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GOOD MORNING

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Home learning



Jeanette Elyse Tilley, 7, poses for the family dog, Chihuahua, while she and her other sister, Hayley, 5, are taught a math lesson by their mother, Shannon Tilley, in their home near Burley.

Many parents find favor with alternative setting

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Just how many home schoolers are out there no one knows for sure. Idaho doesn't keep track, but there is a growing visibility to the movement that suggests the numbers are rising. How that will affect the nation's future literacy levels and what that means for public and private schools remains a question.

Setting up class

It takes diligence, commitment, determination — because your kid's education depends on it," said Shannon Tilley, a mother in Burley who home schools her daughters, Jeanette, Elyse, 7, and Kayte, 9.

Shannon and her husband Jason Tilley, an attorney, have home schooled their children for six years. They converted a room in their basement into a school. It looks like a tiny version of an elementary classroom: A teacher's desk sits at the front in the corner, a green chalkboard hangs on the wall underneath a border of cursive letters, and tiny chairs sit at various stations.

Shannon Tilley goes from one daughter to another helping them along at their individual paces. Jeanette Elyse is at the third grade level, and Kayte is at the fourth.

The Tilleys have a structured classroom but learning really takes place all over the house and even outside. They conduct science experiments in the kitchen. Last week a biology lesson occurred in the barn when the girls watched the birth of a goat.

Organization

A fairly extensive network of home school families exists in southern Idaho. Shannon Tilley is chairwoman of the Mini-Cassia Home School Organization, a group about 70 families strong. Raising the stature of home school families has been one of her goals.

"I've tried to improve the image that home schooling isn't just for 'backwoods' people," she said. "It's for anyone willing to spend that much time with family." She encourages home school families to take annual stan-

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Study shows success

TWIN FALLS — A recent national study shows that parents choosing to home school students are able to provide a successful academic environment. The 20,760 home school children in the 11,930 families studied had two parents at home in the traditional roles of the school-home mother and father as breadwinners. The study also found that this group of home schoolers performed well above the national average on standardized tests. The Home School Legal Defense Association based in Piquetteville, Pa., commissioned the study. It established standardized test scores of home schooled children in kindergarten through 12th grade and called researchers to questionnaires requesting background and demographic information from their parents. The study doesn't claim to be a truly representative sample of the entire population of home school students.

The 70th and 80th percentiles in all subjects on the standardized tests. The 50th percentile is average. Home school students in grades one to four performed one grade level above their public/private school peers on the tests. Students who chose home schoolers scored higher on standardized test scores than students who had also attended other educational programs. Significant achievement differences among home school students existed when adjusted for the amount of money spent on education, family income, parent education and the student's view of the home school. Home school students who scored well on the tests were more likely to participate in the study.

Demographics

Parents of the home schoolers studied have more formal education than the general population. The median income for the home school families — \$52,000 — is higher than that of all families with children — \$36,000 — in the nation.

Almost 90 percent of home schoolers live in a two-parent household. Seventy-seven percent of home schoolers do not work in the labor force, and 95 percent of home schoolers are white. Home school students whom tests revealed to be students with disabilities were more likely to be in public or private schools.

Achievement

Students in the study typically scored in

Cassia gathers facts on mega-operations

Moratorium offers officials an opportunity

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

BURLEY — To some "moratorium" might seem like a roadblock to economic development. But to many farmers struggling to keep up with large corporations, it is the only logical step in deciding whether a large-scale livestock operation is good for the community.

On Monday, the Cassia County commissioners approved a six-month moratorium on livestock confinement operations of 10,000 animal units or more in the county. A proposal by Sawtooth Farms LLC to build a multi-million dollar hog farm in Malta prompted the moratorium.

The question now is whether the commissioners can gather enough factual information about mega-operations in six months and whether their fact-finding mission really is worth the time or the effort.

The big picture
Cassia County commission Chairman

Post-moratorium boom? — A2

Paul Christensen said a lack of large-scale operations in the area has made it difficult for the commissioners to visualize what a large operation would look like in the county — or what it would mean to the community.

"We can't restrict operations from building here," Christensen said. "The county can restrict (the size and the functioning of) operations. With the special use permits, the county retains the right to revoke the permit if it's violated."

During the six-month moratorium, the commissioners will talk with engineers at the Idaho Department of Agriculture about large-scale operations, review scientific studies on the environmental effects of mega-operations and even travel to various sites in other states to see what a large operation looks like.

Brian McCauley, general manager of Sawtooth Farms, questioned the commissioners' decision to approve the moratorium.

McCauley said Sawtooth Farms still is interested in locating in



Cassia County farmer Brian Shaw feeds the cattle on his family farm, Jorgensen. The Cassia County commissioners have placed a moratorium on large-scale animal operations in order to examine their effects on the county, including small farms like The Shaw's.

Congress readies for Kosovo debate

Support for ground troops builds

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On break since the early days of airstrikes in Yugoslavia, the Republican-controlled Congress returns to work this week headed toward a vigorous debate over President Clinton's policy and the possible use of American ground troops. "It is war, and only the Congress can declare war," Rep. Tom Campbell, R-Calif., wrote House Speaker Dennis Hastert recently, pleading to force the issue onto the floor if the leadership will not schedule it.

Campbell is working on two dramatically opposed bills to trigger the debate. One is a formal declaration of war against Yugoslavia, while the other would ban the use of American military resources in the fighting.

In the Senate, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who consistently has urged Clinton to leave open the possibility of ground troops, said, "It ought to be debated and voted on."

While Campbell, McCain, who is seeking the GOP nomination for president, has no immediate plans to introduce legislation, according to aides.

While Campbell opposes American military participation and McCain says his "goal is victory," the two men underscore a widespread belief that lawmakers should have a voice in a fight that has changed dramatically since the start of the war.

Sanatos — returning to Washington "will want to address this on the floor," said John Cawartacki, a spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

McCain and several other lawmakers on both sides wrote Clinton on Friday that it would be "prudent for the U.S. to urge NATO to plan for additional military missions, including the use of ground forces."

The lawmakers, who traveled recently to Europe with Defense Secretary William Cohen, said the American public "needs to be better prepared for the likelihood of Alliance casualties."

Women's world: NASA eyes all-female crews

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Come 2001, women may have a greater role in the making of space. Within the next two years, NASA may be flying all-female space shuttle crews — for science.

With a new space station on the horizon and increasing talk of trips to Mars, NASA wants to make sure it protects the health of all its astronauts, male and female. But just as with Earth-bound medical research, most of what it knows has been gleaned from men, and projecting results onto women could be dangerous.

Weightlessness, for instance, is known to cause bone loss in both sexes, and because women are at greater risk of osteoporosis, they might suggest women in space load up on calcium. But that could create kidney stones, points out Dr. Arnold Nicogossian, the space agency's top doctor.

Other areas of concern, for both sexes, include radiation and the weakening of the immune system in weightlessness. Millie Hughes-Fulford, a University of California professor who flew in the space station in 1991, would love to see an all-female crew. As an osteoporosis researcher, she'd be especially interested in whether women lose bone and calcium at the same rate in space as men.

THE REGION

Compass Prairie

High: 44 Low: 33
Sunny with a little warmer than Tuesday. Light showers in the morning. High clouds in the upper 40s.

Treasure Valley

High: 51 Low: 32
Variable high clouds in the morning. Sunny in the afternoon. Light winds in the morning. Sunny on Monday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 48 Low: 32
Partly cloudy with rain and mostly clear tonight. Most showers on Monday with high rain 40+.

Eastern Idaho

High: 52 Low: 33
Mostly sunny with North winds 10-15 mph. Mostly clear tonight. High clouds on Monday with high in the mid-70s.

Northern Idaho

High: 61 Low: 35
Mostly sunny and warmer with a light breeze. Most clear tonight with partly sunny on Monday. High 40-45.

Northern Utah

High: 51 Low: 37
Barely sunny and warmer. Most clear tonight and mostly clear on Monday with a chance of showers.

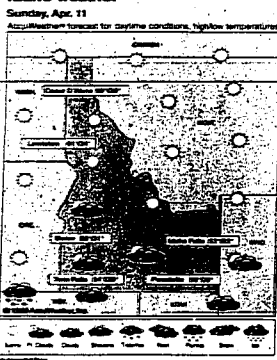
Northern Nevada

High: 52 Low: 34
Sunny and warmer with wind from the south at 15-15 mph.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

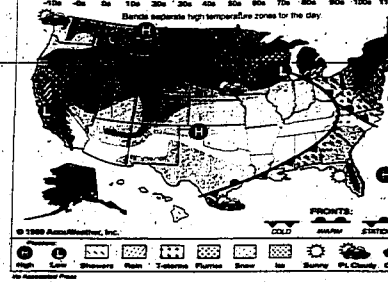
Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 54 Low: 34 Sunny and warmer with southeast winds 5-15 mph	High: 61 Low: 36 Sunny and warmer.	High: 60h Low: 30h Mostly sunny.	High: 60h Low: 30h Mostly sunny.	High: 60h Low: 30h Mostly sunny.

Idaho weather



National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Apr. 11.



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

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 44-20	Yesterday at Twin Falls: 0.00"
Last year: 37-35	Moisture at Twin Falls: 0.24"
Normal: 52-32	Normal moisture: 0.24"
	Yesterday moisture at Twin Falls: 0.00"
	Normal moisture at Twin Falls: 0.24"

Idaho High/Lows

Area	High	Low	Precip
Boise	52	23	0.00
Burley	45	23	0.00
Farmfield	50	23	0.00
Hailey	50	24	0.00
Idaho Falls	41	24	0.00
Jordan	40	25	0.00
Lewiston	51	24	0.00
Malden	44	25	0.00
Malta	50	24	0.00
McCall	35	24	0.00
Pocatello	42	24	0.00
Salt Lake	52	24	0.00
Shoshone	33	24	0.00
San Valley	40	25	0.00

The Nation

Area	High	Low	Precip
Albuquerque	54	24	0.00
Atlanta	57	24	0.00
Boston	47	21	0.00
Chicago	52	21	0.00
Dallas	50	23	0.00
Denver	52	24	0.00
Des Moines	51	24	0.00
Detroit	54	23	0.00
Houston	59	24	0.00
Indianapolis	50	24	0.00
Kansas City	51	24	0.00
Las Vegas	52	24	0.00
Little Rock	52	24	0.00
Memphis	50	24	0.00
Miami Beach	54	24	0.00
Minneapolis	51	24	0.00
Mobile	59	24	0.00
New York	52	24	0.00
Omaha	51	24	0.00
Oroville	51	24	0.00
Portland, Ore.	51	24	0.00
Portland, Me.	41	24	0.00
Reno	41	24	0.00
St. Louis	51	24	0.00
San Diego	52	24	0.00
San Francisco	52	24	0.00
Seattle	51	24	0.00
Spokane	51	24	0.00
Washington	51	24	0.00
Yonkers	51	24	0.00

Under watchful eyes, FAA computers undergo Y2K test

DENVER (AP)—Airline executives, government officials and FAA officials are conducting tests on the FAA's computer system for the anniversary of the Federal Aviation Administration's Year 2000 computer tests.

The tests, four-hour tests at Denver International Airport, will include a full-scale test of the FAA's computer system for the anniversary of the FAA's Year 2000 computer tests.

Some travelers have sworn off flying that night, fearing that planes may crash or fall from the sky on Jan. 1, 2000, because of computer glitches.

Despite a program of maintenance and updates to computers, some software-view years in two-digit formats, such as "99" for 1999, are still widespread. Some airlines may not be able to process reservations or tickets for 2000.

While many airlines have updated or rewritten computers, many still maintain when the century rolls and the calendar changes from "99" to "00" which the two-digit computers may interpret as 1900 instead of 2000.

Will it fly in 2000?

Many computer systems use a two-digit dating system that assumes 1 and 9 are the first two digits of the year. If they are not reprogrammed, the system will recognize 01 not as 2000 but as 1900, a glitch that could cause computers, involving the one that run an airport's radar systems, to either stop working or generate erroneous data. This weekend the FAA will test its Year 2000 computer files at Denver International Airport.

Normal radar screen: All planes in radar screen appear on screen with identification codes.

If a glitch occurs: Screen could go blank. The computer could shut down.

UAL232
160
15787
Transponder:
United Airlines 232
Altitude 16,000 ft.
737 model

A backup system takes over, but identifying information disappears. UAL232 would register as its own four-digit transponder code that the controller must cross-reference in a book.

Source: National Air Traffic Controller Association
AP/Wide World, Justin Gilroy

Law book makes its way into McDougal jury room

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—In a lawsuit that could have cost a mistrial, one of the jurors in Susan McDougal's case apparently had a book on his desk that could have influenced the jury's deliberations.

The book, "The Federal Rules of Evidence," was found on the desk of one of the jurors, Michael Nance, who had brought a law book into the jury room. Jurors in criminal cases are usually administered instructions by the judge's instructions for guidance.

Mrs. McDougal is accused of two counts of criminal contempt and one count of obstruction for refusing to answer grand jury questions about the business of her husband, Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"She says she refused because she believed Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr wanted to 'get' the Clintons and would charge her with perjury if he didn't like her answers."

A grand jury discovered the book of state and federal court rules and brought it to the judge's attention. The book bore the signature and business card of former Arkansas Supreme Court Justice John L. Purdie, an acquaintance of both Mrs. McDougal and the Clintons.

Howard ordered an FBI investigation into possible jury tampering, then called it off after satisfying himself that the strange tale the two men were telling was true: Nance had bought his house from Purdie, who had apparently left the law book behind when he moved.

The entire day was taken up sorting out the Purdie-Nance saga.

Counties see post-moratorium booms

By Gregory Halin
Times-News writer

BURLEY—Cassia County commissioners made a tough choice this week in banning large confined animal farms for six months.

The 10,000-head limit is high, though, and it's clearly aimed at the mega-operations such as that proposed by the Sawtooth Farms LLC. It shouldn't affect most incoming dairies and other family-sized farms.

But other southern Idaho county officials attest the decision wasn't an easy one.

Industry representatives, including Idaho Dairymen's Association head Lewis Eilers, say moratoriums cast a pall on the development of one of agriculture's most vibrant sectors.

Sawtooth spokesman Brian McCauley said Cassia's temporary ban could create a "negative impression that lasts for a long time."

County experience seems to prove otherwise in the two southern Idaho counties that have postponed new operations until commissioners could get a handle on the impacts and opportunities these "factory farms" could bring.

Since Gooding County's back-to-back moratoriums expired, two dairies have been approved and a third is in the process.

Oneida County commissioners started an emergency law to craft a siting ordinance last year. Commissioner Harold Tolmie said as many as 25 dairies are considering a move to his county—about two-thirds of the Chinle, Calif., dairies being forced out by development.

"We've heard rumors," Tolmie said.

Counties see post-moratorium booms

Some dairies are already in the process of moving to the county. The moratoriums seem to be having a positive impact on the industry.

"We don't want to chase the industry away," Tolmie said. "The most important is their best interests, which is not to offend their neighbors."

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Moratorium

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John Folz, a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Idaho, said the county has some homework to do and it may not get started on it.

"The commissioners are caught in the middle," Folz said. "On one hand they have their great economic possibility, but on the other hand they have to think about the long-term effects, like odor and pollution possibilities of a large operation. It's not an easy decision."

The moratorium gives the county enough time to make a better decision—it gives the

country time to do some investigation.

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Fact-of-the-Week

The moratorium must be done in order to help the county make the right decision, said Gary Turner, president of the Idaho Farmers' Union and a Burley farmer.

This is a chance to separate the fact from the fiction. It gives the operations time to present their plans and the county time to do

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Scratch it!

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Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, right, who serves as vice chairman, American-China Society, seated with Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji, gestures toward former New York Rep. Barber Conable, chairman of National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, at a dinner in Washington. Haig made the gesture Friday after being passed over during Conable's introductions of attendees.

Chinese leader says domestic politics prevent WTO accord

By Michael Dorgan
Magnum/Editor News Service

WASHINGTON — Diplomacy is often an awkward dance. But rarely do toes get stepped on as much as they did this week when President Clinton and Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji tried to tango their way to better U.S.-China relations through a minefield of contentious issues.

Lamenting the most was Zhu, whose bold bid to win China's entry to the World Trade Organization was rebuffed by Clinton, possibly jeopardizing Zhu's political standing at home.

up international agreements," he said. Zhu expressed his disappointment with Clinton during their Thursday press conference and again Friday. At a private breakfast with 15 members of Congress on Friday, Zhu complained through a translator that Clinton "did not have enough courage" to sign an accord backing China's application to the WTO because of likely opposition in Congress, according to several people who attended.

The domestic political problem Clinton faced was laid with irony. In his 1992 presidential cam-

University of Wisconsin said that the premier's power base in China has been eroded in recent months by a rise of anti-reform sentiment, and that he risks being further weakened by his failure to bring home a deal with tangible benefits.

Zhu himself acknowledged vulnerability in a dinner speech Friday night in Washington, sponsored by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and six other organizations eager for closer ties between the two countries. Showing the frankness and wit that has endeared the 70-year-old leader to many of his audiences during his first visit to the United States, Zhu said the economic reforms he had offered in his bid for WTO membership were "very, very major" concessions.

"This, I can only say here," he said. "If I were to go back to China and say the same thing, I would be kicked out of the office."

Zhu warned that China had gone as far as it could in granting concessions and that efforts to press for even more could be counterproductive.

"If you want too much too soon, you get up with nothing," he said.

Both sides expressed optimism that a deal could be struck by November in time for a WTO ministerial meeting Seattle. Given the huge potential benefits for U.S. companies and their enormous lobbying power, congressional opposition may be softened long before then.

The WTO negotiations involve more than \$500 billion in trade, as well as numerous distribution and fair treatment issues covering a broad range of U.S. goods, services and agricultural products.

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Many congressional members are reluctant to grant China permanent favorable trade status because the annual review gives them a forum for criticizing China and a potential to influence policies there. Longstanding criticism of China's human rights abuses, its harsh occupation of Tibet, its threats against Taiwan and its failure to open its markets has been amplified in recent months by allegations that China stole U.S. nuclear secrets and illegally funneled money into U.S. political campaigns.

Zhu also must worry about a domestic backlash. China expert Edward Friedman of the

White House spokesman Mike Hammer denied that Clinton balked for that reason, saying that the "terms of the proposal" were not up to the requirements of the best possible deal. But China expert Edward Friedman of the University of Wisconsin said Clinton clearly was under pressure to not meet too accommodating to China.

"Domestic politics often screws

FBI raids home of scientist

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — FBI agents searched the home of a fired Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist for nearly six hours Saturday, hauling away boxes of evidence in their investigation into whether nuclear weapons secrets were leaked to China.

The raid at the single-story brick and wooden home of Wen Ho Lee pierced the tranquility of the suburban neighborhood just outside Los Alamos where the Taiwan-born American scientist lives.

"There was a lot of commotion going on. People were driving by, neighbors were outside and agents were coming and going," said Phillip Warnock, a neighbor who also works at the Los Alamos Laboratory.

Warnock said Lee, who hasn't spoken publicly since he was fired earlier this year on suspicions he may have given nuclear secrets to China, emerged briefly from his home without speaking. "He looked like he was going to prune the tree outside" then spotted a cameraman and retreated inside, Warnock said.

In Washington, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said the search was part of "the ongoing investigation of alleged espionage" at U.S. nuclear weapons laboratories.

Richardson said the FBI is "pursuing this case vigorously" and the Department of Energy is supporting the law enforcement effort fully. "We've also taken a number of actions to ensure strong protection of the national security capabilities at Energy Department labs, now and in the future."

Lee has not been charged with any wrongdoing, and FBI officials caution they may not have a criminal case when their investigation ends.

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VICINITY MAP
[Map showing location of Wood Waste Diversion Facility in Twin Falls, Idaho]

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- Untreated lumber (any lumber not painted or treated with preservative)
- Pallets (wood only)
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- Grass Clippings
- Earthen matter (rocks, dirt, concrete, etc.)
- Animal waste
- Garbage
- Rubbish
- Metal (chains, engine blocks, etc.)
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Some experts viewed the failure to complete a WTO agreement as a triumph of domestic politics over diplomacy.

Speculation swirled that Clinton was making the deal for fear of a backlash in Congress, which must vote to give China permanent "most-favored-nation" trade status now called "normal-trade status" as a condition of WTO membership.

White House spokesman Mike Hammer denied that Clinton balked for that reason, saying that the "terms of the proposal" were not up to the requirements of the best possible deal. But China expert Edward Friedman of the University of Wisconsin said Clinton clearly was under pressure to not meet too accommodating to China.

"Domestic politics often screws

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Cincinnati suburbs piling through wreckage a day after deadly tornado

Storm leaves 4 dead, hundreds of homes damaged in Ohio



John Bender of North Lewisburg, Ohio, carries socks in what used to be his bedroom Friday. Bender's home was one of the many hit by early morning storms in Champlain County. "I work better with dry socks," he said. Four people were killed in Ohio where the state Emergency Management Agency estimated 200 homes were destroyed in Cincinnati's northeast suburbs.

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Man faces murder charge in case linked to sexual torture allegations

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N.M. (AP) — A man has been charged in the death of a 22-year-old woman whose disappearance is part of a 10-state investigation into alleged sexual torture and kidnapping.

While police have said for weeks the case possibly involved murder, their searches of a rural home and a lake have produced no bodies, including that of the missing woman.

The only murder charge in the case is the one filed against Dennis Roy Yancy, 27, of Truth or Consequences. He was arrested Friday night and charged in the death of Marie B. Parker, 22,

who disappeared in 1997.

The investigation last month led to charges of kidnapping and sexual torture against David Parker Roy and his girlfriend, Cynthia Lee Hendy.

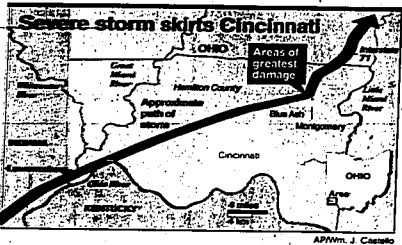
Yancy, ordered held without bail, is a known associate of Roy and Ms. Hendy, FBI agent Doug Beldon said Saturday.

Ms. Parker was last seen July 5, 1997, at a now-closed saloon not far from Roy's home, Beldon said.

woman told police she had been shocked with electricity and tortured sexually.

Since then, dozens of FBI agents and federal authorities have combed Roy's home, collecting more than 1,000 pieces of evidence, digging around the property and bringing in a cadaver-sniffing dog to roam the property, Beldon said.

State and federal authorities won't list all the states, but said two of them are Texas and Arizona.



Even those who escaped Friday's storm shuddered when they heard the forecast. "I'm just very lucky but you know what?" Ms. Smith said. "We're supposed to get more storms up to 3-5."

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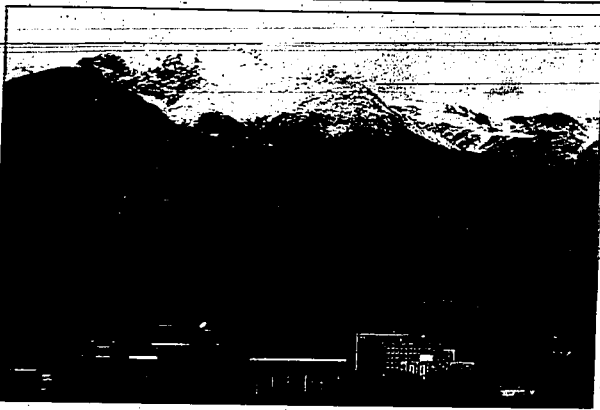
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Pikes Peak towers over the skyline of downtown Colorado Springs, Colo., in this May 1998 file photo. The city of Colorado Springs has reached a tentative settlement with the Sierra Club over its federal lawsuit alleging Pikes Peak Highway is damaging what the city advertises as 'America's Mountain.'

City reaches tentative agreement with Sierra Club on Pikes Peak

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—The environmental battle over preservation of "America's Mountain" could soon be over. The Sierra Club and city negotiators have reached a tentative settlement to end a lawsuit over Pikes Peak Highway, a mostly gravel-covered road that 300,000 sightseers use each year to reach the summit of the 14,110-foot mountain.

Details of the settlement will not be released until the City Council reviews any terms on the deal Monday.

Mike Freeman, attorney with Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund in Denver, which represents the Sierra Club, declined to discuss terms, but was pleased with the deal.

"We wouldn't be settling it

unless we thought it was an acceptable settlement," Freeman said.

The nature advocacy group has said the city is ignoring its own studies and a Forest Service recommendation that the entire road be paved to reduce environmental damage caused by runoff from the tons of gravel used to maintain it.

City officials say the deal contains a highway improvement plan similar to the recommendations of a 1997 study that called for "hard-surfacing" the nearly 26-mile road.

"We all want to make protective actions for the environment on the peak," said Dave Nickerson, chief of the city's enterprise ventures, including the Pikes Peak Highway. "I think

this is a settlement we think will meet those goals."

The Sierra Club's lawsuit, filed last summer, accused the city and U.S. Forest Service of violating the federal Clean Water Act.

The environmental group said erosion from the highway was fouling once-pristine alpine wetlands. The first 6.5 miles of the road were paved years ago, but the remaining 13 miles are gravel, and the club contended the gravel has scarred the mountain and polluted streams.

The city has balked at paving to preserve the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, an 82-year-old race that runs each July 4 on the gravel part of the road. Race backers say paving would change the race's character and endanger drivers.

Fires keep evacuees out of homes

WILKESBORO, N.C. (AP)—A forest fire in the Appalachian foothills kept dozens of residents out of their homes Saturday as firefighters battled the flames.

The fire had charred about 400 acres of forest, mostly on private land in the area 60 miles west of Winston-Salem.

More than 50 homes were ordered evacuated Friday, most of them in Pineshick Run, a subdivision built in the past four years in a heavily wooded section, and residents had not been allowed to return Saturday.

Firefighters on Saturday worked to bank the flames threatening the danger of homes.

"We still do consider it a dangerous situation. Maybe to make a pan, we're not out of the woods yet."

—Roger Miller, North Carolina Forest Service spokesman

No one had been hurt and no homes were damaged, Miller said.

More than 150 firefighters from volunteer departments and the state forest service were on the scene in very steep terrain in southwestern-Wilkes County. They were helped by an airplane bombing the fire with water scooped from a nearby reservoir. The weather on Saturday was

sunny and dry but calm, a break from the 20 to 25 mph wind that fanned the fire after it started Friday afternoon.

"Witnesses reported seeing flames as high as 70-feet on Friday," said Wilkes County emergency services spokesman Neil Triplett.

Elsewhere, firefighters in southern Florida worked Saturday to contain a fire that burned through 600 acres near the edge of the Everglades.

"It's smoldering right now," said Wayne Luebe, with the fire prevention strike team for the state Division of Forestry.

Because of that and four other fires, the Florida Highway Patrol had closed more than 15 miles of a rural road from Friday afternoon into early Saturday.

Let your trash can do the shopping

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—Out of many bins, few are purchased. Just toss your empty cans and boxes into the trash and your shopping will be done.

Electronic shopping? Maybe not, says NCR Corp.

The Dayton-based company said Friday it has developed a trash receptacle that translates coding on empty containers into a "shopping list" that can be wired to retailers for delivery.

"It's a research project at the moment," said Stephen Emmott, director of NCR's Knowledge Lab in London, England. But there is "a fully working prototype in the lab."

Emmott said the Intelligent Bin is embedded with a microprocessor that reads product identification codes. The information is transmitted wirelessly either to a computer or special electronic bin, which compiles a list of the discarded items.

The bins would then be sent to retailers over the Internet, or consumers can simply use the device to create their own shopping list.

"The benefit to consumers is this incredible convenience to be able to reorder things," he said.

Emmott said it would also give retailers a better idea of what consumers like to buy and improve the guesswork out of marketing. Merchants could tailor discount coupons and special offers based on consumer buying habits.

"If they know a particular consumer is consuming ice cream all day, they know a package of strawberries may be better to learn consumer habits," he said.

The trash cans could be on the market within five to 10 years, but it will require the industry to move away from bar codes, Emmott said.

The bins would require widespread use of radio frequency identification technology — a key computer chip and antenna embedded in product labels — which carries more information than bar codes.

The technology has been limited used because it's too expensive to put on inexpensive products, said Bob Galanter, spokesman for Monarch Marking Systems, a maker of bar-code printers.

Officials charge principal in campus coke dealing

NEW YORK (AP)—A principal known for her good works and tough words about drug abuse has been charged with running a narcotics ring at her elementary school.

Delores Hill, 53, was accused at her arraignment Friday of being the leader of a small drug ring at the Tabernacle Church of God Elementary School in Brooklyn.

Ms. Hill allegedly sold \$25 bags of cocaine to an undercover police-woman at school grounds. She was arrested along with the school nurse, a janitor and another worker.

Authorities — who shut down the private, 160-student school — said the defendants dealt drugs to adults behind the scenes while children were busy in class. But

Ms. Hill allegedly made \$25,000 while baby-sitting two infants at her office, said prosecutor Patricia Galanter.

Ms. Hill was charged with felony sale and possession of a controlled substance. She pleaded innocent, and was being held on \$250,000 bail. The maximum sentence for the offenses is 25 years in prison. Her attorney, Frank Faone, would not comment.

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Fed court allows HMO lawsuit

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A federal appeals court has ruled that an HMO may be sued over the quality of health care in a case in Texas, the only state that has a law permitting such claims.

However, the ruling does not allow patients to sue because an HMO won't pay for a particular treatment.

The ruling apparently is the first time the 5th Circuit has allowed a patient's lawsuit against an HMO on the second state circuit. In three previous cases, the court determined that consumers had no remedy for harm allegedly committed by their health plan.

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parents need to keep track of the children's test progress. The tests showed that she needed to teach more reference skills, she said.

Home schoolers often are asked whether they spend enough time with friends and in activities outside of the home. Most home school families say it isn't even an issue because there is plenty of time for socialization.

The Miss Cassia Home School Organization coordinates joint classes to two subjects, like ceramics. They hold regular family outings. They have so many incentives, Shannon Tracy said, they are considered camp back.

Magic Valley Home Educators sends a monthly newsletter to about 100 families, said Twin Falls resident Shirley Blakeslee, who edits the newsletter. The group's activities are much like the ones in Miss Cassia.

When the Blakeslees started home schooling a couple of years ago they could fit in all of the activities, she said. Now so many exist that they must pick and choose.

Local contacts

- Magic Valley Home Educators 733-6378
- Miss Cassia Home School Organization 677-2269

It's happening somewhere already: Home schoolers are taking select classes in public schools that they can't get at home.

Ripples

The College of Southern Idaho and the state's three public universities say the number of applications from home-schooling students is growing.

By just how much they can't say, because they haven't tracked the numbers. Boise State University said it plans to begin collecting data on home schoolers.

April Purcell, president of the national home school curriculum organization Hewitt Homeschooling Resources in Washington, Wash., said it was hard to find home school resources in the early 1990s.

"Now it's a flood. It's hard to pick what you want," she said.

Moore both an educator, ...

... interestingly, their research contradicts today's practice of drilling children with their ABC's at the youngest age possible. Mention that to Raymond Moore and it draws a smile.

"Really, the very best time to start the average young person in school is somewhere between 10 and 14," he said.

And he advocates an informal learning environment until that age. Even if kids don't start reading until then, he says, that is all right. He claims they will catch up.

"Waiting until kids are mature enough to learn and absorb millions of children from academic failure, Moore contends.

"The Moore formula is a balance of work, study and service, but not rushing the kids in any direction," he said.

Keeping kids at home is based on the philosophy that children are better off spending more time with their parents than their peer group during their formative years, Moore will tell you in a conversational tone.

And studies should be geared toward individual student interest, he says. Most kids like motor bikes, reath

math by calculating costs and depreciation.

What families say

Lisa Hruza and her husband, David, a farmer, home school their two children in Ruyter.

"We liked the idea of it being a family commitment, a way of life for us," Lisa Hruza said.

Instilling their religious values in their children also motivated their decision—as it does for many home school families.

The lifestyle appeals to the Tiblys, too. They started home schooling when they found out Kayte was too young to attend kindergarten at 4. Having time to instill their religious values in their girls is an added benefit.

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Times-News education writer Jennifer Sandstrom can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 241.

States get flexibility in welfare

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton Saturday hailed a continuing decline in the number of welfare recipients—at their lowest level in 30 years—and announced new regulations intended to give states more flexibility in moving people off welfare.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton said that since he took office in 1993, "we cut the welfare rolls nearly in half by a record 6.5 million people."

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most favorite day... Americans," Clinton said, "but for those people," some of them paying taxes for "the very first time in their lives," the means tax deadline day is "a cause for celebration."

Clinton announced new rules, part of the 1996 welfare reform bill passed by Congress, to enforce strict state work requirements and hold states accountable for moving people from welfare to the work force.

The new regulations also give the states more flexibility in using federal money to pay for child-care services, job training and job retention services to help people keep working.

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Numbers

The U.S. Department of Education estimates that home schooling more than doubled and possibly tripled from 1990 to 1995 with one to two percent of school-aged children home schooling during the 1995 school year.

The number of home schoolers across the country could have reached nearly 1 million by the 1997-98 school year, the federal department estimates. That compares with an estimate of about 100,000 to 150,000 home school children in the late 1970s and the early 1980s, between 250,000 to 350,000 in 1990.

The Idaho Department of Education doesn't track home schoolers, said Allison Westfall, department spokeswoman. It has no evidence to show whether the movement has grown or declined, she said.

Nick Hallett, superintendent of Minidoka County School District, said he doesn't think the public education system should track home schoolers. In fact, through the legislative process in the 1980s, he helped home schoolers secure autonomy. Now the public education system in Idaho must leave home schoolers alone.

Hallett thinks it's an infringement on individual liberty to have public schools monitoring home schools, he said.

"That's like Albertson's monitoring Fred Meyer," he said.

And he'll admit his opinion isn't shared by many of his colleagues. Home schools are a competitive force in education that can make public education better, Hallett said. He added that he thinks public schools are doing a good job educating students.

Down the road he expects to see more partnerships between public and home schools developing, he

History

Purcell credits families with pioneer spirits for starting the home school movement. They were conservative and at the same time unorthodox. Now it has gone mainstream.

"It's become more acceptable, because it's not so oddball in the public mind," she said.

The founder of the Hewitt Research Foundation, Raymond Moore, is considered the "grandfather" of home schooling," she said.

Moore, 63, who is still passionate about home schooling, lives in Camas, Wash., where he is chairman of The Moore Foundation.

It's heartening to see home schooling increase in popularity, he said. He credits an article that appeared in the early 1970s in Reader's Digest for sparking the home school movement. It was about research he and his wife, Dorothy, had done on the best way to educate children. The

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CERT searches for, finds the cures for computer viruses

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The rules of war say know your enemy — valuable advice, unless your enemies are the misfits who create computer viruses.

Members of the team that battled Melissa — among scores of other computer viruses over the years — say they have little interest in the people who tweak or create computers.

"We don't get down to the who. We're technology-based. We want to know how these things happened and how they can be fixed," said Tom Longstaff, who supervises the Computer Emergency Response Team.



Leader of the Computer Emergency Response Team, Jeff Carpenter, left, and team member Shawn Herman, who conducted the recent outbreak of the Melissa computer virus from the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, interact with the institute's manager of network survivability and operations at the response team, Tom Longstaff, right.

down the bad guys," said CERT member Shawn Herman, who spent that Friday night with Melissa.

CERT put the word out Saturday morning through an advisory on its Internet site, www.cert.org. At the time, CERT said it was only the second time it has considered a virus dangerous enough to warrant a public announcement. The first, in 1994, warned of a virus that allowed computer hackers to collect passwords.

By Monday, Melissa's reputation was well known. Advising computer managers to create precautions before booting showed up and checked in on it.

Even so, the virus is known to

have affected 300 organizations and 100,000 people and probably far more, according to CERT. Its effectiveness was aided by the element of surprise — the virus was disguised as an "important message" from a friendly colleague. It caused computers to fire off 50 infected messages, slowing or disabling mail systems.

One advertising agency reportedly is going out at a rate of 750 per minute before its computers crashed, CERT's Jeff Carpenter said.

Melissa's alleged creator, New Jersey computer consultant David E. Smith, appeared in court Thursday to be advised of state charges against him. Federal investigators also are studying the case.

"He said it would be much tougher to get accurate information on the gossiping Internet without the "caching" voice" of CERT. The software institute, which started in 1984, gets \$26 million a year from the Defense Department and another \$12 million from private sources.

In exposing Melissa, CERT caught a break by learning about it on the afternoon of March 26 — a Friday. That gave analysts extra time with the program before a weekend and potential chaos from the virus.

"We analyze it as a piece of software. We're not out there chasing

Restaurant chain wants names from Yahoo!

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Nashville-based restaurant chain has asked a judge to force Internet hub Yahoo! to reveal names of its top executives.

The postings about Shoney's,

Inc. on a Yahoo! message board purported to reveal names of executives for poorly performing restaurants and a possible company bankruptcy filing, according to the lawsuit filed Friday in Tennessee.

Among the names in suit, witnesses used to post the names were the

names of Shoney's president, J. Michael Bodnar, and its chairman, Raymond Schoenbaum, who have worked to revive the company after years of declining sales and stock prices. At least one of the postings was made on March 7.

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Beavers plague D.C.'s prized cherry trees

WASHINGTON, April 11 — In a city that prides itself on the share of seasonal residents, a share of seasonal residents will do a sudden, last-minute visit to Washington, D.C., to see the cherry blossoms. This home of presidents and ambassadors has invited its guests from Mexico to witness the special call of the blossoms — they could be more — suspected of toppling four of the prized cherry trees at the peak of the blossom season. A gift from Japan in 1912,

these are some of the cherry trees. A National Park Service effort to trim the cherry blossoms in the mountains of western and eastern mountains look forward to the weeks around the tree-lined Tidal Basin, the buds of water between the Jefferson Memorial and the Washington Monument. The Tidal Basin is also the place where a visitor named Fannie Stone jumped in October 1974 from the laminae of Arkansas to the Washington Monument. She was the first woman to jump from the Washington Monument.

"It's always something," Thelma Newland of Rockville, Md., said Saturday. "Somebody in New York called it, 'BeaverGate.' Like baseball fans listening to the play-by-play of a game, Washingtonians have tracked the Park Service's progress in capturing the beavers, who quickly became the region's second-most famous cherry-tree choppers. (The first gave his name to the capital). The Park Service snared one of the beavers Friday night, luring it into a suitcase-shaped trap only

partially submerged so that the captured animal will not drown. The beaver will be released in another area where he can chew to his heart's content. The Park Service would not disclose the site. "We're concerned about it," said John Little of Harrisburg, Pa. "And it's hilarious, too, in a way," said his mother, Louise Little, of Picture Rocks, Pa. "I live in the country, where a beaver is not any great shakes at all."

A rising tide in nation's workforce helps to extend economy boom

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Lured in part by the first broad-based wage gains in two decades, nearly 12 million new workers have flooded into the nation's workplaces during the 1990s, raising the fraction of Americans at work to its highest level in history. The influx of new workers, notably women, immigrants, refugees from retirement, and millions who had been destitute or on welfare — is helping to extend a boom that many feared would stall for lack of enough strong backs and bright minds. Their arrival at work is demonstrating the American economy's powerful capacity for easing social problems and improving the lot of the vast majority. Among the boom's most recent accomplishments: • The first substantial improvement in decades in the economic standing of historically disadvantaged groups such as blacks and Latinos. Joblessness among the nation's 34.5 million blacks, which averaged almost 15 percent in the 1980s, was 8.1 percent in March — still twice the overall national rate, but nevertheless a near-record low. Among Latinos, unemployment stands at 5.8 percent, an all-time low. • A large — and largely unexpected — shift of former welfare recipients into the work force. This has smoothed the transition to the stricter rules and reduced benefits of a 1996 welfare reform measure that critics had predicted would cause widespread dislocation.

An easing of such diverse social problems as poverty, crime and the threatened insolvency of public pensions and medical insurance. Across the country, crime rates have dropped as jobs and wages have climbed. Meanwhile, Social Security and Medicare coffers have swelled with a boom-fueled growth of payroll tax receipts. The little-noticed end to a long trend toward early retirement that economists feared was draining the nation of its most experienced workers and could have proven especially disastrous when members of the huge Baby Boom generation began reaching their late 50s and early 60s. Perhaps most impressive of all, the economy's accomplishments have been accompanied by the first substantial wage increases since the 1970s to flow not just to the affluent but to Americans of all income levels, except the poor. The increases are proving particularly valuable to workers because of the virtual absence of inflation to corrode their worth. And employers are finding the raises comparatively easy to bear because of an unexpected jump in productivity that is increasing workers' output in rough tandem with wages. The real hourly wages of the typical U.S. worker have risen 5 percent since the mid-1990s, reversing a similar size decline during the early part of the decade, according to government statistics. • This has finally become an

Women

In the workforce
The latest influx of women into the workforce, particularly working mothers, has played a crucial role in extending the boom. Incomes in the 1990s, indeed a more crucial role than recent wage increases. More than 80 percent of the increase in the typical female's income during the decade has come from "mom's making a bigger contribution in terms of more hours worked and more working longer hours," said Paul E. Washington, a Northwestern University labor economist.

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Forest fire rekindles interest in saga of murder and revenge

Gila gravestone tells tale of Old West feud

SILVER CITY, N.M. (AP) — The headstone, itself a kind of revenge, was anything but the last word in a dispute between brothers Thomas and William Grudgings and Tom Wood, early settlers on what is now the Gila Wilderness.

According to the tombstone, William Grudgings was "waylaid and murdered" by Tom Wood on Oct. 8, 1892.

"The words in the stone are Thomas Grudgings' indictment of his brother's killer, a man who, years later and far from the Gila country, would exact final revenge for the murder of his son."

"Most of whatever else (the early settlers) left is gone," said Bob Schowitz, U.S. Forest Service archaeologist, referring to the graves, family plots, and the handful of tiny cemeteries scattered across the wilderness.

For the most part, Schowitz said, the old cabins and homesteads, relics from the Gila's era of settlement, have been lost to either fire or decay.

Unlike the grave of William Grudgings, wilderness graves are typically marked with mounds of rock or uncarved headstones. Behind the ruins of Trotter homestead on the Middle Fork are three unidentified graves.

But it is the message on William Grudgings' tombstone on the West Fork of the Gila River that over the years has piqued the interest of wilderness travelers. The grave is not far from where stood the old Grudgings homestead, destroyed in 1891 by a forest fire.

The fire, which started near the cabin site about three-quarters of a mile from the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, rekindled interest in a century-old saga of murder and revenge, that started in the Gila and ended, by one account, in a Louisiana bayou years later.

Tom Wood's ranch was on the north side of the Middle Fork of the Gila River, several miles from the Grudgings cabin. Like other back-country ranchers and homesteaders, Wood went to



This settler's gravestone represents part of a feud between brothers Thomas and William Grudgings and Tom Wood.

Silver City periodically for supplies, usually with his son, Charley.

According to an account in the Silver City Enterprise, 15-year-old Charley Wood set out for Silver City on Oct. 5, 1892, with five mules to pick up supplies. On this trip, from Wood stayed behind, sending instead Francisco Diaz, who had been helping Wood hew logs for a barn.

On their way home from Silver

City with the supplies, the two passed by the cabin of the Grudgings brothers before making camp along the Zig Zag Trail, leading to the Middle Fork and the Wood homestead.

That night, Oct. 10, Diaz and Charley Wood camped not far from what is now known as Camp Canyon.

The next morning, the newspaper writes, Ed S. Milliken entered the camp and discovered Diaz and young Wood shot to death.

A coroner's jury was unable to come up with clues at the murder scene because rain the night of the murder "destroyed all signs and trails."

The coroner's report concluded only that young Wood and Diaz had been killed by shots to the head by "an unknown party or parties."

Tom Wood buried Diaz near the camp. He buried his son at the ranch on the Middle Fork.

"The strangest thing about the mystery," according to an Oct. 21, 1892, report in the Enterprise, "is that nothing was taken from the camp. The guns and ammunition were there and also the supplies and horses."

At the time, Wood concluded the murders had been commit-

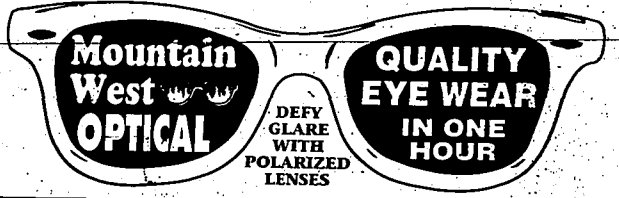
ted by someone with a grudge against Diaz, and that his son had been killed to cover up the crime.

Later, he changed his mind.

Almost a year after the murders, Wood rode to the town of Cooney in what is now Catron County and confessed he had killed William Grudgings in

revenge for the murder of his son. A sheriff's deputy, present by sympathy to Wood, was said to have looked the other way while Wood escaped.

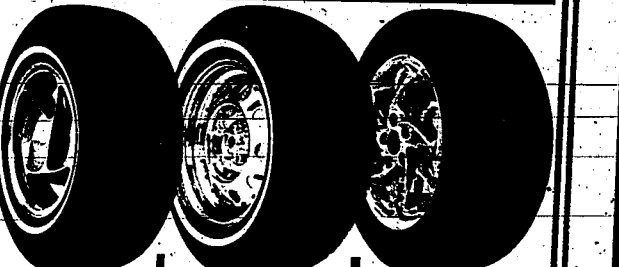
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Old man Simplot

Billionaire still makes deals at 90

BOISE (AP) — Jack Simplot is an old man and feels it.

The potato farmer who built an agricultural colossus in one generation and bankrolled Micro Technology in the next turned 90 on Jan. 4.

He has hung up his skis, talks of moving out of the corner office at J.R. Simplot Co. headquarters to make room for the president, and has told Micron he will soon retire from the board.

"You look around and see how many 90-year-olds are sittin' up here back of a desk," says Simplot, a bit perturbed to be pressed about his retreat. "I'm feelin' in. Hell, I'm not as spry as I was. I'm not dumb, you know."

Not dumb, indeed. Simplot, who plays gin rummy at the private Aerie Club most every day, did not become Idaho's richest man or one of the nation's biggest landowners nor a gambler's luck alone.

Forbes magazine last year estimated his wealth at \$2.5 billion, which tied Simplot for 130th richest person in America.

Simplot says his personal stock portfolio alone is worth nearly \$2 billion.

He turned ownership of the J.R. Simplot Co. over to his children in 1994, the same year two sons, his daughter and a grandson began sharing the "office of chairman." ("They're not done as good as I'd hoped," offers the crusty Simplot, who still considers the company his own.)

The company makes most of its \$3 billion in annual sales through processing potatoes and other vegetables, agricultural fertilizer and beef cattle. Among its holdings is the Paisley Ranch in south-central Oregon, the nation's biggest at 136 miles long and 65 miles wide.

"I'm a lucky guy that was born in a lucky country," Simplot says. "I'm no Houdini. I like to bet my own judgment and I've been successful at it."

Born John Richard Simplot in Dubuque, Iowa, and raised with siblings on a homestead at Declo, Simplot left home at 14 after his taskmaster father refused to let him attend a basketball game.

His mother gave him four \$20 gold coins, and he paid \$1 a day for room and board at Declo's hotel. Teachers also boasting there were paid in interest-bearing scrip, and Simplot bought it for 50 cents on the dollar, planning it for collateral on a bank loan to buy 600 hogs at 37 each.

He spent the winter shooting wild hares, and some branded ones he had to pay for, selling the hides and boiling the meat with potato scraps to feed the hogs.

When prices jumped the next year, he marched some rare fat hogs to market for a whopping \$7,500.

That was Simplot's stake for the potato business.

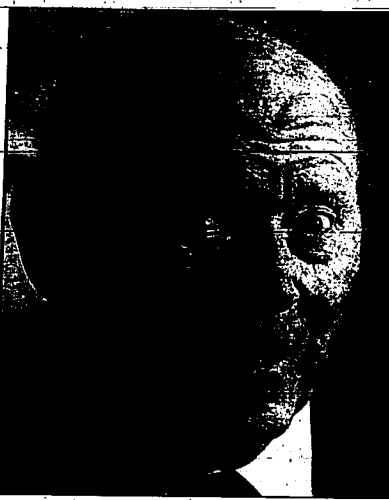
He leased land and from an early partner learned to plant certified seed, not cull potatoes as was then common. Idaho's dominance in potatoes grew with the innovation.

Simplot bought an early electric potato sorter and by 1940 had bought or built 33 potato warehouses along the rich Snake River plains from Idaho Falls to Vale, Ore.

A chance encounter with a Chicago businessman led Simplot into the onion-drying business at Caldwell in 1941. He made \$500,000 the first year and soon was supplying much of the dried onions to the U.S. troops during World War II.

After the war, his food production business expanded into freezing and canning, developing the product that would become the company's mainstay: the frozen french fry, patented in the 1950s.

Simplot struck a deal with



Idaho billionaire J.R. Simplot, who built a giant agri-business company in one generation and bankrolled computer chip maker Micron Technology in the next, turned 90 this year and is becoming less involved in the business dealings of the company bearing his name.

McDonald's Corp. founder Ray Kroc, and his fry business grew with Americans' love for fast food.

"Not everything he touched turned to gold. There was the coconut farm and an emerald mine in Colombia and a gold mine in the Dominican Republic. And he was one of the investors who tried unsuccessfully to rescue northern Idaho's Bunker Hill silver mining operation after silver prices plummeted in the early 1980s."

Like many captains of industry, Simplot has had scrapes with the law.

The IRS pinched him after he funded what was supposed to be a partnership to build the food business in the post-war years.

In the mid-'60s, Simplot was charged with trying to manipulate Maine potato futures, was barred from commodities trading for six years and paid \$50,000 in fines and an undisclosed amount to settle a lawsuit.

In 1977, he and the J.R. Simplot Co. each paid \$40,000 in penalties for failing to report income and claiming false deductions.

He waves off such memories. "Basically, I've never done anything wrong that I know of."

In 1980, the 71-year-old took a gamble on the next generation of businessmen, giving twins Ward and Joe Parkinson \$1 million for 40 percent of what would become Micron Technology.

Simplot, who doesn't type or use a computer, pumped in \$20 million more to help Micron build its first fabrication plant and to stay afloat.

He and a handful of other Boise investors would meet for weekly breakfasts at Elmer's Pancake House to talk strategy for Micron, which by the 1990s was one of the most active issues on the New York Stock Exchange.

Simplot's unflagging optimism, which permeates the company, has always been one of his chief strengths, says chairman and chief executive Steve Appleton, who was fired and rehired after eight days early in 1995.

"The board episode" brought an end to the pancake house board meetings.

Micron has since added electronics experts to the board and the Simplot stake in Micron (both

Italy plant this summer, Appleton said. But he's not counting Simplot out once that meeting is over.

"He always says he's going to retire."

This time, though, he may really mean it. A skier for 50 years and even after two hip replacement surgeries, Simplot gave up on Dec. 31 after climbing the lodge stairs at Brundage Mountain Resort near his vacation home in McCall. He owns half the resort.

His legs were shaky and he decided his wife, Esther, whom he married in the 1960s after a failed first marriage, should hit the slopes without him. She is now in her 60s.

"I know I get going 50 mph down those damn hills," Simplot said. "I said, 'Why should I take these chances?' In an old man and I feel it. I just haven't got the muscle left in those damn legs."

He still has plenty on his plate. In an hour he will walk daily, he plays golf and passes out silver dollars to trick-or-treaters who venture to his 100-acre homestead on a hillside overlooking Boise. It's part of the 2,200 acres he bought there for \$5 an acre in 1941.

Simplot's 60-by-30-foot American flag atop a 200-foot flagpole is a beacon for the children who use his grassy hill for sledding in winter and sliding on ice blocks in summer.

Today, Simplot is crafting plans for a museum. He has spent 59 years and untold millions from his chair on the board of Albion's College of Idaho.

He gets a kick out of the 220-acre soccer and baseball park his money just built, the minor-league Idaho Steelheads hockey team he owns 40 percent of, and the fact his wife built a home for Boise's arts groups, the Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy.

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BORIS YELTSIN UNDER SIEGE

Newest Russian political scandal targets Yeltsin and his friends

MOSCOW (AP) — Secret sex videos, hints of Kremlin corruption, money laundering allegations. A presidential impeachment debate.

Russia is once again ensnared in a messy political soap opera, and this time Boris Yeltsin's weakened administration is battling on several fronts to preserve the president's eroding authority from an emboldened group of rivals.

Most of the allegations involve high-level corruption, which has bedeviled Russians in efforts to build a democracy and a market economy. The media reports the parliament has debated it, and ordinary citizens curse it. But few are serious about producing a deep cynicism toward the political and business elite.

Will there be a different outcome this time?



Boris Yeltsin
Defends his administration

"Russia has had a lot of political scandals that haven't amounted to much, but I think the outcome could be different this time," said political analyst Viktor Kremenyuk. "The days of Mr. Yeltsin are numbered, and this time his troubles might evolve into something that could end his rule."

Yeltsin slapped down such threats in the past, but now, with his fragile health and barely a year left in his term, his opponents believe they have enough ammunition to attack the president head-on.

The president has not been accused of corruption, but he does face an April 15 impeachment debate in the Communist-led parliament. Yeltsin is favored to win this fight, though it's likely to chip away at his stature, already diminished by his frequent illnesses and long absences from the Kremlin.

Yeltsin is used to such confrontations with the Communists. But the man who makes his blood boil these days is Prosecutor General Yuri Skuratov.

Skuratov offered to resign back in February and seemed headed for political oblivion until he began leveling a series of potent criminal allegations. Skuratov, who has been investigating possible bribe-taking in the Kremlin, announced that Russia's Central Bank hid billions of dollars in an obscure account on Britain's Channel Islands. And this past week his office ordered the arrest of two leading business tycoons, Boris Berezovsky and Alexander Smolensky, both closely linked to the Kremlin.

"Skuratov has compiled enough evidence to cause a lot of trouble," said Kremenyuk. "Yeltsin has sought to oust Skuratov, but the clumsy efforts have only highlighted the president's weakness and heightened suspicions the Kremlin is trying to cover up wrongdoing."

When state television aired a video that appeared to star

Skuratov having sex with two women, few expected the film to boost Skuratov's standing. But that's exactly what happened.

The move was seen as a crude, last-ditch attempt to drive him from office, with the orders presumably coming from the upper ranks of the government.

Yeltsin has suspended Skuratov, but only parliament can dismiss him. Last month, lawmakers voted overwhelmingly to keep him on the job. They are expected to take up the question again on April 21, and if they reinstate him once more — the most likely scenario — it will be another blow to the president.

"Everyone knew how powerful Yeltsin was in the past, and very few dared to take him on," said Ivan Sefranichouk, a political analyst at the Center for Policy Studies. "Now people know he is vulnerable and they are willing to test the limits."

The two business leaders, Berezovsky and Smolensky, whose fortunes were built through close Kremlin contacts, also find their positions imperiled.

The brash Berezovsky previously boasted of his access to Yeltsin's family. Now he appears abandoned, fair game for his many enemies.

Though he has a sprawling business empire to manage, Berezovsky sought Kremlin access through low-paying government posts. Yeltsin hired and fired him twice in the past two years, most recently in March, and now apparently sees the controversial Berezovsky as a liability.

Berezovsky says the charges against him are part of a political vendetta, but acknowledges that he can't expect much help from the president.

"At the moment, President Yeltsin is losing power and the opposition is gaining ground," Berezovsky said in Paris.

Primakov calls for stability, routs achievements

MOSCOW (AP) — Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov delivered a nationally televised address on Saturday to give an accounting of his government's first seven months in office and to appeal for political stability.

Primakov reiterated that he had no presidential ambitions, and he repeated his call to Parliament not to pursue its impeachment attempt against



Yevgeny Primakov
State Duma

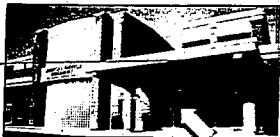
Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov said "It cannot only mean success but also provoke a serious political crisis."

In his address Saturday, Primakov said his government had cut inflation from 11 percent in December to 2.3 percent in March, broken the fall of the ruble, paid off all wage debts to federal government workers, and almost halved the state's debt to foreigners.

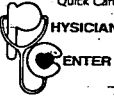
The Duma's attempts to impeach Yeltsin were "groundless and counterproductive," he said.

The prime minister reiterated the need for the country's scandal-ridden prosecutor-general, Yuri Skuratov, to leave his post, and he had no interest in pending corruption investigations against prominent businessmen other than in returning funds to the state budget.

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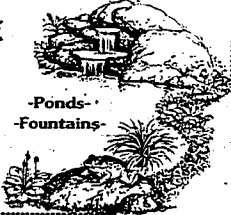
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In their war with the Caspian Terns at Rice Island and the Sea Lions near the mouth of the Columbia, the 98-percent of young Pacific Salmon that survived barging, jumped into a hostile ocean environment that has literally turned warmer.

In 2010 the sea surface temperature mysteriously and suddenly jumped and the average has remained about two degrees warmer than previous averages. With the warmer water come a host of problems for the salmon. **The food chain was immediately weakened.** Plankton, a major link in the food chain, is being starved because the warm waters lack some of the nutrients necessary for plankton growth. The salmon rely on a healthy food chain to fuel their farther long migration.

The migration patterns of predatory fish and other animals that normally feed on the warmer south have migrated northward and are now hunting in places that they once shunned. Commercial fishermen regularly find these **new predators gathered at the mouth of the Columbia River with stomachs full of young salmon.** And because the warming waters bring such a concentration of new predators northward, the returning adult salmon have been forced off their migratory path and have been displaced from their home the Canoe or Queen Charlotte Islands. This detour has led to a sharp drop in the number of returning salmon.

The goal of bypassing the four dams on the Lower Snake River as an environmental fish recovery strategy is **an attempt to solve a 5,000 mile problem with a 100 mile non-solution.** It is clear that the habitats of the Pacific Salmon, and threats to it, extend well beyond the 100 mile stretch of water between the Lower Granite and the other dams.

THE OTHER 4900 MILES

Save Fish & Dams

EDITORIAL

\$1 million 'murder tax' wasn't needed after all

After the war, everyone's general. The final debriefing from November's election shows. Two Fall County voters did not vote. They were the only ones to vote. The so-called "murder tax" was not needed. The ballot measure to raise property taxes to pay for a slew of murder trials wasn't simply defeated - it was annihilated. Voters killed the idea nearly 3-1, with 4,280 votes in favor and 11,923 opposed.

From the editorial page, Monday, April 12, 1999, if editing spent.

Since November, most of the defendants have pleaded guilty to second-degree murder charges. These young killers and their accomplices didn't plead guilty out of altruism for crime taxpayers. They pleaded guilty because they were guilty.

This justice has been served. These criminals don't deserve to have extra helpings of taxpayer money lavished on them and their court-appointed lawyers. November's war was the only time local taxpayers have ever had a voice in the debate. Their message was unmistakable.

There's a reason why all those voters said no. At stake was authority for an override levy to raise \$500,000 for two successive years. For those of you scoring at home, that's \$1 million.

The request was spawned by a staff of murder cases with multiple defendants. The public defender's office can handle only one defendant in such a case, which means the other defendants get farmed out to private attor-

neys at public expense.

There's an art to balancing the scales of justice without breaking the backs of the taxpayers. When society tries to prosecute a crime more zealously than is warranted, the job becomes harder and more costly. The death penalty, for example, is stupendously expensive to pursue - and it's little more than an illusion in most cases. Thus, justice in second-degree murder cases is so unwieldy as to be unworkable.

Winning a second-degree murder conviction - with a guilty plea, optimally - is a relatively inexpensive way of protecting society's interests without heaping more money on the legal bottom. The final ingredient is for local judges to send these murderers to prison for the time, limit their parole.

Who'da thunk it? How those cases might have ended if voters had approved the murder tax. But there's a change of gears, spent. In this case, it was money that ultimately wasn't needed.

The lesson here is to wary of public officials who need more money to fight a *crisis du jour*. When dealing with public money, always cut the fat.

This time, voters saw through the appeal for more cash. It's a lesson worth remembering.



Refugees could use a few guns

It's easy to identify refugees. They don't have any guns.

Are you watching "Operation Legacy" in Kosovo? Are you watching the forced migration of men, women and children into the hunger, filth and misery of makeshift homeless camps? If you are, you are witnessing a prime example of what happens when the government has guns and the people do not.

How far from their homeland would they be driven if each of the 3,000 refugees had a rifle?

The forced exodus of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo is a living, breathing argument for the right of people to keep and bear arms - the means to defend themselves against government.

Given the current crop of intestinal parasites in Washington, we should expect a legislative push for some form of firearms confiscation before the end of Clinton's term. The backdoor registration, by means of "criminal background checks," "waiting periods" and "gun show surveillance" is giving our protectors the names they want. You,

think it can't happen here? A Congress that can conspire with impunity to acquit the criminal in the White House is capable of anything.

Take a lesson from the refugees of Kosovo. They don't have any guns. JACK LINTELMANN
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American voters support Clinton

Usually when I voice my opinion in forums like this, I don't resort to pointing out spelling errors or grammar, especially here in Idaho where good spelling and good grammar are as rare as an actual liberal. However, I couldn't pass up on the letter written by Mr. Rowland in Hagerman.

It is offensive to me that people call him a "draft dodger," can't we drop this tired old line now? First of all, many of us have objections to killing, especially killing people who are simply trying to free themselves from

colonial control as the Vietnamese were. I would dodge the draft, too, if I was going to be forced to go into a sovereign nation and murder innocent civilians.

Secondly, even if you don't object to murdering innocent civilians, I think you have to agree that studying as a Rhodes Scholar is a legitimate excuse for "draft dodging." It's not as if Clinton was running for Canada. He had a real reason to not be in Vietnam.

More importantly, I offended that someone who mispells adolescent (ad-les-sent), baby boomer (baby bum-mer), lie (lye), and special (spee-ah) has the audacity to call the president of the United States stupid as well as the voters who voted for him. Mr. Rowland, how dare you demean the intelligence of the American electorate when not only do you show no capacity for understanding a complex issue such as Vietnam, but you don't even have the capacity to spell simple words correctly when writing to a public forum.

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Chicken Little would be proud of clamor over gasoline prices

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decisions, while demand will continue to increase.

The result will be an inexorable rise in the price of petroleum. Where the price of oil and gasoline has been steadily going down, adjusted for inflation (even with the recent increases, it's still historically inexpensive), suddenly the price will rebound up and up.

If the trend of cheap oil for a decade or two, however, the implications for Americans are hard to underestimate. Try imagining the greater Los Angeles area with gasoline at 50 or 60 cents a gallon.

Our civilization depends on the availability of virtually free energy. Our buildings and roads, our towns and cities are built to the measure of that abundant, free material.

As the price of oil rises, there will be political, business and distinctions in the American economy and society. It's currently difficult to believe that market forces and technology will solve any market problem with the supply of petroleum. They are some promising developments along those lines, including a new kind of solar cell based on organic materials. But these technologies and market forces had better get a move on, because the monumental change is very near.

Crude production peaks, the transition to a new kind of energy will have to be made. The scale of the problem, alternative fuels, already be in hand and in the process of implementation.

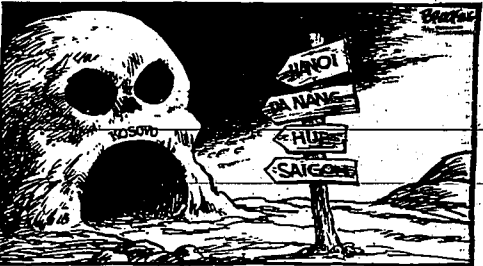
There are few signs of systematic planning in this nation's civilian sector. Instead of it. The current outrage over gas prices is not very relevant in this context except as a symptom of denial. The reality is that we've got our civilization, our way of life, we know wasn't going to last.

That's the challenging problem to be in, and some sense of psychological warfare has to be expected. Yet our responsibility to our children demands that we face the facts as they are and start to build a more realistic future. Let's stop whining and start planning.

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Kosovo: Latest saga in decade of the displaced

Similar victims suffer in Colombia, Sri Lanka, and the Caucasus and Sudan



Imagine an evening unwinding at home, blissfully oblivious to anything unfolding beyond your front door. But then a neighbor you thought you heard? It's actually artillery fire. Enemy soldiers aim to take over your town. You grab the kids and head into the night. The stores are already looted, which means no food or water or fuel along the way. You stay close to your neighbors, hoping for safety in the surging crowd.

MARK FRITZ

A raggedy band of armed men has set up a checkpoint in your path, however. They wade into your group and seize the men, taking them to detention camps or just maybe a mass grave. They select women to rape, the rest of the group, now disproportionately composed of the young and the old, are forced to move on, wheezing and sneezing in the cold night air. It starts to rain. Sickness will soon set in.

It could be Kosovo, the latest of four Yugoslav wars that have uprooted 5 million people and scattered them around the world, burdening economies and agitating extremists. It could be Angola, where a population bigger than Boston's has been dislodged since December. It could be Sierra Leone, where rebels looted the limbs of wandering civilians. It could be Colombia or the Caucasus, Sri Lanka or the Sudan, yet the primal terror of sudden rootlessness is no less taxing than it did in Ohio.

Kosovo's catastrophe is a thunderous follow-up to the decade of the displaced, the post-Cold War period in which more people have been uprooted than ever before. Refugee numbers are confoundingly hard to quantify, yet 50 million - roughly one in every 100 people on the planet - is a reliably rough estimate of the decade's human debris.

For the most part, we hardly notice these fellow creatures because there are just too many of them. The uprooted are like a vast, secret society within the known world, the casually overlooked casualties of transitional times. We notice

his parallel universe only when there's a particularly violent and visually accessible rip in it, when we see an especially forlorn group of people passing over the other side, wandering the road to oblivion. The languages and the clothing and the complexions vary, but it always seems to be the same faceless mass of unfortunate tumbling into the harsh life of endless misery.

What sometimes seems like a single organism, of course, is merely an accidental collection of individuals who just happened to be standing in the way when history got made. I once met a mechanical engineer in Liberia who had a nice home with his wife and six kids. Yet when war came to his country, the family had to toss some clothes in the car and head out. Their car was quickly seized, and survival was a daily uncertainty for years. They shrank to skin and bones, covered in rags and barely existed on a fitful inflow of outside aid. They hid in hovels abandoned by people just like themselves, too frightened to whisper, lest the horrors outside come in. They were stuck in a slipstream, just a few more faces in a Darwinian throng.

Few of us really noticed the nearly 500,000 people that Sen. Strom Thurmond Silbovic had uprooted in Kosovo until the NATO bombing began and the numbers spilled spasmodically upward. Then three American soldiers were taken in hostage, triggering the dread yellow ribbons of withering resolve. We can't stomach the sight of some of our own held at the mercy of an enemy

du jour, which is why we do half-baked things like bomb Kosovo without sending in ground forces to protect the people we're supposedly trying to help. Or why we let old Cold War puppets like Liberia or Rwanda drift into regional wars that spawn multitudes flying around the world like human stragglers, prompting rich nations like ours to toughen their asylum laws. Many of us can't take the thought of risking a few of our own to save a few hundred thousand of someone else's.

This is why American casualties sustained in Somalia will probably forever dwarf the fact that untold thousands were rescued from starvation, and why critics complain about the presence of U.S. troops in Bosnia even though those troops are a few of our own to have a few hundred thousand of someone else's.

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Too often we're scared off by high expectations. Halting enemy death isn't good enough. We need a perfect plan, an escape strategy. Yet allowing a massive population to stop running, to simply stand still long enough to sink a hole in the ground, is a goal worth the price of mighty resources. The ability to rescue a multitude is a gift.

Most refugees aren't warlords or gunmen or bandits. They're just regular folks, people who, with a bit of luck, could be you and me, or us and them. People forced to grab their kids and head out on the road, hoping only to survive the day ahead.

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Welfare reform has helped many minorities

Love it or the press to make a sow's ear out of a pig's tail — especially when it comes to welfare reform.

MERRILL MATTHEWS JR.

A recent Associated Press survey of the issue concluded that welfare reform was working well — at least for whites. According to the survey, 69 of the 76 biggest states, representing 76 percent of the people on welfare, whites left welfare rolls faster than blacks and Hispanics in 14 of them.

In Ohio, for example, 53 percent of current welfare recipients are black and 42 percent are white. However, in 1995, just the previous year, 57 percent were black and 42 percent were white. The common belief is that while whites are getting jobs and leaving the welfare rolls, minorities are being left behind. One state and federal welfare policies are again falling short of their original intent.

The answer is no. Welfare reform is one of the most successful post-war public policy initiatives. While some states may see a larger proportion of whites leaving welfare than minorities, the actual number of welfare recipients has declined across racial lines. And minorities are benefiting significantly.

Domestic welfare rolls have declined by almost 50 percent, and several of the most success-

ful states have seen their caseloads decline between 60 percent and 80 percent, with Wyoming reporting a 90 percent decline.

Just consider the city of Milwaukee, which has experienced an 80 percent caseload decline since the welfare rolls peaked in 1986. According to a state survey, 83 percent of welfare recipients were employed at some time.

And the New York Times reports that while one check-cashing store — Milwaukee Check Cashers on King Drive, located in a low-income area whose customers are 95 percent to 98 percent minority, according to Mike Cannon who manages the store — is cashing \$129,000 less in welfare checks each month, it is cashing \$355,000 more in payroll checks.

More importantly, welfare reform has resulted in some of the most difficult cases — women with several very young children, substance abuse problems, histories of spousal abuse, poor social skills in a combination of the above — finally getting the attention they need.

For years we have known that there were people on welfare

who had no business being there, and others who really needed help. But because social workers were overwhelmed with the sheer volume of recipients, they seldom had the opportunity to focus on the "drawer cases," that is, cases in which the applicant had so many problems to overcome that social workers simply set them aside in a desk drawer in the future when they had more time — which they seldom did.

But how do you create a system that separates those who don't need help from those who do? The answer: Adopt a system that would guarantee a paycheck but not a welfare check.

That's what Oregon did. It was the first state to adopt the Full Employment Program developed by the American Institute for Full Employment, which has served as a model for several states.

Able-bodied welfare recipients are required to go to work, preferably in an unsubsidized job. For those who have difficulty finding an unsubsidized job, federal and state money currently used to fund their cash assistance and food stamps is used instead to subsidize a job.

The program guarantees that participants will have more spendable income — when including the Earned Income Tax Credit — than they get from a wel-

fare check. Recipients retain their Medicaid eligibility and receive child care if they need it, but receive no cash benefits. In addition, the program spends very little money on training welfare recipients because the best training is on-the-job training.

Faced with this type of work requirement, about a third of those entering the welfare office simply leave, presumably because they have other options. That frees up a lot of time and money to focus on those who really need help.

As a result of the caseload decline, many states have increased their outlays per welfare recipient, spending 30 percent to 40 percent more per person than they did in the past in order to help the more difficult cases return to the workforce.

Welfare reform has been amazingly successful. Blacks, Hispanics and whites all are going to work in record numbers, breaking the cycle of dependency which for many has lasted over multiple generations. The only bad news about welfare reform is that the media often do not report the good news.

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CAN'T BUY POVERTY

Poor chic' works better as fashion than as a way of life

667 You know," my wife said, "there's one thing money can't buy."

BILL BISHOP

"What's that?" I inquired.
 "Poverty," she answered. She was thumbing through Sunday's New York Times Magazine.
 In the Style section, where the latest fashions are displayed, there are 10 pages of black-and-white photographs from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. Members of two churches in Perry County — the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Gateway to Heaven — are dressed in clothing from Brooks Brothers, Tommy Hilf, Gucci, Saks and Barneys.

It's happened that in the land of 10,000, poverty is a commodity, a scarce one at that to the residents of the Times Magazine. Poverty is hot fashion. To the poor it is chic because poor people have good taste. They wear clothes that are the rage of the masses in Paris and Milan. Like all good taste, however, you can't go out and buy poverty. You come to it. And because poverty can't be purchased, it is automatically more authentic.

Or so it says in the New York Times Magazine.
 She is Lee Adams, an Eastern Kentucky native, one of the picture stars. Adams has published two books of photographic portraits of people in Kentucky. Some of the photos are grainy, others glossy, and all are beautiful. All the people are poor.
 In her first book, Adams photographed several poor students at the kitchen table wearing a cheap, shiny plastic smock. Children stare curiously.

Now, if you can imagine this kind of photography applied to high fashion, then you have an idea of what the Times magazine has done. In this set up, however, the modeled man at the kitchen table wearing a ragged, blue flannel shirt is wearing a \$125 button-down shirt from the Banana Republic and one \$125 SLI.
 In the "The Hills," read the introduction to the fashion pages, "many people would have their

pictures taken after church by a visiting photographer. We decided to revive that tradition in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, where the churchgoers were dressed in their best but every bit as stately as their own Sunday best."

The Times and Adams are conscious of the dangers of stereotypical Appalachian images. "Basically their experience has only been in a negative light," Adams says of his conflicted subjects. "They are usually described as ignorant, to be pitied, and in dire need, which they rightly feel is insulting."

Ah, but here, according to writer Ingrid Sisich, "the tables are turned. Appalachia will never be Paris, but its inhabitants may have a tighter look on what's happening in fashion these days than the ladies who fork up six figures for couture."

Appalachians aren't to be pitied, indeed. They are to be copied. Sisich writes that the look captured in the rural South by photographers from the '30s and '40s — Russell Lee and Walker Evans — is "rippling" through the latest fashion presentations.

In Adams' fashion shoot, "banjo picker" Jackie Banks is modeled by a pair of \$122 Guess overalls. Lashina Craft wears a \$115 linen jacket from Philosophy of Alberta Ferretti. Arnold Shepherd, pastor of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, looks good in a \$50 wool suit from Brooks Brothers.

The point of the piece, however, is that the normal wear of poor, Appalachians is good enough, is high fashion in itself. The last photo, therefore, is of Shadré, 79, a retired janitor and coal miner. His full name is not given. Shadré is pictured in a cotton shirt that is his own, "according to the Times, and is almost identical to one from Banana Republic, \$49.50."

It's hard to know what to make of this Heine 57 cultural sauce. "When you thought no one could come up with a fresh wrinkle, here it is," howled Hazard native and writer Gurney Norman.

"This means I'm going to be amused for another 30 years." The Times photo spread is amusing more than disturbing — and maybe that's the most disturbing thing about this latest rediscovery of Appalachia. There was once a time when poverty was not a foreign thing.

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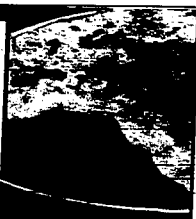
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The Times-News

Welcome to TF; now get lost

Roy from DeLoe writes to point out that Twin Falls street addresses make no sense. You're new to these parts, aren't you, Roy?

See, we Twin Fallstiffians see not a whit of irony in the fact that someone could live at say, 721 Shoshone St. N., while the neighbor across the street lives at 722 Shoshone St. E.

Yes, Roy, we know it's the same street. And we're quite aware, thank you so much, that it runs neither north and south nor east and west.

But we've come to accept the fact that our town was laid out by nincompoops. So, for that matter, was the entire state.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Former Gov. Cecil Andrus used to insist, with a straight face, that the Idaho-Montana border was demarcated by engineers excessively fond of gin fires. Like historians holy deny this, but I gotta go with the governor.

Some years back, I had a chance to walk a few miles of the border along the rim of the Bitterroots. Like every other Idaho schoolboy, I had just assumed that the boundary—which zigged back and forth like a roadrunner on speed—simply follows the crest of the mountains.

It does not. If Lewis and Clark had used the same navigator, they'd still be in St. Louis.

Look, Idaho was something of an afterthought in the settlement of the West. They assigned all the engineers who got A's at Harvard and MIT to figure out California and Oregon.

Idaho got the "C" students from Glassboro State.

To make matters worse, these greenhorns got kicked off the train in the midst of nowhere and found themselves in a sea of sagebrush. They weren't sure which way was up—much less north.

Compounding the problem was that Twin Falls Tract developers were very much promotion-minded, so they thought it would be like it every home and a little sunshine every day. Why not just turn the compass 45 degrees on its axis?

Sounds straightforward enough, but they turned out to be hopelessly complicated. No one wants to open a store at, say, 127 Main Ave. Northeast. So they split the difference and ran the street east-west into east or south—and gave the same name to streets that run into each other.

There have been locals, from time to time, who have pointed out that this is stupid, but they've largely been ignored. No sensible soul has ever tried to find his or her way around downtown Twin Falls by address anyway.

Last guy who tried is still wandering around out there somewhere looking for First Street.

Still, it's been suggested that the problem might be remedied were Twin Falls to follow the example of Pocatello and Hialeah and totally ignore addresses.

You can't write a letter to a Ketchumite who lives at, say, 1428 Warm Springs Road. If you do, the Postal Service will return it.

Instead you gotta write it to his or her P.O. box.

It's a trouble with requiring everybody in Twin Falls to rent a mailbox is that too many folks would drive downtown looking for the post office, and get hopelessly lost, driving endlessly up and down our four Second Avenues, all of which run one way in the wrong direction.

Personally, I think the answer is to tear down all the signs and rename every street in Twin Falls "Bob."

Just pick up the cell phone and call for directions.

If you're next to the big tree by the courthouse, then just turn left until you've driven through three intersections.

Think of it as Bob, Bob, Bobbing along.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor, but that's neither here nor there.

Program tackles more than garbage

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Cathy Rice and her office colleagues weren't just picking up trash Saturday, they were trying to change community perceptions of canals.

Twin Falls' system of canals and ditches can be a rustic setting instead of a dangerous dump, the Twin Falls Canal Co. secretary said.

To that end, the company's Adopt A Canal program invites community groups to clean debris from stretches of canal banks, making them less hazardous and easier to mow and preventing trash from washing into the Snake River. This spring, 35 or 40 people volunteered.

The office staff Saturday wrapped up the Adopt A Canal season along a stretch north of Shoup Avenue, between Blake and Washington streets.

Rice, already toting a hubcap and a garbage bag, found a scuffed, mossy-eye shoe.

"Now he's a find," she told co-worker Chris Simons. "Now we need to find the mate."

They did, along with scrap lumber, two tires and some critter's jawbone and teeth. Sandy Shaw, scouring the opposite bank, turned up a bed rail and a sheet of corrugated metal.

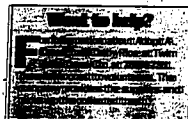
Some volunteers hauled toilet



Twin Falls Canal Company office workers Cathy Rice, front, and Chris Simons find a variety of discarded items during their sweep of a city lateral.

seats, shopping carts, appliances and discarded clothing away from canals this spring, Rice said. Others have uncovered stolen purses and wallets, Simons said, and illegal pumps irrigating lawns.

Simons almost contributed no canal pollution Saturday. She leashed over the water to fish out a Ruffles chip bag and dropped her disposable camera. With much stretching, she snagged them both.



Trash and weeds are more manageable when the canal company can burn the banks, Rice said, but in town, buildings and

wooden fences often prevent burning.

Since Adopt A Canal started in 1995, volunteers have included sewerplant workers, attorneys, a high school environmental group, the local juvenile corrections department, Boy Scouts and employees of companies with community-service requirements. Soil conservation district workers have been particularly productive.

"We have to have trucks to

haul off their finds," Rice said.

Next weekend, canal company manager Vince Alberdi will have Rice and some other workers talking to Castleford children about canal safety.

"Vince wants us out in the community," she said.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242, or by e-mail at virginia@magicalvalley.com

Glenns Ferry ponders future of water supply

By Laurie Black
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY — No one takes a dependable supply of clean water in their faucets for granted in this town.

A spring that serves as the primary source of the town's domestic water supply mysteriously dried up on Wednesday, causing water pressure in the lines to abruptly drop to zero.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne declared a state of emergency in the community Thursday morning. A boil order was placed into effect the same morning, and residents and businesses were urged to curtail their water usage.

"Usually, when a state of emergency is declared, the politicians fly over the stricken area and view the extent of the damage. We kind of have an



invisible emergency," Glenns Ferry City Clerk David Elzain said Friday.

No one knows for certain why the water disappeared, and that lack of information continues to frustrate officials, Elzain said.

Glenns Ferry is no stranger to water problems. In June 1997, the town's water supply was contaminated by record flooding along the Snake River, forcing restrictions and a boil order that lasted for weeks.

In response, the city approved a \$1 million bond issue last year.

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Official says route supporters should gather facts, plead case

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If people want the Idaho Transportation Department to consider another bypass route around Twin Falls, they need to tell them.

Organized support, gather data and make a presentation to the highway commissioners, new ITD member Gary Blicik told a group of Twin Falls County residents who met to discuss speaking out against a proposal to connect the Perrine Ridge and southbound Highway 93 with a road that would cut diagonally through county farmland.

Blicik said he had only been to one board meeting so far, but he was sure the other members would keep an open mind.

"I don't think anything's gone so far that it can't be changed," he said.

County residents Merv Randall, Lonn Thaeete and others want the state to extend Pole

Line to 2400 East, and to consider linking 2400 East over the Snake River Canyon on Interstate 84.

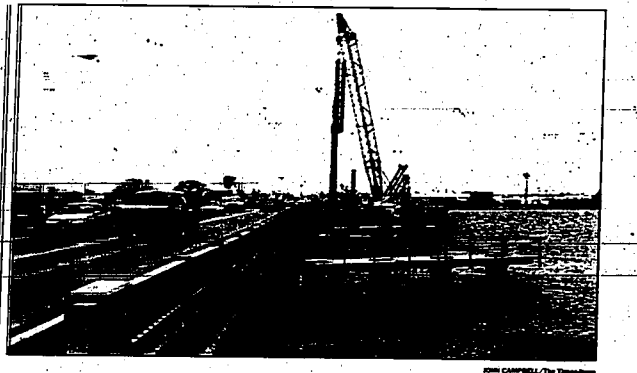
They're calling the plan the "common-sense route."

The group met with Blicik, state Reps. Randy Hansen and Tim Ridinger, and Congressman Mike Simpson's staffer Charles Barnes. Friday night to gather support for their plan and to solicit advice about how to forward it.

Hansen and Ridinger seemed supportive of the idea, and encouraged the group to explore the possibility of getting federal money. Locals said they would like a direct road along 2400 East as an important stretch in a Canada to Mexico trade route or as a more direct way to the opening New Mexico waste site.

Ridinger said homeowners have influenced the ITD before.

"Once the grass-roots effort starts, I think they'll listen," he said.



The construction continues on the Overland Bridge over the Snake River in Burley; boat traffic will not be able to pass under the bridge until late in the year 2000.

Bridge construction in Burley hinders Snake River traffic

By Daphne Blum
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Cars won't be the only vehicles hampered by construction on the Overland Bridge. Boaters also will have to find a detour around the bridge until it is finished. They will have to pull their boats in and out of the water at nearby docks in order to go down the Snake River.

Officials say the detour situation will be no much of an inconvenience.

"Traffic under the bridge is gridlocked but should not create more than a minor nuisance with boaters," said Jim Asson, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

Boaters wanting to go to west town will have to dock at the west town Miller Dam should dock at Kama Park, while people wanting to go upstream can dock near the Snake River Sports and Marina or the Burley Municipal Golf Course at the boat ramps,

Asson said.

Construction should be finished by November 2000.

Public boating is closed off 200 feet from the bridge, said Tim Little, a detective with the Cassia County Sheriff's Department. A cable has been stretched across the river and buoys placed in the river to warn boaters if they get too close to the construction. Any boat that damages the propeller of any cable that goes over it.

"There will be a zero tolerance in dealing with this offense," Little said. "We will enforce this for the boaters' own safety."

Some boaters say the detour won't be too difficult to deal with if it means getting a four-lane bridge.

"It's a minor inconvenience, but considering that I live here and the traffic congestion on that end of town, I think it's a small price to pay overall," boater Randy Calman said.

The construction also will not

bother wildlife or fish, said Dave Parrish of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Before construction on the new bridge began, Parrish helped complete a habitat inventory and found that the construction would have little or no effect on the marine wildlife. In fact, Parrish expects it to improve because new rock pilings and new plants on the river banks — to be installed at the end of construction — will give fish more hiding places and protection, he said.

The banging of pillars into bedrock by a 12-ton hammer, which can be heard up to a quarter-mile away, also will affect the fish.

"While the activity may scare the fish away during the work process, they will come right back," Parrish said.

Times-News correspondent Daphne Blum can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

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OBITUARIES

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A. Lee Tremaine

A. Lee Tremaine, Magic Valley resident since 1968, passed away on March 31, 1999, at Sunrise Care and Rehabilitation in Twin Falls from Parkinson's disease and a brief illness.

Lee was born in Boise, Idaho, to Dr. Harmon and Mary Lee Tremaine on October 8, 1929. Lee graduated from Boise High School in 1947 and attended Idaho State College, where he met his future wife, Betty Joan Albertson of Jerome. They were married in Boise in October, 1949. In later years, he earned a bachelor's degree in English from the College of Idaho in Caldwell, and graduated CSI in 1978-1980.

Lee worked as a journalist for several newspapers in southern Idaho, including The Times-News from 1968 to 1972. He taught in several southern Idaho school districts and worked for Tupperware in Jerome for several years. In later years, Lee was a Green Thumb program participant and did volunteer work for several local agencies.

Lee is survived by his two children, Evelyn (Tom) Hayward of Hillsboro, Ore., and Paul Tremaine of Twin Falls; and a sister, Ann (Jan) Linhart of Tangle, Calif. His parents and his wife, Betty Joan, preceded him in death.

In keeping with Lee's own wishes, he was cremated with ashes to be scattered later. A memorial service conducted by ministers of the worldwide Christian Church of Christ will be held at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home on April 24, 1999, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, Lee's family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation or the College of Southern Idaho Foundation.

David Homolka

David Homolka, age 38, of Twin Falls, died April 7, 1999, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 29, 1960, in Grand Island, Nebraska. He moved to Idaho in 1983 and was raised in the Kirbyville area.

He is survived by his children - daughter Asha Homolka and son Nick Homolka, both of Twin Falls; parents, Rudolph and Carolyn Homolka of Kimberly; brothers, Morgan of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Katrina Homolka of Kimberly; and grandmother, Emma Dil of Tacoma, Wash., along with eight nieces and six nephews. David was preceded in death by his sister, Carline Gilson, and grandparents, Joseph and Agnes Homolka, Jim Dil and Gertrude Muller.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at 3 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, with burial following at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call on Sunday, April 11, 1999, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Monday, April 12, 1999, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Leonard E. Daugherty

Leonard E. Daugherty, 96, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died April 9, 1999, in Twin Falls.

He was born February 6, 1903, in Seymour, Missouri, to William A. and Mathe B. Joslin Daugherty. Leonard attended schools in Seymour and assisted his mother with her farm and sisters after his father died at an early age. The family moved to Wyoming in 1916, then to Idaho in 1925. Leonard was married November 29, 1916, to a woman named Mattie and Jay Gaskill. They moved to Shoshone in 1946. Leonard spent his life involved in agriculture. He farmed in Burley, District and Missouri; operated a farm machinery business in Shoshone; and taught farm mechanics at the College of Southern Idaho. He was a lifelong student of the earth, history and politics.

He always believed in service and giving back. He was a 72-year member of the Independent Order of Good Fellows and had served as a Noble Grand of the Burley and Shoshone lodges and was recently member of the Goodwill Lodge. He had served as Master of the Glenmont-Grange in Burley; president of the Shoshone Rotary Club; chairman of the Shoshone School Board, and was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Idaho and Missouri. He was an active member of the Methodist Church in Burley and Shoshone and was the oldest member of Rock Creek Community Church at the time of his death.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Roxie of Twin Falls; children, Roxie (Doy) Simcoe, also of Twin Falls; grandchildren, Bryan (Randye) Simcoe of Haley, Scott Simcoe of Caldwell, and Stephanie (Steven) Hanchett of Santa Fe, New Mexico; a sister, Rosemary (Lorraine) Daugherty of Washington, and a niece, Rebecca Blackledge, also of Seattle. Services will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls. Interment will follow at the Burley West End Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral chapel on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Rock Creek

BUHL

Frank A. Silbaugh

Frank A. Silbaugh, 84, of Jerome, died Thursday, April 8, 1999, at the Magic Valley Manor in Wendell after a short stay.

He was born March 22, 1915, in Jerome, the son of William and Phoebe Silbaugh. Frank attended school in the Appleton area. He married Faye Agnes Clark on May 18, 1932, in Jerome. They shared 25 years of marriage and 10 children. Frank and Faye farmed and enjoyed traveling. They lived in Jerome and Burley. Following Frank's retirement in 1977, they moved into Jerome and resided there for 22 years.

Frank is survived by his children, two sons, A. W. Silbaugh of Burleigh County, North Dakota, and Steven Silbaugh of Rancho Corvosa, Calif.; seven daughters, Jean Henderson of Jerome, Alice Miller of Salmon, Verla Fisher of North Fork, Roberta Frazer of Rochester, N.Y., Lila Rosyrol Salmon, Hazel Eden of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Linda Hall of Mesquite, Nev.; 37 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, two brothers, Robert Silbaugh of Vancouver, Wash., and Ivan Silbaugh of Fayette, two sisters, Jean Cooker of Jerome, and Betty Stubbaker of Jerome and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, loving wife, one son, two brothers and one son-in-law.

Please come help celebrate the life of Frank Silbaugh at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Ben Silbaugh officiating. Burial will follow at the Jerome cemetery. No viewing is planned.

Thomas Schabot

Thomas (Tom) Schabot, 51, of Buhl, died suddenly of massive heart attack on Thursday, April 8, 1999, at his home.

He was born November 26, 1947, in Rapid City, South Dakota, to Roy and Marian Schabot. When he was 6 months old, Tom and his family moved to Nysa, Oregon, where he spent his early childhood years. When he was 13 years old, he moved to Nampa, Idaho, where he attended Central Junior High School and graduated from Nampa High School in 1966. During his high school years, Tom was well known for his athletic success in football and baseball at Nampa High School. After graduation, Tom enrolled in Boise State College, where he earned his bachelor of business administration in accounting in 1971. In 1972, he joined the firm of J. Robert Tullis and managed the office in Mountain Home for one year before moving to Buhl to manage the Buhl office. In 1972, he married Carol Ann Tullis. An Accountant exam and became licensed as a CPA in 1973. In the same year, he became a managing partner with Tullis & Schabot, CPAs. In 1988, the firm became Schabot, Daigle and Company, P.A., CPAs. Tom was a member of several professional organizations as a CPA, including AICPA, IDCPA, Magic Valley Association of CPAs. Besides dedicating his life to his family and his work, Tom was consistently active in the Buhl community. For several years, Tom served

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JEROME

Allen Leon Buhler of Rupert

Allen Leon Buhler of Rupert, 10 a.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel.

Celia W. Burch of Burley, 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley Home Life Chapel. 2401 Main St., Burley, Ave. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary/Burley Chapel.

Elizabeth (Gloria) Taylor of Eden, 10 a.m. Monday at the Eden LDS Church. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Page Mortuary in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral Monday at the church.

Ernie Aron Buehler of Burley, service is tentatively scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Jerome First Baptist Church (Grove-Edwardsen Street) Chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. Some names are omitted; patients' requests.

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Admitted: Cassie McDonald of Burley.

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DEATH NOTICES

Alice Rudolph TWIN FALLS - Alice Rudolph, 99, of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 9, 1999, at the Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Francis P. Cammack Jr. BUHL - Francis P. Cammack Jr., 67, of the Buhl area, died Friday, April 9, 1999, at Misasa Air Base in Japan. Arrangements are pending and

will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Kenneth A. Cain MARANA, Ariz. - Kenneth A. Cain, 73, of Marana, Ariz., died Monday, April 5, 1999, in Tucson, Ariz. A graveside service is tentatively scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

William L. Logan WENDELL - William Lee Logan, 90, of Burley and formerly of Wendell, died Saturday, April 10, 1999, at a Burley care center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Wendell Chapel.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Cassia takes stock of Friday storm damage

The Times-News

BURLEY — The sheriff's department Saturday took stock of Friday's severe storm that closed roads, caused accidents and shut off electricity.

All major highways around Burley were closed Friday due to drifting snow, whiteout conditions and numerous vehicle accidents with lane blockage, said a spokesman for the Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

Interstate 84 on both sides of Burley was closed for about 10 hours. U.S. Highway 30 west of Burley, state Highway 27 south of Burley, and a stretch of state

Highway 81 were closed, and many county roads drifted shut. Interstate 86 to Pocatello was open, but driving was very difficult, and there were many slideoffs and stranded motorists.

Electric power was off in many areas of the county, but most was restored before night, the release said.

Major accidents that shut down traffic for about 10 hours were reported on I-84 between Burley and Twin Falls in a construction area. Vehicles were backed up for about 15 miles.

One of the multi-vehicle crashes on I-84 south of Utah included a Utah State University bus. Whiteouts, slick roads and high

winds caused other vehicles to run into accident scenes, causing total lane blockage. The sheriff's department knew of no serious injuries.

Getting emergency-service vehicles to accident scenes became a major problem, the release said. All EMT personnel and ambulances in Cassia County were pressed into service.

A Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue vehicle responding with emergency equipment became involved in an accident, but the rescue workers weren't injured.

Other workers weren't so lucky.

A semi truck hit a Cassia sheriff's vehicle when the truck

plowed into an accident scene in Friday the deputy was taken to Cassia Regional Medical Center and released with minor injuries.

Several law-enforcement and emergency vehicles got stuck and had to be pulled out, the release said.

On Highway 83 between Sate Road and Malda, there were several slideoffs and a major multi-vehicle accident. Deputies responding could travel only 1 mph and had to stop to clear ice off their vehicles. A Cassia sheriff's deputy's vehicle slid into a large wrecker, injuring the deputy, who was taken to Cassia Regional Medical and released with minor injuries.

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More than 300 complete Provo wagon train

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The 300 participants who spent three days sloggng through mud and rain weather on the Provo and Sequoia National Forest trails say they have a new appreciation for their predecessors' sacrifices.

"It's like I'm walking on stumps. It was wet this morning from the knees down," said Jan Chase, a mother of five from Highland. "It's been a wonderful experience."

The trekkers, who donned pioneer garb to retrace the tracks of

Utah Valley's first colonizing party, reached the end of their journey Friday evening.

Chase's great-great-grandparents among the original 33 Mormon families who followed John S. Higbee from Salt Lake City to Provo in April 1849.

"We have such great appreciation for their commitment to leaving everything behind again and again and again," she said of her ancestors who crossed the Great Plains and were asked by leaders of The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints to move several times afterward.

Rain and snow forced some to drop out. At least two people were injured, being thrown from skittish horses, but none required hospitalization.

"We do have a lot of people who had a hard experience and one they're not likely to forget," said Mayor Lewis Billings, who led the procession into town on horseback carrying a Provo flag. "They certainly have a history of Provo they didn't have before."

F&G sells land to Nez Perce

LEWISTON (AP) — The fish and game commission has completed the sale of surplus land to the Nez Perce Tribe. A 15-acre parcel known as the Sweetwater Hatchery was sold to the tribe for \$14,000. The tribe already had used the property for several years in its salmon rearing program. Fish and game bought the land in 1960 but never was able to acquire a water right large enough for a full-scale hatchery.

Water

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to help pay for an improved water filtration system. While on his way to solving a water quality problem, the town is now faced with an inadequate supply.

City officials are researching potential financial aid through an imminent Threat Grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce. Hahn said the city may ask for federal disaster aid.

"Crews worked Friday afternoon to connect a pipe from the existing water system to a smaller spring owned by the city. The municipal pumps were shut off to prevent muddy water from entering the system until the new source could be connected.

But Hahn said the smaller spring will not provide as much water and urged all residents to continue to conserve the limited supply.

In response to the emergency, the Idaho National Guard and Bureau of Land Management have donated drinking and fire-protection water to the community. Drinking water may be obtained from tanks at the City Hall and across the street from the school in Glens Ferry.

One thousand cases of bottled spring water have been donated to Glens Ferry by Tri-Fly Springs Ltd. of Ketchum. Mayor Glenn Thompson said the water would be parceled out to different locations, including the Three Island Senior Center on a need-basis.

"Most residents maintained good humor while braving high winds and many signs to fill up containers on Friday. Many residents say they switched to buying bottled water during the boil order in 1997.

"But Glenn Ferry businesses are not faring so well. "It's a real pain," said Sandy Urps, a clerk at Priceless Mini-Mart. Urps pointed to a row of "out-of-order" signs on the convenience store's ice maker and the used soft drink machines.

"Dennis Perkins, a cook at

Hanson's Cafe in Glens Ferry agreed. Restaurant employees are spending lots of time boiling water and adding extra disinfectant to the dishes, he said.

Glenn Circuit Technology, a manufacturer of electronic circuit boards and one of the town's largest employers had to shut down their operations on Friday while the city water pumps were off, but hoped to resume production on Saturday.

Glenn Ferry Fire Chief Bob Janousek said the town does have adequate fire protection.

Three tanker trucks, each loaded with 3,000 gallons of water were loaned to Glens Ferry by the BLM. The fire department also has 6,500 gallons of water available in its tanks.

As a precaution, the city has issued a burn ban on all open fires, regardless of permit until the emergency is resolved. Janousek said.

Meanwhile, Glens Ferry residents wonder how long before their kitchen faucets will produce plenty of good, clean water.

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Pocatello decides to gamble on inscription

POCATELLO (AP) — City officials have approved the Pocatello Interfaith Fellowship's request to place a rock in the Portneuf Greenway's Pre-History Park inscribed with the words, "In the Beginning ..."

While the monument inscribed in both English and Hebrew clearly would be referencing the first line of the Old Testament's Book of Genesis, officials said they were confident the monument would not violate the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

"Without a specific biblical reference, such as Genesis 1:1, 'In the Beginning ...' could mean many things to many people, Mayor Greg Anderson and city council members contend.

But if there is a legal challenge, they are prepared to fight it.

"The meaning is what you bring to it, not what's on the stone. If they win, they get paid with money that says, 'In God We Trust.'"

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heads that it could be that complicated," Greenway Foundation Executive Director Ed Benjamin said. "Everybody figured they were doing the right thing."

Rick Carnaroli, a deputy city attorney, was concerned the rock could lead to a lawsuit similar to the one involving the Ten Commandments monument on the Bannock County Courthouse's lawn. But U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge ruled in that case that despite the religious reference on that monument, "there is no appearance of preference being given to religious group."

Still, officials are wary that publicity might spawn nuisance lawsuits.

"We're hoping nobody really notices," Council member Karen McGee said. "I'm hoping they might say the words came from the beginning of 'Star Wars II.'"

The 4-foot wide by 4-foot long travertine stone monument is scheduled to be installed and dedicated April 24.

Murder trial moves out of Payette to Canyon County

PAYETTE (AP) — A jury trial for the man accused of murdering a local couple last summer now is scheduled to begin July 6 at the Canyon County Courthouse in Caldwell.

Christopher Kaba's trial on first-degree murder charges for the Aug. 17 stabbing deaths of John and Kazuko Boyle had been scheduled to begin March 15. But 3rd District Judge Stephen Drescher initially granted a continuance to April 19, then extended the starting date to July 6 and

moved the trial out of Payette County.

Defense attorneys sought the further continuance to give them the chance to have forensic evidence reviewed by their own expert witnesses.

Besides two counts of murder, Kaba, 25, is charged with two counts of using a deadly weapon in the commission of a felony.

Prosecutors were unhappy about Drescher granting the defense's request for a change of venue. The Boyles were well known in the

community of 6,500, where they ran a fruit stand from their home for 24 years.

The bodies of both were found in their home. Each had been stabbed about 15 times, investigators said.


"The crime happened here, and we think the people here should decide," Payette County Deputy Prosecutor Phillip Heersink said.

Kaba faces the death penalty or life in prison if convicted of first-degree murder.

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Criminal Investigations Bureau names new assistant director

BOISE (AP) — Agency veteran Glenn Ford has been promoted from chief of the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement's Criminal Investigations Bureau to assistant director.

Ford, 47, will lead Law Enforcement's Police Services Division, with oversight of investigations, the state forensics laboratory, criminal identification and communications functions. He also will play a leading role in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's campaign to combat methamphetamines.

"Glenn will add to the professionalism of the department, and this is a significant step to unify the State Police and the Criminal Investigations Bureau to maxi-

mize our resources," Kempthorne said in announcing the appointment late Friday.

Ford began his law enforcement career as a narcotics investigator for the state attorney general's office in 1973 and moved into the Department of Law Enforcement the next year. Since then he has served in a number of investigative and management jobs in the agency now run by Law Enforcement Director Ed Strickfaden.

"I am very excited about meeting the new challenges of this position," Ford said. "I want to focus on partnering with all law enforcement in Idaho to combat all of Idaho's crime, but particularly the drug problem."

Former state senator dies

SANDPOINT (AP) — Glenn Edmund Bandelin, a retired attorney and former state senator, died Wednesday.

Bandelin was born in Sandpoint and practiced law in Bonanza, Idaho.

He was the last surviving attorney for the Roosevelt Administration's Rural Electrification Agency, which began during the 1930s.

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Fort Canby State Park ranger Len Nelson steps down from what is left of a roadway to the beach near the North Jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River at Ilwaco, Wash., last month. The road used to lead to a parking lot, which has already disappeared because of erosion along the Long Beach Peninsula. Federal and state scientists say the century-long effort to tame the Columbia River has drastically reduced sediment carried into the Pacific Ocean, then deposited on the Washington and Oregon coastlines. Erosion is rapid enough now at Fort Canby that scientists predict the campground there will be washed into the Pacific in another 30 years.

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Icy I-15 bus accident sends 20 to hospital

CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) — Nineteen students and a driver were taken to a hospital for treatment after a school bus that was sliding on icy roads on Interstate 15.

All of the passengers were released from Valley View Medical Center. The most serious injuries were a concussion and a broken thumb.

The Iron County School District bus was carrying students from the Klamathville area to Cedar Middle School and was on its way to a morning class.

The bus driver appeared to hit the brakes and slide. The bus spun 180 degrees and rolled onto its side on Utah Highway 10 near a steep cliff.

The bus came to rest about 30 yards from the edge of the cliff, off the shoulder of the highway and about 10 feet from a barbed wire fence.

"I tapped the brake and slid. There was no recovery," said bus driver Rhonda Barkley. "From there, everything went on slow motion. I knew we were going to wreck, but I was hoping we'd just stop on the dirt."

Iron County Sheriff Duane Benson, who was among the numerous officers who responded to the accident, said he was relieved there weren't more injuries.

"This is a cop's worst nightmare," said a law firm spokesman. The response was had from officers on this. We were lucky. School buses can be replaced, children can't.

Officers said the driver of a semi was on the wreck, but his brakes and also spun. Four other cars also

slid into a concrete barrier adjacent to the site where the bus crashed as officers were managing the scene.

In two unrelated accidents, Utah Highway Patrol cadet Stephen Dansie, 50, was killed Friday evening when his Shouki Sidekick rolled over on State Road 6 and several members of the University of Utah track team were injured when their bus collided with a semi.

UHP Lt. Verdi White said Dansie steered to avoid a collision with another car but overcorrected and fell about 100 feet down a steep embankment and was thrown from the car. He was airlifted to Utah Valley Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

White said Dansie was returning home from the police academy where he was due to graduate at the top of his class in a few weeks. Members of his family, following in another car, witnessed the crash, said White.

"It's a sad day for all of us at Utah Highway Patrol and a tremendous loss for all of us," he said.

The U. of U. track team was on its way to Boise, Idaho, Friday morning for a meet when a blinding blizzard hit, and the bus collided head-on with a semi-truck on Interstate 84 20 miles east of Burley.

Nine injured athletes were taken to the Cassia County Regional Medical Center. Five team members suffered broken bones while others were treated for scrapes and other minor injuries.

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Dean, Bob & Shelley Seibel

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Dean opened an Edward Jones office in Boise in 1992 and built a very successful business. He and his wife Pam are very excited to be back in the Magic Valley.

My daughter, Shelley Seibel, has opened an office in Blaine county. She will continue to serve her existing accounts in the Magic Valley area.

I am very pleased to be working with Dean and Shelley, and I'm sure you will be as impressed with their professionalism and integrity as I am. Should they contact you, I hope you will extend the same warm welcome I have received. As always, if we can be of service, please call or stop by the office anytime.

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Investigators find kids of Utah woman

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The three brothers of a 19-year-old girl who wandered into a stranger's home last month are in the custody of Nevada state social workers.

Leahen Susan Malone, 19, who has been charged with felony child abuse charges, allegedly kidnapped her daughter and bearing her with a car number, had reported that she had seen her sons — ages 1, 3 and 4 — were missing.

In an earlier report, Malone said she had seen her sons with a man in Las Vegas, but she never saw them again. A man, by the name of Kevin, was identified as the man who had seen the woman who had

Malone's sons. Malone said she had seen her sons in Nevada at a place called Salt Lake County Deputy Police Patricia Malone said the boys are in the custody of Nevada state social workers and will go to Nevada and live with them up

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

Arraignments and appearances: Joanne Elaine Adams, 58, 4404 N. 3000 E., Bull; four counts of trafficking marijuana; trafficking cocaine; five counts of failing to file a drug-use stamp; preliminary hearing Friday; private lawyer hired; \$1 million bond.

Robert Joseph Adams, 58, 4404 N. 3000 E., Bull; four counts of trafficking marijuana; trafficking cocaine; five counts of failing to file a drug-use stamp; preliminary hearing Friday; private lawyer hired; \$1 million bond.

Kevin Stewart Blake, 42, 909 Eighth Ave. E., Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; warrant for failure to appear at sentencing; public defender appointed; \$5000 bond.

Kevin Stewart Blake, 42, 909 Eighth Ave. E., Twin Falls; perjury; carrying a concealed weapon; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$5000 bond.

Richard Dale Clantham, 40, 463 30th S. James Blvd., Twin Falls; battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance; (this case only).

Sharon Patricia Connor, 37, 402 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; private lawyer hired; released on own recognizance.

Jason Lee Couch, 27, 3068 N. 2200 E. Hill; trafficking marijuana; failing to file a drug-use stamp; preliminary hearing Friday; private lawyer hired; \$5000 bond.

Stephen W. Richardson, 27, 1560 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls; failure to pay fines on conviction for driving under the influence; warrant; \$2750 cash bond; case dismissed.

Donald Vincent Fletcher, 39, 128 Heyburn Ave. N., Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$10000 bond.

Donald Vincent Fletcher, 39, 128 Heyburn Ave. N., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; driving without privileges; obstructing a peace officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$5000 bond.

Cody W. Freeman, 21, 840 Walnut St. N., Twin Falls; probation violation on conviction for attempted perjury; warrant; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$5000 bond.

Melinda G. Gomez, 25, Wendell; perjury; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 30 days in jail; suspended; released on U.S. Border Patrol.

George Antonio Guillen Martinez, age unknown; Buena Vista, Riverside; failure to purchase driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; \$5000 bond.

Brian Dean Hill, 28, 207 Quincy St., Twin Falls; forgery; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$1500 bond.

William Kevin Hill, 20, 1000 N. Lincoln St., No. 5, Jerome; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; \$500 bond.

Randy Joe Hillier, 37, 522 Murray St. W., Burley; crime against nature; two counts of lewd contact with a minor under 16; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$12000 bond; no contact with victim.

Lisa Marie Howe, 24, 127 Shiloh; filer; domestic battery; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender denied; released on own recognizance; no contact with victim outland.

David Bruce Jay, 28, 545 Murray St., Twin Falls; possession of marijuana; warrant to deliver; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$5000 bond.

Aaron Kent Kilgus, 21, 1237 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance.

Jesse S. Lovitt, 20, 520 U.S. Highway 50, Blaine; false on appearance; warrant; public defender appointed; \$500 bond.

David Andrew Muthart, 24, 1022 Washington St. S., No. 500, Twin Falls; possession of marijuana; under the influence of a controlled substance in a public place; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$1000 bond.

James Richard Newell, 38, 610 Beacon, Burley; probation violation on conviction for driving under the influence; warrant; pleaded innocent; released on 90-day in jail.

Mark Raymond Shaw, 29, 520 Main Ave. S., No. 105, Twin Falls; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; \$1000 bond.

Steven Bruce Stink, 20, 520 Main Ave. S., No. 105, Twin Falls; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; \$1000 bond.

Nicholas Zakaria Shyam, 44, 330 16th Ave. S., Jerome; perjury; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$5000 bond.

Max A. Thomas, 44, 4415 Madison St. N. Boise; fugitive warrant from Nevada (driving under the influence); waived arraignment; \$2700 bond.

Dump critics say N.M. governor should block Idaho shipments

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Critics of a nuclear dump in southern New Mexico want Gov. Gary Johnson to close the border on radioactive waste from Idaho. The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant received its first shipment of nuclear waste from the Los Alamos National Laboratory less than three weeks ago. Shipments of plutonium-contaminated waste from the U.S. Department of

Energy's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory — set for next month — would be the first from another state. Don Hancock, a longtime critic of the underground dump, said any trucks from Idaho headed to the site near Carlisle should be stopped at the Colorado border where the trucks would be inspected by state officials.

"They shouldn't be shipping from Idaho, period," said Hancock of the Southwest Research and Information Center in Albuquerque. He said the Energy Department has not provided the state with documentation certifying that the Idaho waste contains no hazardous chemicals. Johnson officials say the Idaho waste contains only radioactive low-grade radioactive material such as

tools and clothing contaminated with plutonium at the former Rocky Flats weapons plant in Colorado. Johnson said he could not foresee stopping shipments at the border. "I don't think it'll get to that point," the governor said Friday. "I can't imagine the Energy Department shipping in this case anything that conceivably would be mixed. I just can't see that scenario."

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Idaho Power tests Y2K readiness, confidence

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Power Co. employees have successfully completed a drill designed to test how prepared the utility is to keep the lights on if Y2K problems knock out communications.

A seven-hour simulation Friday showed that workers could figure out how to get vital data from dams, substations and other electric companies if the public telephone network and other communication devices failed because of

Y2K communications. Idaho Power is several hundred electric companies (called their Y2K partners).

The Y2K test, items from two-day out-of-office, two-hour computer to test "it" in 1999 rather than 2000. That out-of-office computer and electronic equipment to make down or malfunction.

"We're confident that we have adequate steps to prepare

for Y2K," Idaho Power spokesman Dennis Lopez said.

Idaho Power has tested most of its equipment and replaced suspect computer chips. And the company on Friday pretended that its communications systems failed.

That meant workers could not get data from meters, power plants or other electric companies.

The Boise-based electric utility

is prepared to use microwave, satellite and cellular phones to collect data from power plants and other locations.

"Every time we do these things, it makes us more and more confident that we have taken adequate steps," Lopez said.

Workers were stationed at dams, coal plants, substations and dispatch centers, collecting data manually.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

What's up with all these sportswriters dogging Khalid El-Amin for sporting love handles? Most sportswriters I know would kill to have that body.

—Jim Armstrong in the Deseret Post

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
Cove 2-Man Best-Ball: Twin Falls Municipal GC.

High school rodeo
5th and 6th districts at FSU p.m.

IN BRIEF

Twin Falls softball sweeps Nampa

NAMPA — Mendi Edwards and Sumer Hayes shut down the host Bulldogs from the mound as the Twin Falls softball team swept a doubleheader 6-0 and 13-1, the later an 8-0 win.

Both hurlers threw a complete game, with Edwards allowing no runs on six hits and Hayes giving up one run on four hits.

"I was kind of surprised to see that they outfit us (in Game 1), but we played good defense," said Twin Falls coach Nick Berman, whose team improves to 7-6 overall and goes back into region play Wednesday at Jerome.

- Baseball
Caldwell 5-0
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Twin Falls 8-0

Mino baseball sweeps Vallive

CALDWELL — The Mino Spartans ran a pair of region baseball games from Vallive Saturday, winning 9-8 and 23-6.

Seniors James Dayley and Darian Perry picked up 21 wins for the Spartans, who gave up 13 hits while hitting out 22 of their own. Vallive committed 16 errors in the two games to Mino's eight.

Wendell's Woodland double eagles No. 13

GOODING — John Woodland of Wendell double-eagled the par 5, 50-yard No. 13 hole at Gooding Golf Course on Saturday.

Woodland hit his tee shot 256 yards into the fairway and played his second shot from 235 yards out with a 5-wood into the hole for the double eagle. Witnesses were Jim Volscher, Kerry Daniel, Nelson Collins and Jim Holtfield.

American Legion to hold auction

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls American Legion will hold an auction and auction is slated for 5 p.m. on April 28 at the Turf Club.

Harold Brown and Bill Ingram will be in the hall, and the evening will include a silent auction, live auction, raffle and dinner for \$15 per person. For more information or to make a reservation, call Gary Quenell at 734-4282 or 734-3360.

Late sign-up forms available for soccer

TWIN FALLS — Late sign-ups for the Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association's Metro League are available in area elementary school offices and at the Magic Valley Soccer Center. The league is for players in grades K-5, is non-traveling, and has no weekend games.

Golf pals lead chilly Cove

By Steve Green
Times-News sports editor

"CONSISTENCY — Consistency isn't something that's been around Twin Falls long," says Bill Cook and Jim Ochser, whose teams have for at least one more day.

Cook and Ochser, who graduated together from Twin Falls High School and have been partners in the Cove 2-Person Best-Ball for a record 22 years, combined for a one-on-one par-68 Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Saturday to post the 68 score headed into today's final round.

"This morning, it was like playing on the wrong set of cones," said club professional Steve Hamblin. "The greens didn't flow on it as good as they do."

Cook, whose only birdie came on the 35th hole, par 3 No. 16, had four of the 18 birdies, and Ochser had two birdies as well, all a double-bogey on the par-4 10th hole.

"I played a weak ago and the greens were really bumpy, but they're improving," Cook said. "The course is playing up a little. It's hard to get the ball close."

The duo finished strong, with Ochser granting Cook's birdie with one of his own, a No. 15, courtesy of a 44-foot putt. One strike out of the lead are the names of Bruce Cloris and Brock Weaver, Steve Gillies and Glenn Haskley, and Steve Sherman and Jeff Berman.

Kyrina Grifflinger and Shauna Robinson shot a 71 and held a comfortable one-stroke lead over Connie Smart and Val Walker in the ladies' championship.

Steve Drager and Jay Miller lead the men's first flight by three strokes at 69, 62. Mike and Lesli Eason finish with a 71, for a one-stroke lead in the second flight, and Cheryl Eason and Raeanne Reese lead the ladies' first flight by one stroke.

Caldwell and Ochser both shot par on the course's two par-5s, which are home to the course's five new bunkers.

"I have a commitment to spend up the course a little bit, make it a little more challenging," Hamblin said. "The changes will be getting in unbelievable."

The course has two bunkers on the second and sixth holes, and Hamblin said the changes would still have new tree boxes on the 10th hole.

"It's really a nice track," said Steve and Sheri.

They're looking for a new site for the new clubhouse, which will be built on the site of the old clubhouse.

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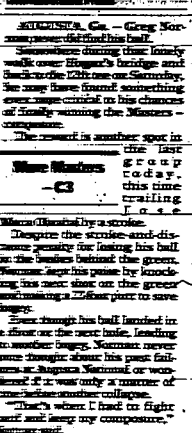
"I'm excited about the new clubhouse," said Steve.



Brock Weaver misses a putt on the fourth hole in Saturday's opening round of the Cove Best Ball Tournament at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. Roger Harris and Carl Stavos wait their turn at the edge of the green.

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Olazabal takes one-stroke lead over Norman at Augusta



He birdied the 18th to get within one stroke of Olazabal, putting him in the final pairing at a major championship for the first time since his disastrous 1996 Masters, when he squandered a five-hole lead.



Above, Greg Norman, from Australia, acknowledges the gallery after making birdie on the fifth hole at the 1999 Masters, Saturday. Left, Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain is surrounded by the gallery as he hits through the trees along the 18th at the Augusta National Golf Club.



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Gull, his three-day total of 209 allowed a host of players — even Tiger Woods and David Duval — back into the hunt.

Steve Pate set the Masters record with seven consecutive birdies for a 7-under 65 that put him two strokes back at 211. He was tied with Davis Love III, whose double bogey on the par-5 15th knocked him out of the lead.

Rambo's pitching, hot bats carry Twin Falls over Caldwell

By Steve Hill
Times-News sports editor

"TWIN FALLS — With a name like Rambo, you can bet you'll have to know the opposition is no slouch."

Kicking off the day's diamond action, a five-hit, six-run second inning highlighted an 11-8 Bruins bashing of the Cougars (1-14) who won for only the first time Tuesday at Mountain Home and are playing inspired ball.

The day's caper pitted both squads' junior varsities in action, although Bruins ace Dana DeBoer started on the mound to "get in some work," Federico said.

starters went to work on their opponent's lineup. Runs were at a premium with errors and walks both playing huge roles as well as early teardrop defense making some plays.

"We've lost a lot of close games," said fifth-year Caldwell coach Will Berker.

"[Eric] has been struggling a little bit but he came out and threw pretty well today," said Twin Falls skipper Mike Federico.

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grabbing a first-inning lead. Bruins' errors wrapped around a Joe Salazar by the end of the game.

Bats

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single got the Cougars off to the good start.
Rambo then settled into the inning, getting the next two Cougars on ground outs to end the inning.
Caldwell southpaw Nick Connor had troubles of his own in the lead-off frame as he bobbled grounders off short, a Kelsey McLiams bloop single and a walk of TF catcher Joe Durham loaded the sacks with two outs.
The Bruins' Ben Thompson came to the plate with the clutch hit hero, but Connor gripped his teeth and set the right fielder down looking with a nasty fastball on the corner.
Both pitchers then hunkered down as Rambo got the Cougars down in order through the fifth with easy flyball outs and lazy grounders. But Connor was up to the task and well, pasting Bruin eggs in the second and third innings.

Only the fourth-id Twin Falls finally break through for the lead.
A Thompson single up the mid-

dle for the Bruins' second hit of the game, started the rally. Thompson took second on a Connor pitch in the dirt, then stole third, while Bruin left fielder Darlino Linares took his Cougars lefty to a full count before delivering home Thompson with a blooper to right field, tying the game at 1-1.

Bruins batter Zack Gregerson then dinked a dying grounder to the front of the mound that Connor threw to second to record the out on Linares. A passed ball by Caldwell catcher Sextal Ramirez resulted in Gregerson reaching third base as Ramirez floundered around looking for the errant sphere.
Twin Falls' Pohlman grounded to third on the next pitch for the inning's second out but Bruin shortstop Dillon Mayes saved the day when he slapped a line drive over shortstop, scoring Gregerson for the lead at 2-1.

He stayed that way until the sixth when both teams posted a run apiece on the board to make it 3-2. The Bruins' run was espe-

cially huge, coming right after the Cougars fought to tie the game in the top half of the inning. The manufactured run came off a Scott Leavitt walk, a hit-and-run bloop by Pohlman over second base and the game-winner a sacrifice fly to left field by Mayes.

Rambo promptly slammed the door on the Cougars in the seventh, displaying his moxie by striking out the side for the win.
Strolling around afterward with his arm tightly wrapped, Rambo grinned at his riffs outting.
"Everything seemed to be working, it's the best day I've had in awhile," he said. "I finally got my stuff back."

Asked about his past-enting three strikeouts, the redhead thought for a second, then said it was all about heat.
"My cut fastball seemed to be working good on the inside," he said. "So I just threw it as hard as I could."
His coach was just as pleased by the day's wins.

"We had a couple of clutch runs scored and picked up runs when we had 'em," Federico said. "We haven't been (manufacturing runs) a lot and so we really have to execute and we did it in this game. It was a good win for us."

Twin Falls 11, Caldwell 8

Twin Falls starter Gustavo Lopez picked up the win in the ugly contest — both clubs combined for nine errors — going six innings with third baseman Chris Westburg closing out the Cougars, who made it interesting in their last at-bat.

With no outs, Caldwell loaded the bases on a hit batter by Lopez and an error and a walk by Westburg.
But the big right-hander settled down, and escaped the Cougar pressure by getting a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first out; then, on a 3-1 count, Cougar batter Todd Ryle popped a high fly in the moon run behind third base that Bruin shortstop Mayes seemingly had tracked down.

But Mayes lost the ball as it dropped at his feet. Fortunately for the Bruins the infield fly rule was in effect for the automatic second out, unfortunately for Cougar runner Paynter on second base, he was caught off the bag and tagged for the same-ending out.
"A sloppy game, on both ends," Barker said of the game. "Defensively and pitching started slow. We hit the ball real well, but in the second we had at least one error, three walks and their hits, usually spells a big inning."
Barker said offense is the key to beating the Bruins.

"Against a team like Twin Falls, you're going to have to score some runs," he said. "All of Fede's teams, as long as we know him, are always swinging the bats."
Twin Falls picks up Region III play Thursday at Jerome.

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"We played like it was opening day," Walker said. "When you can play three games and only use four pitchers, that's not Southern Idaho, who gained ground on conference-leader Dixie College with the wins, returns home next weekend after a month on the road to play Eastern Utah four times — one doubleheader Friday and another on Saturday.

The Golden Eagles hope the winning continues.
"We're not there yet," Walker said. "But we're close."

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

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Table showing playoff brackets and team records for the CBA.

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Bulls brick way to NBA all-time low

Utah, Houston head to TV grudge match

CHICAGO (AP)—How low can these Chicago Bulls go? To the depths of NBA history. The Miami Heat held the Bulls to the lowest point total since the introduction of the shot clock, humiliating the shell of a team that once won six championships 82-49 Saturday night.

The Bulls hit their way on the other end of the previous low-scoring game, limiting Utah to 54 points last June in Game 3 of the NBA Finals—but that was when they had Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman. The lowest points for a regular-season game before Saturday night was 55 by Indiana against San Antonio on March 29, 1998.

The Bulls also set an NBA low with only 18 field goals, one fewer than the previous mark set by Indiana against New York in 1985.

Chicago nearly set another league mark for offensive futility, making just 23.4 percent of its shots (18-of-77). The worst shooting performance ever was .229 by Milwaukee against Minneapolis in 1954, the first year of the shot clock.

Miami's Tim Hardaway scored 22 points, Alonzo Mourning had 19 and seven blocks and the Heat opened the game with a 15-0 run behind a smothering defense. The Bulls trailed 23-8 at the end of the first quarter, 45-23 at the half and 67-33 after three quarters.



Golden State Warrior Jason Caffey shoots over Dallas Mavericks' Shawn Bradley, left, during the first quarter in Dallas, Saturday.

WARRIORS 91, Mavericks 90

DALLAS — Terry Cummings scored 12 points in the fourth quarter and Jason Caffey had a steal and layup with 32.6 seconds remaining as the Golden State Warriors snapped a three-game losing streak with a 91-90 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Saturday night. Cummings and Binbo Coles capped the Warriors with 14 points each.

Gary Trent had a career-high 33 points for the Mavericks, who have lost eight of their last nine.

Homets 92, Pacers 90

INDIANAPOLIS — Bobby Phillips scored 13 points, including the game-winning baseline jumper with 38 seconds left, and the Charlotte Hornets beat the Indiana Pacers 92-90 Saturday night.

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the Hornets, who saw their bench combine for 31 points.

CLEVELAND 81, Hawks 67

CLEVELAND — Shawn Kemp followed a day off with 26 points and 12 rebounds and the Cleveland Cavaliers held Atlanta to 29 percent shooting in an 81-67 victory Saturday night.

Cleveland broke a two-game losing streak and ended the Hawks' third consecutive loss. The Hawks tied a season low for the points, who struggled without leading scorer Steve Smith, who missed his sixth straight game with a sprained left knee.

NBA team-by-team ranking

1. Portland, 1. Texas three-point teams
 2. Orlando, 2. Four of next five on the road
 3. Utah, 3. Malone coming off monster week
 4. San Antonio, 6. Best team in the state
 5. Miami, 4. Rebounding from four-game slide
 6. Indiana, 8. Road has been Pleasant land
 7. Houston, 5. Couldn't handle homepains
 8. LA Lakers, 7. End of their rope with Roper?
 9. Atlanta, 11. Smith mired in shooting slump
 10. Detroit, 12. Dale finally shows some life
 11. Milwaukee, 9. Big Dog awakes for road woes
 12. Philadelphia, 10. Iverson-Brown's not over
 13. New York, 13. Van Gundy speculation starts anew
 14. Toronto, 14. Raptors' hot week ending here
 15. Seattle, 16. Win over Blazers was huge
 16. Cleveland, 17. Cavs up, down, up
 17. Minnesota, 15. Lost to Chicago on twice
 18. Phoenix, 18. C. Robinson to the rescue?
 19. Sacramento, 19. Regrouping for home playoff run
 20. Charlotte, 20. Hornets brought back the '95
 21. Golden State, 21. Jamison finally asserts himself
 22. Washington, 22. Firing Blazers' best answer
 23. New Jersey, 28. Living up to talent on the late
 24. Boston, 24. Recent streak should help
 25. Chicago, 25. Finally settles its rivalry
 26. Denver, 23. Reverting back to wealth form
 27. Vancouver, 27. Su Jackson not answering?
 28. LA Clippers, 29. Improving ever so slightly
- By Staff Writers
The Dallas Morning News

Sacramento seeks second playoff berth since 1985-86 season

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—There's nothing like a little bad blood to spice up a nationally televised game.

Such is the case with today's matchup between Utah and Houston at the Delta Center. The Rockets are still steamed—

at what they consider a borderline cheap shot by Jazz forward Karl Malone, who kneed Houston guard Brent Price in the groin in a game last week.

Just four days later, the hard-luck Price learned he will miss the rest of the season with torn cartilage in his knees.

"I'm not saying he tried to hit me where he hit me," Price said. "But he definitely put his knee up on purpose."

"They play physically. They give you an elbow or a knee. That's the way they play."

There's hope yet

Denver was on the verge of going winless on the road this season, a feat not repeated since the 1953-54 Baltimore Bullets.

Thank goodness for the Vancouver Grizzlies. The Nuggets, 0-17 away from home this season and losers of their past 24 road contests, avoided infamy by winning in Vancouver, 87-84, last week.

"Man, it was wild," forward Antonio McDyess said. "Excitement, cheers, laughing and screaming."

Hopeful Kings

Don't look now, but the Sacramento Kings have a legitimate shot at landing their second playoff berth since moving from Kansas City in 1985.

"You look at the teams that are involved in this thing, and I've gone through all the schedules," coach Rick Adelman said. "Our schedule is pretty good."

Around the NBA

Rodman distracted?

You tell us. On the same day wife Carmen Electra filed for divorce amid gossipy media reports about what prompted the breakup, the Lakers forward gave up 30 points, 10 rebounds, and five assists to Utah's Karl Malone in an ugly home loss to the Jazz.

Discontent in Seattle

There was considerable buzz in Seattle about a loud and lengthy practice argument between Gary Payton and Van Baker that almost turned into fistfights.

No wonder Baker is dropping hints that he might return to Milwaukee to play for George Karl.

Respect-a-Bulls

Despite a recent 47-point loss at home to Orlando, the post-breakup Chicago Bulls haven't been nearly as bad as many around the league expected before the season started.

As of Friday, Chicago's collection of castoffs and little-used reserves had 10 victories—more than the LA Clippers, Vancouver or the highly touted New Jersey Nets, and one fewer than the Mavericks and Denver.

Wizards coaching shuffle

Insiders in Washington say there is nothing to media speculation that former Mavericks coach Jim Clemmons will replace Bernie Bickerstaff with the Wizards.

Philadelphia assistant Maurice Cheeks, former Dallas interim coach Garfield Heard and ex-Boston assistant Dennis Johnson appear to be the leading candidates, in that order.

Accident-prone Pate posts a masterful 65, trails by only two

Steve Pate is not your typical golfer. He said he shot 65 Saturday to land within two strokes of the lead heading into the final round of the Masters, or even that he got there by making seven birdies in a row, something no other golfer has done in the 63 years of this tournament.

No. What makes Pate different is how he keeps making things away from the green.

He walked into the interview room after one of the most sublime stretches ever at Augusta National and spent most of his time recounting what he's hit in recent years besides greens in regulation.

"The first collision forced him to take 1996 off."

"I drove my car into a truck at 75 mph and broke my hand and wrist. Probably should have come out a lot worse than I did, he began."

"Then, the other day, I tripped and fell on a dock on vacation with my family."

"A reporter interrupted. Some priceless Q&A followed. Here are excerpts:

COMMENTARY

Jim Little

On Saturday, Pate flew as close to heaven as the golfing gods allow. For an hour and a half, he couldn't miss.

He started the day at 2 over par, birdied the third hole and walked onto the seventh green.

refused to say a word, lest they break the spell.

The galleries, though, were roaring.

Q: How many people started wanting you today as opposed to how many people finished wanting you today?

A: That's a good question. I know there were a lot of people in the middle of the round. They started applauding out of nowhere.

Q: Steve, after that little on 12, you kind of walked back into the woods a little bit. What were you doing?

A: "Fucking on my record."

At the par-5 14th, Pate hit a 3-wood off the tee. Steve down the fairway and tucked a late wedge to within 7 feet of the flag. He made that 5th the record.

For all the mirth and impudence Pate showed on this day, it's worth mentioning that his chief sponsor is Tabasco brand hot sauce and his professional nickname is "Volcano." Pate got the former for the same reason as PGA Tour official gave him the nickname at the start of the decade — at success times, occasionally displayed on the heads of a bad case.

Q: Steve, are you still a volcano or did that disappear after the injuries and the year off?

A: "I wouldn't say it's disappeared, but it's gone away in the background since the year off. After getting in a serious car accident, I don't seem quite so hot anymore."

If Pate plays the final round the way he did the third one, though, it will be the biggest deal in a career not quite bubbling with them.

Q: Will you be walking or the course tomorrow with all your accidents and run of bad luck?

A: "Oh, no. I believe in mixing things."

'After getting in a serious car accident, somehow hitting a bad shot doesn't seem quite as big a deal.'

— Steve Pate, professional golfer, on keeping perspective

after hitting a sand wedge to 7 feet. Pate had played Augusta five times before, but not since 1993. What struck him as he lined up the 7-footer for birdie was not that he might be standing at the threshold of history, but rather that this was the "only straight put I've ever had in. I think."

It went straight in.

At the eighth, he pitched a wedge to 20 feet and made it. At the ninth, Pate coaxed a 5-iron to 7 feet.

At No. 10, he drained a near-miracle from 45 feet. At No. 11, an only slightly less miraculous 30-footer fell.

At the graveyard-of-champions 12th, Pate ended any suspense about tying the record of six consecutive birdies held by Johnny Miller, Mark Calcavecchia and David Tomis by nicking an 8-iron less than a foot from the hole.

About the time he pulled the ball from the hole, Pate looked back to see thousands staring at him.

His playing partner, Lee Westwood, and his caddy, Allan Melham, were straining to determine to treat Pate like a pitcher throwing a perfect game. Both kept telling themselves over and over, "Stay out of the way," but

Agassi, Becker reach Salem Open final

HONG KONG (AP) — Andre Agassi and Andre Becker reached the final of the Salem Open Saturday, having advanced to today's final of the Salem Open, along with Boris Becker.

Third-seeded Agassi, seeking his first title of the year, beat Germany's Hendrik Dreekmann 6-3, 6-0 in the semifinals. Becker defeated German compatriot Bernd Karbacher 6-4, 6-4.

The last time Becker and Agassi met was in the semifinals of the 1995 U.S. Open, where Agassi won in four sets.

"It will be a great final," Agassi said.



"We can create another memory on court."

Agassi and actress Brooke Shields filed for divorce in Las Vegas Friday.

"It is over," Agassi said of his 2-year marriage.

Seles reaches B&L final against Dragomir

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. — Unseeded and relatively unknown Ruzandra Dragomir continued her unexpected run through the Bausch & Lomb Championships Saturday, defeating No. 9 seed Anna Kournikova 6-3, 7-5 in the semifinals.

Monica Seles, the No. 2 seed, advanced to Sunday's final with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over No. 7 Corina Morariu, but lost in a 16-life-time meetings between the two.

This ended the strandheaded that Seles had on the semifinals recently, with a final-round showdown between Venus and Serena Williams two weeks ago at Key Biscayne and the Kournikova-Biscayne and the Kournikova-Biscayne final last week at Hilton Head, S.C.

Ruzandra Dragomir, from Romania, returns a shot during her semifinal match with Anna Kournikova at the Bausch & Lomb Championships on Saturday in Amelia Island, Fla. Dragomir defeated Kournikova 6-3, 7-5 to advance to today's championship match with Monica Seles.

Martin, Costa advance to Estoril final

OESTRAS, Portugal — Second-seeded Todd Martin outlasted third-seeded Ruzandra Dragomir 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) in the semifinals of the Estoril Open on Saturday and will play Albert Costa of Spain for the title.

The fourth-seeded Costa beat unseeded Jerome Golmard of France 6-4, 6-4 in their semifinal.

Two unseeded players, Hungarian Rita Kuti Kis and Slovakian Katarina Srebnik, will play for the women's title after winning semifinal matches on the clay courts Saturday.

Black, Schuttler win Gold Flake matches

MADRID, Spain — Byron Black of Zimbabwe and Rainer Schuttler of Germany scored easy victories in the semifinals of the Gold Flake Open on Saturday.

Black defeated John Van Lottum of the Netherlands 6-1, 6-1, while Schuttler routed unseeded Peter Wessels of the Netherlands 6-1, 6-1.

Crash leaves Gordon feeling reflective

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Jeff Gordon's reality check for the 1999 Winston Cup season came in the form of a concrete wall. Gordon knew it would be tough to duplicate the success he had last year, when he tied a modern-era record with 13 victories and won his third series championship.

But he ran into this year's schedule, it's Bristol Motor Speedway, the luster of Gordon's season-opening Daytona 500 triumph has faded. Prominent

on Gordon's mind these days are what he calls the hardest crash he's ever been involved in, the worst finish of his Winston Cup career and a dip to fourth in the points standings.

"We can't get too discouraged," said Gordon, who will start on the outside of the front row at Bristol, alongside pole-sitter Rusty Wallace.

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SPORTS

Gooden a bust in debut, but Indians still win

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Dwight Gooden was tagged for five runs and five hits, getting just two outs. But his Cleveland Indians beat the Minnesota Twins 12-7 Saturday night.

Gooden, despite a 6-0 first-inning lead, lasted just two pitches. But Cleveland, which got three-run homers by Manny Ramirez and Richie Sexson in the first off-Bertie Sampson, went ahead for good on Sandy Alomar's seventh-inning sacrifice fly off Mike Lincoln (0-2), who pitched five innings on his 24th birthday.

Angels 10, Rangers 0

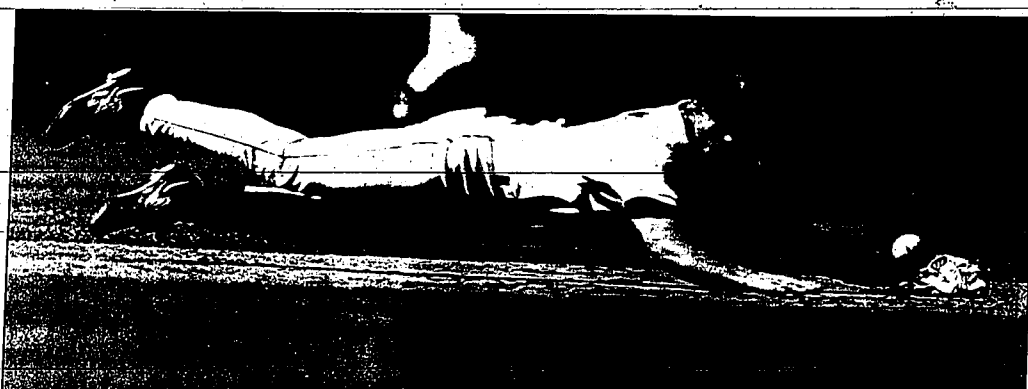
ARLINGTON, Texas — Garrett Anderson and Randy Velarde had four hits each, and Omar Olivares shut down Texas on three hits in 7 1-3 innings to lead the Anaheim Angels over the Rangers 10-0 Saturday night.

Anaheim had 19 hits and has 31 in a pair of victories against Texas this weekend. The Angels scored at least one run in each of the first six innings.

Red Sox 5, Devil Rays 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Fred Martinez (2-0) allowed seven hits, struck out nine and walked one in seven innings as Boston began a season 5-0 for the first time since 1947.

Troy O'Leary doubled and homered to drive in three runs in his first two at-bats. Tom Gordon walked the ninth to get his third save, extending a major league record to 46 straight.



Baltimore Orioles shortstop Mike Bordick leaps for a ball hit by Toronto's Dave Hollins for a single during the eighth inning of the Cleveland Indians' win Saturday at Camden Yards in Baltimore.

Yankees 5, Tigers 0

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens allowed three hits in 7 2-3 innings and struck out eight to win his first game in pinstripes, leading the New York Yankees over the Detroit Tigers 5-0 Saturday.

Chili Davis and Scott Brosius hit home runs for the second straight day, and Derek Jeter

American League

had a two-run triple in support of Clemens (1-0), who won his 16th straight decision. One short of the AL record. The win was the fourth straight for the World Series champions following an opening loss at Oakland.

Brian Moehler (1-1), who took a no-hitter into the seventh on opening day against Texas, allowed five hits and eight runs in 6 1-3 innings.

Royals 9, White Sox 4

CHICAGO — Roy Smalley had four RBIs and Jerome Dye had four hits — both matching their career highs.

Jaime Navarro (0-1), back in Chicago's rotation after a 1 1/2-month stint in the bullpen at the end of last season, was pounded for seven runs and eight hits in 2 1-3 innings.

Drinks 11, Blue Jays 0

BALTIMORE — Mike Mussina (2-0) had a streak of poor performance, allowing four runs in seven innings and striking out seven.

Mussina (2-0) outduelled Chris Carpenter, who was equally effective after the first inning, when Will Clark scored an unearned run on a double by Albert Belle. Clark kicked the ball from the glove of catcher Mike Matheny, who was charged with an error.

Big Unit fans 15 to humble Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — Randy Johnson struck out 15 and pitched a six-hitter to gain his new team's first win of the season, leading the Arizona Diamondbacks over Tom Glavine and the Atlanta Braves 8-3 Saturday night.

Johnson (1-0) got the 57th complete game and 103rd double-digit strikeout game of his career as the second-year Diamondbacks won for the first time in seven games at Turner Field.

Glavine dropped to 0-2 for the first time since 1990, allowing five runs and 10 hits in six innings.

Tony Batista was 5-for-5 with four RBIs in the first five-hit game of his career. Eric Byrnes hit his third home run as Arizona stopped its four-game losing streak.

Brewers 8, Astros 2

HOUSTON — Geoff Jenkins had his first two-homer game of his career as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Houston Astros 8-2 Saturday night to stop a seven-game losing streak in the Astrodome.

Sal Puffer (1-0) allowed one run and five hits in five innings.

National League

Dodgers 2, Rockies 0

LOS ANGELES — Kevin Brown (1-0) pitched three ball over eight innings to gain his first win for Los Angeles, striking out five and walking two. Jeff Shaw finished with a perfect ninth for his third save.

Raul Mondesi and Eric Karros homered off Darryl Kile (1-1) in the seventh inning, helping the Dodgers to their fifth win in six games. Mondesi leads the majors with four home runs.

Mets 4, Expos 3

MONTREAL — With Mike Piazza likely out 23 weeks with a sprained right knee, Todd Pratt started at catcher and singled home Matt Franco from first base for the go-ahead run in the 11th. Armando Benitez struck out four in five games since an opening-day loss.

John Franco pitched the 11th for the first save of the season. Armando Benitez struck out four in two hitless innings, and Turk Wendell and Dennis Cook (1-0) combined on a one-hit 10th.

Phillies 5, Marlins 2

MIAMI — Curt Schilling (2-0) allowed five hits in eight innings and Scott Rolen hit his third home run.

Schilling struck out five, walked two and allowed both runs. Jeff Brantley allowed a walk and a single opening the ninth, then struck out the side for his third save in as many chances.

Dennis Springer (0-1) allowed three runs — two earned — and four hits in seven innings.

Padres 11, Giants 1

SAN FRANCISCO — John Vander Wal and Jim Leyritz hit consecutive home runs in a five-run third inning, sending San Francisco to its first loss following a 5-0 start.

Wally Joyner also homered, and Dave Magadan and Danivan Jackson each hit two-run doubles for a steady rain that fell throughout.

Pirates 9, Cubs 3

PITTSBURGH — Ed Sprague hit a grand slam in Pittsburgh's six-run fifth inning — his first NL

home run — and the Pirates' bullpen

made an out hit over seven shutout innings.

Tyler Houston's three-run homer put Chicago ahead 3-0 in the second against Francisco Cordova. But Scott Sauerbark (1-0) followed with three hitless innings. Jeff Wallace pitched the sixth and seventh and Jason Christensen finished up with two more scoreless innings.

Brad Woodall (0-1) left following Brian Giles' tying RBI single in the fifth, but Keri Miller didn't retire any of his five batters.

Cardinals 4, Reds 2

ST. LOUIS — Eric Davis' broke out of a 2-for-19 skid with a two-run single that broke a 2-0 lead in the eighth.

Juan Arcevedo (1-0) retired 37 batters in a five-inning shutout with runners on first and third and his only pitch of the eighth, sent then got the last three outs in less dramatic fashion.

Rookie Scott Williamson (0-1) walked Florida Polanco to start the eighth and JD Durso singled for only his second hit of the season in 34 at-bats.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

USOC unveils plan to bounce back

NEW ORLEANS — The U.S. Olympic Committee unveiled a \$9 million plan Saturday to bounce back from the scandal of Salt Lake and restore public trust in the games.

"A combination of image-building and concrete safeguards against corruption: the plan was announced by executive director Dick Scuderi at the USOC's first meeting since the \$1 million figure was unveiled in Utah broke late last year.

NBA record-setters lead qualifiers

HOUSTON, Texas — NBA national record-setters Larry Dierker and Jim Force will lead their respective categories into today's NBA Finals at Houston Raceway Park.

Dierker failed Saturday to equal his Friday run of a national record 44:06 seconds at 318.54 mph effort. Force earned his third No. 1 qualifying effort of the season, running 4:798 seconds at 200.400 mph in a Ford Mustang.

Warren, Johnson led pro stock, running 6.898 at 200.41 in a Pontiac Firebird.

Hamed retains featherweight title

MANCHESTER, England — Prince Naseem Hamed knocked out Paul Ingle in the 11th round Saturday night to retain his WBO featherweight title for the 12th time and improve to 32-0, with 23 knockouts.

Hamed methodically dominated the first eight rounds, flooring Ingle in the sixth with a left hook and again in the sixth with a left to the body, but suddenly began to look tired and vulnerable as Ingle took control in the ninth and 10th.

Then, 46 seconds into the 11th round, Hamed landed a short left to the top of Ingle's head that sent the English challenger toppling backward to end the scheduled 12-round fight at the MEN Arena.

Piazza might miss three weeks

MONTREAL — New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza has two sprained knees in his right knee, and may be sidelined 2-3 weeks.

Piazza, who was injured Friday, was sent back to New York by the Mets on Saturday for an MRI, which revealed sprained medial collateral and posterior cruciate ligaments, Mets spokesman Jay Horowitz said Saturday night. The MRI did not detect any cartilage damage.

Joe Torre returns to Yankee Stadium

NEW YORK (AP) — One day after firing Joe Torre as manager of the Yankees, the team announced he would return to Yankee Stadium as coach.

After watching the New York Yankees' home opener on his coach with his daughter, Torre made his first appearance Saturday at the stadium since undergoing prostate cancer surgery.

"It was strange not being here yesterday for the season opener," the Yankees manager said from his office in the team's clubhouse. "It was fun to watch, but I felt detached, not being a part of the team."

Duro stayed away from the stadium Friday to avoid the overwhelming emotion of the day so he wouldn't take away from the team and Vito Berra, who was making his first official appearance at the stadium in nearly 14 years.

He watched Don Zimmer manage the team from his home with his 5-year-old daughter, Andrea. Rose, who was confused

in seven innings and striking out seven. Mussina (2-0) outduelled Chris Carpenter, who was equally effective after the first inning, when Will Clark scored an unearned run on a double by Albert Belle. Clark kicked the ball from the glove of catcher Mike Matheny, who was charged with an error.

Average baseball salary jumps to \$1.7 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball salaries are going up twice as fast as ticket prices, with the biggest escalation in seven years pushing the average above \$1.7 million an opening day, according to a study by The Associated Press.

Baltimore outfielder Albert Belle was the highest-paid player on opening day for the first straight season, earning \$11,949,794. Boston pitcher Tim Lincecum was second at \$11 million, followed by Los Angeles pitcher Kevin Brown (\$10,714,286) and Atlanta pitcher Greg Maddux (\$10.6 million).

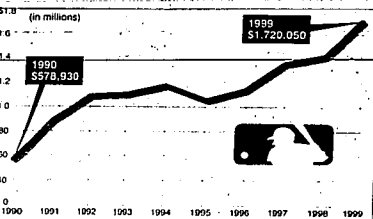
Mark McGwire, last season's star with a record 70 homers, was 11th at \$8,333,333. Sammy Sosa, who chased McGwire all summer long and finished with 56 homers, was tied for ninth at \$9 million.

The 19.3 percent increase, the largest since a 21 percent increase prior to the 1992 season, pushed the average to a record \$1.72 million per player.

The average price of a ticket increased 9.7 percent this year, from \$15.59 to \$14.91. In comparison, the Consumer Price Index has gone up 1.0 percent in the last year. And while the CPI has gone up 18.7 percent since 1991,

The rising cost of baseball talent

Opening day average salaries in Major League Baseball



baseball ticket prices have soared 22.6 percent and salaries rocketed up 19.3 percent.

The World Series champion New York Yankees opened with baseball's highest payroll ever, \$85.1 million — an average of \$2.7 million per player.

Los Angeles was second at \$79.2 million, followed by Baltimore (\$78.5 million), Texas (\$74.9 million), Atlanta (\$73.5 million) and Cleveland (\$68.9 million).

Arizona moved up from 21st at \$31.6 million at the end of last season to seventh at \$65.9 million.

At the other end were three teams below \$20 million: Montreal was last at \$17.3 million; Florida was 29th at \$18.8 million and Minnesota was 28th at \$19.1 million.

"We've been going through all those over the past few months, but I want to see the final numbers before I make any judgments," commissioner Bud Selig said.

In comparison, the NBA's average is about \$2.8 million this season, the NHL's is \$1.17 million (using a mix of U.S. and Canadian dollars), and the NFL's is \$1 million.

An indication of why small-market teams no longer can compete can be seen at the top of the salary scale: The number of players earning \$8 million or higher more than doubled from 10 in 2002, while the total at \$5 million or more tripled from three to 30.

The number of players earning \$1 million or more rose from 317 to 348 and the percentage of millionaires in the majors rose from 37.7 percent to 41. The number at \$2 million or higher rose from 216 to 254, and \$4 million players shot up from 98 to 128. The \$5 million club swelled from 63 to 91.

Los Angeles and the New York Mets each had the most millionaires at 18, with Baltimore, Boston and the New York Yankees at 17. Florida had the fewest with four; the Chicago White Sox had five, and Kansas City, Minnesota and Montreal had six each.

The gap between the top and bottom increased 10 percent this year. The Yankees' payroll was 1/2 times that of Montreal last year, when Baltimore had the highest payroll, the Orioles spent 7 1/2 times more than the Expos.

Total payroll rose from \$12.1 billion to \$14.3 billion. The average salary — the point at which an equal number of players are above and below — rose from \$300,000 to a record \$700,000. It dropped to \$25,000 in 1995, following the end of the 7 1/2-month strike before resuming its rise.

Koufax alone among 50 greatest Reds may look to deal big contracts

Dodger legend is only pitcher on ESPN list.

The Associated Press

The millennium-watchers at ESPN are celebrating the approach of the year 2000 by compiling a list of the century's 50 greatest athletes. Mixed in among the voting panels' obvious choices are some perplexing decisions.

At the top half-hundred announced so far are Clayton Kershaw, No. 50; O.J. Simpson, No. 49; Pete Sampras, No. 48; Edwin Moses, No. 47; Eric Heiden, No. 46; Bill Hilden, No. 45; Bobby Jones, No. 44; and Julius Erving, No. 43.

No arguments there. Based on ESPN's criteria of athletic ability alone, they certainly belong.

But because lists like this are so subjective, individual rankings can appear skewed. What makes Moses No. 47 instead of No. 46 or, for that matter, No. 48? No one can say.

A week ago, Sandy Koufax was anointed at No. 42, numerologists would have preferred No. 32 because that was his uniform number — and given the added honor of being the only pitcher in the top 50.

That means no Walter Johnson on the ESPN list. No Christy Mathewson, either. No Tom Seaver or Warren Spahn or Nolan Ryan. No Bob Gibson or Early Wynn or Steve Carlton.

Just Sandy Koufax, out there by himself. There can be no argument that for six seasons, from 1961-66, Koufax bordered on the unhittable.

Once he figured out how to throw strikes, he dominated the game, setting a National League record with five consecutive titles and posting a winning percentage of .733.

There were four no-hitters, one of them a perfect game, four strikeout titles and three Cy Young Awards.

And then, at 30, with his elbow aching from arthritis, Koufax walked away. He had gone 97-27 over the previous four seasons as the best pitcher in baseball and led the league in strikeouts four times with a best 380 in 1965.

When he finished his career, he had 165 wins, 87 losses and a 2.76 ERA.

The premature flameout was sad, Koufax was like a meteor, flashing across the horizon for a brief period, then disappearing. His mastery during that time made him a logical choice for a spot in ESPN's top 50.

"But making him the only pitcher on the list seems a bit of a stretch. Mike Antinoro, ESPN senior producer for the 50 greatest athletes list, said that could raise some questions.

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Los Angeles pitcher Sandy Koufax unleashes a pitch against a Minnesota Twins catcher in the World Series Oct. 1965, at Metropolitan Stadium in Minneapolis.

games in his last year. He left an indelible memory. He didn't hang on. There was an aura, a mystique about him.

Then Antinoro asked the key question: "Who do you knock off, if you pick another pitcher on?" That depends on the rest of the list.

Taken as a total package, Koufax's numbers are ordinary compared with some of the pitchers the network voters passed over.

The others all had longer careers, but that just means they sustained their production and that should be rewarded, not

ignored. Ryan had seven no-hitters, three more than Koufax, and 3,744 strikeouts, 3,318 more than Koufax. He's not on the list.

Johnson's 417 wins included 110 shutouts. He had 252 more wins and 70 more shutouts than Koufax. He's missing from the list.

Mathewson won 373 games and had three shutouts in a single World Series. Sperry, not good enough.

Spahn won 20 or more games each of three seasons, there have been 43 instances of 40-homer seasons in the major leagues.

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For that, Sosa makes no apologies. "If this year comes to a situation where I hit 30 or 40 home runs or whatever, there's nothing I can do about it," Sosa said. "People probably expect me to do more, but I'm going to go out there and do my job. Over 30 home runs is a great year for me."

"I just want to have another great year."

Ken Daley is a sportswriter with the Dallas Morning News.

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He said the other day that he will go back to his regular home town for this week.

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Advice for Junior

Hank Aaron, who Thursday marked the 25th anniversary of his historic 715th home run, threw the ceremonial first pitch on opening night at the Klipspringer in Las Vegas.

The two embraced, and Aaron wished something in Griffey's ear. "I told him to slow down," Aaron said.

Top 10 power rankings

1. Yut-tes, Zimmer blasts Steinbrenner for meddling
2. Cleveland, Justice's nagging injury, become firestorm
3. Atlanta, Wohlers' just 12 strikes in last 41 pitches
4. San Fran., P. M. B. Baker boys open with 4 comebacks
5. L.A. C. Todd Helton's bat speed a big concern
6. Texas, in for another season of softball scores?
7. Houston, Dallas' Chris Holt opens season as fifth starter
8. Mets, Rickey starts hot after 130 spring games
9. Anaheim, No. 10 means no fast start again for Angels
10. Toronto, Woolfly inexperienced on right side of bullpen

Kill the ump threat taken lightly no more

The National Association of Sports Officials said a part-time ref and the ump has nearly 19,000 refs and ump as members.

A lot of attacks never get reported to national governing bodies. The NAO is no requirement. And there is no national center to collect every group's assault data.

In the past, only an occasional report of an assault would make its way to his group's headquarters in Redwood, Calif. Now, reports are made every week.

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After about six months, I got to where I could generally say what I wanted to. And at a year, I like like I was fluent," he said. "It was really an exciting time, and I was so happy to go there."

Five years later, he knickered on doors and stopped people on the street, teaching about the Mormon religion. He ate exotic food and met new friends and immersed himself in the Japanese culture. Allowed just two phone calls home a year — one to his wife, one to his other on Christmas — the United States seemed further than an ocean away.

And how about? He didn't have time to think about it, let alone play.

Two years without any physical activity, really," he said. "I played catch once or twice, and I went to the batting cage once or twice, but it was with the other team's coaches. He didn't have time to think about it, let alone play."

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A 40-homer season ain't what it used to be

DALLAS — The urge already is irresistible, isn't it? The first week of a new season, a daily batch of fresh box scores in the paper each morning, and over the first slips of coffee your eyes automatically zig-zag to find the names of Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

Excuse me at the leaderboards offer us Fernando Tatis and Raul Mondesi. We are baffled to see Greg Maddux entering the week-end with more home runs than Sosa.

"I hope everyone realizes he's a ballplayer, and not a Superman," Cubs manager Jim Riggleman said of Super Sammy.

But human nature, it seems, will not allow us to be satisfied by list scores, but to want more. The suspenseful nightly soap opera that included an unforgettable 62nd home run and concluded with McGwire's record, then exceeded it by an incredible 15 percent. Sosa raised the bar on the inner-up mark to 66. But only minutes after the final out of the season, we began to wonder: Who will challenge 70, and when?

Could it be Albert Belle in cozy Camden Yards?

Another free-swinging Latin star such as the Dodgers' Mondesi or Cleveland's Manny

COMMENTARY Ken Daley

Until recently, 40 home runs was a reliable benchmark. Not anymore.

Today's sluggers are stronger. They are hammering harder baseballs.

Those baseballs are being thrown by expansion-era pitchers, who find themselves handicapped by smaller ballparks and strike zones.

As a result, 40 home runs have become almost pedestrian. In the last three seasons, there have been 40 instances of 40-homer seasons in the major leagues.

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SPORTS

Williams prodded, dissected in final chance to impress

SAN DIEGO (AP) — At 10 o'clock on a chilly, blustery morning, the microanalysis of Ricky Williams begins...

and treadmills. "This is a circus," said Wilbert Montgomery, a former star running back who's now a coach with the St. Louis Rams...

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- Dwight Clark, Cleveland Browns general manager

For a guy whose NFL draft stock supposedly has fallen a bit for various reasons — questions about his weight, signing with an agency owned by a rapper, the fact he's not a quarterback — this workout has become a main event.

About 200 people are watching, including reporters, agents, hangers-on, even a few unemployed NFL players. For Williams, it's the final chance to impress a mass audience before the draft, which starts next Saturday.

Williams says later he was just glad he didn't get hurt.

Two other college players who piggyback on Williams' workout pull hamstring, a truly unfortunate time and place for that to happen. Marquis Smith, cousin of one of the top quarterback prospects, Akili Smith, pops his right hamstring and loses to a 14-year-old boy standing too close to the finish line. The two crash to the ground.

The two-hour session ends in the weight room, with Williams bench-pressing 225 pounds 22 times while college students take it all in from the StairMasters



Texans running back Ricky Williams (34) outruns Rice defensive back LaDontwa Mitchell (22). Williams, expected to be picked near the top next Saturday's NFL Draft, has seen his status drop due to, among other things, questions about his weight.

and a hell of a football player. "I remember when I came out they talked about my goggles," Dickerson said. "They said I had eye problems because I wore goggles! All kinds of things came up when the draft comes around."

Sports, founded by rapper Master P. Apparently, those concerns also have been put to rest. "We checked on him thoroughly and he's a really good kid," said general manager Dwight Clark of the expansion Cleveland Browns, who hold the draft's first pick. "To talk to him, you see

he's genuine. I really like him. "You hear about his relationship with Doak Walker and his visiting kids in the hospital and you wonder if it's too good to be true. And then you meet him and he's just a nice, polite kid." Walker, the 1948 Heisman winner from SMU, was Williams'

friend and idol. After Walker died last fall, Williams got permission to wear Walker's No. 37 against Oklahoma at the Cotton Bowl, also known as the "House that Doak Built."

In a recent first-person account in The Sporting News, Williams lamented the misperceptions about his hair, tattoos and pierced tongue.

None of that should matter, say Chargers officials who not only have gotten to know Williams, but are a pretty conservative bunch.

"It doesn't take long to get to know the guy and figure out that he's one of the classiest persons around," player personnel director Billy Devaney said.

Added general manager Bobby Beizerbart: "This guy, man, he puts his heart into football."

Whichever team picks the 21-year-old Williams will get a self-described throwback who also considers himself to be a member of Generation X.

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Williams is thinking more about being a workhorse who can carry the ball 35 times a game, if needed, and catch it, too.

"I try to play with a passion that Walter Payton played with and determination that he played with. It doesn't get any better than that," he said.

Williams understands that the draft isn't about being the best player, but rather the best player at the position where teams have needs. That means a handful of options to go before him.

Still, he'd love to be the first pick, even it means going to New Orleans. Saints coach Mike Ditka has offered as much that the team's 1997 draft picks, plus future considerations, to move up.

WSU spring scrimmage dominated by quarterbacks

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Four Washington State quarterbacks vying for starter stood out Saturday in first scrimmage of spring drills. The four completed 24 of 37 passes for 246 yards, with junior-to-be Paul Meneke having the best day. Meneke completed eight of 10 passes for one touchdown and 83 yards. Birnum, a senior next fall, completed seven of 10 for 77 yards.

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Tornado levels house of Bengals assistant coach

CINCINNATI (AP) — Al Roberts, the Cincinnati Bengals' special teams coach, was thrown across his bedroom and had his house destroyed by the tornado that touched down in the city's northern suburbs Friday morning. Roberts and his wife, Arvella, were asleep in their home in Belmont when the tornado hit around 5 a.m.

Four people were killed and hundreds of homes were damaged. Roberts said he and his wife were lifted and thrown about five feet when the tornado hit their house. He remembers landing and looking towards where the ceiling should have been. "I'm looking up at black sky," Roberts said. "The whole roof is gone. Rain is coming down. I have to put my clothes on. I put my shirt on after there was some lightning and I saw it on the floor."

The couple walked around debris on their shaky stairs and headed for the front door, which Arvella Roberts couldn't open. "I said, 'Sweetheart, you don't have to worry about it. We can walk out the living room because there's your walkway,'" Roberts said. "The upper floor to the Roberts' home was stripped away, as was most of the lower floor."

"Understand, there's nothing left," he said. "The living room, dining room, kitchen — gone. Upstairs there's (supposed to be) three bedrooms, a hallway, a bathroom. Nothing. If you saw the house, you wouldn't know how we got out of there."

New breed of NFL quarterbacks must be mobile, quick, elusive

By Ken Murray The Baltimore Sun

NFL Draft Order

- NEW YORK — Order for the first round of the NFL draft on April 27. 1. New York: 1. Cleveland 2. Philadelphia 3. Cincinnati 4. Indianapolis 5. Houston (from Carolina) 6. St. Louis 7. Chicago 8. Arizona (from San Diego) 9. Detroit 10. Baltimore 11. Minnesota (from Washington) 12. New Orleans 13. Pittsburgh 14. Kansas City 15. Tampa Bay 16. Tennessee 17. Seattle 18. Oakland 19. New York Giants 20. New England 21. Atlanta 22. Dallas 23. Buffalo 24. Miami 25. San Francisco 26. Jacksonville 27. San Francisco 28. New England (from New York) 29. Pittsburgh 30. Minnesota 31. Atlanta 32. Denver

said Baltimore Ravens Coach Brian Billick. "The idea of a quarterback sitting in the pocket and operating from there is going down the tubes fast and faster. Defenses are so mobile and athletes so gifted. A quarterback has to have a certain athleticism. John Elway, the Ravens' assistant director for college and pro personnel, reduced it even further.

"It's one of the real requisites. You've got to have a mobile quarterback with defensive ends running 4.5's and 4.6's (in 40 yards)," he said. "Every time you watch a game, you see the quarterback getting hit. Guys that can't move, they can't play."

In varying degrees, the Class of '99 embodies that spirit. McNabb, who ran a sprint-option offense at Syracuse, is regarded as the best athlete in the group.

A four-year starter in football, he was good enough to play two seasons on the basketball team as a reserve guard. He threw the fewest passes (251) of any of the top five quarterbacks last season, but posted the most career wins (35).

Culpepper wasn't as prolific a passer as Couch (3,690 yards, 28 touchdowns) but he broke Steve Young's NCAA completion percentage record with a mark of 73.6.

If Couch, McNabb and Smith go quickly in the draft as expected, it could leave Culpepper available to the Ravens with the 10th pick.

McNown, who gets graded down because of size (just over 6 feet) and arm strength, is likely to go late in the round, perhaps to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with the 15th choice or to the San Francisco 49ers at 27.

Here's a look at the top NFL quarterback prospects

Tim Couch, Kentucky

Height, weight: 6-4, 225. Green lights: Best all-around quarterback in his class. Big, physical player with exceptional athleticism. Prototypical pocket passer with good field vision. Red flags: Doesn't have the strongest arm on the deep end pattern, but it's good enough. There is some debate whether he made Hal Mumme's system work or the system made him. Flashback: Went 12-13 in two-plus years as a starter. Completed 72 percent for 4,275 yards, 36 touchdowns and 15 interceptions in modified West Coast offense last season. Three-year totals were 74 TDs, 35 picks and 8,435 yards.

Donovan McNabb, Syracuse

Height, weight: 6-2, 220. Green lights: Great ability as a playmaker. Improvisational skills can be spectacular. Very strong arm with outstanding mobility. Best athlete of the group. Red flags: Not a drop-back passer at Syracuse, where he ran a sprint-option scheme. As a result, Syracuse works on technique. Strayak. Flashback: Went 35-14 as a four-year starter at Syracuse, with 8,389 yards, 77 TD passes and 26 interceptions. Threw for 22 TDs and only five picks last year.

Akili Smith, Oregon

Height, weight: 6-3, 220. Green lights: Big-time arm with tight spiral. Excels at work on technique. Strayak. More mobile than Couch with a more lively arm. Red flags: Made 19 starts in two years at Oregon in 1997 and 1998. Had two legal scraps his junior year, including a DUI charge. Flashback: Passed for 3,763 yards, 32 touchdowns and eight interceptions in 1998. Ranked first in the nation in yards per attempt, second in passer efficiency. Threw three years of minor-league baseball.

Daunte Culpepper, Central Florida

Height, weight: 6-4, 247. Green lights: Strong arm with a soft touch. Very accurate passer; his 73.6 completion percentage last season broke Steve Young's NCAA single-season

record. Good field vision. Pocket passer with good mobility, quick feet and great size.

Red flags: Played against a lot of second-tier defenses well. Moves well in the pocket with a good feed for the pass rush. Flashback: Went 12-13 in two-plus years as a starter. Completed 72 percent for 4,275 yards, 36 touchdowns and 15 interceptions in 44 games.

Cade McNown, UCLA

Height, weight: 6-1, 213. Green lights: Savvy quarterback who reads defenses well. Moves well in the pocket with a good feed for the pass rush. Flashback: Went 20 of his last 22 starts and was MVP in Senior Bowl last January. Threw for 10,708 career yards with 68 TDs and 41 interceptions.

Brock Huard, Washington

Height, weight: 6-1, 230. Green lights: Good mobility for a big man with a quick release. Red flags: Showed faulty mechanics last season, throwing off his back foot. Accuracy lacking on the deep ball. Nagged by injuries. Flashback: After losing his top two receivers and tight ends in 1998, his TD passes dropped from 22 to 15 and interceptions rose from 10 to 12. Threw for 10,708 career TDs to 27 picks in three seasons and 34 games.

Joe Germaine, Ohio State

Height, weight: 6-1, 210. Green lights: Accurate drop-back passer with nice touch and good arm strength. Showed excellent poise in his one season as the Buckeyes' starter. Red flags: Not great in any one area, he was the beneficiary of outstanding talent at Ohio State. Flashback: Had four consecutive 300-yard-plus passing games, accounting for 11 of his 25 touch-down passes.

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Mike Krueczek knows the kind — one who can slip through small cracks and avert trouble before it finds him. "The talent on the defensive side dictates that you have a quarterback who can break tackles, who has foot quickness to avoid people, to get the ball downfield," said Krueczek, coach at the University of Central Florida.

For the last four years, Krueczek had one of those athletes behind center at Central Florida. He, strong-armed, elusive, with quick feet.

That's why Daunte Culpepper is in the elite group of college quarterbacks expected to go in the first round of Saturday's NFL draft.

Along with Kentucky's Tim Couch, Syracuse's Donovan McNabb, Oregon's Akili Smith and Cleveland's Cade McNown, Culpepper is riding the crest of a new wave of NFL quarterback. Each has his own distinct style and strengths.

"Everybody in this class has outstanding mobility," said Mel Kiper Jr., draft analyst for ESPN. "It's what everybody wants because it gives you another dimension."

"If his gone up exponentially,"

PRILEA, WESTERN KOSOVO



NATO released this picture Saturday in Brussels and said it shows the damage done by Serbian forces to the village of Prilea in western Kosovo.

Cohen saw tough going for NATO
Early predictions showed president

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Doves before NATO launched its air offensive against Yugoslavia, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen stunned President Clinton when Pentagon estimates showed many U.S. pilots could be lost. The numbers and their intended effect, impressing on the president and his top aides that the attacks, even limited to air power, would involve considerable risks, according to another national security adviser who was present. Cohen said he doubted the same success would be achieved in private briefings to administration colleagues and lawmakers on Capitol Hill before the strikes began March 24.

out on the overestimates — only one plane has been downed, its pilot rescued. But Yugoslav forces have endured more NATO strikes, cranked down harder on separate Kosovo guerrillas and were more ethnic Albanian civilians injured at the protest than anticipated. This has led to demands that NATO planes do more to stop the abuses against Kosovo's guerrillas and ethnic Albanian civilians injured at the protest than anticipated.



William Cohen

For Cohen, who took over as defense secretary two years ago after 34 years in Congress, the battle against Yugoslavia has confirmed one lesson that he and his aides say they were mindful of going into the fight: the need to plan for the worst. The irony is that the operation has proven far harder than even their darkest predictions. The casualty forecasts turned

Where are 230,000 refugees?
Fate remains uncertain for those trapped inside besieged Kosovo

Knight Ridder News Service

Miles of cars, all abandoned, stretch into Kosovo from Albania's border. Entire neighborhoods stand empty in the once-bustling capital city of Pristina. Bus convoys of refugees mysteriously disappear from satellite photos. A stream of children cross borders without parents. And no one knows where they've gone. While more than 500,000 refugees have fled their homes in Kosovo and crossed into neighboring countries since the conflict began, some 230,000 ethnic Albanians remain in Kosovo, trapped in a political no-man's land.



Qendresa Dervishi, 10, left, and her sister Blanka, 11, arrive Saturday at a refugee camp near Kufina, Albania, from their home in Pojane, near Pristina in Kosovo. They arrived with their other family members.

Forced from their homes but unable to cross newly sealed borders, they have become hostages in a military standoff, their fate shrouded by the low clouds that are storming both the bombing campaign meant to save them and humanitarian efforts attempting to find them.

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Jamie Shea, NATO spokesman, on missing refugees

With both aid workers and international monitors barred from Kosovo, information on the fate of the refugees has been hard to come by and even harder to confirm. Some reports of mass executions could be exaggerated and disappear in coming days like Balkan mists in spring sun. Or the truth could be far worse than the chilling details that have trickled out. "There is enormous concern, given the kind of testimony we've gotten from refugees who managed to leave Kosovo," Judith Kamin, a spokeswoman for the U.S. High Commission for Refugees in Geneva said Saturday. "We do know that all of the villages along the roads

from the border to Pristina have been burned. So they wouldn't have homes to go back to." With some 200 Kosovo communities heavily damaged by Serb forces, Shea said there is little shelter available should any of the "internal" refugees return home as Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic has urged. NATO on Saturday released an ominous aerial photograph — a single village, 150 homes were without roofs. An estimated 60,000 refugees

have been living without shelter for the past 10 days on wooded mountainsides in northeastern Kosovo, a Kosovo Liberation Army spokesman, Lirak Celaj, said in an interview via cellular phone from a bleak KLA encampment nearby.

"We're trying to get food to them, but they have less every day. Now it's just potatoes. The only thing left," he said, adding that he feared children, cold and wet from recent rains, would soon fall ill.

NATO officials have ruled out emergency air drops of food or medicine to beleaguered refugees across Kosovo, saying cargo planes would be easy targets for Serb missiles.

Worried humanitarian officials say there is little hope of assisting the refugees inside Kosovo until the military situation is stabilized. They dismissed Belgrade's offer to allow an International Red Cross team into Kosovo for inspections as being unrealistic.

On Saturday, NATO released aerial reconnaissance photographs of displaced refugees,

some in lean-tos, others with no shelter, at a village near Prizren in southern Kosovo.

Allied officials said some of the refugees had been in long lines of cars, trucks and tractor-pulled carts forced back from the border and then stopped in remote mountain valleys where they abandoned their vehicles.

Many of the refugees inside Kosovo are found in three large concentrations north of Pristina, the provincial capital, with an estimated 80,000 to 100,000 refugees due west of the capital with 70,000, and to the southwest with 70,000, according to NATO.

A Clinton administration official said a convoy of 12 to 15 buses led by Serb police and filled with refugees had disappeared from satellite photos. Their fate remained unknown Saturday. Milosevic first used force and the burning of villages to create a flood of refugees out of the turbulent province at a rate of 40,000 a day. But for the last three days the border has been closed with a few dramatic exceptions.

Whatever the motive behind keeping the refugees he tried so hard to eject, it represents yet another unexpected maneuver by the wily Milosevic, who continues to perplex NATO as his country continues to get battered by an 18-day long air campaign with no end in sight.

Anthony Arend, an expert on government and international law at Georgetown University said it appears Milosevic knows what he's doing. "The U.S. has not been prepared to take the necessary action to stop him," Arend said Saturday. "He knows that and uses it to his advantage — he's playing the U.S. like a flute."

The unknown fate of the refugees is causing increasing frustration with the U.S. and NATO's air war strategy, which has damaged Serbian military targets but hasn't deterred Milosevic.

Bad weather trims some military strikes

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Despite bad weather limiting NATO air operations, bombs fell on Kosovo and air raids rained in several other Yugoslav cities Saturday, the eve of Christian Orthodox Easter.

Disasters on a holiday weekend cease-fire as a sham, NATO signaled there was little likelihood of a lull in airstrikes on Sunday, the day Serbians celebrate Easter. The alliance also said Saturday that the campaign had so far destroyed half of Yugoslavia's most modern fighter planes.

Air-raid alerts were declared Saturday night in Nis, Kragujevac, Novi Sad and the capital, Belgrade. Earlier Saturday evening, Yugoslav media reported that three missiles hit Shtina airport near Pristina, the provincial capital of Kosovo. There were no reports of damage or casualties immediately available.

But while NATO claimed some military success, on the humanitarian front a somber milestone passed: The number of refugees fleeing or driven out of Kosovo during the 18-day crisis has topped half a million, a scale of human displacement not seen in Europe since World War II.

The latest figures, compiled by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees estimate the exodus at 520,000 people, the vast majority of them ethnic Albanians.

In Tirana, Albania, international officials reported that up to 1,500 refugees from Kosovo crossed the Albanian border Saturday and hundreds more were lined up on the Yugoslav side.

Yugoslavia for several days has vacillated between opening border points and pushing ethnic Albanians out, or closing crossings and urging people to return to their homes.

From inside Kosovo, the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army said Serb forces continued to hunt its soldiers and terrorize

Kosovo roundup

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Air raids, wartime life cast pall on Orthodox Christian holy day



Belgrade residents light candles on Orthodox Easter Saturday at the Republic Square, in protest against NATO air strikes in Yugoslavia.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — It's a bitter holiday this year for Belgardians, who would normally be shopping for decorations and special meals ahead of their holiest day, Orthodox Easter.

The streets were crowded Saturday, but shops stocked full of goods were nearly empty of customers. Even casual conversation reflected the mix of defiance, anger and apathy gripping the Yugoslav capital.

"People are depressed. What should they celebrate — the bombings?" asked Ibrica Djukanovic, a shop clerk.

Churches were packed for midnight Mass on Friday and were likely to fill up again on Easter Sunday. What appears as the mood of crisis has caused a revival of faith that

is bringing neighbors who normally do not attend services into churches.

The head of the Serbian Orthodox church, dressed in a traditional white and gold gown, celebrated midnight Mass for several hundred people at the Cathedral Church in downtown Belgrade. A priest read the Easter address from Patriarch Pavle and his bishops.

"We pray for peace and good will among people, but now we are suffering," the statement said. "All just proposals for a peaceful solution for the Kosovo problem based on respect for all people have been rejected. NATO has offered only a cynical explanation about the necessity of bombing to prevent a 'human catastrophe.'"

Some of the airstrikes that

began March 24 have targeted the center of Belgrade, reviving bitter memories among residents of two previous wars. The German bombings of 1941 and Allied strikes three years later.

"Those we always consider our allies are doing this now to us," said Danica Mihajlovic, 72, pausing in her daily walk with her 10-year-old grandson in central Republica Square.

"I have seen this happen during World War II and people who were doing this to us," she said. "But it's the safety of the children I am most concerned about."

Defiance best described the mood of the city during the first two weeks of the NATO air campaign. That feeling is being tinged with depression.

Some cope through frantic activity, shopping for emergency supplies even though the stores are already full. One withdrew; pharmacist Mima Jakovlevic said her most popular items these days are antidepressants.

"They are gulping them down like popcorn," she said. With schools closed and many companies sending people home, how to kill time became an ever-more pressing issue. Some nightclubs have become "dayclubs" to open during the day and closed at night, along with restaurants and discos.

"There's new offer matinee showings for 1 dinar — about 7 cents — compared to the usual 40 dinars. Despite the discount, not all are happy.

"If you want to date a girl, you have to come early, dress in 3pm," complained a 17-year-old who identified himself as 'Jace.' "And then when she says she's a lesbian" — she like her to the lesbian?

The daily downtown air-raid siren and folk concerts are also helping. The U.S. and NATO are the first one, but now, no more than a few thousand appear.

It was who exchanging German marks for dinars on the black market, was among the crowd. He remains defiant, declaring that he's ready to take up arms to end any ground invasion by NATO.

"I've been in Bosnia, now I'll fight again," he said, although declaring that he's ready to take up arms to end any ground invasion by NATO. Muslims and that also provoked NATO airstrikes.

FOCUS: THE BALKANS CRISIS

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Commander Bill Clinton

Kosovo draws attention to president

WASHINGTON (AP) — When military commanders wanted to bomb the Interior Ministry in Belgrade, some of President Clinton's advisers resisted a hospital stood just 200 yards from the target.

There was fear that civilians might be hit. Some asked whether the ministry was an important enough target. But the discussion stopped when Clinton spoke.

His judgment: Benefits outweighed the potential cost. The strike was ordered, and NATO war planes reduced the ministry buildings to rubble on April 3.

Clinton's lack of military service and close ties with the Pentagon have heightened scrutiny of his performance as commander in chief over the six years of his presidency.

As one of the most serious foreign policy challenges of his presidency unfolds, Clinton remains a politician who is prone to lead by consensus. But aides say experience has made him more comfortable with the military responsibilities of office.

Clinton recognized the question himself in the days leading up to the NATO airstrikes against the forces of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. "Now I think if the American people don't know anything else about me, they know that I don't like to use military force, and I do everything I can to avoid it," Clinton said in a speech to a union audience. "But if we have to do it, then that's part of the job, and I will do it."

Clinton has been conferring daily with his national security team and offering almost daily public pronouncements on the stakes in the Balkans.

Clinton's former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen are military experience.

Ben Hagel, Clinton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other service chiefs are active participants in the meetings.

When NATO's general is asked for Apache attack helicopters and more stealth fighters, Clinton sent them. His frequent conversations with the leaders of other NATO countries, aides say, have helped solidify the alliance's commitment to the air war.

He has not overlooked the men and women in uniform who are carrying out NATO's mission. Clinton visited sailors and airmen and their families at Norfolk Naval Air Base in Virginia and he is traveling Monday to rally military personnel at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, from which B-52s take off for targets in Kosovo.

"He's the one in all the meetings that I've seen who's the most forceful and determined," NSC spokesman David Levy said.

Even as Clinton tells Americans to support the war in Kosovo, he has tried to stick to his normal schedule. Aides say the crisis has not halted work on domestic issues.

Clinton's one said, "Kosovo has clearly been the focus of my attention. After canceling a fund-raising trip at the outset of the NATO campaign, Clinton has spent weekends at Camp David and a golf tournament Saturday for the second time since the bombings began.

Last week he endorsed a hate crime bill, held a roundtable discussion about equal pay, and traveled to Philadelphia to promote the "Millennium of Rights."

The administration has faced muted criticism of the Kosovo operation, despite the spreading discontent caused by accelerated violence in Kosovo. That dynamic may change when Congress returns next week.

Clinton administration officials are wary of how the Republican Congress will respond to the Kosovo operation and how that might affect public opinion.

There already has been some congressional second-guessing about the strategy. Although opposition is not unified, some lawmakers see the involvement of ground troops as ultimately counterproductive to the American objective.

Clinton has invited the leaders of the House and Senate to the White House on Monday for a report on the campaign to clear the efforts by Milosevic to clear Kosovo of its ethnic Albanian majority. A larger group of lawmakers is expected on Tuesday.

In addition to hearing from Clinton and members of his national security team, members will get detailed briefing books updating them on NATO activity and efforts to ease the suffering humanitarian crisis.



Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, President Bill Clinton and Secretary of Defense William Cohen are the top three political leaders in the military attacks in the Balkans. None of them has military experience. White House spokesman Jake Siewert said the administration hoped to press "what the stakes are, why we've acted to preserve peace and punish atrocities."

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To the rescue

Idaho businesses get tool to help obtain technology

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Frustrating business counselors soon will have more tools to help Magic Valley companies compete for prestigious federal grants for technology development.

The Idaho Small Business Development Center, which has received a U.S. Commerce Department grant to benefit high-tech businesses in Idaho, the center announced.

The \$72,820 Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Technology grant will help the ISBDC train counselors at business incubators across Idaho and at ISBDC field offices, including one in Twin Falls — to help those firms secure federal grants.

Locally, the money could enable grant applications for high-tech manufacturing companies, the fisheries industry or large, commercial heating and cooling systems, for example, said Cindy Bond, business development chairwoman at the College of Southern Idaho and former director of ISBDC's Twin Falls office.

Small states don't always have the resources to help small, high-tech businesses develop and commercialize their technology, said Burt Knudson, who will manage the grant for the ISBDC. The technology grant program is aimed at 18 states and Puerto Rico, to bolster their high-tech industries. The ISBDC is one of seven grant recipients.

Counselors across the state will be trained to help firms compete for federal money such as the Small Business Innovative Research grants, a news release said.

SBIR money is distributed in three phases: To research new technology, to develop prototypes and to take the products to market, Bond said. Just about any Magic Valley manufacturer could take advantage of some grant component, she said.

Small technology firms already have some resources available through the ISBDC, the Idaho Department of Commerce, regional universities and other outlets. The \$72,820 grant will help coordinate those efforts as counselors create an environment conducive to technology development, Knudson said in the news release.

The ISBDC, based at Boise State University, charges nothing or a nominal fee for services in many business issues.

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Auctioneer Lyle Masters takes a bid on a disc belonging to Larry and Dee Baggett at an auction near Buhl. Years of slumping crop prices have made it difficult for some area farmers to stay financially solvent.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Mini-Cassia chamber announces campaign

BREKLEY — The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce's board of directors has designated Tuesday through Thursday as Community Awareness Week.

The chamber says it will hold a membership drive to focus on recruiting new members and enhancing the business community on the many benefits and services the chamber provides.

The names of business professionals and directors will be printed in the chamber's newsletter during the three-day event. The names will compare to see who can sign up the most new members.

To take part in the campaign, call the chamber at 733-4739.

US West will provide free e-mail accounts to customers

BOISE — US West customers across Idaho now can sign up for their own free, personal e-mail account with US West mail, a new Web-based, password-protected e-mail service that lets people send and receive e-mail from any computer with Internet access from anywhere around the world.

US West plans to enable e-mail integration with the existing service. Customers who want to sign up for US West mail accounts, users will be able to create an account and provide their name, telephone number, a user name and a password to set up an account. Once names are provided on a Web site, four e-mail boxes will be created for the number of accounts available at any US West phone number. Family members each have their own private account. Registration takes less than five minutes, and customers can immediately send and receive e-mail.

"Small businesses need a streamlined form of communication because it is both fast and easy to use," said Barbara Wilson, Idaho area regional vice president. "US West is providing US West mail free to all of our customers because we understand the importance of being e-mail accessible, user-friendly and as easy to use as the telephone is today."

Talking houses broadcast sales pitches to car radios

EMILEY — Ma O'Connell, with Windermere Real Estate, is involved with a "Talking House" program to help make house hunting less difficult and frustrating.

People listening to a house on their car radios no longer have to drive by houses advertised as "talking houses." A mini radio antenna in the house transmits a descriptive message over and over to any car radio that tunes in. No special license is needed, and the transmission does not interfere with TV or other radio programs.

There are talking houses in Emiley and Bellefleur. For additional locations and information, call O'Connell at 734-4700.

Antique dealers to set up booths at county fairgrounds

EMILEY — Antique dealers and shop owners from Idaho, Minnesota, Utah and Oregon will set up their wares in a variety of booths at the Emiley Fairgrounds Building at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds next weekend.

The Twin Falls Antique Show and Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 18. Oak, pine and walnut furniture, glassware, pottery, primitives, Western memorabilia, quilts and linens, toys, books and display cases will be among the offerings.

Admission is \$1, good for the entire week-end. Children 12 and under get in free. The event opens at 9 a.m. For more information, call Dana Jo Commey at 532-4665 or 532-4439.

Blackfoot committee builds bike track near skating park

BLACKFOOT — The Blackfoot Youth Committee began construction of a BMX bike track near the skating park in Grove Park, where they're offering additions to the new skate board park.

The BMX bike track will be a 1,165-foot loop around the skate board park.

Committed from staff and wire reports.

Get In Touch

For Idaho Small Business Development Center contact information, call 733-3870. Call the Twin Falls field office at 733-9554.

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FARMERS FACE GROWING CONCERNS

BUHL — Auctioneers sold a lot of Larry and Dee Baggett's farm machinery last week. The Baggetts are reducing their Buhl operation by about 50 percent because of debt load and the pressure of low crop prices.

"Sixty days ago, it looked like it would be really serious," Sanders said.

"But just within the last few days, there's been loans approved."

Those loans, though welcome, aren't all that farmers had hoped for, he said. Financing has been cut and belts tightened.

That's the story all around the valley, after three years of low prices for farm commodities. Leaders are turning some agricultural operations away, phones are ringing at a state hotline for troubled farmers, and many people have made big adjustments to stay afloat.

"This is a really critical year for all of our people," Sanders said. If commodity prices all around don't strengthen, Oakley-area farmers really could be hurting, because they're re-mortgaged against the equity in their property.

"There's no equity left," he said.

As stake president for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Oakley, Sanders has been keeping an eye on the area's farmers — both church members and nonmembers.

"That's part of my responsibility, to make sure that people are taken care of," he said.

The stake had decided it would cut costs for financially strapped farmers by volunteering labor for such tasks as planting.

"At this point, it hasn't been necessary," Sanders said.

Calling for help

For more information on other financial problems, call the Idaho Department of Agriculture Resource Hotline at 733-950-8870. Leave a message including that name, city, telephone number and a short statement. Coordinator Ray Pisk will return the call within 24 hours. The service refers farmers to people who can help.



There are no shortages of buyers for items at Masters' auctions.

Seeking financing

It has been necessary, however, for many farmers to look hard for operating money.

Magic Valley Bank didn't have to turn away any of its existing farm-loan customers this year, but in the past four months it received numerous applications that didn't qualify at other banks. Magic Valley Bank had to refuse most of those, President Phil Branton said.

When crops bring low prices, farmers can't service all their operating debt, and there's no way to finance the next year's operation, he explained.

Branton said he has seen banks turn away an unusually large number of applications this year.

"We're renewing the majority of our customers this year," said Rich Fehring, a credit officer for Farm Credit Services. But even the 95 percent of operating loans the company did renew is lower than the nearly 100 percent of normal years.

"More of our accounts have been transferred to our credit department than we've seen in prior years," Fehring said. That's where troubled accounts go.

For those suffering difficulties, he said, Farm Credit Services now asks for more documentation and risk control — such as crop contracts that guarantee a price.

And more farmers are tapping into the only savings they have: the equity in their real estate.

Many were able to ride out 1996, but '97 and '98 didn't give the improvement they needed, and they incurred more losses. To get debt service back to levels they can handle, many are having to restructure equipment and operating debts using real estate as collateral, said Eric Steigars, a credit officer for Farm Credit Services.

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FSIA loses OK'd state aid

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, under the Farm Service Agency, is a leader for farmers of the most limited resources — those who have been hardest hit by crop price declines. The increase in FSIA loans approved compared to more than 70 or 80 applications in the past year, the numbers show. By April 7, 1998, FSIA's loan backlog was 100,000. This year, more than 70 or 80 applications will be pending — the bulk of which are for the Magic Valley.

The Farm Service Agency's ability to extend their applications is being hampered by the fact that the agency's loan backlog is 100,000. The agency's loan backlog is 100,000. The agency's loan backlog is 100,000.

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Today The Times-News launches a weekly feature that highlights local business activity and professional accomplishments.

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- New hirings in companies' top positions.
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We'd love to have you send in your business news. Photos are great, too, especially pictures of individuals to be featured in the "Career moves" section of YourBusiness.

How to participate

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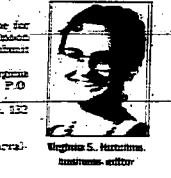
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Gore commits another online gaffe with new webpage

By Dan Gillmor
Mercury News (San Jose, Calif.)



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You've been one of the more clueless in politics when it comes to technology, even if you didn't invent the Internet. You might even make a decent president someday.

But if you and your campaign team don't stop acting so clueless on the topic, people in the technology community are going to start laughing out loud when the name "Al Gore" comes up in a conversation.

You may be unfamiliar with your latest techno-gaffe, which comes courtesy of your presidential-campaign Web site (<http://www.algore2000.com>). On a page asking Netizens for their campaign assistance, you proclaim: "This is your web site — IT'S OPEN SOURCE — and I want you to help us build it."

Hello? Open source? Is this a joke?

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Open source is about the structure, it's not about the content.

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Vice President Al Gore works on the debut of his new webpage, www.algore2000.com, Thursday at the Eastern Iowa Airport outside Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

YOUR BUSINESS

Lt. governor seeks gifts to represent Idaho

MILESTONES

Montana pipe company merges with Idaho firm

JEROME — Liberty Pipe of Montana announced a consolidation with Rocky Mountain Pipe of Idaho. The company's new name will be Liberty & Rocky Mountain Pipe.

Some personnel changes are effective immediately. Sue DeVeley is now vice president of sales and administration. Doug Gauthier is vice president of sales and operations. Vicki Patterson is in charge of bookkeeping/payables and receivables and Kate Hughes is yard manager. These four will work at the Jerome office and pipe yard, 36 E. Frontage Road W. The phone number is 324-2141, and the fax number is 324-2168.

Cliff Hobbs will continue as president and executive officer at the Great Falls, Mont., office.

Additional plans include opening satellite yards at strategic locations in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana, making alliances with several suppliers and other dealers and announcing plans this spring. The company hopes to become a dominate force in Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana.

Liberty & Rocky Mountain Pipe specializes in providing total pipe and steel product supply and construction. It has hydroelectric development and all agriculture including steel fencing.

Anderson Lumber Co. will purchase assets

OGDEN, Utah — Anderson Lumber Co., which operates a store in Twin Falls, announced it has signed an agreement to purchase the assets of Try-City Lumber Inc. in Kalsipell, Mont.

"We are pleased to make our entry into the state of Montana with the acquisition of Try-City Lumber," President and Chief Executive Officer James C. Beardsall said. "This gives us a great foothold in western Montana and will be the first of several stores planned for this region. Try-City has a long-standing tradition of service excellence to the contractor. They are well positioned in the market and are a natural fit for our company."

Anderson Lumber is in its 109th year of business. With headquarters in Twin Falls, Idaho, the company now operates 34 building-material centers and eight truss-manufacturing plants in Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Headquarters are in Ogden, Utah.

Realty in Burley wins highest company honor

BURLEY — Coldwell Banker Curtis Realty has been selected as the highest company honor by the Golden Banker's Office Premier Office.

The highest company honor awarded independent franchisees. The honor recognizes offices that demonstrate consistent performance and dedication.

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Scott Martin

Contest sponsor hopes to gather transportable items made within state

The Times-News

BOISE — An Idaho Gift Competition, sponsored by Lt. Gov. C.D. "Butch" Otter in conjunction with Buy Idaho Inc. is under way.

The program's objective is to develop a group of gifts made in Idaho that are representative of the state and appropriate for giving by representatives of the state of Idaho, its government, dignitaries and officials of private or

state corporations worldwide.

Gift criteria include:

- Must be produced in Idaho, using artisans, labor and production facilities in Idaho.
- Must be of a size and weight making them easily transportable in the personal luggage of traveling Idaho representatives.
- Food must not be perishable.
- Must not be fragile. Must be

capable of withstanding less-than-gentle handling.

- Must be high-quality, tasteful items representative of Idaho.
- Must be appropriate for giving to executives of major global entities.
- Must be priced between \$10 and \$50.

The competition is open to any individual or firm who is a 1999 member in good standing of Buy Idaho Inc. Judges will be the lieutenant governor and representa-

tives of the state and private industry in Idaho selected by the lieutenant governor.

Entries may be submitted until May 20 by delivering them to Buy Idaho Inc., 404 S. Eighth St., Suite B-128, Boise, ID 83701. Winners will be announced June 21. The total prize award will be \$1,000, with \$100 for best gift priced \$10-\$20, \$200 for \$21-\$30 gift, \$300 for \$31-\$40 and \$400 for \$41-\$50.

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CAREERS

TWIN FALLS — Hearing instrument specialist Fred Kippes has moved to a new location. Professional Hearing Aid Services is at 260 Harris Ave., Suite A.

Kippes has 12 years of hearing loss in the area for 12 years.

has joined Alliance Marketing Inc. as a marketing representative.

Scott Martin's experience includes managing a local medical supply store and working as the marketing director for the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce. He has been active in numerous community events and served on Twin Falls' planning and zoning commissions.

Twin Falls — Jeff Jackson

Jeff Jackson

Burley — Carol Jensen

Carol Jensen

TWIN FALLS — Commercial Tire has announced two staff additions. Both are currently Terry's Big O on Idaho State Road.

Grant Wells, who has 15 years experience in a light-truck and passenger-vehicle specialist. Jeff Jackson, with 20 years' experience, is an ASE and GM certified technician.

Paul Goodheart — Rose Nettig

Paul Goodheart

TWIN FALLS — Laurie Mackay, instructional technology support specialist at the College of Southern Idaho is looking for an assistant.

Web design seminar at the College of Southern Idaho. The seminar is geared toward visual designers and industry professionals who wish to learn or enhance their Web design, imaging, animation and HTML skills.

Mackay participated in comprehensive classes on design principles such as color, layout, typography and design.

One of Mackay's current projects is developing and designing ID, an online literary magazine. She is currently an assistant editor and writer for CSI and the community.

TWIN FALLS — Ponderosa Paint has announced three submittals at the Twin Falls store.

Sam Huggan, regional manager and outside salesman, has submitted three submittals on behalf of the Society of Innovative Coatings for recognition as a progressive coatings specialist and compliance with the National Association of Coatings Engineers International Coatings Inspector Certification. He has been with Ponderosa Paint for 12 years.

Carol James is now the decorating products manager. She has been with Ponderosa for six years.

Paul Goodheart, who has been at Ponderosa for three years, is now the assistant manager.

Ruby Harney

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Erny Harney was appointed decision manager. She has been employed at Ponderosa Paint for seven years.

JEROME — Lamoar Summers has resumed the position of morning personality on Mix 103 Radio.

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Barron's business writer to speak in Boise May 6

The Times-News

BOISE — The 33rd Annual Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference will be May 6-8 at The Grove Hotel in downtown Boise.

Gene Epstein, economic writer for "Barron's Weekly," will present "Market Concentration and the Media Case Studies in How the Financial Press Misrepresents the Economic News."

Other topics to be addressed include the strengths and weaknesses of the U.S. economy; poverty in the Northwest; urban and regional economics; the role of the Native American in the region's history and future; electricity regulation; and a session on nature, politics and history at the Idaho Historical Museum.

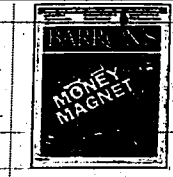
The PNREC has arranged for discount room rates at The Grove Hotel at \$89 single or \$99 double.

To get the special rate, call (800) 426-0670 by Wednesday and say you are with the PNREC.

Conference costs are \$175 per person for the full conference, \$110 per student with meals and \$25 per student without meals. Sponsors and guests are invited to the May 6 lunch only (\$20 each) or reception only (\$10 each) or the May 7 lunch only (\$20 each) or dinner only (\$20 each).

Registration deadline is April 21; anyone registering later will be charged late fees.

To register for the conference, send your name as it should appear on a name tag, organization, type of business, mailing address, telephone number and payment to the PNREC, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0032. If paying with Visa or MasterCard, you may register by fax at 334-2438. Late registrations may be made by phone if using Visa or MasterCard by calling Shauna at 334-3900.



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Professor will discuss market concentration in Burley

The Times-News

BURLEY — Dr. William Heffernan is a professor of rural sociology at the University of Missouri.

His discussion will cover how market concentration affects the bottom line.

Issues include identification of the four largest firms in livestock and commodity processing and marketing political and economic concentration of power; marketing clusters and current antitrust law; monopoly in biotech seed/chemical market; price discovery and market transparency; current legislative agenda; and strategies for survival.

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Directory will list local nonprofit groups

The Times-News

BOISE — A new, comprehensive Idaho nonprofit directory is being developed by Freund & Associates, an organization that develops and communicates consulting firms.

To the best of our research, no comprehensive list of nonprofit organizations exists in Idaho," said Jane Freund, company president. "Some listings have some or most of the nonprofit sector, but we have been unable to locate a master list. So we decided to build a comprehensive nonprofit directory."

All interested Idaho nonprofit organizations are welcome to be included. To be listed in the directory, send the organization's name, address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, home page URL and contact person's name and title to Freund & Associates LLC, 5201 Overland Road, Boise, ID 83708. Information may be faxed to 336-0015.

Listings are made at no cost to the nonprofit organization and without obligation to buy a directory. Thursday is the deadline. For more information, call 336-5105.

Oregon teachers join picket line

Knight-Ridder News Service

Temporary cyclone fences went up Wednesday around many Fern Ridge schools while picketing teachers, wearing bright red and blue baseball caps, fumed in solidarity from the sidewalks.

They are one of the Fern Ridge teachers' strike — a walk-out spurred by an impasse over district language in their pending three-year contract and the state's first since a 1997 strike in the Sandy School District near Portland that lasted seven days.

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by Craig Smith

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Local businesses involved were The Times-News and Impact Radio, both of Twin Falls. Valerie, 3, is the daughter and is the daughter of Logan, Utah, and the granddaughter of Sue and Bill Owens of Rupert. She received a brain pacemaker.

Rose Young worked in the cable industry for nearly six years as a marketing executive, including positions in New York City, Denver and, most recently, with Continental Cablevision and TCI in the Magic Valley. He has degrees in public relations, telecommunications and marketing and is the director of the Idaho Cable Telecommunications Association Board.

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Sports industry provides wide range of careers

The Orange County Register

Sports industry is full of jobs with long hours, low pay and earnings that sometimes depend on the bounce of a ball.

But that doesn't deter all the folks who pursue jobs in the field.

Sports entrepreneur Becky Hirsch warns job-seekers all the time that resumes for out-

number openings in the industry. But they attend her career seminars anyway and ask: "To love to work in sports, how can I break in?"

She's candid: "You start at the bottom and learn to do everything. You need to be multifaceted. And you have to take that entry-level job to get in—even if it's crummy pay."

Those are the hard facts in an industry that thrives on drama, passion and celebrities. Competition is the culture and the bottom line is earnings.

The desire to be part of that environment starts early. A recent study shows that 50 percent of teen-age boys in the United States want to have a career in sports—only they expect to be stars like Teemu Selanne or the Mighty Ducks. Mo Vaughn of the California Angels or Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers.

For the vast majority, that dream fades as they grow. But if they're willing to tweak their dream a little, there are lots of jobs behind the scenes in an industry that generates \$350 billion a year in revenue.

It's estimated that the sports industry employs 4.5 million people, most of whom work for one of the companies listed in The Sports Business Directory, published by E.J. Krause & Associates in Berkeley, Md. The directory has expanded along with the industry. In 1995, it listed 8,000 companies and 17,000 openings. This year lists 14,500 companies and 24,000 openings.

As the number of jobs grows, so does the variety. The Sports Business Directory lists 13 career areas: event and convention management and marketing; sports media; sponsorship and advertising; athletic services; sports commissions and convention/visitor bureaus; sports lawyers; manufacturers and distributors; facilities and facility services; team and league associations; collegiate athletics; and finance and insurance.

"Sports as a component of our economy is still growing," said Rick Burton, director of the Warsaw Sports Marketing Center at the University of Oregon. "There are lots of jobs in the industry and they're expanding."

A lot of the best opportunity today exists outside the high-profile leagues. You're more likely to find openings in growth areas such as golf and women's sports, particularly in product development and marketing. Other areas include sports medicine, such as snowboarding and the Extreme Games—which are expanding to fill the hundreds of hours now open on cable television.

Sports-related ventures by corporate giants like Blockbuster, Disney, Warner and Fox also mean new job opportunities—particularly for those just entering the field.

Like most about every other industry, the hot new jobs are tied to the World Wide Web. Teams and leagues are turning to online publishing to increase exposure for their live events, broadcasts and licensed products.

If you're not prepared for that fast-paced opportunity, you may find if you are able to multitask, be self-motivated, and operate efficiently in a fast-paced, competitive environment full of high achievers.

"People don't get into this industry to make money or to have great summer vacations."



Durham Bulls assistant groundskeeper Ed Kowalski wets down the basepaths at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park Wednesday afternoon in preparation for the team's season opener, which was Thursday.

Sports career resources on the web
CI National Sports & Recreation Jobs Weekly: see <http://www.sportsjobs.com> or call to subscribe to the newsletter and online openings. (602) 933-4345. No current jobs are listed online.
CI Online Sports Career Center: see <http://www.onlinesports.com/pages/CareerCenter.html>. This site posts openings and allows you to post your resume.
CI Career Experience: this page on <http://www.onlinesports.com> provides a listing of people in various sports careers. Go to <http://www.cem.com> and look for "Sports Careers" in the index on the left.

said Tim Meind, vice president of communications for Anaheim Sports, Inc., which operates the Angels, the Mighty Ducks and Edison Field.

"These are jobs that have a very tangible brass ring at the end, and you work hard to get it. There's no clock here. A 10-game home stand is 10 straight days and you find out real fast if you can make it."

Most importantly, you need to know the business, several experts said. For competent people who haven't grown up in the industry, there's this ray of hope: Teams, leagues and facilities are under increasing pressure to hire for expertise.

"The industry has been able to choose whoever it wants, and it got some low-priced talent," said Burton, who trains about 20 MBA students a year in sports marketing. "Right now, the industry is being forced to hire the best people because of the competition."

By April 11, with all the media

coverage of sports, people realize quickly if you have a good or a bad reputation. If you do not, you might not get a job because of the talent pool you're pursuing."

Meind, who began as an intern with the Angels, agrees with Hirsch that it's best to start at the ground level.

"When you start at the bottom, you understand what you're doing and what your mother expects in all that," Meind said. He points to Angels general manager Bill Baran, whose first job at the baseball park was as the groundskeeper on San Diego.

As with any industry, breaking in is a process, and you can't be easily deterred.

"The industry doesn't have to give you any special benefits because they're surrounded with applicants," said Hirsch, who's based in Santa Ana, Calif. "So networking is crucial. As you go up the ladder, who you know is even more important."

"If you're going to have a clear idea, know your skills and what you're looking for, and then, whether it's management, brand control, or another matter, you've got to see the right education and what you need to get the right internship, education and so on. The best internships are structured to give you as much real experience as possible. Don't get stuck making copies and be close to people in the business," says Andy Roundtree, vice president of finance and administration for Washington Sports. He also runs the organization's internship program, which sends 10 to 12 students from top universities and colleges to work in the industry.

Interview with the Ducks and Angels are expected to jump into the job market early, with openings in marketing and facilities.

and marketing strategies. They're paid up front there is no guarantee they'll be hired, but several have moved into permanent positions.

Bob Wagner broke into sports after he shipped his resume under the Angels' office doors in 1984. He was working for Fluor Corp. at the time and was about to be transferred to Saudi Arabia. His business background helped him land a job in sales and marketing, and now he's a vice president for Anaheim Sports.

"When I got started back in the '80s, there was a real good old-boys network," Wagner said. "What's encouraging is that, as sport becomes more of a business, there's more need for executives, there are more jobs. There's a greater opportunity today for people with good business skills."

Walt Erdle turnover at the big-league level, it's also difficult to get into an organization.

"But if you're good and you work hard you'll come to the forefront," Wagner said. "Once you're on, you're good to produce."

Roundtree, who came to the Ducks from Emerson, took a chance by hiring Amy Langdale as senior financial analyst. She came from the manufacturing area.

"I hired Amy because she's smart, has a good work ethic and she's a good person," he said. Roundtree said, "I can teach her baseball and hockey, but I can't teach her how to get along with people of all the departments."

Taking the boredom out of the board room

Consistent helps businesses lighten up

The Washington Post

Ron Culberson loves his job. That is, he enjoys helping other people learn to love their jobs. Deep down, he says, most people really do care about their work. They've just forgotten how to find the humor there.

To that end, he has adapted as his mantra a quip from Oscar Wilde: "Work is so important to be taken seriously."

Since founding Funselling Etc. in 1996, Culberson has earned a living turning off unbearably meetings on such issues as customer-service, effective communication and time management into interactive sessions that can be lighthearted and fun.

"My challenge is to convince people that there is aasurable value in having fun in your work," he said.

Culberson advocates guerrilla tactics when all else fails to get people to loosen up and have fun at the office: jokes or cartoons amid a jungle of corporate memos, or belting out a committee report to the theme song from "Gilligan's Island."

A clinical social worker by training, Culberson founded Funselling Etc. in Herndon, Va., following almost a decade working in the health-care industry.

After speaking at various engagements for the National Hospice Organization, he would invariably be asked by attendees to come speak at their meetings. He soon identified a need for his approach in mainstream Corporate America.

While making the transition to the professional speaker circuit, Culberson decided it was his approach that had helped him stand out from the rest.

"The approach centers on striking a balance between our work and what each of us needs to get that work done, Culberson said.

"It's not about how hard there's a greater need for balance and a focus on the positive."

At a typical speaking engagement, Culberson takes his balancing act before a group of senior managers, charging \$2,500 for a full day's worth of Funselling and \$1,500 for a half day. Once he's gained a perspective on a group's goals and attitudes about its workplace in particular, Culberson says his fashion a program that challenges participants to adopt not only a more positive frame of reference toward their work and employees, but also different perspectives from which to view their roles in the workplace.

"It isn't enough just to motivate people," he said. "You've got to help them see that it's possible to deal with serious stuff and have fun at the same time."

At a session this month at the Fundamentals of Leadership at the Hospice of Northern Virginia in Fairfax, Culberson told the audience to stand up and go to the front of the room, gesturing wildly to an audience of nurses and hospice-care managers in a packed conference room.

The word in question was "structure." The audience fell apart trying to guess it, but no one did. He finally blurted out the answer, and everyone began to crack up.

While his talent for charades might be lacking, his technique is straightforward: Get the audience's attention, make people laugh, and they'll learn.

"From up there on that table, I've got their attention and can

Wit and wisdom of Ron Culberson

- Q "We all know the definition of boss — someone who always comes in late when you're early and comes in early when you're late."
- Q "Why is it that the early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese?"
- Q "The brain is a wonderful organ; it starts working the moment you get up in the morning and doesn't stop until the minute you get to the office."
- Q "A typical example of management is: 'This project is so important we can't afford to let things that are more important get in the way.'"

demonstrate the value of a different perspective," Culberson said. "I could just put some papers up on the screen and go over each bullet point by point. This way, I can instill the idea of doing something routine in a unusual way."

Kathy Persson, manager of counseling services at the hospice, said Culberson's jokes helped drive home some of his main points.

"This wasn't just an intellectual exercise," Persson said. "He was able to take the mental and emotional elements of what we do — all — are among his most receptive clients."

"Because they see so much death, more than anyone, they have embraced this need for balance with humor."

Last year Funselling's only employee generated revenue of close to \$80,000, speaking to groups ranging from the American Cancer Society to the International Finance Corp. — the private sector arm of the World Bank.

Brigid Holleran, an administrative officer in the treasury department of the IFC, said Culberson's presentation helped everyone get through last year's three-day retreat on improving communication skills.

"We broke out the very serious sessions on either side of 'Ron's day,'" Holleran said. "His role-playing and fun made the issues we were facing much more palatable."

But Culberson cautions that he is in no way advocating humor in the workplace simply for entertainment's sake.

"It's not to have a point," Culberson said. "When it's done well, humor not only helps employees become more productive, but allows managers to be perceived as more approachable and flexible."

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New law allows Idaho to give low-interest loans



The Times-News
BOISE — Idaho State Treasurer Ron G. Crane has announced a new law signed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne that allows the treasurer to make loans to small businesses in a low-interest loan program to small businesses throughout the state. The new law is a collaboration between the treasurer's

office and the Small Business Administration. "The small-business man wins because he is now able to obtain a low-interest loan at prime rate. The state treasurer's office wins because we will purchase the guaranteed SBA portion of the loan as an investment at 2 percent below prime, which right now is at 5 3/4

percent. This is a higher rate of return than treasury notes are currently yielding," Crane said. "And the SBA wins because they are able to service the clientele they are designed to serve."
 "The state of Idaho seems when small businesses do well, generating new jobs for our workforce," Small businesses can

begin contacting the SBA and their local banks about these low-interest rate loans once the law becomes effective July 1.
 For more information about the law and seminars that will be held around the state to promote the new program, call Lisa Carberry at 333-2997 or Shelly Krejci at 332-2969.

Mutual fund taxes skew decisions

NEW YORK (AP) — When tax time rolls around, people who like mutual funds for their easy-to-understand convenience often find themselves wondering where the simplicity went.

The tax rules covering fund investments range from complicated to downright confusing. In many situations, tax issues can distort the picture so much that they discourage people from making the best investment choices.

The problem gets spotlighted each year at this time as fund shareholders grapple with income-tax returns. But it never seems to receive the attention it deserves.

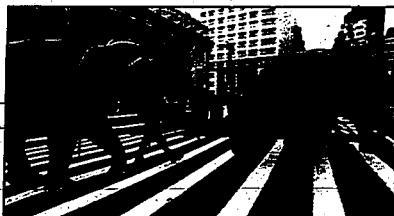
Consider the decision that faces income-conscious savers as they look for a place to park money they don't want to tie up in long-term investments like stocks. Money-market funds, with aggregate assets of well over \$1 trillion at last count, are one of the most popular choices.

Short- to intermediate-term bond funds, which might serve the same purpose just as well, typically pay more generous yields. But these funds have attracted, all together, barely more than \$100 billion from investors, or less than one-tenth as much as money funds.

The most common reason people give for picking money funds over short-term bond funds is that the latter's net asset value per share fluctuates slightly. But in recent years, those fluctuations have more often been gains than losses, with interest rates in a long-term decline.

The true reason for avoiding short-term bond funds, in a great many cases, is to avoid the tax hassle of dealing with capital gains and losses in the first place.

Just trying writing a check someone on an account in a short-term bond fund and then figuring out your tax bill. To most people, it's more trouble than it's worth. But the important thing to note is that the trouble arises not from some natural condition — the



A pair of Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus elephants cross Eighth Avenue in front of the main post office in New York Friday. They stopped to serve as a humorous reminder of the April 15 tax deadline Thursday.

inherent complexities of mathematics and accounting — but rather purely from the tax system. Another case in point: Investors' enthusiasm for variable annuities, which allow their holders to defer year-by-year taxes on dividends and capital gains, in contrast to standard mutual fund investments, which do not, except in tax-favored retirement accounts.

"In my opinion," says Peter Katt, a Kalamazoo, Mich., life insurance adviser quoted in a current article published by the Institute of Certified Financial Planners, "at least 90 percent of people currently buying variable annuities should not be."

Among more than 1,000 fund investors polled this past winter for the fund firm of Dreyfus Corp. by Response Center, a market research firm, 85 percent said taxes play an important role in their investment decisions. But, said they weren't very familiar with the details of the most recent changes in the tax laws.

Nearly half the respondents, 46 percent, said it was always better to choose a tax-free investment over a taxable one. If they truly believe this, they are almost cer-

tainly making decisions that cost them money.

When you choose between a tax-exempt municipal bond investment and a taxable corporate bond investment, the important numbers to focus on are the after-tax returns they would pay.

Presuming that you are in the 28 percent income tax bracket, you should choose a tax-exempt bond only if it will yield you more than a taxable bond would after allowing for a 28 percent tax bite from its nominal payoff. If you don't take the trouble to do this arithmetic, you can easily wind up robbing yourself just to spite the tax collector.

Looking at the results of its survey, Dreyfus concluded that "more education is needed for investors on the impact of taxes," in the words of Stephen Carter, the firm's president.

No arguing with that. But some time spent in study by the public isn't the only possible answer to the problem. A simpler, cleaner system of tax rules — say, one that allowed tax deferrals on all accounts until withdrawals were made — would go a long way toward encouraging people to reach the decisions that make the most economic sense.

Many home-based workers are men

The Associated Press

The image that many people have of home-based workers is that of women who manage to fit their occupation around raising their children and doing the

housework. But Ohio State University found in a study of 899 home-based workers in nine states that nearly 59 percent were men involved in traditional fields such as sales or construction. Three-quarters of the respondents were self-employed, and the average age of all the home-based workers was 44.

Kathryn Stafford, a professor at Ohio State's College of Human Ecology, said the home-based workers made a big contribution to local economies, buying from local suppliers and selling most of their products or services to local customers.

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Poet laaments mistress' death

LONDON — AP — The late British poet Ted Hughes, whose wife Sylvia Plath killed herself, lamented the second woman he kept to himself as his "true wife."
 Six years after Plath — an acclaimed American poet, took her own life, Hughes' mistress Anna Winifred "Anne" Sexton said she "loved" her daughter, "Anna was my true wife and the best friend I ever had," Hughes wrote

and a letter to Winifred's sister, Celia Chaikin, two months after her death, according to a report Saturday in the Guardian. "I know if I had only moved — if I had only given her hope in slightly more emphatic words in that last phone conversation, she would have been OK."
 Hughes, a former British poet laureate, died of cancer in October.



Bruce Springsteen, center, and members of the E Street Band kick off their first world tour together in more than a decade Friday in Barcelona, Spain.

E Street Band returns to stage

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Reunited with his old band, Bruce Springsteen opened his world tour Friday to a sold-out crowd of 20,000 in Barcelona's Saint George Palace.
 The Boss did not disappoint in his first tour with the E Street Band in more than a decade. They opened with "My Love Will Not Let You Down" and "Prove It All Night." And that's what they did, captivating the crowd

Tour starts in Europe; band hits U.S. this summer

for 2 1/2 hours through 19 songs and five encores.
 After delighting the Barcelona fans with a greeting spoken in Catalan, Springsteen hardly addressed his audience during the following high-energy perfor-

mance bursting with old favorites including "Badlands," "10th Avenue Freezeout" and "The River."
 Another highlight was a beautiful duet, "Mansion on the Hill," sung with his wife, Patti Scialfa,

who also played guitar and sang backing vocals throughout the evening.
 Friday's concert, and a second date today also in this northeastern Spanish city, mark the beginning of a 17-city European tour for Springsteen and the E Street Band. Dates include Munich, Zurich, London, Dublin and Paris before the leg wraps up in Madrid. The first U.S. dates don't come until mid-July.

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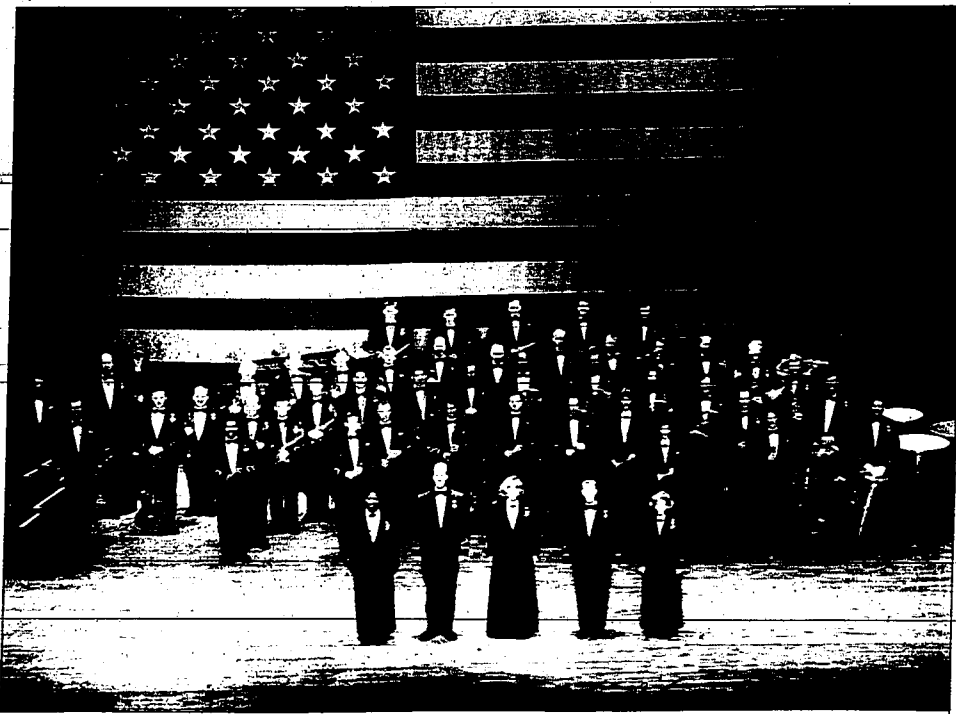
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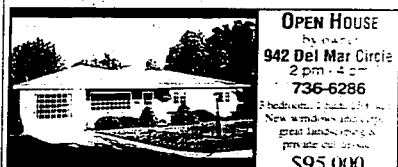
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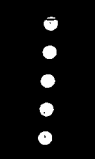
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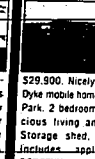
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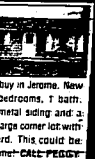
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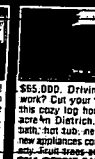
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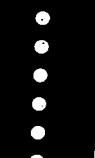


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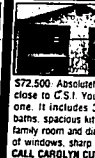


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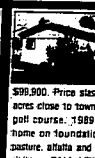
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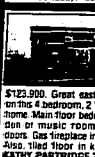
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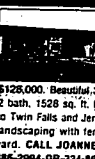


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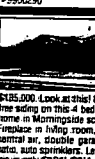
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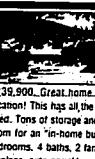


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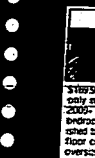


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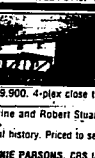


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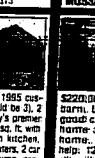
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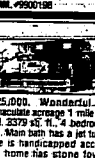
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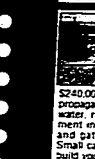


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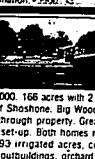


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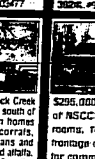
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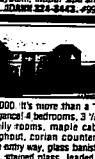
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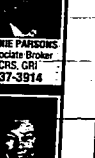
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Hobby Wolf

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, partner opened one no-trump, and I held 4-9-7-2, 10-6-5, A-9-8-2, 4-7-7. Since you play transfer bids, I could not bid two diamonds as a sign-off. What would you recommend?

ANSWER: While not an ideal example, this hand meets the requirements for using "Bogus Stayman." You should bid two clubs, intending to partner's response. On balance, whatever his response is should lead to a four- or five-card no-trump contract than one no-trump.

Dear Mr. Wolff: ... deal and passed with K-K-Q-10-9-6. Partner opened one heart in third seat, and I bid one heart if he raised to two spades, spades or should I invite game by bidding three hearts.

ANSWER: After partner raises spades, he confirms a "solid" response bid. "Three hearts" suggests a direct jump to game, or should I invite game by bidding three hearts.

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ANSWER: If you choose a major, I would suggest one spade. Then you can try hearts if partner corrects to two clubs. My secret choice is two diamonds, strongly suggesting to partner to bid his longer major. If he bids three hearts, I would excuse myself, claiming my pager demands a re-

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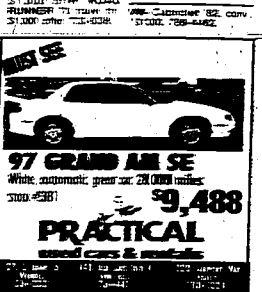
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More than you wanted to know about potty training

The news release was titled "Toddler Learn Alphabet on the Potty." I was intrigued. Evidently, there's a new product called Piddlers Toilet Targets now available at grocery, drug and discount outlets. These are flammable foam letters, numbers and animals that "make potty training fun and educational." You drop one into the toilet bowl and — this is a direct quote — "let the kids aim."

Just reading about this new product brings back too many old memories.

My kids were trained at a time when experts were telling mothers to take their cues from their children. The pediatricians assured us that our toddlers would know when they were ready.

"I've never seen a mother send her child off to Harvard wearing diapers," was the rallying cry.

The only problem was — and we all had our own mothers, and our own mothers had a different agenda.

Grandma was sure you could make a serial killer out of your kid by toilet training him too late. If the kid happened to sack his thumb, too, you might as well forget even visiting him in jail.

The women of my mother's generation were afforded bragging rights according to when their grandchild was toilet trained.

Today, we have the Internet. One web site, titled "Potty Training: A Multi-dimensional Approach," tells of a book, "The Poo-poo Party," that helps children view the "toilet and its products" in a "more friendly perspective."

There is even an album of songs, "Potty Animal," by Annie Poo and the Potty-puppies. The songs include "Finish the Magic Dream," "Don't Fampoo Me!" and "Everything's Gonna Come Out Just Fine."

Why not? Diaper-changing parents need all the help they can get.

I once read that parents change their baby's diapers 2,000 times in the first six months. I never kept count, but I did read that the process is simple as possible.

I remember studying a newsletter my neighbor got from General Electric. The newsletter was called "Wet Set Games" and it contained dos and don'ts: "Do fold the diaper before putting it on the baby; don't fold the baby before putting the diaper on."

I don't know if I did much right during those days, but my kids are trained. No really big deal.

I think the toddlers on the TV ads are way too happy about learning to use the toilet. I certainly don't remember any dancing or singing at any time.

I do have a friend who insists that the only way she could train her youngest was by inviting the school teacher to come and sing "The Hallelujah Chorus."

I wonder if you can do anything during potty training to lessen your children's enjoyment of bathroom humor when they reach seventh grade.

Anyway, I've decided the subject is best forgotten once it's in the past. I can't say I don't understand the people I read about on the Internet who are adding extra grid to their lives by trying to toilet train their cats.

One web site, "How to Convince your Cats to Give Up Their Litter and Use the Toilet," has information about a "scent" method. And one woman wrote in to say she bought a toilet-training kit for her cat and it was so successful that her husband now gripes about having to fight the cat to the toilet.

I didn't want to know that. I'm just going to thank my lucky stars that I can't now hear the term "toilet training" from my vocabulary. Oh my gosh, what's going to happen when I have grandchildren?

LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

Pokémonmania!



Ten-year-old twin brothers Michael, left, and Daniel Gebhart compete against each other with the game Pokémon. The brothers say they would rather play the game than watch television. "It has become it gives you a cool challenge," Daniel said.

It's not just a kid's game; it's a sector of the economy

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

BURLY — Now pay attention: Daniel Gebhart's only going to go over this once:

"The reason I like Pokémon is because you play as a kid and you get to choose a Pokémon to have fight wild Pokémon in tall grass and caves."

Your choice is a Bulbasaur (a little dinosaur with a bulb on its back).

The Charmander (a little dragon without wings or horns that shoots fire from its tail), and a Squirtle (a small turtle that shoots foam from its mouth).

The Pokémon measure power in levels. When those three reach Level 20, they evolve. The Bulbasaur's bulb grows. The Charmander grows bigger claws and hotter flame. The Squirtle grows war paint and some longer ears. They just evolved into Ivysaur, Charmeleon and Wartortle. When they get around Level 30 or 40, they evolve again.

The Ivysaur's flower blossoms and the dinosaur grows sharper teeth; it becomes a Venusaur. The Charmeleon's teeth and claws get longer and sharper. It also grows wings and horns that go straight back almost, it becomes a Charizard. The Wartortle's long ears become pointy stubs and the

shell grows two water cannons."

If you don't understand a word of that, you're obviously not 10. And you've missed the hottest video-game phenomenon yet.

Since storming the U.S. toy industry last fall, Pokémon (pronounced *poke-eh-may-ee*) products have been employing the wallets of pre-adolescent boys (and their parents) nationwide. The handheld Gameboy video game, manufactured by Nintendo, produces said Laurie Wagner of Twin Falls, mother of Lander.

A line of action figures by toy-maker Hasbro and a trading-card game are also hot sellers, and "Pokémon," the daily morning cartoon produced by Hasbro and seen here (6 a.m. weekdays) on the Magic Valley Fox affiliate, KXTC, which is Channel 6 on most south-central Idaho cable systems) is the highest-ranked kids' show in its time slot.

That's right. Six o'clock on school mornings.

"We even tackled the awesome challenge of taping the show to view after school when chores have been completed," said Laurie Wagner of Twin Falls, mother of Lander.

The whole idea of the game is to become the world's best Pokémon trainer. And you do that by capturing and training wild Pokémon, and, of course, by trouncing rival trainers.

The cast includes 150 different

How it works

At its heart, Pokémon is an electronic version of the ancient low-tech game of rook, paper, scissors.

But unlike the old game, which involves three unique sets of strengths and weaknesses (paper, for example, can cover a rock but is easily sliced by scissors).

Pokémon's 153 electronic animal-like characters come in 15 categories. Each category includes abilities (some immune fire, for example, others strong) that enable the characters to annihilate or be vanquished by others.

What's more, the electronic characters in Pokémon get stronger or weaker after they do battle (or if they're weakened by the game's seemingly limitless software), making the game a constant work in progress.

A related track unique to Pokémon is tournament play, which allows of whittling another human, a Pokémon player's ultimate goal is to become a Master Pokémon Trainer, a tournament-winning game who has used this personal Pokémon ani-

mal to capture and train the 150 other characters embedded somewhere in the Game Boy.

So, there are two versions of Pokémon (Red and Blue) for sale in the United States. Neither is embedded with all 153 Pokémon characters. To complete a collection and become a Master Trainer, a Pokémon player either has to buy the version of the game he doesn't yet own (boooo), or be buddies with lots of other Pokémon fiends, uh, players.

If you go the social route, you can hook up your Game Boy to another Game Boy (using a Nintendo-made cable, \$15) and download the characters you have yet to capture and train.

Information on Pokémon trading card game can be found at: <http://www.wizards.com/pokemon/> or <http://www.wizards.com/>

Or visit Nintendo's Web site, <http://www.pokemon.com/> or <http://www.nintendo.com/>

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How much is too much?

The Orange County Register

Kids obsess. They obsess on sports, on other kids and, yes, on games like Poké-mon.

Child development experts say such obsessions usually are healthy. It's part of growing up, they say, of establishing an identity separate from one's parents.

But experts also say it is possible to obsess too much, and that role-playing electronic games like Pokémon are often the object of an unhealthy obsession.

"If playing any game is isolating the child, either from peers or from their families, then that's not good," says Dr. Lois Nightengale, a clinical psychologist and director of the Nightengale Counseling Center in Yorba Linda and Newport Beach, Calif.

Nightengale, who has done research on Internet addiction, says signs that a kid is playing too much Pokémon include lying, falling grades and thinking constantly about playing the game while engaging in other activities.

On the plus side, Nightengale says the idea of sharing Pokémon, falling grades and thinking constantly about playing the game while engaging in other activities.

"Be aware that small children are naturally curious. Keep products in places other than below the kitchen sink unless you can lock the cabinet. Be certain that medicines and household products are put away before leaving the room to

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Keep all medications (both prescription and nonprescription) in their original child-resistant containers.

Destroy old products. Do not throw away in the garbage

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Shrine Circus comes to town

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To do for families

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be shown Tuesdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Rudy Rocker's Last Blast, a show designed primarily for younger viewers, will continue Friday evenings at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m.

Ongoing

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It's "How to Build a Planet," a multimedia show that dramatizes the way that planets, moons and stars were born.

Narrated by John de Lancie — Q. of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" — the show treats viewers to images and re-creations of the early beginnings of the universe on the planetarium's 50-foot dome.

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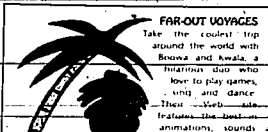
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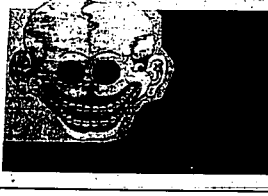
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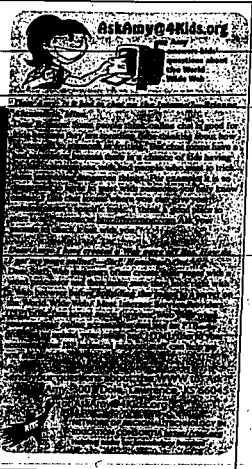
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"Doug's 1st Movie" (G) - *Twin Cinema*. Best for All ages who enjoy the cartoon character. For kids 4-12 will appreciate it most.

What it's about: When Doug Funnie (Thomas McHugh) discovers there's a monster in polluted Lucky Duck Lake, he conspires with his best pal, Skeeter (Fred Newman), to expose the truth. In the process, he discovers unethical behavior by one of Bluffington's leading citizens. When he tries to impress his girlfriend, Patli, she ignores him for an upperclassman who's in on the scheme and wants her for himself.

The good: This is a charming story about those awkward pre-teen years and trying to be cool and fit in with your peers. It's filled with honest moments, realistic dialogue, lessons about valuing life and friends and subtle messages about how important

The not-so-good: May be a little too simple and mundane for kids' tastes these days.

Offensive language: None

Violence: None

Parental advisory: This is a family-friendly film that parents won't mind sitting through it.

Entertainment value: B+

"10 Things I Hate About You" (PG-13) *Twin Cinema, Century Cinema, Sci-Tech Cinemas of Ketchum*. Best for: Mature teens to adults.

What it's about: Bianca (Larisa Oleynik) is a popular girl who wants to go out with boys, but her dad forbids it until her older sister Kat (Julia Stiles) dates. The reason that's such a safe bet is because Kat's an ill-tempered shrew whose sharp tongue and quick wit keep most people at a distance. Cameron (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) desperately wants to date Bianca, so he formulates a plan that involves the most popular boy in school (Andrew Keegan) to bribe an equally brash and mysterious boy named Patrick (Heath Ledger) to date Bianca. Kat's "Chill" Mitchell (Allison Janney), Larry Miller and David Krumholtz also star.

The good: It's a funny, witty, well-acted, well-written romantic high school love story based on "The Taming of the Shrew" that fits up with the other high school movies out there. Its superior combination of talent, story and soundtrack will be to teens

what "The Big Chill" was to adults. Even the adults are allowed their fair share of humor and deliver lines every teacher and parent wants to see.

The not-so-good: There's dialogue about time rape and pregnancy, and with sexual overtones. A school counselor writing on a romance novel makes suggestive remarks to students. Adult dialogue may offend some, but it's not destructive. Although nothing is shown, it implies one that the movie may give some girls the idea that this behavior is acceptable.

Offensive language: Yes, but more by adults than teens.

Sex: No sexual situations or nudity.

Violence: Mild fight scene.

Parental advisory: My teenage loved this movie because of the characters, and elements that could relate to, and a fantastic soundtrack, and it's great entertainment. It's a must for mature teens, so parents should heed the PG-13 rating and leave the little ones at home.

Entertainment value: A-

"The Matrix" (R) - *Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum*. Best for: Mature teens to adult sci-fi fans.

What it's about: Neo (Keanu Reeves) is a quiet, unassuming

Poison

answer the telephone or doorbell. Remember that children can climb.

Be sure that all products are properly labeled. Read the label before using.

Always turn the light on when giving or taking medicine.

Since children imitate adults, avoid taking medications in their presence.

Avoid calling medicine "candy."

Clean out your medicine cabinet periodically. Flush old medicines down the drain or toilet.

In poisoning emergency do the following:

Get the product container. It may have specific instructions that will help determine the best treatment method.

Estimate the amount ingested, if possible.

Note the time since ingestion.

Know the child's weight.

Call the poison control center.

Note: There are new guidelines on the use of ipecac syrup, activated charcoal and gastric lavage (washing out the stomach). Keep your ipecac syrup on hand, but use only ipecac advised by a poisoning specialist.

Though it's critical that you know what to do when a child ingests a substance, the watchword is prevention.

Source: The Sun Herald (Bloom, Miss.)

Pokeman

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only one of those in the game. It's best for catching rare "Pokeman."

If you're over 30, you only need to know that Pokeman cartridges sell for about \$30 a pop. And Pokeman trading cards, introduced only this year (about \$10 for a pack of 60) are sold out at many comic-book stores.

If you go the social route, you can hook up your Game Boy to another Game Boy (using a Nintendo-made cable, \$15) and download the characters you have yet to capture and train.

"Lantern has a Pokeman virtually as good as the Tamagotchi of two summers ago, that he wears and tends to dally." Laurie Wagner said. "With the help of his sister, they put up a chart in Lantern's room to measure how tall the Pokeman are compared to his height, his sister's, my husband and myself. He conquered the Pokeman red version and left a Pokeman Master. With a game link he plays against his sister and neighborhood. He belongs to a Pokeman Internet club and he and his sister play a Pokeman card game too.

After Laurie Wagner says, his homework is done.

No doubt He's mastered computer engineering already.

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Mrs. George tried when her arms were too weary

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

—Henry David Thoreau

By William L. Rush

A young man learns more than high school subjects from a beloved teacher.

William is a motivational speaker and writer. He lectures on disability-related topics to all age groups in secular and church organizations. He's a contributing writer or editor for numerous magazines on disability related topics.

I first met Mrs. George, the teacher for Dr. J.P. Lord's new high school, in a small room that was designed for one teacher and one student.

The room had been converted into a classroom for four-teen-year-olds. Three of us were in wheelchair chairs, and one walked with a cane. Those of us in the class had a variety of medical problems.

The student with the cane was legally blind. As for the three in wheelchair chairs, one was victim of a gunshot wound in the head, one had muscular dystrophy, and one had cerebral palsy. I was the one with cerebral palsy. When I tried to vocalize, Mrs. George kidded me by saying that it sounded like the mating call of a bull moose.

Each of us had different academic and emotional needs, ranging from preparing for college to preparing for death. Mrs. George did everything she could to help the first class of Dr. J.P. Lord High.

Mrs. George, in her 50s, was about five feet tall, had graying black hair, and she wore a lot more gray by the end of the school year, olive skin and a high-pitched voice. She had a habit of talking too fast, and she ended her explanations with "Do you see that?"

She greeted us the first day of school with a cheery, "Good morning, you guys. This room was

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thrown together at the last minute, but I think we'll do okay. This high school is the first in Nebraska, so we are pioneers. Pioneers have to put up with a few troubles. Understand all of you know one another except Bill and David. David, this is Bill. He has cerebral palsy. He left school about the time you came because this school didn't offer high school then. Bill, David is a Hawaiian transplant, and he has muscular dystrophy. He'll be 19 on May 6th. We'll have a birthday party with dancing girls."

I wondered if she knew what muscular dystrophy was. I knew that David would last until his birthday. He already had more birthdays than most suffering from this disability. Already his lungs were affected, which meant his breathing would require effort all year.

"Now I'll get you started on what I want you to do. I have expectations for all of you, do you see that?" the new, idealistic teacher said.

When she came to me, I was classifying rocks to fulfill a requirement in earth science. Sitting down beside me, she said, "I hear you have been taking correspondence courses from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and you haven't gotten very far for the past three years. I know these courses are expensive and take a lot of time, but I will help you with them, and we will shoot for graduation next spring. Also, I'll feed you lunch if that's okay with you. I know you would rather have one of those young chicks that are just out of college, but you're stuck with the

old hen that your teacher. Do you have any questions?"

"I don't think David's lungs will last to his birthday. His legs are too weak, and these winters are hard on anybody." I spelled out slowly on my letter board what a spellcaster had told me. She had never referred to his air-brain.

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"Mrs. George was sure to be worried if I completed courses and started new ones at an amazing speed. However, David worsened during the holiday season. He was afraid to go to sleep at night, for fear that he wouldn't wake up. So Mrs. George let him sleep in class, saying, 'We have hospitals across the street, and if we have to visit them, we can be there in five minutes. So, David, you are safer here than anywhere else.'"

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Often, when David was having trouble breathing, I'd find myself reaching for my life-supporting machines could maintain his breathing.

On April 15, 1975, I had planned to visit him after school. But that morning I found a handwritten note beside my typewriter saying, "Don't go to the hospital tonight. David died in his sleep. I didn't want to tell the other guys because today the school is going to the circus, and there's no reason to spoil that. We'll mourn him together." J. George.

Although she couldn't make David's dream of a 19th birthday come true (God knows she tried), she made my dream of a high school graduation come true.

As I sat on the stage on a warm May evening in 1976, listening to the commencement song, "The Impossible Dream," the words seemed to fit the lady dressed in yellow proudly watching me receive my diploma because she "dreamed the impossible dream, fought the unbeatable foe, braved the unbearable sorrow, righted the unrightable wrong," and tried when her arms were too weary.

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Husband ready to lose his mind over house full of clutter



DEAR ABBY
Abby VardBuren

—DISTRAUGHT HUSBAND, PITTSBURGH

DEAR ABBY: I'm 72 and my wife is 74. She has almost entirely quit doing any housework. She will grudgingly cook a meal now and then. I do the laundry, scrub floors and help with the dishes, but I'm not a homemaker.

Her back is very bad but she won't have it looked at. She just complains all the time and says she can't do anything.

I wanted to hire some cleaning people to come in and help, but she won't have that.

We have so many clothes the closets are jammed. Nothing ever gets thrown out, so everything gets piled on the furniture or the floor.

The kitchen cupboards are jammed full because when she wants some canned food, instead of using what we have, it's easier to run out and buy some more. The countertops are loaded with cans and packages of food. She would rather eat out, which we do three or four times a week.

Abby, there isn't a surface in the house that doesn't have stuff piled on it. To work on a Christmas package, she had to lay it on the kitchen stove. I have suggested moving to an apartment but she won't have that to do, but she won't accept that, either.

Are there any solutions to my dilemma?

DEAR DISTRAUGHT: Yes, however they won't be easy. Your family doctor should be informed about your wife's behavior — and any recent changes you've noticed. She may need a thorough physical and possibly neurological examination. She may be buying the large quantities of food in your kitchen not because it's easier to run to the store, but because she has forgotten that she already has it.

From your description, your home may have become a fire or health hazard. If your wife is unwilling or unable to discard items you no longer use or need, an inspection by the local fire (or health) department should be scheduled to be certain that the clutter isn't become a danger to both of you.

Please don't wait. Your wife needs help, and it's time you took charge. It may not be pleasant,

but it's necessary for her sake and yours.

DEAR ABBY: Your priest (and friend) told us about the oppression of women in Afghanistan. We were so happy to see your column about their plight, and about the telephone number you could call to become a part of the protest against the rigid restrictions placed on women.

ABBY: Your article must have been a great success. I started calling that number at 7 a.m. on the day that column appeared in our paper, and was not able to get through until 3 p.m.

My concern is that others may have been discouraged and given up trying to place their phone number again.

—DOROTHY HOHN, REDMOND, ORE.

DEAR DOROTHY: I have received a bushel of letters from readers who also had problems getting through to the telephone number I published. It seems the Feminist Majority was unprepared for the onslaught of calls that poured in that day — and although they were able to handle more than 7,000, they estimate they "lost" at least that number of calls. Readers were unable to get through, please keep trying. The number to call is 1-888-939-6636.

BEDTIME

By Annabell Michaels, Williamsburg, Virginia

THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Dealing with family, preparation of wills can be difficult matter



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins and
Jan Warner

Q: My 73-year-old mother has lived with me since our father died six years ago. He left everything to me. My brother and I are her only family. The problem is that she has become more and more erratic in her behavior of late to the extent that I have had to cut back my hours at work to care for her — which is difficult because I was earning the money ago and receive no support.

Mother threatens to leave her property to strangers every time I suggest she get a lawyer. We became concerned about what will happen if she signs a will and then becomes incapacitated.

We found a lawyer proficient in this field and sent Mother to see him. The lawyer would not let me sit in on the interview. Now, neither my mother nor the lawyer will talk to us about what is going on. I thought the lawyer was looking for a good business man: What can he do to protect us and our mother?

A: With our population aging, situations such as yours are becoming more and more common. We know it's difficult for you and your brother. The problem is that — even though you're the lawyer for your Mom, she is the client.

And the appearance, behavior, and statements of a client during a consultation are considered evidence. What can a lawyer cannot reveal — even if the lawyer believes the family members should be alerted to protect the client.

This means the lawyer is duty-bound not to divulge your mother's confidences unless she gives her permission, and she apparently hasn't done this. To allow you or your brother to sit in on client interviews breaches the attorney-client privilege which in the legal profession is forbidden without the express consent of the client.

In situations dealing with the

elderly, a lawyer is often put in the middle because, in essence, the lawyer's work will affect the entire family. What is best for the client, however, is sometimes difficult to ascertain because each family member has a different agenda. Rest assured, however, that if the lawyer becomes uncomfortable with your mother's mental state, the lawyer need not — and probably will not — prepare documents for her and will suggest certain alternatives.

If you and your brother are convinced your mother is no longer able to manage her affairs, you can hire yet another lawyer to petition the probate court to declare your mother legally incompetent.

This is a complicated process, however, as it should be to protect people like (my mother) and you may not persuade the court.

If this is the case, you'll have to hope your mother's lawyer will give her good advice — and that she'll take it.

Q: I'm a 45-year-old divorced mother of three trying to care for my children and my 78-year-old father, who is widowed and ailing. I'm now trying to figure out how to support all these people, and plan for my own retirement, as well. It's all about to get there. Where do I start?

A: You are a member of the "Sandwich Generation" those middle-aged Americans who get "sandwiched" between their parents and their children. This broad cross-section of our population finds themselves simultaneously 1) educating and supporting their parents, 2) helping support their aged parents, and 3) planning for their own retirements. These new responsibilities alter their retirement and spending patterns.

In addition, people of the "Sandwich Generation" reach middle age, but their adult children don't leave the parental nest. Last year, half of the adults between the ages of 18 and 24, and 11 percent of those between 25 to 34, continued to live with their parents.

At the same time, their own parents become senior citizens. Living longer than ever before. By the year 2010, 70 million Americans will be over the age of 65 (compared with 30 million today).

This significant increase will strain the resources of the Social Security system as it is currently structured. In addition, future legislation may restrict or eliminate benefits for affluent retirees.

This means those in the "Sandwich Generation" who plan to retire in the next 10 to 20 years must become informed now about how these trends may affect their own situation. We suggest combing the public library for books on this topic. Or you might consult an elder law attorney and reputable financial planner for advice on your own particular situation.

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Teen-agers need discipline too

Q: A TV newscaster recently reported there are no expert claimed that runaway teenage levels during the early teens often cause the rational part of the teenage brain to shut down, resulting in all manner of exaggerated emotional displays. Knowing that my next recent book is on teens, I'd like to know what you think.

A: The "crazy" in question has historical and cross-cultural precedents. The historical record clearly indicates that the "emotionally supercharged" teen is a relatively recent phenomenon.

Until recently in nearly every culture, the teen was treated as he/she was no longer regarded as a child. Nor was he/she an "adolescent." This was childhood and that was an adulthood.

What we call adolescence is a modern phenomenon, the product of child labor and compulsory education laws. The laws, unarguably good, but every "good" thing has a down side — extended the dependency of children by a good six years.

In days not so long ago, the teen still may have been living at home, but in a separate case, he/she was no longer a dependent. For example, as teen-agers during the Great Depression, both my father

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John Rosemond

and father-in-law helped support their families, as did many of their friends. Their sisters had responsibilities at home responsibilities.

What my and my wife's grand- parents expected of their children then, would make us seem a visit from a state social worker.

Much of the behavior today regarded as "typical" of teens is looked upon by people as "parent's" age and older, as more than 18 years. It's because this behavior is due to the teenagers, unresolvable mood swings, exaggerated emotional reactions to disappointment or frustration.

And there we have yet another case: Where was only children of the upper classes were pampered (and not in this, mind you) even today's lower middle-class child is pampered, at least in the standards in my father's youth.

Extend a child's dependency

indefinitely and indulge the child through allowing to continue likely to wind up with a middle class teenager's identity.

It seems reasonable to support the notion that the emotional upsurges periodically stir down the mid-adulthood portion of the teen-ager's brain. If these upsurges occur, then it's obvious that the typical teen of 16 to 18 years ago had developed self-control sufficient to weather them.

The crucial difference between teens then and now, here and there, is not physiology, but parents who were all-out and open-mindedly limit, media that encourages the young to view life as never-ending soap opera, and a pop culture that amplifies teen irresponsibility.

In the largest sense, individual "responses" will not hit us that we really have no right to expect them to have from teenagers.

Our children deserve more than this.

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Who's the parent here? Childhood is a role kids should get to play

Knigh Rider News Service

A drug addict's child struggles to get his younger brothers and sisters ready for school.

A young beauty-pageant contestant became a heroin addict, proud to call her daughter her best friend. A straight-A student comes home and starts roper, knowing she'll spend the evening listening to her dad talk about his troubled personal life.

On the surface, these young people might seem to have little in common. But these kids are being led they do, according to a University of North Carolina Charlotte professor and two Atlanta therapists.

All three children have been "parentified," or forced into adult roles too early. And all three can expect to bear emotional scars in adulthood, these experts say.

"In a nutshell, parentification is

violation of a generational line," says Bruce Robinson, professor of counseling, special education and child development at UNC-Ch. "It's a line that says, 'We're adults and you're children.'"

Robinson believes that line is crossed more often these days, and not just in abuse-out cases involving neglect, sexual abuse and severely troubled parents. It's happening, he says, in outwardly successful families, with parents who are absorbed in work,

stressed by divorce, or just plain afraid to say "no" to their kids.

The children can be saddled with practical burdens, such as having to run a household and care siblings, or emotional ones, such as serving as a parent's confidant and pretense.

When parents won't be parents, children are robbed of childhood. And they often grow up trying to meet everyone else's needs, feeling they can only be loved for what they accomplish, Robinson says. "You hit 35 and there's this clucking at this unhappiness," says Robinson, who also has a private family therapy practice. "Wearing mama's apron and trying to fill daddy's shoes — they're still doing it in their marriage and they're burning slip out."

Much of what Robinson and his colleagues say sounds like old-fashioned common sense: Parents

owe it to their children to set limits, make tough decisions, be the caretakers and handle their own adult problems, rather than dumping them on the kids.

But breaking the cycle of role-reversal isn't easy, Robinson says. Children taking on parental roles isn't anything new — nor is it necessarily a bad thing, experts

are quick to note. Taking over household chores, looking after siblings and learning to think of others' feelings are healthy steps toward growing up. And stress, death and other crises, strike, children may be pushed into new responsibilities and become stronger adults because of it.

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SCHOOL LUNCH

Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.

BLAINE

Monday: Cheeseburger or peanut butter and jelly
Tuesday: Crisp beef taco or cottage cheese
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets or sandwich
Thursday: Combo pizza or cottage cheese
Friday: Hot dog or peanut butter and jelly

IDAHO STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day

Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Hot cakes
Wednesday: Banana bread
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Eggs and hash browns
Lunch: Salad bar and milk served every day
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Fiesta taco
Wednesday: Beef stew
Thursday: Italian dunkers
Friday: Deli bar

BLISS

Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Ham and swiss on an English

Monday: Taco salad
Tuesday: Sloppy joes
Friday: Chili

DIETRICH

Monday: Sub sandwiches
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Burritos
Thursday: Shepherd's pie
Friday: Nuggets

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Cheese burger
Thursday: BBQ chicken
Friday: Chicken noodle soup

HAGERMAN

Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Corn dog or potato bar
Wednesday: Hamburger or soup and sandwich bar
Thursday: Pizza or potato bar
Friday: Chicken bun or nachos

JEROME

Monday: Rib-cue in a bun or grilled cheese
Tuesday: Chili dogs or tacos
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets or sausage pizza
Thursday: Cook's choice
Friday: No school

RICHFELD

Breakfast: Juice, cereal, scrambled eggs
Lunch: Sandwiches with milk
Monday: French fries and hot dog
Tuesday: Taco salad
Wednesday: Mexican burrito
Thursday: Bean burrito
Friday: Chili

VALLEY

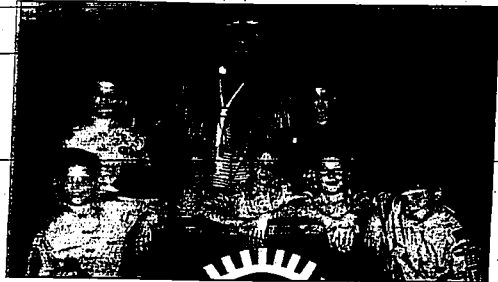
Monday: Crisp burger
Tuesday: French fries
Wednesday: Hamburger and bun
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Slice a la burger

WENDEL SCHOOLS

The middle school and high school also have a choice of submarine sandwich plate or chef salad plate every day.
Monday: Hamburger on a bun
Tuesday: Mexican burrito
Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday: Sausage pizza
Friday: Submarine sandwich

School lunch menus are prepared as a public service. In the past, lunch menus (including menus at district level) were sent to the news on Sunday's paper. Send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 348, Twin Falls, ID 83401, or fax it at 734-2338. Attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

SHINING ARROWS



International Lighthouse's Pack 66, Webelos II Dan 2 and Den 5 Cub Scouts advanced to Boy Scout training. Their Arrow of Light ceremony March 23. Shane Ridley-Stevens conducted the ceremony with the assistance of senior patrol Boy Scouts from Troop 68. Den 2 Scouts pictured (left to right, front row: Nick Melstrew, Tyler Cooper, Kris Ziegler and Ridley-Stevens; back row: Nancy Mathias, Joey Mathias, Ryan Phillips, Angelo Ziegler, Chris MacMillan and Kelly MacMillan; Dan 5 Scouts pictured (left to right, front row: Ben Spencer, Chris Greene, Ryan Newton, Alex Woodcock and Clayton Winters; back row: Reece Dawley, Ridley-Stevens and Zack McElroy. Not pictured: Scoutmaster leader Nita Ott and Chris Muller.



FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Local chef gets a taste of TV cooking show

HAGERMAN - A chef from Hagerman is bringing his cooking secrets out of the kitchen and into the living room.
Kirt Martin owns and operates the Snake River Grille in Hagerman and will soon host the national television cooking show, "Cooking on the Wild Side with Chef Kirt Martin."
On March 15, Martin filmed the first

in the series of his program which is slated to air on "The Outdoor Channel" beginning this fall.
He will host 26 episodes of the show this year, which will also feature other Hagerman businesses, such as the Clear Springs Trout farm.
During the main course of his career, Martin has developed a reputation for exotic preparations of wild game including pheasant breast on Crut, Elk Steak Toronto and Sturgeon Roundlet.
Program director is Tom Hadrour of

Wide Eye Productions, who met Martin during the filming of a segment on "Incredible Idaho."

Thompson and Hagerberg receive degrees in Wyoming

University of Wyoming students from Idaho received degrees at the completion of the 1998 fall semester.
They are Susannah K. Thompson from Hailley and Jason T. Hagerberg from Twin Falls.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



DAR honors 'Good Citizens'

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution honored "Good Citizens" at its annual Good Citizens Tea at the Jerome Public Library meeting room.
Outstanding students from participating Magic Valley high schools were recognized for qualities emphasized by the society.
These qualities include dependability, service, leadership and patriotism and have been reflected in an outstanding manner by each student chosen, the society says.
Each school winner receives a DAR Good Citizen Award pin, a certificate,

and a wallet card.
The local chapter winner, Katie Eisenhauer of Filer High School, also received a check for \$50 from the Twin Falls Chapter DAR and will compete at the state level.
Winners from participating schools were: Richard T. Arrossa of Kimberly High School, Amaya Berriochoa of Twin Falls High School, Angella Fry of Buhl High School, Melissa Fry of Goodland High School, Jade Greenfield of Shoshone High School, Bradley Rogers of Gooding High School, Amber Olsen of Jerome High School and Erin Yates of Raft River High School.

Scout Troop cooks up authentic pasta dinner

TWIN FALLS - Boy Scout Troop 63 will host its annual authentic pasta dinner from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the St. Edward's Parish Hall in Twin Falls.
Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for children and \$30 for families.
The menu includes pasta, Italian sausage, garlic bread and dessert.

Habitat for Humanity places call for volunteers for board

JEROME - The Jerome chapter of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to serve on the board of directors or join a committee.
Habitat for Humanity is an organization that brings families and communities in need together with volunteers and resources to build homes, improve housing, and improve lives.
The Jerome affiliate is one of more than 1,400 groups in the United States.
Visit www.habitat.org for more information.
Future plans include building three more houses at Seventh Avenue in Jerome the organization says.
For more information or to join, please call Diane Eshelby at 734-3477 or Jean Higginbottom at 734-2334. Those interested can also visit the Habitat for Humanity website at <http://www.habitat.org>.

Ageless Seniors serve pancake breakfast

EMERSON - The Ageless Seniors Center will have a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 18 at the Kimberly Senior Center, 220 Main St., Kimberly.
Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under.
Proceeds of the breakfast will go to the Ageless Seniors Center and Sunset Summer Camp.

'Mastertag' hits the stage at CSI this week

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho drama department will present the comedy "Mastertag" by Larry Gelbart as 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and April 25, 26 and Friday noon tickets.
Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens.
Tickets may be reserved by calling 733-9234 extension 222, or may be purchased in advance 7-4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Fine Arts Box Office.

Tribes share culture at CSI Native American dance

TWIN FALLS - The Golden Eagle Native American Society and the College of Southern Idaho will present the 6th annual Native American Dance Festival on Friday in the gym.
About 35 dancers representing the Platte, Shoshone, and Bannock tribes from the Snake Valley and Fort Hall reservations will perform various dances and traditional ceremonies to share their culture with the Magic Valley.
The exhibition runs from 7 to 10 p.m. in the CSI gym. Admission is \$2, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for students. Identification and children under 12 are free.
In addition to being able to watch tribal members perform dances with authentic dress and music, audience members will be invited to learn and join in certain dances.
Organizer March Donner says this year's event will be confused with a few new, which features many more dance troupes all over the region in a day-long affair.
Vendor will be selling crafts and food will be available.

Legion Auxiliary meets; silent auction scheduled

TWIN FALLS - Unit 7 of the Twin Falls American Legion Auxiliary meets 2 p.m. Monday at the Post Home, 447 Southeast Main St.
Bring white elephant items for the donation.
All donations go to the National Emergency Fund, the group says.
Current officers and chairman should note that yearly reports will be completed and sent out starting at 10 a.m. on April 28 at the home of Roma Hymas, 328 7th Ave. E.
At 2:30 p.m. on April 26 all past presidents in Unit 7 and Kimberly will meet at Idaho Falls on Blue Lakes Boulevard for a special President's Party luncheon.
For further information, call Zoe at 734-2278.

Golden Moments perform at 20th Century Club meeting

TWIN FALLS - The 20th Century Club at Twin Falls will hold its regular luncheon meeting at noon on Tuesday at the Turf Club.
Election of officers for the coming year will take place.
Performing during the program will be The Golden Moments, a trio featuring Camille, Milton Barrus and Jack VanBuren.
Members are reminded to bring

canned goods to help restock the shelves at the Salvation Army.
For cancellations or reservations, call Sunday at 733-0501 by 10 a.m. Monday.

Library takes patrons pic for National Library Week

TWIN FALLS - In celebration of the Twin Falls Public Library's 50th birthday, library patrons are invited to have their pictures taken and displayed at the library.
The photographs will be showcased in an exhibit called, "The Library is... People!" which will be displayed during National Library Week April 11-17.
The library aims to display a thousand photos and will continue snapping shots until that goal is met, estimated to be midweek.
"We hope to celebrate the people that make up the library because that really is what we are, people," librarian Linda Parkinson says.

Friends of the Jerome Library sponsor essay contest

JEROME - The Friends of the Jerome Library will sponsor an essay contest for all eighth graders, including home-schooled students, with cash prizes for first, second and third-place winners.
The contest is part of National Library Week April 11-17 and the details will be announced at 7-7 p.m. Monday at the Jerome Library.
Interested eighth graders can contact their English teacher for more information. The contest will close May 15th and essays will be judged by a teacher, librarian Susan Jacobson and officers of the Friends of the Library.
The group hopes that this will become an annual event featuring a different grade each year.

Buhl Tennis Association holds annual meeting April 20

BUHL - The Buhl Tennis Association will hold its 1999 annual meeting 5:30 p.m. April 20 at the Train Station Restaurant in Buhl.
The public is invited to attend and join for instruction, fitness, family sports and games, the organization says.

West Cassia Soil, Water District meet Tuesday

BURLEY - West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District's monthly meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the NRCS office, 151 E. 16th St.
The public is invited.

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ENGAGEMENTS

THE EMOTIONAL TOLL OF INFIDELITY
For thousands of Americans, it's passion, pain, betrayal

JAMES GREEN

BURLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Bruce James of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Jean James, to Eric Daniel Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Green.

James graduated in 1996 from Riches College in Rexburg. She is majoring in English at Idaho State University in Pocatello and is employed at Smith's in Pocatello.

Green served a two-year Philippines Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is majoring in law enforcement at Idaho State University and is employed at the university.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Boise LDS Temple in Boise. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the LDS Church, 311 S. Main in Bancroft.

MCCARVER-O'DELL

KIMBERLY - Julia and Charles McCarver of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Kim McCarver, to Jim O'Dell, son of Gail and Jim O'Dell Sr. of Soda Springs.

McCarver is a graduate of Gem State Academy in Caldwell and Idaho State University in Pocatello.

O'Dell is a former sergeant in the Marine Corp and is currently employed at Gem State University.

VEATCH-KELSO

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Bob Veatch of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamí Veatch, to Josh Kelso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Kelso of Eden.

Veatch is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho.

Kelso is a graduate of Valley High School and is attending CSL. He is employed by Sam Goody Music in Twin Falls.

WILLIAMS-ALFORD

TWIN FALLS - Bud and Maureen Williams of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Joanna M. Williams, to Nathan Alan Alford, son of Burch and Nancy Alford of Lewiston.

Williams attended Twin Falls High School and graduated from the University of Idaho in 1996. She spent a year studying the Spanish language at the University of Ecuador in Quito. She is currently a student at Eastern Washington University at Cheney, pursuing a masters of physical therapy degree.

Alford is a 1990 graduate of Lewiston High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Idaho.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE MAYS

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Donald (D.N.) May of Jerome will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday.

May and Anne Schmidt were married April 15, 1939, in Gooding. They have lived in the Jerome area their entire lives. He worked in general construction until his retirement.

The couple has three children, Carolyn (Eugenie) Nutsch, LeRoy May and Linda May, all of Jerome.

THE POWERSSES

BUHL - Aldie and Wilna Powers of Buhl celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary March 29 at the Magic Valley Manor in Wendell.

The couple was married March 29, 1931, in Danville, Ark. They moved to the Magic Valley area in 1943. They have been involved in the orchard business in the canyon by Buhl for several decades.

The couple has one son, Kenneth (Laura) Powers; four children; and three great-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.



Bonnie James and Eric Green

p.m. Friday at the LDS Church, 311 S. Main in Bancroft.



Kim McCarver and Jim O'Dell

Distributing in Pocatello. The wedding is planned for May 10 in Kimberly.



Tamí Veatch and Josh Kelso

The wedding is planned for June 19.



Nathan Alford and Joanna Williams

Idaho in Moscow. He is a student at Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane. The wedding is planned for June 19 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in McCall.



Anne and Donald May

They have two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.



Wilna and Aldie Powers

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The Washington Post

Nearly four years ago Linda Shaffer, divorced and living alone with her dog in Oklahoma City, longed for her companion after a long day of social work and entered the world of Internet romance. One man sparked her interest. They started a passionate conversation.

"This wasn't the usual 'how much do you weigh?' or 'what color is your hair?'" says Shaffer, a social worker with the federal government. "This was different."

As it turned out, he lived close by. After a few weeks of intense, personal dialogue, he suggested they meet for lunch. He was married with children. "This was the stupid part," says Shaffer, "he told families - my chains - can trust. 'I thought it would be harmless just to meet a married man for lunch. Well, I met him.'"

Shaffer didn't know it at the time, but the affair was a stage three of an extramarital affair that would last 3 1/2 years, bringing her moments of bliss, hours of tears.

Nearly all affairs - yes, even yours - follow specific patterns. They generally fall into four stages, according to several family researchers.

Stage One: You develop a close emotional bond. This is the "like you" stage. It often begins on the Internet. For others, it happens at work or in the neighborhood. You get to know each other, about each other. This is a special time.

Stage Two: You keep your affair secret. You don't tell your spouse or your friends that you are attracted emotionally to this person. "You know you're in deep when you decide to keep the relationship secret," says Florida psychologist Debbie Layton-Phillips. "Fantasy and secrecy are very powerful. They fuel the fire."

Stage Three: You have lunch play terms. This is the dining phase. For others, it's about sex. You start seeing each other, doing things together. You might tell yourself this is just a college, just a friend.

Stage Four: Well, you know. At that point you are engaged in an intense sexual and emotional liaison. Sometimes, the affair leads to new marriages. Other times, they are roller-coaster relationships that last only months, or a few weeks, and then there are affairs that become lifelong relationships. Think of CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt.

But not all affairs are as exposed as Kuralt's. Some are hidden, as in the case of his television program, "Sunday Morning."

According to researchers and counselors, the affair can have life-changing effects and use nearly identical language to describe the passion, betrayal and pain associated with them. "I never made me feel like this before," "I wanted to kill myself," "If I had to choose one person to live with, you just a friend, it would be you," or "I'm a family therapist and affair survivors - or couples, depending on how the affair ends - urge people to acknowledge the presence of affairs and to start talking openly about them. One size doesn't fit all, but we can help illuminate the psychology of these relationships and help people understand - and perhaps avoid - the pain that can come."

"Extramarital affairs are one of the most taboo subjects in our culture," says James Altabe, author of "The Affair" (Simon & Schuster, 1997) and a supervisor at Yale University. "They are 'so extraordinarily traumatic,'" she says. "And yet we talk about them only when we are making jokes."

"We just didn't see it," explains Baltimore psychologist Shirley Wines, who specializes in couples and extramarital affairs. "Often, the attraction begins at work. It doesn't have to become more involved in previously unexplored professions. They work closely, seeing each other after their hours. A friendship develops. If you are not careful, the friendship becomes an intimate and eventually sexualized. The chemistry intensifies. Sparks fly."

Maybe you even fall in love. Stage One is the innocent prelude during which the emotional connection is formed. A former publicist and in upper in New York who had had an eight-month affair says she didn't see it coming. It was early in his marriage. She was a housewife, and he was working evenings, managing a fast-food restaurant.

"One of the workers and I just developed this friendship," he says in a telephone interview, the sounds of his two kids, chattering in the background. He moves to a different phone and explains "It wasn't about anything. It was just someone. We talked for four months before anything sexual happened."

But gradually, the relationship moved through the stages. One night after closing, he and the woman were talking passionately about personal issues, as usual. She asked him to help her fix a light in the men's bathroom. "I was in there, and suddenly the door opened, and she was there. She closed the door and kissed me," he says. "I kissed her back."

Meanwhile, he kept the relationship secret. "I knew what I was getting into," she continues. "But didn't think of it without getting hurt." Near the end, it was clear to her that he was seeing someone new, another affair. "At times I feel like I still love him, but what do I love?"

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Nissan Altimas. Steamy Comfort Inn. Shafter, the social worker, met her lover in a hotel room for three years. "I'm in my mid-forties and I would make it in the car like we were 16," she says. "There's a certain high to that."

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Yet affairs often feel like love. "You get very close emotionally and physically very quickly, but it's a false intimacy," says Shaffer. "For him, it was out of sight, out of mind. For me, the day after was always the hardest."

Often these relationships are stormy. Shaffer's first affair lasted several months. One breakup lasted seven months. The final breakup came more than three years after the affair connected with him on the Internet. She reached the point where she disgusted her. The final straw came one day after he had taken a shower. "He said, 'I think I still smell like you,' and it just made me sick to my stomach," she recalls. "That was it. I had had it. He left, and that was the last time she saw him."

Shaffer says the deception hurt the most. "The relationship can never go anywhere. You're making a banquet out of crumbs." She discounted the possibility that the affair would lead to marriage. "Even if a person gets divorced, the new relationship is still based on a lie," she says.

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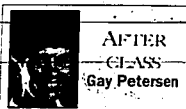
How busy do you really need to be?

We live in a world where everyone is in a hurry to do more and be more and have more. One salary is generally not enough for us to be able to achieve all we want, so all of us are busy, busy working, working, busy living.

And what have we accomplished? Certainly the majority of us live better than our parents or grandparents. We own more, we have more conveniences and more and better choices for vacation trips. But we rush through life in time to get — we're too busy, much too busy.

"Hey, Dad, do you have time to come to my baseball game Friday after school?"
"Gee I'd like to, Son, but I'm just too busy."

"Hey, Mom, can you volunteer to help with my class school project?"
"I'd like to, dear, but I just can't



AFTER-CLASS
Gay Petersen

spare the time. Surely there is some one else...?"

"Hey, Grandma (or Grandpa), can I come over after school? I need to talk to you."
"Not today, dear, I've just got too much to do."

We wonder sometimes why our children and grandchildren stray from the path which we want them to follow, and sometimes there doesn't seem to be a logical reason, but often it is because we simply haven't taken the time to get to really know them, to make

them feel wanted and important, and most of all, loved.

Have the last couple of generations become too me-oriented, too interested in our own pleasure, to take the time necessary for those who need our love?

Time is strange. It can go very quickly when we are enjoying ourselves and very slowly when we are not. It rushes by when we are busy and creeps along when we have idle hands.

When we are young and busy, and, hopefully, enjoying ourselves, time flies by — we just haven't the time to get everything done, and, unfortunately, our children grow up before our eyes.

Since we are busy, we often don't take the time to appreciate them, and we often take the time they need for ourselves.

Even grandparents are busy these days. In our own grandparents' day, we expected them to be

at home, living quiet lives with little going on. Today, Grandma and Grandpa too are going, going, busy, busy, and sometimes even grandparents have little time for their grandchildren.

Suddenly these little ones are all grown up, and we have missed much of it. That 17 or 18 years has gone, never to return. Where did it go? Who knows? We were just so busy.

In our old age, when time passes slowly and we wish for company, will they then be too busy for us? Will we reap what we have sown? Or will we be surrounded by loved ones because we took the time to care?

It is a question no one can answer but ourselves. But I hope we will stop and think: How busy do we need to be?

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@magicklink.com

SOCIAL SECURITY Q & A

Knights-Ridder News Service

Q. I receive a small Social Security check and have a hard time paying the monthly Medicare premiums. Is there any assistance available to help people like me pay for Medicare costs?

A. Yes, there is help for people who have low income to pay for Medicare costs (premiums, deductibles and coinsurance amounts).

If your monthly income is \$1,194 or less (\$1,603 for a couple), your state may help with your Medicare costs. Contact your state or local medical assistance, social services or welfare office.

Q. I didn't sign up for Medicare when I was first eligi-

ble. Do I still have time to sign up?

A. If you didn't sign up for Medicare during your initial enrollment period, each year you are given another chance to sign up during a general enrollment period.

The general enrollment period begins Jan. 1 and ends March 31. If you sign up during this general enrollment period, your coverage begins the following July. Your monthly premium increases 10 percent for each 12-month period you were eligible but didn't enroll.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

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PREVENTION OF FALLS IN THE ELDERLY

Falling is a serious health problem among elderly people. See the safety tips below:

SEEING

- Install adequate lighting in all areas.
- Outline stairs with brightly colored adhesive strips.
- Reduce glare with evenly distributed light.
- Locate light switches at top/bottom of stairs, near every doorway, and within easy reach from bed.
- Maintain night light for halls, bathroom, bedroom.
- Consider motion-sensitive lighting.

STAIRS

- Risk of tripping is reduced when the rise between steps is limited to 6 inches or less.
- Handrails on both sides allows grasping with either hand.
- Handrails 2-3 inches from the wall permit good hand grasp.
- Ends of handrails turned inward signal that the top or bottom step has been reached and should extend beyond the last step.
- Avoid slippery step surface by applying nonskid treads securely to each step.

SLIPPING

- A phone in every room can prevent falls for those living alone.
- Chairs with arm rests and sturdy legs assist with transferring.
- Reduce the need for unsafe climbing in the kitchen by locating frequently used items at or below waist level.
- Entranceways, bathroom, shower, laundry, sinks, and other surfaces likely to get wet should have non-slip mats around them.
- "Grab bars" for bathtub, shower, toilet area improve safety.
- Footwear with a rubber, non-slip sole reduces risk.
- Walking pathways should be free of clutter, banana peels, etc.
- Avoid highly polished slippery floors and scatter rugs.
- Carpet edges should be firmly fixed to the floor with carpet tape or rubber backing. Choose dense short-pile carpets and floor coloring that is a solid color.
- Ice and snow should be cleared from walkways. Cat litter can be used as an alternative to salt for winter condition walkways.

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