in the domestic affairs of other states. The U.N. Charter restricts the use of force to two broad categories: cases of individual or collective self-defense, and situations that the Security Council deems a threat to international peace and security. Neither strictly applies in Kosovo, experts say.

NATO intervention in the conflict between the Yugoslav government and massive ethnic Albanians in its Kosovo province

effectively declares that a nation's performance on human rights supersedes its right to sovereignty and noninterference. This precedent could have sweeping implications in virtually any form of disorder in any part of the world.

The terms of intervention have evolved over the past decade due to the changing political environment, formal acceptance of new treaties and the challenges of other ethnic crises in a globalizing world.

At the top of the list is the Anti-Genocide Convention, originally accepted by President Truman in 1948 but blocked by congressional conservatives for four decades. The treaty declares genocide to be an international crime and mandates treaty signers to prevent and punish the crime. The United States, finally modified it in 1996, and a law making genocide a crime was signed by President Reagan in 1988.

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Anti-West feeling grows in Russia

Threat to arm Serbs worries president

Russian-U.S. rift could last a long time, analysts say

The Washington Post

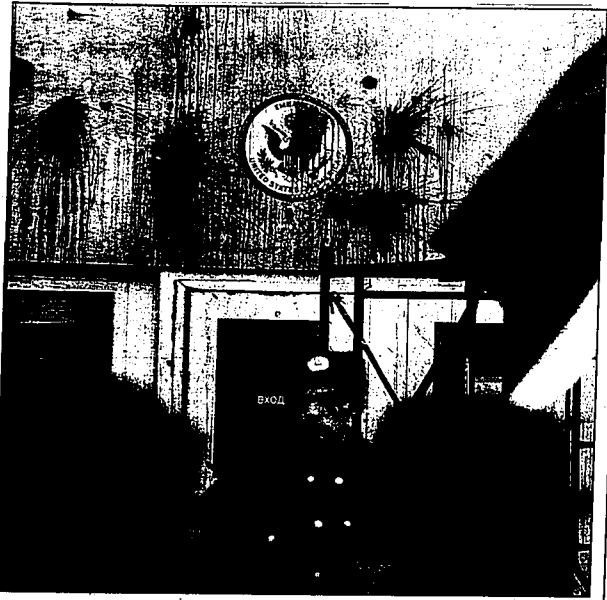
MOSCOW — Amidst surging anti-Western sentiment here, Russia expelled two NATO representatives Friday in fresh reaction to this week's attacks on Yugoslavia and announced plans to send Russian warplanes east to Belgrade.

Russia's foreign minister announced the expulsions against its longtime ally as "provocation" and called for criminal prosecution of those who ordered the military action. The government also rejected an American proposal for a joint early-warning command center, and experts said the START III strategic arms reduction treaty was dead again in parliament.

The Russian Navy ordered the large Northern Fleet guided missile destroyer, the Rurik, Velikiy, and an aircraft carrier, the Admiral Korneev, east to the Barents Sea above Russia's northern border Monday in what was described as a naval exercise. Also, Interfax news agency reported that military experts in Russia and Belarus were doing feasibility studies on the deployment of tactical and strategic nuclear forces in Belarus.

However, Russian officials have said they do not plan a military response to the crisis, and most responses have been political and diplomatic. Moreover, Russia's military machine is at a low ebb, plagued by old equipment and desperately poor training, and despite the former rhetoric of recent days, there are few concrete options to directly help Yugoslavia. One possibility, however, would be to break the U.N. arms embargo on Belgrade, but such a decision has not been announced.

The developments came as Russian politicians and diplomats said the attack on Yugoslavia had aroused a much deeper level of anti-Western sentiment from Russians than the 1998 attack on the U.S. embassy in Belgrade. Alexei Arbatov, a leading member of parliament from the center-right Yabloko bloc, declared that Russia's relations with the United States "have passed some threshold" and "we will never return to where we were.



A police officer stands guard Friday at the paint- and egg-splattered U.S. Embassy in Moscow. Protesters marched against the NATO action against Serbia, a traditional ally of Russia.

"We are going to have an extremely difficult period in Russian-U.S. relations. Anti-American and anti-Western sentiments have swept the whole country." In Russia's forthcoming parliamentary and presidential elections, he said foreign policy will have a strong, new dimension in the aftermath of the Yugoslav conflict.

"It will obviously be anti-American, anti-Western, opposed to any cooperation, and there will be a great disappointment in the market that was being dreamed into people's heads and which was being implemented against all the odds since the early 1990s.

namely, domestic reform with Western support," he said.

Russia's relationship with the United States began on an optimistic note in the early 1990s after the Soviet Union collapsed, when both sides talked about global "partnership." But Russia, weakened and humiliated by its economic collapse, has been increasingly pulling away from what critics said was an overly "romantic" view of the West. The arms control process is at an impasse; the Western model of liberal market capitalism has been badly discredited by last year's ruble and debt crisis; and bilateral disputes — proliferation

of weapons of mass destruction, and attacks on Iraq, and now Yugoslavia — have increasingly come to the front-burner.

The Clinton administration was shared by other analysts who noted that the NATO attacks had triggered noisy demonstrations by nationalists outside U.S. embassies and consulates. Russian police arrested 138 people on Thursday night after rowdy protests outside the main building of the U.S. Embassy here, where protesters threw bottles, eggs, ink and paint. About 1,000 demonstrators remained outside the embassy Friday night.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Convicted that Russia's angry reaction to the NATO attack on the Serbs is geared to a domestic audience, the Clinton administration hopes President Boris Yeltsin's suspension of ties to the alliance will be short-lived.

"We will just have to watch and see what decisions Russia makes," Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott told The Associated Press. "That depends on them."



Bill Clinton Boris Yeltsin

Yeltsin suspended cooperation with NATO to protest the attack. Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, meanwhile, hinted Russia would try to get the U.N. arms embargo against Yugoslavia lifted, which President Clinton said would be a "terrible mistake."

"The Serbs have quite a lot of arms on their own. They made a lot of arms in the former Yugoslavia," Clinton said. "I have no intention of lifting any of the arms embargo on Serbia."

Today, Russia ordered NATO's two top representatives in the country to leave. "We cannot now have any contact with the leaders of NATO, including the secretary-general of the alliance, until the aggression against Yugoslavia has stopped," Ivanov was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency.

The Clinton administration also is checking reports the Russians already were providing Belgrade with weapons to resist the NATO cruise missile and bombing attack. "We are watching that closely with our eyes open," said another senior U.S. official. "We have seen nothing definitive."

Russia joined with the United States and four European countries in framing the proposed statement for Kosovo that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic has

rejected. But Russia also consistently has opposed the use of force against the Serbs.

Yeltsin on Wednesday called the NATO attack "naked aggression." He added that if the fighting spread, Russia reserved the right to take measures, "including those of a military character," and that he would "take the security of Europe. However, he backed off on that threat Thursday, as did Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov.

"We have different responses at our disposal. Regarding military potential, our country is second to no one," Primakov said on Russia's NTV television. "But we aren't taking those steps."

Russian officials on Thursday also forced a U.N. Security Council vote today on the legality of the NATO bombing, but the resolution was certain to fail under the veto threat from the United States and Britain.

Dimitri Simes, president of the private Nixon Center and a leading Russian analyst, called the rift with Russia far more serious than the situation in the Balkans.

"This is the most serious event since the end of the Cold War, with far-reaching consequences for the U.S.-Russian relationship, for the international environment, for American foreign policy interests," he said in an interview.

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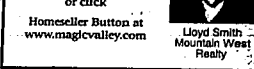


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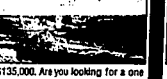
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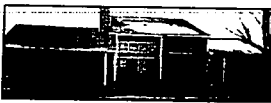
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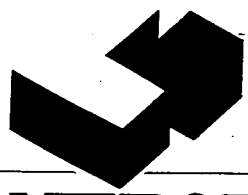
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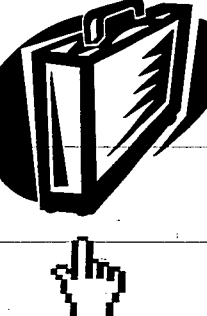
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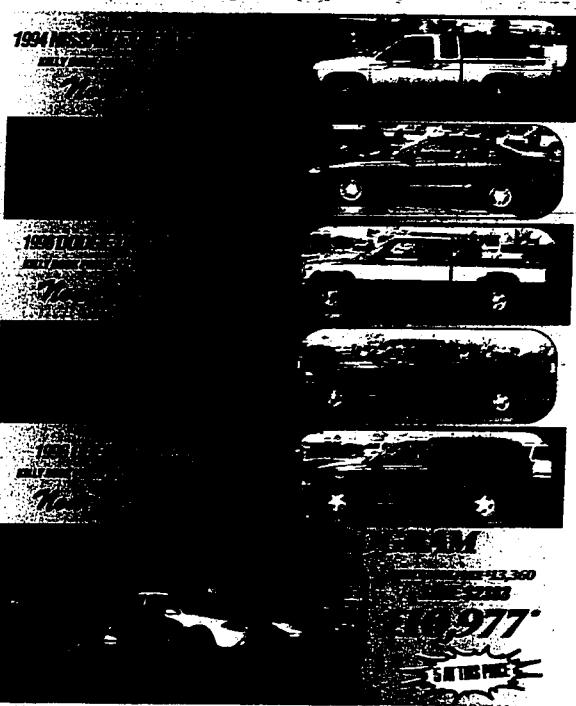
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Section F

A yummy watch, but time will tell

I just received a news release about the "Swiss Cheese Watch." The release says it's "one of a kind."

The watch is made of real Swiss cheese—more precisely "casein," or "milk stone," a natural milk by-product. The idea was to combine the crafts of Swiss cheesemaking and Swiss watchmaking.

An environmental plus: This is a recycled product, featuring "primary recycling," which the news release defines as the "immediate reuse of a substance with no transformation stage harmful to the environment."

Evidently the cheese is not aged. And the watches in the photos actually are attractive. The watch faces are decorative (I like the ones with abstract designs on them better than the ones with little cows running around on them), and I'm assuming the Swiss Cheese Watch is odors-free. If you want to buy one, you can call RHW Eco-Time-Systems at 417-833-8884. I don't know how much they cost.

These watches are certainly unique, albeit a little weird. After I read the news release, I started thinking about what makes something, or someone, "weird."

Is it a "majority-rules" kind of thing, as in 51 percent of the population believes Dennis Rodman is weird, so he is? And if 51 percent of us decided to dye our hair rainbow colors and wear anything on our bodies and skip basketball practice to fly to Las Vegas, would all of these things cease to be weird?

Sometimes I think my kids—or maybe all kids—are weird. But after doing a little research on the subject, I'm thinking that the kids around me are pretty normal.

The Fortean Times of London, a monthly magazine that researches strange stuff, has a site on the Internet. I clicked on it one day and found out the group is having an "invention" this year. It makes me been to a few of those), and its web site is filled with weird information.

Here's an example: A 15-pound cement frog that vanished from a garden at a home in Massachusetts last April was returned by limousine on Dec. 21. A letter left at the time of the disappearance said the frog needed to escape the daily grind of garden life, but would be home for the holidays. Then the family received postcards and photographs of the frog living it up in New York, Indonesia and elsewhere.

The Fortean Times isn't the only place where you can find descriptions of weird stuff. A syndicated column titled "No Kids" in the *Oxford English Dictionary* devotes 20 1/4 pages to descriptions of the word "run." And *Industry Week* magazine reported that only 20,000 out of every 100,000 paper clips are used to clip papers together. The rest are used for push-picks, nail cleaners, pipe cleaners or for unknown purposes. (I don't want to know.)

If it's me who's weird, or is it everyone else? Whoever it is, there is more of it than there used to be.

According to Fortean, worldwide weirdness was up a full 4 percent last year, with increases in the areas of alien sightings, aliens, instances of spontaneous human combustion, falls from the sky, sightings of water monsters, hoaxes and panics, ineptitude and stupidity and cults and conspiracies.

I don't think it's me who's weird. However, I'm still receiving judgment on my mother.

During most of December, my mother was stressed out because she had ordered a set of Mark McGwire baseball cards for my son, and they hadn't come in. She was beside herself.

"How long was it supposed to take?" I asked her one day.

"Four to six weeks."
"How long has it been?"
"Two weeks, I think."

It went on like that for days, until my mother lost the magazine that had the card company's name in it. She was beside herself. Then she happened upon an ad for the same product in a newspaper.

"I found out where the company is," she told me in Myrtle.

"Neptune—where's that?" I asked.
"California? Florida?"

"I don't know," my mother replied. "It's just Neptune."
I told my husband, "Grandma ordered Steve's Mark McGwire cards from Neptune."

"No wonder it's taking so long," he said. "I knew McGwire could hit the ball pretty far, but..."

"If I ever get those cards, they're going to hold onto them for ever." She was talking about a REAL collector's item.

I don't need a Swiss Cheese Watch. There's enough weird stuff in my life already.

Making the grade

The A-B-C's of easing report-card anxiety—for you and your kids

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

A report card is not a life sentence. It doesn't mean a child is going to become a nuclear physicist and which are going to work in conventional stores. It's simply a progress report on how a child did on a given course of study over a specific time period.

B A failing grade—or a disappointing one—such as a "C" report card may be a sign of hard work and perseverance. A report card shouldn't be the only measure of a child's self-worth. It is, then, something to worry with the kid and the parents.

C Don't try to inflame your child's anxiety. A little anxiety is part of life, and for better or worse, grades are a good way for children to learn. After I read the news release, I started thinking about what makes something, or someone, "weird."

D Lessen the end of the story. If you're sitting on a piece of paper to tell you whether your kid is getting the most out of education, then you're not doing enough. Talk to your child's teacher. Talk to your child.

F Get over it. Your kid isn't in school to make you proud; he's there to learn. If bad grades make you angry, then that's your problem—not his or hers. A report card is one tool for measuring how things are going in the classroom; smart parents use it appropriately.

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Third-grade students in Denise Hicks' class at Agape Christian School in Twin Falls sort through the contents of "treasure boxes" earlier this month.

“Kids are their own worst critics. We live in a time when even a ‘B’ isn’t good enough.”
—Tom Trotter, University of Idaho education professor

“There are very few students who can’t achieve at least a ‘B’ or a ‘C’—if they get the proper support.”
—John Graham, principal, Valley Elementary School

Counselors say grades count by middle school

DUBLAS—If asked even a few years ago, most area school counselors said they would have recommended ninth or 10th grade as the point at which grades really start to matter to a child's future. But with the competition for good jobs comes the desire for the best high school placement for some students. The better the high school program, the more challenging the classes offered and the stronger prospective grade-point average. Donna Gentry, a longtime counselor at Minnie Middle School in Fort Worth, Texas, said that many of her sixth-grade students already are taking honors courses in an attempt to boost their future grade-point average. "Our fifth-graders come to us knowing their grades in their classes and on the TAKS," Gentry said. "They're very knowledgeable. They know a whole lot more now about the importance of grades than I even knew after I graduated from high school." Gentry said that many of her high-achieving students begin focusing on their grades in middle school, and some use honors courses as a way to get ahead of the game in high school. "It's possible for some of our kids to enter the ninth grade with 5 1/2 credits toward high school," she said. "And that enables some of them to dedicate much of their high school careers to taking honors and advanced placement classes for college." "The ninth grade is too late for a lot of kids because most of their classmates are already ahead of them in preparing for high school while they're in middle school or elementary school. If they have older brothers and sisters, they can tell you in a heartbeat about their grade-point average and curriculum while they're still in middle school." Kevin Macklin, a counselor at the Science and Engineering Magnet at the Yvonne A. Ewell Towersville Center, said that many of the students there also began focusing on their grades early on because they wanted to be accepted at the prestigious magnet. "Many of our kids are already taking calculus in the 10th grade because they know that will help their overall grade," he said. "They know that their class rank is adjusted based on the difficulty of the course, so they want that extra edge." Macklin said that while most of his students have focused on their grades before high school, some students still succeed if they wait until their freshman or sophomore year. "All is not lost if a kid comes here and falls flat their freshman year," Macklin said. "Their grades alone will not determine their college placement. Sometimes a real solid improvement will take the place of doing well all four years."

Child's World
A special section for parents and children, featuring stories, puzzles, and educational content. The text is partially obscured but includes phrases like "Child's World" and "A special section for parents and children."

Pointers for riding out adolescence

- A few pointers for life with a budding adolescent:
- Establish rules and enforce them consistently.
 - Listen respectfully.
 - Tackle the big stuff, ignore the small stuff.
 - Keep your child's bedroom by inviting them into your home and talking with their parents. If you're uneasy with your child's choice of friends, set parameters on time spent together and encourage her to spend more time with others.
 - Allow, and maybe even encourage, your adolescent to form a close bond with another adult you trust, such as an aunt or uncle, Sam's teacher or neighbor.
 - Realize that your teen ages may not be turning into a clone of you and accept him for who he is.
 - Maintain a calm attitude, especially when your adolescent doesn't.
 - Stay involved in your child's life, while keeping embarrassment to a minimum.
 - Know that it will get better.
- Suzanne Korman, City State

Kids can hunt for Easter eggs Friday

Friday
GOODING—An Easter egg hunt is planned for 3 p.m. at Gooding Rehab, 1220 Montana St.
Kids 11 and under are welcome to participate. For further information, call Nancy Packer at 934-5601.

Saturday
TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and the Twin Falls Optimists will sponsor their annual Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. in City Park.
For further information, call 736-2265.

BURLEY—The Cassia County Sheriff's Benevolent Association will host its annual Easter egg hunt starting at 9 a.m. (next to the National Guard Armory at the airport).
The hunt is for mentally challenged children.

JEROME—The Jerome Optimist Club will sponsor its annual Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. at Forsythe Park.

To do for families
The campus of the College of Southern Idaho on April 17. The popular PBS personality's appearance will be part of Science Trek, a spring science adventure for kids in grades 3-5.
He'll present "It's a Gas," a scientific demonstration of gases during an afternoon that will include other science adventures at the Herrert Center and the Faulkner Planetarium.
Science Trek, co-sponsored by Idaho Public Television, the Herrert Center and the Faulkner Planetarium.
History in Pocatello, is patterned after events held at the Pocatello museum. It's the first time Science Trek has come to Twin Falls.
To participate, children must be pre-registered by April 9. Cost is \$25.
For registration information, call Darcy Thornbarrow at 733-9554.

Upcoming
TWIN FALLS—"Newton's Apple" host David Hill is coming to the Herrert Center for Arts and Science on Wednesday.

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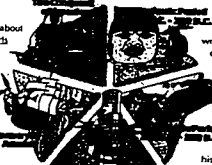
"Toys and spare everything neck and brains and fun and creativity and energy!" That's what girls are made of. If this sounds like you, then check out the awesome Girl Scouts Web site. There's a uniform required, just a desire to have fun and learn. Girl Scouts is not just about cookies and camping. There's a lot going on at <http://www.girlscouts.org/girls>. Try the "Power" full scavenger hunt, and get in on the cool science that shows why "the power" of your own lightning! Or if you're in the mood to express yourself, there's a hundred ways girl chat, girl poems, girl artists and even Girl Space—a big virtual refrigerator door where you can tick anything you want people to see or think about. Be sure to check out the careers section, too. There are some pretty inspiring women to show you the world that's waiting for you, from veterinarians to engineers. What are you waiting for? Go, girl!

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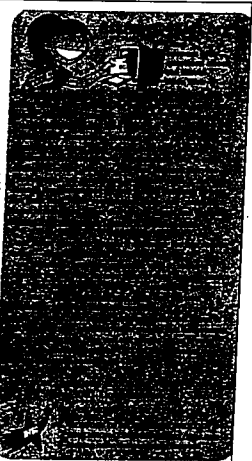


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Easter egg hunt? Tell us about it.

If you're a civic or church organization or business planning to sponsor an Easter egg hunt next week-end, let us know and we'll tell our readers. The Times-News will publish a list of Easter egg hunts in Friday's WeekEnd section. Send us the information by noon Wednesday, and we'll include it. Contact staff writer Steve Crump: By phone, 733-0931, Ext. 223; By fax, 734-5538; By E-mail, crump@magicvalley.com

MOVIE REVIEWS FROM A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Compiled from wire services

"Forces of Nature" (PG-13)
—Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.

Best for: Teens to adults who want to see a different romantic comedy.

What it's about: Boarding a flight from New York to Savannah, Ga., for his wedding to Bridger (Maura Tierney), Ben (Eli Lapidus) has no idea that everything that could go wrong will, except for one right thing. Ben meets Sarah (Sandra Bullock), a most unusual woman, under the strangest circumstances, and the two end up traveling together on Ben's journey to the altar. Steve Zahn co-stars. The good: Rarely do you see characters in movies deal with restraint and choose morality over passion. There are touching moments in dramatic scenes from Sarah's past (a husband and child), realistic dialogue about adult themes of love and lust, a witty script and a great cast. These make it a delightful adult date movie.

The not-so-good: Bad language, adult issues about love, marriage and sex, and a couple of scenes that show Bullock in underwear. But no sexual situations take place.

Offensive language: Yes. Sex: No sexual situations other than kissing, and no nudity is shown.

Violence: A plane crashes, but no one is hurt. Parental advisory: Kids may be tempted to see this because of the star appeal of Bullock and Affleck, but because of the adult themes, it's more suitable for mature teens and adults.

Entertainment value: A "Wing Commander" (PG-13) —Twin Cinema.

Best for: Pre-teens to adults who are interested in watching a video game on screen. What it's about: It's 2564, and Earth is at war with the Kilrathi, who've invented a new navigation device they plan on using to attack Earth. Christopher Blair (Freddie Prinze Jr.) and Todd Marshall (Matthew Lillard of "Scream") are sent to deliver an encoded message about the invasion and end up fighting for the Confederation. The good: The story is about jumping quars and pulsars and meeting girlfriend fighter pilots Angel (Saffron Burrows) and Rosie (Ginny Holden).

The good: Prinze and Lillard are real-life good friends who met in "Scream." All That. Their on-screen friendship and camaraderie was the most believable thing about this movie. If you enjoy playing video games, you might enjoy this movie, because the action and special effects will remind you of "Scream."

The not-so-good: This is a "B" popcorn-matinee movie at best, with cheap thrills and cheesy bad guys. The script is weak in several areas: dialogue (sounds like '90s teen dialect is like, in the year 2564?), action (which resorts to video-game special effects), bad guys who are like dark-green aliens we don't even see until the end of the movie (so what are we supposed to be afraid of?) and a lack of suspense. There's a bigoted character who has it in for Chris because his mother was from the "pilot-guy" and lots of sexual innuendo of a half-breed character. Offensive language: There's pro-

Family flicks

family as well as crude sexual dialogue. See: A couple of implied sexual situations, in bed with characters who have just met, but no nudity. Violence: Laser-gun and "Star Wars"-style space battles with explosions. A couple of pilots are hurt.

Parental advisory: Apparently little heed is paid to the PG-13 rating, which warns parents that a movie may include material unsuitable for younger children. This is a not-so-great choice among teens because of the star power of Prinze and Lillard and the "Star Wars"-style action, but younger children won't understand the confusing plot and may even be bored. My teens thought it was OK (mostly because of "Prinze and Lillard," but nothing to rave about.

Entertainment value: C+ "Baby Geniuses" (PG) —Twin Cinema.

Best for: The only ones who will enjoy the baby antics are kids 3-6.

What it's about: Kathleen Turner (who has definitely hit bottom in her career) plays a scheming woman with a theory that babies and their parents are connected. She builds a secret underground lab, has Christopher Lloyd run it (haven't you seen this doctor/scientist character before?) and kidnaps babies for her experiments. When toddler Sly (the smart leader of the movie) realizes they will never see their parents again, he leads a revolt to freedom. Kim Cattrall, Peter MacNicol and Don Delorenzo co-star.

The good: Cute babies. The not-so-good: So many things are wrong it would take too long to mention, so let me just sum it up by saying it's a silly plot with a bad script and even worse acting. There are numerous crude jokes, lots of dialogue about dirty diapers, babies throwing people around, bad lip synchs where babies are made to look like they're talking, and many gross elements. The point of no return for me was Sly on a disco floor in a white suit doing a John Travolta imitation and adults trying to beat him up by giant mechanical dolls.

Language: Crude potty-mouth dialogue. Sex: No.

Violence: "Home Alone"-style pranks and babies using karate tricks to throw men through the air.

Parental advisory: Parents might think this is another "Look Who's Talking," but it's not. There are more things that will offend than entertain, so don't waste time or money on this one. Entertainment value: D "The Kid and I" (G) —The brilliant colors, vivid visuals, for funny sidekicks and fuzzy animals may make kids nibble this animated picture. But the exquisitely sun classic Rodgers and Hammerstein score should reel them in to this tale of a teacher who gets and gives some unexpected lessons when she comes to Siam to tutor the children of the king. Adults should get over the film's story depictions — made in the interest of making the film more accessible

to the younger set — and revel in the opportunity to introduce kids to one of the best musical scores ever written. You may even want to consider purchasing the newly reissued VU Brynner and Deborah Kerr version as a companion piece when they're ready to move on to the real thing. (86 minutes) (Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema)

—also—

"Analyze This" (R) — A funny adult comedy with strong language, suggestive sexual situations and adult themes kids and younger teens might not understand. Teens who are fans of Lisa Kudrow will want to see it, but there's too much adult material for them. (Reel Theater of Twin Falls, Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum).

"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." (136 minutes) (Twin Cinema)

"Cruel Intentions" (R) — Younger teens may want to see this if they're fans of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," Reese Witherspoon or Ryan Reynolds, but parents shouldn't let them. This movie is too dark and can't waste their time on and is definitely for adults only. (Twin Cinema)

"The Deep End of the Ocean" (PG-13) — Parental advisory: This powerful, depressing story is not a family film, despite an upbeat ending. Don't be fooled by the commercial — the movie is slow and emotionally draining. Leave small children and preteens at home. (Reel Theater of Twin Falls, Grand-Vu Drive-in of Twin Falls, Century Cinema of Burley)

"Message in a Bottle" (PG-13) — This weepie wannabe is so soiree paced, most kids will get restless. Definitely a "chick flick," it may appeal to teen girls, at least to those who like to dream of romantic sea-side mystic. (126 minutes) (Grand-Vu Drive-in)

"My Favorite Martini" (PG) — This crude adaptation of the 1960s sitcom is littered with sex-

ual innuendo, scantly clad women and literal toilet humor involving a fat man getting ready to make a deposit. Some kids will giggle, but their parents might cringe or even get angry. This is, after all, a Disney film. (93 minutes) (Reel Theater of Twin Falls)

"October Sky" (PG) — It's tough to find a film that really merits that showprun phrase "ideal family entertainment." But that's just what this film is. Steering clear of stuffiness and sanctimony, it offers something for all members of the family. The movie focuses on the 1957 Sputnik flight, which inspires teenager Homer Hickam to design a rocket. (108 minutes) (Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, SKITime Cinemas of Ketchum)

"The Other Sister" (PG-13) — 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. (Reel Theater of Twin Falls)

free-wheeling med student who shocks the medical establishment by feeling that patients should be treated as humans rather than specimens. The film's ribald humor will appeal to teens and some pre-teens. (120 minutes) (Burley Theater)

"The Prince of Egypt" (PG) — Parents should be interested in answer questions regarding this animated account of the life of Moses. The actions of the some times wonderful God will have to be explained, and some younger viewers may be frightened by the mention of violence to first-borns. Still, it has moments that should thrill youngsters, such as when a whale is seen during the parting of the Red Sea. (97 minutes) (Reel Theater of Twin Falls, Shoshone Showhouse)

"She's All That" (PG-13) — For once, here's a PG-13 movie that's safe for 13-year-olds (guaranteeing their lack of interest). It tells a familiar teen-love story with a requisite measure of body talk and sexually charged humor. But a genuinely sweet heart beats at the center. (93 minutes) (Reel Theater of Twin Falls)

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Girls say magazines influence their idea of the perfect body

The Washington Post
Young girls who read fashion magazines tend to be discontented with their body shape, and frequent readers of such magazines are two to three times more likely to diet or exercise to lose weight than girls who rarely read them.

Those are among the conclusions of a new survey that found that two-thirds of girls in grades 5 through 12 wanted to lose weight, even though only 29 percent were overweight. Sixty-nine percent of the girls in the survey reported that pictures they saw in fashion magazines influenced their idea of the perfect body shape.

Previous studies have suggested that the images of ultra-thin models featured in fashion advertising might affect young girls' feelings about their bodies and could be a factor for some in the development of eating disorders such as bulimia and anorexia nervosa.

Researcher Alison E. Field and colleagues at Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health surveyed 543 girls in grades 5 through 12 who attended public elementary schools in a working class suburb of Boston. Eighty-five percent reported some exposure to fashion magazines, but only 26 percent read them at least twice a week.

Sixty-nine percent of the girls reported that magazine pictures influenced their idea of the perfect body shape. There was a strong correlation between girls' frequency of reading fashion magazines and the likelihood that they had tried to lose weight through diet or exercise. Even among those who rarely read such magazines, 60 percent said the media influenced their attitudes about body shape.

The authors caution that the study "couldn't" determine whether reading fashion magazines was the cause of girls' dissatisfaction with their bodies or



Fashion models are a major influence on adolescents — especially those who read fashion magazines. Whether those who were already dissatisfied were more likely to be drawn to such publications.

The satisfaction of simplicity

"They are richest whose needs are simplest." —Thoreau

We live in a world of abundance. We take for granted electric lights, running water, indoor plumbing, air conditioning, television, cars, cell phones, computers, and so on. We have indoor plumbing, electric lights, running water, air conditioning, television, cars, cell phones, computers, and so on. We have indoor plumbing, electric lights, running water, air conditioning, television, cars, cell phones, computers, and so on. We have indoor plumbing, electric lights, running water, air conditioning, television, cars, cell phones, computers, and so on.

good is constant acquisition and accumulation if they lead to significant debt? What good are they if they do not create inner peace and benefit more than just ourselves?

Perhaps now is a good time to consider simplifying life a little. In our time-oriented society, isn't one of the true marks of wealth how much discretionary time we have? It is possible to have significant monetary wealth while being bankrupt in time to enjoy what it could provide.

Here are three ideas to consider when reviewing your current situation. Ask yourself:
• What makes me happiest?
• And, why does it make me happiest? Are they complicated or simple activities that please me?
• Like a watch, the fewer parts it takes to find enjoyment the better. A sunset or sunrise has soothed the souls of poets, a pan and a wooden spoon do a symphony make.

Do I feel a need to compete with what others have to be happy? If you answer yes, try to write out four or five reasons you feel this way. Then think about whether or not these reasons are logical and a good use of your resources. Sometimes what we do isn't logical at all. And, sometimes we are not even sure why we do what we do. If this is true for you, welcome to a very crowded club. If you find that changing this type of thinking is difficult to do by yourself, seek help. There are many types of competent, professional counselors around to help with nearly any challenge. It is a sign of strength not weakness to admit we need help, and then seek it.

• What do I now that I don't enjoy that I could stop doing and gain more free time? Or, write out four or five ways that you plan to make enjoying life a simpler task.

For many of us, just having an hour of quiet, two or three times per week, would show us the joy of simple pleasure. Now, as you set out to simplify your life, as your motto, remember and repeat this to yourself daily: "The happier I am with simple things, the simpler it is to be happy."

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Sometimes everybody wins

"The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart." —Robert Green Ingersoll

Chicken Soup for the Soul

By Kim Kane

Sometimes there is no such thing as a wrong goal. A young man's seeming "mistake" teaches us that it's possible for everyone to win. Kim Kane, who lives on a small island in the heart of Samoa, writes a family humor column for the *Amazing Instant Novelist* site on America On-Line.

For many of us was the last game for my 8 year old son's soccer team. It was the final quarter. The score was 2-1, with my son's team down 1-0. With less than 10 seconds remaining, the ball rolled in front of my son's teammate, Mikey O'Donnell. With shouts of "Kick it!" echoing

to hug the opposing players when they scored.

The silence was finally broken when Mikey, his face filled with joy, grabbed my son, hugged him and yelled, "I scored! I scored! Everybody won! Everybody won!" For a moment I held my breath, not sure how my son would react. I watched through tears as my son threw up his hand in the classic high-five salute and started chanting, "Way to go Mikey! Way to go Mikey!" Within moments, both teams surrounded Mikey, joining in the chant and congratulating him on his goal. Later that night, when my daughter asked who had won, I told her, "It was a tie. Everybody won."

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Spanking may get a child's attention

Lots of journalists lately have asked me, "Do you believe in spanking?"

My answer: No, I don't believe in spanking in the sense that it's essential to a proper upbringing. I am convinced one can rear a child well without ever spanking.

Nor do I believe spanking is the defining issue the media makes it out to be. There are good parents who spank and parents who don't. The same is true of bad parents, as well as the vast majority of parents who fall somewhere between good and bad (ie. adequate).

I do believe, however, that with certain children who misbehave in certain situations, a spanking, when administered, is the best parental course of action.

The certain misbehavior in question falls within the "outrageous" category, as in outrageous defiance, outrageous disrespect, and outrageous tantrums.

The certain situations are those where the outrage needs to be stopped quickly, for the good of all concerned.

By "well administered," I mean a couple of swats swiftly applied to the child's rear with the parent's hand.

The certain children are those who, once they cross the line of outrage, tend to deteriorate rapidly. The aforementioned swats are delivered to keep the misbehavior from snowballing

and to focus the child's attention on the parent, whose job then becomes that of disciplining in some effective way.

You heard that right. A spanking, as I define it, is not discipline. It is a consequence, to be sure, but not all consequences are disciplinary. Discipline is teaching, and a spanking, by itself, teaches nothing. The teaching is done immediately thereafter by the parent.

I believe most parents who spank spank entirely too much, so much that no spanking means anything. I also believe there's something sadistic about a spanking delivered in ritual fashion — as in requiring the child to wait in their room for the parent, pull down his/her pants, bend over, and so on. I believe the best spanking is "a bolt out the blue, once in a blue moon."

I do not believe spankings per se are abusive, although, as is the case with any other consequence, they can be so administered. I believe people who want to see spanking outlawed are well-intentioned. But should their intentions come to pass, the floodgates will be thrown wide for government interference in child rearing.

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Hold, please: Callers prefer music while waiting

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Be it the Beatles, Bach or the Beach Boys, the music on telephone answer machines conveys an image that could help compensate for busy business psychologists say. A survey of 103 people in the *British Journal of Psychology* showed that most preferred to listen to the Beatles and most melodies were better than a recorded message telling them to hold. If callers liked the music, they held on up to 20 percent longer than normal and had a better image of the company.

On the Job

It appears to be catchy among MDs. An Annals of Internal Medicine study of 1,208 physicians who graduated from medical school between 1980 and 1990 found that 22 percent of the male physicians and 44 percent of female physicians were married to other physicians.

Real shot in the arm

Ever wonder why doctors aren't constantly sick? One reason is that more of them do what so many of us don't — get a flu shot. Doctors and nurses take fewer days from work because of

the flu when they are vaccinated annually. Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and School of Medicine researchers report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Happy days

You've heard the old saying about how money can't buy happiness. Well, when it comes to your job, it's true, two University of Michigan researchers say. Their study found that other factors, such as relationships, work environment and genetic temperament account for 87 percent of 258 difference in happiness between people. National Business Employment Weekly reports.

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ENGAGEMENTS — Second-time brides still prefer diamonds

VANEPS-DICKINSON

TWIN FALLS — J. Dee and Dianna VanEps of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Anne VanEps. David Dickinson, son of David and Linda Dickinson of Rathdrum.

VanEps is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Boise State University. She is employed at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls.

Dickinson is a graduate of Lakeland High School and the University of Idaho. He is employed at Robert Stuart Junior



Brady Dickinson and Holly VanEps High School. The wedding is planned for Friday.

PETTIT-NIPPER

JEROME — Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pettit of Las Vegas, Nev., announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie Pettit, to Devon Erling Nipper, son of Pat Nipper of Jerome and John Nipper of Tooele, Utah.

Pettit is a graduate of Battle Mountain High School in Battle Mountain.

Nipper attended Jerome High School. He is employed at Echo Bay Mine in Battle Mountain.

The wedding is planned for



Devon Nipper and Dawn Pettit April 4.

GILBERT-OSBORNE

HAGERMAN — Steve and Kathy Gilbert of Hagerman announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristan Dayleen Gilbert, to Monte Lynden Osborne, son of Lynden and Lori Osborne of Hagerman.

Gilbert is a graduate of Hagerman High School. She is employed at Snake River Grill in Hagerman.

Osborne is a graduate of Hagerman High School. He is employed by Zuiderveld Hoof Trimming in Hagerman.

The wedding is planned for



Monte Osborne and Kristan Gilbert April 10.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE HANCES

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hance of Twin Falls will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday.

Hance and Wanda Emery were married April 3, 1949, in Elkton, Nev.

They began their married life in Twin Falls, later moving to Hayward, Calif., and then returning to reside in Twin Falls.

The couple has four children, Sheryl (Jerry) Olsen of Eagle, Debi (Scott) Moon of Hansen, Glenda Kestle of Jerome and Ricki (Vickie) Hance of Glenns Ferry.



Glen and Wanda Hance The couple has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

THE GOTTS

KIMBERLY — Glenn and Leila Gott of Kimberly will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 5 p.m. at the home of Allen and Gary Eller, 3139 N. 2900 E. in Twin Falls.

The Gotts were married April 3, 1949.

They were both raised in the Magic Valley and raised their family in Kimberly. He was a brick mason. She worked for the Kimberly School District and Twin Falls County Sheriff's office.



Glenn and Leila Gott They are now enjoying retirement. The celebration is being given by their children, Janet (Gary) Eller, Glenda (Rick) Skeen, Bruce Gott and Judy (Dick) Young.

THE PLOSSSES

JEROME — Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Ploss of Jerome will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E. The couple requests no gifts, just memories.

Ploss and Mickey Lorraine Barkman were married April 3, 1949, in Twin Falls.

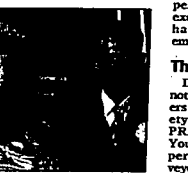
They have lived all of their married life on the family farm in Jerome.

He operated the family farm and dairy, and is still actively farming.

She began working for Reliance Credit and then took off several years to raise their four children. She has worked for the past 27 years for Ameripride Linen.

They have been active in scouting, Bible and church school.

The event is being given by their children, Karen Ploss of Boise, Robert Ploss of Twin Falls, and Steve Ploss and Allen Ploss,



Mickey and Laurel Ploss both of Jerome. The couple has 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Stamford Advocate

STAMFORD, Conn. — When it comes to second marriages, diamonds can still be a girl's best friend.

"Second-time brides still prefer them," says Susan Portanova Nelson of Heart of Gold Jewelers here. "And with second engagements, they tend to think a bigger stone is better."

Maybe that's because in some minds a second marriage is a bigger commitment — a leap that's harder to take when the first time was a flop.

"Getting married for the second time is not something people do lightly — at least not most men," says Terry Betteridge, of Betteridge Jewelers in

"I wanted her to gasp, and she did."
—Greg Coulter, on proposing with a two-carat diamond

Greenwich, who has married twice. "So when they come in looking for a second ring, often they are looking to make a statement." That was the case when Greg Coulter of Greenwich proposed to his second wife, Martha. The couple, now in their late 30s, had brief marriages in their early 20s. Coulter had never bought a diamond before and wanted to splurge on his proposal. "The first time I got married, I didn't have money for a fancy ring," he explains. "This time I'm more

settled and I was very certain about my decision."

When Coulter proposed to Martha on Valentine's Day 1997 he surprised her with a two-carat, round brilliant cut stone set in a traditional platinum setting. "I wanted her to gasp and she did," he says.

Betteridge took a similar approach when choosing an engagement ring for his second wife. "The first time I got married I was driving a 7-year-old Volkswagen," the jeweler says.

"The second time my lifestyle was much different. My station in life had changed."

Not to mention Betteridge's access to a safe full of precious gems. "I had something very special tucked aside, hoping I would meet that right person," he says. "And when I did, it was waiting."

Martha Coulter says her only concern about her magnificent ring was whether her new diamond, which dwarfed her first one, was appropriate for a second marriage. "It's absolutely fine," answers etiquette expert Peggy Post, adding she is often asked about the propriety of second engagement rings.

"I tell people wearing a diamond for a second engagement is perfectly fine," says Post.

Find loads of wedding information on the Web

The Hartford Courant

The Internet has many sources of information on weddings. It's worth taking time to browse, but here are a few addresses to get you started.

Ultimate Internet Wedding Guide
www.ultimatewedding.com links to lots of information, including a song library and many professional services.

USA Bride's Tip of the Day
www.markgoldberg.com/ep-faq.html contains lots of advice on wedding photographers, plus color techniques and technical information.

Articles from Weddings magazine

weddingmag.com

Informative stories on a wide range of topics.

The Wedding Garden
www.weddinggarden.com Includes an online budget planner, a question-and-answer section and a list of tips.

Small Wedding Advice
www.personal.urmich.edu/~k-scrubsmail/faq.html

Suggestions for those who aren't planning to invite hundreds of their closest friends.

Photography Guides
www.markgoldberg.com/ep-faq.html contains lots of advice on wedding photographers, plus color techniques and technical information.

www.weddingspot.com/video

faq.htm has similar detailed advice on how to select a videographer and what to look for in a wedding videographer.

Internet Party Planning Directory
members.aol.com/pourparty/ice.html

Lots of checklists, tips and planning tools. Also links to many commercial wedding services. By the way, if you're looking for a product or service and can't find it through this site, don't worry. There are many more sites with extensive links to products and vendors, and simply putting the word "wedding" into any Web search service will turn up dozens of them.

Wedding Clip Art

www.barryselfie.com/ghbullet Hundreds of wedding-related drawings, copyright-free, that you can use with your word processing or desktop publishing program.

Etiquette Hell
www.mindspring.com/~thindsj/mh/eh/

Terrifying tales of social ineptitude, many related to weddings and bridal showers. Think of this site as a collection of things not to do.

all-wedding

This is an active Usenet newsgroup. You can post your own questions, reply to others or just read the ongoing dialogue.

FAMILY NEWS YOU CAN USE — WEDDING

ROSE-WORDEN

TWIN FALLS — Geraldine Ann Rose and Bradley Dee Worden were married Feb. 11 in Twin Falls.

She is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

He is employed at MVRMC.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.



Bradley and Geraldine Worden

The rhythm method

This one gives new meaning to the term "mood music." British couples who want to get into the mood to conceive a baby in the year 2000 will get a little help from a classical music station promoting a night of musical stimulation. Classic FM said it will play tried and trusted classical smoothies throughout the night on Saturday. The station said research had shown that March 20 was going to be "the special evening" for couples who want to have a baby on Jan. 1, 2000.

Danger on the ice

Hockey parents, take note: Young hockey players, especially those ages 8 to 13, should wear better neck and chest padding to protect against rare but catastrophic blows that can trigger cardiac arrest or strokes. Dr. Barry J. Maron of the Minneapolis Heart Institute told the American College of Cardiology that he knows of 12 cases over the last 15 years in which young male hockey players died suddenly on the ice after being struck by hockey pucks or fists.

A lot to swallow

A penny may not seem like much, but it's not small change if your child swallows one. Because pennies minted after 1982 are 95 percent zinc, which reacts with hydrochloric acid in the stomach, a swallowed penny can be as corrosive as the chemicals in a car battery, Discover magazine says. If your youngster swallows a penny, wait a day to see if it's excreted. If the child vomits or has stomach pains, go to the emergency room.

Think of others

Don't be selfish. Selfishness — not thinking of the rights of others — is the leading cause of society's woes, according to a new PREMEDIA/Roper National Youth Survey. Interestingly, 47 percent of the teen-agers surveyed cited "lack of parental discipline of children and teens" as one of America's top problems, American Demographics magazine reports.

Premature conclusions

Speaking of infants, the rate of single-born premature babies among black women decreased nearly 10 percent between 1989 to 1996 but increased 8 percent among white women, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports. Despite the narrowing of the racial gap, black babies are still nearly twice as likely to be born premature as white ones, the CDC said.

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Magic Valley Wedding Planning Directory

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Twin Falls 734-3444
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Bake Central Catering
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(Toll Free Call)
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153 W. Main
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Twin Falls 735-0921
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117 Main Ave. E.
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Twin Falls 733-8322
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Heyburn 679-5803
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Hart's Tux and Gowns
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Twin Falls 734-8393
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Twin Falls 734-4055
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- Wedding Creations**
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