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Today: Variable high clouds with light winds. High, 76. Partly cloudy tonight. Low, 40.

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Breaking the law? Public lands grazing critic Jon Marvel contends the BLM breaks the law over grazing permits.

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Hispanic Youth Symposium

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Part of the plan



Rancher Bill Brockman overlooks a herd of cattle in a pasture near his home south of Hamlet. Brockman is working to reduce irrigation runoff into Rock Creek.

Landowner efforts may reduce Rock Creek pollution problems

By N.S. Norkentwred
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY - Farmer and rancher Bill Brockman may be solving several problems with a single simple remedy.

A sump at the lower end of his irrigated pasture catches any runoff. The water is then pumped to the top of the field, and reused.

The project is part of Brockman's effort to reduce the effect of his livestock and farming operation on water quality in Rock Creek.

Some landowners are trying to help keep pollution out of Rock Creek, talking on what has been a

tricky pollution problem. Contamination in Rock Creek became a controversial local issue last summer, and when the weather warms up, the issue could heat up again.

Last summer, health officials posted signs in Rock Creek Park swimmers of contamination in the water. The contamination was bacteria common in the intestinal tracts of warm-blooded animals, officials have targeted livestock grazing along the creek as a likely source of the contamination.

One man's plan

Recycling the water means no water leaves Brockman's land, except when the water is unusable. If phosphorus levels in a direct strip of grass leech off from the creek, the buffer.

The project saves water, keeps sediments, nutrients and bacteria out of local waterways and creates a strip of wetland and wildlife habitat maybe 10 yards wide and three-quarters of a mile long.

Brockman grazes about 100 cows and their calves on the 80-acre irrigated pasture. He also places a fence about four inches of stubble in the pasture when

the snow melts, which will help prevent runoff into the creek.

But the water bill has its drawbacks. A neighbor who gave him just a few days ago had his cow over the creek. Brockman found the cow had slipped into the water. The other cow was dead, apparently looking for food.

His neighbors' plan

Rock Creek is among other southern Idaho streams on a list of polluted streams under the federal Clean Water Act.

This area is required to develop a cleanup plan for the stream. See **CREEK**, Page A2

District aims to duplicate school's success story

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Students stop in Harrison Elementary School's hall to tell the principal that they almost passed a math test - or advanced in reading.

It's refreshing conversation for Steve Smith, a principal who likes to read children's literature and talk with students about the latest books they've read. He encourages teachers to do the same.

Smith will leave his four-year principalship at Harrison at the end of the school year for a newly created administrative post in the Twin Falls School District. He

will be in charge of analyzing student scores on a variety of standardized tests and helping schools figure out ways to improve instruction.

"There seems to be more and more emphasis from the community - that they care about these test scores," School Board

Chairwoman Vera Rothmann said.

That has placed more pressure on teachers, and district leaders thought helping them in that direction wasn't a bad idea, she said.

The district is sending lower students at Harrison reading below grade level. Superintendent

Therrell Dominick said. Three times more Harrison alumni are involved in higher math when they reach junior high than students from other elementary schools.

The district wants Smith to manage student achievement data and work with teachers on instructional strategies, as he has done at Harrison, Dominick said.

Other schools perform well on standardized tests, Rothman said. But Harrison's test scores jumped a couple of years ago, through the smelly efforts under Smith's direction.

"I see him as a resource, someone who can go in and make a provable statement and a spark," Rothmann said.

It's impossible to change an entire school at once, Smith said. So Harrison focused on improving math skills first.

Harrison students have regular math lessons but take a few minutes



Jacaria's South comforts her daughter Dee Ann Wright at the burn center in Columbus Augusta Medical Center March 12 in Augusta, Ga. Dee Ann was severely burned in February when an electrical spark ignited a living room love seat.

Burning sofa foam still causes deaths, 27 years after lawmakers debate issue

The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. - Karen Wright spent her last moments huddled in the bathtub of her mobile home, breathing poison.

The room-sizer escaped the flames that started when an electrical spark ignited a living room love seat. But she couldn't breathe the swirl of deadly cyanide gas and carbon monoxide that forms when foam inside sofas and chair cushions burns.

The poisonous cloud killed her 13-year-old sister, Dee Ann, unconscious within reach of the front door. Those, the intense heat from two flaming cushions, smoldered in her living room. Since the Feb. 4, 1972, blaze, she has remained in an Augusta hospital, her hands and feet gone, her lungs scarred, her hearing failing, and her body doped for months with pig and cat hair skin until doctors could graft her

razor-grown skin.

Karen and Dee Ann never knew a sofa could burn as easily as gasoline.

The government did.

Federal regulators and furniture makers have known for more than two decades that the foam in most sofa cushions is highly flammable, emits deadly gases when it burns and kills hundreds of Americans each year.

Firefighters call the foam "solid gasoline." For decades federal prisons, airline regulators and the state of California have outlawed furniture that isn't fire-retardant. But after 27 years, the federal government is still working on a rule that would give similar protection to the rest of the nation.

Due to lobbying by the furniture industry and a congressman from a furniture town, it won't be enacted this year either.

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Refugees flood Albania

NATO: Milosevic is losing battle

BELGRADE Yugoslavia - NATO's commander bluntly told Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic on Saturday to change his policies in Kosovo or see his military machine destroyed.

Rain, hunger and exhaustion lashed at tens of thousands of Kosovo refugees driven from homes in the province and seeking safety in Macedonia or Albania.



Wesley Clark

"President Milosevic is losing, and he knows he's losing," said Gen. Wesley Clark, NATO's supreme allied commander in Europe, warning that NATO troops in Macedonia.

And if he doesn't change his policies, we're going to destroy those things that President Milosevic values.

Hours later, NATO launched its 25th night of bombing. Missiles struck a major refinery in Yugoslavia's second largest city, Belgrade, described as the strongest attack so far of the air campaign. At least two missiles struck the refinery, the state-run Tanjug news agency said.

Targets also were hit around Belgrade. Yugoslav media reported several food explosions in the city and that NATO warplanes were swarming over the capital. Serb authorities said a 3-year-old girl was killed in an attack in Batujina, about 12 miles north of Belgrade, where a military airfield is located.

NATO planes targeted the Valjevo area about 50 miles southwest of Belgrade and two missiles struck in the Belgrade suburb of Rakovica, Yugoslav media said.

Meanwhile, NATO on Saturday disclosed what it said was more proof of human rights abuses in Kosovo, showing reporters aerial photos of what it claimed may be up to 150 fresh graves near the town of Izbica.

It's clear that there is mounting evidence of detentions, summary executions and mass graves," NATO spokesman Jay Shea told reporters in Brussels, Belgium.

Shea said that based on refugee accounts, about 3,200 ethnic Albanians had been slain by Serbs in the province in the past several weeks. He stressed the figures could not be verified, but added "a great deal of killing has been taking place in Kosovo."

Clark, who traveled to Italy later Saturday, told reporters at the Aviano air base that NATO will have to continue its ethnic cleansing on a "staggering" scale, with pilots reporting villages in flames throughout Kosovo.

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NATION



Neighbors help search for valuables next to a charred lawn jockey in the remains of George and Idamaye Cooksey's home Saturday in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Residents searched through the ashes of their burned-out neighborhood hoping to find anything worth salvaging, while dense smoke rose from huge fires elsewhere in the state.

Homes of ashes await fire victims

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) — Residents searched through the ashes of their burned-out neighborhood Saturday, hoping to find anything worth salvaging, while dense smoke rose from huge fires elsewhere in the state.

Idamaye and George Cooksey, helped by several neighbors, found a diamond ring that Mrs. Cooksey had inherited. "Can you believe that?" asked Mrs. Cooksey, 73, as her neighbors applauded.

But that was the only bright spot. The only other recognizable remains of their three-bedroom house were a shower pipe and the remains of appliances. Florida's biggest fire on Saturday burned 35,000 acres of sawgrass in the Everglades, 45 miles north of Miami.

Smoke from that blaze darkened the sky over Miami, forcing motorists in the city to turn on their headlights, and closing part of Interstate 75, one of two roads that connects the east and west coasts of Florida's southern peninsula.

However, no homes or buildings were threatened

by the flames, said David Stull, a Division of Forestry ranger.

Fires were also reported in Miami-Dade County, threatening buildings in a suburban neighborhood. Firefighters in the Florida Panhandle bulldozed brush to protect homes near the town of Gulf Breeze from a 10-acre fire.

The 545-acre blaze that destroyed 43 homes in Port St. Lucie and damaged 33 others late Thursday was under control, but there was little change in the drought and high wind that fanned the fire.

Thunderstorms passed over the region, but were not expected to produce enough rain to significantly cut the fire threat. And the storms carried the threat of lightning that could start more fires.

Beyond Saturday, no rain is expected for six to 10 days.

More than 2,450 fires have burned 60,166 acres this year, including 30 that covered more than 2,500 acres on Friday, said Barbara Doran, spokeswoman for the state Emergency Operations Center.

Gore suffers from fallout of scandal

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For the first time since the Monica S. Lewinsky scandal broke, Vice President Gore appears to be suffering the political fallout of President Clinton's scandal, according to a new nonpartisan poll.

The survey by the Pew Research Center found Gore's popularity declining sharply by as much as 10 percent because many Americans have a negative view of Clinton and they are exhausted by a series of Clinton administration controversies.

In test matchups, Democrat Gore lost to two Republicans — Elizabeth Dole, former president of the American Red Cross, and George W. Bush, the governor of Texas.

But it is the underlying data that are more alarming for the vice president.

They show Gore is being damaged by Clinton's misdeeds and that the vice president cannot count on women — the heart of Clinton's electoral strength — to help carry him to victory in 2000.

Star may offer probe to Justice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kenneth Starr is raising the possibility he might turn over parts of his criminal investigation of the Clintons to the Justice Department when the independent counsel law expires June 30.

If the law is not renewed, an independent counsel is required to "make a determination as to whether his continuation with matters in his jurisdiction is required," Starr said in an interview Friday with The Associated Press.

GOP budget pushes for lower taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican-led budget plan passed by Congress would cut most Americans' taxes while spending more on Social Security, education and national defense, GOP Sen. Spencer Abraham said Saturday.

The Michigan Republican, delivering the GOP's weekly radio address, said the party's agenda "will help our families and our children face the future with optimism and confidence."

The \$1.74 trillion spending plan for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1 places overall limits on the detailed tax and spending bills lawmakers will write, then try to persuade the White House to accept. Congress passed the legislation Thursday.

Tax breaks in the plan are meant to keep Americans from having to "work nearly three hours out of an eight-hour day just to pay taxes," Abraham said.

The GOP plan sets aside for tax cuts \$20 billion over the next five years, which would not be connected to Social Security.

"It's your money, and Republicans will work to give tax relief to as many taxpayers as possible," Abraham said.

Clinton wants more closely targeted cuts, largely for lower and middle-income Americans.

Abraham said the GOP budget would preserve for Social Security alone the trust funds plus generated by the nation's retirement program. It also would increase education spending by \$21 billion over the next five years, much more than Clinton proposed.

Clinton aims to protect elderly from telemarketers

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton appealed to Congress Saturday to enact legislation to stop telemarketers from preying on the elderly, declaring that fraudulent business deals offered by telephone pose "the greatest threat that many older Americans face."

In his weekly radio address, the president said Americans lose an estimated \$40 billion a year to telephone scammers and more than half the victims are older than 50. "That's like a fraud tax aimed directly at senior citizens," Clinton said.

The president said he will propose legislation next month that would give the Justice Department authority to terminate telephone service if federal agents find evidence of an illegal telemarketing scheme or have learned of plans to start one. "This new law will send a message to telemarketers: If you prey on older Americans, we will cut off your phone lines and shut you down," he said.

Clinton said his legislation also would strengthen the ability of federal agents to file criminal charges against nursing home operators who are suspected of neglecting their patients.

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FOCUS: THE BALKANS CRISIS



Two boys received frost after arriving at the Albanian border of Kosovo Friday.

Rain and tragedy mean more misery for refugees

MORINI, Albania (AP)—In the driving rain of a spring thunderstorm, Adalina Regjepi's family added another milestone to the unbearable misery of this mountain border crossing from Kosovo to Albania.

Completing a cruel journey that began more than three weeks ago, their reunion Saturday with relatives who fled Kosovo previously should have been a moment of joy, or at least relief.

Instead, Regjepi and her aunt wailed with grief in the mumping cold after a cousin told them the news they had been feasting — he saw Regjepi's father and uncle lying dead back in their Kosovo home.

"All along I hoped he was alive," Regjepi cried. Her aunt, Myrveta Regjepi, repeatedly collapsed into convulsive sobs and was unable to answer questions.

They were two of the thousands of refugees making the woolly passage into Albania on Saturday, many with little more than the clothes they wore. Relief officials call it the start of the second huge wave of refugees to flee Albania from Kosovo, fleeing or forced out by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's forces.

More than 10,000 new refugees arrived by Saturday evening, bringing the total since Friday morning to more than 18,000. A long line of vehicles stretched back into Serbia, and those waiting in said many thousands more were on the road toward the border.

"We've stopped interviewing people because we are overwhelmed," said U.N. refugee agency spokesman Jacques Franquin. Some 12,000-14,000 have crossed Kosovo's eastern border into Macedonia over the last two days, according to U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees spokeswoman Paula Ghebini. At Morini, those who arrived crammed-in wagons pulled by tractors or on foot told of more



Adalina Regjepi, 18, from the Kosovo village of Selina, weeps after learning that her father and uncle had been killed by Serb forces after her departure.

killings, rapes and beatings by Serb paramilitary forces waging a campaign to purge Kosovo of its ethnic Albanian majority. A howling wind tore plastic sheeting off wagons and brought dark, thundering rain clouds that drenched everyone and everything, compounding the suffering.

"The Regjepis seemed to have avoided such overt brutality. They crossed the border at midmorning and saw their cousins waiting just

a few yards away. Smiles and embraces ended quickly. Myrveta and Adalina began crying, and even the embraces of loved ones couldn't console them.

Their story began March 25, when the Serb irregulars came to the village of Selina.

"We had been hiding in the store room. They separated the women and children and took the men," including her father, Dergut, and his brother, Naim, Adalina said. "That was the last we saw them."

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Valley Will Allen Will has served as Student Body President as well as other student government positions. He has been very active in 4-H and has received many awards through 4-H.	Murtaugh Lindsay Ward Throughout high school, Lindsay has been involved in volleyball, basketball and track. The past year she is serving as Student Body President and is a member of Honor Society and BPA. Lindsay plans to study economics in college.	Magic Valley Jennifer Hopperstead Jennifer is the class salutatorian and a member of the National Honor Society. She currently is attending CSI while still attending high school. She plans on pursuing a career in psychology after attending the San Francisco State Institute.
Buhl Carrie Williamson Carrie is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She has participated in volleyball, basketball and track through high school. Carrie is an active member of her church and plans to attend BSU the fall majoring in biology/pre med.	Oakley Tamara Fehlmann Tamara has served in many student government positions and is currently Student Body President. She has been a member of the Oregon State and has been in several plays and competitions. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a honor roll student.	Mini-Cassida Op. Center Mason Davis Mason participated in an academic improvement program offered to turn the students into the Army officer and has received others in community and graduation and attending college during his enrollment.
Twin Falls Rob McMillen Rob has been named in Who's Who Among American High School Students and a University of Idaho Top Scholar. He has received his Eagle Scout and has been active in many sports.	Minico Lisa Poote In high school Lisa has learned what it means to be a true leader. She has participated in many community activities which have helped her awareness of the many opportunities available to her and to develop her own talents.	Burley David Plotts David is a three sport athlete and participates in band and cheer. He has been part in student government and has served others in community and church activities. David is an Eagle Scout and plans to attend Biola Bible College.
CSI Anna Jones Anna has been involved in many organizations at CSI. She has served as Student Body Vice President and has been on the Board of Trustees. Anna was instrumental in coordinating the Holocaust Awareness at CSI this year.	Raft River Shilo Ward Shilo has been very active in sports including volleyball, basketball and soccer. She is also a member of the Oregon State and has been in several plays and competitions. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a honor roll student.	Declo Wendy Howard Wendy is interested in a career as a pharmacist. To prepare for this she has been working as a Certified Nursing Assistant. She has been accepted to Idaho State University where she will pursue a Pharmacy degree.
Kimberly Maggie Hopwood Maggie has been very involved in student and community organizations. Most significantly is the School of Leadership 4-H Club. She has been a member for 10 years and has served in many leadership roles.	Filer Katie Eisenhauer Katie is Filer High School's Senior Class President and is serving her second year as leader of the yearbook. Planning to attend CSI in the fall and work a degree in business and communications.	Jerome Sean Vargas Sean has been active in many sports and has been named as a letterman in basketball, volleyball and soccer. He is currently attending the University of Idaho with his major in Ornamental Horticulture and a minor in Landscape Architecture with a minor in.
Hagerman Jacob Lemmon Jacob is an active member of BPA and other organizations. He has received many letters in football, basketball and soccer. He is currently attending an Idaho college and plans to major in business or science.	T.F. Christian Academy Matthew Jones Matthew has been on numerous honor rolls in school and was selected participating all year for 1999. He has been very active in sports and has one MVP in both basketball and soccer.	Bliss Tara Britzandine Tara is currently serving as Senior Class President as well as her school's National Honor Society President. She has been active in creating the marching band and has been selected as the past two years. Tara plans on attending college and plans to major in Accounting.
Castleford Anna Scholfield Anna is serving as the student body salutatorian and is the President of the National Honor Society. She is also active in FFA and is a member of the National Student Leadership Conference. She plans on continuing her education at Idaho College in Dental Hygiene.	Jackpot Elizabeth Perez Elizabeth has participated in many leadership positions and is currently Vice President of Student Council and a member of Honor Society, FFA, and Business. She plans to attend CSI.	Magic Valley Gabrielle Davis Gabrielle has been active in student council and has been named as a letterman in basketball, volleyball and soccer. She plans to attend Washington State University and major in Marine Biology.
Hansen Megan Freestone Megan has lettered in several sports including basketball, volleyball and soccer. She is also a volunteer and plans on attending Southern Utah University the fall. She is majoring in Chemistry and Biology and plans to go to medical school.	Wendell Kelly Pugh Kelly has served in many leadership roles including Student Body Vice President, Student Council and Basketball Captain and Seminary Vice President. She will attend college the fall and pursue a degree in Dietetics.	Gooding Jennifer Loveland Jennifer lettered in Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball. She is currently serving as a letterman in Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball. She plans to attend college and major in Business Administration.

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FOCUS: THE BALKANS CRISIS

Troops leave Mountain Home for Kosovo

'Super patriot' hard-liners dominate Yugoslav rhetoric

By Bill Glauber
The Baltimore Sun

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — When Miodrag Vujanovic stands off on NATO's war with Yugoslavia, he slips into his television studio and lets out a roar.

During periodic 15-minute screeds on his TV Palma station, the bearded, fiery-eyed 43-year-old has castigated Western leaders, derided NATO and growled: "Only dead Americans are good Americans."

For Vujanovic and other hard-liners, these are bullish times, for the war fever has emboldened Serbia's super patriots.

With political debate extinguished and even opponents of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic rallying to the country's cause, nationalists and other government supporters are dominating the airwaves and newspapers.

In a country at war, the true believers toe the government line, and they some.

For them, there is little doubt over how this war will end — with a Serb victory over a humiliated NATO.

"They believe that their cause is just and that Kosovo and its treasury of Orthodox churches and monasteries must remain part of Serbia. And they vehemently deny that Serbian security forces are engaged in an ethnic cleansing campaign to rid Kosovo of its ethnic Albanian population."

To many here, the war is about a little country backed into a corner by misguided outsiders and the combined might of NATO. They claim that few outside the Balkans understand the region, its politics and its bloody, centuries-old rivalries. And they maintain that the Serbs are willing to fight to the last man.

"The Serb war aims are simple," said Vujanovic, a lawyer turned TV station owner. "We are defending our country and Kosovo is ours. Albanians are our citizens. They cannot just take our land and take it with them to Albania."

Like many others here, Vujanovic seems to be daring NATO to send ground troops to Serbia, Yugoslavia's dominant republic.

"The war will be ended when



A young spectator waves at the start of the 5-kilometer fun run, a side show to the 12th Zagreb Marathon, in the Serbian capital Saturday. About two dozen runners took part in the main marathon followed by hundreds in the fun run. The organizers of the annual marathon went ahead with the race despite NATO restrictions against Yugoslavia.

you run out of bullets," Vujanovic said. "I am not willing to come with ground troops that I am willing to risk my own well-being back alive. You are only brave if you are only brave in fairy tales."

"Yugoslav nationalists carry signs outside the embassy. But they are only slightly more bellicose than the normal citizens where the main news agency, Tanjug, refers to President Clinton as 'Criminal Clinton.'"

"The main line of international control," said Vujanovic, "is the moderate, Democratic Party of Serbia. If a party is moderate, people will gather around it in a heartbeat."

And the moderate media are one way to impose order is with tough talk. "When you talk the war

draws on, the rhetoric grows more heated."

Yugoslav Foreign Minister spokesman Nebojsa Vujanovic brushed aside a peace initiative from Germany and made clear that Yugoslavia "is ready to defend itself in air, on land at sea."

The changing war aims in recent days alarmed Yugoslavia's Deputy Prime Minister, Vuk Draskovic, a nationalist who has taken more moderate positions.

Draskovic told a news conference, "Someone is now formulating new objectives, that we must bear bombs, that we have to be victims of aggression and crimes until we see Europe free until we crush NATO, until we create a new United Nations and crush the New World Order."

MOUNTAIN HOME (AP) — A C-5 Galaxy transport left the Mountain Home Air Force Base with 73 men and women who will join NATO forces bombing Yugoslavia.

The men and women were flying Friday to an undisclosed location, their orders say, up to 179 days. Most are members of the 22nd Air Refueling Squadron, the "Mules" that will refuel NATO bombers and fighters for attacks on Serbian targets.

The squadron's KC-135s do not fly over danger zones. Instead, refueling planes come to meet them.

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Relief worker helps parents find daughters

By Gregory Katz
The Dallas Morning News

SKOPJE, Macedonia — A wonderful thing happened to Agif and Xhevrije Bafiu on Saturday. A volunteer aid worker walked into their house and told them how they could locate three of their daughters.

Two hours later, there was a joyous reunion at the Bojana refugee camp when Mrs. Bafiu — tears streaming freely — accepted her three girls and refused to let them go.

"I have no words to explain how happy I feel right now," she said.

"It has been two weeks since I've seen them and I thought they were dead."

The family had been separated two weeks ago after Bafiu, suffering from acute chest pains, was evacuated from a border camp along with his wife, leaving the couple's four daughters behind.

The family had fled Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, in a frenzied bid to escape rampaging Serb forces.

They made it out of Kosovo but got stuck in the no-man's-land separating Yugoslavia from Macedonia for five terrifying days, leading to their father's collapse.

Not the oldest sister, 23-year-old Embresha, became ill and was evacuated as well, leaving 20-year-old Fijnete, in charge of her two younger sisters, Shipa, 15, and Vanida, 13.

They ended up in Kosovo camp, unable to find their parents and unsure if their mother and father had survived — until Saturday afternoon, when their mother came to the camp to bring them to their temporary home.

"Damn, damn," was all Fijnete could say as she kissed her mother once on each cheek while her uncle completed the paperwork necessary to liberate the girls from the cold, crowded camp.

It took them less than five minutes to pack their belongings and say goodbye to their friends.

Survivor tells horrific tale of executions and escape

The Washington Post

TRANJA, Albania — In an empty farm shed in the northern Kosovo village of Velika Krcina, Selami Elshani asked one of the front paramilitaries standing in front of him and 34 other ethnic Albanian men if he had children.

"Yes," the Serb replied.

"Please think about our children," pleaded Elshani. The paramilitary, carrying an automatic rifle and wearing a light green uniform with white epaulettes and "Policija" written in white letters on his back, shook his head and said, "It doesn't interest me."

Another paramilitary said, "Let's start."

Within moments, 34 of the 35 men were dead, all except Elshani. The Serbs threw straw on the pile of bullet-riddled corpses, doused them with gasoline and set them on fire.

Three weeks later, in Tirana's Central University Hospital, Elshani eased himself into a sitting position, using his elbows to avoid leaning on his heavily bandaged hands. His face, once angular and bronzed, was destroyed; lips reduced to pus and scabs; bloody sores bubbling from his singed hair to under his chin; cheeks dried white and black; bandages, streaked red by blood and yellow by urine, wrap-

ping his chest and arms. Elshani's grandmother, an 86-year-old woman from the local town, was determined Elshani would be safe; how she meant to ensure that was unclear.

On March 25, the day after NATO announced its bombing of Yugoslavia, about 20 people from the same extended family gathered in the house of Elshani's uncle.

Early in the morning, by Yugoslav forces, the 18 fighting-age men in the group fled to a riverbank to hide.

By 10 a.m., the villagers were surrounded by Yugoslav forces, and by noon, according to reports, they were discovered and ordered to strip down to their loincloths.

After three hours, the men were ordered to stand and were asked why they were from Velika Krcina. When they replied, Elshani suggested, "I thought they would have been from here," he said.

They were marched 50 yards to a small, abandoned farm animal shed that was empty, except for straw on the floor.

Elshani said the corner, the men changed their clothes.

"We asked them to see us first," said Elshani, who was standing in the corner of the shed. "We said, 'We have some medicine.'"

"I said, 'Listen, in there are some pills from the hospital. We're not doctors.'"

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NATION

State lotteries face economic squeeze from competition

WASHINGTON (AP) — After decades of remarkable growth, lottery sales are slipping because of competition from video gaming and casinos.

Lotteries have been around longer than the American flag. In fact, the Virginia Company of London launched raffles in 1612 to raise money for the English colony in Jamestown.

For the most part, lotteries have flourished in this country since the late 1960s; 37 states and the District of Columbia now have them.

But 17 of the lotteries reported decreased sales in 1997, and 10 went down last year compared to 1997.

Hailed as a pain-free alternative to taxes and derided as government-sponsored vice, lotteries are feeling the squeeze of market and political forces. Overall ticket sales grew by only 0.4 percent last year, the smallest increase since state introduced lotteries three decades ago, according to LaFleur's Lottery World, which tracks such statistics.

Meanwhile, a national panel on gambling appears poised to call for restrictions on the types of innovation and promotion that states use to pull their lotteries out of the doldrums.

"It is a difficult time," said Terri LaFleur, who publishes the magazine that carries her name. "Sales are beginning to mature in a number of states, but many lotteries are not allowed to expand. As a result of other gambling opportunities out there — casinos, video gaming machines at racetracks — there is a lot of competition for gambling dollars."

Consistent in the United States as recently as 1963, state lotteries had mushroomed into a \$35 billion business by last year.

However, there are signs that public interest is waning as states try to squeeze more profit out of the games.

In Louisiana, for instance, lottery sales dropped for four straight years before rebounding in 1998. Texas, sales dropped from \$3.76 billion in 1997 to \$3.1 billion in 1998. Lottery officials blame a 1997 legislative change that cut the prize payout on scratch-off games to increase the state's profit.

David B. Gale, executive director of the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries, attributes slumping sales in part to "jackpot fatigue."

In 1984, when he was marketing "directors" for the Ohio Lottery, "everybody went crazy for a \$1 million jackpot, including the media," he said. "Today, it seems there is a three-out-of-them-about-\$20-\$25-million when the players become interested in the games and the media gets interested in covering it."

Lotteries have responded, by joining forces to create multi-state games like Powerball, which last year awarded a record \$257 million jackpot to a group of machineists from Ohio, and the Big Game.

But further efforts to boost slumping sales could be hindered by the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, which is to release a report in June.

Commission members say they were struck by the findings of Duke University professors Charles Clabfelter and Phillip Crook, authors of a 1989 book, on lotteries called "Selling Hope." Their study found that 5 percent of lottery players account for 91 percent of sales and spend an average of \$3,500 a year on tickets.

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Exhibit highlights Georgia O'Keeffe and the 'poetry of things'



Georgia O'Keeffe's 1925 oil-on-canvas "Black and Purple Petunia" is part of an exhibit at Washington's Phillips Collection until July 18. The exhibit, entitled "Georgia O'Keeffe: The Poetry of Things," will then travel to Santa Fe, Dallas and San Francisco.

WASHINGTON (AP) — For some artists beauty is in the landscape. Others specialize in portraits. Georgia O'Keeffe, America's best-known female painter, found her inspiration in "things" — the sensuous fold of a flower, the stark, dry bones of an animal, a black door.

An exhibit opened Saturday using 69 paintings to try to explain the why and how of her work. The Phillips Collection, the first U.S. museum to buy an O'Keeffe, more than 70 years ago, calls its show "The Poetry of Things." Later the paintings — plates, vases, animal bones — will visit the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, N.M., and two other museums in the West.

Painting still life is an old tradition and O'Keeffe won her first prize at 21. But she moved a long way from that to the rest of her 58 years. For a while, she did abstract pictures, lines, colors and forms with mysterious titles like "Spa-

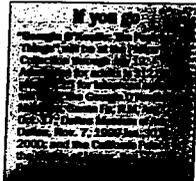
cial XVII." O'Keeffe could be impatient with critics of that work.

"A thing is just a thing, she explained, and has no artistic value until an artist expresses it in a certain way and — of prime importance — her color. "Nothing is less real than reality," she wrote. "Details are confusing. It is only by selection, by elimination, by emphasis that we get at the real meaning of things." She moved to painting flowers, hugely magnified flowers,

"yard-wide lilies" said one critic. Mexican artist Miguel Covarrubias caricatured her as "Our Lady of the Lily."

It was the early 1920s. Sigmund Freud was riding a wave of popularity and many people saw sexual images in the depictions of O'Keeffe's flowers. She was impatient with that, too.

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Dalai Lama urges education of the heart, not just mind

MIAMI (AP) — The Dalai Lama told a university audience that Americans generally pay plenty of attention to education of the mind, but fail to focus on education of the heart. "Teaching compassion is not like teaching history," he said Friday. "We must have a sense of caring for one another." Tibet's 63-year-old spiritual leader, who often calls himself a simple Buddhist monk, visited Florida International University to receive an honorary degree in divinity. The Dalai Lama gently criticized U.S. militarism during his visit, offering suggestions on how to create a happier, more peaceful world. An audience of nearly 5,000 people responded with applause, and some tears, when he said the United States still has an "old conception" of international relations based on the use of force.

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NATION

Change of plans

As gas prices soar, some reconsider vacations

NEW YORK (AP) — Pamela Williams and her husband have been planning a summer vacation drive from their home in Philadelphia to Virginia Beach, Va., and New Orleans.

But after watching gas prices soar roughly 25 percent over the past six weeks, they've begun checking out train schedules.

Mrs. Williams said it was inevitable that the price would go up. "But I didn't think it would go up so fast and so much," she added.

Petroleum industry leaders say prices are merely returning to normal after months of unprecedented lows, but the sharp rise has provoked some Americans to change their vacation plans.

The latest nationwide review of 10,000 gas stations by the authoritative Lundberg Survey showed the average price was nearly \$1.23 a gallon. Three weeks ago, it was \$1.09, and in late February a stunning low 99¢ cents.

California, where heavy demand and extra environmental regulations make gas especially expensive, has experienced the sharpest rise. Premium prices are now flirting with the \$2 mark, prompting state Attorney General Bill Lockyer to open an investigation into what he calls price gouging by oil companies.

The big jumps were fueled by a combination of events: OPEC cuts in crude oil production, fires at California refineries and heavy travel during the Easter holiday.

Nell Crawford of Los Angeles drives a Volkswagen, but a few months ago, she and her husband found themselves tempted by trendy sport utility vehicles.

"My husband said, 'No way. These things are gas guzzlers. What are we going to do when gas prices go up?'" she said. "And sure enough, they did."

Now, she says they'll stick to the Volkswagen — no bargain at the pump, but more efficient than an SUV.

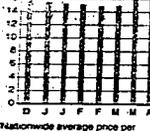
Fernando Mercado of Los Angeles drives a Ford Expedition

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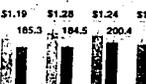
Dec. 18	\$15.53
April 9	\$18.42



*Nationwide average price per gallon, all grades
Source: Lundberg Survey Inc.
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Summer gas prices vs. summer travel*

■ Average gas price
■ Number of summer auto travelers, in millions



*A traveler is considered a driver or passenger traveling 100 miles or more from home.
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SUV, but he said his family has curtailed the use of their second, smaller car. Now he, his wife and their three children pile into one car for trips to school and work.

"We have two cars, but now it's like we only have one. Even though it is an Expedition, it is cheaper than filling up another gas tank," said Mercado.

Some drivers say they won't change their behavior unless prices rise much higher. Steven Melatis, who works in Manhattan, drives about 20 miles to work nearly every day from his home in northern New Jersey. He said he doesn't want to rely on buses or carpools.

"I have four kids," he said. "If I need to get home quickly for a game or a concert, I like having that freedom."

Modest increases in the price of gas rarely influence commuters to give up their daily drive, said Jean Stimolo, executive director of RideWorks Commuter Transportation Services, a New Haven, Conn., car pool coordinator.

"If it goes up a dollar a gallon, I think we'll see a change," she said. "But it's a good economy. Maybe people are less sensitive to gas prices."

Some industry experts said drivers angered by the recent price increase may have been lullid by the months of ultralow prices as an oversupply of oil forced refiners and dealers to cut prices.

"For a long time, it looked like prices would just remain low forever," said Roy Lindfield, executive director of the Service Station Dealers of America.

Navy honors Churchill with warship

BATH, Maine (AP) — A U.S. Navy destroyer was launched Saturday bearing the name of former British prime minister Sir Winston Churchill — an honor rarely afforded foreigners.

Lady Soames, the former British leader's only living child, joined U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen, British Defense Minister George Robertson and other Churchill relatives to watch the 505-foot warship Winston S. Churchill slide down a grassed ramp at the Bath Iron Works into the Kennebec River.

"The naming of this ship is very special and stands out in a class of its own," said Soames, 76,

the youngest of his five children. Cohen said a crowd of about 6,500 that Churchill "gave the world hope in the darkest hours and helped shape the world that we know today."

Two peace activists, a man and a woman, were arrested after attempting to shout down Cohen and Maine Gov. Angus King during each of their remarks. They were released by local police after being charged with disorderly conduct.

Churchill served as Britain's first prime minister from 1940 to 1945 and from 1951 to 1955. He was named during the early days of World War II that his country would never fall to Germany.

"We shall defend our island whatever the cost may be," he told the House of Commons while the specter of German invasion loomed. "We shall fight on beaches, on landing grounds, in fields, in streets and on the hills. We shall never surrender."

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"It would be nice if someone else never had to go through this," said Dee Ann and Karen's mother, Jeannie South, who quit her job to spend each day in Dee Ann's hospital room, caregiving and reading to a child who cries and speaks only in rare monosyllabic words.

"Sometimes all you need is a chance. My room was closed off, so I had a chance," she said. "They didn't."

The blaze that swept their North Augusta, S.C., home is all too common. Each year about 10,000 fires start in upholstered furniture, causing more than 500 deaths, 1,100 injuries and more than \$150 million in property loss, according to federal fire statistics. Those fires account for one in four fire deaths and kill more Americans than chain saws, off-road vehicles or any of the 15,000 other products regulated by the Consumer Products Safety Commission.

"The reason lies inside the cushions of millions of chairs and sofas. What gives 90 percent of upholstered furniture its softness is polyurethane foam, a spongy material that's much less expensive than down but is created from a petroleum base that makes it highly flammable.

"When it burns, it spreads in seconds and radiates an intense heat that can roast flesh, even if the victim isn't touched by the flame. After the fire at Dee Ann and Karen's house was over, a stack of compact disks lay melted on Karen's dresser in a room the fire never reached. Dee Ann was in the blazing living room.

"The foam also gives off a deadly cloud of poisonous gases. Among them: carbon monoxide, the lethal vapor Dr. Jack Kevorkian used to help patients commit suicide, and cyanide, the gas used to execute prisoners in some states.

No warning labels are required to notify consumers of the danger. The strongest warnings are on labels the public never sees.

At the urging of state fire marshals, the Consumer Products Safety Commission has drafted a regulation to require upholstered furniture to meet minimum fire-retardant standards. If the agency's three commissioners vote to approve it, the rule would have the force of law. As it stands, the draft rule would require furniture fabrics to resist an open flame for 20 seconds.

This extra safety comes at a price — the cost of three pizzas. Furniture makers could meet the planned rule for \$22 to \$28 per sofa, the agency says. Treating a dining room chair would cost \$4 to \$6.

"That's a small price to pay for the life of a child," said Ann Brown, chairwoman of the consumer protection agency.

Requiring all furniture in the United States to meet the standard would cost the \$16 billion retail furniture industry \$460 million to \$720 million, regulators say, although some of the cost might be passed along to the consumer.

Furniture makers don't quarrel with those numbers, but say there



Karen Wright, left, and her sister Dee Ann Wright are shown in this undated family photo.

are better, cheaper ways to cut furniture fires, like requiring smoke detectors in every home.

"There's a recognition in our industry that we produce one of the products that's involved in residential fires," said Russell Batson, spokesman for the American Furniture Manufacturers Association. "But it is worth questioning whether there are approaches that, while not product-specific, would have a broader impact. ... For better or for worse, we're living in a universe of finite resources."

The reason the federal government hasn't given consumers the same fire protection it gives prisoners lies in Washington and in furniture-making towns like High Point, N.C., and Tupelo, Miss.

As the federal government considered regulations in the 1970s, the furniture industry sought to avoid them by creating a voluntary standard. It requires that furniture fabrics resist smoldering cigarettes, but not fires from matches and other open flames.

Although only about 250 of the nation's 1,500 furniture makers and importers agreed to it, consumer regulators say 83 percent of furniture complies. The industry says it's 92 percent.

Deaths from furniture fires started by cigarettes and cigars

fell from 1,150 in 1980 to 410 in 1994. But the number of deaths related to furniture set afire by open flames such as matches, candles and cigarette lighters has changed little in the last two decades, with nearly 100 dying and 460 becoming injured yearly in 3,100 such fires.

There may be another problem with the voluntary rule: Federal researchers found that chemicals used on fabrics to resist smoldering embers of cigarettes might actually make fires from open flames faster, hotter and more toxic.

When federal regulators used those numbers in considering the fire safety rule, they adopted California's standard nationally, furniture makers turned to Congress. They appealed to Rep. Roger Wicker, a Republican from Tupelo, where furniture makers employ more workers than any other industry.

Wicker inserted a clause in a congressional bill last summer,

forbidding the safety commission from setting a furniture standard until the National Academy of Sciences conducts a study on whether fire-retardant chemicals are safe for workers and consumers. The commission already did that study, identifying at least five chemicals that could be used that are not considered hazardous by the Environmental Protection Agency. The academy's results are expected in January.

Wicker said he didn't trust the CPSC. He said he's worried about safety and the environment.

Mr. Brown points out that Wicker hasn't been a leader among environmentalists. The League of Conservation Voters has consistently given Wicker among the lowest ratings in Congress for his votes on environmental issues.

"This is a congressman responding more to the special interests of his constituents than to the health and safety needs of

American's families," Mr. Brown said.

The furniture industry is clearly behind Wicker.

Since Wicker was elected in 1994 he has received \$29,200 from furniture makers. His top contributors over the past two years have been the American Furniture Manufacturers' Association, which gave him \$5,000.

"I'll call on with them to be the

thousands — thousands — of upholstered furniture workers throughout the country who want to work in a safe place. ... They want to have confidence that they don't have an increased risk of cancer." ...

Furniture makers have been even more generous to federal lawmakers and their political allies at large — giving \$4.1 million since 1991, an amount equal to Dee Ann Wright's medical bills so far.

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WORLD

Protesters, police clash in Malaysian antigovernment march

KEALTA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Rioting riot police fired water cannons and tear gas at hundreds of demonstrators and clashed with stone-throwing youths in anti-government protests Saturday.

The demonstrations against Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed have moved to the capital since a judge sentenced Malaysia's ousted No. 2 leader, Anwar Ibrahim, to prison on Wednesday to six years in prison.

Anwar's police repeatedly ordered protesters to disperse but they ignored the warnings. When police surged towards them, swinging wooden clubs, the protesters ran into darkened alleyways and alleys.

"Down with Mahathir! Long live Anwar!" the demonstrators cried, punching their flag in the air.

Anwar was sacked as deputy last September by Mahathir, and had millions demanding reform, before being arrested on charges of corruption and illegal sex acts. Anwar has repeatedly denied the charges, accusing Mahathir of plotting to crush the challenge to his 15-year leadership.



Police arrest a suspected pro-Anwar supporter during a protest denouncing the government of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed at Kampung Baru in downtown Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Saturday.

Mexican presidential race grows crowded

MEXICO CITY — What could be Mexico's most open presidential race of the century has grown more crowded with a key Cabinet member's declaration he would like to be the country's next leader.

Interior Secretary Francisco Labastida on Friday joined three other candidates openly running for the governing party's nomination for the July 2000 election.

Their public campaign for the nomination is shattering the back-room politics of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, which has run Mexico since 1929. Traditionally, the president effectively picked his successor in office by naming the party's candidate.

This time, however, three candidates are already open campaigning after President Ernesto Zedillo insisted he would not impose a candidate and suggested a national primary to choose the party's nominee.

The three — former Interior Secretary Manuel Barrera Lobo, Tabasco state Gov. Roberto

Madrazo and former party leader Humberto Roque Villanueva — were meeting late Saturday with party President Jose Antonio Gonzalez Fernandez to discuss their complaints that Zedillo was trying to control the media.

80,000 tons of U.S. food aid arrive in Russia

MOSCOW — The latest shipment of U.S. food aid to Russia arrived in the Pacific port city of Vladivostok on Saturday, a news report said.

The 80,000 metric tons of wheat was to be unloaded under the supervision of U.S. officials, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The shipment is part of a \$50 million deal that the United States and Russia agreed upon after a financial crisis crippled the Russian economy in August. Also, drought last summer drastically reduced Russia's own harvest.

World in brief

U.S. officials have expressed concern about the potential for graft in the food aid deal, and have insisted on monitoring its distribution closely. Only a small amount of the aid has been delivered so far.

Explosion injures at least 38 in London market

LONDON — An explosion at a street market in south London injured more than three dozen people Saturday. Witnesses reported that many people were injured by flying nails and said the blast appeared to be caused by a bomb.

No deaths were reported, but Scotland Yard said some people had been seriously injured in

the explosion at 5:25 p.m. local time.

Police did not immediately confirm the cause of the explosion, and there were no reports of anyone claiming responsibility. Press Association, the British news agency, said police sources suggested the explosion was related to criminal activity, and not to politically motivated terrorism.

Completed from wire reports

Taliban militia slam Clinton's criticism

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban religiously warned President Clinton on Saturday that his criticism of Afghanistan's human rights record is damaging relations.

Clinton has been a strong critic of the Taliban's treatment of women and human rights in the United States wouldn't recognize the Taliban while the repression against women continued.

"The Clinton is a Muslim and doesn't know anything about Islam and Muslims."

Since taking control of the Afghan capital of Kabul in September 1996, the Taliban have forced women off the job, closed schools for girls and forced women to wear the all-enveloping burqa, which covers them from head to toe. They see through a mesh opening that shields their eyes.

In the 90 percent of Afghanistan ruled by the Taliban, women also are required to be accompanied by a male relative when traveling outside the home. Women are publicly beaten for fraternizing with a man other than a relative. A married woman found in the company of a man other than a relative or husband can be stoned to death.

U.S. fighter planes strike Iraqi targets

ANBARA, Turkey — U.S. fighter planes bombed anti-aircraft sites Saturday in northern Iraq, the first action in the area since the start of the war.

The targeted forces said four civilians died in the attacks and one was injured.

Israeli and U.S. planes have been bombing Iraqi defense sites in northern and southern Iraq since Iraq began challenging the no-fly zones in mid-December.



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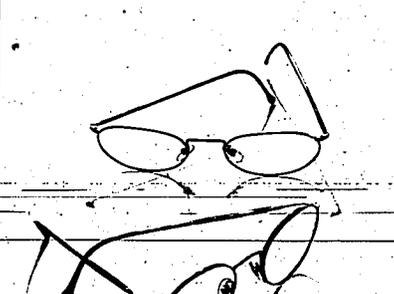
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Japanese question quality of care

Botched surgeries shift media focus to many problems

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Instead of fixing a 74-year-old man's heart problem, surgeons removed part of his right lung. Then they gave the 84-year-old with the lung problem heart surgery.

That's not all. Eight hours later, as the misidentified patients were receiving post-op transfusions, the hospital staff realized their error.

Fortunately, the patients both had the same type blood — or else the transfusions might have killed them, too.

Few cases of medical bungling in Japan have received as much publicity — or generated so much outrage — as this one at the Yokohama City University Hospital earlier this year.

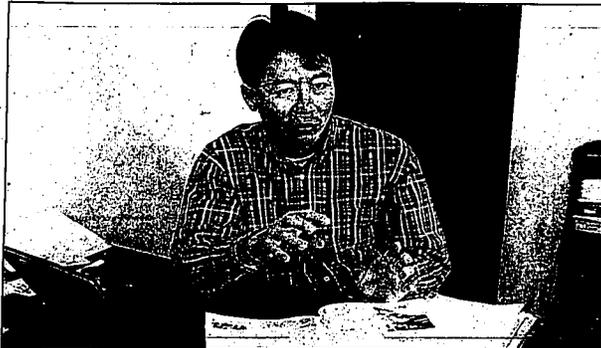
Many experts, however, say there is little being done to address the underlying problems: overworked doctors and a dangerously cavalier attitude toward the quality of care.

"Patients are treated like machine parts on a conveyor belt. Doctors often don't care about each patient, they don't even remember their faces," said Mikoto Kondo, a radiologist at Ruiso University Hospital, one of the best medical facilities in Japan.

Since the botched surgeries in this city just south of Tokyo were revealed in January, Japan's media has focused the national spotlight on similar, and at times worse, mistakes around the country.

In February, a 58-year-old housewife died after a nurse accidentally injected her with disinfectant instead of blood medication.

Also in February, a 61-year-old housewife went into shock after receiving transfusions of the



Shunya Ito, member of a civil group investigating medical errors, lost his 72-year-old father six years ago at a hospital an hour after beginning to receive an intravenous injection containing potassium, instead of a saline solution. He said, "We patients feel so intimidated that it's even difficult to ask doctors any questions."

wrong blood type. In March, a 7-year-old boy had to undergo an operation to remove part of a surgical instrument mistakenly left inside his skull. Doctors say fatigue from chronic overwork contributes to such errors.

And with advanced technology and the increasingly complex array of medications, a simple mistake like a wrong syringe can easily kill a patient.

But critics of the medical status quo in Japan say such problems would not be so bad if more was done to supervise the quality of doctors' performances.

Medical records, for example, are usually off-limits to patients. Doctors need not even renew their licenses. And rarely are mistakes made public — officials at the Yokohama hospital only acknowledged theirs after a

national newspaper reported them.

Shunya Ito, a member of Medico, a civil group investigating malpractice, said the medical community's treatment of patients reflects its hierarchical structure — with patients on the lowest rung.

"We patients feel so intimidated that it's even difficult to ask doctors any questions," he said. Ito's 72-year-old father died six years ago at a hospital an hour after beginning to receive an intravenous injection containing potassium.

To sued, and had medical experts say the injection may have contributed to his father's death.

The hospital denied any wrongdoing, and Ito lost the suit. Some members of the medical community say hospitals are often too concerned with protect-

ing their own reputations — at times resorting to illegal means.

Shigemitsu Oshida, professor of forensic medicine at Nihon University of Medicine, said hospitals routinely destroy evidence of operating room foul-ups.

"Japanese hospitals haven't tried to learn from mistakes," he said. "And by covering up, they fail to share valuable lessons."

Because of the secrecy and difficulty in obtaining documents, victims of hospital mistakes are rarely able to take legal action. But according to the latest Supreme Court statistics, more are willing to try. Malpractice suits have nearly doubled to 2,700 in 1998 from 1,508 cases 10 years ago.

Shamed into action, the government has formed an investigative panel and is expected to announce its recommendations later this month.

Look who's in the freezer

SINGAPORE (AP) — A group of adventurers is on tropical Singapore — just been — having themselves in a supermarket freezer room to prepare for their planned trek to the South Pole, a news report said Saturday.

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EDITORIAL

Fillmore extension may create winners and losers

Someday maybe sooner than later, Fillmore Street in Twin Falls will extend from Adair to become the north end of town. The questions are: Who will pay the cost? And how may life change along the new thoroughfare?

Fillmore's missing link is the stretch between Falls Avenue and College Road North. A private developer is proposing a 200,000-square-foot mall just west of the Falls. Hardison Ford Development and the city are willing to pay for the portion of Fillmore remaining alongside its land.

But the city of Twin Falls also wants to fill in the rest of the gap, stretching from the Turf Club southward through the College Street area to Idaho campus. Completing that leg of Fillmore is estimated as a \$400,000 job, and the city says the developer could kick in 25 percent - \$100,000.

The developer, Joe Russell, says he's game for \$500,000, even though that level of Fillmore won't touch his property.

"We feel we will substantially benefit from that street going in," Russell says. "For that reason, we feel we should participate." The extra \$200,000 isn't a big gap, but Russell says additional expenses could \$20 his plan.

City Manager Tom Courtney argues that building developers for these projects since taxpayers foot paying the whole cost. The question is a matter of balance. Asking too much could scare off developers. Asking too little hurts taxpayers.

In this case, city leaders should consider how far to stretch Russell. Along with the streets around his property, he is being asked to help pay for a traffic signal and to use canal water on his landscaping, another added cost. City leaders need to remember that they risk sending the wrong message if the hurdles are too high.

Regardless of who pays, completing Fillmore will create some winners and losers. Traffic passing the CSI tennis courts, Frontier Field and the Boys and Girls Club probably will decrease. But traffic probably will increase on Fillmore when it becomes a practical alternative to Blue Lakes.

The long-term losers could be homeowners at the southern end of Fillmore, between Addison and Heyburn avenues. Heavier traffic could force the city to limit parking in front of their houses - a likely source of friction.

Courtney says the city doesn't intend to widen lower Fillmore, or to sacrifice the neighborhood's stately trees. But Courtney can't speak for future City Council members. If increased traffic makes Fillmore unsafe, street widening could find its way onto the council's agenda someday.

If that happens, expect residents along that stretch of Fillmore to be less willing to yield the right of way, or to meet the city's demands as graciously as Joe Russell.

'Somebody's got to pay for all this stuff. If the city pays for all the public improvements, what happens to the taxpayers and tax rates? The tax rates go up significantly, and doesn't that discourage businesses from coming to the community? Over the long term, a higher tax rate is probably going to be a bigger hindrance to business coming here than a one-time expense up front.'

—Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney, explaining why the city asks developers to help pay for streets and other infrastructure



Borders serve to protect - but also to divide

BARRY S. STRAUSS

Ever since human beings began to give up the nomadic life of the settled condition of farmers around 10,000 years ago, every community has demarcated and defended its territory. So the border was invented.

Borders serve to protect, to provide an area of freedom and autonomy. But as we see in Kosovo today, they can also serve to divide, to exclude, to designate a space where minorities are forced to assimilate, where they are expelled or even killed. Borders began as a simple recognition of a community's need for self-defense and self-definition. As civilization advanced, however, borders came to symbolize a higher goal - the challenge of peace and brotherhood across boundaries. In this century, borders have been twisted by its use into prison bars, behind which ethnic purity is enforced.

Borders are far older than written history. Jericho, perhaps the oldest town on Earth, was surrounded by walls 10 feet thick and 13 or more feet high by 7000 B.C. Writing came later, in about 3200 B.C.

Jericho set a trend; walls and other fortifications have for some nine millennia been a favorite boundary line. Current American hopes for an antimissile defense system are nothing more than a high-tech variant.

Long before the fifth and fourth centuries B.C., the Greek city state of Athens experimented both with a series of forts along its land border and with a virtual walling off of the sea. Centuries later, the Romans defended their sprawling, poly-empire with a series of walls, fortresses and trenches whose traces can still be seen in places as far apart as England and Jordan. The most famous of the one whose very name evokes the idea of a border, is the Great Wall of China, a vast defensive system to protect China from the steppe nomads to the north.

Walls usually take advantage of terrain, a second form of border - nature. Take Pharaonic Egypt. For most of its history, it used not walls but natural defenses - waterfalls along the Nile to the south, deserts east and west of the Nile Valley, and to the north the "Great Green" or Egypt's barrier to the Mediterranean Sea. Island states such as Britain and Japan have been protected by the sea. Mountains, too, make good borders, as the Swis have long known.

But mountains have passes; and the Swis have always filled them with good soldiers, which brings us to a third form of border - people. Beginning with ancient Sparta, warrior societies scoffed at using walls or geography as a border, preferring instead to build an army that could take all comers.

There is, finally, a fourth form of border. It is the most original and, in the long term, the most effective: the idea. China defended its border not more effectively with the idea that it was the "Middle Kingdom," the great center of civilization that deserved allegiance as custodian of the "Mandate of Heaven," than it did with either walls or men. With this idea, China won the loyalty of a network of client states in places such as the Korean peninsula and Manchuria.

The West, too, has marked its borders with ideas, never more dramatically than in the 18th century when a great new idea took hold of Europe and America - the ideal of Enlightenment. It maintained that all people have an equal right to freedom which, used productively and rationally, can create a world of peace and prosperity. Civilization will move, slowly but surely, toward a world without war, a world without borders. At the same time, however, there arose a

counter-ideal, that freedom can only be exercised among one's own kind. This is the idea of nationalism: Taken to extremes, it requires not merely borders but tighter borders than ever, borders within which everyone would belong to a single nation. This goal has been reached by assimilation and by violence and murder when necessary.

For two centuries, Europe has passed back and forth between the Enlightenment ideal and its ugly twin. At times, the outcome has been in doubt, but recent omens have, on the whole, been remarkably good. Consider the European Union. The contest is not yet finished. "Wider Europe?" Will it advance further toward the Enlightenment ideal of a borderless world or head back toward the nationalist depths?

Nothing less is at stake in Kosovo. If NATO allies defeat Serbia and restore the Kosovo Albanians to Serbia's Kosovo province, then the ideals of justice and freedom will have a chance to prevail. They should not shrink from this, because if, on the other hand, the Milosevic regime wins, if it gets away with not merely denying Kosovo autonomy but with driving some Kosovo Albanians from their land and killing others, then the future is a question mark. The path of progress will be most at risk in Eastern Europe, that fragile area of transition. But in every corner of the continent, West or East, minority rights are in dispute.

The ideals of freedom and equal rights are the foundation of a world of peace and of open borders. If these ideals are not worth fighting for, then nothing is.

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Activists use double standards

Spreading the Beavergate articles in The Times-News on April 8 and April 11. Maybe I'm not alone in noticing the double standards displayed by Washington, D.C., bureaucrats and activists this past year.

It seems a couple of beavers have migrated into our nation's capital and begun chomping down some cherry trees. The National Park Service has responded by wrapping wires around the trees to deny these wild animals access to a meal and clear-cutting stumps. After a beaver sits down on a tree it searches the tree trunk and dispatches it. Now, they are wrapping the beaver to relocate them.

As Eastern activists and Washington bureaucrats are spending millions of tax dollars on programs to give animals more rights than people to federal Western forest lands, and finally have re-introduced dam-breaching proposals for salmon, why are we spared such habit, or burnt or starving when salmon are spawning, and fish are spawning around Yellowstone, why are we removing an innocent dam on some of their beloved cherry trees.

Why are these cherry trees on federal land not "shouldn't these felled trees be cut down until they rot or burn?"

Why are the environmental activists who would be protesting this if it were out West?

Maybe the congressional delegation



should get involved and save the beavers. If they can't get the job done, perhaps Jon Marvel can.
BO ISAIAK
Paul

U.S. creates big mess in Balkans

In spite of good intentions, the United States has helped to create one big mess in the Balkans. This has resulted, and will continue to result, in great human suffering. Halfway measures never work. We should either have decided that the situation in Kosovo was serious enough for a

full scale war, including sending in ground troops, or we should have stayed out.

Unfortunately, we can't undo what has been done, and I have no magic solution for getting us out of this mess. I do think, however, that we need to stop being the "tough guy" and stop thinking we can bring about a solution by more bombing raids and more destruction. Eventually, we might be able to win that way, but at what cost to the people of Serbia, Kosovo, and the entire Balkan region? When we bomb bridges and disrupt traffic on the Danube, we are hurting many other na-

tions far more than we are hurting Milosevic.

When something isn't working - and the bombing campaign obviously is not - it doesn't help to keep doing more of the same.

Somehow, there must be a way to negotiate an end to this problem without more destruction. I would like to see us stop the bombing and seek a peaceful, negotiated end to this conflict.

KATHLEEN HEDBERG
Burley

Dams aren't only salmon factor

Claims continue to be made that the primary reason for the declining salmon runs in dams, in particular the lower four dams on the Snake River. Proof of this is claimed to be the chronological coincidence of the beginning of the decrease to the construction of these dams.

What is being ignored by special interest groups is that chronologically, this was also the time frame in which high technology commercial fishing became common place in Russian, Japanese, American and Canadian fishing fleets, and catch tonnage soared.

It only takes comparing the size of the commercial salmon catches to the descending number of returning Idaho salmon over the last 50 years to figure out that over fishing, not the dams, is the primary cause of the problem now.

Breaching any or all of the dams on the Snake and Columbia River system under the auspices of "saving the Idaho salmon" amounts to the equivalent of "shutting the barn door after the horse has run away."

A good review of the last 50 years of Northwest history would do most of these special interest groups good, and

in the meantime, leave the dams alone to working folks that need them.

A.C. LIKES
Glens Ferry

Clinton cheated to get elected

My letter is responsive to the letter by Preston K. Crawford of Boise, which was published in The Times-News on April 11, regarding spelling and good grammar. I personally, felt that he misconstrued Mr. Rowland's use of incorrect spelling. Mr. Rowland did it as satire.

As for Mr. Crawford's support of Clinton, that is his right. But he really should be more informed. He should read "Meat and Potatoes" by Leonard Chisom, get elected using Chinese "doziers" in return for placing Chinese spies in this country and assisting them in getting citizenship.

(Now we've got a lot of extremely sensitive nuclear technology that the Chinese need now.)

Clinton was a Rhodes scholar, but did not graduate! He is a liar. (Didn't Mr. Crawford see Clinton on TV deny any sexual affair?) Or is Mr. Crawford in denial? Clinton is a perjurer.

He was impeached by the House of Representatives but the Senate was gutless waddlers that felt Clinton was all his faults was better than Gore! I don't believe a word Clinton says about Kosovo or the Serbs.

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It is another Vietnam that Clinton & Co. are "spinning" and those who think they are the true believers, following him blindly. It is the Webster's Dictionary, the true meaning of the word "is" certainly do. It's in Webster's Dictionary.
XENIA WILLIAMS
Jerome

Students, answer these questions before selecting college

Some universities put more emphasis on undergraduates

KATHRYN MOHRMAN

Going to college next fall? Advising a high school senior? This is probably the most important decision an 18-year-old has made up to now. In comparing different colleges and universities, consider the following questions:

• Will I be taught by regular professors or by adjunct faculty and graduate students?

Professors are at the heart of education — and the greatest resource for college students. Different kinds of institutions give different priority to undergraduate teaching.

• Do you want faculty who are knowledgeable in their fields, but you also want professors who care about your education. Colleges that are focused on

undergraduates hire professors specifically for their ability to teach. And those professors choose to work with undergraduates, not graduate students, as their career.

• How important will my class mates be for my own education?

Research done at UCLA shows that the factors most strongly related to effective undergraduate learning are faculty-to-student and student-to-student interactions.

Thus the students sitting around you in class will influence how much you learn.

Especially in classes involving discussion and hands-on learning, peer group interaction is very important. You want to look for a school where other students share your commitment to quality education.

• Will I have frequent opportu-

nities to improve my writing and speaking?

Regardless of major or job, virtually all college graduates need to communicate effectively. Common sense suggests that both writing and speaking skills are best enhanced with frequent practice. And research shows that students learn the most when actively engaged in their education, so you should choose a college with lots of opportunities for engagement from the first day of class. Small seminars are likely to provide discussions, essay exams and term papers in which students are directly involved in the process of writing, speaking and learning. Don't settle for a program composed solely of large lectures, multiple choice tests and passive listening.

• What are my chances to study abroad? Behind the cliché of the "global village" lies the reality that life in the 21st century will require interaction with people from cultures different from your own. What better way to prepare for

an increasingly interdependent world than to immerse yourself in another society? On my own campus, more than half the students take advantage of the opportunity to live and study elsewhere sometime during their college career. In addition to understanding more about other cultures, they also learn a great deal about what it means to be an American, and what it means to be human.

• How many students graduate in four years?

Often students and families make their decision based upon the price listed in the college catalog. They fail to take into account that four years, even at a higher tuition, may be cheaper in the long run than taking five or even six years to complete a bachelor's degree. You should ask about the four-year graduation rate as evidence of the college's commitment to undergraduate education.

In addition, a strong financial aid program indicates seriousness about helping students com-

plete their degrees on time. Good financial aid also makes it possible to get a high-quality education at a price comparable to seemingly less-expensive institutions.

• Will I develop skills and attributes that I can use in my career?

John Kenenry, the former president of Dartmouth, said it best: "The purpose of undergraduate education is not just to answer current questions, but to prepare you to answer the questions that we don't even know today."

When you graduate from college in the spring of 2003, be sure you have an education that prepares you for a lifetime of chal-

lenges. To do so, ask questions today, in the spring of 1999, about the fundamental values of the colleges and universities you are considering. Don't think only about the beauty of the place, or the sports events, or the "name brand" prestige. Think about the quality of undergraduate education offered by those campuses. Choose wisely!

Kathryn Mohrman is president of Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Do I ever make the mistake of thinking "it couldn't happen here." There are many who are working toward disarming the citizens of this country by starting with little steps which could eventually result in total disarmament. This is why we need constant reminders of the Holocaust lest we forget what good citizens are capable of.
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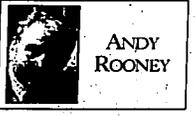
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The time has clearly come to give up on pennies. The penny's day has nearly gone. It was a nice coin in its day, but its day is over. Pennies are obsolete, useless, a waste of the pocket. There is no longer anything you can buy with one. I don't know anyone who even bothers to bend down and pick one up when it falls in the street. The person who dropped it obviously didn't bother.



Maybe it wasn't even dropped "unintentionally." Maybe it was dropped "intentionally." On purpose. If someone offered to pay me to pick up a penny, I would charge at least a nickel in return.

Christmas, I didn't bother giving him my year's accumulation of nickels, dimes and pennies because I realized that even a 9-year-old is now invested in a small change. It isn't as though he could stop at a store near his school and buy penny candy. Penny candy costs a quarter now. Nicked candy bars are 75 cents.

There are few things more annoying than to get to the cash registers in a store and find you're being charged \$3.11 for the items you've chosen to buy. If you pay with a five dollar bill, your pocket change will be further loaded down with one dollar, three quarters, one dime and four pennies. Our U.S. Mint is still churning out more than 10 billion pennies a year. Why? They estimate that there are 106 billion pennies "in circulation" but it's ridiculous to say there are that many pennies circulating since so many pennies don't circulate. They get put in a box or an old coffee can. There is less and less coffee in each can now but the cans have remained the same size so it's still good for pennies. If Maxwell House ever reduces the size of their cans to fit the reduced amount of coffee in them, penny-savers nationwide will be in trouble. In years past, I gave a big box of change to a grandchild at Christmas. The first year, when he was seven, he had a good time counting the coins. The next year, he got his father to take them to the bank. Last

The penny has been devalued everywhere. There used to be an expression people used when they saw a friend in quiet contemplation. They'd say, "A penny for your thoughts." No one would say that anymore because it would be too insulting to suggest that a friend's thoughts were worth so little. If a penny wasn't worth much in 1959 and it's worth only one-sixth of that now, where does that leave the value of a penny? Not worth dealing with, that's where.

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Martha Stewart caters to people who already have taste. Seems to me that the real growth market is the rest of us.
Along those lines, I'm proposing "Martha Stewart's Gracious Redneck Living." With the help of Suzi Huxford, I've even come up with a few suggestions:

- Never tow another car using panty hose and duct tape.
• ToUGH uncomfortable, say "yes" to socks and shoes for special occasions.
• Proper use of toilettes can forestall banding for several days.
• However, if you live alone, deodorant is a waste of good money.
• Aperitifs are always served in the Flinstones jelly glasses, and the guests always get Wilma and Betty.
• When decanting Ripple, make sure that you tilt the paper cup, and pour slowly so as not to "bruise" the fruit of the vine.
• Refrain from talking to characters on the screen at the picture show. Tests have proven they can't hear you.
• At Christmas time, dip sheep and cows in egg whites and roll in confectioner's sugar to add a festive sparkle to the pasture.
• While cars need to be cleaned regularly, this is a job that should be done in private using one's own truck keys.
• Check your county's CAFO ordinances before allowing livestock to dine at the kitchen table... no matter how good their manners are.
• Offer to bait your lady friend's hook, but never refer to the night-crawler as "finger food."
• When sending your wife down the road with a gas can, it's impolite to ask her to bring back beer.
• "Eat" is a noun, never a verb. The third-person singular form of the verb "to eat" is "swallows."
• For any cold-weather festive occasion, hot mulled spiced always says "welcome."
• Always check with your production officer before letting off to Cannon for a long weekend.
• At least twice a year, take the dogs apart. Disinfect. Resemble.
• Collect dentures. They make excellent party centerpieces, particularly for decorative pie crusts.
• Remove those old Montgomery Ward catalogs from the back of the house and replace them with the current edition of Vogue.
• Dim your headlights for approaching vehicles, even if the gun is loaded, and the deer is in sight.
• Empty SPAM cans spray-painted gold make decorative troughs for catching rainwater leaking through the roof.
• If your still breaks down and you're desperate for a new filter, it's acceptable to shred your long johns.
• Always compliment your date: "For a fat girl, you don't sweat much."
• When approaching a four-way stop, the vehicle with the largest tires always has the right of way.
• When you go to the monster truck show, displaying any part of your buttocks to the folks seated behind you is rude. Make sure the folks are catching rainwater.
• The love theme from "Deliverance" is a poor choice to play at a wedding.
• Always open the window first before firing at ducks.
• Float votive candles in the cesspool.
• A centerpiece for the table should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist.
• Learn to accessorize: A leisure suit with a cummerbund and a clean bowling shirt fits any occasion.
• "R.S.V.P." stands for "Return my snowmobile, Vermont, and pronto."
• If your daughter is getting married, always clean the shotgun.
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Marvel: BLM is breaking the law

By NLS, NLS@news.com
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — Federal land managers are breaking the law by allowing livestock on public land without valid grazing permits, says one critic of public lands grazing management.

Federal law clearly states that "the BLM cannot permit livestock grazing to occur on public lands without valid legal and signed grazing permit." Jon Marvel wrote to a BLM official in Boise last week.
Marvel is a Halley architect, is the head of the Idaho Watersheds Project, which along with the Committee for Idaho's High Desert won a legal challenge over the 68 permits.
The watersheds project also has challenged eight grazing permits in the Jarbidge Resource Area, which includes Twin Falls County, west of Selmon Falls

Creek, on the same legal grounds — saying the BLM did not adequately assess the effects of grazing before issuing the permits.
BLM officials acknowledge that the 68 permits are not valid. But they note that the judge has not yet ruled on whether that means livestock would have to stay off the allotments until the BLM meets requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.
Until he does, the effect on ranchers remains in question. But the judge's decision could ripple across public lands in

Environmentalist says importance of state grazing leases is overstated

TWIN FALLS — A recent state Supreme Court decision would allow environmentalists to bid on state grazing leases up for auction.
The decision could bring in more money for those leases to the state school endowment fund, but the effects on grazing would barely be noticeable, says Jon Marvel, head of the Idaho

Watersheds Project.
Marvel's group won a victory last month when the court ordered that the group be given a legitimate chance to win state grazing leases up for auction.
But it's unclear just what would happen if the environmentalist group won a state grazing lease. The effects on grazing and grazing management would depend on the location of the lease.
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Who says science isn't fun?



David Heil, host of the public television's 'Newton's Apple,' reacts in 'surprise' when Amber Petersen's voice changes after inhaling helium. Heil spent Saturday afternoon at the College of Southern Idaho teaching kids about science.

Children learn, laugh at Science Trek

By Rachael Denney
Times-News correspondent
TWIN FALLS — Local children spent Saturday afternoon at the College of Southern Idaho learning about science and fun.
Science Trek, an event coordinated by the Heritage Center, Idaho's Museum of Natural History and Idaho Public Television, provided kids with hands-on lessons in chemistry, archeology, wildlife management, veterinary science, astronomy and biology. They also got a chance to have their questions answered by real-life scientists, and to meet David Heil, host of the Emmy Award-winning public

television show "Newton's Apple."
Heil said his approach to teaching science is "very practical. It's very much based on everyday occurrence. It's done at a level that's not overselling a high level of sophistication. It's down to earth, approachable and accessible."
Heil said everyone is a scientist.
"If you've ever been curious, that makes you a scientist," Heil told his young audience.
He said "real science" often differs from the science children are taught in classrooms. He said scientists don't always begin an experiment with a hypothesis.

"Usually scientists just mess around a lot," Heil said. "We implied (to kids) that didn't happen. What about just observing things? Kids need to be liberated to the many ways they can learn and do science. Once that's done they're off and running."
Darcy Thornborrow, educational facilitator at the Heritage Center, shares Heil's teaching philosophy.
"The usual approach is to sit in a lecture class and look at a book," she said. "Here, the kids are working with real scientists who do their work in the field. They're learning in a fun environment and they're looking at it in a less academic atmosphere."

Budding scientist Derik Rudd said he especially enjoyed the experiments at Science Trek.
"I like science," Rudd said. "I think it's interesting."
The Science Trek program is in its 11th year at Idaho State University in Pocatello, and Thornborrow said she'd like to see Science Trek become an annual event in Twin Falls.
"It's a way to introduce children to science in a fun positive way," Thornborrow said. "Our intent is to have fun, but they'll actually learn something."

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By Margot Higgins
Times-News Correspondent
SUN VALLEY — More than 300 Hispanic students from across the state are attending the 10th annual "Dixie Anos de Esperanza" this weekend.

The 1999 Hispanic Youth Symposium is an opportunity for 100 Hispanic students to compete for scholarships, attend workshops, and listen to educators.
The students were welcomed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and saluted his involvement in Hispanic programs with a standing ovation.
Kempthorne is not a more impressive group of young people I know," Kempthorne said. "There is nothing you can't accomplish if you set out to do it."
Kempthorne also urged the students, "Do not let go of the great grasp of language you have. There are great job opportunities for those who are bilingual."

The governor's encouraging words cut straight to the point of the annual gathering. The symposiums began in response to a high dropout rate among Hispanic students in 1989.
Shannon Bowman has been involved with the program since its beginnings and had seen many positive results.
"Back in 1989, we saw a real need for motivation. Students felt excluded from the process culturally and linguistically. Our primary focus is to encourage students to stay in school, to look at college as a serious option, and to see two languages as an asset, instead of a liability."
"We hope to invest in the responsibility of raising what they learn and bringing it back to their schools throughout Idaho."
The Hispanic Youth Symposium is sponsored by the Gem State Diversity Initiatives Group, a non-profit organization which funds scholarships. Other
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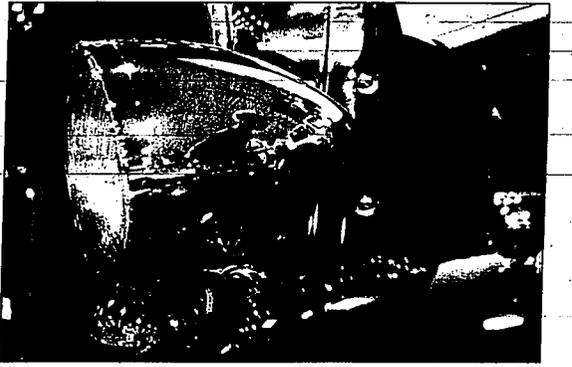
Exhibit shows off the classics

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — More than 100 classic cars are on display at the weekend for the 23rd annual Magic Valley Early Iron Car Show.
With paint jobs buffed and chrome polished, cars and trucks from Boise to Billings, Idaho, converged on Twin Falls to show their stuff.
One of the most exciting things about the vehicles is that most of them are driven to the show, said Chris Clark, president of the Magic Valley Early Iron Car Club.
This year's theme is Route 66, the famous Los Angeles to Chicago highway that spanned an early 20th-century show and its own song.
"I think the American public is a car-oriented country," Clark said. "Old cars fascinate people."
And the car show is filled with as many old cars as the Gallego of

Southern Idaho Expo Center can hold. The show floor is full of classic cars and trucks, including a 1966 Ford Mustang with a television inside and a slew of 1930s sedans with shines that would have made Al Capone proud.

Not all the cars were sparkling pieces of beauty — yet. Some were works in progress, such as the 1951 Plymouth Wagon that students at Jerome Middle School have been restoring.
It's only chassis and an engine now, but by next year's show it should be complete to join the 1952 Crestline Ford sedan bid by previous students, eighth-grader George Crowe said.
The show continues today, with awards being presented at 2 p.m. Trophies and plaques will be given to winning entries in 25 vehicle classes and nine best-of-categories.

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Richard Eske is reflected in the headlamp of a 1933 Buick hot rod as he inspects the engine of the car. It's one of several dozen exotic and vintage cars on display at the 23rd annual Magic Valley Early Iron Car Show which continues today at the Expo Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

Laptop computers help students succeed

By Lorraine Cavenor
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The idea of sending a \$2,000 machine home with a junior-high student didn't appeal to some community members.

But alternative junior high students at the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center have gained educational opportunities with laptop computers — and have taken good care of the computers issued to them at the beginning of the school year.

Students are learning responsibility, said Nick Hallett, Minidoka County school superintendent.

"If it is broken, it is our responsibility, not our parents," said eighth-grader Erik Scott, 15.

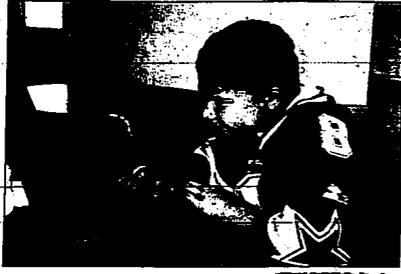
Responsibility for the computers has boosted the students' self-esteem, said Bob Withrow, teacher of the dozen alternative junior high students.

"They come in, sit down and get to work without being told," Withrow said. "They are excited and have done real well with it."

Daniel Garcia agreed that he sees a difference.

"The computer is more exciting and I like technology," he said.

Withrow said he wanted to



Markus Rivera works on his laptop computer at the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center alternative junior high school.

help students learn basic skills and receive a technology education. He pursued and won a \$100,000 grant from the Idaho State Department of Education for the computers.

"It does not change what they learn but gives them an opportunity to learn in a different way," Withrow said.

Assignments are updated weekly in the computer skills bank, and tests measure student progress.

"The skills bank helps you a lot," Garcia said.

Doing reading, writing and math on computers has sharpened discipline, too, Withrow said.

"Student interest is phenomenal," he said. "My time on task — the portion of time they are working — has increased. Work is being done at home voluntarily."

The grant for the computers was written with the student's family in mind as well, he said. Family members can learn new skills on the computers.

"This is an opportunity for their family that wouldn't normally be there," Withrow said.

Carlos Rocha's mother is taking advantage of a program which helps her learn English, he said. Rocha, a seventh-grader, uses the Internet for school projects.

"I go get the weather," he said. Rocha, 12, had made a print-out of the five-day forecast.

Eighth-grader, Erik Scott, 15, has been helping his five-year-old brother, Dallas Scott, learn his ABCs on the computer.

"If he could use it, just about anybody could," Erik Scott said. Scott's mother has learned to type using a typing program on the laptop. His whole family uses his computer, he said.

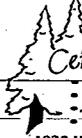
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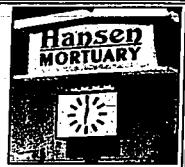


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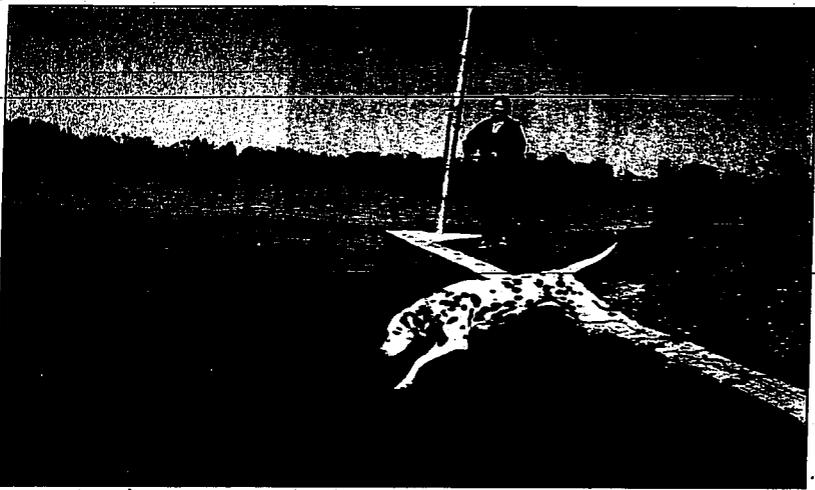
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Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Grace Baptist Church; viewing from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Lumberman Church, 2410 Miller Ave. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary in Burley and one hour before the funeral Monday at the church.

John W. Parke formerly of Burley, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Albion Masonic Cemetery; friends may call from noon to 1 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

August Neiwert of Burley, 2 p.m. Monday at the Zion

DEATH NOTICES

Robert W. Scarbrough
TWIN FALLS — Robert W. Scarbrough, 59, of Twin Falls and formerly of Buhl, died Friday, April 16, 1999, at St. Bernard's Family Medical Center in Jerome. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced at a later date.
Celia A. Gill
BURLEY — Celia A. "Dolly" Gill, 85, of Burley, died Friday, April 16, 1999, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Yost Cemetery in Yost, Utah. Friends may gather before the service Monday at the cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Alejandro Juarez
RUPERT — Alejandro Juarez, 72, of Rupert, died Saturday, April 17, 1999, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. A prayer service will be held at 5 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel with Pastor Dago Martinez officiating. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Roca Firme Pentecostes, 600 Fremont St. in Rupert, with Pastor Martinez officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

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Births
A baby was born to Alex and Beatriz Leon of Burley.

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Admitted
Malarie Pratt and Robert Zamora, both of Heyburn; Teri Anderson of Rupert; Kami Robinson of Declo; and Dorothy Ousterout of Burley.

Released
Malarie Pratt and Robert Zamora, both of Heyburn; Dale Soller and Penny Thomas and baby boy, all of Rupert; Ernest Ramos of Burley; and Kasey Thoreson of Declo.

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TWIN FALLS

Mabel M. Parrott
Mabel M. Parrott, 90, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, April 16, 1999, at Bridgeway Estates, where she had resided for several years. She was born November 2, 1908, in Mullen, Neb., the daughter of Fred and Ora Tucker Hardy. Mabel was hired as a housekeeper for Orville Parrott who farmed on the Salmon Tract. She married Orville on February 4, 1942, in Twin Falls. They later moved into Twin Falls in the early 60s. Orville preceded Mabel in death in 1964. She was a member of the Church of the

United Brethren and was a lifetime member of the Women's Missionary Association. Mabel enjoyed traveling and doing lovely embroidery and crochet work. She is survived by her step-daughter, Doris, a Chick of Hagerman, Idaho, five grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three brothers and two stepsons. A graveside service for Mabel will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls. Friends may call on Monday, April 19, from 4 to 8 p.m. at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.



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Heyburn officials seek public input

By Tressa Toner
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN — After more than a year of planning for a new city hall, city officials now want to find out what residents want before going any further — or if they should cancel the idea.

Public hearings or votes are some of the ways city officials may plumb public opinion on the proposed \$346,000 building. The city will decide what to do in a later meeting.

The City Council got as far as voting to hire an architect at last week's meeting, but council

member Tom Vaughn, voted against it. He said had he talked to residents and had found most of them did not want the building.

"I feel that we need to hold a public opinion poll rather than make a decision here for the people," Vaughn said. "I don't think we have the right to make the decision for the citizens of Heyburn. We need to

find out what the citizens of Heyburn want."

The city had planned to hire a Boise architect for the project, but resident Paul Brown said the city should consider a local architect instead.

The architect would have traveled regularly to Heyburn from Boise to oversee the construction, council member Marva Myres said. But Brown did not

agree with that.

"The architect does not guarantee a good job," Brown said.

The proposed building would have included a council room and would have housed the planning and zoning, police, and utilities departments, council member Nile Bohm had said.

Renovating the existing building and zoning, police, and utilities constructing a new one, the council had considered going with the second option.

Times-News correspondent Tressa Toner can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.



After being given three minutes to break social barriers with a stranger, Patricia Lopez, right, a high school sophomore from Idaho Falls, and Lacy Romero, a senior from Chubbuck, discuss social issues at the Hispanic Youth Symposium held this weekend in Sun Valley.

Symposium

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funding comes from the Sun Valley Co., other businesses, state agencies and individuals, Bowman said.

Cost of attending the symposium is \$200 per student, and since 1992 \$50,000 has been awarded in scholarships to 2,500 students.

The dropout rate for Hispanic students has dropped dramatically since the symposiums began, Bowman said.

"We realize that we are not completely responsible for the drop in rates, but we know we have made an impact. Students attending the symposium have gone on to become campus activists."

Jose Sato is an example of how the annual symposium has helped Hispanic students. The

"After participating in the conference I became a different person."

— Jose Sato, student

son of migrant farmers, Sato is a freshman at Treasure Valley Community College.

"I was shy person with no way to express myself," he said. "After participating in the conference I found myself in a process where I was maturing. Now I am a mentor for other students."

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

U of I president gets credit in survey for promoting the school

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho faculty credit President Robert Hoover with dispelling the notion the campus is a remote party school.

Results from a February survey by the American Federation of Teachers union showed more than 79 percent of the Idaho faculty agree or strongly agree the "Hoover administration has made a positive impression on the general public in Idaho and the region."

Faculty and staff were concerned that the school's image at the University of Idaho did not reflect the institution, Hoover said last week.

Jan Raloff, president of the union local and a foreign language professor, presented Hoover with the results. Of 510 faculty members, 263 responded to the poll.

Hoover said he is pleased the educators perceive an improvement during a scandalous public relations campaign to promote the Moscow school. It excludes

television ads, more visitors on campus and promotion of academic life.

That 61 percent of the faculty feel the administration is committed to considering teaching as an important part of the promotion and tenure decisions also is good news, Rose said.

Humanities faculty have long felt they were not promoted fairly because they spent more time in class and less time publishing papers, Rose said.

"It's the publish-or-perish mentality," he said. "Research is enormously valuable, but teaching is the primary responsibility of this institution."

A salary equity plan put into place a year ago provides faculty salaries are no more than 10 percent below those of peers at other universities.

The survey also contained criticism that the Hoover administration is too large and has a "corporate" rather than "intellectual" or "scholarly" orientation.

Lease

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particular piece of state land.

If the group had a management plan acceptable to the Land Board, state land managers would work with that plan, said Howard K. Kestie, supervisor of the state Department of Lands' south-central Idaho area.

But most state grazing land is intermingled with and essentially indistinguishable from surrounding federal Bureau of Land Management acreage.

Many state grazing lands are part of larger grazing areas, Kestie said. That can make it difficult and may require the new state land permittee to put a fence to keep cattle out from the surrounding federal lands, he said.

Depending on location, however, fencing may not be required, Marvel said.

Crump

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BLM

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southern Idaho and other Western states, BLM spokesman Don Smurthwaite said Thursday.

The effects could reach anywhere a grazing environmental assessment is out of date, said Laird Lucas, a lawyer with the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies, who represents the two environmental groups.

Three Creek rancher Randall Brewer, who grazes livestock in the Jarbidge Resource Area, said ranchers wonder if the BLM would be able to issue temporary permits, if it has to go back and redo assessments on rangeland permits.

"But if ranchers have to keep livestock off the land for the season, that would just be devastating to a public lands rancher," Brewer said.

They would have to find something to do with the cows for the summer, and that might force some to sell part or all of their herd, Brewer says. A 10-year permit is up at the end of this year and he wants to make sure the renewal is done right.

"There will be no shortcuts," he said.

BLM officials are starting to map out a strategy to comply with the judge's order and keep disruptions to permittees to a minimum, Smurthwaite said.

why they decided not to conduct an environmental review before issuing the 68 Owyhee County permits, U.S. District Court Judge B. Lynn Wimmil wrote in his March 31 ruling.

The BLM had relied on a 1981 environmental impact statement in renewing permits in the Owyhee Resource Area. But agency officials recognized that the impact statement was out of date and started a new study.

The impact statement needed to be updated to reflect what land managers have learned since 1981 about invading weeds, large-scale fires, loss of native sagebrush, and loss of riparian vegetation, Lucas said.

Marvel said livestock use degrades 90 percent of streams in the area. The BLM's own assessments agree, noting that "the resource is severely depleted."

A draft of a new management plan for the area was issued in August 1996, calling for a 35 percent average reduction in livestock grazing — and 50 to 60 percent on some sensitive riparian pastures, Lucas said. And it recommends keeping cattle out of areas streams.

The final plan has not been issued, but the 68 permits did not reflect recommendations in the draft impact statement, Lucas said.

The BLM expects to issue the final plan by the end of the year, Smurthwaite said. That's too late

for this grazing season, but Rose confirmed cattle already were grazing some of the pastures at issue.

Similar grounds

The Jarbidge Resource Area is covered in its own impact statement dating from the early 1980s, but no new impact statement has been issued.

BLM officials relied on that impact statement when they issued eight permits in 1997 in the Jarbidge area. The Idaho Watersheds Project challenged the permits, saying the BLM did not conduct an adequate environmental review of grazing effects before issuing the permits.

The challenges are being considered for the BLM by an administrative law judge in Salt Lake City. If the challenges go to trial, the trial would be in Idaho. Lucas expects a ruling in the next couple of months.

At issue in the Jarbidge area are concerns over grazing effects on streambanks — riparian areas — in sage grass habitats.

Ray Brown, the Jarbidge Resource Area manager at the time the permits were issued, has retired. His replacement, Ed Goetzner, came to work last week and could not comment on the issue.

New direction

Last year BLM officials recognized the need to take a harder

look at complying with environmental laws when renewing grazing permits, Smurthwaite said.

In December, officials issued instructions for area managers to comply with the requirements of the law. Those instructions tell managers to do essentially what the judge said the BLM failed to do for the 68 Owyhee permits.

Lucas remains skeptical. To him the new directions look similar to the checklists BLM managers now use, he said.

Marvel noted that management plans for the Bennett Hills and Monument resources areas also are out of date. The BLM had started updating the management plans but when the areas were combined a few years ago, the updates were dropped.

Meanwhile, the remaining issue now for the Watersheds Project and the Committee for Idaho's High Desert is what the judge will require of the BLM.

The groups will ask the judge for a remedy — within a week or two, Lucas said. But he was not sure yet what that would be. The key is to protect streams with red head trout and stream quality, he said, to grazing effects during hot weather, and that would require keeping cows out of streams on 12 allotments, he said.

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Utah man will stand trial for auto homicide in death of infant boy

JESUIT LAKE CITY (AP) — Jess Ramirez-Garcia will stand trial for automobile homicide in the death of a 4-month-old boy.

Ramirez-Garcia, 36, was also found over on three third-degree felony counts of causing serious bodily injury while driving under the influence, and one count each of misdemeanor DUI accident with injury and driving on a suspended license.

Utah Highway Patrol Trooper Shatuna Mackey testified at a preliminary hearing Friday that Ramirez-Garcia did not try to stop or slow down before he

crashed into a line of standstill traffic Feb. 27. She estimated he was going 70 mph on impact.

That caused a chain-reaction collision on Interstate 15 that involved four other cars.

Four-month-old Matthew Affleck, who was strapped into a car seat, suffered massive head injuries when the rear end of his family's car was crushed like an accordion. He died the following day.

His brother, 2-year-old Michael John Affleck Jr., suffered two broken legs and several broken ribs, and his legs are still in casts.

The Times-News

Accident leaves Kimberly girl in serious condition

HAGERMAN — A Kimberly girl was in serious condition at a Boise hospital Saturday night after an accident in Yahoo Canyon.

Joan Orsland, 17, was hurt when a four-wheeled all-terrain vehicle she was a passenger on flipped down a steep hill about two miles into the canyon, which is on the south side of the Snake River, said Nancy Howell of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Orsland and driver Justin Williams, 10, tumbled down the hill, and the ATV landed on Orsland, Howell said.

Orsland was airlifted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, where she had surgery to

repair facial injuries. Williams suffered cuts and scrapes. Howell said.

ISP releases name of man who died in crash

BOISE — Idaho State Police released the name of the driver who was killed in a crash Friday.

Edward R. Duchesneau, 55, of Grand View, died at the scene of the crash at the Loveland Bridge junction of state highways 73 and 57.

The crash occurred when Hirachchamner, who had been drinking, ran a stop sign at the intersection of the bridge and trailer, the ISP said.

The semi's driver, 35-year-old Preston Lord of Mountain Home, and his two passengers were not hurt, the ISP said.

County offers raises to keep officers

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The Coeur d'Alene County Sheriff's Department is experiencing an exodus of personnel due to better pay at other agencies.

The county is fighting back by increasing let departures, but the problem is not likely to disappear because other sheriff's departments in the region face the same dilemma and also are raising the salaries.

Since last year, 14 officers have left or are in the process of leaving the department in Coeur d'Alene in search of more money.

"We've lost one officer to Anchorage, Alaska; two to Seattle; three to Spokane County," Under Sheriff Gary Cuff said. Eight others are applying to the Washington county. "It's about 50 percent of our patrol division."

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Pragmatic Democrat, or principled conservative?

By Mark Warbis
Associated Press Writer



Brit Groom

BOISE — Idaho Democrats desperate to regain some measure of electoral respectability consider their new chairman Brit Groom bright, energetic and committed to rebuilding the party from its foundation.

Some Idaho Republicans consider him a kindred spirit willing to speak his mind and ignore political expediency. Those on the GOP right describe him as principled.

Members of his own party prefer to think of him as pragmatic.

Whether in mind or action, Groom espouses some views seemingly anathema to traditional Democratic positions, they say. A party chairman at caucus elections. What he believes matters less than what he can do.

They reject the suggestion that in choosing Groom over former chairman Tony Pace last month, party leaders essentially sold out. Having failed to beat Republicans for years, the cynical theory goes, Democrats joined them.

"The Democratic Central Committee was willing to overlook some differences of opinion in order to bring in someone who demonstrated a vision for the party and the ability to build a grassroots organization," Democratic activist Jane Freund said. "It wasn't a focus on where some of Brit's ideologies were, but a recognition that we're a big tent."

A desire to shake things up after another miserable showing at the polls and to boost turnout in Boise for leadership also played a role. The party's losing gubernatorial, U.S. Senate and 1st District congressional candidates last year all were from Boise.

All the new chairman has been Lincoln County prosecutor and now law offices in Twin Falls and Grangeville.

Groom, 42, believes what was characterized as a close vote for chairman came down to personal support from county and legislative district leaders throughout

the state in whose behalf he stayed during his low-budget 1998 campaign for attorney general.

"It's who you know, and the fact was that they knew me," he said. "It was just a matter of comfort and knowledge."

Groom contends it is irrelevant whether central committee members knew about his endorsement by the anti-abortion right Idaho Chooses Life PAC. Or the controversy over his call for the state to back local jurisdictional disputes with north-central Idaho's Nez Perce Tribe. Or a state sovereignty message that drew praise from such suddenly conservative Republicans as state Rep. JoAnn Wood and Lemore Barrett.

He makes no apologies for having unorthodox supporters, other than to point out the context of approval for the stands he took include a state conservative anger at Republican Attorney General All of one.

Lance rubbed the right wing the wrong way with legal opinions during the 1998 Legislature's abortion debate that they believe undermined the issue. They contend Lance contributed to then-Gov. Phil Barr's veto of a bill that would have required parental consent before minors could receive an abortion.

Groom sees appealing to such disaffected Republicans as one way of rebuilding the Democratic base.

"I'm going to go after a lot of the constituency that used to be Democrats. And a lot of those people in Idaho are conservatives," including voters, small business operators and non-union workers, he said. "My goal is to bring those people back under the umbrella of the Democratic party, back to where they were 40 years ago."

Other prominent Democrats said any such effort would be tempered by the impact of the party's national agenda and candidates who generally have been out of step with Idaho, leaving the state organization somewhat of a political stepchild. The Idaho GOP is far more comfortable with its national party, and better able to dig back on its success.

"The reason we're losing these elections is the financial and tactical advantages" Republicans have, said Boise lawyer John Greenfield, a longtime Democratic National Committee member. "It doesn't matter what you say, when it's time to get beat if you've got a D behind your name."

Former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus is less pessimistic. The four-term chief executive and Carter administration Interior secretary showed the power of his political pragmatism by repeatedly winning office with help from moderates and independents. So he sees logic in Groom's position.

"The Republicans have been very adept at hanging the misdeeds of our president around his neck, and Al Gore's success positions on some of the land resource things, and that hurts us. What we've got to do is ignore them and say what we stand for," Andrus said.

"The umbrella is broad enough that there's room for all of us to stand under. You don't always have to agree on every issue."

Greenfield, however, said he had been unaware of some of Groom's positions. He found them disturbing in someone responsible for helping recruit candidates for offices from county courthouses to Congress.

"Obviously it wasn't in play if it had been in play he wouldn't have been elected," Greenfield said.

Trial Oak, who with her sister Halli Stone hosts a weekday radio talk show from Idaho Falls that airs throughout southern Idaho, said rejection of Green for his personal beliefs would have

been a mistake. By reflecting the opinions of a broader base of Idaho voters, he offers Democrats a chance to make inroads against an increasingly complacent majority, she said.

"We are Republicans, and we beat up on the Republicans constantly because they don't stand up for their principles. And we believe it's because there's a viable Democratic Party," said Oak, whose sometimes-reactionary program regularly gets GOP leaders.

"The message that Brit has is different enough from at least the Republican Party platform to make them look like they're separate from the Republicans," she said. "But I think what he's saying is so practical and so pushing self-responsibility that it will appeal to people who wouldn't have thought of voting Democratic before."

Andrus said his only concern is whether a relatively young professional with the time and strength to log the hours and miles necessary to restore the party. But he is confident none of Groom's personal ideology will come to bear on his duties as chairman.

In any case, he said Democrats had no business being exclusionary.

"Too many people in both political parties have a firmness test," Andrus said. "Those who are complaining now, if they run off and sit in the corner and sulk their thumbs, it wasn't work. Do they want to be Democrats, or do they just want it their way?"

Groom agrees that focusing narrowly on the environmental and labor factions that have dominated Democratic politics in recent years is counterproductive if the party hopes to have a voice in state and local government.

"We either have to decide what we've got it all we're going to get, or we're going to have to broaden our base," he said. "Some of the traditional constituencies are going to have to open the doors and let other groups in."

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Father accused of murder, arson

Twice-divorced man charged with son's death

NEWMAN LAKE, Wash. (AP) — Folks on Blue Skies Road are still struggling to understand what happened at the gray house down the block.

First it was destroyed by fire, and the 13-year-old boy who lived there disappeared.

Two days later, he turned up dead — strangled — in a snow-bunk 40 miles away.

Then murder and arson charges were filed against his launds, helpful father — a man neighbors thought they knew.

Turns out Robert J. Wood had problems they had no inkling of — bankruptcy filings, criminal conviction for theft and fraud.

Wood of the 43-year-old's past included one in this suburb about 17 miles east of Spokane as the investigation progressed.

"As things went on day after day, it became really hard," says Ben Adamson, a Mormon bishop and father of 10 whose children went to school with the slain boy.

"It was like a ball resting," Ben Adamson says. Wood tightened around a wife or some other device around his son's neck and set fire on a couch in the family room after the boy's sister had left for school.

Sixteen-year-old Theresa Wood later told investigators she had never seen her brother on that couch, though he often ate cereal and watched TV cartoons before school.

Spokane County prosecutors say there was no argument or fit of rage leading to the boy's death.

They say the twice-divorced father of six apparently killed Chris and set the fire to cover up a criminal history of fraud and theft — had suffered new financial setbacks.

Wood denies the crimes. Neighbors are still trying to



Robert Wood is being charged with arson for a fire that ripped through his home in suburban Spokane, Wash. Wood is also charged with the murder of his son, Chris.



Robert Wood

Accused of strangling 13-year-old son

reconcile their new insights with the man they considered a good Samaritan.

Wood once helped Beth Hall's family build a deck on their home, and never suggested he should be paid for his trouble.

"He was a great neighbor," Hall said. "Bob did everything for people."

But she concedes she'd wondered how Wood could afford recent improvements to his own place.

"I had some suspicions he was getting deep into debt," said Hall, who did not want to discuss the charges Wood faces.



Chris Wood

Body found 40 miles from his home

Adamson said he thought Wood had a good relationship with his son.

"As far as I can see, they got along," he said.

Wood's first wife divorced him in 1991, and he had custody of two of their kids, Chris, a fifth-grade Cub Scout, was their youngest child.

The lively blond youngster — his sunny presence radiates from the school picture published after his death — had plenty of friends in the tidy 6-year-old housing development where kids play in the street and in the fields that extend behind the home.

"He was just like all the rest of the kids around here," Hall said. "He was always playing — riding his bike, playing basketball, making play forts."

The end came Feb. 9.

Firefighters were summoned by a school-bus driver who spotted flames at the Wood house. It seemed the charred home was empty, though fire crews searched again when they learned Chris hadn't showed up at East Farms Elementary.

A hour later, when a friend finally reached Wood by phone he said he was driving his pickup to an appointment in Colville, about 75 miles north of Newman Lake.

Authorities believe he had been busy dumping his son's body.

The boy's backpack was later found along Bigelow Gulch Road, on the route Wood said he took to Colville.

Schelle Retherford, who had recently dated Wood and broke off their marriage engagement in January, also reached him during this period. She told detectives he sounded "hysterical" and was crying.

But before he reached his burning home, Wood called his insurance agent to report the fire, according to charging papers.

At the charred home later that day, Wood told reporters Chris might have run away, fearing he'd be blamed for the fire. Chris had gotten in trouble before for playing with matches at his mother's home in Colville, his father said.

Gazing tearfully into the TV camera, Wood pleaded with the boy to return, assuring him he wouldn't be punished.

"The house is the least of my worries," Wood said. "He just needs to come home."

Two days later, a Stevens County snowplow operator found Chris' body — his shoes on the wrong feet — on a snowbank near a rural road about 40 miles northwest of the Wood home.

Within hours, investigators called Wood a "person of interest" in the slaying.

Twenty-something charged with death of teen-age girlfriend

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man, has confessed to killing his girlfriend, a Texas teenager who was found dead in a Salt Lake railway, police say.

Jeremy Lee Parker Hardy, 29, was charged Friday with first-degree criminal homicide.

He is accused of killing Crystal Skelton last October, and, according to charges filed in 3rd District Court, confessed after his arrest last week in Atlanta that he strangled her during an

argument. Skelton's body was found by a Union Pacific employee on a set of railroad tracks not far from downtown Salt Lake on Oct. 14. The 17-year-old had been strangled and beaten.

Detectives questioned Hardy early in the investigation. Skelton, a native of Austin, Texas, had recently left her home and hitched rides to meet up with Hardy, police said.

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Schools wonder how to stop student violence

NOVUS (AP) — The statement that school shootings cannot take place in a safe school is wrong, but some officials realize they can and were in the middle of preparation when a student opened fire on Friday.

It was a minor miracle no one died or experienced serious injuries. A 16-year-old sophomore described his mentally disturbed friend as a "gunner" who went into the administrative office hub in the Novus Junior-Senior High School minutes before classes were supposed to start.

Walking past a banner which proclaims "Respect — It's Worth Sharing," Shawn Cooper walked into the hub and into the tumultuous air and a second air as a steel gymnasium door through which three students had just escaped.

The shot blew a slash hole in the door and scattered lead shot across the gym floor.

Cooper had brought his grandfather's shotgun weapon in a hibander onto the bus and to

school. He was taken into custody after Canyon County Sheriff George Nourse ordered him at gunpoint to drop the firearm and a kitchen knife.

Cooper was taken to the Caldwell hospital for evaluation. Authorities will consider possible charges on Monday.

Novus is a tiny farm town flanked by expanses of onion and hop fields. But school officials alarmed by shootings nationwide were finalizing a crisis response manual against the possibility of such violence. Other Idaho districts also have adopted similar policies.

The plan had been reviewed by the Novus School Board in March and was expected to be passed in May, Superintendent Bob Larson said. Employees had attended a day-long seminar on school violence last fall.

In the case of a lock-down because of a potential shooting, nooses-taking or other disturbance, teachers are trained to recognize the code words, "Staff,

remember the N-CAP meeting" on the loudspeaker. The earlier Novus Crisis Action Plan workshop directed them to quietly lock their classroom doors. If shots are fired, the class should duck and cover, and wait for help.

In the event of a student suspected of having a weapon on campus, the staff is directed to

not contact the youth, but wait for the principal or police.

School Superintendent Bob Larson helped organize the effort to get the students away from the school, across a farm field and into an elementary school across the street. He conceded it was nearly impossible to "count noses" during the 18-minute ordeal.

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Attorney Ron Yengich addresses the judge during a preliminary hearing for Paul Allen in December 1997 in Salt Lake City. Yengich offered what court officials loosely call an apology for clenching a fist and threatening to club a prosecutor in a judge's private chambers last month.

Contentious defense attorney dodges yet another complaint

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Criminal defense attorney Ron Yengich offered what court officials loosely call an apology for clenching a fist and threatening to club a prosecutor in a judge's private chambers last month.

Yengich, known in the legal community for his angry outbursts, had to stand in court and acknowledge for the record that his conduct after losing a bail hearing for a murder defendant was unprofessional.

Sheriff's deputies said they caught their investigation of the incident when the judge intervened, assuring his right to control his own court.

"I panicked angrily," Yengich admitted to 2nd District Judge Ronald Sefring. His admission came two weeks after the "hearse" March 11 confrontation, with Deputy District Attorney Cy Castle.

"Because these are very difficult cases, the emotions run high," said Yengich, who praised the judge for his handling of "that situation."

Court officials and prosecutors

agree on one thing: It was as close to an apology as someone of Yengich's temperament could offer.

Yengich's temper had boiled up during a 55-minute court hearing for Joseph Oberhaensley, 18, accused of fatally shooting his girlfriend and wounding his mother last December in West Valley City.

Yengich took offense to a claim by Castle — later dismissed by a judge — that Yengich had a conflict of interest.

Castle's point was that while Yengich was defending a son accused of shooting his mother, the mother was paying Yengich for her son's defense, and also proving a reluctant prosecution witness.

As the March 11 hearing ended, Yengich called for a huddle at the judge's bench.

"I've been attacked personally and unfairly," Yengich snapped in a furious whisper recorded on videotape. "It was a cheap shot."

"I think his (Castle's) calling into question my ethics was one of the lowest shots I've ever

taken, and I believe the court has an obligation to defend my integrity," Yengich told the judge.

"Let's put it on the record," Nefring said.

"No, I want to speak to the judge in chambers," said Yengich, who continued to complain about Castle and the judge's failure to rebuke the prosecutor.

"I don't know what he's talking about," a befuddled Castle said.

"Well, we're going to find out right now," said Nefring, taking both lawyers in his chambers "to get to the bottom of this."

It was in those chambers, the prosecutor later told court bailiffs, that Yengich raised a fist and told him, "I'd like to punch you!"

Sheriff's Capt. Bruce Thayne, the bailiffs' commander, recalls that Castle "was a little upset, to say the least." The prosecutor took a complaint to sheriff's Lt. Ben Anjewierden, who said Yengich's threat was "particularly inappropriate" inside a judge's chambers.

Olympic fund-raising doubts grow

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Olympic organizers must step away from politics and stop worrying about money, according to the top fund-raising official for the 2002 Winter Games.

"I am calling for an end to political rhetoric," said U.S. Olympic Committee Deputy Secretary General John Krinsky. "The organizing committee is being led to an extent by those

who have a government agenda ... (SLOC) cannot become distracted by that."

Krinsky said there's too much attention being paid to the possibility taxpayers could be held holding the bag if organizers can't cover the \$1.4-billion budget. He also said he's concerned sponsors will be driven away by expensive discussion of the Salt Lake bid's scandal's impact on

finance. "Citizens don't want to be associated with a financially troubled Olympics any more than they want to see taxpayers bear the brunt of the scandal," Krinsky said.

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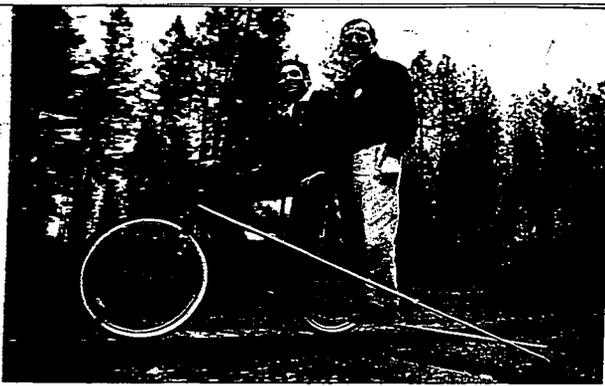
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Enthralled in the 10 bicycles their Coeur d'Alene-based manufacturing company, Railcycle Inc., sent to the London Underground last month for \$2,600 each. Engineers and track maintenance workers will use the railcycles to inspect the Bakerloo section of the world's most famous subway system.

Idaho company adapts bicycle for famous subway system

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Photographs of railcycles adorn the walls inside Smart's den. One of them might just turn a 24-year-old passion for the devices into a successful business.

Scrapbooks of bicycles adapted to ride on railroad tracks decorate the walls inside Smart's den. For almost a quarter century he has carried in his workshop a picture of an 1800s railbike he cut from a book, "This Was Railroading," by George B. Abell.

Smart photo-ordered a fascination with the contraptions that led Smart to build Railcycle Inc. in 1982. The company manufactures modern versions of the vintage railbikes.

Perhaps the most important railbike photograph in Smart's collection came in London newspapers that month when the London Underground ordered one of 10 railbikes purchased from Railcycle for track inspections.

Engineers and track maintenance workers will use the Railcycles to inspect the Bakerloo section of the world's most famous subway system.

"After 20 years, I think this is my day," Smart said.

By the end of May, London Underground sent with orders a field test of the Railcycle for work on the Bakerloo line.

Inspecting staff now walk the railbikes when it's shut down from 11:55 a.m. to 4 a.m. The track between work sites, said Mark Chapman, London Transport press officer.

"This obviously makes much better use of their time and is much easier for them," Chapman said.

Bakerloo manager Gary Day came up with the idea of using railbikes for track inspection two years ago when the news of 15th Avenue film of one in action. A partner search discovered Railcycle.

If the Underground managers like the Railcycle, London Transport may order another 20 bikes to serve the entire 249-mile Underground system, Chapman said.

Smart said he hopes the exposure Railcycle gets through the London Underground propels the bikes onto railways throughout the world.

The mid-March unveiling of the Railcycle in London got plenty of media attention, said Eric Erickson, Smart's 24-year-old partner.

Erickson, who joined Railcycle about one year ago, flew from Coeur d'Alene to London to represent the company and was interviewed by about 30 reporters and four British television crews.

Erickson's mission was to promote the Railcycle as a cost-effective, environmentally safe and fun way for inspectors to do their jobs.

"From the way they were talking about it while I was there, all three goals were accomplished," he said.

So far, the London Underground has received no inquiries from other rail operators regarding the Railcycle, Chapman said.

The Underground, however, is keen on the Railcycle concept. "It certainly has a useful application in an urban environment where the distances are short," Chapman said.

Should other rail operations feel likewise, a dream that started for Smart at his workbench in 1975 will have come true. That vision carried Smart along 18,000 miles of track in the United States, Canada, Switzerland and Ecuador, astride progressive Railcycle prototypes.

Those trips also shunted him and his railbikes onto the pages of numerous magazines, including National Geographic World, Sports Illustrated and People.

Smart's unflinching enthusiasm

for the concept attracted Erickson's entrepreneurial spirit and the knowledge he's gained as the parts buyer for Rathdrum-based Heater Craft, the largest manufacturer of marine heaters and showers in Idaho.

NAMPA (AP) — Internet search engine creator Lycos has sued Micron Electronics, claiming the Idaho-based computer manufacturer breached an agreement when it switched to rival Yahoo!

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Boston said Massachusetts-based Lycos will suffer harm because its principal competitor will gain the extra visits to its Web site.

The April 7 suit said Lycos and Micron signed a binding letter of intent March 18 to start the co-branded Web site, mConnect, which targets small businesses.

Lycos agreed to buy Micron equipment and Micron agreed to buy Lycos ads. Search engines

are used to find Web pages employing important words or phrases.

On March 22, Micron terminated the agreement because it would be unable to obtain a cer-

tain computer code from a third party in time for the April 5 launch of mConnect.

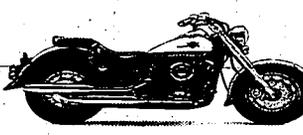
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IN BRIEF

Two days, two aces for Ire

TWIN FALLS—Brandon Ure got his second career hole-in-one Saturday, a day after he hit his first, as he once again aced the 157-yard fourth hole at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The nine-iron shot was witnessed by Kevin Kelly, John Irwin and Ron Dubayre. A day earlier, he used an 8-iron witnessed by Andy Venn, Mike Magellan and Tom Webster.

ISU men romp in last Big Sky warmup

BOZEMAN, Mont. — In the Hemplig last warmup before the Big Sky Tennis Championships in Arizona next week, Idaho State University nipped Montana State-Billings 4-0 Saturday afternoon.

ISU, a top seed in the conference championships April 22-25 in Glendale, Ariz., won each of the four singles matches and the pair of doubles matches to go 11-6 on the season.

Spots remain open for Oasis Best Ball

TWIN FALLS—There are still spots available for the Oasis 2-Person Best Ball April 24-25 at Jerome Country Club and Canyon Springs Golf Course.

The popular event will include nearly 400 players competing over 36 holes on the two courses. There will be special events at the Oasis with food and drinks, and raffles for three sets of golf clubs and other prizes.

Other draws, Canyon Springs assistant professional Rob Jones set a course record Wednesday with a 64, beating the old mark set by Peter Smith in the club championship.

For more information, call Del Harrison at 734-7609.

Washington State

Wins inaugural Inland

MOSCOW—Jon Reehoon fired a 3-under-par 210 to lead Washington State to a five-stroke victory in the all-Idaho Collegiate Challenge at the University of Idaho Golf Course.

The Vandals, led by Brian King's 212, were second, followed by Eastern Washington and Gonzaga.

Big West golfers come to Boise

BOISE—Boise State University will host the 13th annual Big West Conference Women's Golf Championship at Spaulding Country Club Monday and Tuesday.

The 54-hole tournament consists of 36 holes Monday and 18 holes Tuesday with play beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day.

Two-time defending champion New Mexico State is the top seed and includes three players who earned first-team All-Big West honors last season.

Twice Falls native Sara Thompson is fourth-ranked on the Vandals with an 83.2 scoring average.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Speedway begins 14th season

Stock Thunder racers roar to wild finish

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Tires squealed and engines roared off the starting line Saturday as an estimated 1,500 racing fans saw the first of 23 weekends of NASCAR Winston Racing Series action at the Magic Valley Speedway.

Inaugurating the track's 14th season was 21-year-old former racer Brett Thompson, who grabbed his first-ever victory in the evening's featured event, the 50-lap Mountain Dew Modifieds race.

"Boy, that was awesome. What a lot of fun," said a grinning Thompson. "Quale

is all over me in the end. The track was real slick and if anyone wanted to try and pass, you had to wait for the other guy to screw up."

After a clean start, the big boys quickly brought out the yellow caution flag after a three-car spinout in the first turn behind Jerome's Thompson, Gooding's Harold Warfield and Twin Falls' Doug Dugger halted action, resulting in a

restart as dusk enveloped the loud action.

But at the green flag, the pole-sitting Thompson quickly regained the lead with John Newhouse following close behind. Twin Falls racer and two-time feature driver Bruce Quale filled the third division champion Bruce Quale filled the third slot with Steve Jones and Clint Eames in fourth and fifth, respectively.

As the race wore on, Thompson's racer showed its power, largely holding a three- and four-car advantage throughout. At the 43-lap mark, Quale began his attempt

for the win. He crept within 2 1/2 car lengths, two laps later a determined Quale was on the leader's tail, at one point even touching the leader's bumper down the stretch.

But the white car from Jerome stayed on top to capture the checkered flag with Quale's black racer finishing second.

The stock Thunder racers closed the night's racing out with a wild finish. A rare green-white-checkered flag ending saw Jerome's Bruce Kubik take the lead at the 16-lap mark and proceed to drive home with the win in his hand.

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Second chances

Jesse Hoorelbeke is a believer

By Jeff Rosen
Times-News writer

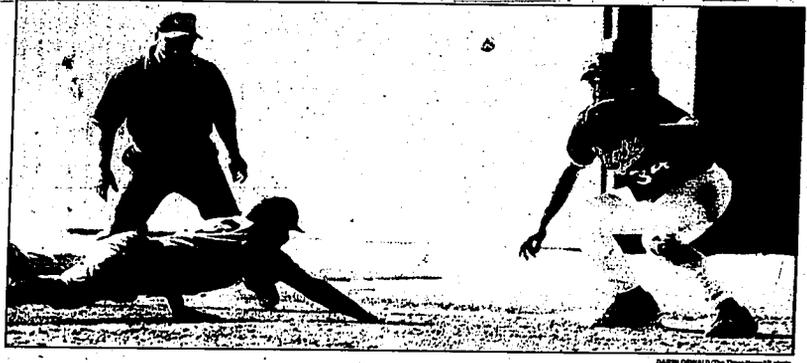
TWIN FALLS—Jesse Hoorelbeke believes in second chances.

Every time he steps up to the plate, it's evident that Hoorelbeke, batting .423 for the College of Southern Idaho since transferring from Washington State University this season, also believes in himself.

"It's going to go until someone tells me I demand of me—that I stop," he said. "I've got confidence in myself."

Hoorelbeke kept the 21-year-old afloat during some rough times the past two years. After recording a respectable 1.13 ERA, his SAT college entrance exam and earning Far 10 Honorable Mention as a freshman his first year with the Cougars, he struggled to maintain, but ultimately lost his academic eligibility for his sophomore season.

"My coach (at WSU) and I kind of disagreed on some things," he said. "But all the problems I experienced there I



College of Southern Idaho first baseman Jesse Hoorelbeke gets a throw from the pitcher hoping to catch a runner off base. A transfer student from the Washington State University, Hoorelbeke is improving his game on the field and in the classroom.

caused myself. I got lazy, to be honest. Everything was working out, and I just got too confident."

Some 40 pounds overweight, the 6-foot-3 Hoorelbeke telephoned someone else who believed in him—Southern Idaho head coach Jim Walker, who recruited him unsuccessfully out of Coeur d'Alene High School nearly two years earlier.

"I thought maybe start fresh, go somewhere else," Hoorelbeke

said. "And Skip said come down. Hindsight's 20-20, but I probably should have come down here right out of high school."

Besides now playing at a field he rates "10 times nicer" than the Cougars', Hoorelbeke has found a camaraderie in Twin Falls he felt lacking in Pullman.

"I was out here all summer, hanging out with the guys," he said. "We had a good time. This is a real friendly team. It's amaz-

ing, really, and something you don't find a lot of. At Division I, you've got 44 guys on your roster and you get a lot of little cliques."

Because of his relationship with his fiancée, Natalie—and because he's "done the freshman-in-the-dorm thing"—Hoorelbeke rents an apartment off-campus. Nevertheless, he's made time for study hour with teammates, and in so doing has improved his grades and satisfac-

tioned the general requirements needed to attend and play at a four-year school again.

Hoorelbeke, a grand master chef trained in Europe and Twin Falls native, chooses to pursue her dream of a law degree at Baylor University in Texas next year. Hoorelbeke may too, playing Division I ball for the Bears and accompanying the wife but one win from the world of law and order.

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Bear Lake takes home Midseason title

By Eric Machacek
Times-News writer

BUHL—A few road blocks found their way onto the Indians' path during their way to the championship game. The Buhl hosted Midseason Classic, but the host team came in and some things fell to Bear Lake 9-6 Saturday night.

Going into the seventh inning, Buhl had the lead by one run over Bear Lake before Jeremy Arnell ripped a two-run home run off the Indians to grab the lead. Two doubles followed by Danny Dixon and Lance Jacobson, and both scored.

"We hit the ball well tonight," said Bear Lake head coach Craig Culver. "We have a very veteran ball club and we wanted this tournament."

The fat lady wasn't ready to sing yet, as Buhl went to the plate with a final chance at the tie.

The Indians couldn't get anything going until Sean Van Elderen reached on an error with two outs. Adam Reynolds got a fly ball and a walk, but that was all Buhl could gather as Bear Lake snagged a hard-hit ball by Brandon Craner and took the



Bear Lake's Blake Thomas reaches base. Bear Lake won the tournament championship game, coming from behind several times.

last out at second base.

"We lost by three runs but we got them two," said Buhl head coach Gary Krumm. "We didn't score off a baserunning bluff and we had an error defensively that allowed one. If we're only down by one then that's a huge mental difference for us."

Buhl got on the board first when Brad Ross got up to the

plate and bounced the first pitch off the road on the other side of the fence.

Casey Forks answered for the Bears in the next inning as he put one out of the park to tie up the game.

Bear Lake held Buhl scoreless for three innings while padding its own score with back-to-back home runs by Kyle Jacobson

and another by Parks.

"We knew they were a good hitting team," said Buhl pitcher Eric Reynolds. "I made a couple mistakes and they hit the ball hard. We got beat by a better team today. We just have to work hard to get better."

Buhl finally got its offense going in the fifth inning when Ross scored Chris Flynn off a sacrifice fly. Jared Arnob was brought home when T.J. Cline reached on an error.

Still down by one run going into the sixth, the Indians broke open with two base hits by Adam Reynolds and Craner. Chris Flynn followed with another single to score Reynolds. Craner and Flynn both stole home off a wild pitch and an errant throw by the Bears' catcher.

"We threw our No. 6 pitcher tonight," Culver said. "He did a great job for us. Also, anytime you beat Buhl you have got to be a challenge to the guys."

Krumm said, "We were down 4-1 and we climbed back and took the lead. I'm not disappointed in the loss. I just hope to see them again in the state tournament."

Bear Lake 9-6, Buhl 6-9.

Baseball: Bears and Cubs, 41; Royals and Yankees, 30; Angels, 25; Mariners, 19; Orioles, 18; Pirates, 17; Cardinals, 16.

Saints' deal overshadows quarterback triple-play

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

NEW YORK—So much for the Year of the Quarterback.

Yes, Tim Couch, Donovan McNabb and Akili Shead went 1-2-3 to Cleveland, Philadelphia and Cincinnati in Saturday's NFL draft—the first quarterback triple since 1971.

And five QBs overall were taken in the top dozen by Reunite Culpepper going to Minnesota and Cincinnati and Cade McNown to Chicago with the next choice.

But the quarterbacks had to share top billing with the New Orleans Saints, who did just what coach Mike Ditka has been trying

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to do all along: get running back Ricky Williams, the Heisman Trophy winner.

Ditka's largesse also helped out the Washington Redskins.

He made his move when Indianapolis used the fourth overall pick to take Miami running back Edgerly James instead of Williams.

Ditka traded all his picks this year and his first and third next year to Washington, a

total of eight in all. It set up the rest of the draft and it certainly set up the Redskins.

But Ditka didn't blink.

After the deal for Williams was struck, he emerged from the Saints' war room, pumped both fists in the air, fired up a big cigar and shouted: "The power of prayer did it."

"He's supposed to come here," Ditka said. "I love the kid, everything about him is what we need. I think he's going to show people he's the best college football player coming out. He gives us what Walter Payton gave Chicago."

None of that would have happened had not the Colts taken James over Williams, who was disappointed not to be the first running back taken.

CSI splits final two with CEU

By Jeff Rosen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Adam Manley finally eased free of the 14-bomer mark and Sam Hess went 3-for-3 at the plate in the eighth, but lacking a reliable No. 4 starter in the rotation the College of Southern Idaho could not hold off the visiting College of Eastern Utah Saturday afternoon.

Beating CEU 10-5 in the early game and losing 9-8 in the latter, Southern Idaho thus bobbled its chance to close the gap on conference leader Dixie College.

CEU is still No. 2 at 19-13 in conference (27-19 overall), while Southern Idaho remains the 11th at 10-22 (33 overall).

Southern Idaho coach Skip Walker had hoped for more.

"I'm not happy at all," Walker said. "We've lost two games of four or even four of four if people were doing their job."

Redshirt freshman pitcher Jesse Hoesl worked a no-hitter into the fourth inning, softening the blow of his team's early ineffectiveness at the plate. The hometown Golden Eagles stranded seven batters to that point, but clung to a 3-0 lead gained on a two-run homer by Jesse Hoesl.

Hoesl and Elwood combined for four walks that inning, while Elwood hit Ben Johnston with a wild pitch to score the third run.

But, Eyre, sent to the designated hitter role, did his damage nonetheless. His single in the fourth inning opened Idaho's masterpiece and opened the

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SPORTS

Jesse

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"I like to argue," he smiled. "So I've thought about going into law. I always have a rebuttal. I'd love more than anything to get drafted and have a chance to play professional ball, but if that doesn't happen I'd like to have another opportunity in a four-year school."

Hoorebeke's life has taken some epic twists and turns. The son of the lead singer and drummer for groundbreaking indie-rock band Rave in Early, his early recollections of family life growing up in Los Angeles include watching his father perform in front of 100,000-plus people in a four-year school.

"He's still on the road," Hoorebeke said with a chuckle. "They say it's true. Old rockers don't die. They just start smoking more."

Enamored of the spotlight, Hoorebeke's young sons entertained visions of following in his footsteps. Jesse started playing drums, and later won several high school singing competitions. He played football and basketball, but both

pastimes eventually fell by the wayside. He still sings, but his first love is baseball. Ever since 7-ball Hoorebeke has been a power hitter. Casey, two years Jesse's junior, also delved into athletics, coming to CSI to play basketball last season but leaving midway through for personal reasons. He's now at North Idaho, throwing 90 mph with a pitching coach.

After living in southern California, the Hoorebeke family moved to Coeur d'Alene for Jesse's junior year of high school. He was happy with the change of scenery.

"It was moving from the concrete jungle to a scenery that was laid back," he recalled. "People liked you for who you were. I drove an old pickup truck and learned to respect nature."

Pitching, catching and playing three bases, his stock coming out of high school was excellent, yet he went undrafted by the big leagues. "They thought I was too soft," he said.

Scouts soon ate their words. At Washington State, Hoorebeke starred as first base, batting just under .300 during

a slew of home runs. "It seemed like wherever they pitched it, I could hit it," he said.

He thrived in the workman-like Pafonso that season, rising each morning for 7 a.m. practice and returning for another every afternoon. When academics became a struggle his sophomore year, he redshirted. Natalie, a University of Idaho student he met over coffee late one night at Denny's, turned out to be a rock in his life. The couple hit it off immediately, reuniting movies and critiquing them for hours on end.

But when he arrived at Southern Idaho last summer, Hoorebeke was sorely in need of conditioning. He took the task of slimming down to heart, dropping from 237 to his current 214 pounds. The pop is back in his bat, and he and Natalie plan to wed in June after a yearlong courtship.

"I did some serious weight loss, and I'm feeling like I'm starting to get some life back in me," he said. "I've lost my chubbiness, and now I just want the

chance to prove people wrong."

Hoorebeke has caught roughly half his squad's outings this season, splitting time with freshman Sam Hess, and has played first base or designated hitter through the remainder. Owning the highest batting average on the team - he led the conference at .483 through last month, ranking 12th among junior-college players nationwide - coaches make sure he doesn't sit idle long.

Walker has described him as a natural hitter with great feet and hands, who "can hit the ball as far as anybody I've ever seen." Hoorebeke returns the favor saying it is Walker who is fine-tuning his killer cut.

With Hoorebeke's final season of scenic West eligibility fast drawing to a close, the exchange is bitter-sweet.

"Skip is being helping me out a lot," Hoorebeke said. "But there's this kind of pressure. I can't stay here."

For now, Hoorebeke wrestles with more immediate challenges - improving his ability to hit the outside pitch, laying

off a pitcher's bad stuff and getting his team to Regionals.

After that? "The sky's the limit," he said. "I've just got to get on the ball and keep it strong the next few weeks."

Truth be known, he longs to feel the rush his father experienced performing before legions of fans. Just like Dad, only on the ball field.

"My dad started singing," Hoorebeke said, "because that's what God gave him to do. My thing is baseball. You have to love the game, and I do. My way of entertaining people is to hit a ball into the next country."

"What if I like to play in front of the number of people my dad did? I don't know. But they let you know if you can't hit the right note, and they let you know if you can't hit a fastball. I just want to experience that."

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Bruins tame Tigers, advance to 12-5

SPORTS IN BRIEF

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Bruin baseball team moved its overall record to 12-5 after sweeping a double header from Mountain Home Saturday, 12-7, 15-4.

"We swung the bats well today," said Twin Falls coach Mike Federico. "In Game 1, Chad Wilcox threw a very good ball game, better than the score indicates. Our defense was having some trouble."

Local sports
In Game 2, the defense stepped up and the Bruins continued to hit the ball well. The entire line up had two hits each except for two players.

One of those two players was Chris Westburg, but made up for it hitting a solo home run. Jake Robertson also hit a solo home-run in Game 2.

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Wood River 8, Wendell 0

HALLEY - Wood River scored the only runs in an A-2 district match Saturday against Wendell, 8-0.

The game was based on our pitching," said Wolverine coach Lars Hovey. "We kept them from getting any momentum. Our hitting and base running was sporadic, but our pitching was good enough to keep them from getting any big innings."

Wood River improves to 3-1 in district play, 4-8 overall and hosts Burley on Tuesday.

In the junior varsity match, Tyler Nicole's two-out double to right field in the bottom of the seventh inning scored Andy Beck and gave the Wood River junior varsity baseball squad an 8-7 win over Wendell.

Burley 6, Bonneville 21

BONNEVILLE 21 - The Burley Bruins split a pair of baseball games Saturday at Bonneville, including a 35-hit affair in the night-cap.

In Game 1, the Bobcats grabbed a 3-0 lead in the first, and padded it to 30 before Bonneville scored three in the bottom of the fourth. A run in the top of the seventh inning secured the win for Burley.

Jesse Smith hit a three-run home run in the second game, but a seventh-run Burley still wasn't enough to erase an eight-run Bees fifth.

Blackfoot 9, Jerome 8
Jerome 14, Blackfoot 9

BLACKFOOT - Jerome played a nine-inning first game against Blackfoot and lost Game 1 when a Blackfoot player hit a two-run home run to win by one.

The Tigers came back in Game 2 to win by five.

"The Tigers more to 2-10 and have scheduled a rematch with Highland on Wednesday. Their next regularly scheduled game is Saturday at Halley where they take on Wood River and South Fremont."

Marsh Valley, Kimberly split

KIMBERLY - Phil Stevens threw a five-hitter and struck seven in Kimberly's 11-6 win over Marsh Valley Saturday, giving the Bulldogs a split after losing the first game 30-0 on Tuesday.

Kimberly (7-7, 2-6 in league) plays at home Tuesday against Bull. Marsh Valley (6-10, 3-6 in league) has six hits on the day, and Kimberly teammate Matt Bulcher had three hits and 3 RBIs in the win.

Softball
Bruins win Tiger-Gritz tourney

IDAHO FALLS - Mandy Edwards rallied Twin Falls to a 3-2 triumph over Idaho Falls, claiming the Tiger-Gritz tournament title. Both teams were 3-0 going into the clash,

but behind Edwards' three-hit performance from behind the mound and pliate, the Bruins walked away undefeated.

Edwards went 3-for-3 with the stick, rapping out two doubles, while limiting the Tigers to three hits.

"I got into the finale with the Tigers, the Bruins put together a come-from-behind victory over Skyline with a six-run fourth inning, powered by and Edwards' triple and Amanda Bird's 2-for-2 tie at the plate."

Mandi had two creditable ground games," said Bruins coach Nick Bauman. "We really came around today and played off our summer."

On the 4-10 setback, after the Bruins head to Bull Wednesday for a 4 p.m. makeup game.

Minico splits double-header with Rigby

RIGBY - The Spangans split a split double-header Saturday with the visiting Rigby Trojans, falling 6-5 before winning the night cap 4-3.

"We played pretty solid," said Minico head coach Billy Francisco. "Our team played some good defense, making some good plays, and our hitting was up there, as well."

The Spangans' second victory in 12-2 overall and 2-4 in conference.

Minico 17, Madison 8
Staley, Rigby split

RIGBY - The Rigby baseball team split a double header with Minico Saturday in non-conference play, winning the first game 10-5 and losing the second 10-9.

Staley (7-7, 2-6 in league) was also split by Bruins coach Leonard Huron. "Tonica Bruce had a bad inning when she walked in three at the top of the fourth, she settled down and only two more runners came so far for the rest of the game."

Bruins improves to 11-6, hosting Minico on Wednesday.
Minico (12-5, 2-7 in league)
Staley (12-5, 2-7 in league)

Shelley 11, Filer 3

The Wildcat pitching staff struggled, giving up nine walks and three hits. Filer could manage just three hits.

The game was called after five innings although the time limit had not been reached.

"The Wildcat three leads who haven't pitched for us," said Filer coach Jerry Ryan. "We completed, we were just not having the best day. We were a little off."

The Filer coaches decided not to use their experienced pitchers

Soccer
Twin Falls sweeps pair

BOISE - The Twin Falls soccer team improved to 7-0 overall with a 7-1 win over Caldwell and a 3-0 beating of Fruitland.

Danby Thanasadabouth scored four goals in the first game and one in the second, and Andy Naumovna was in goal both games.

Other first game goals were scored by Zozna Makoc, Chris Bass and Jeff Bartram.

Bartram scored a second goal against Fruitland, and was named in the scoring column by Jerry Black, Shaun Edmunds, D.J. Stone, Scott Brown, Joey Alanzo, Tyler White, and Steve Irwin.

Twin Falls travels to Pocatello next weekend for the Portneuf tournament.

Track
Boise Relays

BOISE - The Twin Falls Bruins track team fared well at the Boise relay track meet held Friday at Boise State University.

Twin Falls earned three gold medals in the boys' 300-meter relay, 1600-meter relay and the 400-shut hurdle relay.

Nate Silvester placed second in the boys' 100-meter and 200-meter relays of 33.4 and 164.2 respectively.

The girls' 1600-meter relay team placed second with a time of 4:45.3, while the 300-meter team ran a time of 1:04.4. The Bruins boys' 300-meter relay team ran the race in 1:31, the 1600 team clocked in a 3:23.3.

The shuttle hurdle team earned their first with a 1:03.6 finish.

Rodeo
BUCH - Here are the rodeo results for the District 6 high school

High School Rodeo
District 6
Event 1: [List of names and scores]

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Track meet to benefit Special Olympics

BUHL - The Buhl Invitational co-ed track meet will start at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the high school track. The proceeds from the event, sponsored by the rotary club, will go to Buhl Special Olympics.

Participating schools include Buhl, Filer, Gooding, Glenns Ferry, Jerome, Kimberly, Minico, Ulysses, Raft River, Twin Falls, JV, Wendell and Wood River, and Spring Creek, Nev.

Boys and girls will compete in 18 events each, and a banner award will be given to the team with the highest combined score from the eight open races, four relays and six field events.

Medals will be awarded to the top three through third places and ribbons will go to fourth through sixth place.

Jerome softball deadline approaches

JEROME - The Jerome Softball Association still has openings for summer play. The deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday, April 22.

For more information, call the recreation department at 324-3369.

CSI frosh qualifies for national horse show

TWIN FALLS - Juliette Strate, a College of Southern Idaho freshman, has qualified for the National Intercollegiate Horse Show April 23-25 in New York.

Strate rides an equine major from Eagle, won the Regionalsponsored Award at the Regional Finals.

The CSI team was launched in September and immediately won several Reserve Champion Team titles in both English and Western competition, plus High Point Rider awards. They compete in a huge region - from Las Cruces to Laramie, with several shows against CSU at Fort Collins, Colo.

They are the only IHSB team in Idaho.

Fun Run & Walk to accept race-day entries

TWIN FALLS - Race-day registration for the Stumble Rock Fun Run & Walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24 at Rock Creek Park.

Both courses follow flat, paved and dirt roads with hills at the beginning and end. Cost is \$20 and includes a T-shirt. Awards will be given to the top three overall finishers and the top three finishers in each age group.

Immediately following the finish of all races, the Twin Falls Jr. Club will serve free food and drink.

For more information, call Lesa Blackmer at 733-6915 or Christie Roberts at 733-7136.

Time runs short for softball registration

TWIN FALLS - Signups for the Twin Falls women's softball league are the Tuesday, April 19.

For more information, call 736-0561.

American Legion slates auction, dinner

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls American Legion Hall of Fame dinner and auction is slated for 6 p.m. on April 28 at the Turf Club.

The event will include a silent auction, live auction, raffle and dinner for \$15 per person. For more information or to donate to the auction, call Gary Quessel at 734-4292 or 731-3360.

Compiled from staff reports

Speedway

Twin Falls Mike Greco finished second with Bill Rice kicking up a giant dust cloud along the backstretch, but still managing to grab third place points.

"It turned into a four-car race all the way through," Kubik noted.

Pony stocks

THE NAPA Pony Stocks kicked off the first of four main event races with a 25-lap race.

One lap into the race, a five-car spinout in Turn 1 resulted in three racers being eliminated in the 13-car event, bringing out the yellow flag with Shawn Nicks yellow flag battling Mike Erara's Mustang for the lead.

ing it out for third place and Gene Goodfellow and Bill Miles were in the driver's seat in the division - pulling up the queue.

"It's kind of fun," Nice said of starting off the season with the same game as Jones, a sophomore. "I was feeling good today. I thought we would do well in this tournament. We have a good Sugar-Salem cut the advantage

Street stocks

The first 35-lap main event for Buweider street stocks flew off the line with "Straw" Norman Hatke pulling out for the lead with Don Vanschoick's neon green Dodge riding his bumper and Dale Jones and Dan Dun in fourth place.

The four remained tightly locked through 16 laps as Clay Bagley led his presence back to Don with a little kink on his

passenger door.

"Barker's Camero pulled away at the 23-lap mark as the leaders were through slowest, but he fell spin out at the fourth corner between Miles and Dun brought out the race's first caution halting the action with a green round remaining.

A second yellow flag showed itself at the 24-lap mark with Dun spinning out again out of the fourth turn. Acram soon picked up with Hatke keeping his lead with five laps remaining. Elk black Camero pulled away from Vanschoick as the Dodge canceled with the race and Hatke picked away with the rest of the field.

"I'm pretty sure we were from the pole," said Barber, who had from Twin Falls. "I didn't know

where everybody else was, but this was awesome."

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SPORTS

Rockies rock Rocker in ninth, steal one from Atlanta

DENVER (AP) — Darryl Hamilton's RBI single off John Rocker capped a three-run ninth inning as the Colorado Rockies pulled to beat the Atlanta Braves 3-1 Saturday.

Pinch-hitter Angel Echevarria tied the game with a one-out single that scored Todd Helton and Mike Lansing. Hamilton followed with a soft line drive to left-center, and Pat Watkins scored just ahead of the throw from center fielder Andrew Jones.

Rocker (1-1), pitching for the first time in eight days, looked rusty as he walked Helton, gave up a single to Lansing and

walked Watkins after being ahead in the game 2-1.

Rocker inherited Atlanta's closing job after a season-ending injury to Kerry Litschberg and a wildness by Mark Wohlers, who was traded Friday.

Chuck McLeroy (1-0) retired all four hitters he faced to get the victory in relief.

Brewers 5, Cubs 4

MILWAUKEE — Geoff Jenkins' two-out, RBI double capped a five-run comeback in the bottom of the ninth inning and rallied the Milwaukee Brewers over the Chicago Cubs.

Cubs starter Steve Trachsel took a two-hitter a 4-0 lead into the ninth. But after Fernando Vina led off with a bunt single and Jeff Cirillo singled with one out, Terry Mulholland relieved.

Jerome Barmie hit a long fly that popped out of center fielder Lance Johnson's glove and glanced off the railing on top of the fence for a single that loaded the bases.

Red Beck (0-1) took over, and Steve Perry hit a two-out, RBI double and Dave Nilsson's two-run single tied it at 4-4.

With two outs, Jenkins double-dome pinch runner Lou Collier from first base.

Mike Myers (1-0) was the winner.

Pirates 7, Reds 6, 10 innings

CINCINNATI — Warren Morris hit an RBI single in the 10th inning to lift the Pittsburgh Pirates over the Cincinnati Reds.



Colorado Rockie Larry Walker's bat snaps from the impact with a pitch from Atlanta Braves' Tom Glavine Saturday in the Rockies' 3-1 victory in Denver. Walker grounded out to Braves second baseman Bret Boone on the play.



Abraham Nunez and Turner Ward started the inning with consecutive singles. Nunez moved to third when Jason Kendall flied out and scored on Morris' base hit to

right.

Jason Christiansen (3-0) allowed with two scoreless innings for the victory, as the Pirates snuffed a three-game losing streak and won for the first time on the road.

Cubs White (0-1) struck out seven in seven innings, but gave up three hits and a run until his fourth out.

Jesus Reyes (2-0) pitched the final 1 1/3 innings. He wound up giving up one hit and one run.

Stewart Swanson pitched a perfect eighth and John Franco finished with a hitless ninth for his fourth save of the season, the 40th of his career.

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The Giants wasted little time in getting to Andy Benes (1-2), scoring four times in the first inning.

Barry Bonds got a two-out double on a high fly ball that first baseman Greg Coltrann and right fielder Tony Womack lost in the sun coming through the half-opened retractable roof. Left Kent walked and Benes hit J.T. Snow with a pitch to load the bases.

Kirk Rueter (1-0) allowed three runs and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Phillies 2, Marlins 1

PHILADELPHIA — Doug Glavine singled home the winning run with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Bobby Abreu opened the ninth with a single off reliever Antonio Alfonseca (0-1), stole second and advanced to third on Desi Relaford's sacrifice.

Yarkis Jimenez, who relieved starter Chad Ogea in the eighth, gave up a leadoff double to Luis Castillo. Dave Berg sacrificed and one out later, Wayne Gomes (1-0) raved and gave up Todd Woodhouse's two-out, game-tying single.

Ogea continued his run of success against the Marlins, pitching seven scoreless innings. He allowed four hits, struck out seven and walked three.

Livan Hernandez pitched 7 1/3 innings, allowing one run. He gave up five hits, struck out seven and walked four. He also had two hits off Ogea.

Cardinals 8, Astros 5

HOUSTON — Jose Jimenez pitched shutout ball into the eighth and fellow rookie J.D. Drew hit a three-run triple to give the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Houston Astros for their fourth straight victory.

The Cardinals' leadoff double seven runs in the eighth inning, including Drew's triple, Edgar Renteria's two-run single and RBI single by Willie McGee and Albert Castillo.

The Cardinals led 8-0 before Jimenez (1-0) gave up a two-run double to Derek Bell and an RBI single to Jeff Bagwell in the eighth.

Jimenez allowed eight hits, struck out seven and didn't walk a batter in 7 1/3 innings.

Houston starter Chris Holt (0-2) gave up three runs and five hits in seven innings, but had a career-high eight strikeouts.

Red Sox beat Devil Rays but lose ace reliever to injury

BOSTON (AP) — On the day Nomar Garciaparra returned to their lineup, the Boston Red Sox were concerned by his slight. Relief ace Tom Gordon suddenly walking off the mound with a strained right elbow.

Gordon was trying to extend a major league record of 46 straight save conversions in the ninth inning of Saturday's 8-5 win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

The Red Sox said they will wait until before re-evaluating Gordon's stock to see if further rest was necessary.

Gordon struck out Bobby Smith to start the ninth, and threw two strikes to Dave Martinez. But the reliever then motioned to catcher Jason Varitek, and manager Jimmy Williams, a trainer and a couple of infielders joined Gordon on the mound. After a minute or so,

Gordon walked to the dugout. Garciaparra returned to the cleanup spot after missing seven games because of a pulled hamstring. The star slumped went 1-for-4 with an RBI single and scored twice.

Mark Portugal (2-0) beat the Devil Rays for the second time this season. Tony Saunders (12) took the loss.

Blue Jays 7, Orioles 4

TORONTO — David Wells won his third straight start, and the Toronto Blue Jays extended their winning streak to four with a victory over the slumping Baltimore Orioles.

Wells (3-0) gave up two runs and six hits in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out six and walked three, and also hit Albert Belle with a pitch in apparent retaliation for an earlier brushback.

Greene Lloyd got his first save. The Orioles are 3-8 and off to their worst start since 1988, when they lost a major league record 21 games to start the season. Doug Linton (0-1) took the loss.

Tigers 3, Yankees 1

DETROIT — Andy Dummett pitched six shutout innings against Detroit in his first start of the year, but a bullpen breakdown sent the New York Yankees to their third straight loss.

The World Series champions have lost three straight for the first time since last Sept. 30-33.

Pettitte, out since April 4 because of a strained left elbow, left with a 1-0 lead after the second of two rain delays, this one a 64-minute wait in the seventh.

Pettitte allowed five hits with three strikeouts and one walk.

Jeff Nelson (1-1) pitched well, and his throwing error on Durbin Easley's infield single set up two runs in the seventh.

Matt Anderson (0-0) got one out for the win and Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his first save.

White Sox 6, Royals 5

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Magglio Ordonez hit a two-run single and another run scored on a triple, and

bullied Carlos Beltran's error in the Chicago White Sox, down to their last out in the ninth inning, called past the Kansas City Royals.

After three scoreless innings of relief by Dan Wengert and Scott Spivak, Jeff Montgomery (0-0) took over in the ninth with a 3-0 lead.

Jeff Baker hit a leadoff single, and Montgomery raised the next two homers. But pinch-hitter Mike Caruso singled and Frank Thomas drew the 10th hit walk of his career, leading the bases.

Ordonez hit a sharp single to center, his third hit of the game. The ball got past Beltran, and Ordonez wound up at third as three runs scored.

Sean Lowe (1-0) got his first major league victory, allowing one run and one hit in three innings of relief after starter Jaime Navarro.

Bob Elway pitched the ninth for his first save.

Athletics 11, Rangers 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jason Giambi homered twice and drove in four runs, and three teammates had two RBIs as the Oakland

Athletics defeated the Texas Rangers.

Giambi, who went 4-for-5 with an RBI in Friday night's 8-2 win over Texas, homered in the first and fifth innings. He had an RBI single in the sixth as the A's won for the fourth time in five last four games.

Giambi, who scored the season's first run in a 17th-inning, 16-9 win over the last four games to raise his average to .318.

Jimmy Haynes (1-2) all but held the Rangers to a 1-0 loss in 1 1/3. Giambi hit a two-run homer and Mike Maroney added a two-run double to tie the game off Mark Clark (0-2), who allowed five runs, one hit and five walks.

The Oakland homer was caused by Friday night's rain.

Indians 5, Twins 1, first game

CLEVELAND — Manny Ramirez drove in four runs and the Cleveland Indians won their eighth straight game, beating Minnesota as the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

The doubleheader was caused by Friday night's rain.

Ramirez hit a two-run homer, his third, in the first inning against Brad Radtke (1-2).

Chris Naege (2-0), pitching for the first time in a week because of consecutive rainouts, allowed four hits and one run in 7 2/3 innings.

Twins 13, Indians 8, 11 Inn., second game

CLEVELAND — Matt Lawton drove in a career-high six runs with a grand slam and two-run double as Minnesota snapped the Indians' eight-game winning streak and giving the Twins a split of the day-night doubleheader.

The Indians had not lost since a season-opening defeat in Anaheim and appeared well on their way to a sixth consecutive win after taking a 7-1 lead in the nightcap.

But Lawton hit a first-pitch, pinch-hit grand slam to give a seven-run eighth inning that put Minnesota ahead 8-7.

David Justice tied it in the bottom of the ninth with a pinch-hit homer off Twins closer Rick Aguilera (2-0).

Stockton dishes 13,000th assist

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone scored 27 points and Jeff Hornacek added 20 and John Stockton had the 13,000th assist of his career for Utah in a 109-93 win over Los Angeles.

The Jazz, who still haven't lost in April, won their 10th straight game and earned their NBA best record to 31-8, while the slumping Lakers lost their third straight. Utah led 52-40 at halftime and made a 13-4 run early in the third quarter that put the game away.

In their first game since waving Dennis Rodman on Thursday, the Lakers got a strong inside game from Shaquille O'Neal — and little else. O'Neal had 29 points and 14 rebounds.

Stockton's 13,000th assist came on a pass to Malone, who hit a fadeaway jumper with 6:13 left in the first quarter. Stockton has been the league's career leader in the category since 1993, second on the list is Magic Johnson with 10,441.

Pro basketball

Hornets 80, Cavaliers 82

CLEVELAND — David Wesley scored 24 points and Bobby Phillips added 23 as Charlotte ran its winning streak to seven games.

Shawn Kemp scored 23 points for Cleveland, which had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Eddie Jones was scoreless for the first half, but his 3-pointer with 10:38 left in the third quarter helped lead Charlotte's 28-13 run that made it 64-45 and the Hornets led 68-54 after three quarters.

Raptors 93, Knicks 90

NEW YORK — Vince Carter scored 21 points, including two key 3-pointers in the final 72 seconds, and Charles Oakley had 12 points on 5-for-5 shooting with seven rebounds and

six assists as Toronto snuffed a six-game winning streak.

The Jazz won the third straight for the Knicks, who remained in ninth place in the Eastern Conference but had their lead over 10th-place Toronto and Charlotte cut to a half-game.

Latrell Sprewell had 22 points to lead New York, which trailed by 21 points early.

Blazers 102, Mavs 94

DALLAS — Greg Anthony scored 23 points, 17 in the fourth quarter, and hit four 3-pointers during a late 36-6 run by Portland.

Arvydas Sabonis had 22 points and Brian Grant added 14 for Portland, which had lost four of its previous six games.

The Trail Blazers took the lead for good with 7:57 to play when Walt Williams' two-free throws made it 81-80.

Gary Trent and Michael Finley had 24 points each for the Mavericks, and rookie Derek Nowitzki added 17.



Utah Jazz center Greg O'Neal and guard John Stockton (12) double-team Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal in the first quarter Saturday in Salt Lake City.

Buddies envision tourist attraction in Mantle home

Preservation of The Mick's home remains top priority

COMMERCE, Okla. (AP) — Like others before them, Brian Brassfield and Todd McClain dream of greatness at 319 S. Quincey St.

Here, at the crumbling house where Mutt Mantle coached his young son with big league visions, they see a museum no baseball fan could miss. Here, where Mickey Mantle honed his swing with a tin shed for a backdrop, they envision crowds of tourists.

"We've even talked about the tin barn and letting kids bat against it, just like he did," said Brassfield, who grew up in nearby Miami, Okla., trading baseball cards of the "Commerce Comet."

The 37-year-olds, buddies since Little League, bought Mantle's boyhood home in this small town about six years ago.

They sold it in a New York auction in 1994, then hired a lawyer to get it back after the \$60,500 deal with a buyer who wanted to move it to Las Vegas or Branson, Mo., fell through.

"Our main objective is not to get rich," McClain said. "It's to keep the house and preserve it."

The four-room clapboard home sits at the edge of town, facing a cluttered lot. Its roof sags. Inside, the ceiling bulges in water-stained layers.

The weak wooden floor requires careful negotiation. Peeling wallpaper shivers in a breeze that blows through a baseboard hole in a front-room window.

Brassfield and McClain are just beginning to restore the house to what it was when Mantle lived there between 1934 and 1944.

The men, sales managers at a plastics manufacturer, are using their savings and are not sure how far their own pockets can take them. "We're not wealthy people," McClain said.

They are looking for a collection of Mantle memorabilia — toys, blue jeans and other items bearing the Hall of Famer's name.

They envision life-size-bronze statues of a young Mantle and his father engaged in a practice session in the front yard.

They want Commerce to clean up neglected lots and make Mantle's old haunts, like the football field, accessible to tourists.

And they want the town to return its main streets to the "vintage small town" an impish Mantle left for the New York Yankees.

"The fans will see that hard work can take you places no matter where you come from," they wrote in a synopsis of their plans.

Mayor Jack Young, a 74-year-old Commerce native, has his doubts that tourists will be drawn off nearby highways for that.

"That house has been there for years and years," he said. "It's at a dead-end road."

And he doubts local folks will rally to support the effort.

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— Todd McClain, co-owner of Mickey Mantle's former home

Not that they're against it, he said. It's just some people here still have hard feelings about Mantle, even though nearly four years have passed since his death.

"Mickey Mantle didn't even show up when they dedicated Mickey Mantle Boulevard," Young said.

"People got down on him for stuff like that."

Former postmaster Bill Brumley recalled that when the Civic Trade Committee tried to start a Mantle museum a decade ago, the slugger's lawyer threatened to sue.

But he still wants to see a Mantle museum here.

"Tourism would bring in a lot of dollars. People would see the area, you know, and maybe they'd like to move to a nice quiet area like this," Brumley said.

Brassfield and McClain believe their attraction could draw 100,000 visitors a year and complement a proposed Mantle museum in Grove, 20 miles to the south.

Mantle memorabilia collector Neil Sakow, who operates Neil's American Dream Museum in West Hartford, Conn., has spoken with the men about possibly displaying some items in the home.

Sakow suspects a Mantle museum will appeal to babyboomers nostalgic for the 1950s and 60s, and the golden age of baseball represented in Mantle's country boy charm.

"Everybody, they just melt when they go back to childhood," Sakow said.

"And the Mickey Mantle name is magic."



Brian Brassfield, left, and Todd McClain, friends since they were boys playing Little League baseball, stand in front of the old house where Mickey Mantle lived as a boy in Commerce, Okla. Like others before them, Brassfield and McClain dream of greatness at 319 S. Quincey St. Here at the crumbling house where Mutt Mantle coached his young son with big league visions, they see a museum no baseball fan could miss.

Drugs, violence, athletes — will it ever end?

Latest arrest may be Darryl's last straw

NEW YORK (AP) — Darryl Strawberry is approaching the major league record no one wants: Steve Blass's mark for second chances.

Just when it seemed the ball turned himself around, Strawberry struck his latest comeback with the New York Yankees teetering on the edge. His arrest on charges of cocaine possession and soliciting a female prostitute may be the final straw.

"I hope his career isn't over. I hope they don't give up on him," said David Cone, his best friend on the team.

George Steinbrenner said shortly before signing him for the first time in July 1995, "I think this young man has to realize he's been given a great chance here — one some people say he didn't deserve."

In the last 12 years, Strawberry has been accused of breaking his first wife's nose, named in a paternity suit, arrested for possession of a handgun, arrested for gambling, a woman he lived with, ordered to pay \$500,000 in back taxes, ordered to leave his mother's home, arrested for a dispute with a tailor to make child-support payments and sued by his ex-wife.

He went through alcohol rehab in 1990 and substance-abuse rehab in 1994, then was suspended for 60 days in 1995 after testing positive for cocaine.

He was released by the Dodgers and Giants and struggled through a half-season in the Northern League, about as far from the majors as a professional can get.

Yet, before Wednesday night's arrest, he was the team's training facility in Tampa, Fla., he had been a model citizen since joining the Yankees, the team he hoped to return to as he tried to regain strength after a cancer diagnosis.

When the illness and operation last October forced him to miss the postseason, his teammates reportedly "rehabbed him" so he would feel a part of the clubhouse celebrations.

After the World Series sweep of the Padres, the clubhouse in Sun Diego was filled with chants of "Straw! Straw! Straw!"

"We didn't know how much we loved him and missed him. It was a very emotional moment," catcher J. P. Rodriguez said of phone calls to Strawberry that night from the trainer's room. "It was hard without Darryl, not so much because of his baseball presence but just as a person."

Just two months ago, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence hired Strawberry as a spokesman. Unlike the didn't have as much ability as when he came up with the New York Mets in 1983, he had regained the luster of his years as a fearsome hitter, the eight-time All-Star and NL Rookie of the Year winner who led the Mets to the World Series championship in 1986 and another division title two years later.

"I don't want to be a star. I just want to be a player," he said last year, when he had his best season since 1992.

I think my days of what they call stardom. That's not important to me. It's important to me to enjoy my life and help other people who are having problems."



New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, right, restrains Darryl Strawberry, left, after pulling him out of a brawl with the Baltimore Orioles May 15, 1998, at Yankee Stadium. Strawberry's turbulent baseball career took a downward turn when he was charged with possession of cocaine and soliciting a prostitute last week.

His turning point seemed to be his time in the Northern League in 1996, when he was making \$2,000 a month, riding a bus with the kids.

"St. Paul was a very humbling experience for me," he said. "It allowed me to find out who I am as a person. It allowed me to have no pride. It showed me baseball was fun again."

Steinbrenner was at Strawberry's bedside last fall. But he demands loyalty in return. That's why he lashed out in February after Strawberry missed an autograph session, remarks he later said went out of line.

"For what we have done, been over backwards for Straw, we've tried to understand his problems and worked with him," Steinbrenner said. "We pulled for him every bit of the way. It's the last guy I expected to have pulled that."

Steinbrenner will decide Strawberry's future, and a guilty plea or conviction may cause him to decide whether to cut Strawberry loose. Then again, the Yankees are the team that have played for following his eighth suspension for drug and alcohol problems.



Professor Wray Vamplew heads the International Centre for Sports History and Culture at De Montfort University in Leicester, England, which is the world's largest think tank specializing in sports.

Sports have always been linked with negatives

LEICESTER, England (AP) — In the good old days of sports — say, last century or even earlier — players were upright and noble, and there were no drugs, booze and gambling, right?

Nonsense, says a gentleman of sports history. This period of "scholarly amateurism" never existed, said Wray Vamplew, who heads the International Centre for Sports History and Culture at De Montfort University in Leicester.

"We know the Greeks used virtual magic mushrooms to keep their spirits up," Vamplew said. "We know gladiators and knights in shining armor used certain drugs to keep their wounds better."

In his book "Pay Up and Play the Game," Vamplew depicts sports violence in 18th and 19th century Britain "that makes Lennox Lewis and Mike Tyson look whimps."

In a sport known as cudgeling, "sticks and clubs were used to crack open an opponent's head," and victory came only when blood ran an inch deep.

Also popular was a sport called "cut-throat," in which an opponent's legs were lashed with a whip. So was kick-boxing with "heavy-boated men" kicking each other until one couldn't walk.

And then there were blood sports involving animal cockfighting, bull- and dog-baiting, and a game that involved burying a hen up to its neck and decapitating it with a bat.

"Every England couldn't be sentimentalized," said Vamplew, who spent almost two decades at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia, before returning to England to set up the sports think tank in 1995.

Vamplew has a doctorate from Edinburgh University in economic history and heads the world's largest center for sports history, where he directs 20 full- and part-time researchers with graduate student training degrees.

Sports has a long documented history, a rich folklore generated largely by sports writers taking — until about 30 years ago — a mostly nostalgic, cheer-leading approach that "ignored wider historical implications," Vamplew said.

As in other areas, sports history "works to keep myths from taking over," he said.

One of those myths is that sports and politics shouldn't be mixed.

"At the one end, picking the team is a political decision," Vamplew said. King James I of England banned soccer because it got in the way of archery, he said.

There is a long history of athletes and nations trying to influence political decisions through sports.

Governments subsidized sports for military purposes," Vamplew said. "In the 19th century, horse racing was subsidized to improve horse-breeding techniques because the army depended on horse power until tanks arrived."

In one of the most controversial events in Olympic history, British judges in 1908 in London voided a 400-meter race and wiped out an American victory, citing the winner imported a British runner.

All of the judges were British, the last time the home country had such an advantage, Vamplew said.

"The British officials didn't like the Americans because they trained," he said. "That wasn't seen as gentlemanly."

Gambling and cheating aren't new, either.

"Heavy gambling has been a means of conspicuous consumption," according to Vamplew.

"Where you began to get gambling, you got cheating and corruption."

"It's not the prize money that prompts the cheating, it's the gambling aspect of sport."

In 1790, the Prince of Wales — the title now held by the heir to the British throne — was banned for betting his horse to lose a race.

Cricketer star William Lambert was barred from Lord's cricket ground, the sport's Yankee Stadium, for diving at a match in 1817.

Gambling at Lord's was subsequently banned for 100 years.

The phrase, "It's not cricket," came into use about 1870, although "the sport actually has a long history of cheating and sharp practice."

Another myth: amateur is more virtuous than professional.

"Amateur was originally a middle-class British concept," Vamplew said. "Gentlemen were amateurs. Professionalism — being paid for playing — is what the working man did."

Vamplew said sports became an industry 100 years ago, but sports professionalism goes further back with athletic men in 18th century England "given employment as estate workers on account of their cricketing prowess."

SPORTS

Agent deals; Browns get their man

CLEVELAND (AP) — Sleepless nights, fights at office water coolers and endless hours of hand-wringing have all ended. No more questions. No more guessing, and no more waiting.

The Browns made up their mind: Tim Couch is their man. Cleveland, which begins a new era in the NFL as an expansion team in 1999, selected Couch with the No. 1 overall pick in the draft Saturday.

The decision to choose Couch ended months of rumors, speculation and overanalysis by all of Cleveland as the city's football-starved fans tried to figure out what the team might do with its first draft pick in three years.

Now it's safe to relax, Dawg Pounders. You won't have to suffer through another Mel Kiper Jr. interview. The Browns say they got their man, and before he's even played one game for Cleveland, Couch has already shown a knack for come-from-behind victories.

"Tim Couch has always been the guy," said Dwight Clark, Cleveland's director of football operations. "He's always been the guy. He's always been the leader. He's always been the one that rallied the troops. He set records in high school, he set records in college, and we expect him to set records here."

Couch only became the



Browns coach Chris Palmer, right, hands a Browns jersey to Tim Couch, Saturday at the team's headquarters in Berea, Ohio. Browns' top pick after a strong workout last weekend and after his agent, Tom Condon of Cleveland-based IMG, had worked out a deal with the Browns early Saturday morning in a New York hotel. The Browns, who also considered using the top pick on Oregon quarterback Akili Smith



New Orleans Saints coach Mike Ditka sports a big cigar as he walks through the Saints training facility in New Orleans Saturday. The club was able to select Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams because of a deal with the Washington Redskins that moved them up in the draft from No. 12 to No. 5 in the first round.

Williams deal lights up Ditka

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mike Ditka wasn't just blowing smoke. From the very start, the New Orleans Saints coach had wanted Ricky Williams, and on Saturday he traded away just about everything short of Bourbon Street to get him.

Once he got the Heisman Trophy winner, Ditka pumped his fist, broke out into a big grin, fired up a huge cigar, and sang a little dirty about going out to play ball.

"It was meant to be, it was ordained," Ditka enthused after a last-second deal with Washington allowed him to pick the player he believes will turn the Saints into winners.

New Orleans selected first-round picks with the Redskins moving from 12th overall to No. 5, and gave them their other five selections this year in rounds 3-7, and a No. 1 and No. 3 next year to go Williams.

In his yellow Hawaiian shirt with a picture of a pitcher of margaritas and a filled cocktail glass on the back, Ditka slipped back, joked with owner Tom Benson, and puffed a giant LaUnion cigar, eight inches long and two inches in diameter.

Skins work the draft, come up with a Champ

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The Washington Redskins worked the draft to perfection, wheeling and dealing and winding up with exactly what they wanted — and more.

After two trades involving 11 draft picks in the first 90 minutes Saturday, the Redskins not only got the player they had targeted — Georgia cornerback Champ Bailey — but they also had themselves lead into next year.

Surprised to see Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams still available when they went on the clock, the Redskins took up Mike Ditka's offer and traded their No. 5 overall pick for the New Orleans Saints' entire draft — plus first- and third-round choices next year.

That put the Redskins at No. 12 overall, too low to get Bailey, so they packaged five picks and sent them to Chicago to move up to No. 7.

The end result: Bailey comes to Washington, and the Redskins — who had not had a first-round draft pick in 2000 — now have three.

"You're talking about a lot of phone calls in a short period of time," said general manager Charley Casserly, who had worked out a firm deal with New Orleans and a tentative one with

"I said from Day 1 he was the player we wanted," Ditka said. "We did the thing we thought would make us best, fastest."

"He gives us what Walter Payton gave us in Chicago. Not everyone agreed with Ditka's strategy."

"We're all different," said Mike Holmgren, coach and general manager of the Seattle Seahawks. "Look at the shirt that Mike Ditka was wearing. I didn't want to trade all my picks and go home."

Ditka dismissed speculation that he should have picked a quarterback to replace Billy Joe Hobert, Billy Joe Tolliver or Danny Wuerffel. He said he has confidence in Hobert as the starter.

"If he hadn't blown out his tendon in the first game last year, I think we would have gone to the playoffs last season," he said. The Saints had been trying to work out a deal that would allow them to move up from the No. 12 pick in the first round so they could take the former Texas back.

On Saturday, New Orleans tried to entice Cincinnati to part with the No. 3 pick, offering them all of this year's picks, No. 15 in 2000 and 2001, and a No. 2 in 2002.

Red tape

Details of the two trades made by the Washington Redskins during the first round of Saturday's NFL draft.

Washington and New Orleans: New Orleans' No. 5 overall pick (obtained from Carolina in the Sean Gilbert trade). Saints used it to select Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams.

Washington received: New Orleans' No. 12 overall pick; Redskins' third-round pick (No. 73 overall), fourth round pick (No. 107), fifth round pick (No. 136) and sixth round pick (No. 178) and seventh round pick (No. 218). Also, the Redskins received the Saints' first- and third-round picks in 2000.

Washington and Chicago: Chicago received the No. 12 and 73 overall picks the Redskins had just obtained from New Orleans. Washington's original fourth- and fifth-round picks (Nos. 106 and 143) and the lower of the Redskins' two third-round picks in 2000.

Washington received: Chicago's No. 7 overall pick. The Saints used it to select cornerback Champ Bailey of Georgia.

Chicago before the draft started just in the unlikely case that Williams didn't go in the top four.

NEW YORK (AP) — How NFL teams filled their needs with their first selections in Saturday's draft: **1. CLEVELAND** — **WILLIAMSON** starting a franchise, you look for a franchise quarterback. That's an NFL axiom the Browns heeded widely by taking **TIM COUCH**, QB, KENTUCKY. Couch might sit behind Ty Detmer for his rookie year, but not long beyond that.

2. PHILADELPHIA — **DAVEY OGBURN**, QB, SYRACUSE. The Eagles did, hope to boost an offense that scored 161 points last year, but not long beyond that.

3. CINCINNATI — **THE BENGALS** already had four quarterbacks on the roster, but weren't enamored of any of them. So **AKILI SMITH**, QB, OREGON, was the choice. He has the strongest arm of any passing prospect, and will have decent success to work with.

4. INDIANAPOLIS — **EDGER RIN**, RB, ILLINOIS. The Colts aren't Ricky Williams. The Colts apparently believe he is a better receiver, and after catching a year at Penn State, he's the running back who can deal the ball as an outlet for Peyton Manning.

But James had only one outstanding season, and he's a former Williams is the NCAA Division I career rushing leader.

5. NEW ORLEANS — Mike Ditka would have offered the Superdome for **RICKY WILLIAMS**, RB, TEXAS, if "Da Coach" owned it. Instead, he traded six picks this year, two next year with Washington to move up seven spots. That's an incredible price to pay for a guy Ditka compares with Walter Payton. He can't be sure.

6. ST. LOUIS — The Rams bolstered their draft when they traded for Marshall Faulk on Thursday. They further upgraded a dreary offense with **TORRY HOLT**, WR, NORTH CAROLINA STATE. Now if anyone can find Isaac Bruce.

7. WASHINGTON — For a team in ownership limbo, the Redskins did a spectacular job. They traded their first- and second-round picks, and still wound up with the guy they wanted, **CHAMP BAILEY**, CB, GEORGIA. Washington is again at a disadvantage, occasionally can use Bailey at receiver. He'll run back kicks, too. A superb pick for what they need.

8. ARIZONA — The Cardinals are building a nice offense and Jake Plummer will love throwing to **DAVID BOSTON**, WR, OHIO STATE. Boston also brings a bit of attitude to go with his setting open deep and should provide balance to Rob Moore and Frank Sanders.

9. DETROIT — The Lions weren't expecting **CHRIS CLAI-BORNE**, LB, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, to slip this far. The All-American, who can play inside and outside, should fill a need on the outside and start immediately.

10. BALTIMORE — Even though they took a cornerback to first last season (Duane Starks), the Ravens couldn't resist **CHRIS McALISTER**, RB, CALIFORNIA. He'll find aging Rod Woodson to move to safety and also will return kicks. Look for some big

First-round selections

Selections from the 1999 NFL draft with team, projected position and college:

PICK	TEAM	PLAYER	POS.	SCHOOL
1	Cleveland	Tim Couch	qb	Kentucky
2	Philadelphia	Donovan McNabb	qb	Syracuse
3	Cincinnati	Akili Smith	qb	Oregon
4	Indianapolis	Edger Rin	rb	Illinois
5	New Orleans	Ricky Williams	rb	Texas
6	(from Carolina through Washington)	Troy Holt	wr	North Carolina State
7	Washington (from Chicago)	Champ Bailey	cb	Georgia
8	Arizona (from San Diego)	David Boston	wr	Ohio State
9	Atlanta	Chris ClaiBorne	lb	Southern California
10	Baltimore	Chris McAlister	qb	Arizona
11	Minnesota (from Washington)	Duante Culpepper	qb	Central Florida
12	Chicago	Carle McNewen	qb	UCLA
13	(from New Orleans through Washington)	Troy Edwards	wr	Louisiana Tech
14	Pittsburgh	John Tait	ol	Florida Young
15	Kansas City	Anthony McFarland	ol	LSU
16	Tennessee	Jevon Kearse	ol	Florida
17	New England (from Seattle)	Darren Woodby	ol	Boston College
18	Oakland	Matt Stinchcomb	ol	Georgia
19	New York Giants	Luke Pettigout	ol	North Carolina
20	Dallas	Ebenezer Ekuban	ol	Northern Iowa
21	Arizona	L.J. Shelton	ol	Eastern Michigan
22	Seattle (from Dallas)	Markey Collier	ol	Saguenay Valley State
23	Pittsburgh	Antonio Mitchell	ol	Ohio State
24	San Francisco (from Miami)	Roggie McCreary	ol	Florida
25	Green Bay	Antwan Edwards	ol	Clemson
26	Jacksonville	Fernando Bryant	ol	Alabama
27	Detroit	Aaron Gibson	ol	Wisconsin
28	New England	Andy Katzenmoyer	lb	Ohio State
29	(from New York Jets)	Dimitry Underwood	de	Michigan State
30	Minnesota	Patrick Kerney	de	Virginia
31	Atlanta	Al Wilson	lb	Tennessee

plus from McAlister right away.

11. MINNESOTA — The Vikings really wanted McAlister after losing Corey Fuller as a free agent. Instead, in the Draft of the Quarterbacks, they opted to groom one behind Randall Cunningham. **DAUNTE CULPEPPER**, QB, CENTRAL FLORIDA, is a bit raw and untested on the highest level. But this team has time on its side.

12. CHICAGO — The run on quarterbacks continued as the Bears drafted **DAVID BOSTON**, WR, OHIO STATE. Very productive, even though he doesn't fit the prototype NFL quarterback, McNewen could be the first of this crop to really stand out.

13. PITTSBURGH — A bit of reach here: **TROY EDWARDS**, WR, LOUISIANA TECH, was highly productive on a lower level and projected as a late first-round pick. But after allowing Yancey Thigpen and Charles Johnson to slip away as free agents, the Steelers were desperate enough to gamble.

14. KANSAS CITY — For the second straight year, the Chiefs tended to their offensive line. **JOHN TAIT**, T, BYU, was the first blocker selected and could slide in to replace the departed QB available in the draft. **VICTOR RILEY**, who started as a rookie.

15. TAMPA BAY — Warren Sapp must be smart to move to center. By taking **ANTHONY MCFARLAND**, DT, LSU, the Bucs solidified their defensive line and ended Sapp's impact on the offense. Sapp's QB availability could be a factor. Tampa decided to fill a minor need on defense with a top-rank

21. ARIZONA — With speedy David Boston on hand, the Cardinals could look for bulk. A left tackle was the most pressing need, and they got **L.J. SHELTON**, T, EASTERN MICHIGAN. He'll get a chance to start right off.

22. SEATTLE — After two trades downward, the Seahawks finally got going and bolstered their defensive line with **LAMAR KING**, DE, SAGINAW VALLEY. There's no major need here, but the wideouts and cornerbacks who were attractive already were gone.

23. BUFFALO — One of the few totally expected picks in the round was **ANTHONY WINFIELD**, CB, OHIO STATE. A hard-hitter who is a bit small, Winfield surely could start, but certainly will work in the nickel package covering receivers.

24. SAN FRANCISCO — The 49ers moved up three spots, dealing with Miami to get a shot at **REGGIE MCCREARY**, DT, FLORIDA. Clearly worried about Bryant Wood's return from a severe leg injury, the Niners believe McCreary will plug gaps against the Jets.

25. GREEN BAY — The Packers have taken some hits in the secondary, and to compete with the Jets in the NFC Central, they must upgrade safety and cornerback. **ANTWAN EDWARDS**, S, CLEMSON, will allow Darren Tarver to move to cornerback. Edwards moves well, but needs work on tackling.

26. JACKSONVILLE — Another good pick. The Jaguars have few weaknesses, but their pass coverage is mediocre. They also wanted a good man-to-man guy and **FERNANDO BRYANT**, CB, ALABAMA, can handle that. But he also needs outside motivation.

27. DETROIT — On a pick from Miami, the Lions filled another need — did they ever — with 380-pound **AARON GIBSON**, T.G. Wisconsin. Barry Sanders and Charlie Batch certainly don't mind having a road-grader like that.

28. NEW ENGLAND — The Patriots' pick. This is the last choice in the round, and it was used to take a big name whose game sagged in 1998: **ANDY KATZENMOYER**, LB, OHIO STATE. With the regular season, he might have to move out. He won't displace Ted Johnson.

29. MINNESOTA — After their success with Randy Moss, the Vikings are unafraid of problem players. So they went for **DIMITRY UNDERWOOD**, DE, MICHIGAN STATE. He missed the season with an ankle injury and needs to mature.

30. ATLANTA — The Falcons did well by getting **PATRICK KERNEY**, DE, VIRGINIA. A former lacrosse player, he brings intelligence and dedication and should enhance an already solid pass rush. But should they have gone after a wide receiver, an even better pick.

31. DENVER — From national champion to Super Bowl champion. Not bad for **AL WILSON**, LB, OHIO STATE. Eventually, Bill Romanowski must be replaced, and Wilson, if he can stay healthy, should be the guy.

Skinny kid plays his way into the sports pantheon

The Associated Press

The years flew by, the game changed, but the buildings were always packed for the same reason.

So it will be one final time today when Wayne Gretzky steps onto the ice at Madison Square Garden, a tired warrior at age 38, yet somehow still looking like the skinny kid who won the heart of one sport and two nations skating on a wetter that always seemed a few sizes too big.

The pulse of the world's most famous arena will be pounding like the grand old building has rocked only a few times in its storied history. And over the same glassy surface where he spun so much magic for three decades now, Gretzky will perform his grandest illusion. He will make himself disappear.

"I've been encouraging people to smile and be upbeat," he said Friday, already dreading the moment when he sits at his dressing room table and ties his skates for the last time. "That will be tough."

And yet, it can't be any tougher than the way he carried on those slim shoulders ever since he was a 10-year-old. He was already a legend in his native Canada by then, only 17 and 70 pounds, yet saddled with the knowledge that he carried the most elusive of gifts.

In the same way that people on this side of the border would clamor for a glimpse of Tiger Woods two decades later, hockey fans here are still in small towns across Ontario to see the prodigy who scored 378 goals in a single season for the Nedrosky Steelers.

It was driving home after a loss one day that his father tried to instill the lesson—the son would never forget. In as soothing a tone as he could manage, Walter Gretzky looked over at Wayne in the passenger seat and said, "You can't be like anyone else any more. For you, there can never, ever be a bad game again. Every game now, everyone will expect a miracle."

The wonder of Gretzky, the



New York Ranger Wayne Gretzky poses a question during a news conference following his last practice Saturday in Rye, N.Y. Gretzky announced his retirement from the NHL Friday and will play his final game today.

quality that lifted him above his game and into the sporting pantheon where only names like Jordan and Ali and Ruth reside.

In the years that followed, he would fashion those miracles in the biggest moments, in the crucible of a Stanley Cup or in the smallest, on a dreary winter night in a regular-season game rendered almost meaningless by a drawn-out schedule. He would fashion them in the most spectacular way imaginable, with a spin move that left defenders clutching at his shadow, or in the subtlety of bouncing a pass to himself off the side of the net in one moment and then delivering the puck to the stock of an onrushing teammate in the next.

No matter what the situation demanded, Gretzky found a way to produce them, shift after shift, night after night, until they filled up page after page in the National Hockey League record book. He strung them together with such regularity that any time you took your eyes off him, even for just a moment, you did so at your own risk.

"I think of him like Michael Jordan," said Bobby Orr.

Gretzky's first trial for hockey's code of behavior "No matter how many times I watched him play, he never did disappoint."

Echoed Gordie Howe, whom Gretzky looked as a dad and sign player as an adult. "That's what I'll miss most. Every time you saw him, he came up with something new, something you didn't expect."

Like everyone else, Howe had no problem recalling his favorite Gretzky moment. Some might call them divine among the four Stanley Cup series Gretzky dominated when he played in Edmonton during his prime, making the series for hockey's most terrifying offense like an adult master puppeteer.

Others name the last game of the Stanley Cup final he took to the Canadiens while playing for the overmatched Los Angeles Kings in 1993, when it took the entire Montreal team to win the outcome from Gretzky's grasp.

"His last shift at the All-Star Game this year in Tampa," Howe said without hesitation. "They should make a film of that and show it to anybody who wants to know how hockey is supposed to be played."



Young hockey players climb onto the Wayne Gretzky statue outside the Skyreach Centre in Edmonton, Saturday. There has been a steady flow of fans to the statue since Gretzky announced his retirement Friday in New York.

Hockey-mad Canada reveres the Great One as a national treasure

TORONTO (AP) — It was only a matter of time before Canada's prime minister should intervene in the Wayne Gretzky retirement saga. After all, Jean Chretien is arguably the nation's second most famous man.

And it was only natural that Chretien, like so many of his compatriots, should find it vain for the Great One to play on. Beyond the borders of the world's most hockey-crazed country, Gretzky ranks high among the greatest-ever superstars of sport; in Canada, he is much more than that.

Canadians have been aware of Gretzky since he was a pinstriped pee-wee player, scoring goals at unbelievable rates. Over three decades, they have marveled at his greatest-ever superstars of sport; in Canada, he is much more than that.

Now, as Gretzky concludes his 20-year NHL career, Canada is awash in end-of-an-era nostalgia and retrospection, as if this one player's departure from hockey is on a par with the ending of the millennium.

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"I think there's been great things about him, from his early days with us and his time in the NHL, to his time in the pros."

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would scream "Puck hog" at him, even though he also led his teams in assists.

"He knew he was good, all right, but to my eye at least, it hadn't gone to his head," recalled the interviewer, Peter Gzowski. "I remember asking him if he thought he'd ever make \$100,000 a year playing hockey, and he just laughed."

Within 10 years of that interview, Gretzky was well on the way to becoming the greatest hockey player in history, domi-

nating an often brusish sport with finesse and intelligence.

The scope of his achievements are known to fans worldwide — four Stanley Cups with the Edmonton Oilers, more than 60 NHL records, nine most valuable player awards, etc. etc.

In Canada, his success transfused him into a national treasure. Few Canadians in any field, including politics and entertainment, ever have been subject to such coast-to-coast adulation and scrutiny.

Gretzky's courtship of American starlet Janet Jones in the mid-1980s was covered breathlessly by Canadian media, which divulged minute details about her childhood in a St. Louis suburb, her career (including a lead role in "Police Academy 3") and previous flings (with Bruce Willis and tennis pro Vitas Gerulaitis, among others). During the romance, an edition of "Playboy" with Jones on the cover sold out in Edmonton within three days.

The buyers weren't prudent; one magazine-shop manager said at the time — "They're just Gretzky fans who want to see a kind of woman he's marrying."

The wedding, on June 16, 1988, was depicted as the closest Canada ever would get to royal nuptials. Thousands of people thronged the streets outside St. Joseph's Basilica in Edmonton.

Said one of the onlookers, graphic designer Brenda Savella-Smith: "In England they have the royal family. In the United States, it's Hollywood. But we have to make our own heroes in Canada."

The matrimonial euphoria was shattered two months later by the most shocking of news — Oilers owner Peter Pocklington was trading Gretzky to the Los Angeles Kings.

"It's like ripping the heart out of the city," said Edmonton Mayor Lawrence Decore.

Gretzky wept at a farewell news conference there, and Canadians engaged in overwrought postmortems as to whether Pocklington or Gretzky's new wife bore the bulk of the blame. Some fans likened Jones to Yoko Ono, whose marriage to John Lennon contributed to the Beatles' breakup.

1999 All-Star Baseball Try-outs!!!

The Twin Falls Travelling All-Stars announce try-outs for the 1999 All-Star Baseball Season. Our goal is to select young athletes from the local area to participate in summer baseball tournaments throughout southern Idaho. Our purpose is to provide a competitive season for these teams, and to work with the players to improve their baseball skills, sportsmanship and team spirit.

Who can play?

Boys and girls 9 to 12 years of age who reside in Twin Falls (or adjacent communities who do not have an All-Star program) are eligible to try-out. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the player on July 31, 1999. Players must be registered and participate in their respective city recreation league, if available. Typically 4 teams are selected — 2 teams of 9 and 10 year olds, and 2 teams of 11 and 12 year olds.

Where and when are try-outs?

Try-outs will be at Frontier Field on Saturday, April 24, 1999, 9 and 10 year olds try out from 9:00 am to noon, 11 and 12 year olds try out from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We want to give every boy or girl who has a desire to try-out an opportunity to try-out. If you cannot attend the Saturday try-out, please call Gary Cook 733-1915 (hm), 733-1804 (wk) or Laird Stone 733-5533 (hm), 733-2721 (wk).

How much does it cost?

There is no cost to try-out. If selected for one of the teams, each player is responsible for a \$150.00 player fee. Players are encouraged to find a sponsor to help with the player fee. Each player is responsible for his/her own travel, meals and lodging expense (camping facilities are available at or near most of the ballparks).

What kind of commitment is involved?

The All-Star experience is great fun, but it is a big commitment for the entire family. This summer we are tentatively scheduled to play in the following tournaments:

- July 11-12 Haley Ice Breaker Tournament
- July 18-19 Jerome Tournament
- July 24-26 Rexburg/Madison Tournament
- July 8-10 Rupert Tournament
- July 16-17 Burley Tournament
- July 22-24 Twin Falls Tournament

Coaches typically practice their teams 3-6 more times per week beginning April 24 through July 31. During the Twin Falls tournament, parents and players all pitch-in to help with anything from T-Shirt sales to our 'world-famous' picnic.

Complete and mail in the attached registration form by April 20, 1999. If you do not register in advance, you are not eligible to register on Saturday, April 24, 1999. However, you should plan to arrive 1 hour earlier to your respective try-out. For more information, please contact Gary Cook 733-1915 (hm), 733-1804 (wk) or Laird Stone 733-5533 (hm), 733-2721 (wk).

Please mail the registration form to Twin Falls All-Stars, 2047 West Avenue N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83421.

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I understand the time and money commitment required by the Twin Falls Travelling All-Star Baseball program and hereby agree to the above named player to try out and to play in the following tournaments: _____	
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at least 50 categories for ballots to be included in the **Sun Valley drawing.** Participants are also encouraged **not** to vote for an unfamiliar category. This will help ensure valid results.

3. Each **INDIVIDUAL** ballot must be mailed to: **THE TIMES-NEWS, R.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.**

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44. Best Sports Car
45. Best Furniture Store
46. Best Appliance Store
47. Best Home Improvement Store
48. Best Men's Apparel Store
49. Best Music/CD Store
50. Best Nursery/Garden Store
51. Best Pharmacy
52. Best Photo Processing Place
53. Best RV Supplier
54. Best "Shop Til You Drop" Place
55. Best Shoe Store
56. Best Sporting Goods Store
57. Best Florist
58. Best Stereo and TV Store
59. Best Supermarket
60. Best Gas Station/Convenience Store

63. Best Manufactured Home Place

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64. Best Auto Repair Shop
65. Best Caterer
66. Best Child Care Center
67. Best Real Estate Company
68. Best Travel Agency
69. Best Hair Salon
70. Best Nail Salon
71. Best Accountant
72. Best Travel Agency
73. Best Veterinarian
74. Best Bank
75. Best Place For Oil Change

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Idaho Power supports decrease in valley rates

TWIN FALLS—Idaho Power Co. filed a request with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to implement its annual "power cost adjustment" plan. If approved, would reduce all Idaho small customer electricity rates by 0.36-0.41 cents per kilowatt hour, a company news release said.

The decrease results from projected above-average hydroelectric generating conditions. When conditions are poor, Idaho Power increases electricity rates to cover more expensive sources. The PCA adjusts the company's rates charged for electricity based on power benefits from other utilities, on the company's own-fired generation and on Snake River inflow conditions which affect hydroelectric generation.

With PCA approved, a typical monthly bill for residential customers—based on 1,200 kWh per month—would decrease by 7 percent from \$62.95 to \$58.16, the release said.

Residential utility customers also will benefit from the PCA this year. The rate decrease they will see depends on the amount of electricity they use. Overall, the company's annual revenues are expected to decrease by \$41.5 million.

The PCA under the PCA is filed April 15 each year and expires on the first of May.

Department of Agriculture seeks dairy nominations

MICEL—Nominations of dairymen to represent producers for the Idaho Dairy Products Commission will be accepted.

Each year, the Department of Agriculture conducts elections in three of the state's major dairies. Those elected serve three-year terms. Nominations are due by May 7.

Districts include: Covering Cassia, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties, is holding an election this year. Committee of the nominating committee for District VII is Jack Pomeroy, 11230 E. 3700 N., Boise, ID 83724, phone 543-6970.

The deadline is responsible for naming three eligible producers whose names will appear on the election ballot.

A qualified producer is a citizen over 21 years old and a resident of Idaho and the district which he or she represents, and, for five years preceding the election, has been engaged in producing dairy products within the same.

The law also provides that additional qualified producers in each district may be nominated by a petition signed by at least 25 active producers residing in the district. These petitions are submitted to the Department of Agriculture through the May 7.

The terms of district commission member Henry Ellsworth of Butte expires this year. The ballot may be requested.

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible producers in the district by May 15 and must be returned by mail no later than June 1.

Local company produces hands-free microphones

TWIN FALLS—Eagle Communications and Electronics Inc. is developing a hands-free microphone system for the trucking industry since early spring 1999. A patent submitted by the company is the foundation for the system.

"I was seeking a break from the aviation industry and was driving a semi-truck cross-country when I saw the need for an improvement in the way truckers communicate," says George Miller, a local aviation electronics shop owner, operates the company along with George Miller.

George said the company now ships nationally to Perma-voice (like the one north of Twin Falls) and has local outlets to include the Oasis Truckery and Twin Falls Truck and Equipment on Kimberly Road. ECE also ships independent chains and over distributors.

The largest obstacle facing the company now is developing a second generation. The company doesn't want to be known as a one-hit wonder, George said. It also is seeking wider distribution of the existing product so the company can make some local jobs.

ECE also makes a variation used by all-terrain vehicle riders that permits them to use hands-free radios without removing their hands from the handlebars.

Miller can be reached at 733-4822.

Compiled from staff reports



Jim Lee, Jr. of Cook Pest Control Co. halts poison at the mouth of tunnels dug by meadow voles on the outskirts of a yard in Jerome County. Pest controllers like Lee have been kept busy with a boom in the rodent population.

Of mice and exterminators

Spring invasion means business for pest controllers

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

Voles are destroying rump bulbs, ruining pastures and eating alfalfa in fields. Mice infesting homes, especially near rural areas and in new subdivisions, have owners worried and disgusted. Rodents are covering ditch banks and digging up yards.

So calls are pouring in to the health department and area extension agents.

"They're in a panic," said Penny Silva, administrative secretary for the Lincoln County cooperative extension agent. The office has heard this spring from an unusual number of people whose fields were overrun by voles or their homes by exceptionally high mice populations.

Those people don't know what to do, she said, but they have to do something immediately.

That means business for Cook Pest Control Co. of Twin Falls, which rides golf courses, agricultural fields,



Consecutive mild winters have allowed rodents like this white-footed mouse to grow in numbers.

homes and the like from "fruits, voles, rock chucks, pocket gophers and ground squirrels."

"The last two months has just absolutely terrible," manager Jim Lee said.

Lack of disease, an easy winter and

a good carry-over population from last year have Cook Pest Control making rodent-control trips as far away as Malta with more frequency than usual.

Jerome County "is by far and away the worst," Lee said. And with the clearing of lots for new homes on the Snake River, mouse habitat has been taken away. "So their second option is the homes and businesses."

Another Twin Falls exterminator reports rodent populations are worst near the Snake River, where food supply is available. Several years of low winter kill have boosted insect populations, too, said Todd Sawyer, owner of Sawyer's Pest Control.

Earlier this month, the company put on a seminar for 70 food processors in Burley and spent a half-day discussing rodent control, he said.

When Terminix International responds to a mouse call, it does an.

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Exterminators' business by the numbers

Booming populations of mice, voles and other rodents are keeping exterminators busy this spring.

• Cook Pest Control Co.'s job numbers in a year increased at least 60

to 70 percent compared to last spring, manager Jim Lee said.

• Terminix International's number of calls from the Magic Valley for rodents—primarily mice and voles—is up about 10

percent compared with other springs, branch manager Bob Chauvin said.

• Sawyer's Pest Control is seeing a 40 percent increase in revenue, over last year's first quarter.

• But this spring's many mice also mean more work for the revenue to keep clients happy.

The price is the same for a home "whether we trap two mice out of there or 50 mice out of there," owner Todd Sawyer said.

Mice create risky business

The raw meat of the document is a 7 percent return on its portfolio from interest payments and capital gains last year. If January's expense ratio was 0.5 percent, it returned 6.5 percent for its investors. If hypothetical's expense ratio was 1.5 percent, its owners got a 5.5 percent return.

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Penny pincher

In bond funds, costs are key

The Associated Press

NEW YORK—In the specialized world of bond fund investing, it almost always pays to be a penny-pincher.

While there may be a few exceptions here and there, a mountain of evidence shows that bond funds with low expense ratios usually produce better bottom-line returns than bond funds with high expense ratios.

"Cost matters," says John Bogle, the founder of the Vanguard Group fund family, in the "On Bonds" chapter of his new book "Common Sense on Mutual Funds."



FUND FILE
Chet Carrier

A month after the release of Bogle's book, a study of five-year returns for 92 funds that invest in high-quality municipal bonds: "The obvious conclusion: Returns go down as costs go up. It's as simple as that," he declares in the assertive style for which he is famous.

On this subject, unlike some others, many other commentators agree with Bogle. The logic of his case is based on the nature of stock investments.

As big as the market for high-quality debt securities may be, it offers much less variety than the stock market. Returns in the stock market vary dramatically from one issue to the next, depending on how each company progresses financially.

To a lesser extent, that same variability may occur in lower quality "junk" bonds. But as the market for junk is smaller, the distinctions get narrower and narrower. If two financially strong issues sell for the same price of identical maturities and interest coupons, those bonds may very well produce virtually identical returns over time.

So what's left to distinguish between two bond funds whose managers take about the same degree of credit risk and interest rates? Beyond whatever difference may arise from the skills of the managers operating in tight quarters, costs are likely to play a major role.

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Chet Carrier is a business writer for the Associated Press.

Get a clue: Manifesto's 95 theses offer useful guides

By Dan Gillmor
San Jose Mercury News (Call)

Online

The sheer pretension embedded in the word "manifesto" makes me gag when I see it in print. But I'll cut the authors of the online Cluetrain Manifesto some slack, because they're onto something useful.

The etymology of the word "Cluetrain" (<http://www.cluetrain.com>), is, uh, a clue to the Web document's con-

tent. It quotes an unnamed "veteran of a firm now free-falling out of the Fortune 500," who says, "The clue train stopped there four times a day for 10 years and they never took delivery."

As that might indicate, the document is aimed primarily at corporate America, old school, from Internet-

empowered customers. Here's the above-all-others point: "We are not seats or eyeballs or end users or consumers. We are human beings—and our reach exceeds your grasp. Deal with it."

The raw meat of the document is its "95 Theses"—another dose of pretension, shades of Martin Luther. He was the German Reformation leader who in 1517 posted his 95 Theses on the Wittenberg Castle Church door, which served as a bulletin board for

Wittenberg University.

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Genealogies Apartments near completion in TF

TWIN FALLS — Springs Property Management announced the Genealogies Apartments are nearing completion and should be available for rent by Tuesday.

The 30 one-bedroom apartments — at 1846 Harrison, just off Pole Line Road near Costco Wholesale and Alberson's — are for seniors (ages 55 and older) or handicapped or disabled people. Features include fully-applianced kitchens, including dishwasher and disposal with ample cabinet space, private patios with outside storage areas, washer and dryer hookups, natural gas heating and central air conditioning, and furnished community area with kitchen and central laundry room also will be available.

Pre-leasing and tours are successful, but some apartments still are available. For more information, call 735-0308.

Snake River Pool & Spa earns top 100 status

TWIN FALLS — Snake River Pool & Spa Inc. has been selected as one of the top 100 businesses in the spa and pool industry.

According to the AQUA 100 list published in the April issue of AQUA, the business magazine for spa and pool professionals. This is the 10th year AQUA has used the AQUA 100 program to recognize excellence in spa and pool construction, retail and service.

A panel of industry judges critiqued each company on its performance in customer service, product knowledge, store design, quality craftsmanship and advertising promotion. "It was a lengthy process to narrow the list to only 100 companies," said Alan Sanderford, editor and associate publisher of AQUA, in a news release. "Hundreds of companies entered the competition."

The main office of Snake River Pool & Spa is at 1020 Blue Lake Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Another office is at 706 S. Main in Bellevue.

Warentam in TF changes name to WinCo Foods

BOISE — Warentam Inc. has changed the name of its Twin Falls Warentam store to WinCo Foods. The store is at 1569 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Locations throughout Oregon, Idaho, Washington and California will be converted to the new name by May of this year, said W. Co. Foods' winning entry in an employee contest.

Warentam Inc. is an employee-owned company. Ownership status will not change in any way during the name change.

"We have been wanting to update our name for some time now," said Bill Long, president and chief executive officer of the company, headquartered in Boise, formed in 1968 when the first Warentam Foods store opened. Since that time, the company has grown to 30 stores in 15 western states with annual sales of \$100 million.

"It is important to do some things to let customers know we are always looking for improvement," Long said.

Anderson Lumber Co. will purchase assets

OGDEN, Utah — Anderson Lumber Co., which has a store in Twin Falls, announced it signed an agreement with the assets of Rima Building Center in Pullman, Wash.

"We are pleased to make our first entry into the state of Washington with the acquisition of Rima Building Center," said James C. Beardall, president and chief executive officer of Anderson Lumber. "This building material center will be a satellite of our Coeur d'Alene store and part of a cluster of retail stores we are planning for the Northwest Region."

Anderson Lumber is in its 109th year of business and is headquartered in Ogden. With the acquisition, the company now operates 35 building material centers and eight truck manufacturing plants.

All-day workshop at CSI will promote workplace Teamwork

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's Continuing Education Department will conduct an all-day business workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in the Sage and Cedar rooms on the second floor of the Taylor Building at CSI.

Riding for the Brand: Building Teamwork, conducted by Michael Tomlin, will build self-esteem, dynamics using symbolism of the Old West to illustrate points.

The seminar's title reflects not only to a symbol of the working business frontier, but also to identifying the brand used by participants. Participants will learn how to promote ownership in the company, research on their brand and help everyone ride to a simple mission.

Tomlin is a nationally syndicated newspaper columnist and award-winning journalist who has taught at the University of Idaho. He now lives in Boise and conducts seminars in group and organizational studies around the world.

Registration is \$69 per person. Registration includes lunch. For more information, call 735-9554, Ext. 2257.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Cover the Pool Fund for the Twin Falls City Pool is growing thanks to contributions from several area businesses.

Cost Cutters Family Haircare contributed \$250 from a month-long fund-raiser. Staff members donated \$1 from each child's haircut given Mondays through Fridays during November.

Kris Hodges of Idaho Recreational Services/Flag Valley Bingo recently presented \$5,000 to Cover the Pool. Idaho Recreational Services has pledged a total of \$20,000. Magic Valley Bingo is playing bingo for Cover the Pool on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for the next several months.

Jan Busch and John Peavey of Twin Falls Brewing Co. and Muggers' Brew Pub raised more than \$300 for the fund during an Oktoberfest fund-raiser.

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wholeheartedly endorse this community-based initiative to ensure continuous improvement in the quality of life for residents of Rupert," said Tim Gregersen, general manager.

Twin Falls will host investment seminar

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Chapter of the American Association of Individual Investors will host an educational meeting from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 1 at the Canyon Springs Convention Center. Registration is at 9 a.m.

The meeting will feature three professional investment presentations: "Tax Efficient Investing with Stocks and Mutual Funds" by George Marotta, a research fellow with the Hoover Institution at Stanford University; "1989 Equity Market Outlook" by Ted Armstrong, a financial consultant with Saloman Smith Barney;

"Using Your Computer to Implement a Sound, Flexible Trading Strategy" by Bob McCullough, chief executive officer of the Liberty Research Corp. in Austin, Texas. Cost is \$25 (\$30 for nonmembers).

to cover the luncheon, facility and speaker expenses.

The AAI-Idaho is an independent, not-for-profit corporation formed in 1978 to assist individuals in becoming effective managers of their own assets through programs of education, information and research. The AAI-Idaho Chapter has 400-plus members in southern Idaho with subchapters in Idaho Falls and Boise. The Idaho Falls Chapter meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Conference Room A of the public library on Broadway. Boise meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the conference room of the Ag Extension building near the fairgrounds on Glenwood Street.

The public is welcome to AAI meetings. For more information, call Ken Stodick at 522-6111, Ron Strong at 888-9565 or Jerry Townsend at 523-5941.

Idaho Real Estate Education Council will convene in Boise

The Times-News

BOISE — The Idaho Real Estate Education Council will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Idaho Real Estate Com-

mission office, 633 N. Fourth St. An Idaho Real Estate Commission meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the commission office.

Idaho tourism leaders to meet next month

The Times-News

BOISE — Idaho tourism and recreation industry professionals and business leaders will meet next month to discuss ways to improve visitor access to the Gem State.

The annual Idaho Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism, scheduled for May 5-7 at the Coeur d'Alene Inn, features a number of travel industry professionals and business leaders.

"We look for speakers that are industry experts and to speed on emerging travel trends and their implications for Idaho," says conference chairman Carl Wilgus, administrator of Idaho's Division of Tourism Development.

Keynote speakers include Tony Paquin, president of Coeur

d'Alene's Recreation Inc., and Peter Yesawich, chief executive officer of Yesawich Peppering and Brown.

Paquin will discuss accessing Idaho through information technology. Yesawich, of Orlando, Fla., will address the importance of customer service by understanding customer values. A special panel discussion, "Accessing Idaho Infrastructure Concerns," will focus on the state's highways, byways, trails and air service.

Workshop on marketing, resource management and business development also will be offered, and conference participants have an opportunity to tour northern Idaho's travel attractions.

Executive ourselves on what others have to offer is the best thing we can do to provide good customer service and encourage travel," Wilgus says.

The three-day conference, coinciding with the Take Pride in Idaho Awards, presented each year to recognize Idahoans for efforts to promote, preserve or restore Idaho's tourism and recreation resources. Conference registration packets are available from the Idaho Department of Commerce, 334-2470.

THE BUSINESS

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BURLEY — Curves for Women has opened an office at 2267 Overland Ave. in the Overland Shopping Center.

Melley Towner is the owner, and Kellie Monroe and Kay Bergman are new employees. Susan Thorne is the store manager. Business returns to her home in North Carolina.

A grand opening was held Feb. 15. Melley Towner, Chief of Commerce ambassadors held a ribbon cutting March 16.

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Fair Foundation has appointed James Sawyer as executive director to replace Dave Minsch, who resigned to accept an appointment to the State Division of Building Safety.

Stover is retired from the First Security Bank Trust Division. Her experience includes administration of charitable foundations, trusts, private foundations, estates and employee benefit plans. Her knowledge will help enhance the foundation through community funding and education.

Stover also serves on the Idaho Association of Retired Persons Legislative Committee as recording secretary. The Twin Falls County Fair Foundation has been granted a tax exemption to accept contributions for fundraising improvement.

COLDWELL BANKER

WILHELMY — Kelly Rayson, Broker/Realty has been awarded the Accredited Buyer Representative designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council of the National Association of Realtors.

"The ABRE designation, the benchmark of excellence in buyer agency service, demonstrates a commitment to the highest standards in the field of buyer representation, and has the proven experience and resources to deliver ethical and professional service to real estate buyers," said Terrence M. McTheriot, president of REBAC.

Rayson joins more than 2,000 in North America who have earned the designation. Requirements include a continuing education course in buyer representation, a written contract, legal and practical aspects of client representation, and experience in buyer representation.

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IDACORP buys controlling interest in fuel cell maker

The Times-News

BOISE — IDACORP Technologies Inc., a subsidiary of IDACORP, the parent company of Boise-based Idaho Power Co., recently purchased a controlling interest in North-

west Power Systems, a developer of small-scale fuel cell generation systems.

"Northwest Power Systems' 10-year mission is to lead the world in the development, manufacture and sales of compact, low-cost fuel cell systems and components to a world that is increasingly hungry for clean energy," said NPS President Alan Guggenheim.

"With IDACORP as our partner, we can achieve this mission." The location of Northwest Power Systems fits into IDACORP's strategy of investing in quality renewable technology.

Fuel cell technology converts the chemical energy of a fuel to direct current electricity without intermediate combustion. It represents a clean alternative method of distributed power generation.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith

A key chain is a gadget that allows us to lose several keys at the same time.

Leadership is the ability to hide your panic from the others.

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The World of Real Estate

by Donna Bach

THE SAME DREAM

Call them Generation Xers or something you-like-but-the fact is that those born between the years of 1965 and 1978 have the same dream as preceding generations. This includes realizing the American Dream of owning their own home.

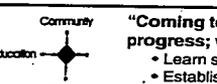
According to a Yankee Group survey of the attitudes of this age group toward home and real estate, 75 percent of those who are saving to buy a home (versus 16 percent in 1992). This comes as little surprise when you take into account the fact that 81 percent of this age group that owning their own home is very much a part of the American Dream, compared to 77 percent of baby boomers and 74 percent of maturs.

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Health advocates sound alarm as schools sign exclusive soda deals

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — School principals in the District of Columbia who are struggling to find money for extras such as school proms, bus tokens for needy students and even replacement books have a new source to turn to: the Coca-Cola Co.

Six months ago, the District replaced its school-by-school soda vending arrangements with a citywide exclusive contract with Coke — joining a growing number of school districts across the nation trying to turn their vending machines into cash machines.

"This contract is a godsend," said Jon Peterson, deputy director of procurement for the D.C. Public Schools. "This is our first District-wide soft drink contract, and it will be a very valuable thing for us."

But vending machine bonuses for high schools, middle schools and even elementary schools also have produced an increasingly worried backlash from health advocates.

Soda pop is hardly a health food, and it may have long-term consequences if children dose up on empty calories and caffeine. At a time when an alarming number of teenagers are overweight and out of shape, these advocates say the last thing America's schoolchildren need is a cola war that stations more vending machines in hallways and makes it easier for kids to buy soda.

"It seems absolutely crazy to have schools sponsor a habit that undermines students' health," said Michael F. Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI). His group is leading a campaign of public health experts and organizations to raise

awareness and increase research into the possible adverse consequences of the burgeoning sales of soft drinks.

"It's time to get soda pop out of schools, just like smoking has been banished," he said.

The National Soft Drink Association has challenged the information being presented by the health advocates, calling it "an insult to consumer intelligence." Any attempts to link soft drinks to health problems, the group says, "are not supported by the facts."

To be sure, no direct connection has been established between increased soda consumption and increased obesity. At the same time, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines soda as a "minimal nutritional value." That means a 12 ounce can of non-diet soda, which usually contains 120 to 200 calories, provides less than 5 percent of the daily requirements for eight key nutrients.

Because most soda contains many calories and few nutrients, some school officials have resisted the trend toward more aggressive soda sales to students. In the Fairfax County, Va., School District, for instance, food nutrition services director Penny McConnell has taken a stand against exclusive soda contracts.

"I think it would be a net negative, a bad situation, for a district like ours that's working so hard to promote nutrition to net profit from ripping off kids with non-nutritious foods," said McConnell, a past president of the American School Food Service Association.

But voices like hers have become increasingly lonely, as hundreds of school districts from Colorado Springs to Madison,

Wis., to Edison, N.J., choose Coke or Pepsi as their exclusive soft drink purveyor.

"We have an absolutely wonderful partnership with Pepsi," said David F. Siofa, principal of Oxon Hill, Md., High School.

During the three years of his school's exclusive vending contract with Pepsi, Siofa said, the company has helped finance school landscaping, purchased

jackets for the security staff, sponsored academic and multicultural events and supplied a scoreboard.

"The kids know all that Pepsi has done for the school," he said, "and they really appreciate it."

In the District, according to spokeswoman Denise Tamm, the exclusive contract with Coke does not include any commercial ties or advertising.



Steve Cook, global director for advertising and marketing for the Coca-Cola Co., discusses one of the company's new vending machines in Atlanta April 6. Cook said, "It communicates about our brand, and creates demand."

Soda consumption in gallons in U.S.

YEAR	PER CAPITA SOFT DRINK CONSUMPTION IN THE UNITED STATES	PER CAPITA COFFEE CONSUMPTION IN THE UNITED STATES
1975	25.8	1.8
1980	34.3	2.2
1985	35.3	2.6
1987	36.1	2.9
1988	36.1	3.1
1989	36.1	3.3
1990	36.1	3.5
1991	36.1	3.7
1992	36.1	3.9
1993	36.1	4.1
1994	36.1	4.3
1995	36.1	4.5
1996	36.1	4.7
1997	36.1	4.9
1998	36.1	5.1
1999	36.1	5.3

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"A powerful global conversation has begun," the authors say in their introduction.

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"And there are no secrets. The networked market knows more than companies do about their own products. And whether the news is good or bad, they tell everyone."

"And companies need to lighten up and take themselves less seriously. They need to get a sense of humor."

"And, 'As markets, as workers, both of us are sick to death of getting our information by remote control. Why do we need useless annual reports and third-hand market research studies to introduce us to each other?'"

You get the idea, or ideas. Actually, many of the individual points are actually continuations of previous ones, and can't stand alone. Some are repetitions, with a condescending tone that gets wearisome.

A few are at least questionable, if not absurd. Take this with a grain-of-salt, given the nature of my employer, but I can't think of a more probably false assertion than "There's no way we're immune to advertising. Just forget it."

Maybe I missed the clue train, but advertising is much more than banner ads on a Web site or big displays in a newspaper or 30-second spots on TV. It's product

placements in an e-mail, and TV shows. It's all types of marketing and getting redresses, from persuading people like one to mention something or someone in a story to getting people to expose to products, services, or products or companies in Internet discussion groups. All those are one is entirely possible, except possibly the last.

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Mice

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inspection and tries to ascertain how the critters are entering, said Bob Chavira, branch manager in Meridian for the company, which has had a few more calls from the Magic Valley than usual.

Terrific traps the holes that it can and recommends a building contractor when it can't. It combines traps and baiting based on the house's construction and the presence of pets and small children.

Farmers, with voles, though, sometimes can attack the problem themselves.

The state issued a crisis exemption for the use of wheat poisoned with zinc phosphide to control voles.

Zinc phosphide has restrictions on its use, but there's more latitude right now, said Leona Patterson, cooperative extension secretary in Gooding County.

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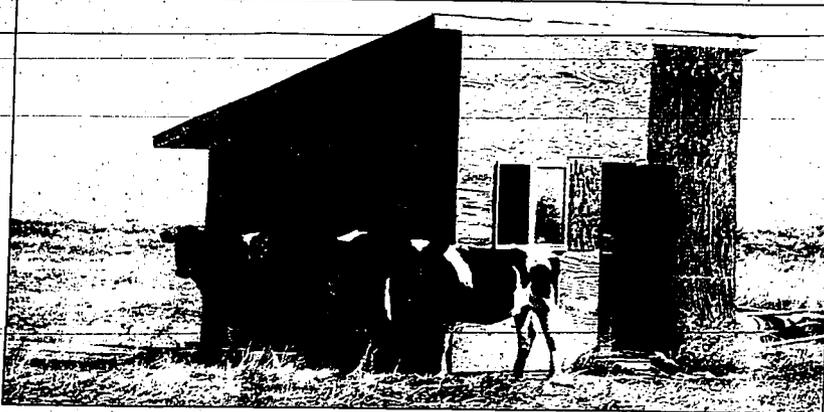
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These carefree renegade Holsteins, spotted south of Wendell on Monday, have no idea of the controversy surrounding their most basic bodily functions.

Idaho Rural Council scoffs at EPA dairy report

The Times-News
A report released last week by the Environmental Protection Agency, commending Idaho's dairy industry for improvements in its waste-handling practices, has some Magic Valley residents—and non-residents—scoffing.

"Statistics are like arms: if you twist them hard enough, they'll do anything you want them to," said Lee Halper of Jerome, vice chairman of the Farm Urban Network, a chapter of the Idaho Rural Council.



Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

Lawsuit gives evidence of USDA's tough stance
A lawsuit against meatpacker Excel filed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture is a strong sign to the industry that the USDA means business, according to Al Tank, chief executive officer of the National Pork Producers Council.

"It's a signal from Packagers and Stockyards (grain inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration) to packers, it's a signal to producers, that they are going to be aggressive," Tank said.

The lawsuit, filed last Friday against the Cargill subsidiary, charges the meatpacker with changing contract pricing formulas without hog producers' knowledge—a violation of the Packers and Stockyards Act. According to Tank, 1,200 hog producers were affected to the tune of \$1.8 million.

Tank said the offense—non-competitive pricing practices—revolves around a change in the company's buying grid affecting how the percent lean was being calculated. The modification, undisclosed to producers, took place about 15 months ago and was discovered by producers, he said.

"It's legal for them to make a change," Tank said. What is in violation is the company's failure

to notify producers.

The lawsuit seeks payment to producers for the lost amount and also seeks civil penalties from Excel, headquartered in Wichita, Kan. Tank said.

Chinese policies may benefit Idaho ranchers

There's been a lot of talk about the emancipation of grain with China's tentative offer to ease import restrictions, but grain isn't the only "gain" in town when it comes to the prospect of more accessible markets for U.S. exports into China.

The beef scene also just got better. Of course it all revolves around China's efforts to become a member of the World Trade Organization, but if all goes well, China could become one of the top three markets for U.S. beef, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

"China is a very important market for U.S. beef with significant growth potential," said NCBA President George Swan, a Rogerson cattleman. "This is a huge step for increased fair trade around the world and is a second accomplishment by U.S. trade negotiators."

The recent trade agreements offered by China in a bid for WTO membership include lowering tariffs on U.S. beef from 40 percent to 12 percent, according to Todd Inglet, an NCBA spokesman.

Supporters of reserve say it will boost income

BOISE—Supporters of a new farmer-owned grain reserve see the concept as a way to boost farm income. Others say the proposal is just a repackaging of an idea that hasn't worked in the

past.

During the 1980s, the federal government stored large quantities of grain across the country in an attempt to drive up prices by reducing supply. All those huge farmer-owned stocks did was further depress prices, said Steve Johnson, executive director of the Idaho Grain Producers. It wasn't until the Export Enhancement Program, otherwise known as EEP, was introduced that grain started to move into the world markets and prices began to creep up.

"Farmer-owned reserves only serve as a price depressor for grain producers," Johnson said. "Isolating grain increases the potential for U.S. farmers to become the residual supplier of wheat to the world."

That's not how the National Farmers Organization sees the re-introduction of a farmer-owned grain reserve.

The group believes the reserve would bolster grain prices while providing consumers more food security and saving taxpayers money.

The NFO advocates changing the current marketing loan program to a price support loan that farmers would repay the government.

The conversion would eliminate the Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) system that grain producers used heavily in 1998 as grain prices plunged to near record lows.

Randy Pederson, director of the National Farmers Marketing Plus for Grain program, said the proposal would save taxpayers nearly \$10.2 billion over the next 18 months. The proposed reserve would be structured much like the old reserve from the past, with target prices governing release.

—AROUND THE WATERCOOLER—

The Associated Press

Consumer Reports gives tips for buying used cars
Finding a reliable used car at a good price can be hard, so Consumer Reports magazine offers some suggestions on where to go.

New car dealers are usually the safest place, because they tend to sell used cars that are in good conditions, but they're often the most expensive, the magazine says.

Superstores such as AutoNation and CarMax have big inventories of good cars, and usually have no-haggle pricing. Used-car lots sometimes have bad reputations, but Consumer Reports says you can protect yourself by checking out them with the local chamber of commerce or Better Business Bureau.

If a used car dealer has been in the same location for some time, that's a good sign—a dealer that moves around frequently is less likely to be on the up-and-up.

Shopping list can help calm down Y2K worriers
SmartMoney magazine has put together a list of offset things you might want to consider getting or doing to prepare for possible problems caused by Y2K computer hups.

For example: an abacus, "The Forging Gourmet" cookbook, a kit for starting your own currency, 30 minutes with a telephone psychic, a package of wheat and a family-sized grain mill and an underground shelter.

Are they just fishing us? Well, they've also included 50 South African gold Kruggerand coins, considered a safe haven for investments. So you never know.

How to avoid sabotaging your own career growth
Even if you're a hard worker, you could be sabotaging your own career growth by the way you talk or present yourself, says Debra Benton, an executive coach.

She says there are five common types of self-defeating behavior that employees should try to avoid. First, there's talking too fast, which makes what you say seem unimportant. Second, talking too much—giving more details than anyone needs or wants.

Third, being too critical, or passing too many judgments on others. Fourth, being too self-critical, or too revealing about your own inadequacies. And No. 5: displaying weak body language or using a weak tone of voice. Behavior like this, Benton says, can help break a career.

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Children show early capacity to perform computer functions

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At 3, a child may be able to point and click with a mouse, and use the mouse to carry out some very easy operations in software designed for preschoolers.

Age 4
At 4, a child may be able to do tasks such as starting a program from the computer desktop, clicking and dragging objects on the screen and finding their way through a simple program. Children may also be able to insert a CD into the CD-ROM drive.

Age 5
At age 5, a child may be able to

start up the computer, use sign-in options such as typing in a name, use the print function and exit a program.

Age 6
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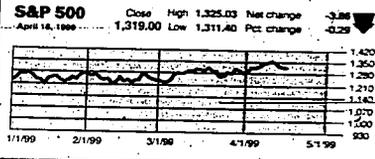
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20 biggest S&P companies earn high price tags

By Miriam Hill
Knight Ridder News Service



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The thinking of these experts defies the conventional wisdom that the stock market generally is overvalued and that the biggest companies are the most overvalued of all.

Instead, these experts say, big companies such as Microsoft, Intel, Pfizer, Wal-Mart and Coca-Cola constitute a sort of corporate superclass among the most profitable the market has ever seen.

"Microsoft, Intel and these companies that are selling for 40, 50 and 60 times earnings — they're worth it," said Jeremy Siegel, finance professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and author of "Stocks for the Long Run."

In reaching this conclusion, Siegel compared the 20 largest companies in the S&P 500 today with the 20 largest in 1964, a year chosen because the economy was similar to today's — with low inflation, low interest rates and a strong stock market. He focused on the 20 largest — as measured by market capitalization, the total value of outstanding stock — because they have the greatest effect on the overall value of the S&P index.

"Of the 20 largest stocks in the S&P today, 17 are growth stocks. That compares with five in 1964. The top 20 companies today have average five-year earnings growth rates of 23.1 percent, compared with 8 percent for the top 20 companies in 1964, Siegel said. That means today's top 20 are more profitable than their predecessors — and worth more to investors who, in theory, base the price they pay for a stock on the value of its future earnings dividends.

There is also reason to believe that the top 20 will continue their dominance, Siegel said. They are projected to increase their earnings 17.2 percent on average over the next five years, compared

Investors toss tech stocks over for more staid industrial shares

NEW YORK (AP) — Could this be the Big One? Wall Street analysts have worried for months that technology stocks, seen by many as the market's major fault line, would finally give way. They saw signs of this last week as investors frantically swapped high-tech shares for more down-to-earth industrial stocks — creating what some analysts believe will be a tectonic shift out of tech issues.

All week, investors threw out the darlings and took in the dogs, exchanging IBM, Compaq, Microsoft and Cisco for the likes of International Paper, Boeing and Minnesota Manufacturing and Mining. Smokestack companies that hadn't seen significant buying action for a long time were suddenly very popular.

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Wall Street week in review

by the handbook too," said Arthur Hogan, chief market strategist at Jefferies & Co. in Boston. "Everything technology is being sold, and everything industrial is being bought."

The Dow Jones industrial average, which is heavily weighted in the newly popular stocks, hit new heights every day this past week, closing Friday up 31.17 at 10,493.89. The Dow was up 320.05 for the week and 14.29 percent so far this year.

But the Nasdaq composite, in which technology shares are heavily represented, ended Friday at 2,484.04, down 37.73 for the day and 109.01 for the week. The S&P 500 closed Friday at 1,315.00, down 3.86 for the day.

that have higher earnings potential than more mature businesses such as building cars. That dominance explains why Microsoft, the biggest company

in the S&P 500, can sell for 74 times earnings, why No. 2 General Electric can sell for 40 times earnings and why No. 20 Bristol-Myers can sell for 41 times earnings. Siegel and others say.

Most experts believe that these ratios stratify because stocks have spotted average price-to-earnings ratios of 14.5 since 1972.

"The issue is how sustainable are those prices, particularly in a low-growth environment," said Matthew Brown, who oversees equity trading for Wilmington Trust. "We would suggest that over a much longer period of time, it can't be done."

Siegel's thinking isn't conventional, but he's not alone. Ralph Acampora, chief technical strategist for Prudential Securities, has been making the same case for much of the 1990s — and the recent ramp in stock prices has only made him more bullish on owning the big names.

"It seems that we keep looking to the same few names as we make the drive toward Dow 10,000," Acampora told clients March 22 in Prudential's weekly advisory letter. "While we agree that market leadership is narrow, it is important to keep your eye on the ball in terms of sticking with the areas of strength."

Such prognostications worry the camp that believes recent stock-market history will be repeated.

John Campbell, an economics professor at Harvard, and Robert Shiller, an economics professor at Yale, have done research showing that the S&P 500 could be worth 100 times less than it is today if price-to-earnings ratios return to traditional levels over 10 years. The value of the S&P 500 index is weighted according to the size of the companies in them, so the 20 largest stocks exert a powerful influence.

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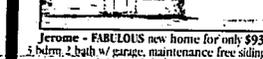
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Just Listed: Approx. 1561 sq. ft. 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath home with open floor plan and vaulted ceilings. Great landscaping front and back & 2 car garage. \$169,900. MLS #9904118
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Beautiful Custom Built 1500 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home
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2092 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, executive home. \$194,000. Jeff Black 731-2086. MLS #9904910

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\$91,500. Nice home in quiet location. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths on main floor, room for expansion in basement. Fireplace in master bedroom. Covered patio, work shop and deck storage. Call **KATHY PARTY 737-3913** or **DIANNE DOMAN 737-3916.** #9900298

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\$106,900. New listing on Flier Ave. W. Main floor includes 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, galley kitchen, large living room and sun room. Basement with family room, 2 finished rooms and laundry. Gas heat and central air. Also, call **BONNIE PARSONS, CR.** #9901185

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\$109,900. Just listed south of Twin. Built in 1994, home offers 1520 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas heat, central air, master suite with walk-in closet, covered patio with skylight, auto sprinkler system and the yard has been professionally landscaped with concrete mow strip. Call **THE HESS TEAM.** #9902213

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\$123,900. Sellers are motivated to sell this wonderful 2 story on the east side of town. Can be a 3 or 4 bedrooms with swing room, tiled kitchen floor, gas fireplace. Call **KATHY PARTNIDGE 737-3929 OR DIANNE DOMAN 737-3916.** #9902290

\$129,900. Just reduced! Features 4 bedrooms, 2 bath home beautiful over 3000 sq. ft., wood burning fireplace in living room, basement with family room and bedroom with daylight windows, central heat and AC. \$104,000 level pay, large carport, auto sprinklers. Call **LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3900 OR 426-2807.** #9900537

\$129,900. New construction. Are you looking for a new home? Here it is a 4 bedroom, 2 bath with 3 car garage, gas fireplace. Call **RON FREEMAN - AGENT DD9 - LICENSED TO SELL, 737-3915 OR 734-4208.** #9903061

\$129,900. Super nice! 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on large lot (120' x 150'). Hot tub on the master bedroom. Call **JOANNE NIELSEN 886-2994 OR 324-8652** to see this home. #9900984

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\$164,500. Room for the whole family! 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home near D'Leary Jr. High features oak kitchen with lots of cabinetry, separate dining area; living room, family room with gas log fireplace, gasbo with hot tub, triple garage, auto sprinklers in fenced yard. Call **LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3900 OR 426-2807.** #9900060

\$169,900. Honey maker with this 4 plex, until. Recently painted exterior with new carpeting. Excellent location and close to schools. New range and refrigerator included. Good rental property. This is an investor's dream. Call **RALPH ESSLINGER 737-3908 OR DIANNE DOMAN 737-3916 OR 733-1428.** #9802960

\$184,000. buys an extra nice duplex in NE Twin Falls. Located on a cul-de-sac, each side approx. 2456 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, large kitchen, living room with fireplace, basement family room and upstairs. Call **PATTY 737-3911 OR JOHN P. 737-3918.** #9902650

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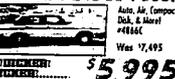
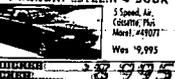
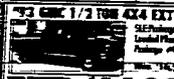
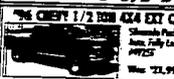
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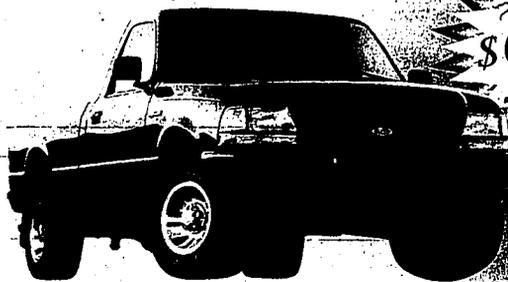
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What color do you see?

A reader wrote in with a suggestion for a column. The letter began, 'My brother and I are colorblind...'

'I can still remember, when I started school, how terrified I was when the teacher would call me to the chalk board and ask me to 'take the green chalk...'

There is more testing of children now, I guess, but colorblindness is still something of a mystery to most of us.

No one in my family is colorblind, but one of my kids has a friend who is. Somehow, that guy managed to get a job in a photo job — processing color film.



LIFE AND TIMES Denise Turner

Ever since my son entered the adolescent years, I have suspected that all teenage boys might be colorblind. You can tell by the clothes they wear. But there were times when I thought my husband was colorblind, too, and then I found out he just didn't care if his wardrobe matched.

Recently, I read that 9 million Americans (mostly men) have the genetically-inherited condition, with some people being "more color-blind" than others. There isn't any "cure."

One fellow wrote into a web site asking his colorblindness wasn't much of a hindrance. He's never felt the need to own a box of crayons with more than eight colors, he said, and he's never had a problem with traffic lights — "not that it matters much."

The reader who wrote to us expressed similar feelings. He's always gotten along just fine. But a couple of years ago, he did buy a new car that he thought was a beautiful blue and was later shocked to be told it was purple. And his brother failed the colorblindness test during an Army physical in 1945, but the doctor scoffed at the results and took him away.

"I've thought, with tongue in cheek, that I should mount a national campaign for the one disadvantage people with colorblindness face — that they still suffer discrimination," he wrote.

Instead, he has chosen to focus on the positive.

"Sincerely wear black most of the time. I don't have to worry about color-coordinating my clothes," he wrote.

Then he went on to explain that he wears black and white and colorblind. Maybe if my children had been colorblind, they would never have fought over who gets the red jelly beans — though they probably would have found something else to argue about.

Maybe they would have been content with black and white and colorblind. Maybe certain careers would have been off-limits to them — though I can't think of many.

"Geneologist," perhaps. Or inter-organizational "What's the electrician? New stuff to think about."

Are only humans colorblind? Or are there colorblind dogs? Or birds? When my son was in grade school, he and his friends insisted their research was scientific enough to prove their point.

Their reasoning mostly involved observing bird droppings on green grass. Then one day, a bird pooped on one of the kids' green jackets, with blue jackets lying all around it, and the kids' parents were there.

Maybe birds are never colorblind. Or maybe it doesn't matter. The colorblind reader said people often ask, "What do you see?" His reply to them is, "What do I see — and how do you know that I am not the one who is normal?"

Good question. Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



College of Southern Idaho's Craig Mober, an All-American selection last year, pitches in a baseball game played earlier this season. Younger players risk injuring their arm if pressured to pitch too much at too early an age.

Throwing a baseball can be murder on young arms

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On the first day of the baseball season last spring, Kim McHenry watched a 14-year-old boy pitch two games in less than 12 hours.

He threw 130 pitches. That's roughly the equivalent of Rogers Clemens working 12 innings.

"No one was counting pitches," said McHenry, father of another 14-year-old who plays Babe Ruth baseball. "By the end of the day he could hardly get it to the catcher, many where going into the dirt in front of the plate."

'Children are not little adults. They are at risk of injuries in ways that adults are not.'

— Benjamin Shaffer, Georgetown University Medical Center

Children grow from the ends of their bones, not the middle. So-called growth plates at the ends of the long bones are what Shaffer calls "the weak link of the musculoskeletal system in kids."

In adults, the strain is mainly on the tendons, muscles and ligaments that hold a joint together. For kids, there's an additional risk, because their bones and joints are still developing.

Worse, McHenry believes, very few adults who coach youth baseball — or their parents — have a clue about the risks.

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Protecting a young ballpayer's arm

- Warm up gradually; cold or tight muscles are easily strained.
Begin with short, easy tosses — from 10 or 15 feet — before throwing hard.
Don't overdo it during the first few days of spring practice — or the first few months of any practice.
Pitching involves more than the arm. Keep the rest of the body in shape with running, biking, swimming, etc.

Pitching: Hard on the arm

Throwing a baseball can put an enormous strain on the arm. The pitcher must not only accelerate his arm forward to propel the ball, but also decelerate it rapidly during the follow-through to keep his shoulder from dislocating. Two joints — the longed elbow and the ball-and-socket shoulder — bear the brunt of the force. The most common injuries are to the muscles, tendons and ligaments that hold those joints together.

Suggested recovery times

Table with columns: Age, 1 day rest, 2 days, 3 days, 4 days. Rows show number of pitches thrown for ages 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18.

break off. "When you put a lot of stress on the shoulder or elbow, the thing that gives the first is the growth plate," said George McFarland, director of sports medicine and shoulder surgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutes.

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Houston and in Eugene, Ore., found that about one out of five pitchers under age 13 experienced significant elbow pain during the season.

"The No. 1 reason for grilling us overseas — too much throwing," said Dr. Williams Grant, an orthopedic surgeon in Oklahoma City who is chairman of the sports medicine committee of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

Understand that, you need to know that throwing a baseball hard is not what nature had in mind for your arm and shoulder — in any age.

There are three main parts to the pitching motion: the windup or quickening phase, when the elbow stretches back behind the head; the acceleration phase, when the arm is extended and the follow-through, after the ball is released. Each puts an abnormal stress on the elbow and shoulder.

"Pitching is one of the most dynamic motions in all sports," said Dr. Thomas Gill, an orthopedist at Massachusetts General Hospital. The white forward pitching motion takes place in about a tenth of a second, the swift, from the time the ball is behind the body to the moment it leaves the pitcher's hand.

Here's the risk: arm over-rotation. The ball, Gill told us, "accidentally the pitcher's arm reaches back too far, the elbow is too close to the body or the arm flaps behind the body as the ball is released."

Keeping the arm attached is the collaborative job of ligaments, which bind bones to bones; tendons, which attach muscles to bones; and muscles — particularly the triceps muscle, which stabilizes the shoulder and allows a person to raise and rotate the arm.

According to Gill, the biggest risk of injury comes when the pitcher's arm reaches back too far, the elbow is too close to the body or the arm flaps behind the body as the ball is released.

The arm tends to lag further and further behind the rest of the body as the pitcher tries. That puts more and more stress on the elbow and shoulder, said Gill, who reports that Child Care

Two studies of Little Leaguers, in

And some research shows those injuries may be much more prevalent than it is commonly supposed.

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'Planet' show gains life at planetarium

Ongoing TWIN FALLS — There's a new show at the Faulkner Planetarium in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. It's "How To Build a Planet," a multimedia show that dramatizes the way the planets, moon and stars were born. Narrated by John de Lancey, Q of Star Trek: The Next Generation, the show treats viewers to images and re-creations of the early beginnings of the universe on the planetarium's 50-foot dome. "How to Build a Planet" will be shown Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m. Rusty Rocket's Last Blast," a show designed primarily for younger

Battle sickness among children by following these suggestions

Here are some tips to keep your kids healthy:
* Vaccinate them. A recent typhoid fever outbreak in South Florida demonstrates that diseases thought to have been eliminated still occur. It's crucial to get your children's immunizations "on a timely basis," said Dr. Norman Goldberg, head of pediatrics at Baptist and South Miami hospitals.
* Quit smoking, any serious respiratory problems in children — whose lungs are still developing — stem from secondhand smoke, said Dr. Gwen Wurm, director of community pediatrics at the University of Miami/Jackson Children's Hospital. And the smoke can seep into carpets and car upholstery, exposing kids to the lethal side effects. Secondhand cigar and pipe smoke, too, are just as harmful. So don't light up, especially around children.
* Avoid accidents. Get anything dangerous — from pesticides to prescription drugs — out of the reach of kids. Think twice about having a gun. Children end up wounded or dead by playing with guns, even those supposedly locked away, Wurm said.
* Homicide is the leading cause of death of black youngsters, and teen-agers of any race are more likely to die of gunshot wounds than all natural causes combined. And don't neglect to endorse pools and teach your children to swim. Drownings are among the top killers of children in South Florida.
* Practice proper hygiene. Regularly washing one's hands is the best cure against many illnesses. Don't sneeze or cough into your sleeve. If you're sneezing or coughing, use a tissue. If you don't have one, use your elbow.
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Etc...

FAMILY LIFE

Here's the tale of how Bubby Lukey received his name

"Now join your hands and with your hands your hearts." —William Shakespeare

By Del Doughty

Two parents find humor in the exhausting search for a name for a new son. Del Doughty is the assistant professor of English at Huntington College in Huntington, Ind.

Chicken Soup for the Soul

Leah didn't go for that. "What about Narnard?" I asked. "Narnard that might be better." She just rolled her eyes and turned away. Best later, she pitched a few names of her own: "Jacob?" "Nope. Too popular. "Matthew?" "Nope. We almost named our first son Matthew. I couldn't do

asked, "Here's the deal," said my wife. "I'm naming him Simon, but we call him something else. Simon doesn't have to be a first name. It can be his middle name." So it was back to the name books. We tried Aaron and Zach, Jack and Shm, Moby and Toby. None of them stuck. Meanwhile, my wife's belly grew rounder. One fall Saturday afternoon while I was watching football, she came to me and said, "Hey, how about Luke?" "Luke? As in how about Luke?" "Come on, come on. We had to pick a name, or so I thought. A few days later, my wife came and said, "You're kidding?" "Why? I looked. "What's wrong with Simon?" "People will make fun of him. Name. They'll call him 'Simple Simon.' " "What about the biblical second son of Leah thing?"

I knew at once what she was referring to. "What's wrong now?" "His monogram: Luke Simon Doughty equals LSD. I can't have my son's initials spell out the name of a popular major hallucinogen." "Look," I said, turning off the football game. "It's a bit late to be fooling with names again, don't you think?" My wife stood there shaking her head. "I can't do it. My son will not have the initials LSD." Then I had the answer, "What if we name him Simon Luke Doughty, but call him by his middle name?" She thought for a moment, then nodded. "Yes, Simon Luke Doughty but we'll call him Luke." "Very formal," I said. "Relieved, I went back to my game."

The very next Thursday, Leah delivered our baby 'boy' — a cheeky seven-pounder, a delight just like his brother. On Saturday, we brought Baby Luke home, and family and friends came by with gifts and covered casseroles, hoping to catch a glimpse of the new bubba. Big brother Sam was as excited as anyone. "Can I hold baby-Wokey?" he asked. "I've never seen you hold a baby."

When things had settled down, I took Sam upstairs for bedtime. We knelt in prayer beside his bed, and Sam added the "God Blesses": "God Bless Mama and Daddy, God Bless Sammy and" — and I don't know why I didn't see this coming — and God Bless Luke the Kook."

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We named our first son Sam. We loved him so much, we decided to have another. When my wife, Leah, got into the second trimester, we started talking about names. We both wanted something biblical, but that was where the agreement ended. One evening after dinner I ran a few possibilities by her. "How about Moses?" I asked, half-seriously. "We could call him Moe for



Roberto Benigni, center, creates an elaborate set of lies to protect his son from the horrors of a Nazi concentration camp in the movie "Life Is Beautiful."

LIES MY FATHER TOLD ME

Almost all parents prevaricate, but some experts worry about effect

Knight Ridder News Service

It is OK to tell kids that their dead dog is up in heaven, prancing around in his puppy body? That their belly-up goldfish are just sleeping? That the medicine they have to take is making bad germs fly right out their ears? Deception is a well-practiced, time-tested device for rearing children. Also, suspect and often frowned upon, even though many parents recently admitted telling, seem harmless enough. A magnificent deception — from father to son — is at the root of one of the season's most acclaimed movies, "Life Is Beautiful," which was honored as Best Foreign Film at this year's Academy Awards. In the movie an Italian father creates an elaborate tale to explain away the Jewish family's imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. The movie is a beautiful and often

Children's imaginations are not immune to the power of suggestion. Parents who tell their children that the tooth fairy exists, that Santa Claus is real, or that the Easter Bunny is a real creature, are not necessarily being dishonest. They are simply using a well-worn device to help their children understand the world around them. However, some experts worry that as children grow older, they may become disillusioned when they discover the truth. This can lead to feelings of betrayal and mistrust. It is important for parents to be honest with their children, especially when it comes to serious matters. Lying to children can have long-term effects on their emotional and psychological well-being. Parents should strive to be truthful and to explain things in a way that is appropriate for the child's age and understanding.

enhance their children's imaginations and fantasies or to coerce obedience. And sometimes it's for simple convenience. Parents know they want to impart the value of truthfulness to their youngsters, though, and many worry that their own distortions and omissions muddy that mission. Some experts say the easy deception is overused, a practice that may seem innocuous but eventually damages trust. Others are less worried, especially with young children, as long as parents have a lighter motive. Diane M. Kamp, pediatrics professor at Yale University School of Medicine, does not take kindly to parental prevarication. "It's not OK to lie to children," said Kamp, author of "Anatomy of a Lie: The Truth About Lies and Why Good People Tell Them" (Zaner/Bloser, 1998). "What we're doing is protecting ourselves from dealing with a painful and difficult situation."

The two most common overuse injuries in young ballplayers are dubbed "Little League elbow" and "Little League shoulder." Both are catch-all terms, like "low back pain." Little League shoulder is an injury to the growth plate in the humerus, the upper arm bone. The knobby upper end of the humerus is the ball in the ball-and-socket shoulder joint. "Basically, it's a stress fracture of the humerus," Shaffer said. "That growth plate acts almost like taffy and pulls apart. It's like having shin splints in your shoulder." In theory, a weakened growth plate could eventually break, like a wire can hang after it snaps if it is bent back and forth often enough. But rest almost always gives it a chance to recover.

tremendous stress concentrates on the elbow. Throwing a curveball puts even more stress on growth plates by "torquing" the elbow. But while Little League elbow once was thought to be caused by throwing curveballs, it is now known to result mainly from sheer wear-and-tear. To combat that, Jake McHenry threw carefully but never excessively, his dad says. "Pitchers are made in the offseason," Kim McHenry says. But if Jake's arm starts to hurt, he stops throwing, Kim says. And he's always aware of how much he's thrown. Yankaprop technique (a "bad mechanics," in the parlance of baseball) is a major factor in injury. Mills said. "Conditioning of the arm and the entire body can reduce injury." Still, Mills adds, young pitchers should be encouraged to throw soft. "The fact that kids rarely play 'catch' anymore. "Total conditioning is important. The body's core is where power comes from," Kim McHenry said. "The rotational forces of the body is what generates speed." But these forces take their toll. And if you doubt that, consider this: As of Thursday, there were 23 pitchers who had the major leagues' disabled list because of arm injuries, including Andy Pettitte of the New York Yankees and Kerry Ligtenberg of the Atlanta Braves. And Kerry Wood of the Chicago Cubs. He throws a 98-mph fastball and struck out 20 batters in one game last season. After a ligament in his elbow surgically replaced, he'll next be in the major leagues in 2001 — if he pitches again at all. Kerry Wood is 21 years old.

Healthy

Continued from F-1. Neighborhood Center in the Little Havana section of Miami, workers wash down toys, cribs and other furniture daily. One of the most effective decontaminating solutions is a bleach solution. "What if you sneeze just before you open a door? Then you pass it on," said program administrator Ana Cristina Carrasco. Get enough sleep. A tired child is more vulnerable to infections. Most kids need 10 to 12 hours of sleep a night. But some children have trouble sleeping because their parents take them out shopping at night or let them watch hours of TV. "Then they're hyper and it's hard for them to quiet down," said Dr. P.M. Almolu, chief of pediatrics at Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Fla. "To help them sleep, try not to stimulate them at bedtime. Let them go to bed early. Read to them."

• Eat well. A diet rich in nutrients translates into stronger, illness-resistant bodies, said Anna Bern Murthy, a University of Miami dietitian. Remember the food pyramid at least five daily servings of fruits and vegetables. Wash the fruits and veggies, properly cook meats and don't serve dairy products that have been out of the refrigerator too long. And you can't start too soon: One of the best protections for babies is breast milk. Jennifer Sherman, a nurse from a local hospital, said she breastfed her 6-month-old baby, Breck, and has been surprised how healthy he has been. • Create a loving home. Children build a tougher immune system with the "safety" of such a home where they feel secure and protected. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, "To me, what is a healthy child is a happy child." Children's Hospital. That doesn't mean your home is a fun house all the time.

• Get outside. Children who get involved in a lot of outdoor activities, and even though Breese is still a baby, Shurman takes him out daily. • Get into sports. Active children are less inclined to be obese and have health problems. Studies show that exercise is as crucial for good health as eating well. Exercise encourages, for example, the cardiovascular system. Warm said. It also can stave off adult diabetes. • Turn off the TV. In moderation, TV and computer games can entertain children. But, if used too much, they cause children to miss out on other developmental stages of childhood. —Source: Miami Herald

the main symptom is pain or tenderness in the shoulder. The damage may not show up on an X-ray, which is why arm soreness is such an important signal. "Pain in the throwing arm of a kid is not normal," McFarland said. Little League elbow, more common than Little League shoulder, is a repetitive stress injury to the growth plate in the cartilage of the elbow. When a pitcher cocks his arm behind his head and snaps it forward,

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Buhl police Lt. Richard Floyd was voted champion kisser of a buck goat, that is. Floyd competed in the annual kiss a buck contest held by the Park of the Ark B-U Club of Buhl, Floyd, left, also competed against Mayor Barbara Gistman, center, and Ormond Smith. The public voted for the contestants by donating a penny per vote. The project earned \$119 the club will use to buy project books for its 20 members. Smith came with baby powder to make the goat smell better for Floyd's kiss.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.

Buhl Breakfast: Monday: Armitage's class menu Tuesday: Breakfast pizza Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy Thursday: Scrambled eggs Friday: Waffles Lunch: Monday: Hot dogs Tuesday: Chicken sandwich Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza Thursday: French toast Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich	Magic Valley High School Lunch: Milk served every day Monday: Hot-train sandwich Tuesday: Mini corn dogs Wednesday: Nachos supreme Thursday: Grilled chicken wrap Friday: No school
Castford Breakfast: Orange juice, applesauce and milk every day. Monday: French toast Tuesday: Breakfast muffin Wednesday: Donuts Thursday: Sweet roll Friday: Sweet roll Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day. Monday: Pizza Tuesday: Sock lunches Wednesday: Baked ham and cheese sandwich Thursday: Spaghetti Friday: Roast turkey	Murtaugh Lunch: Milk served every day Monday: Pigs in a blanket Tuesday: Rich suggestions Wednesday: Chicken burgers Thursday: Nachos Friday: Hamburgers
Filer Monday: Tacos Tuesday: Chicken nuggets Wednesday: Hot dogs Thursday: Cook's choice Friday: Sliced turkey sandwiches	St. Edwards Catholic School Monday: Tacos Tuesday: Ham and cheese buns Wednesday: Tuna sandwich Thursday: Corn dogs Friday: Rainbow treasures
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ladies Golf Association sponsors dinner dance

BUHL - The Clear Lake Country Club Ladies Golf Association is sponsoring a dinner dance on Saturday at Clear Lake Country Club.
Tickets are \$19 per person for Prime Rib or Shrimp. There will be a no-host bar at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing at 8 p.m. For reservations call 543-4849.

Gooding Grange will host Grange Week pot luck

GOODING - Gooding Grange No. 138 will hold its Grange week program on April 23 at its hall, 2148 South Main St., in Gooding.
A potluck supper with meat provided will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the lower floor and the program will commence at 8 p.m. on the upper floor.
The Non-Granger Citizen of the Year award will be presented to Carolyn DeWitt and the Granger of the Year award will go to May Quisenberry.

A speaker and special music is also being arranged.
Please call Fred Locke at 934-4567.

Clean-up day to target Hagerman Fossil Beds

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument is the site of a post-Earth Day event on April 28.
The 5th annual Monument Cleanup will focus on collecting recyclable materials and trash from throughout the monument area.
Scout troops, ecology clubs, community organizations and any interested individuals are invited to join the cleanup along the Bell Rapids road.

Participants should meet at 10 a.m. April 28 at the National Park Service Visitor Center, located on Highway 30 across from the Hagerman High School.

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Tuition is \$195 and some scholarships are available. Coordinators say: The facilitator for the event is Sue Billington Wade.
To register or for more information call Gayle Anderson at 734-8224.

Robert Stuart selects new teacher of month

Greg Heidemman has been selected as Teacher of the Month for February by Robert Stuart Junior High.
Heidemman has been at the school for four years and teaches seventh-grade computer literacy and 8th-grade key-boarding.
He is the seventh and eighth-grade wrestling coach and the eighth-grade football coach and the computer club adviser.
Heidemman also serves in the Boise State University Train the Trainer program and is on the district and building technology committees.

Coca-Cola picks student as scholarship finalist

AMANDA BROOKE RICHARDS of Kimberly High School has been selected as one of the 251 finalists in the 1998-99 Coca-Cola Scholars Program.
She has been invited to the Selection Process April 22-25 in Atlanta, Ga. with

Retired federal workers will hear local historian

TWIN FALLS - Chapter 1959 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Mandarin House, 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
Virginia Ricketts will speak about the history of southern Idaho. All current and retired federal employees are encouraged to attend.
For more information, call Russell Rosenau at 733-0969 or 1-800-260-0518.

Hagerman seniors raise money for graduation

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman High School senior class will hold a community fund-raiser to raise money for its drug-free graduation party.
The students will hold a yard sale, car wash and bake sale on Saturday at the Valley Baptist Church across from Hagerman City Park.
Donations for the graduation party can be mailed to P.O. Box 505, Hagerman, Idaho 83332.
Items for the yard sale and bake sale can also be donated. Call 837-4913 or 837-6332 to arrange a pick up.

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Hospice agency seeks volunteers this week

TWIN FALLS - A hospice agency serving the Magic Valley recognizes today, through Saturday as National Volunteer Week and is seeking volunteers for hospice in the area.
Hospice care is usually provided in the home but is also offered in nursing homes and hospitals and would not function without the efforts of its volunteers, the organization says.
Up to 30 hours of training time is offered to volunteers and courses include such as death and dying, listening and communication skills, family relationships and patient and family rights.
Volunteers can help with errands, companionship and offering support for the patient and/or the caregiver. Office work such as filing, mass mailing, and telephoning is also needed, the agency says.
For more information on becoming a hospice volunteer, call Margo Staley, volunteer coordinator for Mesa State, Inc. at 734-6000 or (800)-

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The health seminars are open to the public and all women are encouraged to attend. Coordinators say.
For more information call 734-1212 or 324-7261.

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The church welcomes all dog lovers of all ages, including Saint Bernard, interested in adoption, information, obedience, agility and canine good citizen.
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Several area residents named to YMCA board

The Magic Valley Family YMCA board of directors will include new members Connie Thompson, Ed Briles, John Coleman and Clark Rollins. They join Rich Bevan, Scott LaPatria, Howard Schaff, Joann Shelton, Darlene Wagner, Jeanne Wilson and Trust President Luree Welch.

Corporate officers for 1999 are Bevan, an officer; Schaff, vice president; Scott LaPatria, treasurer; and Briles, secretary.

ENGAGEMENTS

WEDDINGS 2000

Those three zeroes give new meaning to 'forever'

CULVER-FINLEY

JEROME - Larry and Sandra Culver of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Lynn Culver, to Jason Alan Finley, son of Ron and Melody Finley of Wendell.

Culver is a graduate of Jerome High School.

Finley is a graduate of Wendell High School. He is self-employed at R&M Specialties.

The wedding is planned for May 8.



Rebecca Culver and Jason Finley

MARLEY-HOPKINS

TWIN FALLS - Gene and Mary Joan Marley of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, April Dawn Marley, to Matthew Hopkins, son of Seth and Gail Coleman of Chino, Calif., and Ross Briggs Hopkins of California.

Marley graduated from Twin Falls High School and served an LDS mission in the Switzerland Geneva Mission. She is currently a senior at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, majoring in industrial design.

Hopkins graduated from Chino High School in Chino, Calif., and served an LDS mission in the France Bordeaux Mission.

He is a senior at BYU, majoring



Matthew Hopkins and April Marley

WENDELL-JASPER

MATTHEW - Tom and Melanie Matix of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Matix, to Jade Jasper, son of John and Twylla Parker of Wendell and Larry Jasper of Hagerman.

Matix is a 1995 graduate of Wendell High School and will graduate in December from Boise State University with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics with a secondary education option and a minor in health education.

She is employed at Donnelly Sports Inc. in Twin Falls.

Jasper is a 1993 graduate of Wendell High School and is currently enrolled in the electrical apprentice program at the College of Southern Idaho and



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URIGUEN-GABIOLA

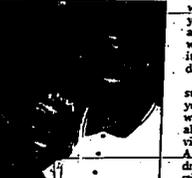
BOISE - Mrs. Jeri Uriguen of Boise announces the engagement of her daughter, Abby Uriguen, to Jose F. Gabiola, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eusebio Gabiola of Kuna.

Urigen graduated from Twin Falls High School, Pike's Peak Institute in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the American Institute of Health Technology in Boise.

She is employed as a dental assistant in the Tri-Cities, Wash.

Gabiola graduated from Kuna High School and is currently a U.S. Department of Agriculture food inspector in the Tri-Cities.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 28.



Abby Uriguen and Jose Gabiola

ANNIVERSARY

THE GORDONS

BURLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Jerry) Gordon of Burley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 14 at their home with family and friends.

Gordon and Carol Poulton were married March 4, 1949, in Blinn, Md.

He was in the Air Force for more than 22 years and then retired to pursue a government career in Santa Rosa, Calif. They traveled extensively during retirement service and returned to their hometown of Burley in 1987 when he retired.

The couple has five children and eight grandchildren.



Jerry and Carol Gordon

WEDDING

FALLON-GREENWELL

TWIN FALLS - Teri Lee Fallon and Leslie Edward Greenwell were married March 9 in Twin Falls.

An open house will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. April 30 at the American Legion in Jerome.

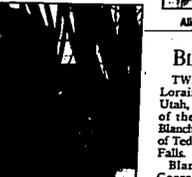
The bride attended Jerome High School. She is attending Mr. Bob Fallon of Jerome and the late Eva Fallon.

Parents of the bridegroom are Howard and Rose Greenwell of Burley.

Mari Pool, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Ken Pool, friend of the groom, served as best man.

The bride attended Jerome High School. She is attending Mr. Juan's College of Hair Design in Twin Falls.



Leslie and Teri Greenwell

The bridegroom attended Libby High School in Libby, Mont. He is employed at Twin Falls Livestock Commission Company.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

Night Rider News Service

PHILADELPHIA - Douglas Ford and Shan Lawrence, two lovebirds at 25, are tying the knot on Jan. 1, 2000, marking the much-ballyhooed year with the peaking of wedding bells.

The candlelight ceremony (in case power fails due to a Y2K computer glitch) will mark a new marriage, but also, says the Philadelphia couple, a much-weathered custom in history.

"I think it will be a love that is very romantic," said Lawrence, a clerk for the FBI.

Around the country, the year 2000 - especially January, traditionally unpopular for weddings - is overflowing like champagne with plans for so-called millennium marriages. Never mind that the millennium starts in 2001; the day of choice is Jan. 1, 2000.

"It's a way of adding a little magic," said Stacy Morrison, a to-be-in-chief of Modern Bride magazine, whose readers are busily setting plans for their year 2000 weddings. "The word year has a fascination with numbers." January 1, 2000, also lands on a Saturday, making it an ideal day for a wedding.

Engaged couples representing the pleasure of your company for millennium marriages are shelling tradition, throwing out rice for confetti and wearing dresses or pink bridesmaid dresses with gold lame.

Some are concerned about possible Y2K havoc, such as power outages or food shortages. One couple, half-playfully, picked New Year's Day for their wedding to ensure that they are bonded in holy matrimony just in case the world comes to an end. Many celebrations will start on New Year's Eve, with friends and family toasting, not only the newlyweds but also the new year.

In the wedding capital of the world, Las Vegas, chapels are bracing for a chorus of I do's.

"We're having people calling us left and right," said Joni Moss, manager of A Special Memory Wedding Chapel, which also offers drive-through service. "We're kind of in awe here. Every employee will have to work the holidays."

Some couples who became engaged before the 2000 hype began are joining the crowds, cancelling 1999 wedding dates in favor of nuptials in 2000. Others are rushing to get to the church on time, musing thoughts of pastel summer weddings next year for festive January 2000 nups.

"This is the first time parties are canceling just simply to have a wedding in another year," said Wendy Dec. 31, 1999, wedding - until she heard about the hefty holiday price tag. She picked Jan. 15, 2000. "We can pretend," she said.

Her guests will throw confetti and glitter, instead of rice, to the tune of techno, "just to make us feel like we're walking into the millennium," said Mazzotta. The bridesmaids will wear either silver or shimmering pink gowns. She hasn't decided. But the men in the bridal party will sport rubber-look bow ties, a bow to the dawn of a high-tech age.

"I think it's really something neat that came along in my lifetime," she said.

Many a betrothed-to-be is smitten with the symbolism attached to 2000. The Rev. Mother Lula Grace Smart was not surprised.

"Our lives are based on rituals and symbolism," said Mother Superior of the Episcopal Church in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. "I'm really hoping with this very powerful symbol of a new beginning to hold onto that family life will see a positive turn."

She recently discussed Jan. 1, 2000, marriages with two couples, including Douglas Ford and Shan Lawrence.

"It's a new beginning to a totally new century," said Ford, a counselor at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"At the same time, me and Shan are very spiritual," he said. "We wanted to start the new millennium married, together, just in case."

In case of what? "If things start flipping out, we'll be together," Ford said, more serious than not.

Feastivities' vice president, noting that staff working the night before 2000 would earn triple time - more than for other holidays.

One client, Alyssa Mazzotta, 23, engaged for seven months, is postponing her wedding to mark the New Year's trivinity.

"The year 2000 is just very exciting," said the systems analyst. "It's mysterious. It's a great way to start the millennium."

Mazzotta said she initially wanted to bring in the new year with Dec. 31, 1999, wedding - until she heard about the hefty holiday price tag. She picked Jan. 15, 2000. "We can pretend," she said.

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- Stacy Morrison, Modern Bride magazine

'The talk' with kids should occur early, often

The Washington Post

You are driving to your 12-year-old daughter's lacrosse practice, listening to the radio for a weather report but instead catch the refrain from Larry Hill's hit single "Doo Wop (That Thing)." It is a good opportunity to talk with your daughter about sex. So you take a deep breath and casually break the ice by asking her what she thinks of the song and its message that young people don't need to have sex.

If you've been nervous about such a conversation with your youngster, don't worry. Your kids want to hear more from you about sex, AIDS, drugs, alcohol, violence and other tough topics. A new survey of parents and children shows that many adults are still waiting too long to start talking about these issues, and that 10 to 12 year olds are eager to get guidance from the older generation. For example:

- Forty-six percent of parents of 10 to 12 year olds have not discussed how to handle peer pressure to have sex, but a similar percentage of youngsters say they want more advice on this topic.
- Half of parents have not addressed how to decide when a young person is ready to have sex, while 43 percent of pre-teens

have not talked about the effects of alcohol and drugs on promoting earlier sexual activity; 43 percent of 10 to 12 year olds want to know more about this.

- Sixty percent of parents have not discussed how to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases with their youngsters. Half of kids this age want to know how to protect themselves against the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS.

The new survey, funded by two independent California groups, the Knaiser Family Foundation and Children Now, found that sex is still a tough topic for parents, but there is a reward for those willing to try.

Children whose parents talked openly with them about sex say they are more likely to turn to their parents first should they later encounter problems involving sex or other adolescent issues.

-ENGAGEMENT-

BLANCH-BURGESS

TWIN FALLS - Mark and Loraine Blanch of St. George, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alicia Lee Blanch, to Marc Alan Burgess, son of Ted and Mary Burgess of Twin Falls.

Blanch graduated from St. George High School and Dixie College in St. George. She is employed at US Bank in Twin Falls.

Burgess graduated from Twin Falls High School and served an LDS mission in the England Leeds Mission. He is employed at Sherwin Williams in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

THE WASHINGTON POST

Want more information on such decision-making.

• Forty-six percent of parents

Magic Valley Wedding Planning Directory

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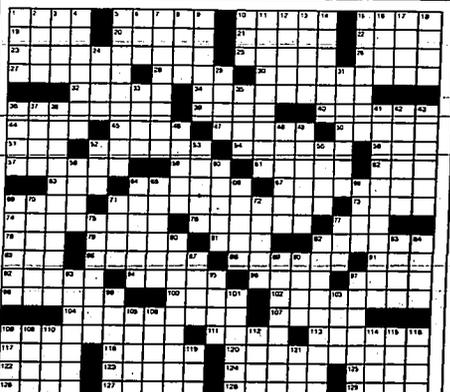
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MEALTIME



Robert Lane of Billings, Mont., feeds the Canadian geese and ducks at Lake Josephine in Riverfront Park in Billings. They're just a lot of fun to feed, Lane said about the geese, as he throws them small pieces of bread on the ground.

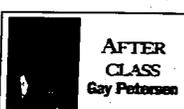
Holding a grudge does keeps a problem unsolved; seek solution

Do you hold a grudge? Are you one of those folks who never forgive or forget?

I was listening to an old tape by the Eagles the other day, and one of their songs included the words, "Get over it, get over it." The song went on to explain all the things one should get over instead of, as it said, "pitching a fit." And I thought of all the foolish things that anger and upset us and how some people feel that they just can't get over it. They may not pitch a fit, something that might be easier to deal with, but instead retreat into silence, just leave, or do something else just as inane, which leaves the person who is the object of their anger at a complete loss.

Why do people do this? I believe there may be any number of reasons, but the main ones, in my opinion, are to punish the person at whom they are angry, or because if they actually brought it up and talked about it, the subject of their anger might appear totally foolish.

I once read that staying angry hurts only one person - your self, and I believe that is true to some extent. Surely anger makes us unhappy, puts us on edge and causes a rise in our blood pressure. On the other hand, it certainly does, in one way or another, hurt the one with whom we are angry, although that certainly



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depends on their closeness to us.

The farther from our inner circle they are, the less our anger affects them and the more it affects us.

But anger with those we love can often lead to sadness, bitterness, and, sometimes, even hate. Controlling one's anger is sometimes difficult, especially if the source of our anger has done something to hurt or embarrass us, and often we blurt out everything we're thinking at the moment, rational or not.

All of us have, at one time or another, simply "blown our stack."

But then, what do we do? I'm afraid many of us, unfortunately, do retreat into silence or "hold a grudge." Does this solve the problem? No. At that particular instance, do we care?

Probably not. But then, as our better self starts thinking about it, most of us, at least those who have a conscience, begin to feel some guilt. Maybe we can't

bring ourselves to admit we were wrong, but perhaps we figure out some other way - firmly just talking to the loved one, as an example.

But does that really solve the problem? Usually not. Because if we are prone to hold a grudge, we will probably do it again, and it does not help the loved one feel any less at a loss.

If believe it is important that we, if we have this tendency, do something to make sure that we do it the easiest and most positive way is simply to discuss the problem with the person we believe wronged us, instead of holding it inside.

"This discussion cannot involve yelling or screaming or any of the other unhelpful, unhelpful things we do when we are angry. If we can bring ourselves to have a reasonable discussion, then, very often, we can come to a reasonable conclusion."

"At the very least, the problem will be out in the open, and when that happens, it is usually solvable."

"Holding a grudge does not benefit anyone, least of all the person holding it."

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SOCIAL SECURITY Q & A

Knight Rider News Service

Q. I understand that I need 40 credits to be eligible for retirement benefits. How do I earn these credits?

A. As you work and pay taxes, you earn Social Security "credits." In 1999, you earn one credit for each \$740 in earnings you have - up to a maximum of four credits per year. (The amount of money needed to earn one credit

goes up every year.) Most people need 40 credits (10 years of work) to qualify for retirement benefits. Younger people need fewer credits to be eligible for disability benefits or for their family members to be eligible for survivors benefits if they die.

Q. I plan on retiring at age 55. How will this affect my Social Security retirement benefits?

A. If you stop working at age

55, you will not be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits until you are age 62. And, keep in mind that the benefit amount you receive at age 62 will be less than your full retirement benefit.

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More people are providing for beloved animals with bequests

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Norman and Diane Pomerance are letting their estate go to the dogs. To their dogs, that is.

To guarantee a lifetime of protection for their seven dogs, who were abandoned by their former owners, the couple has donated a \$150,000 trust to the SPCA near Lewisville to the SPCA of Texas.

In exchange for their gift, the pomerances request that, after the couple's death, the SPCA provide around-the-clock care and free medical attention to their dogs. The dogs will remain in the home for the remainder of their lives, as well as being allowed to roam freely in a 2-acre grounds.

"We feel a strong responsibility for our pets," says Norman Pomerance, 47, a dentist whose home also will be used to house adopted dogs for the SPCA of Texas. "After we're gone, we want someone to look out for our dogs. We do not want them institutionalized."

"Our canine kids get a lot of attention from us," says Diane Pomerance, 46, a television producer, "and we want to assure their future by keeping them

together like a pack." Willing an estate to the dogs is becoming a trend, says Kenneth Comerford, director of planned giving for the SPCA of Texas. "As aging baby boomers get older, they are worrying about their pets-outliving them," he says. "And they are solving this problem through estate planning."

Since 1996, 28 estates have bequeathed to the SPCA \$4,345,000 in wills, insurance policies and trusts to assure a future for 43 dogs and 30 cats. "The monies will come to the SPCA at the time of death, so the number of animals may change," says Comerford. In the meantime, the SPCA is accumulating Life Care Cottages to house the animals.

Russell and Lynn Dealey recently donated \$270,000 for the purchase of an SPCA Life Care Cottage that bears the Dealey name. This cottage is a three-bedroom home located on two acres in Collin County, Texas. It is adjacent

to the new 32-acre SPCA Russell H. Perry Animal Care and Education Campus, which includes a medical facility and a pet cemetery. Construction will begin this fall on an animal shelter.

The Lynn T. and Russell E. Dealey Life Care Cottage houses six dogs and nine cats as well as parrots and tortoises. It is similar to the Stevenson Center at Texas A&M University in College Station, providing comfy living quarters and free nutritional and medical care for pets - if their owners donate at least \$25,000 for their care.

Animal residents in the cottage will not be caged. They are allowed access to common areas of a living room, doggie den and a kitty playroom. Caretakers live in the home and the animals are able to move about freely indoors.

Plus, the animals may use spacious outdoor exercise areas surrounding the cottage.

For seniors or people who have no heirs, "this program removes the pressure of the unknown," says Russell Dealey. "It allows people to know their animals are being placed in a loving home instead of wondering if the animals are unwanted or are being mistreated."

Federal law allows wife's assets to be split off from husband

Q. After paying private pay nursing home rates for two years - nearly \$100,000, I finally figured out that I did not qualify for my husband for Medicaid. I would lose everything and be totally dependent on our children. By getting him on Medicaid, I was able to keep my house, a car, some life insurance, and just over \$70,000 in cash. And I am afraid that if they give me money and I go over the limits, my husband will lose his Medicaid, and I will be back where I started. How can they help me without disqualifying him?

A. According to federal law passed in 1988, once your husband (and I am assuming you are a spouse) has qualified for Medicaid, you (the community spouse) are "split off" from him, and your assets are no longer considered available to him. This means that under the current state of the law, you could now win the lottery and your assets would not be available to pay for your husband's nursing home care. However, if your income is established in your will, you can make sure your wife receives certain benefits during her lifetime without disqualifying her from Medicaid. You would name



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meaningful way, you and they should seek out the services of a qualified attorney who can assist you in preparing and implementing a plan.

one of your children as trustee. At your wife's death, the trustee would distribute the remaining assets to your children.

The advantages of this type of trust include: (1) the trust is separate from your wife's assets so she can receive additional benefits from Medicaid; (2) the assets of the trust will not be subject to payment of medical bills; (3) the trustee will be able to pay for your wife's medical care; (4) your wife will be able to receive things she may need but which are not covered by government programs; and (5) the trust of administration is not great if a child is trustee. On the other hand, the trust must file tax returns and have its own federal identification number. (2) the trustee must be skilled about how to distribute the funds and for what, and (3) the trustee is complex and an attorney must prepare the documents and advise the trustee. Because of the complexities involved, these trusts should be drafted only by attorneys who are competent in this field of law.

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