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GOOD MORNING

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Today: Mostly sunny with winds blowing at 10-15 mph. High, 83.
Mostly clear and cooler tonight, low 47.

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Hope fades for JFK Jr.

Debris from small plane washes ashore, but no sign of passengers



John F. Kennedy Jr.

The Associated Press

AQUINNAH, Mass. — Hope dimmed late Saturday for John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law, as darkness descended on the waters off Martha's Vineyard where their plane went down. Debris washed ashore, but there was no sign of life.

"I can tell you miraculous stories of people surviving," said Rear Admiral Richard M. Larabee, first Coast Guard district commander, at a late afternoon news confer-

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ence. "I can tell you in previous cases like this, we've searched as many as three or four days. We're not ready to give up on this yet."

But the daylong search by planes, helicopters and boats yielded little but some fragments of Kennedy's red-and-white plane — and a piece of baggage, labeled with the business card of Lauren Bessette, sister of Carolyn Bessette Kennedy.

The television networks suspended their scheduled programming to focus on the search, and the nation was glued to its sets, echoing the grim fascination at his father's assassination, nearly 36 years ago.

Fears mounted that the Kennedys had suffered from the ghastly tragedy. The couple had been en route to Cape Cod and a Kennedy cousin's wedding at Hyannis Port — now postponed and replaced with prayers for the missing.

The 38-year-old Kennedy — universally known as "John John" since he was a toddler in the White House, and once labeled the "sexiest man alive" by People magazine — had obtained his pilot's license just last year.

At Philbin Beach in Aquinnah — the portion of the Vineyard popularly known as Gay Head — luggage, a wheel, a headrest and part of a plane support known as a strut had washed up, said Coast Guard Lt. Craig Jaramillo.

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HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD HAS SEEN A LOT



File-born centenarian Helen Blase was present at the creation of the Magic Valley.

DAVID ORLAND/The Times-News

Critics question F&G choices

The Associated Press

BOISE — Guarded optimism among wildlife advocates over a praiseworthy selection process was tempered by the disappointment of what they believe may have been missed opportunities in the appointment of four new members to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

While all four are avid sportsmen, the Idaho Wildlife Federation questioned Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's choices on Friday of two new commissioners with backgrounds in timber and agriculture to the seven-member panel.

"The governor chose to overlook two eminently qualified individuals for his selections in regions 2 and 5, supposedly to include consensus with agriculturalists and someone who has exhibited 'consensus building' while the code specifically requires that persons be selected solely upon consideration of the welfare and best interests of fish and game in the state of Idaho," Federation President Jack Fisher said.

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CENTURY'S SWEETHEART

Centenarian was born into world of sagebrush

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

FILER — Winter passed in searing heat punctuated by icy eddies of wind that passed, but never quite relaxed. That's the way of the world when you grow up in a homesteader's dugout warmed by a fire in a log sagbrush.

"I said to my mother, 'Why can't we burn something else?'" Helen Blase recalls. "Our house was always hot, but somebody was always going in and out." Her eyes seem to rodden a bit, as if from

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Special report looks at where we live

The Times-News

The new millennium will challenge some old assumptions about land and water. — The Magic Valley's fertile ground has been valued as farmland since the first land drawings carved up the land into 160-acre parcels. But the laws of supply and demand may bring big changes.

For decades, much of the valley has pumped its way into prosperity, drawing precious water from the Snake River Plain Aquifer. But the aquifer's decline is setting up a complex battle over a finite water supply.

Shaw's first hydroelectric dam was installed at Shoshone Falls in the early 1930s, Magic Valley residents have relied on cheap electricity. But Idaho's hydropower network is intertwined with some of the biggest issues facing the Northwest.

"How we collectively play our cards in the first decade of the new millennium will hold enormous consequences for the future," says Laird Noh of Kimberly, chairman of the state Senate's Resources and Environment Committee. "Our wisdom, judgment, imagination, toughness and patience will be sorely tested."

MAPPING THE NEW CENTURY



Inside today's Times-News.

"Mapping the New Century," the third installment of The Times-News series on the new millennium, takes an in-depth look at how the Magic Valley will use its land and water — and how these decisions will affect your life and livelihood.

To seek out the story, Times-News reporters interviewed dozens of people who use and cherish the Magic Valley's resources: dairy farmers and ranchers, homeowners and Realtors, developers and recreationists. But the section is not only a look ahead. It celebrates the rich heritage that grew from our backyard, from the East Coast-style mass transit that carried early visitors to Shoshone Falls, to the descendant of Brigham Young who brought water to a dry Mindokla County.

MV economy sees mixed bag in 2nd quarter

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Rising potato prices gave local farmers some relief in 1999's second quarter, but other farm prices remained lower than a year ago.

Despite that persistent problem and a few other negative economic results, the Magic Valley experienced an otherwise wise good quarter. The Times-News quarterly review of economic indicators shows:

Automobile sales were down, along with the value of new home permits and the number of new and existing home sales.

June's unemployment rate was highest for that month in half a decade.

That's the bad news. But other factors — such as continued increases in electrical and telephone customers — show the area is still healthy and growing.

For the complete story, see page C5.

NASA's first female commander balances flying, family

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Eileen Collins flies to use a little model of a space shuttle when explaining to her littlest fan where she'll be sitting when Columbia blasts off this week. As usual, Bridgett responds with a "Yippee!" What she doesn't know can't know at age 3 1/2, is that Mommy is about to become the first

woman to lead a crew into space. NASA's first female commander laughs as she recalls how her daughter once asked: "Mommy, have you ever been to the moon?" "I don't think she understands the big picture," says Collins. "I don't think she knows that everybody's mother doesn't fly in space or command a space shuttle." On Tuesday — coincidentally, the

30th anniversary of man's first moon landing — Collins will chart a new course for women when she slides into the front left seat of Columbia and takes the controls at liftoff.

It will be the first time in 95 space shuttle launches — 126 counting Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and Skylab — that a woman is at the helm. The 42-year-old Air Force colonel will be responsible for four other

astronauts, three of them older men. She'll also be responsible for the heaviest and one of the priciest shuttle payloads ever: NASA's \$2.5-billion, \$1.5 billion Chandrayaan-1 Observatory, on a scientific par with the Hubble Space Telescope. The price tag for the Chandrayaan project, from development through five years of orbital operation: \$2.8 billion.



Eileen Collins

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 81 Low: 45
Partly cloudy today and mostly clear tonight. Light winds with high in the PM.

Treasure Valley

High: 85 Low: 54
Sunny, with northwest wind 7:15 mph. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny and warmer on Monday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 72 Low: 37
Partly cloudy today and tonight. Partly sunny on Monday with high 75-80.

Eastern Idaho

High: 83 Low: 51
Partly cloudy with southeast winds 5-15 mph. Partly cloudy on Monday.

Northern Idaho

High: 82 Low: 59
Partly cloudy with slight chance of afternoon showers. Light and variable winds. Mostly sunny and warmer on Monday.

Northern Utah

High: 88 Low: 56
Mostly sunny today and fair tonight. Mostly sunny with high in the PM.

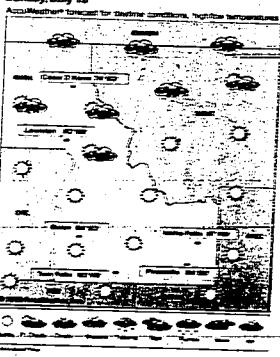
Northern Nevada

High: 85 Low: 49
Mostly sunny, with winds at 10-15 mph. Hot on Monday.

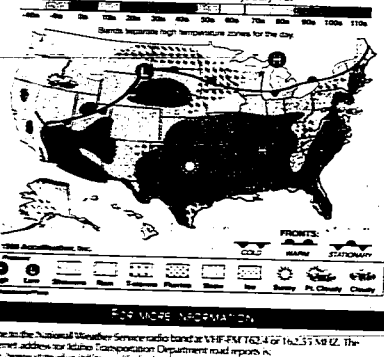
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|---|---|----------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | |
| High: 83 Low: 47 Mostly sunny with winds at 10-15 mph. | High: 86 Low: 51 Mostly sunny in the morning with a few more clouds later. | High: 88 Low: 61 Sunny. | High: 89 Low: 58 Mostly sunny and a little cooler. | High: 88 Low: 56 Mostly sunny and a little cooler. |

Idaho weather



National weather



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

| | | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|-------------------------|-------|----|
| Yesterday | 87 | 60 | Yesterday in Twin Falls | 85 | 60 |
| Last year | 98 | 21 | Month-to-date | 74 | 19 |
| Normal | 91 | 55 | Normal mo. to date | 74 | 19 |
| | | | Water year to date | 13.13 | |
| | | | Normal year to date | 9.14 | |

Idaho Highs/Lows

| City | Max | Min | Prep. | Idaho High | Low | Notes |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------|------------|-----|-------|
| Boise | 90 | 58 | | 90 | 58 | |
| Burley | 90 | 67 | tr. | 90 | 67 | |
| Coeur d'Alene | 74 | 44 | | 74 | 44 | |
| Grangeville | 74 | 44 | | 74 | 44 | |
| Hailey | 81 | 46 | | 81 | 46 | |
| Idaho Falls | 78 | 49 | | 78 | 49 | |
| Leavitt | 80 | 59 | tr. | 80 | 59 | |
| Malad | 82 | 44 | | 82 | 44 | |
| Maria | 82 | 57 | tr. | 82 | 57 | |
| McCall | 74 | 40 | | 74 | 40 | |
| Pocatello | 81 | 61 | 14 | 81 | 61 | |
| Paulson | 90 | 46 | tr. | 90 | 46 | |
| Stanley | 74 | 12 | | 74 | 12 | |
| Sun Valley | 81 | 61 | m | 81 | 61 | |

The Nation

| City | Max | Min | Prep. | High | Low | Notes |
|----------------|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|-------|
| Albuquerque | 76 | 55 | | 76 | 55 | |
| Anchorage | 62 | 68 | | 62 | 68 | |
| Atlanta | 82 | 68 | | 82 | 68 | |
| Baltimore | 82 | 62 | | 82 | 62 | |
| Chicago | 78 | 76 | | 78 | 76 | |
| Dallas | 96 | 76 | | 96 | 76 | |
| Denver | 96 | 76 | | 96 | 76 | |
| Des Moines | 85 | 66 | | 85 | 66 | |
| Detroit | 82 | 64 | | 82 | 64 | |
| Honolulu | 81 | 73 | | 81 | 73 | |
| Indianapolis | 90 | 73 | | 90 | 73 | |
| Jacksonville | 90 | 74 | | 90 | 74 | |
| Kansas City | 89 | 73 | | 89 | 73 | |
| Las Vegas | 82 | 62 | | 82 | 62 | |
| Los Angeles | 82 | 62 | | 82 | 62 | |
| Los Angeles | 82 | 62 | | 82 | 62 | |
| Madison | 88 | 72 | | 88 | 72 | |
| Miami Beach | 88 | 74 | | 88 | 74 | |
| Minneapolis | 82 | 69 | | 82 | 69 | |
| Missouri | 82 | 69 | | 82 | 69 | |
| New Orleans | 86 | 61 | | 86 | 61 | |
| New York | 87 | 79 | | 87 | 79 | |
| Omaha | 81 | 66 | | 81 | 66 | |
| Philadelphia | 81 | 61 | | 81 | 61 | |
| Pittsburgh | 81 | 70 | | 81 | 70 | |
| Portland, Ore. | 87 | 67 | | 87 | 67 | |
| Reno | 85 | 67 | | 85 | 67 | |
| Riverside | 87 | 71 | | 87 | 71 | |
| Salt Lake City | 90 | 76 | | 90 | 76 | |
| San Francisco | 65 | 53 | | 65 | 53 | |
| San Jose | 69 | 57 | | 69 | 57 | |
| Spokane | 75 | 51 | | 75 | 51 | |
| St. Louis | 85 | 67 | | 85 | 67 | |
| Yuma | 106 | 81 | | 106 | 81 | |

Canadian Cities

| | | | |
|-----------|----|----|--|
| Calgary | 52 | 16 | |
| Edmonton | 61 | 22 | |
| Toronto | 61 | 22 | |
| Vancouver | 66 | 55 | |

Centenarian

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the smoke of a distant fire. "Feels like rain today," she said.

The little frame house on Main Street encompasses the 99 years and 11 months of Helen Bliss' lifetime, which is to say, more than the collective memory of the Magic Valley.

She was born in nearly old Crystal Springs 100 years ago next month. Helen was a year old when the Twin Falls Land and Water Company was incorporated and 5 when water trials led down the first lateral of the Twin Falls Tract.

"That makes Bliss, among the nearly 200 centenarians living in the eight counties of south-central Idaho today, something special — a person present at creation of the Magic Valley who can still talk about it."

"Oh, my, a lot has changed," she says with a smile.

Bliss was born into a world of draft and 5-foot-tall sagebrush.

"We drove out with our horse and buggy, and where the sagebrush was extra high and the soil so soft the buggy threatened to bog down, we claimed that section," wrote turn-of-the-century homesteader Thomas Cosello.

Bliss' father, a barber from Payette named John, and his family were the first permanent residents of what's now the Filner area.

"Isolated homesteads had been filed in the area west of Twin Falls," local historian Howard Moon wrote later. "There was the Shoe Sole Ranch, with headquarters near what is now Butte, and there were two other prove-up checks when John Bliss and his wife, Frieda, came to a homestead at Crystal Springs."

John Bliss built a two-room dugout and went to Ashton, then the seat of Cassia County, to file on his land. Once there, he was unexpectedly detained.

Bliss was pressed into service as a juror in the trial of Diamondfield Jack Darr, charged with murdering a sheepherder.

After the jury convicted Darr, John Bliss came home to Crystal Springs, Moon said, planted a garden, worked as a ranch hand, started a trout farm and mined on the side.

After water came to the Twin Falls Tract, John Bliss moved to an area of north of what's now Filner and filed a Carey Act claim. That farm near the Snake River Canyon was where Helen Bliss

spent most of her childhood.

"It was a wonderful place to grow up," she said. "We had to walk a long way to school and home again, but we had a lot of fun."

"And we had to work hard," she said. "I picked fat of berries for my mother."

Interest courses would drop by the Bliss homestead from time to time, bringing candy to Helen and her siblings. At Christmastime there was a tree and presents, and as the years passed, more and more neighbors.

"When I started school, there were only a few children," Bliss said. "By the time I was in the eighth grade, we had lots of classmates."

And the hardships where Helen Bliss grew up were transformed.

"Sisters on the Twin Falls Tract cleared sagebrush in great swaths, with horse-drawn carts, pieces of steel rail, and heavy tooth rakes," said Mark Fudge, a Colorado State University history professor who's just written a book about irrigation in southern Idaho called "Irrigated Eden."

University of Washington Press. "Then they stacked it and burned it. Next came grad-

ing, plowing, ditch digging and planting. Once the water started flowing, the results were profound.

"Where desert plants had been a few weeks before, green pastures and rows after rows of spruces flourished."

The project included 244,000 acres devoted by gravity flow of the Snake for 1,265 farms, "historians Leonard Arrington wrote in his "History of Idaho" (University of Idaho Press).

"One writer described it as 'one of the miracles of modern American life' — one reason that people came to call it Magic Valley."

Helen left school and went to work in the new burgeoning economy. Never married, she occasionally spends some time in a Twin Falls retirement center, but still maintains her home and a fierce sense of independence.

But there are moments, as she sits on a sofa in her living room scanning the cage of a neighbor's cat, when the past comes alive.

"It's been a long time," she says.

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Kennedy

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Lt. Col. Richard Stanley of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary said other searchers had discovered pieces of landing gear, part of a rubber pad apparatus and pieces of seat — none of it positively identified as coming from Kennedy's plane.

Erin McCarthy, 31, of Boston, said she saw the black bag with Lauren Bessette's name on it in the water. A friend, Damon Seligson, waded in to retrieve it. "It was kind of like, 'Oh God,'" she said. "I thought it would be pretty bad news if anyone was shaking," said McCarthy.

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration sent a submersible named "Rude" (pronounced Rudy) to aid in the search, and it began its work on Saturday evening, using sonar to look for wreckage.

The FAA reported the last contact with the plane during its final approach to the airport on the island off Cape Cod at 9:39 p.m. "The aircraft was in the air at 9:39 p.m. and was expected to arrive at Martha's Vineyard around 10 p.m. and was later expected to fly to Hyannis Port," the statement said.

The Coast Guard had been filed, and none was required.

Family members were assembled in Hyannis Port for the wedding of the late Robert F. Kennedy's daughter Rory. A family friend reported the plane missing to the Coast Guard about 2:15 a.m.

The Coast Guard immediately began searching for the plane and contacted FAA officials, who in turn alerted rescue personnel at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, which is in charge of searching for overdue planes. At 3:30 a.m., the Air Force put a "positive hit" on an emergency signal

emanating from northern Long Island, said Larrabee, the Coast Guard district commander.

Rescuers searched that area for three hours, but found nothing, he said. At 7:30 a.m., the Coast Guard launched an aggressive search of the area around Martha's Vineyard and Montserrat.

Later in the morning, the search area was narrowed significantly when officials reviewed radar records and found the plane's last known location was about 17 miles southwest of the Vineyard.

In Washington, the Federal Aviation Administration issued a statement confirming that the plane left the Essex County Airport in Fairfield, N.J., about 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Eddie Martin, of Hyannis Port, who described himself as a friend of the family, said the plane was stopping in Martha's Vineyard to refuel at Lauren Bessette, before taking off and continuing on to Hyannis Port. It wasn't clear whether the couple planned to start the next leg immediately.

The Coast Guard identified the plane as a single-engine, six-seat Piper Saratoga II HP, acquired recently by Kennedy. The plane is known in the aviation industry as a high-performance airplane with a good safety record.

Nonetheless, flying it at night, in a hazy sky and under visual flight rules — the reported conditions Friday night — is challenging. Kennedy was not licensed to fly on instruments.

"What the pilot wants to have is a relatively distinct horizon so he can see the ground and be able to determine the aircraft's altitude by looking outside," said Warren Morningstar, a pilot and spokesman for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

F&G

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While all those appointed were among the 14 finalists, the first choice of a screening committee led by Lt. Gov. Butch Otter for the seat representing north-central Idaho was James Peck of Viola, a retired University of Idaho wildlife management professor.

Instead, Kempthorne chose Alex Irby, 57, of Orofino, a resource manager for Konkolville Lumber Co. and president of the Orofino Chamber of Commerce.

For southeastern Idaho, the

governor appointed Marcus Gibbs, a 51-year-old Grace seed potato farmer with a finance degree from the University of Idaho. Gibbs is president of the Last Chance Canal Co., the largest group of Idaho water users on the Bear River. He also is president of the multi-state Bear River Water Users Association.

The selection committee's recommended choice for the southeastern Idaho seat was Ken Peery of Pocatello, a retired fisheries biologist and administrator at the Missouri Department of

Conservation.

"It still is not a balanced commission," Idaho Conservation League spokesman John McCarthy said. "Governor Kempthorne had the opportunity to do that and he didn't."

McCarthy said Irby has an open mind on most issues but is too set in his opposition to bringing four lower Snake River dams to save dwindling salmon runs.

Ben Keith Stonebraker of Juliaetta, a former Fish and Game Commission member, said Irby's work as chairman of the

Clearwater Elk Restoration team and chairman of the Region 2 Wildlife Council would give him credibility as a commissioner.

His business acumen also will be welcome as the Department of Fish and Game continues to struggle with its financial problems, and Irby proved his ability to bring disparate interests together when he joined a coalition of environmentalists, timber workers and lumber companies in a plan to reimburse grizzly bears to central Idaho under a conservation plan.

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Certificates honor Cold War service

Officials struggle to keep up with increasing demand

WASHINGTON (AP) — Louis Valverde already had a handful of military medals to honor his service in the Korean War.

But it's a simple sheet of paper that has the 67-year-old retired postmaster from Brentwood, N.Y., talking these days. Valverde, who organized air drops of anti-Communist pamphlets over hostile areas of Korea, is among 200,000 Americans who have applied for the Defense Department's new Cold War Veteran Recognition Certificate.

"Sure, I have some other

Cold War Veteran Recognition Certificates

How to apply for the Defense Department's new Cold War Veteran Recognition Certificate:

Who is eligible: All members of the armed forces and federal government civilian personnel who faithfully served the United States during the Cold War era, Sept. 2, 1945, to the present. Individuals requesting a certificate will certify that the character of their service was honorable.

Additional information: Telephone 703-275-6279, or use the Web site <http://coolwar.army.mil>

medals, but this means something," said Valverde, who received his certificate last month.

"People in the United States don't realize, probably because a (nuclear) bomb has never dropped on this country, how big this was."

If Valverde's state war is

known as the forgotten war, the Cold War is the war that never was. It ended with a resounding sigh of relief, not a soldier's tearful parade. But the debut of the certificates in April produced so much interest that federal officials have been scrambling to keep up with requests.

Some 22 million military veter-

ans and federal government civilian personnel who served during the 46-year standoff are eligible.

With the 10th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall approaching this fall, there is also a movement to honor the Cold War's military veterans with medals and a victory celebration as well. Medal legislation sponsored by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, has passed the Senate. A similar bill by Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., is pending in the House.

Interest in the Cold War seems to be peaking as the end of the century nears and information about the era flows more freely from the former Soviet Union, said Joseph Leopold, a government professor at Georgetown University who has studied the era.

Airlines blame FAA radars for delays and cancellations

CHICAGO (AP) — Airlines facing ever angrier complaints about canceled and delayed flights say a major reason for the government replaces aging radar systems with new equipment that doesn't work much better — and sometimes is worse.

The air traffic control system is managed by the Federal Aviation Administration, which is installing \$13 billion in improvements.

"We will never have the on-time record we want unless the (FAA) can ensure that their system keeps up with growth," Jim Goodwin, chairman of United Airlines' parent, UAL Corp., told a Chicago business breakfast this week.

The FAA contends only 3 percent of air traffic problems are attributed to equipment troubles, blaming three-quarters of all delays on bad weather.

Still, the agency acknowledges the problem creates a bad image for airlines and costs money.

The agency is working closely with major carriers to address rising dissatisfaction with air travel, said Monte Belger, the FAA's acting deputy administrator.

"Clearly...the airlines have responsibility for some of the delays, and the FAA has responsibility for some of them," Belger said Friday.

"Together, we're going to work out what procedures or capabilities we need to change or improve."

Officials at American Airlines and Delta Air Lines, the nation's second- and third-largest carriers, also contend the FAA is falling down on the job.

An array of radar glitches in the past few weeks — caused by software troubles, power outages and lightning strikes — has forced airlines to delay or cancel hundreds of flights.

Goodwin said such problems cost airlines between \$10 million and \$20 million a month.

The Air Transport Association estimates the more than 300,000 air traffic control delays last year cost the industry \$4.1 billion — up from \$3.9 billion in 1997.

Clinton says GOP tax cuts would explode in later years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Huge tax cuts proposed by Republican Congress would "blow a \$3 trillion hole" in the federal budget just as Medicare and Social Security are strained by baby-boomer retirements, President Clinton said Saturday.

"Tax cuts that size are quite simply bad economic policy," Clinton said in his weekly radio address.

Giving a new Treasury Department analysis, Clinton said the House GOP plan to cut taxes by \$864 billion over 10 years — including a 10 percent across-the-board income tax cut — would cost more than three times that after taking full effect in 2013.

In addition to jeopardizing the retirement programs, Clinton administration officials said the GOP tax bill would result in cuts of up to 40 percent in defense and domestic spending. The proposal also said, "return to an era of deficits with high interest rates and economic stagnation."

"At the very time the nation will be confronting the demographic challenge of the baby boom, the Republican plan will blow a \$3 trillion hole in the federal budget," the president said.

The proposed 10 percent income tax cut by itself would cost about \$400 billion over the first 10 years, according to the Treasury analysis, but when fully phased in beginning in 2010 it would jump to \$1.5 trillion over the following decade.

"The Republican tax cut will cause an explosive drain on our resources," said Gene Sperling, Clinton's top economic adviser.

The House GOP's planned repeal of the estate tax, Sperling said, would cost \$800 billion in the second decade and benefit only half of 1 percent of taxpayers — those at top income levels.

Clinton demanded that Congress use some of the projected 10-year, \$2.9 trillion surplus to secure Medicare, provide a new prescription drug benefit and invest in areas such as education.

In addition, Clinton urged Congress to look again at his net \$250-billion package of tax cuts, which include credits for child care and long-term care of the elderly and breaks aimed at raising private money for school construction.

"Take care of the baby boom retirement. Take care of our families and our children. Take care of the long-term challenges of America," Clinton said. "Then we can allocate the rest of the surplus for other spending priorities like education and for tax cuts."

Police follow clues to suspected killer

HOUSTON (AP) — They discovered the body last December, beaten and beaten on a bedroom floor, a bloodied knife and stave nearby.

She lay face down, clad only in a gray knit top, her silk pajama bottoms bunched and discarded. Her arms and hands, testimony to her hard, but futile, fight, were raised. Claudia Benton fought her attacker.

This is an account of how, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, local police in West University Place began to investigate a murder only to discover, four months later, that they were hunting a master linked to more.

On Wednesday, in state court, a Mexican driver was being held on a bribery charge, in connection with the Benton case. "Can all this be done very quickly and say I'm guilty?" he told the judge through a translator.

Nothing would please Gary Brye more.

Last December, Brye, chief of police for West University Place, thought Benton had been killed because she stumbled across an intruder. With little experience investigating homicides, he called Houston for help.

Police from Houston lifted three fingerprints — two from inside Ms. Benton's house, one from a Jeep steering column abandoned in the garage — and ran them through criminal databases for Texas and the FBI.

First, they had a match: to a man with a string of aliases, arrested in North Texas years earlier for auto theft and for evading arrest. Then, within 10 days of Ms. Benton's slaying, they had an identity: Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, a citizen of Mexico with a U.S. record for battery, burglary and illegal immigration.

Brye contacted the Texas Rangers Sgt. Drew Carter, on the job for less than a year, got the assignment but few leads. Days, weeks, months passed. Nothing. Then, on May 2, two more bodies — both beaten, one raped — were discovered.

Brye then learned of the slayings of the Rev. Norman "Skip" Sirmic and his wife, Karen, through news accounts. The grisly details were all too familiar.

The two were bludgeoned with a sledgehammer as they slept inside the parsonage behind Weimar's United Church of Christ, in the small rural community 80 miles west of Houston. Investigators found a clue, near Mrs. Sirmic's garden, that they had not yet considered: railroad tracks. Ms. Benton had also lived across from tracks.

Similarities between the murders seemed irrefutable. "We figured there were probably more cases that had already happened, or the potential that more would happen," recalls Brye.

He was right.

The Texas Rangers matched DNA samples left at the murder scenes of Ms. Benton and Mrs. Sirmic. Then, with FBI help, they alerted law officers nationwide to the search for a man thought to be guilty of beating victims near rail tracks.

In Lexington, Ky., police detective Craig Sorrell and Sgt. Mark



Texas Ranger Drew Carter, who arranged the surrender of suspected serial killer Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, answers questions from the media last week.

He saw the FBI bulletin. Like Brye, he found the details all too familiar.

The officers immediately recognized the slaying of Christopher Mays a junior at the University of Kentucky because he and a woman walked along some railroad tracks almost two years ago. Though beaten, raped and left for dead, she survived. Sorrell and Ramirez had almost given up hope of solving that murder. Then they, too, contacted Texas authorities and they, too, matched DNA samples from Ms. Benton's case.

Now Brye and all the others had to find their man: a man whose immigration agents already had.

On June 2, they nabbed Resendez-Ramirez near the El Paso border and, unaware that he was wanted for murder, immediately him sent to Mexico. Days later, more bodies turned up.

Josephine Kovachis was found June 4, beaten to death in her house, three miles west of where the Sirmic lived and only yards from a railroad track.

Noemi Dominguez was found June 5, fatally beaten in her Houston home, near a railroad track.

The hunt intensified, with the FBI, Rangers and local cops looking for the suspect now dubbed in the media as the Railway Killer.

Reports of the suspect's whereabouts surfaced coast to coast, border to border. Then, more bodies turned up.

In East Texas, Resendez-Ramirez became the prime suspect in a slaying Oct. 2, 1998. An 87-year-old woman was bludgeoned to death. A palm print found on her window would eventually be matched to the suspect.

In Southern Illinois, a 79-year-old man was found June 15, shot in the head inside his mobile home in Gosham, just yards from a rail line.

Young, old, Male, female, Hispanic, Anglo. The killer did not discriminate.

FBI profilers tried to make sense of senseless acts. Then, on June 21, the agency added Resendez-Ramirez to its 50 Most Wanted list. On the same day, in Illinois, authorities charged him in the Gosham slaying, saying they linked his fingerprints to the murders.

In the meantime, investigators traveled to Mexico to talk with the suspect's family. Carter, the Texas Ranger originally assigned to Ms. Benton's case, also met with the

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Heir to Camelot lived under scrutiny

Appeal of 'John John' transcended generations



John F. Kennedy Jr. salutes the casket of President Kennedy outside St. Matthews Cathedral following funeral mass in Washington Nov. 25, 1963.

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation first met him as the playful boy in the Oval Office, the brave little soldier at his father's funeral. It watched as he evolved into "The Hunks," a charismatic magazine publisher and heir to Camelot, keeper of the family flame.

John F. Kennedy Jr., 38, grew up in the public eye, from his sad salute at his father's 1963 funeral until his plane disappeared Friday night on the way to a family gathering in Massachusetts. For many, he has embodied the "Kennedy mystique" — young, good-looking, seemingly invulnerable.

JFK Jr., as he became known, has been a reluctant icon. He eschewed a political career for publishing, and avoided the troubles that plagued many of his cousins. His wildest act, at least publicly, may have been getting a small shamrock tattoo.

His appeal transcended generations. His father was voted into the White House by the generation that fought World War II. He was born while that generation raised its children and for them he would always be that little boy in a blue coat and shorts, saluting his father's casket on his third birthday.

To another generation, he was "the sexiest man alive" — a title bestowed on him by People magazine. New York's gossip pages simply dubbed him "The Hunks."

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound Kennedy dated Daryl Hannah and Madonna, becoming an unwilling fixture on the gossip pages.

He preferred staying out of the spotlight, living a "normal" life, hanging out with

His life

- Major events in the life of John F. Kennedy Jr.:
- Nov. 26, 1960: Born in Washington, D.C.
 - Jan. 20, 1961: Father, John F. Kennedy, becomes president.
 - Nov. 25, 1963: Salutes his father's casket as the funeral cortege of the assassinated president passes by a Washington church.
 - Fall of 1964: Moves from Washington to New York, where he attends a Catholic private school then the Collegiate boys' school.
 - Fall of 1978: Enters 11th grade at the Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass.
 - Spring of 1982: Graduated from

- Brown University in Providence, R.I.
- August 1988: Makes his professional acting debut in Brian Fiel's drama "Winners" in Manhattan.
- Fall of 1988: Enrolls at New York University Law School.
- July 1988: Addresses Democratic National Convention in Atlanta to introduce his uncle, Sen. Edward Kennedy.
- August 1988: Hired as a Manhattan prosecutor. He resigns in July 1993, after attaining a 6-0 conviction record.
- May 48, 1994: Mother, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, dies.
- September 1995: Launches *George* magazine.

family and friends. Given his lineage, that was often impossible.

"John, although he didn't wish it himself, was born a star," said a biographer, Wendy Leigh, whose book was titled "Papa Charming." Almost from birth, Kennedy was famous mostly for being famous.

"It's hard for me to talk about a legacy or a mystique," Kennedy said in 1993. "It's my family. The fact that there have been difficulties and hardships, or obstacles, makes us closer."

He was born on Nov. 25, 1960, 2.5 weeks after his father's election as the 35th president.

The only child ever born to a president-elect, the boy soon became known to the nation as "John John" — a name erroneously bestowed on him by a reporter who misheard a conversation.

Early in life, he was

exposed to the tragedies that seemed to endlessly beset his family.

A brother, Patrick, was born on Aug. 7, 1963, but died two days later.

On Nov. 22, 1963, his father and namesake was killed in Dallas. The most poignant moment of the Washington funeral came when the little boy, too young to fully understand the tragedy, stood saluting his father's passing casket outside St. Matthew's Cathedral.

After his father's murder, his mother Jacqueline moved the family to Manhattan, where she raised John and older sister Caroline even after her marriage to Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

Unlike other family members, Kennedy never entered politics, although he was constantly questioned about a future in the political arena and often mentioned as a can-

didate for Congress.

It was his virtually for the asking when Rep. Ted Weiss died in 1992. Weiss represented the strongly Democratic and strongly liberal districts on Manhattan's West Side. Kennedy declined to run for the seat.

And unlike his cousins, he avoided problems with drugs, alcohol and the law.

Kennedy showed some talent as an actor, performing in several college plays, even making his professional debut at the Irish Arts Center playing an Irish teen engaged to his protagan girlfriend. But hopes of an acting career disappeared when his mother turned thumbs down.

Kennedy graduated from Brown University in 1983, turning his attention to a variety of pursuits: searching for a sunken pirate ship off Cape Cod, visiting India for six months, raising funds for the Democratic Party.

In 1988, he introduced his uncle, U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, at the Democratic Convention — and received a two-minute standing ovation. A year later, he graduated from New York University with a law degree.

He joined the Manhattan district attorney's office the next year — but only after failing the bar twice. "HUNK FLUNKS," read a tabloid headline after one of those attempts.

Kennedy was an attorney, but he was also quite athletic; it wasn't unusual for people to see him throwing a Frisbee in Central Park or Roller-Blading through Tribeca. After his mother died on May 19, 1994, JFK Jr. was photographed Roller-Blading to her apartment.

Joining Kennedy clan meant life in a fishbowl

NEW YORK (AP) — Carolyn Bessette Kennedy was born to privilege and glamour, the beautiful daughter of a Greenwich, Conn., doctor.

That was nothing compared to life in the Kennedy clan.

An instant tabloid favorite after she married John F. Kennedy Jr., Bessette Kennedy was talked by paparazzi, gossiped about by columnists and compared to her husband's late mother, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

The former Calvin Klein publicist, 33, joined her husband in the jet-set life he knew from birth — honeymoon in Turkey and the Greek Islands, dinner at the White House, and on Friday, a private flight to a Cape Cod wedding.

She wed Kennedy in September, 1996, on Cumberland Island along the Georgia coast, in a ceremony so secret that even some family members weren't invited.

Bessette Kennedy's high-school classmates had dubbed her "The Ultimate Beautiful Person."

It was so stunning, reports had it, that she landed a job at a Calvin Klein shop in Boston just by walking down the street.

Klein himself later hired her to work as a publicist in his New York office.

The Daily News dubbed her



Carolyn Bessette Kennedy "Camelot's New Queen" and some observers said her grace and elegance put her in a class with Mrs. Onassis.

"She is one of those mysterious creatures that understands, on some deep level, the mystical femininity." JFK Jr.'s friend John Parry, Jr. said. "She is very good at making people feel they are special and important, and largely because she means it. It was the same thing with Jackie."

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But life in the spotlight brought pressures as well as privilege. Paparazzi photographed Kennedy and his bride-to-be arguing in Central Park in February 1996 — he reportedly pulled a ring off her finger — and a television newsmagazine aired a videotape of the fight.

Kennedy asked paparazzi to give the couple some privacy after their wedding, but few heeded his pleas. He lashed out at one photographer after a group of paparazzi refused to leave the couple alone as they walked their dog near their Tribeca apartment.

And speculation about a new Kennedy heir was endless. Every time Bessette Kennedy gained an ounce, it seemed, the tabloids had her pregnant.

The willowy blond was raised in wealthy Greenwich, Conn., the daughter of a physician. She majored in elementary education at Boston University, but took a marketing job with a nightclub consortium after graduation.

She eventually moved to New York to work for Klein's Gosselin; columnists had lots of theories about how she met her future husband. Some said the two first talked as she helped him buy Calvin Klein suits; others said he contacted her after he saw her jogging in a park.

KENNEDY CRISIS



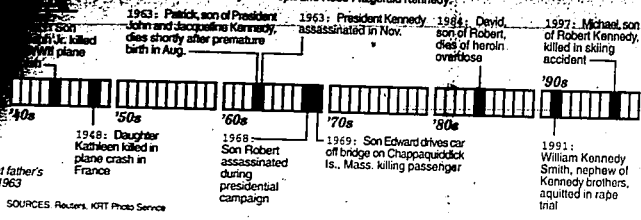
John F. Kennedy, Jr., and his wife, Carolyn Bessette, arrive at the Minskoff Theater in New York in April of 1998.



JFK Jr. at father's funeral, 1963

The family tragedies

Timeline of tragedies in the family of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy



A small plane, an uncertain fate

The Associated Press

The summer sky was clear and hazy, and the little plane that ascended into the sky over Fairfield, N.J., disappeared quietly into the spreading night. But the single-engine Piper Saratoga II HP soaring away from the tree-lined Essex County Airport and the Friday evening sunset contained no ordinary pilot.

His side was a man who, for many, was the very embodiment of the most celebrated American family ever — John F. Kennedy Jr., heading northeast with his wife and sister-in-law toward the famous Hyannisport family compound for a cousin's wedding, a happy day.

It would be five hours before his absence would be officially noticed, more than 10 before the world would know this: The son of the fallen president, the heir and namesake to — "the sexiest man alive" and the founder-editor of *George* magazine, was nowhere to be found. There would be no wedding that day for Rory Kennedy and her clan. There would be only uncertainty.

Kennedy and his wife, married for nearly three years, were due Saturday at the Hyannisport compound, where Kennedys from all over had already gathered, as they have for three generations, to celebrate. In this case, it was the nuptials of the late Sen. Robert E. Kennedy's youngest daughter that drew them together.

For Rory Kennedy, it was to be a happy day in a life marred by tragedy. Her father was assassinated before she was born; her brother David died of a drug overdose in 1984; and she was the one who cradled her dying brother Michael after a 1997 skiing accident.

Some 275 guests had been expected for the private 6 p.m. wedding ceremony for Rory, a producer and documentary director, and Mark Bailey, a writer-editor. The bridal party was to include 30 family members and friends.

JFK Jr. was getting there in a relatively new way; he got his pilot's license only last year, and had spent many weekends of late tending his brand-new, well-

instrumented plane at the Essex County Airport, where 350 private craft are based. He'd said he loved the new way of traveling.

"Whenever we want to get away, we can just get in a plane and fly off," he told USA Today in May 1998. But not everyone was so enthusiastic.

"The only person I've been able to get to up with me, who looks forward to it as much as I do, is my wife," he said.

At the Hyannisport compound, unbusiness set in after midnight. A family friend reported the plane missing and called the Coast Guard at Woods Hole at 2:15 a.m. The Guard began an immediate search; the Federal Aviation Administration was notified and called in more military rescuers about 3 a.m.

Authorities also tried to see if the plane had landed elsewhere. It hadn't.

At 3:30 a.m., the Air Force got a "positive hit" on an emergency signal emanating from northern Long Island. Rescuers searched that area for three hours, but found nothing. At 7:30 a.m., the Coast Guard launched an aggressive search of the area around Martha's Vineyard and Montauk, N.Y.

Later, the search area was narrowed significantly when officials reviewed radar records and found the plane's last known location was about 17 miles southwest of the Vineyard.

The word went forth, and soon the networks were reporting that something was amiss. Those Americans who watch TV news on their Saturday mornings would get up to learn that for the Kennedys, yet again, something unimaginable was afoot.

Saturday would be a surreal day in a lot of places. At the compound, the family huddled inside, the wedding priest performing a mass of prayer for the missing.

Outside, the curious and the media gathered to watch and wait for word. And in the Atlantic Ocean, helicopters and boats scoured the water for something — anything.

Those who were grim held their tongues. Those who were hopeful spoke about Kennedy. They used the present tense.

Martha's Vineyard's identity intertwines with Kennedys

Knight Ridder News Service

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, Mass. — Ask the islanders here if they know the Kennedys and they'll say, "No, they keep to themselves." Press harder and you'll find the famous family has touched everyone's life.

For years, locals on this crescent of land have flown the Kennedys' planes, driven their cabs, and sold them milk at the general store. They're used to seeing John F. Kennedy Jr. biking along the scrub-pine landscape, climbing into his plane, or visiting a local pub.

And they know the Kennedys, for better or worse, have helped define this island's image over the last four decades, marking it on the national map as a vacation

spot for the wealthy and glamorous — and as a place of tragedy.

So Saturday, as the Coast Guard's search for Kennedy's missing plane wore on through the day, and as bits of wreckage washed up on the beach a mile away from a Kennedy home, the island was gripped with mixed emotions — and reminders of another tragedy that began unfolding 30 years ago Sunday.

"It's just devastating. That family is so beset by tragedies, and there's one more in the lives of another tragedy that began unfolding 30 years ago Sunday. It's just devastating."

"Just devastating," repeated Jean Andrews, 59, a librarian who was born on the island, "with Martha's Vineyard being brought

to the forefront again."

Andrews thought she would spend the weekend reflecting on the weekend reflecting on Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's July 18, 1969, accident on Chappaquiddick, the islet at the east end of Martha's Vineyard.

Her sister, Andrews said, had worked at the gas station where the senator's car was towed after crashing and killing passenger Mary Jo Kopechne.

Andrews remembered that so many people had come to scavenger for souvenirs relics — bits of the smashed windshield, even — that workers had to cover the car with canvas.

Since then, she said, the island has not been the same. Development and tourism have skyrocketed. "Land is being bought up by immensely rich

people," she said, and tourists still come to gawk at the scene of the 1969 crash.

"Now they'll be wanting to go to the beach where the wreckage was found," Andrews said.

While Edward Kennedy "hasn't been forgiven" for Chappaquiddick, people here have a good feeling about John Kennedy Jr., said Cathie Belcher, 49, another island resident.

"It always seemed like he was the best of the bunch," Belcher said.

"He was one of the few members who could salvage the family from the destructive path they've been on," said Jim Nelson, who said he had often served the late Jacqueline Kennedy at the Chilmark general store. He now runs a car-rental place.

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Bush gets less from dad's donors

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — George W. Bush is coming from his father's shadow in his presidential fund raising, getting a smaller percentage of contributions in the last quarter from people who previously gave to his father's White House campaigns.

"It just shows that he's not riding on his father's coattails by any means," said Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas at Austin.

An Associated Press computer analysis found that 11.5 percent of the Texas governor's retained individual contributions in the latest reporting period came from people who had given to his father in 1992 or 1992.

Supporters of the elder Bush gave \$3.23 million out of the Republican front-runner's \$37.5 million in the April-June quarter, according to records the governor filed with the Federal Election Commission.

In the previous reporting period, 15.4 percent of Bush's retained contributions came from his father's supporters — or \$1.06 million of \$6.9 million.

Political experts see the shrinking percentage as a good sign for the younger Bush.

It's crucial for him to broaden his support beyond that held by his father if he hopes to emulate his successful presidential effort and not his losses, they say.

"You need only remember that his father got 33 percent of the vote in 1992, to realize that if he can't greatly broaden his father's coalition, he will simply not win," said Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Governmental Studies at the University of Virginia.

Sabato said he had expected a higher percentage of Bush's contributions to come from his father's backers but said the smaller percentage is very good for Bush's candidacy.

He suggested it would be good strategy for Bush to try to separate himself from his father.

"He's in this race, in part, because of his name, so he owes a lot to his father. Before this is over, if he is the nominee, he is going to pay for that connection," Sabato said.

The Democrats will focus extensively on the shape of the economy at the end of the

Bush administration versus the shape of the economy under the Clinton administration."

Dennis Goldford, chairman of the Department of Politics and International Relations at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, agreed that the smaller percentage of dad-related money is a positive sign for Bush.

"It suggests he's expanding his base beyond people who merely might have supported his father and therefore would support him," he said.

The elder Bush didn't demonstrate overwhelming popularity even when he won in 1988 with only 53 percent of the popular vote in an election against Michael Dukakis and that Democrat's "abysmally terrible campaign," Goldford said.

"His name isn't George Reagan, it's George Bush," Goldford said.

"If his name were George Schleppermeyer, he probably wouldn't have had that initial stake from people. That certainly helped. But he's not a puppet or clone of his father."

For one thing, he said, the younger Bush appears to be a much better campaigner.

Candidate used soft money to rent facility near poll site

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — State Republican Party leaders say they were paid with out-of-state "soft" money for the lease on a prime site that Texas Gov. George W. Bush will use next month to court activists at a big straw poll.

Bush aides and party leaders insist the move is legal, an argument rejected by arial.

Aides to publisher Steve Forbes say the expenditure violates campaign finance laws.

"This raises serious questions about how ethical a Bush administration would be, particularly since they've raised a gazillion dollars from Washington lobbyists," said spokesman Keith Appel.

Still, Mindy Tucker, spokeswoman for the Republican presidential front-runner, said it's legal and that "we play by the rules."

Iowa Republican Party Executive Director Dee Stewart

confirmed the state party was paid with out-of-state checks that didn't come from the Bush campaign.

"From our perspective, a straw poll is a fund-raiser for the party. It's not an election," said Stewart.

"It's perfectly acceptable for a presidential candidate to encourage people to donate money to the Republican Party," Stewart said.

Stewart said the party was paid with six separate checks, and a receipt given to the person delivering the checks. He said he was unsure whether that person was affiliated with a campaign, but insisted the party acted within the law.

"We are well within state and federal guidelines," said Stewart.

All of the campaigns have leased space outside of Hiram Coliseum in Ames near month-to-month parties for the straw poll, showing up for the straw poll, showed an early set of candidate strength.

Hopeful gets down to business—with style

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — George W. Bush tucked his tie in his pocket, eyed his hands in his pancake griddle and gazed himself for some serious campaign work.

"Is this a tradition?" asked Bush. "I think so."

With that, Bush began flipping pancakes to a giggling Kelly Riemberger, taking care not to hold up the breakfast serving line too long.

"If you're a voter, I'm getting out of the way," declared Bush, cooking off yet another campaign day filled with handshakes, autographing, posing for pictures and, occasionally, giving a speech.

"That's a natural," said red chef Gregg White. "When he gets done running, I've got a job for him."

"They told me to come out here and shake my hand as much as I can," said Bush. "That's what I'm doing."

Bush's soft Texas accent, well-tooled belt and silver saddle buckle mask an easygoing campaign style. Touching is everything, as Juan Trojillo found out on a sun-plashed Webster City street.

As Bush strode by, Trojillo tossed out a phrase in Spanish. Bush pulled him aside, draped an arm over his shoulder and the two spoke, faces barely inches apart.

"We talked about the role of the Hispanic community," said Trojillo. "He's going to be our next president."

Bush brings substantial assets to this business of retail politics. Handsome and energetic, his backers say he can light up a room. Politics in small towns like Iowa is all about working the diners and storefronts where voters hang out.

He has critics. GOP rivals and Democrats who charge that Bush is vague and trying to use a big financial edge to buy the election.

"He's just trying to buy the caucuses and the caucuses are not for sale," rumbled Democrat Joe Longevacker, walking a picket line outside one event.

Bush ignores the criticism. "I'm a person who tries to shake every possible hand," he said. "I'm comfortable with people."

He insists he's dealing with the issues. "There's a pace to a campaign that's important to maintain," said Bush. "By the time the main events begin, I'll have laid out what I'm going to do."

At rally after rally, he works the crowd tirelessly, staying to shake hands until virtually every one has left. At an Ames picnic, a light rain began falling and many



Republican presidential hopeful Texas Gov. George W. Bush flips pancakes during a campaign stop at a pancake breakfast Friday morning in Des Moines, Iowa.

retreated to cover. Bush didn't miss a beat, working the crowd for another half-hour in an increasingly damp dash.

During each 45-minute campaign stop, Bush tosses off a 10-minute pep talk and spends the rest of his time up close and personal — and intense.

"I hope people see it as enthusiasm," said Bush.

"I want to shake people's hands. I want to look people in the eye," said Bush. "Ultimately, it's the grass-roots politics."

"He's got great charisma," said Ren Larson, munching on lunch at a Webster City diner. "It shows the minute he walked through the door."

Virginia Hughes started her encounter with Bush on a serious note, quizzing him directly about abortion and tax cuts. Within a couple of minutes, though, she was giving him a hug and gushing to a friend. "He's the best looking one we've worked for yet."

"I generally don't get on hand-wagons, but I'm going to get on this one," Mrs. Hughes said.

For Bush, working a crowd is an intensely physical event, with eyes burning and hands reaching

in every direction. His famous name may get him through the front door, but he works to close the sale himself.

"He's really there as a dad, not as a political adviser," Bush said of his father, the former president. "My mother gives me the political advice."

"The family name does carry a lot of clout."

"May I hug you?" said Roberta Trees. "With your parents, you've got to be good."

When Des Moines radio personality Van Hardin dragged Bush aside at the pancake breakfast, most of his questions were about the role other candidates would play in a Bush administration.

"How come you're so far ahead in all the polls?" Hardin asked a clearly delighted Bush.

"You better ask all these people following me around," said Bush, gesturing to a crowd of reporters. "That's their job, to figure it out."

Alexander spreads message that he's better prepared across Iowa

OSCEOLA, Iowa (AP) — To a large extent, Lamar Alexander is starting over. The former Tennessee governor is focusing his presidential campaign on Iowa, trying to build an organization that will give him some much needed momentum in his drive for the Republican nomination.

But as he travels the state, he is competing for attention with GOP presidential rivals like George W. Bush and Steve Forbes who are far better financed and draw much bigger crowds.

Alexander finished third in the 1996 Iowa caucuses. Even after dropping out of the 1996 race, he never really stopped running for president.

"You have to start over," Alexander said Thursday during a stop at The Quilt Patch Family Restaurant on his 60-county tour

of Iowa. "Some people have moved away, some people have died and some people have lost their interest," said Terry Bransard, general manager of Iowa for 26 years and Alexander's Iowa campaign director.

Short on money, Alexander is focusing on Iowa.

He needs a strong finish in the Ames straw poll next month to jumpstart his campaign. While he insists that no candidate should quit the race on the basis of results of the straw poll, his organization has mapped out a country-by-country goal of how many people they need to participate in Alexander plans to meet with people — there they live.

"My objective is to show that I'm better prepared... and that I have an organization that's capable of winning the caucuses," Alexander said.

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American leads Olympic temple project

Archaeology team hopes to rebuild historic stadium

ANCIENT NEMEA, Greece (AP) — In the early years of Christianity, church builders found what they needed at a long-neglected temple used for the Olympic games. They toppled the graceful columns and hauled away the limestone base blocks for the cornerstones of the church.

The games of Nemea — one of four sites of the Panhellenic games, now called the Olympics — were revived in 1896 by an American professor who has spent his career uncovering the intricacies of ancient athletic contests and rites. Now, he is again trying to bring history alive: rebuilding part of the Temple of Nemean Zeus that lies mostly in ruins in southern Greece.

The instinct is to leave things alone. In fact, I had moments when it seemed almost sacrilegious to disturb the site," said Stephen Miller, a professor of classical archaeology from the University of California at Berkeley. "But I think there is a compromise. It can be very instructive to actually witness part of an ancient site rebuilt."

Workers have been leveling and shaping new gray-green foundation blocks, mined from the same quarry used by the temple builders 2,300 years ago. In July 25, Greek political and cultural leaders will witness the first of the original circular, one-ton column stones lowered into place alongside the three surviving 40-foot pillars.

"I grew up, in an academic sense, with just these three columns," said Miller, who has worked since 1973 at the Nemea site, 60 miles southwest of Athens. "It will be exciting, but a little strange, to see it change."

Miller's team hopes to have two columns restored before the second modern Nemea games next June. The first tournament in 1996 attracted more than 500 athletes from 29 nations.



Stephen Miller, right, a classical archaeology professor from the University of California at Berkeley, walks among the ruins of the ancient Temple of Nemean Zeus in the ancient city of Nemea, about 60 miles southwest of Athens.

Those athletes participated barefoot and wore togas on the same grounds used by ancient Olympians. The winners also received the same simple honor: a crown of wild celery in memory of a mythical royer he killed by a snake hiding in the brush.

By the time of the "other Olympics" in Athens in 2004, Miller hopes to have rebuilt 10 or more columns around the temple entrance facade. But he insists he

does not plan to try to put up all the 34 columns of the original temple.

"We only want to give people a better picture of what it must have been like here," he said.

Erected about 300 B.C., the temple was a centerpiece of the ancient Nemean games — held in rotation with the other sites: Delphi, Isthmia and Olympia, from which the modern games take their name. The site paid



Archaeologist Stephen Miller examines part of a column from the ancient Temple of Nemean Zeus. The games of Nemea — one of four sites of the Panhellenic games, now called the Olympics — were revived in 1896 by the American professor who has spent his career uncovering the intricacies of ancient athletic contests and rites.

homage to the Nemean Zeus, a shepherd god who was entirely different from the Olympian Zeus who lorded over creation.

The temple was the last built in the Doric tradition of aesthetic freedom and architectural embellishments best exemplified by the Parthenon. But its clean lines also foreshadowed the trend toward rigid symmetry and slender columns of the later Hellenistic period.

When the Olympics were abolished by Roman emperor Theodosius the Great in the late 4th century, the Nemean plain was already long abandoned and reverting back to its natural state as a boggy meadow. More than 600 years earlier, the games had been moved to another site near Argos.

As Christianity spread, followers came to the area to build a church.

It marks in the soft limestone suggest they felt the columns like trees and carried away the large foundation blocks.

Most of the column stones, erected like vertebrae of a spine, survived the fall and rested undisturbed for centuries.

Miller's research into the ancient Olympic site has yielded some insights into the contests, including a starting line device that held back runners with a

rope gate that fell when a runner was released.

The research could also alter views on ancient construction practices.

Grooves in the trunk strongly suggest a large saw, similar to the two-man blades used by lumberjacks, was run through the small gap between the column stones before they were fully lowered into place. The saw cut away any ledges or points that would allow moisture to enter the joint, leaving a nearly imperceptible seal, Miller said.

Previously, the most common theory was that limestone temples — common in southern Greece and Sicily — were formed together with the hammer-and-chisel method used by marble craftsmen.

The apparent saw marks also serve as a kind of template to match the column stones.

"Each one is different, so we can tell which one fits with the other," said Miller.

Walking among the fallen columns, Miller said, he found the surfaces being eaten away by ground water and lichens, and shook his head at critics who believe he should leave the temple untouched.

"The price to pay to study our romantic notions is just not great," he said.

Researcher: Mutant gene may be cause for back pain

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Researchers have identified a mutant gene that may be responsible for some cases of a painful, sometimes severe and chronic form of back pain.

The finding could help doctors identify other people at risk.

Back pain has long been one of the most painful and common medical conditions in industrialized nations, but its cause is still unclear.

Scientists in most cases believe that a slipped or ruptured disk, which occurs when the soft material in the center of a disk pushes out, causes low back pain and pinches the nearby nerve in the spine.

Scientists still believe that the discs, which are cushioned by fluid, are the cause of back pain, but this gene may be another factor in about 5 percent of patients, said researchers at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Knowing that you carry this mutation, I would advise these people to avoid these other possible risk factors," said Kulkarni.

"In finding this gene, we may have put the missing piece in the puzzle."

The research was published in Friday's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Another key factor in back pain may be responsible for a higher percentage of patients, said Kulkarni, but that research has yet to be published.

The mutated gene alters part of an important structural protein in the disk called collagen IX, preventing it from forming into the correct shape. This makes the disk material too soft and less capable of absorbing the shocks placed on the spine during movement, researchers said.

Over time, it might pressure against the nerve.

Federal judge rules in favor of nude art versus city objections

NEW YORK (AP) — Easily embarrassed residents of lower Manhattan should keep their criticisms closed Sunday morning. The more curious might peek outside at dawn to catch sight of 800 nude bodies.

A federal judge ruled Friday that an outdoor portrait of the naked models qualifies as art, and rejected city attempts to block a photographer from taking the picture.

"The privacy interests of the residents of this neighborhood who can avert their eyes cannot outweigh the rights of others to exercise their First Amendment right to artistic expression," said U.S. District Judge Harold Baer Jr.

He decided in favor of photographer Spencer Tunick, finding that artistic nude photography is expression protected by the First Amendment as well as New York state law.

Baer said artistic nude photography is "comparable to nudity as part of a performance, show

or exhibition," all of which are legal.

The judge added that the fact that the photograph will be taken at 5:30 a.m. means it will not threaten the privacy rights of the block's residents or present overwhelming concerns for traffic or safety.

Tunick said he was pleased with the ruling.

"I honestly think the body can be used by an artist as an art object, not as a sexual object," he said.

"Someone walking down the street should be able to differentiate."

Sherrill Kurland, a lawyer for the city, said she will appeal, though Baer refused to stay his written opinion.

Sometimes in the past, Tunick did his work without complaint from the police, but recently he has been threatened with arrest. As a result, he filed a lawsuit earlier this week in federal court in Manhattan seeking protection on First Amendment grounds.

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Prison 'pen pals' web sites link convicts with outsiders

The Baltimore Sun

The personal ad looks like so many others posted on the World Wide Web these days: "I am a 30 year old white male with a heart of gold, who is seeking friendship and pen pals."

A snapshot shows a man with an athletic, 5-foot frame, easy smile, and boyishly handsome face.

He's wearing what appear to be simple hospital scrubs and looks like a man who would have no trouble eliciting a response from the opposite sex.

But Samuel J. Derrick is not that typical lonely heart. He's a convicted killer who in 1987 nabbed a store owner 20 times during a robbery.

And his uniform doesn't come from a medical school. It's standard issue at the Union Correctional Institute in State, Fla., where he sits on death row. The Web site that carries his ad is Prison Pen Pals, a new prison penpals.com, one of a dozen online venues created to help men and women behind bars make friends on the net, find future employment and even set up an online store to earn extra cash.

The creators of these sites say they're designed to ease an inmate's loneliness and desperation and for those who will eventually get freed, to smooth an often rocky path back into society.

But critics charge that the Web is a medium that convicts can use to cheat or harm unwitting good Samaritans.

As a result, online pen pal sites are raising eyebrows among corrections officials around the country.

The issue caught the attention of prison officials in Maryland after they discovered that Gregory Lee Lawrence, one of two convicts who carried a head-line-grabbing May 18 break from the Maryland Correctional Institution in Jessup, has a Web site.

There, the 39-year-old convicted killer hawks a get-rich-quick manual that promises "thousands of dollars" to anyone who sends him a \$25 money order.

Officials at the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services say that is the best of the better a head-line-grabbing May 18 break from the venture, but some within the department are debating whether pen pals should be allowed to place ads on the Internet.

"We are very wary of the possibility of increased risk of criminalizing these pen pal sites in the future," says department spokesman Leonard A. Spies Jr.

Authorities say no U.S. prisoner has direct access to the Internet. Pen pal sites, however, offer proxy for a small fee, inmates can set up a Web page and have email printed and forwarded to them.

That's how Prison Pen Pals works. The site is run from a small office in Easton, Pa., by Priscilla Pletcher-Wilcox, a 36-year-old former housewife. She started the venture in 1996 with money from two prisoners she met through volunteer work in a nearby penitentiary.

"Basically, prisoners want three things: They want to be free, they want to get a visit or they want a letter," Wilcox says. "With the Internet, you can do all three ways for prisoners to get mail."

But prisoners also use pen pal sites to post resumes and set up virtual storefronts, selling items that range from Pez dispensers to Fudge "created and perfected during my leisure time on the infamous San Quentin Prison" to Indian zircon catcher necklaces.

GOP congressman from Long Island switches parties

QUOGUE, N.Y. (AP) — Rep. Michael Forbes, a New York Republican, said today he is bolting a Republican Party that has become "a captive of extremists" so he can join a more open Democratic Party.

"The Republican Party over the last 4-5 years has been defined through the actions of its extremists in the House of Representatives," Forbes said in announcing his decision at a news conference at his Long Island, N.Y., home.

"It has become an angry, narrow-minded, intolerant and uncaring majority, incapable of governing at all, much less from the center, and tone-deaf to the concerns of a vast majority of Americans."

Forbes said he talked over his decision in a personal, private meeting and also met with House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. An aide said Hastert tried to persuade Forbes to stay in the GOP.

In Washington, President Clinton welcomed the new Democrat.

"Michael Forbes has changed parties because he believes it is best for his constituents, for the people of New York and for our country," Clinton said in a statement. "He is joining a party that welcomes independent thinking and the courage to change."

A switch would provide a huge psychological boost for Democrats, who need to gain only a half-dozen seats in next year's elections to be assured of winning control of the House.

Forbes, 47, defeated a Democrat in 1994 with his seat, one of more than 70 GOP first-termers who helped usher in a Republican majority in the

House for the first time in 40 years. He was rewarded with a prized seat on the Appropriations Committee, a panel with enormous influence over federal spending.

Forbes supported the Contract With America in 1995, and has carved out a generally conservative voting record, opposing abortion and voting in 1996 to repeal the ban on certain semiautomatic assault-style weapons.

Last year, he voted in favor of four impeachment charges brought against President Clinton.

At the same time, he sided with environmentalists on some issues, and voted to raise the minimum wage in 1995.

He infuriated the GOP leadership in 1997 when he refused to vote for former Rep. Newt Gingrich's re-election as speaker, citing concerns over a just-completed ethics investigation.

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Recognizing that America's chief executive earns a pittance compared with his counterparts in business, entertainment, education and practically every other field, the House of Representatives voted late Tuesday to double the next president's salary. The measure awaits anticipated Senate approval.

Executive compensation experts on both sides say that while the proposed pay hike appears substantial, it falls far short of a reasonable wage for the world's most powerful person.

"It's misleading to say that this is a huge increase, because you have to take into account that the last time the pay was raised was 30 years ago. Most of us get our pay raised every year," said Gary Omura, managing principal of Omura Co. in a Group, a high-tech compensation and benefit consulting firm in Santa Clara, Calif.

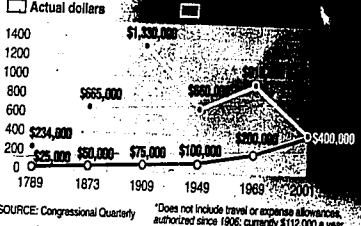
Based on the Consumer Price Index, which takes into account the inflation rate since the last raise, the president should be paid more than \$900,000 a year. Even George Washington's pay of \$25,000 would amount to \$4 million a year, if adjusted for inflation.

Despite that reasonable argument, the truth is most Americans would just as soon see their president make much less than the proposed salary. In a recent national survey by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press in Washington, only one person in four thought the president's pay should rise by more than \$20,000.

Few would argue that presidents need the money. Aside from the private helicopters, luxurious vacation retreats and other substantial office perks, most presidents already are independently

What's New

The U.S. House of Representatives voted Tuesday to double the president's salary.



SOURCE: Congressional Quarterly. *Does not include travel or expense allowances authorized since 1906; currently \$112,000 a year.

wealthy. Even Jimmy Carter was an affluent peanut farmer. While the Clintons have amassed enormous legal bills, their debts will easily be paid off with the \$2 million to \$3 million book contract they are likely to secure after the president leaves office, as well as millions they could earn on the speech circuit.

In fact, experts say, money isn't very important to those seeking the presidency. The \$200,000-a-year pay raise "wouldn't even foot the bill for Ross Perot's clip-on ties," quipped Elaine Newport, producer of the Washington political-satire troupe the Capitol Steps.

Still, there's the matter of respect. "No president has to go out there with a tin cup," said Stephen Hess, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, think tank who has worked for four presidents. "But in a symbolic sense, it seems like we are nickel-and-dimeing the presidency by not paying a salary somewhere along the lines of what is expected in other sectors."

But trying to align the president's salary with any other executive is tricky. "Typically, CEO salaries are set against comparable jobs in comparable industries," said Donald Wegmiller, president of HealthCare Compensation Strategies, a Minneapolis-based consulting firm that develops executive compensation plans. "It would be extremely diffi-

cult to do that in this case, because we can't really compare our president to other countries' presidents, so we've have to find jobs with comparable sets of responsibilities," Wegmiller said. But no company matches the size of the federal budget and federal payroll. There are other criteria to consider. Aside from base pay, stock options are one of the most lucrative forms of executive compensation. That doesn't work with the federal government, either. The only remaining means of payment is annual bonuses based on performance. In businesses, the bonuses are based on earnings growing beyond a certain level, revenue growth, market share and customer satisfaction.

Might Clinton's salary be measured in the same way? He could get a big bonus for keeping the economy booming, and he might get a little extra for "winning" the way in Kosovo.

He'd also get a generous bonus for his consistently strong approval ratings. But how much would he be docked for being impeached and dragging the nation through the Monica Lewinsky affair? Compensation executives figure Clinton would probably end up with a decent annual bonus by those measures.

Even though the president won't be getting a performance bonus, and he won't get a cent from the pay hike approved by the House, he will still come out well ahead of his fellow CEOs, the experts said.

Said consultant Omura, "If Clinton was a CEO in any company, and he did what he did (with Lewinsky), in most cases, he wouldn't even have a job now."

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP) - Everybody's first encounter with Stan D. Ardan is the same, no matter if they are doctors, nurses, medical residents, anesthesiologists or Boy Scouts.

First chance they get, they try to kill him. Stan a dummy - and one sophisticated dummy at that. From his resting place on an operating table at Penn State's College of Medicine, the \$200,000 mass of plastic, metal, wire and circuit board spends his days crashing into all manner of medical trauma: heart attacks, asthma attacks, blocked airways, collapsed lungs.

Medical simulators like Stan, introduced five years ago, are rapidly finding their way into hospitals from Stanford to Sydney. They are part of a growing effort to train medical residents without risk to patients, to cut mistakes by professionals and, when errors happen, to find out why.

"Turns out, part of that training is to learn what it takes for a patient to die. It's a lot like test pilots trying out the newest jets. They want to see what their safety margins are," says Jody Henry, an assistant in the simulator lab whose laptop makes Stan turn. "They say, 'How do I know where the bad things start if I've never seen them happen?'"

Flight simulators came about because airlines and the military figured it would be cheaper for a pilot to crash a virtual aircraft than a real one. The idea is similar in patient simulators: Better to kill a dummy than a patient.

"Just as people prepare with fire drills and disaster training, we want medical students to know what it's like before it happens."

— Dr. Margaret Wojnar, Penn. State professor

simulation technology. They first arrived in hospitals in 1994, and sales took off in 1996. Today, about 150 hospitals have one. The two major manufacturers, Medical Education Technologies Inc. of Sarasota, Fla., and MedSim-Engle Simulation Inc. of Binghamton, N.Y., say sales are strong.

Stan has blinking eyelids, pupils that dilate, an airway one opens and closes, and a pulse. He breathes and exchanges gases like human lungs. Physicians inject drugs, drain fluid from his heart sac, intubate him, insert

is used by the surgical, nursing and anesthesia departments for crisis training; by the residents for trauma lessons; and by high schoolers and Boy Scouts for health education.

For the professionals, programs are optional. In groups of six, participants work an emergency, focusing not on technique, but on group dynamics. Do the right doctors take the lead? Do the first people on the scene call in specialists soon enough?

The procedure is videotaped, and the group uses it to discuss what they could have done better. "They can practice all the uncommon events, the crises," says W. Rossau Murray, who runs the lab.

In the same way, medical students and residents can come into the lab and work through trauma a dozen times. The other way to learn? "On real live patients," Murray says. "On you, your wife or your children."

On a recent morning, five resident doctors from Hershey Medical Center gather in the lab to prepare for one-month rotations in the intensive care unit. They are here for a refresher course on opening airways in emergencies.

First up are a handful of first- and second-year residents. Wojnar sets up a patient, a 25-year-old man with an upper airway problem. The dummy's chest moves up and down irregularly. He's blinking.

"The senior residents are tied up in a meeting. There you are in the unit by yourself," she says. "What do you do?"

Using stethoscopes, the students probe Stan's chest. They feel for a pulse and ask Wojnar questions.

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NATION

Puerto Rico searches for identity

Process could strain relations with U.S.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — In an explosion of fury on the Fourth of July, thousands of Puerto Ricans converged on a U.S. Navy base waving a U.S. flag with stars for stars and condemning the "Evil Empire."

Two days later, Gov. Pedro Rossello, who may well be the most pro-American leader Puerto Rico ever had, asked the United Nations to declare the island a colony whose status must be resolved next year.

This is not how it was meant to be a year ago, when Rossello stood near the bench where U.S. troops invaded in July 1898, exuberantly waved a 51-star flag and promised the island taken from Spain would soon be a U.S. state.

Some lethal stray bombs, some Puerto Rican nationalism and some plain bad luck have hobbled his plan. As a result, Puerto Ricans are going through a summer of unhappy introspection.

"The search for our own identity as a nation has intensified," said Luis Alberto Ferré, editor of the mass-circulation *El Nuevo Dia* newspaper. The result, for now, is "an entrenchment of Puerto Rican values."

Rossello may have inadvertently started it in his eagerness to do away with the island's U.S. commonwealth status, one of limited autonomy.

Despite his tireless lobbying, the U.S. Congress failed to legislate a binding vote allowing Puerto Ricans to choose statehood, commonwealth or independence.

Without congressional backing, Rossello insisted on holding a nonbinding referendum in December — and lost with 46 percent support.

On Tuesday, the governor asked the U.N. decolonization committee to place Puerto Rico on a list of non-self-governing territories whose status must be resolved in 2000.

It was the "only way to provoke the U.S. Congress to (act) after more than a century of colonialism," he said. A congressionally-backed process would boost support for statehood here, Rossello believes.

As a commonwealth, Puerto Ricans can't vote for Congress or president unless they live on the mainland — but they can be drafted.

Other anomalies: Puerto Ricans don't get \$12 billion a year in federal funds but pay no federal taxes.

Even so, Puerto Ricans cling to a nationalism stoked in part by Rossello's efforts.

"The more Rossello talks about statehood, the more people react, reaffirming their identity," said Anibal Acevedo Vila, a leader of the pro-commonwealth Popular Democratic Party.

"We are definitely a separate people, different from the U.S., even though we're citizens," agreed author Rosario Ferré, who



An unidentified demonstrator writes on the welcome sign outside the Roosevelt Roads Naval Base in Caba, Puerto Rico.

Her hopes rest on the idea — much ridiculed by statehood opponents — that the United States can be molded into something like the European Union, with different nations under one political roof joined by shared ideals and interests.

Recent mishaps on Vieques, a small island 50 miles east of San Juan, haven't helped the statehood cause. Some 3,300 civilians live between the Navy bombing range and a weapons repository on Vieques, which the Navy says is vital to national defense.

In April, a bombing accident killed a civilian security guard. Then it was revealed that the Navy also accidentally — and illegally — rained hundreds of toxic, depleted uranium shells on Vieques.

Rossello and President Clinton both set up inquiry commissions, and the former one last month demanded that the Navy leave Vieques.

On Independence Day, thousands converged on Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, which administers Vieques, to demand the Navy's ouster. They waved a U.S. flag with skulls for

stars and scrawled "Long Live Free Puerto Rico" on the sign to the base.

Many chafe at the atmosphere of confrontation. "Fifty years ago the Fourth of July was something of real importance," columnist Maximo Cerame Vivas wrote in *The San Juan Star*. "Today, in Puerto Rico, we celebrate the anti-Fourth of July, Anti-Roosevelt Roads, anti-Navy, anti-USA."

Rosario Ferré regretted "the 'anti' feeling, the anti-American feeling. ... Puerto Ricans haven't had it, and if they've acquired it, it's being pushed solidly."

Former governor Rafael Hernandez Colon of the commonwealth party countered that nationalism has been building naturally for a while — with the emergence of Puerto Rican artists and writers, the decision to enter national sports events under a Puerto Rican flag in the 1970s, and even the 1992 World Fair in Seville, Spain, where Puerto Rico had its own pavilion.

"The United States never understood the density of the culture developing here," he said.

World has 6 billion reasons to celebrate

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Call this Y2K: The year of 6 billion, a milestone the world's population is expected to reach this weekend. The birth of the planet's 6 billionth inhabitant, projected by the U.S. Census Bureau, also will mark another historic first: The world's population has doubled in less than 40 years.

Despite a gradual slowing of the overall rate of growth, the world population is still increasing by 78 million people a year. That's the equivalent of adding a city nearly the size of San Francisco every three days, or the combined populations of France, Greece and Sweden every year, according to a coalition of environmental and population groups.

"It took all of human history for the world's population to reach 1 billion in 1804, but little more than 150 years to reach 3 billion in 1960. Now, not quite 40 years later, we are twice that number," said Amy Coen, president of Population Action International.

Even with a decelerating growth rate, the number of humans on the planet could double again to 12 billion by 2050 if the current growth rate continues.

The impact will be sweeping, the coalition of population groups predict. "Every 20 minutes the world adds another 3,500 human lives but loses one or more entire species of animal or plant life — at least 27,000 species per year," it warns.

In addition, another 300 million people already live in regions with severe water shortages. By 2025, the number is expected to be 3 billion if current growth rates continue.

The population is expanding despite a "reproductive revolution" that has prompted half of the world's married women to use family planning techniques compared with an estimated 10 percent only 30 years ago, according to the International Planned Parenthood Federation in London. In 61 of the world's 191 countries, women's fertility

rates have now dropped below the replacement level of 2.1 children per woman.

In the United States, the world's third-largest country in population size after China and India, 71 percent of women use some form of family planning. The U.S. fertility rate, or average number of births per woman, has dropped to 1.96.

Yet the United States has the highest fertility rate among wealthy industrialized countries. And because of the "momentum" of population growth — it takes about 70 years for the population to stabilize after a nation reaches a replacement-level fertility rate of 2.1 births per woman — the United States is expected to double its population of 270 million in 50 years if the current growth rate continues, according to Peter Kostmayer, national spokesman for Zero Population Growth and a former U.S. House member from Pennsylvania.

While the United States marks Y2K this weekend, the United Nations has designated Oct. 12 as the day for international commemoration of the population milestone.

Despite the declining growth rate, so far the world has only reached about the halfway mark on the road to population stabilization, according to the coalition.

The biggest problems are encountered in poor countries that can't cope with their current numbers. As much as 95 percent of future population growth beyond replacement level will be in the developing world.

Two other trends will have a considerable impact on future growth.

First, an unprecedented 1 billion teen-agers are entering their reproductive years, a "youthquake" that is considered the major reason for continued population growth.

"Their sheer numbers guarantee an enormous momentum of population and at least through 2050, and an urgent global need for reproductive health information and services, even with a continuing decline in fertility rates," the coalition stated.

Midwest lives longer — do the numbers lie?

Los Angeles Times

ST. LOUIS — When the Census Bureau reported last month that the Midwest has more than its share of the amazingly long-lived, local papers trumpeted the news with headlines like "Midwest corners centenarian market" and "Midwest has best odds for living to 100."

Maybe it was the clean air, folks speculated. Or the friendly neighbors.

Maybe it was all those farm-fresh vegetables. Or the less-stressful pace.

Whatever the reason, surely this was cause for celebration, "a chamber of commerce-type moment," as one geriatrician called it. The Wichita Eagle used the occasion to pat its state on the back, writing in an editorial that "Kansas is a great place to live ... and live ... and live ..."

But hold the champagne — or the prune juice.

For the statistics can be looked at in quite another way. Yes, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas have an unusually high percentage of centenarians in their populations. That does not necessarily mean, however, that people in those states live longer. Rather, farm-belt demographics may skew toward the

elderly because so many young residents have left, seeking better jobs, bigger cities or nicer weather.

In other words, centenarians may make up a disproportionate percentage of the population because they're left behind when their kids and grandchildren move on.

"One of the realities is that there's a lot of out-migration of younger and middle-aged people from these (rusty) to warmer climates," said Dr. John Morley, a geriatrics professor at St. Louis University.

Census statistics seem to bear that theory out. Iowa, for instance, tops centenarian charts, with 724 of these oldest of the old. South Dakota is next, with 178 centenarians (a relatively high number for such a thinly populated state). But take a look at another age bracket: the 25- to 44-year-olds. Folks in this category make up just 28 percent of Iowa's population and 27.5 percent of South Dakota's.

"We just don't have young people coming back into the state," said Bob Mercer, a spokesman for South Dakota's governor.

Deflating news, indeed. Still, geriatricians aren't writing off the notion that the Midwest may

somehow provide a boost to help folks hit the century mark.

"There's always been this fabled northern belt of longevity" stretching from Nova Scotia south through Wisconsin and into Minnesota and the Dakotas, said Dr. Tom Perls, a geriatrics professor at Harvard medical school and co-author of the new book "Living to 100."

Perls has studied this longevity belt and believes it has nothing to do with young people leaving their elders behind. Rather, he said, it's all in the genes: Longevity runs in families and the many centenarians in these states come from "good old Scandinavian stock — or French and Canadian stock," he said.

Their genetic mix predisposes them to live longer. And they gain an added edge by taking good care of themselves, Perls said.

Research on centenarians there are about 70,000 nationwide and they are, believe it or not, the fastest-growing segment of the population — has revealed several keys to an extra-long life. The standard rules of good health apply: don't smoke, eat a low-fat diet, exercise often and minimize stress.

Geriatricians also say it's important to nurture good friendships, to make plans for the future, to stay upbeat. Above all, they urge, enjoy life, without dwelling too much on the inevitable setbacks.

And if you want to hedge your bets, it can't hurt to move to the Midwest.

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All information regarding the proposed rule change is accessible at www.state.id.us/deq. The proposed rule is published in the June 2, 1999, Administrative Bulletin, Volume 2. For questions or comments, contact Calli Daly, DEQ, 208-373-0502.

Feuding papers fuel rivalry

The Washington Post

BERLIN — Britain and Germany are at war again. But this time, the battlefield is splattered with ink rather than blood.

Chancellor Gerhard Schröder may get along famously as fraternal souls who espouse the same brand of social democracy. But newspapers in both countries are waging a vicious chauvinist campaign that might make readers think the Blitz is still going on.

For months, the war of words has steadily escalated. British commentators have suggested that moving the seat of Germany's government back to Berlin will resurrect Nazi ghosts, hinting at an evil Teutonic gene that will channel a secret power lust into the leadership of a European super-state. In turn, a new generation of German writers and diplomats, feeling more liberated by virtue of their former chancellor Helmut Kohl called a "late birth," have struck back at the British by accusing them of engaging in a xenophobic frenzy rooted in the insecurity of a lost empire.

Despite appeals for restraint by Blair and Schröder, the broadsheet each led an unprecedented degree of animosity, hitting at critic A.A. Gill unleashed a brutal diatribe in London's Sunday Times, lamenting the "undiluted misery, humiliation and psychological" of German history. One possible remedy, he suggested, would be to hang a sign on the Brandenburg Gate emblazoned with the slogan, *Amnesia Macht Frei* (*Amnesia Makes You Free*). It was an undisguised reference to the cynical slogan hung by the Nazis over the gate into concentration camps. "Work Makes You Free."

"By any measure you care to choose, the creation of a greater disaster, the cause of more misery than any other political act in our continent's history," Gill wrote.

The article triggered feelings of public outrage rarely seen here, where a stoic response to the Nazi label was long considered the price to pay for postwar reconciliation and a new sense of European kinship. But with the ascendancy of Schröder, who claims to represent the 50 million Germans, or two-thirds of the population, without any personal ties to the war, there has been a greater tendency to fight back.

Gebhardt von Moltke, Germany's ambassador to London, said he very rarely feels moved to take up his pen in response to an article. But after reading the Sunday Times piece, he fired off a letter to its editor, John Witheroo, complaining about its "profound xenophobia" and the detrimental impact it would have on relations between the two countries.

Officials castrate monkeys to slow population growth

KHAO WANG NATIONAL PARK, Thailand (AP) — Animal control experts shot dozens of monkeys out of trees with tranquilizer darts and castrated them Friday to cut down on overbreeding in a Thai national park.

The screaming, swarming and occasionally thieving clans of macaques have long been a popular attraction for visitors to Khao Wang, a national park in Petchaburi province, 60 miles south of Bangkok.

They live on food handouts and usually swarm the parking area on temple grounds, where visitors arrive.

But the Asian economic crisis has decreased the number of visitors to the park, making the large, growing monkey populations unsustainable. Monkey fights have broken out over food, sometimes endangering visitors.

Half of the estimated 2,000 macaques are 10-year-old males. A female macaque can give birth about three offspring a year. The experts aren't quite sure how many males they'll eventually castrate, but figure they can do up to 40 a day.

Workers shot the monkeys with tranquilizers and carried them to a picnic table covered in plastic. They gave them a rabies shot and castrated them in a 10-minute operation.

Authorities have planted some fast-growing fruit trees in the park to give the monkeys extra food and donations are also being solicited for their welfare.

Kashmir victory shifts focus to politics

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India's attention is turning swiftly from war to politics.

As the conflict in Kashmir winds down, political parties are revving up again for parliamentary elections in September, and working the war into their campaigns.

It's too early to predict how the conflict will affect the election, but voters now have a national issue to debate in a campaign that had focused mostly on local matters.

Pride flowing from India's defeat of Pakistan-based fighters could be a big boost for Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a Hindu nationalist whose unwieldy coalition government lacked confidence and public support during his abbreviated earlier term.

However, the opposition Congress Party, now led by a dynamic Sonia Gandhi carrying the flag of a great Indian political dynasty, has begun to chip away at Vajpayee's claims of success.

Congress says he let down the nation's guard on the frontier, leading to India's worst military crisis in nearly three decades.

A poll published Saturday in the Times of India said most Indians — 72 percent — were satisfied with the government's handling of the crisis, compared with only 21 percent who were unhappy. But the 1,200 respondents were evenly split when asked if government negligence helped lead to the fighting — 41 percent thought so, and 42 percent said no. No margin of error was given.

Whoever forms the next administration is expected eventually to try to revive peace talks with Pakistan, which has fought three major wars with India, two of them over the divided Kashmir region. But the peace process began when Vajpayee crossed the Pakistani border on a bus in



Congressional party leader Sonia Gandhi donates blood last month for the Indian armed forces injured in the Kargil sector in New Delhi. Due to the warring conflict in Kashmir between India and Pakistan, attention has shifted from war to the national election.

February could take months to get back on track.

Vajpayee's 13-month-old coalition government collapsed in April, just a few weeks before India discovered the intrusion of hundreds of fighters from Pakistan into Himalayan mountain positions near the Indian town of Kargil.

Months of political squabbling

abruptly stopped as Vajpayee, acting as head of a caretaker government, ordered a big military operation — including the first air strikes in 28 years — to evict the militants.

India says the fighters were mostly Pakistani soldiers, but Pakistan's government said they were Islamic guerrillas from the Indian portion of Kashmir.

On July 11, Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif called on the rebels to withdraw. By Friday, the war was effectively over, with an estimated 1,200 dead on both sides.

While the fighting raged, India's political parties observed a truce. Campaigning was minimal, and the conflict in Kargil was skirted. That truce ended when the firing died down.

"The knives are already out," said Ved Marwah, a political analyst at the independent Center for Policy Research.

Local issues will continue to play a role in the election, as they always do, but nothing is more emotive with Indian voters than Pakistan, Marwah said.

"Kargil will definitely have an impact on the election, but it could play in both directions. Pakistan has been soundly defeated — but 400 Indian people have been killed," he said.

Venkaiah Naidu, a spokesman for Vajpayee's Bharatiya Janata Party, calls the Kargil fighting "an achievement" for the government. "The way we have handled the Kargil issue, isolated Pakistan diplomatically," and has made India "the tallest leader in the country," Naidu said.

But the Congress Party is starting to chip at Vajpayee with questions about the handling of the conflict and events that led up to it. Many of them are centered on reports — neither confirmed nor denied — that intelligence gathering indicated as early as December that Islamic guerrillas were moving onto the strategic heights above Kargil.

Did the prime minister learn about the intrusion only in May, Congress asked at the end of the month. Why was no action taken on a report from Pakistan in December that the Kargil heights had been captured by Islamic militants?

South African miners target Swiss, British

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — About 3,000 South African gold miners and mine owners demonstrated at the Swiss and British embassies in Pretoria on Saturday, demanding that those countries abandon plans to sell gold reserves.

About 103,000 South African gold miners have lost their jobs since 1997, and an additional 80,000 job losses are anticipated, the statement said.

World gold prices have dropped 13 percent since Switzerland, England and the International Monetary Fund announced plans in recent months to sell thousands of tons of gold reserves over the coming years.

"We believe that the (gold sales) are reckless and irresponsible," the protesters said.

Dressed in mining overalls and hats, the protesters marched to the embassies to present their statement. Police officers were deployed in riot gear, but no violence was reported.

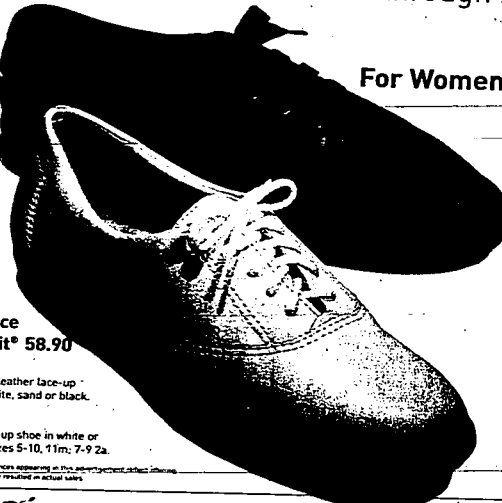
The demonstrations involved an unusual coalition of management and labor, with representatives of Chamber of Mines and the National Union of Mineworkers.

"This is a struggle ... that is going to carry on until Britain stops its sales," said Bobby Godsell, chief executive of the mining giant AngloGold and head of the Chamber of Mines.

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WORLD

Ehud Barak's rise to power began with bold raid against Palestinians

Chicago Tribune

BEIRUT - After 26 years, the story of the woman with the Uz machine gun under her dress is once again the talk of the Snoubra neighborhood.

At the time, witnesses said they saw the woman directing a late-night commando raid that shook them awake with gunfire and explosions, traumatizing Beirut a few years before civil war made it a hard place to start.

Yet, if the gun battle was a surprise in 1973, the commando raid is now the prime minister of Israel. Ehud Barak, who met with President Clinton and administration officials last week and will return to Washington Sunday, began his rise to power in the bold raid against Palestinians blamed for the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre. In a new book, he describes it as "the most successful mission in the history" of the elite Israeli commando unit he led.

In Beirut, the raid, which killed 12, has taken on the embellished status of a legend, adding to the widespread fear and awe of Israel as a threatening, powerful and omnipotent. But, as Barak sets out in pursuit of Mideast peace, the Arab world's high hopes for the new Israeli leader are echoed in Snoubra. Many tenement dwellers and shopkeepers here believe he could help forge peace, despite how deadly his only visit to the neighborhood was.

"It's only now that people are saying Barak was the woman," said Ibrahim Abu Hleel, 37, a barber who found a bloody sidewalk when he came to open his shop the morning after the raid. "We've had worse things happen."

The tale of the Beirut raid reveals the lengths Barak was prepared to go to protect his country, at least as a soldier. And it shows the risk-taking tenacity that Clinton and Arab leaders may find in him as a negotiator.



Ehud Barak

Youth" because the commandos were to be disguised as young couples in love.

The main target was Mohammed Najjar, a top PLO leader suspected of planning the murders of Israeli athletes in the list of the Kamal Adwan, the PLO chief for operations in Israel, and Kamal Nasser, the PLO spokesman and one of the Arab world's top poets. The three had moved to Beirut in 1970 after the PLO was expelled from Jordan in a civil war. The area was just outside the fancy Verdun shopping district in a city known then as "Paris of the Mideast," and neighbors said the guerrillas did a parlor job of concealing their weapons.

The Israeli soldiers secretly landed on a south Beirut beach in the early morning hours of April 10, 1973. They hid in a PLO from the Israeli port of Haifa on a missile ship and came ashore in two motorboats in the dark. Barak, in a brown wig, and his team, two of whom had become "blonds," were met by undercover Israeli agents and driven into town in seven cars, according to Barak's new biography, "Number One Soldier."

Right away, one agent gave Barak a distressing report. Heavily armed Lebanese police were patrolling Snoubra. Barak, mindful of a previous mission canceled at the last moment, bit his lip while his commando waited in suspense for his decision. "Keep driving," he said.

At 12:30 a.m., the cars stopped near two eight-story apartment buildings, numbers 53 and 59 on 63rd Street.

The element of surprise was lost immediately. From across the street, a PLO bodyguard approached threateningly, and Barak and another commando

pulled their weapons from their dresses and opened fire. One bullet hit a car, setting off its alarm.

While Barak and a comrade held off PLO bodyguards and police out front with Uz fire, two teams of commandos went upstairs to assassinate the PLO leaders.

On the second floor, one longtime resident remembers hearing the sound of gunfire outside her apartment. When the power went off, she ran to her door to look out the peephole and heard someone yell one word: "Nasser."

"It was in Arabic. Someone yelled 'Hit!' said the 80-year-old woman, who wanted to be identified only as Omar. "I jumped back and my door exploded open."

In fact, all the building's doors had been blown open by a concussion bomb.

Najjar was shot dead in his pajamas. Adwan was killed while hiding behind his curtains. Nasser died at a table where he was writing a speech.

Firing at police vehicles rushing to the scene, the commandos jumped into getaway cars and dashed back toward the beach. They flung special tactics into the road behind them to flatten the tires of pursuers.

Rushing to the scene was Farouk Nasser, a Lebanese journalist who covered the story for the Associated Press. Nasser said he arrived after the shooting to find utter chaos, with PLO guerrillas stumbling about and yelling at each other. Nasser had been a former classmate of Kamal Nasser, the PLO spokesman. He quickly grabbed a photographer and rushed up stairs to see what had happened to his friend.

"There he was, spread-eagled on the floor with bullets fired into his mouth," Nasser said. "It was carried out with surgical precision, I'd say."

Mihmal Abu Almona was the doorman at one of the buildings and still lives there. He said he was in his first-floor apartment near the elevator shaft when shooting started and immediately dove under a bed with his family. Afterwards, he helped care for the wounded and ended up covered in blood.

"When you hear gunfire, you get down and hide. You don't look around," he said. "That's what I did."

After the 1997 elections, only to discover that hard-liners like the religious Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (successor to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, founder of the Islamic revolution) would not cede power so easily.

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Japan's aging population problem gets new twist — senile dogs

Canine numbers grow at high rate

TOKYO (AP) — Sanami Oku knew something wasn't right with her lifetime friend, Yu. He couldn't sleep at night. He would walk around in circles. Bump into things, walk constantly.

Still, the diagnosis caught her by surprise. Yu, her 17-year-old dog, was senile.

"I must admit that there were times I thought I was going crazy," said Oku, who quit her job at a law office and switched to part-time work to care for Yu before he died. "I never imagined the dog I had been with from his birth could go senile."

For years, one of the biggest issues facing Japanese policy-makers has been the rapid aging of the country's population, which already has one of the world's highest percentages of people 65 and older.

Now, veterinarians are giving the graying of society issue a new twist.

Dogs, they warn, are also living longer than ever before. And clinics around the country are overflowing with aged and often senile pets.

"I am sure the number of senile dogs is going to increase," said Tomiya Uchino, a veterinarian in Tokyo.

Nearly 10 million Japanese households — or about one of every five — keep dogs, according to the Japan Pet Food Manufacturers Association. That is 1 million more dogs than just five years ago.

Pets are also living longer. The average lifespan for dogs in 1990 was 86 years, according to a study led by Hideki Hayashidani, a researcher at Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology. In 1994, the latest figure available, it was 10.1 years.

Researchers say longer lives



Chann, a 34-year-old female dog sitting from senility, gets examined earlier this month by Akiko Yoshida, assistant of the Animal Clinic in Tokyo. Like Japan's aging population, dogs are also being longer and clinics around the country are overflowing with aged and often senile pets.

aren't necessarily better. Diabetics is on the rise among pets.

"So is late-onset cancer. Obesity is increasingly a problem. And for dogs so sick or weak that they need constant attention, costs are prohibitive and caregivers scarce."

"The longer dogs live, the more chances of becoming bedridden they have. It's just like with humans," Hayashidani said.

There are no definitive statistics on the problem, but Uchino found in a study of 34 clinics around the nation that about one of every 200 dogs brought in during 1997 was senile.

Uchino said symptoms of canine senility include howling, sleepwalking, staying awake

more at night and sleeping more during the day, and getting stuck in corners. Senile dogs also fail to recognize their owners and lose weight despite an increased appetite.

The symptoms are usually seen in dogs 13 years old or older, he said.

Uchino believes a major factor behind the increase is better medical care and better living conditions that keep dogs alive longer.

The postwar trend in Japan has been for couples to have fewer babies, and with less children to take care of, adults are more likely to spend time and money on their pets.

"Dogs are being pampered more than people these days," Hayashidani said.

Iranian middle-class grows frustrated

Knight Ridder News Service

In the hills above Tehran, couples hold hands freely and teenage girls wear their raincoats unbuttoned over T-shirts and jeans, the wispiest head kerchiefs in minimal deference to Islamic modesty laws.

These hills with their hiking trails and open-air barbecues are the favorite haunt of Tehran's middle class on weekends. This is a place to unwind and socialize, not to talk politics. But when the conversation does turn serious, emotions run high and voices drop low.

Iranians are frustrated by their own fears, ones that they cannot speak their minds freely and dare not give Western reporters their full names. Many despise the Islamic clerics that still hold sway over Iran's judiciary and police. They want to know why the Iranian economy hasn't been bolstered by trade ties to the West, despite promises by the leadership to open up the economy.

Above all, they want to know why their leaders ignore their aspirations. How is it that when two-thirds of Iran's population voted for change — in 1997 election — the reformist cleric Mohammed Khatami as president, so little discernible change has taken place?

It was this frustration that

spilled out last week in Iran's worst rioting since the Islamic revolution of 1979.

The riots were triggered by a tough new press law and the closing of a popular reformist daily, Salaam. In response to the newspaper's closing on July 7, students at the elite Tehran University held a peaceful demonstration. The next day, security police and

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— Farid, a concerned Iranian citizen

vigilantes stormed a student dormitory with tear gas. At least one student was killed.

The crackdown sparked further demonstrations, spreading outside of Tehran. It soon turned to rioting and by the middle of the week, businesses were closed, public transportation suspended. It looked like Iran was teetering on the verge of another revolution.

Although few say so publicly, many Iranians believe it is time to scrap the entire concept of an Islamic state and set up a democracy with strict separation of state and religion. They thought that was the direction Iran was head-

ing for after the 1997 elections, only to discover that hard-liners like the religious Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (successor to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, founder of the Islamic revolution) would not cede power so easily.

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CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

California man gets 25 years to life for attempting to steal food

CORCORAN, Calif. (AP) — Inside the prison that holds mass murderers Juan Corona and Charles Manson, a 37-year-old derelict named Gregory Taylor is serving 25 years to life.

But Taylor didn't kill, or even injure anyone. His crime? He intended to break into a church to steal food.

The case recalls "Les Miserables," the classic Victor Hugo novel in which Jean Valjean is imprisoned for stealing bread, said one of the three judges who ruled on Taylor's appeal in April.

The other two, however, upheld the conviction.

Taylor's sentence stems from the California three-strikes law intended to reduce crime by taking habitual criminals off the streets. Two "serious or violent" felonies, followed by one felony of any sort, require a sentence of 25 years to life.

Taylor had the requisite record. He once snatched a purse containing \$10 and a bus pass from a woman on the sidewalk. A year later, he and a buddy, armed only with "good attitudes, tried to rob a man on the street."

That the second conviction was 14 years ago mattered not at all. Without the previous convictions, his church break-in would have drawn no more than three years. Instead, he'll be eligible for parole in 2022, the year he turns 60.

"His remaining chance is the state Supreme Court, which has not yet decided whether to consider his case."

The three-strikes law was approved by voters in 1994, the year after the kidnap-murder of 12-year-old Polly Klaas by a paroled felon. Critics maintain that by curtailing the sentencing powers of judges, the law was bound to lead to unjust punishments.

Taylor grew up in the tough South Central section of Los Angeles, one of nine boys born between 1949 and 1956 to a nurse who quit work and went on welfare to care for her children.

His stern, religious mother gathered the boys each Sunday for church, hoping to keep them on track.

"I didn't want to go," Taylor recalls, looking out the visiting room windows of Corcoran State Prison. "I'd say, 'I'm sick.' But it never worked."

During the week, the boys heard announcements from their mother's two sisters, both ministers.

His older brother, Dwight, who went on to play outfield for the Kansas City Royals and other professional baseball teams, "taught me how to play sports," Taylor says. But the curious teen would slip away to check out what the other boys were doing.

"At recess, we'd go in this little room and be shooting dice," he recalls. "Dwight would come looking for me, and I'd hide in the bathroom stall with my feet up. He'd find me and smell my hands and shoes. 'You been smoking cigarettes?'"

The strict upbringing couldn't shield Taylor from bad influences. At age 12, he was initiated into the Grips, joining periodic gang battles against rival bloods. It was mostly fistfights, he says, but in the days before the drive-by shooting.

He quit school in the 12th grade, had some run-ins with the law while still a teen-ager, and spent time in the California Youth Authority. In his 20s, he did a total of about two years in state prison for the purse-snatching and the second street robbery.

Once out, he met Vivian Fox, a new tenant in his 1970s apartment building. He helped her unload her furniture and soon moved in himself. Vivian got pregnant, but the relationship didn't last.

"We had an argument and I left," Taylor says. "When I went back, he had my clothes out on the porch."

Taylor's daughter, Tamra, is 13 now. He says he hasn't seen her for seven or eight years, misses her and thinks of her often.

After his family broke up, Taylor began sleeping from time to time in the laundry room or an alcove at St. Joseph's, a Roman Catholic Church on 12th Street, a few blocks from the Los Angeles fashion and flower districts.

By day, the area is an open-air bazaar. Merchants in rayon blouses and taffeta gowns line the streets. Bells of fabric stand in rows next to shelves of baseball caps. The smell of hot dogs flows from food stands along sidewalks bustling with bargain-hunters.

Taylor found part-time work in the district, doing construction jobs at flower shops, running machines at a clothing store and, although he had no driver's license, making deliveries for various companies.

He also volunteered to help church workers feed the homeless and occasionally worked as a guard at church weddings.



Gregory Taylor, in the visiting room at Corcoran State Prison, was convicted of breaking into the St. Joseph's Catholic Church kitchen in July 1997, claiming he was just looking for food.

Ten years ago, at the church, Taylor met the Rev. Allan McCoy, a Franciscan priest. They got together often to talk over baseball scores, family problems, spirituality. Sometimes McCoy served Taylor sandwiches or drove him to his mother's house in south Los Angeles. Sometimes he gave Taylor money to stay at a hotel.

"He was like a father to me," Taylor says. "But as the friendship grew, so did Taylor's heroin and cocaine addiction."

When he had the money, he would get a hotel room for a few days and shoot up. When he couldn't afford a room, he says, he would sometimes crawl into a car under a highway to sleep up.

His brothers tried to help. Michael drove him up to a drug rehab center where Taylor completed a 90-day program and stayed clean for a few years. But it didn't last.

"I'd do good for a year, nine, 10 months," he says. Then it was back to the streets, he says, "not doing crimes, doing drugs."

He was stuck in a cycle, he says, his sad downward-spiraling eyes cast about the visiting room.

"I'd do a little and I'd want more. That's a bad feeling, when you come down off that sugar I'd ask myself, 'Why? Why?' It's crazy."

Sometimes Taylor would wander over to the church and tell McCoy, "I'm tired, burned out." The priest would give him a ride back to his mother's house, where he would rest, try out.

Sometimes the police picked him up for drug use, and in 1992 he was convicted of cocaine possession. But on parole, he violated its terms by not checking in with his officer, he says, because he knew he would fail the drug test.

About 4 a.m. July 11, 1997, two guards patted in the showers and watched a tall, slender man in dry clothes and worn-out tennis shoes bend over the

bottom of the back door to St. Joseph's. He was working a piece of 4-by-4 into a crack in the door.

The door led to a kitchen where industrial-size refrigerators chill lots of cottage cheese and shelves of cups and plates line a wall above a row of deep sinks.

The guards, as they later told it, watched for a couple of minutes as the man pried at the door. They saw him reach for a pry bar, they yelled, "Stop!" Gregory Taylor froze. He pulled the board from the door, leaned it against the wall and, following instructions, put his hands behind his back.

The arresting police officer later testified that Taylor said he "was trying to go to the kitchen to get something to eat."

Taylor continues to deny the whole thing. "I would never go into that place to steal," he says, adding that the break in was concealed by one of the guards who had slipped with him over sleeping in the church alcove.

At trial, Taylor's lawyer, Graciela Martinez, argued that even if Taylor had tried to break into the church, he was guilty of no more than trespassing. The kitchen was where church workers fed the homeless. Martinez said, and it wasn't a break-in if Taylor believed he had permission to enter to get food.

But a jury convicted him, a judge handed down the 25-year sentence, and the appeals court agreed.

"I was devastated," Martinez says. "This was the most painful case I've ever handled because it was so unjust. He did not have a violent nature. He was just poor and hungry. Now he has 25 to life."

Alex Ricciardulli, Los Angeles County deputy public defender, says Taylor is not the kind of defendant lawmakers had in mind when they wrote the three-strikes law.

"The law," he says, "was designed for repeat felons, not repeat misdemeanors. The punishment doesn't fit the crime."

Y2K threat sends people packing

Many evictions chaos for new year

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (AP) — It's a rumor that the Y2K computer bug will cause chaos.

Enough to sell his million-dollar home near Nashville with its pool and tennis courts, pack up his wife and children, and move into a double-wide trailer on 250 acres near the Alabama state line.

Enough to start stockpiling supplies and have his children learn to hunt so the family can make it if no one is available otherwise.

Enough to ignore those who say he's doing some crazy, unbusinesslike things, like possible that computer problems will be widespread on Jan. 1 that power grids will fail throughout the country.

What would mean no running water, no power, no heat, no way to keep food fresh or frozen, no ATMs, telephone, gas, or anything else that would make life difficult, he doesn't think.

"I think you have a very real potential for anarchy and chaos, which we've seen in our times. Wars. The L.A. riots. When the Chicago Bulls win, it doesn't take much."

—**Janice O'Rourke, Y2K worrier**

— which O'Rourke does not want publicized — is so out of the way he sometimes gets lost trying to find it. The family's closest neighbors are Amish.

Nut long after moving in, O'Rourke's younger children spent a morning happily gathering hen's eggs in a blue wire basket and washing them in the sink. But the family couldn't cook them. They hadn't unpacked the frypan yet.

Five tractor-trailers out back contained family belongings, and the beige double-wide was packed with furnishings and boxes. A playpen was stuffed with clothes. A picnic table served as the dining room table.

Mrs. O'Rourke said her friends joke that she's like Eva Gabor from the old "Green Acres" TV comedy about urban sophisticates taking up a rustic life.

Even within the family, the decision seemed strange at first, her husband said.

"In the beginning, some of the older family members said, 'What's going on?' But as we've discussed it as a family, I think they've realized this is what we should do."

Now, if he voted whether to move to a farm, and Y2K were not an issue, they would probably have been against it.

The move was completed, 15-year-old Michael said it was a big change. But he added, "I actually like this place."

Daniel, 14, said it's hard leaving his friends, but it's kind of fun learning new things, "like how the trailer's plumbing works and how fresh cow's milk tastes. "Better than store-bought."

Caroline, 6, likes milking the family's three cows, gathering eggs and catching butterflies.

To help prepare for the move, daughter Shawn, 21, moved back from Phoenix last year and spent a week with Daniel working on a farm in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. She set up the O'Rourke farm, buying and caring for the livestock and planting the family's vegetable gardens. At one point during the transition, the mansion's tennis court became an impromptu home for their first brood of chickens.

Shawn said she never expected to spend her time "twirling the necks of chickens," but the new life has its pluses. She met her new husband while learning to can vegetables near the O'Rourkes' new home. They live in a trailer on the farm while they build a house there.

Couple gets probation for theft

CHANDLER, N.Y. (AP) — Three years after DWI's Flight 580 crashed off Long Island, a federal judge sentenced a Virginia couple to probation for conspiring to sell seat materials from the aircraft's overhead bins.

"I think much better now," said Elizabeth Sanders, 52, after she and husband James Sanders, 53, were granted jail time Friday.

Sanders was the third anniversary of the explosion that killed 288 people aboard the Pan-Am flight.

Sanders, a self-styled investigative reporter who wrote the

1997 book "The Downing of TWA Flight 800," was given two years probation and 50 hours of community service. His wife, a former TWA employee, received one year probation and 25 hours of community service.

They had faced up to 10 years in prison.

Asked if he would do it again, Sanders replied, "Yes I would, but I probably would have changed some things. I've declined further comment."

The two were convicted in April of stealing evidence from a civil aircraft crash site or wreck-age.

Latest Internet addresses could make adults blush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the newest addresses on the Internet may soon be along the lines of wash-your-mouth-out-dot-com.

Because of recent changes to the way addresses are assigned, people have been permitted to register Web sites this week with names as playfully deemed too objectionable by the government's exclusive contractor.

The contractor, Network Solutions Inc., decided it will no longer accept responsibility for rejecting vulgar names from the world's master list of Internet addresses, ending in ".com," ".net" and ".org," which the company controls from its offices near Washington.

The company is under orders from the White House to begin letting consumers sign up for Web addresses with other companies, too, but it's decided to

require its competitors to develop their own vanity files.

The vulgar Web addresses could be another boon for the world's pornography industry.

Although some adult sites disguise themselves with innocuous names, their Web address is almost identical to the White House's — many pornography sites make steps to identify their content more explicitly, fearing new regulations from lawmakers to avoid accidental

visits to the sites by children.

"It's outrageous this is happening," said Monique Nelson, chief operating officer of Enough is Enough, a group pushing for protection of children on the Internet.

"It will make it easier and easier for children to find these types of sites."

But advocates of the new vanity Web addresses' practice do move to relax restrictions, argu-

ing that the global nature of the Internet makes it impossible to impose local standards of propriety.

"I can't police the world," said Gary Cohen of Northbrook, Ill., who previously registered for a Web address so filthy it can't be printed here.

"It's none of their business to be telling people to be the morality police."

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EDITORIAL

Play ball? Let's be careful of the details

It's been nearly 30 summers since the last crack of a wooden bat wielded by a professional baseball player in Twin Falls, but a group of local folks hope to hear that sound again.

Twin Falls insurance agent Ron Wilson, College of Southern Idaho Athletic Director Jeff Duggan and attorney Laird Stone, among others, have been fishing for potential investors to build a ballpark in Twin Falls and bring a minor league team here.

The details are fuzzy, but a ballpark costing between \$4 million to \$5 million should be built with private funds. The only way around that would be to ask Twin Falls County taxpayers to pick up the tab for a new stadium with a bond issue, something they've historically been loathe to do.

We, too, are skeptical of public financing. If there's a professional ballpark here, it should

much space is available in Old Towne at a price a developer would be willing to pay.

• Where's the audience? There's no question there are plenty of baseball fans in the Magic Valley, but are there enough to fill a 3,000- to 5,000-seat ballpark 40 times a summer? Minor-league baseball is an acquired taste; it's no longer automatic that if you build it, they will come.

• What if the developers decide after a season or two that they can't make a buck selling professional baseball in the Magic Valley — and pull up stakes? Would the city be on the hook for the ballpark?

Private-sector financing for public amenities is a popular idea, but it's rarely as simple as it seems. Missoula, Mont., provides a valuable example. Missoula got minor league baseball back this year after a quarter-century absence. A local nonprofit organization put up the money to lure the Arizona Diamondbacks' Pioneer League affiliate, a local American Legion

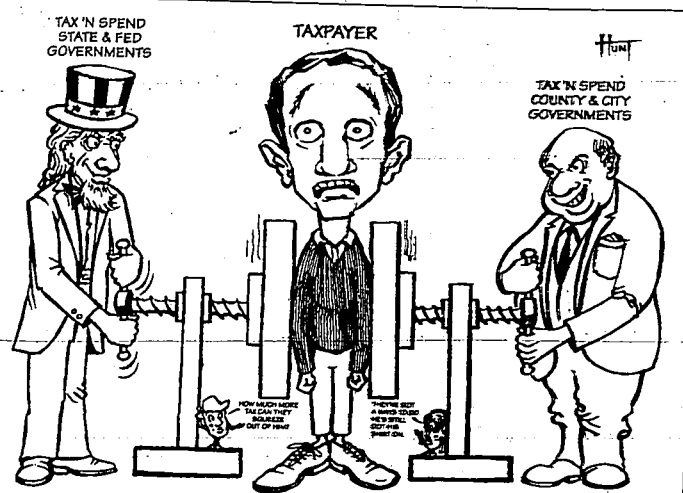
If a professional ballpark is built in Twin Falls, it should be a privately financed one.

field for a couple of summers until it could arrange to build a new stadium. The preferred venue was a parcel of land next to a lumber mill along the Clark Fork River near downtown Missoula, but neighbors' objections quickly killed that idea. Then the team proposed replacing municipal softball fields with a minor-league field; that plan grounded out with local softball players.

So the Missoula Coyote is a team without a place to call its own. One proposal is for the ballpark's owners to build a stadium on the University of Montana campus and donate it back to the college. The university would then lease it back, keeping responsibility for maintenance and operations. That would leave the UM financially accountable long after the ballpark has departed.

Missoula may get its new baseball stadium, but it won't be free. Taxpayers, in one way or another, will be the pinch-hit financiers of last resort.

Is it worth that price to get professional baseball back? Maybe. But shouldn't the good citizens of Missoula have known that up front?



Plain English saves plain old money

CHRISSE MAHER

NEW MILLS, England — Twenty years ago this month, a 41-year-old woman from the north of England led a small group shredding official forms in London's Parliament Square.

Today, my protest against official gobblegook is a worldwide campaign with many successes, but even more goals. As the Plain English Campaign, we are probably best known for our annual awards, including the dreaded Golden Bulls. But for the other 364 days of the year, we lead the crusade for clarity.

Our demand is simple and desperately important: All public information should be clear enough to be read, understood and acted upon on a single reading. Plain English is not a crude ideal of "big words bad, small words good." It is the belief that writers should target their words at the intended audience. Writing should inform rather than merely impress.

This isn't just an abstract theory; plain English is desperately practical. Only when people can understand documents can they make informed choices. Plain English is not a luxury or a privilege, it is a right.

Over the past 20 years, I've found that newspapers are the easiest places to sell on the plain English cause. Taking complicated facts and relaying them in a manner that informs the reader without burdening them is bread and butter to journalists. Fortunately, our two decades of work has converted some more unlikely industries.

The campaign's Crystal Mark, the only standard of clarity backed by the org-

many people, now appears on documents from over 700 organizations. This includes 50 financial companies, 200 local governments, 60 national government departments, and everyone from AAH Pharmacists to Zurich Life Assurance.

Naturally these organizations aren't just using plain English because it's the right thing to do. Plain English saves money. Every time a company has to explain a confusing letter, retrain an incorrect filled form or, worse of all, try to disentangle its web of waffle in a courtroom, it is wasting money.

The total amount saved in Britain alone by plain English is difficult to estimate, but it runs into many hundreds of millions of dollars.

Of course we can't carry on our campaigning without funds, but we have the wonderful feeling of knowing that we have never had to rely on handouts from anyone. Every penny we earn comes from our editing and training services. This means we squash the gobblegook monster when money comes in to our office as well as when it leaves.

This financial independence also means that nobody is pulling our strings. If something is unclear, I'm not going to just downright waffle, we can say so.

I still love telling the tale of the government minister who, on winning a Golden Bull award for gobblegook, personally telephoned me and threatened to have my grant removed. I will never forget the delight I took in selling

him that we never took grants. We've had many victories over the years, including banishing Latin from England's civil courts, taking the campaign worldwide (the Crystal Mark is used by firms as far afield as South Africa, Australia and the United States) and persuading three Prime Ministers, Margaret Thatcher to review 65,000 government forms.

But for me, the most important victory has been the battle for public opinion. We have proved plain English can, and does, work better than the "traditional" way of writing.

Ordinary people know that if a form, document, contract or letter is difficult to follow, it is usually down to the writer's failure to communicate, not the intelligence of the reader.

I started campaigning for plain English when I saw two old ladies killed by gobblegook. They couldn't understand the forms for the extra heating allowances they deserved as part of their government benefits and, when I took the forms away overnight to try and decipher them, the women died of pneumonia.

It was 20 years of campaigning has persuaded just one person to stand up and say, "I won't put up with a document that I can't understand." In every moment I can't understand, there's every moment I have been worthwhile. And even if it takes another 20 years to get that message through to the writer of public information, then we won't give up the fight.

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LETTERS

Sears cools a steaming customer

Tuesday was a really hot day. I went to pick up an air conditioner from the Sears store in the Magic Valley Mall. I had made a second phone call to the store to confirm that a unit would be waiting for me. I was assured that one was boxed, tagged and ready to go. I guess a lot of people in the Twin Falls area were uncomfortable with the heat like myself because when I arrived at the store to pick up my confirmed, tagged, boxed purchase, one was not available.

I would like the residents of Magic Valley and surrounding area to know what a great management team we have at the Sears store. The people are great, especially Linda and Terry. The floor salesperson, Peggy, went the second mile to get the ball rolling to locate another unit for me the following day. This person even called me back the next day (can you believe it) to offer an apology for what had happened. Also an special treat to Vicki, who was caught in the middle with an "uncool" customer in his face.

Magic Valley, pay attention. Sears guarantees satisfaction and they deliver. Just ask me.

J. DWANNE COX
Twin Falls

CSJ comes through again

I would like to thank Dr. Meyerhoeffer and the trustees of Oregon again demonstrating that a positive influence for good exist here in Twin Falls and the entire Magic Valley. Since the college was established some 35 years ago its contributions to our community have been immeasurable.

Their wisdom was demonstrated once again this week when they wrote to the City Council asking them to wait on voting on the very controversial extension of Fillmore Street which would have so adversely affected the lives of so many longtime residents. Evidently, they realized the validity of the many petitions signed by several hundred citizens, many of them students who opposed the extension.

The request for more time to study the possibility of a more equitable solution, along with the proposal of several improved conditions that must be met prior to being effective are all things that Mr. Russell's temporarily withdrawing his zoning application. Of course, he plans to return. I suppose it would be wishful thinking to hope that he and his small associates might question the need for another mall in Twin Falls and could perhaps find greener pastures in another area.

In the meantime, the City Council, CSI and possibly the planning and zoning commission need to work together to handle future concerns regarding this matter.

We live in a beautiful community which is enhanced by the well kept campus and beautiful buildings at CSI. As friends and relatives from other states visit us, they often comment on what a beautiful place Twin Falls is and how much they like to come here. Perhaps we should make a little more time to appreciate and reflect upon the natural beauty surrounding us and make every effort to preserve it.

REVA CLARK
Twin Falls

Pain of divorce can be eased for children

BRONWEN SALTER-MURISON

LONDON — It happens a lot these days: Students with no marriage plans. A broken condom. A young woman decides to get it done. Now she and her ex-boyfriend are the parents of a 3-year-old.

He never met this young father, but he supports his daughter faithfully, and his parents have taken their unplanned grandchild and her mother deep into their hearts — and bank account. It's not an ideal situation, but everyone's trying their best.

Or nearly everyone. Because the point of this story is the person I have met — the young man's new girlfriend, a lavish young woman who exclaimed passionately, "But he's my fiancé! Why can't his parents understand that I'm the one who's going to be their daughter-in-law?"

This new girlfriend doesn't see why she doesn't come first, why her boyfriend's parents won't abandon their illegitimate grandchild now that she's on the scene. After all, she figures, she can't understand why her expensive white wedding doesn't outrank the ties of blood. If she's the girl, on with the new, that's her attitude.

Which, come to think of it, is probably the biggest mistake our divorcing society makes.

The lifelong union of two virgins has been the gold standard of Western marriage for generations, but few manage it these days. Indeed, given the horrors endured before legal divorce it's hard to regret the changes we have seen. Not many would want to turn the clock back entirely.

In the dim past, a 20-year marriage was extraordinary. Not because of divorce, but because of death. These days our life expectancy is such that a

couple who marry in their late 20s can expect 50 years together.

It isn't surprising that few people are compatible enough to endure half a century of monogamy, let alone of them don't even manage a decade.

And it's a shame. Because marital breakdown usually involves children, and children need security in some way they need love. Divorce and remarriage — or illegitimacy and marriage — hurt children more than anyone else.

And the developed world, marriage and family are turning into some nightmare carousel. Round and round, ever faster, while the tiny bodies fly off — bruised and broken — as the adults ride. It can't go on like this. Too many kids are being hurt — and carrying this pain into their adult lives.

But it's simple to change it. Surely all we have to do is pure the interests of our children, and grandchildren, first? No dispute, no evasion. Once you are a parent all other relationships come second. If you want to change partners, that's up to you. But that new partner needs to know the score.

The parent with custody must get the message that to try to discard the other parent along with the relationship is simply not acceptable.

And we need a new ethic for childless singles, too. An ethic that says you don't make a commitment to someone who has children unless you give an explicit commitment to their children, too. Commit financially, commit emotionally. Be there as a stepparent even if your marriage to their parent falls apart.

We may not be able to go back to a world in which couples were tied together, regardless of abuse or adultery, for their lifetimes. But we can carry the spirit of that fidelity through in our parenting. Much of the pain might be eased.

I declare an interest in this. I am a stepparent. A proud, loving stepparent of a small child who is a now an adult. And it was clear from the moment my relationship with her father became serious that she came first with him.

He loved me, but his obligation to protect her was the highest thing on his list. Which made perfect sense. Who in their right mind would marry a man who didn't give a damn about his first family? What would it tell you about your own divorce?

We should judge people not on their divorces but on their parenting. And for every young woman during a meretricious father's, a word of advice: Don't let him into your genes.

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LETTERS

Washington's dirty little trade secret

Street barriers snarl traffic

Could you please tell me and the rest of the citizens of Twin Falls why we have spent \$800,000 to adjust the street lights in town to enable the traffic to flow smoothly, then to have someone pour concrete barriers around the intersection of Addison and Eastland to inhibit traffic flow?

A good example of bad traffic flow due to the concrete barriers was the Fourth of July traffic after the fireworks. There were lots of cars that ended up traveling through residential neighborhoods and quiet streets because the left turn lane on Eastland going south could only accommodate about eight vehicles and there were several vehicles trying to turn left at that corner.

One would have thought that the city would learn from the intersection at Eastland and Kimberly Road. Try turning left when you have two trucks in the westbound lane on Kimberly Road going straight! One has to drive over the concrete barrier missing the state police sign to try to hit the trip for a left turn. At least the concrete barrier there has a lower access.

A response would be appreciated.
JOHN C. ANDERSON
Twin Falls

Evidence leads to breaching

On the cover of Tuesday's Times-News the headline asks, "Are humans making a comeback?" The article provides little promising information on the status of Columbia-Snake salmon, and I've allowed the content on the editorial page this same day to inform our water policy. We ensure salmon extinction.

The most-reputable environmental policy expert (uh) Larry Craig suggests on the editorial page that ocean habitat may be responsible for the collapse of salmon fisheries. He ends by stating the efforts to breach the four lower dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers are a "radical environmentalist" plot to gain a political victory.

As the lower Snake River was just announced as the No. 1 most endangered river in the nation by American Rivers, we must see through the smoke and mirrors of our local politicians and newspaper. The primary reason for American Rivers' desperate concern is the four dams. In March, more than 200 scientists from the Northwest indicated to the president that we must take a totally new approach to the problem and breach the dams if we are to see any salmon recovery. They maintain that the current methods of barging around dams, fish ladders, etc., are extremely costly and totally ineffective. The experts

warn that "only if the failed practices of the past are abandoned and we move quickly to restore the natural river conditions under which these fish evolved can we restore salmon and steelhead run. If we do not restore the fish, "the foundation of the Inland Northwest's ecosystem will be severely undermined." Moreover, breaching the dams is predicted to be more than twice as effective as any other recovery alternative. The skeptic referred to by Craig of the PATH report somewhat mitigates the findings that the fish could be fully recovered within 20 years, but the scientific community remains overwhelmingly positive on the prospects for chinook and steelhead if breaching occurs.

Sen. Craig makes a good point suggesting the need to look at ocean habitat, but he does not provide a solution. I suggest we focus more attention on the issue and work to restore both ocean and river habitat. One of the most simple and cost-effective first steps is to breach the dams as recommended by more than 200 Northwest scientists, Idaho Rivers United and American Rivers. In the end, it appears that Sen. Craig is the extremist - desperately holding on to the ineffective status quo in the face of so much hard evidence.
JAKOB JUNTUNEN
Twin Falls

Congress, with plenty of help from avocrious Washington lobbyists and a witness press corps, is in the midst of a deceptive annual charade.

Each summer, China's trade privileges - most-favored-nation benefits, as they are commonly called, or normal trade relations - are politically renewed for renewal on Capitol Hill. And each summer, a coalition of forces joins together to mislead the American public into thinking that the benefits might really be in jeopardy.

They're not. By now, the annual congressional renewal of China's benefits is almost as much a rite of summer as baseball's All-Star Game. Why pretend it is in doubt? Because this charade ultimately serves many interests.

Members of Congress derive campaign contributions - and lobbying, consultants and trade associations make money - by convincing American businesses that if they don't fork over huge sums, U.S. companies soon will lose forever the right to trade with China.

It's happening again this year. Amid the recent furor over Chinese espionage, Washington has been abuzz with suggestions that this year, the annual MFN renewal - scheduled for a vote later this month - could be in trouble.

Such thinking is based on an assumption that is perhaps understandable but nonetheless wrong: that if Congress is angsty at Beijing, it will vote to cut off China's trade benefits. Let's go to the videotape:

1997: Congress is in an uproar over revelations of China's efforts to influence American political campaigns. In May, the New York Times reports on its front page that the MFN extension "threatens to be more contentious than ever this year."

Result: MFN renewal is assured when the House votes by the convincing margin of 259 to 173 in favor of renewing the benefits.

1998: Congress is up in arms over disclosures that the Clinton administration permitted two U.S. companies to launch satellites in China and help China improve its rocketry.

In June, USA Today reports that Clinton "may face an embarrassing uphill fight or even a defeat on MFN." Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., announces, "I've voted for MFN

JIM MANN

for China in the past. I'm going to take another look at that."

Result: MFN is extended again, this time by the still-larger margin of 264 to 166. (Lott, a master at creating the illusion of uncertainty to attract corporate support, doesn't have to vote.)

Even opponents of MFN have become cynical. A couple of years ago, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., called the annual MFN renewal process a "full employment program" for the lawyers and public relations firms hired to support MFN.

The dirty little secret is that MFN renewal has not been in doubt since 1994. That was the year when China called America's bluff.

Clinton, having promised to cut off China's trade benefits if it didn't make improvements in human rights, backed away and renewed the benefits even though China didn't meet his conditions. Congress went along.

That was the end. From 1990 through 1994, fearing that it might lose its trade benefits,

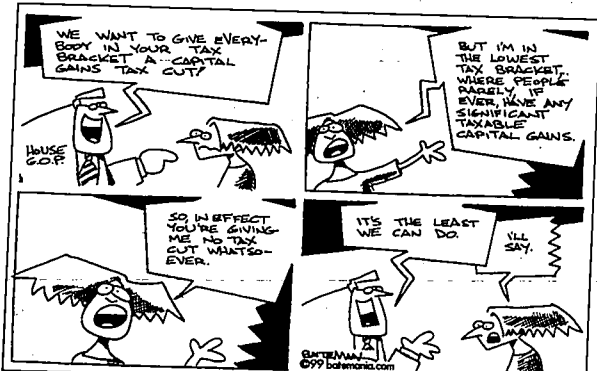
China had regularly released a few prisoners or taken other conciliatory actions on the eve of the congressional vote.

Since then, it hasn't bothered. China knows that the American business community is strong enough that it can count on annual MFN renewals. In fact, the only real Washington discussion these days about cutting off China's trade privileges comes in a different context.

I don't mean to suggest there's nothing new about the MFN debate this year. There is. If Washington and Beijing reach an agreement for China's entry to the World Trade Organization, Congress must decide whether to grant China the permanent MFN benefits that would be part of any such deal. That's a different, serious and untested issue.

But these yearly MFN extensions for China? They're a joke. Don't tell me how this year will be different. China's annual MFN renewals have already been effectively guaranteed. Congress just hasn't admitted this fact to the American people yet.

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How to turn a bonanza into a bust

The future is bright for nations that act with a sense of responsibility by turning budget deficits into surpluses and debts into savings and investment. That is within our reach, but as Congress and the president resume work on a budget blueprint for FY '00 and beyond, the challenge is more political than economic. In a time of projected budget surpluses, how does our nation maintain the fiscal discipline needed to build a sound economic future?

The essence of fiscal discipline is not simply balancing the books. It's making decisions about what's important enough for the nation to justify the taxes needed to pay for it and ensuring that the consequences of those decisions improve the standard of living for our children and grandchildren.

Both history and recent political posturing indicate that our rare generational opportunity to build a sound fiscal and economic future is endangered by what may be irresistible political temptation. Budget deficits were an unfortunate fact of life but salutory in forcing us to make tough decisions now. Budget surpluses "as far as the eye can see" offer something like immortality to politicians in that they allow us to spend money for any and every purpose, without ever having to raise taxes.

Allowing this illusion of fiscal immortality to guide our actions would be a mistake not easily forgiven by future generations. Regardless of how long a hypothetical surplus cannot alter demographic reality. Even if recent projections prove accurate and the nation enjoys a period of prolonged surpluses, the fact remains that

SAM NUNN AND WARREN RUDMAN

between now and 2040 the number of Americans age 65 and above will more than double; the number of workers paying into the system relative to the number of Social Security and Medicare beneficiaries will fall by more than a third; the cost of Social Security and Medicare as a percentage of the economy will grow by more than 70 percent; and the annual combined cash shortfall for both programs will approach \$800 billion in inflation adjusted dollars.

Budget surpluses provide an opportunity to prepare for the fiscal challenge this demographic tidal wave portends. But it is all too easy to allow the mere perception of a \$6 trillion surplus over the next 15 years to blind us to the challenge rather than help us face it.

The surplus is only a projection. If spending is increased or taxes are cut based on the expectation of huge surpluses and the projection turns out to be wrong, deficits easily could reappear - where surpluses are now - in the near future. Most economists therefore have advised that the best thing to do with the surplus is to either pay down the debt or to increase savings and investment through some other mechanism such as a new system of individually owned retirement accounts.

If the projected surpluses do develop, and if Washington can muster the will to leave them alone, the end result will be a substantial reduction in the national debt, which now stands at more than \$5.6 trillion. Debt reduction will enhance net national savings; thereby freeing resources for investments in productivity, leading to stronger economic growth in the future. A stronger economy can help ease the burden on today's preschoolers, who will find it a struggle, as they join the work force, to finance the retirement and health care costs of an increasingly older population.

But talk of huge surpluses has sparked an explosion of ideas about how they can be used to increase spending, cut taxes and avoid hard choices on Social Security and Medicare reform.

The dialogue has changed dramatically as the surplus projections have gotten rosier. Last year, President Clinton and key members of Congress seemed to be paving the way for comprehensive entitlement reform, and a consensus was developing that "hard choices" were needed to reduce the long-term cost of Social Security and Medicare. This year, leadership for long-term entitlement reform is eroding rapidly.

Committing surpluses in this manner is more of an illusion than a solution. The underlying problems will remain, and if the surpluses fail to materialize, a unique opportunity to act before the crisis hits will have been squandered. Moreover, the situation will get worse if the expecta-

tion of a surplus is used to expand programs already on an unsustainable footing. Budget surpluses create a much-needed opportunity to prepare the economy for the demographic realities of the future. They must not be used as an excuse to abandon our obligation to future generations.

Former U.S. senators Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and Warren Rudman, R-N.H., are co-chairmen of the Concord Coalition, a non-partisan organization dedicated to the elimination of federal budget deficits. They wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

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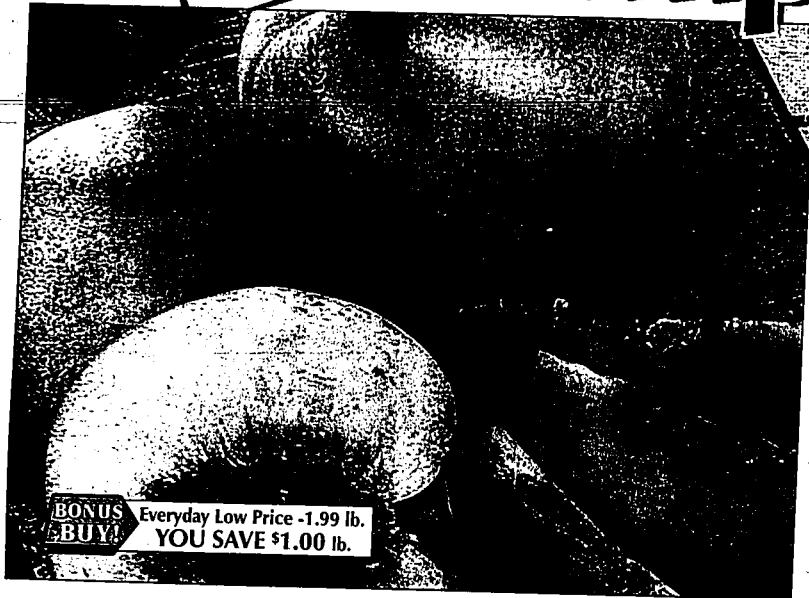
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Careful! The dull rubs off, you know

A gracious Magic Valley good morning to all you folks whose forebears came to this green and pleasant land from Utah and California, Washington and Minnesota, Texas and Bulgaria.

Now go mow the lawn. I need to have a little heart-to-heart chat with the Nebraskans and Missourians among you this morning.

You know who you are: the great-grandsons and great-granddaughters of the hearty pioneers who made the Magic Valley bloom and in the process made it safe for picket fences and ugly floral wallpaper. These were people who never plowed a crooked furrow or voted



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

for a Democrat, whose idea of a fun evening was burning fruit jar lids. In short, they were dull. And so, in a final act of you. Hey, it's best that you hear this from me, you know. In a third generation Idahoan myself, you know, so I have a deep and abiding understanding of emmit. I've saved tin foil. I've recycled photo album corners. I've eaten more than my share of rice pudding without raisins. But compared to you Nebraskans and Missourians, I'm positively Madonna.

Come on, admit it: You Midwest-ers gulp your own every record that the Percy Faith Orchestra ever made, and whistle "Jeopardy" so that you can watch it the next morning to take the edge off the anticipation of getting new seed catalogs in the mail. But games aren't necessarily fun. But games aren't necessarily fun, so I'm here today to offer hope. Sometime, somewhere, with a lot of faith and hard work and plenty of gin, you could become, oh, I don't know... moderately intriguing.

So to get you started, I'm introducing a new 12-step program for boring... Nebraskans and Missourians:

- Step 1. Admit to yourself that you're duller than taproot and that normal people don't play Scrabble five nights a week.
- Step 2. Come to believe that honorable parents don't necessarily have to raise their children underwear for Christmas every year.
- Step 3. Accept that it's no longer necessary for you to drive a car around chiseled in the bottom.
- Step 4. Make a searching and courageous inventory of your basement, then throw out every Mason jar that shows any symptoms of botulism.
- Step 5. Confess to another human being that having all the Green Stamps in the world won't shorten your sentence in purgatory by a single day.
- Step 6. Fearlessly acknowledge that none of your mama don't dance and your daddy rock 'n roll, you really wish they had.
- Step 7. Accept that the dividing line between obsession and a 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle is exceptionally thin.
- Step 8. Today, just for today, resolve that you will eat supper later than 6 o'clock.
- Step 9. Just for fun, don't pay your electricity bill in person this month at the Idaho Power office. Throw caution to the winds and mail it in instead.
- Step 10. Quietly confess to yourself that the wages of sins are not necessarily calling.
- Step 11. Go to the hardware store, buy yourself a full-length mirror and mount it on the ceiling of your bedroom.
- Step 12. An hour into your family reunion picnic later this summer, stand up, put on your hat, and proclaim to everyone within earshot that you're leaving because your relatives from the Midwest bore the living hell out of you.

...and this from Suzi Hinchold: The difference between a man and a woman in a single paragraph: A man is driving up a steep, narrow mountain road. A woman is driving down the same road. As they pass each other, the woman leans out the window and yells, "FIGHT!" The man immediately leans out his window and replies, "SHREW!" They each continue on their way, but as the man rounds the next curve, he crashes into a pig in the middle of the road.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump wonders whether the accident happened near Omaha.

Volunteers splash homes with color

Paint Magic program helps locals

By Brandon Fiala
Times-News writer

'About 337 homes have been painted in the last 14 years because of Paint Magic.'

—Chris Bell, Paint Magic vice president

TWIN FALLS—More than 800 volunteers on Saturday got splattered with color applying new coats of paint to 27 Magic Valley homes.

The volunteers—all members of Paint Magic—dressed up homes of financially-struggling older folks in the Magic Valley.

Seniors 50 and older are eligible for the civic project now in its 14th year. Work on the homes started earlier this week with scraping and cleaning and most were finished Monday.

Paint Magic grew to more than 800 volunteers this year with 27 businesses, labor unions, churches and civic groups involved. Each organization formed a "paint team" of volunteers and painted a different home.

"About 337 homes have been painted in the last 14 years because of Paint Magic," said Chris Bell, Paint Magic vice president and member of the Idaho Power team.

"We had more homes this year with 27. Last year we had 24."

Of the 27 homes painted, 19 are in Twin Falls, three are in Jerome, two are in Buhl, and there is one each in Shoshone, Tiler and Hamsden.

"Homeowners are so appreciative," said May Fort, first vice president of Paint Magic and a member of the First Federal Savings Bank team.

"It's a fun thing to do when people see their house painted and they can't do it for themselves," said Joyce Martin, a resident of Jerome and nurse at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. "This year I helped with two homes—one for the St. Benedict's team and the other for the Optimist Club."

Not all homes were painted in

traditional colors. Robert Lowmbe, 78, had his house painted a unique green by the Randy Hansen team.

"I had a stroke driving my car that affected my eyes and I couldn't see well," Lowmbe said. Unable to see clearly, he became disoriented and couldn't find his way.

"I got to the outskirts of town and realized I was going the wrong way," Lowmbe said. After searching, he found a familiar street, and from there he could see his house, painted a green color that made it stand out from other homes.

"If it wasn't for this green house, I could have killed myself," Lowmbe said. "After that, I said green's the color for me."

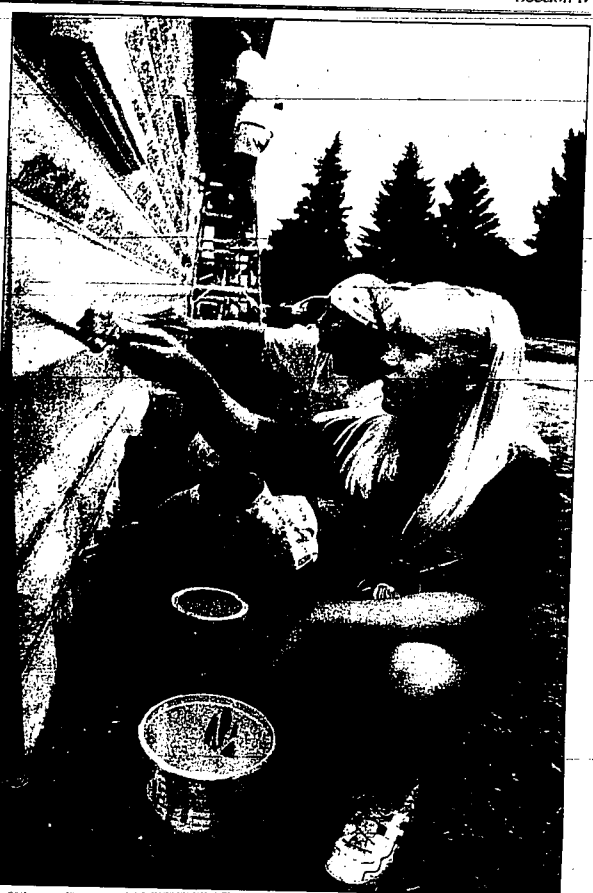
The home was originally light green, and the Randy Hansen team painted it a darker shade of green.

"This is one of the best days I've had, sitting out here and enjoying it," Lowmbe said. "These guys did a beautiful job."

Lowmbe, who turns 79 next week and has lived in Twin Falls since 1941, recently had a cataract removed from his left eye.

"My eyes are good now," he said. "And I feel good too. Just getting old is all."

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Kathleen Hamilton, along with her brother, Daniel, and Angie Nevan paint Joyce Smith's home "Summer Lullaby" green. The Paint Magic crew from the Reformed Church of Twin Falls gave the Blue Lakes Boulevard home a new look Saturday.

Kempthorne says states know best

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY—Having switched jobs from U.S. senator to Idaho governor, Dirk Kempthorne now says he's convinced that solutions to America's largest domestic problems can be found in the states, not in Washington.

The states "aren't caught up in rhetoric, but in results," Kempthorne said in an off-the-cuff speech Saturday to the annual meeting of the Conference of States Governments-West.

Speaking to a standing-room-only audience of several hundred at the Sun Valley Resort's Opera House, Kempthorne narrowed the focus of his topic, "Why The States Are Where The Action Is," to the problem of young people.

To illustrate his theme, he recalled the testimony of an unnamed three-star

Marine general before then-Sen. Kempthorne's military personnel subcommittee.

When asked about the character of young people entering the military, Kempthorne said the general replied that they lacked "core values."

One such group of young people is even referred to as "evil," Kempthorne quoted the general as saying.

This falling, Kempthorne told legislators from 13 Western states and their families, is a direct threat to what he called national security.

"National security comes from the base of our citizens and our youngest citizens," he said.

"But this is not a military problem," Gov. Kempthorne said. "It's our problem. If we lose the children, we lose our community, our states, our nation."

It's his belief in the ability of the states to solve the problems of youth, Kempthorne said, that led to his decision to not seek reelection to the U.S. Senate and instead to become Idaho governor.

He said it was not unusual for him in floor speeches in the senate to "cite examples of what the Idaho legislature has done "to improve the lot of the state's families."

As evidence of the ability of states to act faster than the federal government, Kempthorne said that if President Clinton vetoes Republican-authored health care legislation as expected, "it will be two to

Single-vehicle rollover east of Bliss kills driver, injures another

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—One person was killed and one person was injured in single-vehicle rollover at 3:30 p.m. Saturday on Interstate 84 nine miles east of Bliss, according to the Idaho State Police.

The 51-year-old driver was killed and his 49-year-old wife was injured when their Ford Bronco rolled, said Jami Wood, an ISP dispatcher.

The woman was listed in stable condition at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Wood said the couple was from Washington state though names have not been released pending notification of family.

Wood said the ISP is investigating the accident.

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IT'S NOT 90210

Don't look for limos in this Beverly Hills

By Elaine Swanson
Times-News correspondent

WELLS, Nev. — The sign on Interstate 80 three miles west of Wells proclaims, "Beverly Hills."

But travelers shouldn't expect to see movie moguls, palm trees or limos at the Beverly Hills RV Ranch.

Owner Beverly Feder requested a name change from the Nevada Department of Transportation for the exit once called "Crested Acres."

"I wanted a distinctive name for the exit — a debonair name that would bring a smile to the face of freeway travelers — a name they wouldn't easily forget," she said.

Feder and her son, Jim Feder, co-own the RV park.

"We absolutely give our visitors something money can't buy, over in the real Beverly Hills,"

Beverly Feder said.

Here, in diametric opposition to southern California, visitors can find snow-capped mountains, magnificent dark starry skies, and breathtaking sunsets.

"We offer Elko County's clean air and water."

The Feders paid the Nevada Department of Transportation \$4,800 for the exit name change. The name change process took 11 months.

"NDOT officials tried to dissuade me, however, I persevered," Feder said.

"The paperwork required Tourist Bureau permission, along with the consent of the Elko County Commissioners. NDOT had to make certain there was nothing historic, and that there were no geological factors pertaining to the Crested Acres name."

NDOT claimed they had to Please see RANCH, Page B3



No, it's not the exit to the home of swimming pools and movie stars, but the exit leading to the Beverly Hills RV Ranch near Wells, Nev.

Young artist experiences first brush with success

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Marilyn Monroe is sitting drinking a cup of espresso and talking to Jesus; Mahatma Gandhi is listening to one side, and Frank Sinatra is standing in a doorway.

Yoko Ono, John Lennon, Louis Armstrong, Martin Luther King Jr. and several others are lurking nearby, cups of espresso in hand. In the courtyard at Forever Friends coffee shop, these figures and more cover three walls in a mural by Jodi Eilers.

Eilers, 19, graduated from Minico High School this year and plans to attend Cornish College, a four-year arts school in Seattle. For Eilers, college will be paid for partly by two scholarships from Cornish totaling about \$5,000.

She has been working on the mural about 20 days and estimates it will take most of the rest of the summer, working in her spare time. She is also working graveyard at a food processing plant.

The mural at Forever Friends is her first paid artwork, earning her a \$200 commission. She has received two commissioned jobs from people who saw her working on the mural, she said.

Many young people are discouraged from art careers, she said while painting last week. But she sees art as a potentially lucrative career for herself and others.

"It would be good if people would support those kids who are interested in art instead of telling them they will be starving artists," she said. "Even though there are not opportunities abounding here, there is a huge market out there for the beauty they can create."

Art can also be a motivation builder for students, she said.

"Art can help them to try to be somebody, have a goal to shoot for, believe in themselves," she said.

Eilers first signed up for an art class



Jodi Eilers works on a mural at Forever Friends coffee shop in Rupert. Eilers has received a scholarship to a Seattle arts college, where she plans to prepare for a career in graphic design.

because she was running out of math courses at her school.

"I fell in love with it and took every art class I could," she said. She took about five art classes at Minico, she said.

During the last week of high school, Cheryl Plant, owner of Forever Friends, visited an art show at Minico and viewed some of Eilers' work.

"I was looking for an artist. Someone sug-

gested her," Plant said. "I went over to the high school and looked at some of her stuff. I liked what I saw."

Plant invited Eilers to paint a mural in the courtyard behind her shop.

"She squealed and said she'd been wanting to do something like this," Plant said.

While Eilers has been painting the mural, many of her friends have stopped by to chat while she paints. She included one

of them in the mural.

And Lesley Zumwalt, Plant's first employee at the coffee shop, will always be able to point to the day when she served a cup of coffee to James Dean. It's right there in the mural.

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Boy Scout receives \$300,000 for injury

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Boy Scout who was horsing around when he fell underneath a moving pickup truck will get \$300,000 for his head injury.

The Boy Scouts of America agreed to pay the money to settle eight years of legal wrangling with the mother of Justin Glover.

Glover, then 12, was injured after a meeting of his Great Salt Lake Council troop on Sept. 11, 1991.

Scoutmaster Ronald Linn's 13-year-old son was driving his pickup as Glover and two others grabbed a bumper and rolled along on in-line skates.

The truck hit a bump and Glover fell under the wheels, suffering a severe head injury.

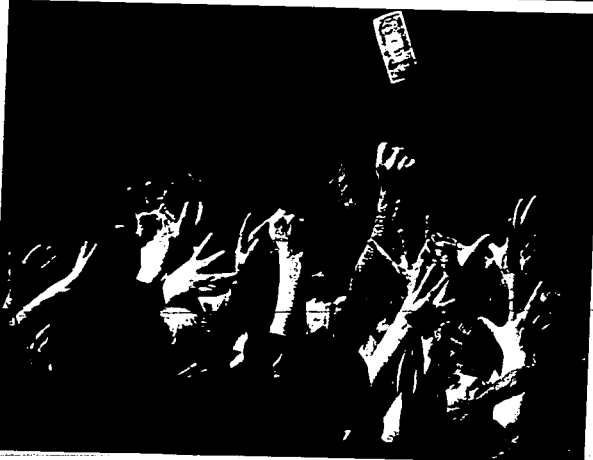
The Scout had made an excellent recovery and is now married but lacks energy and is at risk for seizure, according to his lawyer, Jeffrey Eisenberg.

Linn took responsibility for the accident and agreed to pay \$110,000 — \$100,000 of that through his auto insurance.

Glover's mother, Mary Dyson, was willing to settle her case against the Boy Scouts of America for \$75,000.

But the Scouts' insurer refused to pay more than \$70,000, Eisenberg said.

THROW YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR



Hands are plentiful as cash is up for grabs during a Crazy Days promotion in downtown Twin Falls. Coins and \$1,000 in small bills were blown out of a truck during the 'dash for cash' Saturday morning on Main Avenue.

Dinosaur fossils will stay in Utah

LEHI, Utah (AP) — World Perfect co-founder Alan Ashton and other investors broke ground Friday on a \$20 million museum to show off the remains of the world's biggest dinosaurs.

Brigham Young University officials say they will loan part of their collection to the new museum at Lehi's Thanksgiving Point tourist attraction, just west of Interstate 15.

BYU had considered transferring the school's famed dinosaur fossils to an out-of-state museum — and was harshly condemned for it. Instead, BYU plans to better maintain its thousands of fossils now stored under its stadium.

"We intend to keep the collection and make the most out of it we can — and this new museum

will help us," said Bart Kowallis, BYU's geology chairman.

Construction will begin within weeks on the 83,000-square-foot North American Museum of Ancient Life, which will be so big "you could fit a 747 (jetliner) and two smaller 727s into the building all at once," said Kyle Harris of KMA Architects of Provo.

The space will be needed for 53 mounted dinosaur casts and skeletons, including two of BYU's world's largest dinosaurs: Supersaurus, which is at least 100 feet long, and Ultrasaurus, more than 44 feet tall.

"Our plan is to have more standing dinosaurs here in this museum than in any museum on the planet," said Cliff Miles, a research scientist with Western

Paleontology Laboratories of Orm.

Western Paleontology, which prepares and mounts dinosaur bones for museums worldwide, will build the museum's exhibits using many of its own fossils, and will invest \$1 million, Miles said. Thanksgiving Point, established by Alan and Karen Ashton, features gardens, a golf course, restaurants, a bakery, a soda fountain, shops and an animal park.

Clive Winn, president of the Thanksgiving Point Institute, said the dinosaur museum, located on 7 acres, will be a commercial venture separate from the nonprofit institute and will be one of the largest dinosaur museums in the world.

Salt company claims it pays more royalties

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Cargill Salt has sued Utah, claiming the company pays more in state royalties than a competitor also mining the Great Salt Lake.

Cargill is challenging a rebate awarded Morton Salt as part of a new, sliding scale of royalties tied to the salinity of salt products.

The Utah Division of Forestry,

Fire and State Lands imposed the new system after four years of negotiation over salt royalties, which bring about \$1 billion a year to state coffers.

Salt companies had resisted efforts by the state agency to unilaterally increase a fixed royalty, arguing it amounted to a change in their open-ended leases to mine the lake.

But a new royalty system was adopted in January when the state settled a lawsuit filed by Morton Salt.

Cargill had already agreed to new lease terms on the condition salt royalties were uniformly assessed among itself and three other salt companies tapping the Great Salt Lake for its most abundant resource.

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research copyright laws to be sure "Beverly Hills" wasn't a copyright name."

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they want to tell their family and friends they stayed in Beverly Hills."

Times-News correspondent Elaine Swenson can be reached in Wells at 752-3580.

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three years before anything is done" to write new legislation.

Producing state programs that improve education and opportunities for young people and their families, Memphis said, is "a good business to invest in the work force for tomorrow."

Such programs and opportuni-

ties, he said, are "good to help people to dream and accomplish."

The CSG-West gathering has attracted more than 300 legislators and their staffs, plus another 400 members of families and guests. The long working sessions cover a wide range of topics — water resources, public lands management, energy and miner-

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JUST PART OF THE JOB

Probation, parole officers find meth labs during everyday duties

BOISE (AP) - Finding people making the illegal drug methamphetamine is becoming a potentially dangerous fact of life for Idaho probation and parole officers.

They increasingly are uncovering makeshift meth-cooking operations in the course of monitoring and trying to help redirect the lives of ex-convicts and offenders getting another chance to avoid prison.

"We don't tell our officers, 'Go out there and find those meth labs.' We don't need to tell them that. They find them anyway," said Glenn Carpenter, District Probation and Parole Manager for the Idaho Department of Corrections' Division of Field and Community Services.

The state's 170 probation and parole officers have been involved in discovering 51 of the 85 meth labs busted throughout Idaho already this year.

That's up sharply from 28 four statewide in 1998, 23 of them by probation and parole officers.

Carpenter said people who have already been busted once for using meth are two to three times more likely than other offenders to be arrested again.

Of roughly 7,200 probationers and parolees in Idaho, nearly 2,100 are in Ada, Elmore, Boise and Valley counties under the supervision of 32 officers. Among them is Elaine Walcroft, a five-year veteran who is currently involved with other officers in finding four meth labs just since transferring to Boise from the agency's Canyon County office last November.

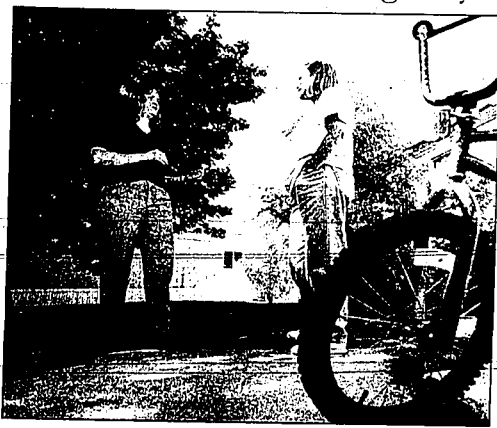
"It certainly has made the job more difficult in that we have more things we have to be aware of when we go out into the field," she said.

In one case, the son of a woman who was among those the agency calls "clients" got sick at school after ingesting methamphetamine.

Local police contacted probation and parole officers who went to the woman's home with members of the area drug task force and immediately found a working meth lab.

"Our focus is usually on the home. But I can't tell you how many times we've found things out in a shed, out in a car, some place where you don't expect to find it," Walcroft said. "That's meant we've had to stay on top of what the offenders are doing."

More than a fourth of those on probation or parole were convicted



Idaho Senior Probation and Parole Officer Elaine Walcroft, left, visits Robin Overy at Overy's home in Meridian Thursday. Overy is currently on probation for methamphetamine charges. Probation officers throughout the state are increasingly finding meth labs during the course of their everyday duties.

"It certainly has made the job more difficult in that we have more things we have to be aware of when we go out into the field."

- Elaine Walcroft, Idaho Senior Probation and Parole Officer

of drug crimes, and officials estimate about 80 percent of offenders are battling addiction to meth or other substances.

Walcroft said some are found with a number of different drugs in their systems at the same time, but meth is easily the most prevalent.

That reality colors everything officers do.

"Right now it's an incredible problem. Every time we write a violation report the word 'meth' is somewhere in there. Ten years ago that wasn't the case," said Eugene Larson, retiring administrator of the Division of Field and Community Services.

Random urinalyses help indicate trouble, as do frequent discussions with substance abuse

and other counselors involved in a probationer or parolee's case. Other indications that someone might be making and selling meth can include suddenly coming into money or purchasing large amounts of such precursor materials as iodine, matches and some antihistamine products.

Eventually, with the cooperation of other law enforcement officials, the picture becomes clear.

"Maybe he's not going to his meetings, he's quit his job, he's fighting with his wife, he's not paying his court costs and fees - all of this stuff leads you to believe that something may be going on," Walcroft said. "It's very rare that you ever walk into a job where you're not expecting it."

Besides getting the drugs and their manufacturers off the streets, such vigilance can lead to tangible success. Robin Overy is a case in point.

The 35-year-old Meridian mother of four was placed on probation after being convicted of grand theft in 1995, a crime committed while she was in the grip of methamphetamine addiction.

Two years later, she violated her probation by possessing meth and drug paraphernalia, which led to another conviction

and more probation. Walcroft said Overy had enough precursor materials at the time to have cooked up a batch of meth herself.

"I never manufactured, but I'm sure if I would have known how I would have been right in the middle of that, because that's what that drug leads to," Overy said.

"Probation and parole saved my life."

If she were busted with meth-making materials now it could mean being charged under the new crime of attempted trafficking by manufacture of meth. Conviction on that charge means a mandatory two-year prison term.

Overy said the certain knowledge that Walcroft and her colleagues are watching should be enough to keep any past offender on the right track.

"You think you can get away with it. You just know you can get away with it," she said. "Trust me, eventually they'll be knocking on your door, and they know."

Fish and Wildlife Service authorizes killing of wolf

BOISE (AP) - A young male wolf has been killed by a federal wildlife officer, the first lethal control used in Idaho since wolves were eliminated in the state in the 1930s.

The Canadian wolf, known to the recovery program as B-55-M, was preying on livestock on both private and public land. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the shooting, acting on an agreement the agency made in the original 1995 plan to bring wolves to the state.

"We said all along that livestock depredation was not something we would allow to continue," said Roy Heberger, assistant field supervisor of the agency's Snake River Basin Office. "This wolf's actions were reported by ranchers and sheep producers and verified by both Wildlife Service and Nez Perce tribal staff."

The wolf, which was radio-collared, belonged to the Stanley Basin Pack, one of 10 to 13 breeding packs in the central Idaho

recovery area. The rest of the pack still is being watched for similar behavior, and stockmen in the area have been alerted.

"Wolves in Idaho are making remarkable progress toward a sustainable population," Heberger said. "Removing individuals from the population under these circumstances is necessary and will help us achieve the long-term recovery goals for the species."

Idaho is one-third of Fish and Wildlife's wolf recovery area in the Northern Rockies. Last year's count showed 10 packs in the Yellowstone zone, and six in the Montana zone. When there are a minimum of 10 breeding pairs in each of the three areas, the agency may propose the western population be removed from the protection of the Endangered Species Act. Some federal biologists say since the Idaho and Yellowstone packs are growing, while Montana packs lag behind, a new threshold may be adopted to delist all three zones.

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Two teens in Idaho plead innocent in fatal attack

COLVILLE, Wash. (AP) - Two teenagers have been arraigned and a third indicated he intends to mount an insanity defense in the slaying of a 17-year-old who was shot repeatedly and stabbed earlier this month.

Richard E. Tullis, 19, and Aaron M. Dalager, who turns 18 on Wednesday, pleaded innocent on Friday in Stevens County Superior Court in the July 6 slaying of Matthew J. Davis of Newport.

Judge Larry Kristinsson ordered the Chewelah teens to stand trial in adult court Sept. 13 on single counts of first-degree murder. A lawyer for Andrew D. Erickson, 19, of Loon Lake, indicated his client would mount an insanity defense.

Kristinsson postponed Erickson's first-degree murder arraignment until Eastern State Hospital deems complete a mental examination.

Davis' body was found along railroad tracks north of Chewelah. Investigators believe Davis accompanied his assailants on what he may have believed was a midnight target-shooting session.

An autopsy showed Davis was shot 28 times, most in the stomach. He also was stabbed twice, once in the chest and once in the neck, and his neck was sliced with a knife. Robbery may have been the motive. Prosecutor Jerry Wetle suggested in a court document. Wetle said Erickson told investigators the defendants planned to steal a car and take Davis into the woods, where they would assault and rob him.

Also Friday, Kristinsson blocked release of Davis' body for burial so a forensic pathologist could determine whether one of Tullis' shoes matched a wound on Davis' head that may have been caused by a kick.

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Fairgrounds would like rowdy band to tone down

BLACKFOOT (AP) - Motley Crue's management group has signed a "good decency clause" that the band will adhere to applicable anti-obscenity laws at its July 27 concert at the Eastern Idaho State Fairgrounds.

But assistant fairgrounds manager Doris Wallace still has her doubts.

Wallace said she has heard stories about Motley Crue's raunchy stage antics. The band gained notoriety last month in Columbia, Md., when two women in their rednecks stripped and simulated lesbian sex on stage.

Sgt. Morris Carroll, spokesman for the Howard County Police, said they plan to keep a tight leash on Motley Crue if the group ever returns.

"Stopping a show with 9,000 or 10,000 people in the audience, you probably cause more problems than you solve," he said. "It caught us by surprise."

No arrests were made. Wallace said that as a public-use facility, there was no way they would have denied the promoter use of it. All the security arrangements had been made.

The Blackfoot concert with the Scorpions will be the second time

Breaching would boost wheat costs

SPOKANE (AP) - Breaching four dams on the Snake River to aid salmon recovery would likely raise the cost of shipping wheat to market by 28 percent, according to a new report.

The transportation study was one of three released this week by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is considering a proposal to breach Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental and Ice Harbor dams. All four are in Washington.

Rising shipping costs could force some families off their land, said Glen Squires of the Washington Wheat Commission.

"A lot of farmers are losing money right now," Squires said. "If you add another 20 or 30 cents (of cost per bushel), it would just exacerbate the problem."

A second study predicted there was no practical way to continue supplying water to 37,000 acres of farmland. The 13 farms irrigated by water drawn from behind Ice Harbor Dam include the fourth and 11th largest taxpayers in Walla Walla County, with hundreds of employees.

The third study indicated Northwest homeowners could expect to pay \$1.50 to \$5.30 more

for electricity each month, as the Bonneville Power Administration turned to more expensive sources of electricity to replace the 1,200 megawatts generated by the dams.

Big electricity users, like aluminum smelters, could see six-figure increases in their monthly bills, the study said.

The three studies commissioned by the Corps are part of a \$32 million study of alternatives to save endangered salmon and steelhead runs along the Snake River. The Corps is expected to release the entire study - along with a recommendation on breaching - in October.

The Corps built the dams in the 1960s and 1970s, primarily so barges could ply the river. Since then, barges have replaced trucks and trains as the primary transportation for most wheat grain in

the Palouse. Boise economist Tony Jones said farmers who live closest to the river - and enjoy the lowest costs now - would see the biggest increases.

Environmentalists note that federal taxpayers subsidize river traffic. Some groups contend that the money the Corps spends on dredging and other work to keep the Snake open for barges could be used to offset increased costs for farmers.

The irrigation study concluded that eliminating the water supply would reduce the value of farm land by about \$194 million. By comparison, it could cost as much as \$300 million to modify irrigation systems to work in an undammed river.

"This stretch of the river ... would meander over time and potentially affect the availability of water and/or erode new pump stations," the report said.

Only Ice Harbor Dam provides irrigation. Among its beneficiaries are Broetje Orchards and Snake River Vineyards, which together paid nearly \$700,000 in county property taxes in 1998.

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Two women die from car fumes

POCATELLO (AP) - Police have ruled the asphyxiation deaths of two elderly women by a running automobile as accidental. Raedene Rhoads, 72, of Pocatello and Barbara "Bobbie" Fearn, 72, of Santa Maria, Calif., died Thursday afternoon. Rhoads died in her sister-in-law's garage and her sister-in-law was sleeping in Rhoads' apartment when they were overcome by fumes from a car left running in the garage below.

They apparently had forgotten the car was still idling. Fearn's husband, 78-year-old Cabell Fearn, also was in the apartment and was taken to Pocatello hospital where he was listed in stable condition.

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Polygamists cite Bible for backup

CIRCLEVILLE, Utah (AP) — Stephen Butt didn't set out to be a polygamist. A decade ago, he was happily married to one wife, busy with his church and working as a cult exit counselor in Maine. Then he met a young woman who had been so abused by a cult, he saw only one way to gain her trust for treatment. He married her. Now Butt lives in Utah with three wives and five children, ministering to a group of nearly 1,000 around the country who call themselves Christian polygamists.

Unlike the estimated 25,000-35,000 polygamists living in the West who trace their roots to historical Mormonism, Butt and his Protestant peers say plural marriage comes straight from the Old Testament. "We believe that plural marriage is allowed in the Bible to meet practical, real needs, and this should be acknowledged by the Christian church," Butt said.

He points to passages that say David, Solomon and other patriarchs had many wives. "Obviously polygamy can't be something that's immoral if God allowed it with these people whom he showed so much favor." To spread the word, Butt and his three wives moved to southern Utah about a month ago and bought Circleville's original Mormon chapel. They plan to start the first Free Patriarchal Christian Church here — in a town of about 300 settled by Mormon pioneers in 1864.

They intend to take their message to the plural families living in southern Utah, and expand into California, the Southeast and then abroad to countries with easier to convert cultural polygamists to Christianity, Butt figures, than to convince mainstream Christian churches to accept plural marriage. Though Butt talks about multiple wives and uses the term "polygamy," he is mindful bigamy is illegal and is quick to point out his second and third wives are bound to him by God's word alone. Only his first wife has a marriage license, though all three women wear wedding dresses.

Butt doesn't, he's still available. In an anteroom of their old church, the family makes plans for next month when another Christian polygamist family will be joining them from Georgia. Butt, 49, sits in a tweed recliner, his wives and children scattered around him and a poster of a male lion on the wall above his head. On one couch sits 51-year-old Diane, his legal wife, with their two children: Andri, 14, and Ben, 13. Dawn — a 34-year-old woman who joined the family a little

over year ago — plays on another with her 2-year-old son Isaac. The twins she and Butt had, 5-month-old Jacob and Abigail, squirm on a blanket below.

And in a chair to Butt's right rests Merry-ann, 44, the woman Butt brought home a decade ago. "It was like, 'Honey, I brought home the bread and milk and, by the way, here's a new woman,'" Diane Butt says with a laugh.

She wasn't enthusiastic about her newly-plural status back then. "But if you would ask me today if I would choose this way

of life, I would say most definitely." More and more people seem to be living a polygamist lifestyle — or at least coming out of the closets, according to Brett Hill, editor of Loving More, a magazine for people with more than one partner. "This is the same thing that happened with the gay movement, where a lot of people were gay but you just didn't know about it," he said. "There are a lot of people who have more than one partner in their life. In fact, we believe more people do, but they just lie about it."

And many practitioners, rejected by their churches for abandoning monogamy, are trying to reconcile their lifestyle and their faith, said Dave Hutchison, who organizes a Phoenix-based group called Liberated Christians. "The Christian church would call us 'backslidden born-againers' or something ridiculous," one woman in a plural relationship said via E-mail. She did not want to be named for fear of scaring off her real estate customers. "We are no longer churchgoers. But we do hold fast to the basics of Christian teachings in that we are definitely 'loving one another.' For us, it is all about love, and family."

Hutchison believes the woman's sentiments are common, but most people never act on them. "You have a lot of Christians feeling this way, then feeling guilty they're feeling this way, so they come to us and see the Biblical basis of multiple spouses," he said. "And all of a sudden they become liberated."

Most find freedom on the Internet, where a half-dozen Web sites trumpet Christian polygamy and underground practitioners make contact. Some sites even carry personal ads. "We are a married, Christian couple seeking a Christian sister-wife. He is 30 years old and called into the military," one reads.

Butt has his own site, recounting how he moved his family from Maine to Utah. That's how his third wife, Dawn — who was a single mother living near Chicago — found the group. It's also how they stay in touch while living in this isolated spot: a four-hour, drive from Salt Lake City.

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WORLD

When subject turns to Milosevic, local 'prankster' gets serious

The Washington Post

VALEJO, Yugoslavia — It is hard to explain, but the Serbs are a funny people, with a sense of humor dark and illuminating. Jokes here are a self-inflicted wound. This probably does not sound funny on CNN.

In this deeply dysfunctional society, at this exact moment, a prankster like Bopuljub Novesovic can be a dangerous animal. Because he wants out of the country.

Known to everyone here by his nickname in this town little cry by a street, Maki's evening dinner laid macker with a touch of the Deep Purple licks. He has a fine, good, artistic performance in his hands, playing as well as a pumper of large Prescoes for 14 Serbian Orthodox churches, mauls alive with electric religious imagery. He describes himself as a religious man. He is not much to look at, a 41-year-old with a preacher's hair, long, heavy hair, done in that way that men and women in the Balkans age.

From the smoke and drink, the passage and bread. He has had five children by four different women.

For the last decade, Maki has been waging a one-man campaign in Valejo against the regime of President Slobodan Milosevic.

A few years ago, when the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was a coalition of Slovenia, Macedonia, Croatia and Bosnia, he and his neighbors declared their own independent republic. They elected ministers and held press conferences. He also created in the courtyard of his worker's colony, a block of empty communist-era apartments near a coal and manure factory, an edifice of muddled plastic. It was, as Maki peeks, "a very lifelike image of the human male organ."

He was caught last fall. He dedicated it to the president of Yugoslavia. Mocking authoritarian regimes is always problematic. His sculpture was not subtle, but it was funny. Maki thought it was funny, but the authorities did not get the joke. A husband of his police were dispatched to dismantle the piece with a sledgehammer. Maki was arrested. He served four months in jail.

But this was only a prelude to the latest act of defiance. Frustrated with the slow pace of change and the failure of ordinary, cowed people to do something — anything — he had a circle of friends and allies formed the Civic Resistance of Valejo. They plastered the city with posters announcing a rally for change in the town square.

On Monday, more than 4,000 people showed up. Branko Katovic, news editor of a local independent radio station, said it was the largest gathering ever seen in the town. There have been similar, smaller demonstrations every night this week.

What was remarkable about the demonstration is that until now, most of the opposition to the Milosevic regime has come from political parties and their leaders. Maki and his friends never did so.

"We thought we should build a civilizational, for people. By people. We see the opposition parties as the center and we want to do something more serious," Maki said. Maki, 41, is young and intense and speaks in a rapid, energetic, and somewhat vulgar, but very funny, style. He is now leading the daily rallies. Thirteen of her comrades were arrested and Maki went into hiding. Maki describes Maki as the most courageous person she has ever met.

The night of the first rally, Maki stood before the crowd of his well-dressed friends that night in English. "Only God can judge us. He dematerialized Milosevic and his wife, and he is now a ghost. We are a sister party to our husband's socialist, he arrested and face trial in Yugoslavia — not at the Hague, where Milosevic has been indicted as a war criminal. Maki also attacked the traditional opposition here, which does nothing, she said, "but organize rallies and marches and petitions, nothing that can really endanger the survival of the dictator."

And so hundreds of people returned to the city hall. The idea was to seize the local government offices, surrounded by duly elected members of Milosevic's Socialist Party, and then to call for citizens in other cities to do the same. Their intention was silent: they wanted to spark a revolution. In the middle that full-throated, vociferous, and face-to-face. Maki disappeared the next day.

For the next few days, Maki would pass along to Paris "communications," which were read aloud to the dwindling crowds by their organizers at the town square each night in Valejo. On Thursday evening, a few hundred people gathered and listened to Maki read aloud from the state-run newspaper Politika. The people listened and laughed, as if they were getting a joke.

The state-run media in Belgrade have labeled Maki a criminal and troublemaker. He is accused of only the charge. Starting at an outdoor restaurant in Valejo, my cellular phone rang. It was Maki.

"We see the opposition parties as unimportant and we want to do something more serious."

— Kristina Peric, Milosevic promoter

TURNING 50 IN HOLLAND

Big birthday can be happy, humiliating for you

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Sirens wailing, police screeching to a halt next to a charcoal BMW sedan and peering through the tinted windows at the figure slumped inside, a plastic bag over its head.

Within minutes, an officer pried open one of the locked doors, then staggered back and roared with laughter. The "body" was a dummy planted by friends of the car's owner.

That comical confusion, which played out recently in the southern city of Den Bosch, underscores the reality about hitting middle age in the Netherlands: You can pretty much count on becoming the butt of some very public practical jokes.

"Let's face it, turning 50 can be very depressing. We Dutch like to make a laugh of it," said Hans Keener, who runs a bakery that sells specialty cakes to mark the occasion. The politically incorrect tart is shaped like genitalia and is decorated with real lingerie.

About to turn the big 5-0? If you're Dutch, you might find a crude homemade likeness of yourself on your front step or sidewalk. Got a big nose to begin with? Expect a dummy with a schmoze like an eggplant. Is the real you a bit thin on top? Brace for an office cap bald as a balloon.

Trees and telephone poles may suddenly sprout embarrassing photos from your gangly teenage years, prompting passing motorists to slow to a crawl and gawk and grin at your expense. Your mailbox might hold a gag



Nicky Muis of 'Party House,' a special gift shop for parties and birthdays, holds a typical 'Sarah Doll,' used in the Netherlands when a woman turns 50, Friday in Amsterdam.

gift of cheap supermarket "granny" glasses from a teasing colleague. But you don't get mad. When a spouse or a friend turns 50, you get even.

Coby de Graaf, eager to avenge herself against a boyfriend who plastered an unflattering picture of her all over town when she became 50, bided her time until his 50th birthday arrived.

Her weapon of choice: An ad in the national daily De Telegraaf that listed his home phone number beneath the words, "Who will congratulate him?"

The phone rang off the hook for days. "All kinds of perfect strangers called to wish him well," she said. "Once there were 50 mes-

sages on the answering machine. People drove by and blew their horns. It was great. Crazy, yes, but great."

The Dutch have a complicated birthday etiquette that can throw foreigners off balance. When they have a birthday, it's up to them to throw a party for themselves and invite people to help them celebrate, instead of the other way around.

Even a Dutchman who has the format, which typically involves sitting around in a circle on folding chairs and sipping coffee with distant relatives.

But 50th birthday parties aren't like that. They're bina-fide bashers — and have been for as long as anyone can remember.

When a Dutchman or Dutchwoman hits the half-century mark, he or she is said to be "setting Abraham" or "setting Sarah" — a reference to the biblical couple who were too old to have children until an angel of the Lord intervened.

Newspaper personals are peppered with playful "Sarah and Abraham" ads like De Graaf's. One that appeared this week read: "Hans will be 50, she's old, but he still has the body of a young god — kisses from the kids."

Because baby boomers are hitting middle age en masse, an estimated 700 Dutch a day are blowing out 50 candles, making "Sarah and Abraham" centered parties and gag gifts big business in the Netherlands.

"Business is great," said Kremer, the baker. "But best of all, it's just so much fun."

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Ex-junta soldiers — and rebel prisoners — freed in Sierra Leone

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — Eight court-martialed soldiers who helped topple Sierra Leone's government in a 1997 coup were freed Saturday — the first prisoners released under a peace accord that grants amnesty to war criminals. The soldiers' release followed the freeing Friday of more than 150 people abducted in January by rebels who were allied with the military junta.

The accord, signed July 7 by the Sierra Leone government and rebel Revolutionary United Front in Togo's capital Lome, formally ended eight years of civil war that killed and maimed thousands more in this West African country were kidnapped by the rebels and forced into slavery for sex, manual labor or to fight. Human Rights Watch, a prominent international rights group, has criticized the peace deal, saying amnesty for the rebels will only lead to more atrocities.

with the rebels, and then continued to fight with them after Kabbah was announced last year by a significant rebel renunciation.

The eight soldiers' sentences were commuted to life in prison earlier this year. Looking tired and emaciated, 152 people arrived Friday morning at Ocean Hills, 40 miles east of Freetown, where they were met by U.S. observers and Catholic aid workers. The group, including men, women and children who had been kidnapped from Freetown and the countryside, included a frightened 12-year-old boy who did not give his name, said he had been abducted from Freetown and forced to fight with the rebels. He said his group was released because the rebels had run out of food. A young woman who identified herself only as a student at the University of Sierra Leone said most of the women released were either pregnant or had young children. She said more prisoners remained at the rebel camps, members of the group said. Eight of the group remained in ECOWAS custody under supervision of their rebel fighters who had infiltrated the group.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“I’m definitely going to start thinking, because my IQ is a little bit over 10.”

— Jean Van de Velde, the Dismal-Falls golfer, who leads the British Open heading into today’s final round

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Golf**
Burley Amateur
Jerome C.C. Seniors Championship
- American Legion baseball**
Twin Falls A at Wood River (2), 11 a.m.
Upper Valley at Twin Falls AA (2), 1 p.m.

IN BRIEF Edwards wins IGA Women's Amateur

BOISE — Fayette's Joyce Edwards exceeded her two-stroke lead in the final round to win by four strokes over Jean Smith of Boise in the 1999 Women's IGA State Amateur Saturday.

Edwards and Smith tied after the first round at 77 before Edwards' 75 gave her the second-round lead. She solidified the win with a 72 on the final day, finishing at 224.

Janelle Howland took third at 232 and Maggie Pierson rose two spots on the final day to finish in fourth at 236.

Emmett's Peggy Irving won the first flight by four strokes despite shooting an 82 on the final day, leaving best Sharon Fayton, who won a scarecrow playoff for second with Idaho Falls' M.E. McElroy.

Merrill's Kirby Clancy shot a three-day 256, beating Boise's Teri Day by three strokes in the second flight.

In the third flight, Mountain Home's Sheila Freshwater stayed in first despite a strong charge by Julie Craig, who went from second to second place, winning a scarecrow playoff over Eddie Murray of Middleton, who began the day tied for 10th.

In the fourth flight, Eagle's Nancy Roberts took advantage of a collapse by townswoman Debbie Lynn Sprague for the title. Sprague began Saturday with a nine-stroke lead but lost a hazard 104 on the final day and lost the title by 11 strokes to Roberts, who shot an 84 and finished at 228.

See Scores and Stats, Page C2, for complete results.

TF Member-Guest comes next weekend

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Member-Guest tournament will be next Saturday and Sunday, with two rounds of best ball.

The entry fee is \$120 per team plus green fees, which includes a cart and clubhouse. There will be gross and net playoffs in both flights and added money by Dave's Dairy Queen.

The event's deadline is Thursday at 5 p.m. There will be two times on Saturday and an 8 a.m. shotgun start on Sunday.

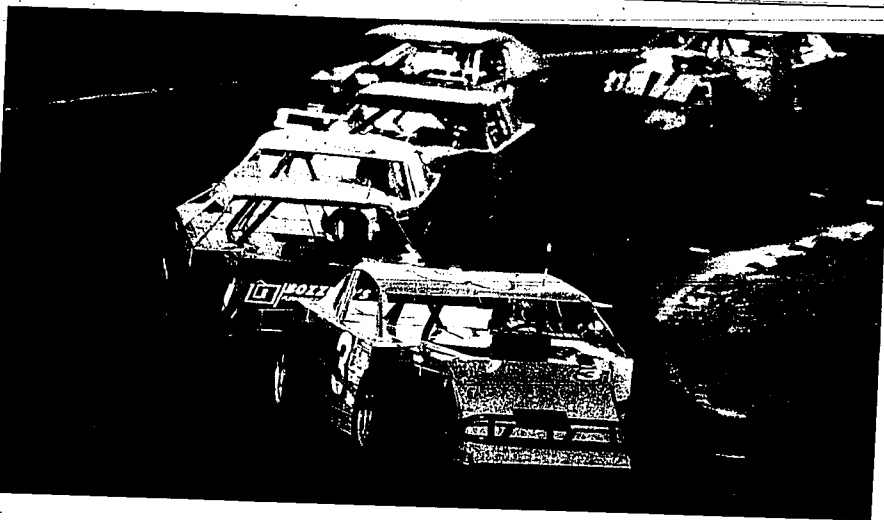
Mich McDowell still in hunt in Denver

DENVER — Jerome drag racer Mich McDowell qualified in the No. 74 position in the Funny Car division of the NHRA Mile High Nationals at Vandiver Raceway, in his 2000 Pontiac Firebird.

McDowell ran the standing quarter-mile in 6.453 seconds at 286 mph in the standing quarter-mile. It was the fourth fastest run by a Nitro Funny Car in the 25-car event.

Today's 16-car finals will be televised live on ESPN2 at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



Steve Jones leads the Mountain Dew Modifieds around turn four during the first heat Saturday night at Magic Valley Speedway.

Quale wins Modifieds cements position

Points leader cements position

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A penny for their thoughts.

First Federal Savings Bank's penny pick-up promotion, with more than 10,000 copper coins laid on the track, preceded the heavy metal racing action Saturday at Magic Valley Speedway.

The featured division, Mountain Dew Modifieds roared to life as the horsepower hungry motorists continued in their pursuit for the NASCAR Winston

Racing Series season title.

And points leader Bruce Quale showed why he's on top as he took his third victory of the season Saturday in the Modifieds main event.

"That was all right. That outside groove was working better," Quale said. "It took me a long time, but it worked out good."

At the green flag of the 50-lap main event, Dana Pruett grabbed the early advantage over Doug Dugger, but the lead never held up as Dugger raced out to the lead with Rick Corbridge and Quale in third place.

Through five laps, Dugger held firm, with Corbridge, Quale, Steve Jones and Brett Thompson trailing. Quale and Jones were making up lots of

asphalt and at Lap 10, a tight, three-car pack of Dugger, Quale and Corbridge raced around the oval.

It turned into a drag race between Dugger and Quale, as the division leader rode the outside groove in his attempt to catch Dugger but Dugger in his Dairy Queen racer remained in front closing the door on any pass opportunities.

The two leaders were nose-to-nose on both straightaways through three passes, with Quale running strongest on the back stretch, but on Lap 24, Quale's racer finally caught Dugger and the approval of the appreciative crowd.

A yellow showed itself on the next lap as Harold Wartluft spun out along the front

straightaway. When action picked up, Quale jumped way out to the front over Corbridge, Newhouse and Jones as Dugger lost control, had to brake and fell all the way back to seventh place.

With 15 laps to go, Quale built a 4 1/2-second over Corbridge with Jones and Newhouse in a dogfight for third place. Wartluft held fifth, ever Thompson and Pruett as Dugger left the track.

With 10 laps remaining, Quale held his lead while Jones took the outside on Newhouse, passing last week's winner for third place — but it was all Quale as he ran to victory.

"Once you get even with (Dugger) you've got to pinch him down and make him stay down," he said. "But he drove a

great race and I'm glad everything stuck on the outside and it all worked out good."

Pit stops

Helping hand: Budweiser Street stocks driver John Kreps loaned his '74 Chevy Nova to Kuna's Don VanSchoick after the motor blew up in his Dodge Dart during an earlier hot laps session. Kreps said he couldn't race Saturday and considering that VanSchoick is only 39 points out of first place, he thought he'd help out. The \$200 they paid him for the car didn't hurt either — Change of heart: After a week to think about, Boise driver Steve Jones was back in action after stating he wouldn't return following a

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Curtis, Studer lead Burley Amateur

Play on last two holes makes the difference

By Matt Peterson Times-News Writer

BURLEY — Two golfers share the lead, while five remain within three shots of first place heading into today's final round of the 21st annual Burley Amateur Championship at Burley Municipal Golf Course.

Aaron Curtis and Steve Studer sit atop the leader board after firing 4-under-par 68 Saturday. But their lead is by no means comfortable.

Bob Lutz trails by one stroke while Nils Badenduck and Bob Adamsen lurk two shots behind. Gordon Barry and Brady Stanger, with their 1-under-par 71s, also remain within striking distance.

Playing under cloudy skies and an occasional drizzle, Studer coupled a solid, even-par effort on the front nine with a 4-under-par 33 on the back nine, including birdies on the final two holes.

Studer's round gained at least three strokes from his pitching wedge alone. After his second shot on the par-5, 468-yard 14th landed in the rough just left of the green, Studer chipped in for eagle, leaving the ball just short of the pin where it bounced once, hit the stick and dropped softly into the cup.

Three holes later, on the par-3, 173-yard 17th, Studer again used his wedge to chip in from off the green, this time going over the hole, leaving the ball in the rough in from about 35 feet. That shot, coupled with a birdie on No. 16, earned him a 68 and a spot alongside Curtis, who had finished earlier in the day.

"Birdie-birdie, that was a good finish," Studer said. "I didn't expect the one on No. 17. It was a tough chip and I was just trying to get it up and down for par and

the hole got in the way."

In contrast to Studer's two-birdie finish, co-leader Curtis finished with two bogeys, carding a four and a six on the final two holes. Curtis was on pace to finish at 6-under before the consecutive bogies unraveled his stellar round.

Lutz, who carded a 34-35, 3-under-par round of 69, will be playing in the final group today. Adamsen, who shot a bogey-free first round, and Badenduck, a 0-handicap golfer, both enter the day at 2-under and remain in serious contention.

Longer odds belong to Stanger and Barry. Making the turn at 2-under-par, Stanger entered the back nine in sole possession of second place. Despite a birdie on 14, bogies on 13 and 15 dropped him to 1-under by the end of the day.

"My game is going pretty good right now," Stanger said. "I've just got to put 18 holes together. It was those couple bogeys that killed me, or I'd be right there for the lead, sure to shoot a 68 or 66 tomorrow, somewhere around there, just to hopefully stay around (the leaders). Those guys will shoot pretty low again."

With the golf course in good condition and no major weather expected today, 6-under-par or better will probably be needed to win the tournament, said assistant golf professional John Knight.

"It's a nice day like it was today, there isn't any reason why one of those guys couldn't shoot a 70 to go along with it," Adamsen said. "I'd say 6-under might win it."

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Van de Velde surges ahead

The Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Jean Van de Velde played the kind of golf everyone expected out of Tiger Woods or Greg Norman. Now, everyone is going to have to play spectacular golf to catch him in the British Open.

In wind strong enough to blow hats all over Carnoustie Golf Links, Van de Velde kept removing his under his own power, saluting a stunned gallery while making putts from here to France.

A 45-foot birdie putt on the 18th gave him a round of even-par 70 on Saturday and put him in a remarkable position — the only player not over par, a five-stroke lead and "a chance" to become the first qualifier to win the British Open since 1962, the year everybody had to play their way into the oldest championship in the world.

"It's the biggest tournament ever, and I'm a bit ahead of everybody else," said Van de Velde, bidding to become the first Frenchman in 92 years to win the Open. "What can happen? I can catch up."

"I can win it — that's the other thing," he said, almost as an afterthought.



France's Jean Van de Velde blasts out of a bunker on the 17th hole during his third round of 70 in the 128th Open Golf Championship at Carnoustie. He led Saturday. Van de Velde goes into the final round with even-par scores. A hot lead.



No one would have imagined an unproven player matching par with the toughest links golf

course in the world under the most demanding conditions. Carnoustie has a history of turning out great champions — Tommy Armour, Henry Cotton, Ben Hogan, Gary Player a professional from Disneyland — the one in

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Buhl secures top seed, may lose Hamilton

The Times-News

IDAHO FALLS — The Buhl Tribe won four games in two days to nail down the No. 1 seed at the next week's American Legion A district baseball tournament, but may have lost some important starting catcher Cory Hamilton.

Battling leadoff in the nightcap first inning against the Rangers, Hamilton reached base, then tore

off for third on a double steal. He reached the bag the same time as the pick-off throw, which hit him squarely in the head.

After a day under the care of a teammate's father who serves as an athletic trainer at Twin Falls High School, Hamilton was taken to the hospital upon the team's arrival back in the Magic Valley Saturday night.

His coaches and teammates are hopeful he'll be back for district, but nothing is certain.

The game was stopped for a good 15 minutes," said Buhl assistant coach Lee Cline.

"We're optimistic he's okay, but it's kind of scary. We won four games, but we really do about that right now."

When the action resumed, Buhl went on to stop the Rangers 19-10 in seven innings. Coupled with an earlier 13-2 victory and 14-3 and 19-3 wins over Pocatello the night before, Buhl led claim to No. 1 at the tournament.

Buhl scored 60 runs in the four games, holding Pocatello and Idaho Falls to a combined 18.

The Tribe plays its first game at 6 p.m. Tuesday against an as-

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better of visiting Upper Valley.
Dakota Kifander allowed only one run on five hits, throwing a complete game in the afternoon opener, but the Mustangs scored all they needed in a one-run seventh to win 1-0.

Kimberly stands at 4-18 in league (12-29 overall) going into next week's district tournament, scheduled for Tuesday through Saturday in Twin Falls.

Upper Valley bumps Kimberly twice
KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Bulldog American Legion baseball team came close twice Saturday, but couldn't get the

Camousteie

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Paris - managed again to avoid the punishment that Camousteie handed out to Woods, Norman, Eric Els and Dave Love III.

Only three players broke par in the third round, led by the best score of the tournament. Craig Tarry had a 4-under 67 to go from a tie for 30th to the final pairing today with Van de Velde.

That's got to rank up there with the best round I've ever played. I felt about 6-foot out there when I was playing," said Parry, the 5-foot-6 Australian with forearms that give him the nickname "Poppy."

Parry was at 218, along with 1997 British Open champion Justin Leonard, who had a 71. Woods won his duel with Norman, but not that it did either of them any good. For the first time since he turned pro,

Woods failed to make a birdie in a major championship round. Even more devastating was his first double bogey of the tournament, on No. 17, that gave him a 3-over 74 and left him seven strokes out of the lead.

I made a lot of putts," Woods said. Unfortunately, they were for par. My score could have been a lot higher.

Norman started with a birdie but found too much trouble - mostly put bunkers along the tight fairways of Camousteie that left him no choice but to pitch out toward the fairway. He bogeyed the last two holes for a 75 and was eight strokes behind.

Anyone with a lead has got to sleep on it," Woods said. Woods also believes he has this going for him - Camousteie may be the costliest place to protect a lead of any size.

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Inter-league box scores
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AL standings

AL standings table with columns for team, W, L, PCT, GB, and games behind.

NL standings

NL standings table with columns for team, W, L, PCT, GB, and games behind.

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BRIEFLY IN-MONEY

Chartered institutions in Idaho ace Y2K tests

BOISE — All Idaho chartered financial institutions — banks, credit unions and savings institutions — have successfully tested their critical computer systems for Y2K readiness, led by a Department of Finance Director Gavin Gee announced.

Under state and federal Y2K readiness guidelines, such testing was required to have been completed by June 30.

"This is further confirmation that Idaho financial institutions have made Y2K readiness the highest of priorities to make sure that they can meet the financial needs of their customers in the year 2000 and beyond," he said. "In short, Idaho financial institutions have fixed their computer systems to be Y2K ready and have successfully put their fixed systems to the test."

FTC: Even sophisticated consumers face fraud

WASHINGTON — The Federal Trade Commission says even wary and sophisticated consumers face a barrage of fraudulent offers every day.

The FTC ought to know: last year, the agency logged more than 50,000 complaints from consumers.

Now, the FTC is making it easier — and cheaper — for consumers to report a fraud to the law-enforcement agency through a toll-free Consumer Help Line, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357). The line is staffed by counselors from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

According to Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, the toll-free number offers consumers two things. It makes the agency more accessible to consumers who want to report a fraud, and it makes their valuable complaint data available to law-enforcement agencies in the United States and Canada.

Spud prices offer relief



By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As rising potato prices gave local farmers some relief, other farm prices — but not grain prices — fell last year ago, and the Magic Valley had a few other negative economic results in an otherwise good quarter.

Automobile sales were down, along with the value of new-home permits and the number of new and existing homes sold. June's unemployment rate was the highest for that month in a decade.

That's the bad news. But other factors — such as continued increases in electrical and telephone customers — show the area is still healthy and growing. The Times-News' quarterly review of economic indicators shows.

The number of Twin Falls County's telephone lines — which include land lines and cellular phone lines — is a sign of growth in population, business activity and disposable income.

The rate of telephone lines in Castledale and Murrayville, numbers, phone lines also there climbed in the second quarter. Both by 27.7 percent in Kimberly and Hansen — 23 percent in Miller — 21 percent, and in Twin Falls, 16 percent.

"It's still in a growth pattern, definitely," US West spokesman Mike Reynolds said.

Rogerson and Hollister might become more than blips on the highway to Jackson, Nev. This area gained 21 lines — a 22.1 percent — during the quarter. Filer Mutual Telephone Co. records show.

After markedly small first-quarter sales for Twin Falls County in the first quarter (1998), Companies Co. recovered its initial growth and added 15 electricity customers during the second quarter.

The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which follows Western economic developments, didn't see cause for alarm in the state.

"Idaho's economy contracted in recent months, although it appears to remain on a solid growth path in the longer term," the bank said in June.

Interest and buying

Local real estate agents, however, didn't post the same kind of growth in the second quarter.

Though the average sale price edged up just more than \$1,000, total sales were down by 37 from second quarter (1998).

The Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors, which tracks those numbers, doesn't

Second quarter economic indicators

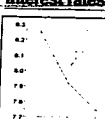
Commodity prices



A Magic Valley commodity price index compared with a 1980 base index.

Source: Times-News index

Interest rates



Prevailing national interest rate during the past four quarters.

Source: First Security Bank

Automobiles



Twin Falls County sales of new vehicles.

Source: Idaho Automobile Dealers Association

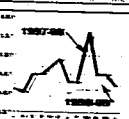
Electrical customers



Total electricity customers in Twin Falls County.

Source: Idaho Power Co.

Unemployment



Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Twin Falls, Jackson and Gooding counties from July 1997 through June 1999.

Source: Idaho Dept. of Labor

Non-agricultural employment



Average number of non-agricultural jobs per quarter, not adjusted for seasonal fluctuations.

Source: Idaho Dept. of Labor

Building permits



Building permits for Twin Falls and county outside.

Source: City and county records

Building permits, average value



Average value of houses for which building permits were issued.

Source: City and county records

Home sales, average value



Number of houses sold in the city and county of Twin Falls.

Source: Greater Twin Falls Multiple Listing Service

Home sales, average value



Average value of houses sold by members of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Source: Greater Twin Falls Multiple Listing Service

Total number of telephone lines



Total number of telephone lines in Twin Falls County.

Source: Utilities

know whether the decline is in new construction homes, executive office buildings and so on.

But Scott Matthews knows the cause.

By the time the Federal Reserve raised the prime interest rate to 7.25 percent, where it had stayed since

November — to 8 percent on June 30, mortgage rates already had risen in anticipation. That probably took some steam out of the demand for home buying, said Matthews, First Security Bank's chief economist.

"There was wide anticipation of this move in advance," he said.

Most banks' rates for home equity loans and credit cards typically flow with the prime as well, but it's too early to see any effect on borrowing or shopping, Matthews said recently.

For whatever reason, the country's car and truck dealers saw

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But other factors dim Twin Falls' second quarter



Quarterly review



In Winkley of Severna Park, Md., uses an ATM nearby home. However, people, technology such as ATMs can be overwhelming.

CLOSING IN ON ALL SIDES

Growing technology causes fear, overwhelms many

Money Editor: Steve Scalet

Banking is done only at ATMs. "Smart" bombs" miss targets. Consumers cannot use their telephones and e-mail messages. Hacklers steal down the FBI Web site. Error 404 — the not found.

"Consumers find themselves beyond their ability to cope with today or imagine tomorrow."

being returned, e-mail moving in and out of the office. It's the control over these new technologies that may be causing the anxiety for many workers.

"If workers feel empowered at work, then they are likely to feel more comfortable with it. If they think it's a managerial tool, they may feel uncomfortable with it," Cutcliffe said.

For many of us, technology seems to be changing in some all sizes, overwhelming us with change about our ability to cope with it at home and at work.

"Consumers find themselves beyond their ability to cope with today or imagine tomorrow," said trend guru Faith Popcorn, whose popular books have introduced us to such terms as "boonings" and "hooking out."

She, people "are putting a toe toward the future and then turning back." Popcorn said.

They watch Nick at Nite on Nickelodeon, go on composites of children, and see home movie of them because they're overwhelmed by it all.

"They've got sense of what the consequences of technology are," she said. "We just don't know where the ship is headed."

This trend, which she's calling

"Future-Tense," was a repeated topic of discussion at the tech company. Faith Popcorn's Brain-Reserve Inc. hosted brainstorming sessions and one-on-one interviews with professionals and academic experts as research for her new book on the future of information.

Fear of technology is based as much on who controls the technology as on the possibility it will replace us in our jobs, according to Steve Cutcliffe, director of the Science, Technology and Society program at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

"There are systems that can be used to monitor what the worker does at work, how many calls are

as companies introduce more tech-centric ways to increase production, workers are feeling insecure. In 1998, the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, as part of its General Social Survey, asked adult U.S. households how new technologies would affect the job pool. Of 1,223 respondents, 46 percent thought technology would reduce to varying extent the number of available jobs.

But "historically, it's been a fool's prediction that technology will lead to unemployment," said Geoffrey Godbey, professor of leisure studies at Pennsylvania State University.

Consider the Luddites, a group of 19th Century British weavers who were replaced by more effi-

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'People' magazine profiles award-winner Wills Toyota

TWIN FALLS — As a recipient of the 1998 Toyota President's Award, Wills Toyota said it is featured in a special full-page profile in the Aug. 9 issue of People magazine, available 10 days prior to issue cover date at newsstands in this region.

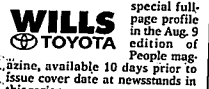
The award recognizes excellence in all aspects of dealership operations. Considered the company's highest honor for overall dealership performance, the award reflects uncompromising standards of quality operation, a Wills Toyota statement said.

"The People profile highlights how Wills Toyota fulfills obligations to its customers and community that extend beyond the showroom, parts counter and service bay, the dealership said.

"When other local businesses jumped on the mall bandwagon, Wills Toyota stood its ground — and then some — in the historic downtown district," it said.

Wills also donated a \$15,000 vehicle in a campaign to generate downtown business at Christmas.

Compiled from staff reports



YOUR BUSINESS

Why the new guy gets more money than you

MILESTONES

Raymond James & Assoc. issues nearly 600 reports

TWIN FALLS - After first making its exclusive, forward-looking mutual fund research available to clients a year ago, Raymond James & Associates said it has issued nearly 600 research reports, and its mutual fund coverage list has grown to more than 100 funds.

"Raymond James was the first in the securities industry to publish independent specific recommendations on individual funds and sectors. Our list of covered funds grew quickly, allowing us to provide a well-diversified selection of mutual fund reports for our clients," said Darrin Teeter, financial adviser at the Raymond James Financial Services office in the First Federal Savings Bank at 110 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

"While some firms issue reviews of mutual funds, and others create rankings based on the past performance of funds, Teeter said, "our research is distinctive in that it offers our analysis of what may be ahead for an individual fund, fund group or sector."

Idaho Homes and Property joins Prudential network

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Homes and Property has joined the Prudential Real Estate Network and changed its name.

Now as Prudential Idaho Homes and Property, the Twin Falls company said, it can offer clients expanded services and professional systems such as Prudential Referral Service, which gives access to buyers and sellers internationally. For information, call 733-5336.

Wells Fargo authorizes Con Paulos to serve area

JEROME - Wells Fargo Inc. announces the appointment of Con Paulos as branch manager of the new branch at 100 N. Main St. in Jerome. Paulos is the general manager of the branch and will be in charge of all sales and service center in the local area.

MANAGER - Dave Johnson said Con Paulos is maintaining a full inventory of all Wells Fargo's standard over-the-road trailer models. He said Con Paulos also has full service capabilities.

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Stuart Canada, associate broker at Iwin Realty in Twin Falls, has been selected as the 1999 Realtor of the Year from the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Canada has spent many years developing selling properties in several states in news release said. He believes strongly in the value of education in his business and has completed the courses necessary not only to obtain his broker license but also to earn special designations, the association said. He also devotes many hours to Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce projects as well as Citizens on Patrol, the Twin Falls Police Department and the Magic Valley Home Builders Association.

TWIN FALLS - Kent Schmidt of The Times-News recently was promoted to the position of graphic arts manager. He will supervise the graphic arts staff and be a liaison between the production department and sales people.

Schmidt came to The Times-News with an extensive background in graphic art and design. He received a bachelor of fine arts degree in design from the University of Kansas. After graduating, he and his

Wendell's chamber offers tour of dairy

The Times-News

WENDELL - A Business After Hours event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Rochet Dairy, 3164 S. 2050 E.

The event is co-sponsored by the Wendell Chamber of Commerce and the Idaho Dairyman's Association. All county and city officials, businesses and residents are invited to tour one of the area's leading dairies, the chamber said. Hamburgers, chips and cold pop will be served.

Jerome chamber plans after hours party, opening

JEROME - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce has planned these two events this month:

• Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at MIX 103 radio station.

• Ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. July 30 at Farnsworth Courtyard, 1343 S. Lincoln.

Free 'Working with OSHA' workshop will run in Boise

BOISE - A free "Working with OSHA" workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon July 27 at the T.P.A.S. Mediterranean Bldg., 199 N. Capitol Blvd. in the Washington Mutual Plaza.

The welcome, "Working to Keep You Working," will be given by Arlene Wollenberg, RN BSN, from Cassia Regional Medical Center. Other speakers and topics include Scott McDoogal of the Industrial Commission, "Filing First Reports of Injuries"; Dr. Michael Parker of Primary Health, "From the Physician's Point of View"; Jerry Hockett of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; "Top 10 Violations of OSHA"; and Alan Gardner, an attorney with Gardner and Charney, LLP, "Basics of Worker's Compensation."

BSU will offer CPA review course in Twin Falls

BOISE - Boise State University will offer a certified public accountant review course in Twin Falls this fall if there is sufficient interest.

The course would be held each Saturday for six weeks starting Sept. 11. Cost is \$695. Prospective students are reminded that application materials for the CPA exam in November are due to the State Board of Accountancy no later than Sept. 1. Late applications are not accepted.

Anyone who is interested in the course or wants information may call Shari Stroud, BSU-Twin Falls Program coordinator, at 733-9554, Ext. 2284.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New configurations.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

Please e-mail items to Business at Virginia.S.Hutchins@virginiaspring.com

Or contact us at: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83403-0548. Fax: 674-5453 or 734-5336.

family moved to Kansas City, Mo., where he was a greeting card artist at Hallmark Cards Inc. He most recently served as art director at a publishing company in Twin Falls. He has been in advertising design at The Times-News for five years.

TWIN FALLS - Homestyle Direct and Homestyle Direct

Direct Catering announced Bob Schlund has joined as a partner.

Schlund will head Homestyle Direct in its catering division as sales and event manager and assist in marketing. Schlund has 11 years of experience as general manager for Canyon Motors in Tuba City.

Schlund can be reached at 735-0921.

TWIN FALLS - Kari Walock, complex coordinator/auditor at First Federal Savings Bank in Twin Falls, has completed the Certified Community Bank Compliance Officer Program sponsored by the Independent Community Bankers of America.

To earn certification, Walock successfully completed four ICBIA seminars: "Developing a Compliance Program, Deposit Compliance, Lending Compliance and Operations Compliance" and passed a comprehensive examination in each area.

The ICBIA says it's the primary voice for the nation's community banks, representing nearly 5,300 institutions at nearly 16,200 locations nationwide.

BOISE - The Idaho Society of Certified Public Accountants, a professional organization with more than 1,280 members, has announced its board of directors for 1999-2000.

Members include President Gary E. Evans of the City of Twin Falls Department of Finance and Magic Valley Chapter President Brenda Kruef of LeForge, Rogers Evans and Braga Child, in Twin Falls.

Officers for the Magic Valley Chapter are Dr. Kruef, vice president, Tony Addins of Van Engelen Ctry., CPAs, Twin Falls; past president, Jerry

Marcantonio of Everton Mattress Factory, Twin Falls, and dine home at Dadds and Associates, Twin Falls, Robert D. Thurston, CPA, Twin Falls, Michael Rasch of Sun Valley Aviation in Hailey and New King of Osterhout King Pope Phillips and Co. in Burley.

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls natives Dr. Kevin Boesel and his wife, Tammy, have returned home.

The Physician Center brought Dr. Boesel back to his hometown to practice pediatric medicine, a press release said. Boesel left Twin Falls in 1989, after graduating from the College of Southern Idaho and acquiring numerous scholarships for academic and civil performance. He went to the University of Nevada School of Medicine and St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., until June. During his last year in medical school, he received a top award for excellence in pediatrics.

Boesel and his wife are excited to be close to relatives and family members. Boesel's decision to dine home was motivated by the opportunity to practice with a group of physicians known nationally for excellent patient care and for medical practice, the release said.

TWIN FALLS - Dr. Darren Coleman joins Magic Valley OBGYN Associates this month.

A native of Meridian, Coleman joined Magic Valley OBGYN Associates this month. He completed his residency program at Indiana University Medical Center in June 1999.

His areas of special interest are laparoscopy, hysterectomy and gynecologic oncology. In his spare time, Coleman enjoys spending time with his family, hiking, going to church, camping, playing basketball and whitewater rafting. He is excited to return to Idaho with his wife and three children and looks forward to practicing medicine in the community, a press release said.

Carol Kleiman Knight Rider News Service

Letters, I get letters and phone calls and faxes and e-mail about the world of work.

QUESTION: I've been working at a company for several years and got an insubordinatingly low raise this year. Now, even more insulting, they're hiring new people and paying them more than me. I've been here longer, come in early, stay late, work weekends and don't take lunches. Isn't that what they're doing illegal?

ANSWER: No, it's not illegal. New hires often get better deals than current employees because of a competitive labor market. It's called salary compression. The company assumes you don't know what the new hire is getting. However, we both know it's unfair. Bring it up in your next salary review. If that doesn't work, look elsewhere. Maybe you'll be the beneficiary of salary compression with a new employee.

Q: The closing of my office came as a blow. They've hired an

employment firm to help us, but I feel it's just a token so management can sleep at night. I'm scared. What should I do?

A: The company is paying big bucks for that employment firm, so don't dismiss it so readily. Make it work for you by using its services. It's your best chance to get another job. And trust me, management has no trouble sleeping.

Q: I recently was called back for a second job interview. I know good chemistry has a lot to do with who gets the position, but what should I expect to be asked?

A: They already know you have the chemistry or you wouldn't have been asked back. Now you'll be discussing the exact work required and how you think you'll be able to do it. It's also important to let them know you've done your homework on the firm and are both knowledgeable and enthusiastic about it.

Q: I run a small department but spend a lot of money arranging for one of my employees to have a large office with associates - at his request. Now the secretary to work from home to spend more

time with his family. What's going on here?

A: What's going on has nothing to do with office space. It has to do with balancing work and personal responsibilities. I'm sorry you spent so much money to accommodate him in the first place and understand how you might feel betrayed. The desire of employees to have more time for personal lives is an increasing management challenge. For guidance on the subject, call the Alliance of Work/Life Professionals: 800-874-9383.

Q: I looked and looked for a new job and thought I'd finally found the right one. They seemed to like me. I had three interviews. And then, three months later, I learned I didn't get the job. What did I do wrong?

A: From your letter, it seems to me you didn't do anything wrong. It took the company a long time to decide and then the job was offered to someone else. You're allowed to feel sorry for yourself for one day more. Then, put it behind you and go on with your job search. And next time, don't put all your hopes on getting one particular job.

More women become investment savvy

Knight Rider News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Elaine Granberg is better prepared than most people when it comes to planning for retirement.

The 39-year-old Sprint Corp. employee has accumulated a significant nest egg by participating in employee stock and 401(k) plans. She's also invested in mutual funds to save for what she hopes will be an early retirement. But Granberg wanted to make sure she was doing enough, so she sent a recent lunch hour attending a seminar on investing designed for women by the KCI Financial Group, a unit of Kansas City Life Insurance Co.

"I don't want to wait until I retire to start planning," said Granberg, who is single.

Granberg is among a growing number of women who are becoming investment savvy, and firms ranging from Merrill Lynch to Citibank, American Express and Salomon Smith Barney are

Women Investors

responding with seminars, written materials and Web sites geared toward women. Many of the firms provide a worthwhile service, especially for the novice who wants to learn investing basics. But consumers also need to be wary. Some seminars offer more gimmicks than guidance, more sales pitches than substance.

"It's like most things," said Janine Stoenestreet, president of the Kansas City Council of the National Association of Investors Corp. The group provides information and programs on investing, including a 12-hour course for men and women on stock selection. "You should go to several (workshops) and use your own judgment," she said. "Sit back and think about it for a while."

But Stoenestreet emphasized that women need to do whatever

it takes to become better informed about investing, because many are not prepared for divorce, widowhood or retirement. She said it's not unusual to get a call from a new widow who needs help on investing or family finances.

"I feel very strongly that every woman needs to know about her finances," she said. "They have to educate themselves. There's lots of information out there."

Here are some investment data about women to think about.

While the gap is closing, women still tend to save less, invest more conservatively and lack the basic financial knowledge about diversification and risk, interest rates, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. protection and sales fees, according to a 1998 study of women and financial planning by the National Center on Women and Aging.

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some change in shopping patterns, with a 14 percent drop in new-automobile sales from 925 last year to 798 in the second quarter 1998 to 929 last quarter.

Twin Falls city and county building records for the second quarter point to continued population growth, especially in rural areas, but perhaps less money in those pockets. The two departments issued a total of 115 permits for new homes - up from 96 a year earlier - with all the increase on the county side. But the average value of such homes fell dramatically from \$108,200 a year ago to \$96,761 in this year's second quarter.

The Valley at work

When the Magic Valley's unemployment rate for Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties rose in June to 4.7 percent, perhaps due to an agricultural lull between planting and the first harvest - might have heralded improvement for the area's small businesses.

Tightening labor markets during the past few years mean Idaho's small businesses have found it increasingly difficult to attract and retain employees, says Zions Bank. The bank compares an index of the state's small-business conditions, which declined throughout the second quarter.

One factor in the scarcity of workers is a slowing of migration from California to Idaho, which peaked in the early 1990s, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

"Economic slowing in Idaho continues to be tied to two primary factors. The first is economic weakness in the Pacific Rim, an important destination of many Idaho exports," a Zions Bank report said. "The second major factor is the continuation of Idaho's tightest labor market

since the 1960s. Idaho's powerful economic growth and strong job creation of the past decade have led the state's labor force to be almost fully utilized."

Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties are part to create new jobs. Nonagricultural employment in the second quarter was 36,277 jobs, up from 35,627 a year earlier.

Durable-goods manufacturing led those job gains with a 13.4 percent hike, with several other sectors making notable increases: transportation, finance, insurance and real estate; services; government administration; and government education. Wholesale trade and retail trade were the only sectors with decreases in job numbers, according to labor market analyst Len McDonald's report on April data, the most recent available.

On the farm

Magic Valley farmers already had little reason for cheer at the beginning of the growing season with heavy debt load and dismal commodity prices. Then thousands of acres of sugar beets froze and had to be replanted.

But there were a couple of good points in local agriculture: Reservoir carryover, winter snow and a wet spring, and plenty of water for the season. And supplies of potatoes in other parts of the country have dwindled, sending prices up during the second quarter.

At the other end of the food chain, Twin Falls shoppers saw a 1.5 percent increase in grocery prices. Selected grocery lists came up at \$83.63 now cost \$84.21 three months ago, according to The Idaho News' survey of three Twin Falls supermarkets.

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It's all the rage: Schools craft courses to teach about electronic commerce

By Susan Tompor Knight Ridder News Service

It may still be a toddler as a marketing tool, but electronic commerce has suddenly come of age. What's the clue? It's all the rage as a study topic on college campuses.

Schools across the country are scrambling to craft courses and create programs to teach about e-commerce - basically, buying and selling products on the Internet. In fact, they are already trying to differentiate those courses offering targeted specific types of content to carry out their own niches in this competitive new field.

Drexel University secured \$1 million in January from Weyman-based Safeguard Scientifics and \$650,000 from Microsoft to create a Center for E-Commerce. Management that will research successful and futile e-commerce practices. Drexel will also offer a master's of business administration degree with an e-commerce concentration in January.

West Chester University will offer the area's first M.B.A. with an e-commerce emphasis this fall, and Villanova University hopes to start a program, too.

Peirce College won a \$20,000 grant from Microsoft to train local business owners in e-commerce through its Center for the Development of Urban Entrepreneurs.

Most recently, La Salle

University unveiled an Electronic Commerce Institute to expose all students, even those of traditional liberal-arts majors, to e-commerce concepts.

The local action mirrors a flurry of academic activity nationally, as Vanderbilt University, MIT and Carnegie Mellon University, among others, push e-commerce curricula.

"In my 15 years in academia, I've never seen anything happen so quickly," says Pamela Lewis, Drexel's business school dean.

Universities - often ponderous in slow to make curriculum changes - are driven to speed by a clamor from the business world for graduates who possess knowledge - any knowledge - about e-commerce.

"As competition among schools for external recognition has heated up, it provides an incentive to move faster," says Charles Hickman of AAACB, The International Association for Management Education in St. Louis. It goes like this: Throw a curriculum imperative at a number of schools - 750, according to Hickman - offering business masters degrees continues to grow.

At origin, the time, companies outside the ivory tower, warily eyeing the e-commerce boom, desperately seek employees who understand the trend.

"They're looking for people who not only can create a Web site, but who understand the mar-

keting aspects - how to work with consumers, how to get them to a Web site, what to do with the Web site, get them there, how to provide customer service," says Rich Alexander of Alexander Associates, an executive search firm in Princeton.

Alexander says many companies whose business has nothing inherently to do with computer technology - those in financial services, for instance - are eager to hire people with e-commerce skills.

Much of the public has become familiar with the retail aspects of e-commerce through the booming success of Amazon.com and others. But the bulk of e-commerce is the less-glitzy, business-to-business market that revolves around purchasing supplies and services.

Trying to teach a rapidly evolving subject can be tricky for colleges. "There aren't many texts out on this, there aren't many case studies, there isn't much course material, and few professors know much about it," Hickman says.

Marly Greenstein, who teaches e-commerce at Lehigh University, wrote a textbook on the ever-changing subject. It will come out this fall, she says, so some information is outdated.

Because e-commerce is so new, many academic programs tap business experts to speak to students - and include on-the-job training for students. La Salle's

new institute will offer seven lectures a year by experts, and Drexel's e-commerce concentration for M.B.A.s includes a seminar taught by outside experts.

The schools also plan to use their e-commerce centers as research vehicles and offer consultative services to local companies.

But it remains to be seen how quickly professors will actually want to research the new e-commerce. Professors are granted tenure based on their research, and employers to ask schools professors might not risk dabbling in an uncharted area such as e-commerce, especially since they are finished professors who would be reviewing their work likely won't know much about the newfangled subject.

Hickman also warns students and employers to ask schools what exactly is new in their touted new e-commerce offerings. "I would caution that with student and employer demand now driving curriculum changes, there's certainly the temptation for schools to take their existing courses, and employers to take a bow on them and say, 'Ah ha! An e-commerce program!'"

While most e-commerce programs are geared to tiny groups of business students, La Salle wants its institute to benefit all students - including undergraduates with traditional liberal-arts majors.

Diversification: No longer dirty word

By Susan Tompor Knight Ridder News Service

Mutual funds that invest in all sorts of stocks finally outdid the best measure of big-company stock funds last quarter - the seemingly invincible Standard & Poor's 500 index.

Small-cap funds, mid-cap, micro-cap, and a water fund, emerging markets, and a Canadian fund. They all did better than the S&P 500 index funds, which were up an average 6.85 percent for the second quarter, according to Lipper, a mutual fund tracking firm based in Summit, N.J.

Nearly 69 percent of general U.S. stock funds beat the S&P 500 index funds, which were up an average 6.85 percent for the second quarter, according to Lipper. Micro-caps invest in stocks with market capitalizations of \$300 million or less.

Small caps, which buy stock in slightly bigger small companies, were next for the quarter, up an average 15.56 percent.

Why the dramatic turn? "Did you ever hear of the 'dead cat bounce'?" asked Russell Kinnel, mutual fund editor for

Morningstar.com, a tracking service in Chicago. Valerie, animal lover with more cats than I care to count, the dead-cat reference is an old stock market analogy.

It goes like this: Throw a cat out a 50th-floor window and it will bounce when it hits the ground. But the cat isn't alive just because it showed a tiny sign of life.

So, is small cap taking on a new life or just bobbing a bit? "It was so extremely undervalued," he was bound to bounce back," Kinnel said.

His take: Small caps might not be as lively as they look. Many might be skeptical. For about three years, many investors got burned by stocks in small companies. Last year, large-company growth stocks were up 35.5 percent, on average. Small-company value stocks were down 7.15 percent.

Small company stocks were hard hit by the Asian currency crisis, which began in late 1997. Money rushed into large, U.S. stocks as investors sought safety. Small-company stocks were ignored.

But the winds began shifting around April, as Japan and other Asian markets began recovering. On the global front, Pacific Ex Japan Funds - funds that invest in the Pacific Rim countries, excluding Japan - were up 37.61 percent

Fear

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client textile machines. Out of work and destitute, they rioted, killing factory owners and destroying more than 1,200 machines.

Their struggle to stop technology was futile, however, and turned out to be unnecessary. Factory owners replaced the destroyed machines and hired more people to work in their new, highly productive businesses.

Today, technology has made many kinds of work international, so it's as easy for a company in Chicago to have some jobs done in India as in the home office. And because of the difference in salary structure, it may be better for the bottom line.

Eventually, Godbey said, technology will affect the "construction of work. Who is doing what, how people will be employed, and for how long." But it could be years before these changes are felt as we enjoy an economic boom in which demand is high and unemployment is low.

As much as the infusion of new technologies is causing anxiety, it's not because people are working longer hours. It's because technology makes them always available, always at somebody's beck and call, according to Godbey.

"The frequency of communication - talking on cell phones, faxing, receiving and sending e-mails - this increased," he said.

"They never feel they can escape from it, and (the feeling) probably will intensify. So, how can people overcome technostress?"

"Take a technology holiday," said Bert J. Du Puis, physician and author of the book "How to Handle High Tech Stress." He advises, "Have a day where you don't use any electronic carry-a-beeper." In addition, when leaving the office, avoid taking work to go on the train or at home.

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by Craig Smith



Only a politician will sell you a \$100 ticket to a dinner and then give a speech on how he didn't need the \$100. Nothing makes you feel your home is your castle more than getting an estimate to have it painted. A lot of bread, a jug of wine - and you've shot the weekly food budget. Not everyone repeats gossip. Some improve it. Everyone's talking about the great service at...

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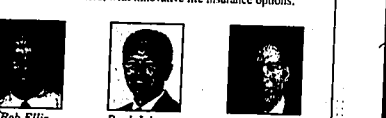
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Socially conscious investing pays off

Many 'responsible' mutual funds top S&P 500 over last three years

Knight Ridder News Service

Some good deeds do go unpunished after all.

Investors who try to invest with a conscience by buying what they consider to be socially responsible mutual funds have earned top-tier returns in many cases.

Of the 40 funds designated as socially responsible that have existed for at least three years, 17 are in the top 25 percent of their peer groups, according to Chicago fund-tracker Morningstar. And six of those beat the S&P 500 over the last three years.

Socially conscious investors also have more choices than ever before. Just a century ago, socially conscious funds generally had a liberal bent and avoided investing in tobacco, alcohol, defense and casino companies, along with those that had records on pollution and hiring of women and minorities.

The Meyers Price Value Fund, for instance, screens for reasonably priced stocks of companies with progressive policies toward gay men and lesbians. The Cruelty Free Value Fund, run by Beacon Global Advisors, passes over companies that test products on animals or are involved in hunting or fur.

But in recent years, a number of funds have sprung up to

appeal to religious and conservative investors. The Amanna Funds, which cater to Muslim investors, produce pork because the faith forbids that food. The Timothy Plan funds avoid companies such as Disney that offer benefits to same-sex partners.

Morningstar counts 69 socially responsible funds with \$9 billion in assets; up from 49 with \$2.8 billion in assets at the end of 1994.

Socially responsible investing is in such demand that Vanguard Group and Standard & Poor's have discussed creating an index that screens out companies on social criteria. If it could identify a suitable index, Vanguard would then offer a mutual fund that tracked the index, much as it does with the S&P 500.

However, Vanguard isn't sure it could come up with an index that would appeal to the consciences of all investors, said F. William McNabb, head of the company's institutional investor group. After all, topics such as abortion and violence portrayed by the entertainment industry usually generate more dissent than agreement.

While the investment returns of socially responsible funds are mixed, the firm's practitioners say it gives them an investing edge.



Disney boycott

The Timothy Plan funds avoid companies such as Disney that offer benefits to same-sex partners. The Amanna Funds, which cater to Muslim investors, won't invest in companies that produce pork.



Joe Love walks through his tobacco fields this month in Lake City, S.C. Many socially conscious investors avoid mutual funds that invest in tobacco.

"One of the things the social screens does is it moves you into companies of higher financial quality," said Amy Domini, president of Domini Social Investments, which runs the Domini Social Equity Fund. "For example, I don't buy nuclear utilities. Which utilities have the most debt? Nuclear utilities."

Some fund families convince companies in which they invest to change their ways, said Sophia Collier, manager of Social Index Fund. In May, Universal Health Services Inc. of King of Prussia, Pa., agreed to find ways to eliminate the use of polynyl chloride (PVC) plastic products in its hospitals after Citizens introduced a shareholder resolution asking the company to do so because PVCs may harm people

and the environment.

Even though some socially responsible funds have triumphed on activist and investing fronts, investors must remember investing basics, said Morningstar analyst Bill Rocco. "People need to not just look at the screens but beyond that," Rocco said. "Is it a large-cap fund? Is it a growth fund? Does it invest in just stocks or stocks and bonds?" How limiting is the screen?

Remember to take expenses into account, too, he said.

And for those who would rather laugh with the sinners, there's a fund for that, too: Morgan FundShares calls itself a sin fund and focuses on companies in the alcohol, gambling and entertainment industries.

FBI warns elderly to protect nest eggs

Telemarketers often target senior citizens

Knight Ridder News Service

HOUSTON - Jennie Maryland knows that as a 65-year-old woman, she's a prime target for fraud, so she doesn't mince words with telemarketers.

"I just tell them that I'm recording the conversation," she said. Ms. Maryland smiles, knowing that her warning scares potential criminals from trying to take her hard-earned money.

The Houston resident is indeed a potential fraud victim, along with millions of other senior citizens. Nearly 80 percent of telemarketers investigated by the FBI target their calls at elderly customers, and government officials can recount hundreds of cases of investment scams, bank firm-flams and other frauds.

Ms. Maryland was among several dozen senior citizens who attended one of four hearings held here to teach them how to avoid being ripped off by scam artists.

The hearings, which featured officials from several government agencies, were organized by Rep. Ken Benntson, D-Houston. Mr. Benntson is a co-sponsor of the Senior Safety Act of 1993, which is designed to prevent the elderly from becoming victims of crimes such as health care and pension fraud and nursing home neglect.

"Rapid changes in technology and increasingly complicated banking, health care and telemarketing transactions put too many of our senior citizens in the position of becoming victims of fraud and abuse," he said in a recent statement.

The reason senior citizens are a particularly attractive target for would-be criminals is that many people over 50 have accumulated a sizeable nest egg for retirement.

Unfortunately, many are not financially sophisticated enough to manage that money, explains James Walsh, president of the Los Angeles-based Silver Lake Publishing Co. and author of "You Can't Cheat An Honest Man: High Ponzi Schemes and Pyramid Frauds Work, and Why They're More Common Than Ever."

"Many make some bad decisions" when they're put in charge of large sums of money, he said.

Also, seniors who often feel isolated from family and friends are vulnerable to a psychological level.

Whoever the typical elderly victims are, they can easily fall prey to myriad schemes, speakers at the hearing said.

Senior citizens should look out for people posing as bank examiners or bank employees on the phone, explained Craig D. Stone of the Houston office of the Comptroller of the Currency. These dishonest people ask for a person's bank account number, telling them that they will use the personal information to issue a "Y2K-safe" automated teller machine card. Currently, many schemes feed upon irrational fears about Year 2000 computer glitches, he explained.

"Never give your Social Security number, bank or credit card numbers unless you've initiated the transaction," he warned, adding that banks already have that information on file.

Senior citizens should also be wary of illegitimate "celebrity" or people who campaign for charity donations, as well as telemarketers who offer prizes to those who make a purchase, said Andrea Foster, director of the Federal Trade Commission's Atlanta regional office.

If you want to cancel credit card, cut it up and return it to creditor

The Orange County Register

Q. Last year, I signed up for a credit card just to get a T-shirt the company was offering during a promotion at a sports function. After I received the credit card, I called the company to have the account closed. They said no annual fee and I never used the card. (In fact, I cut the card up the day I received it.) I have called three times to close the account because the company keeps sending me cash-advance checks. They refer me to my account number.

A. Each time I call, I am assured the account will be closed. What do I need to do to make sure it is closed for good? Does having this unused card on my record hurt my credit history?

A. Any time you receive a credit card and wish to cancel it, you must cut the card up and return it to the creditor. David McNaughton, author of "All About Credit: Questions and Answers to the Most Common Problems" (Dearborn Financial Publishing). Send it by registered mail with a return receipt requested. Keep the receipt - it's your only proof that the creditor received the card.

McNaughton says to follow up your mailing with a phone call to confirm that the account has been canceled and is being reported as closed by the creditor on your credit report.

Since it appears that you cut up the card without returning it,

Money Q & A

McNaughton suggests you still write a letter and send it certified mail. Explain in your letter that you cut up the card and disposed of it and you now want the account canceled. Follow up with a phone call to confirm that the account is closed.

Open accounts with zero balances can be used against you when trying to get a new card. McNaughton says a creditor could view these open accounts as credit that you can activate at any time, which would cause more debt and higher payments, possibly causing you to become overextended, she says.

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Close all open accounts that you are not using by writing the creditors and returning the cut-up cards, McNaughton says.

Four to six weeks after you close your accounts, request a copy of your credit report from all three credit-reporting bureaus to verify that the accounts you closed are being reported accurately.

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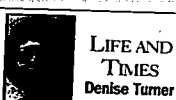
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Looking pretty good for the shape you're in

Last year, the Dallas Morning News ran a story about twist-the-knife, age-related messages on birthday cards: "Thirty. Game over. You lose." Or, "You know you are old when the gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting the bifocals" - or when "you feel like the morning after and you haven't been anywhere."

Most of the time, I don't think about aging very much. But summertime means lots of family birthdays at my house.

I, myself, am a member of the Baby Boom generation - among 76 million others born between 1946 and 1964. We are the ones who once vowed never to trust anyone over 30, and to do our own things above all else.



LIFE AND TIMES Denise Turner

According to the American Association of Retired Persons, this bunch started turning 50 on Jan. 1, 1996, and are now in the process of rewriting the story of aging.

There were several women who were pregnant at my 20-year high school reunion, and some of them were just starting their families. And you've noticed the number of advertisements now being targeted toward gracefully-aging seniors?

"How old does a person have to be to be considered old?" is a common question in today's world.

Retirement age? 79? Old enough to know better?

Mike Wallace is still getting top billing on CBS' "60 Minutes," and he's 79, reported Carter Henderson, who wrote "Funny, I Don't Feel Old." And the Internet is filled with dating information for the most senior of senior citizens.

I remember one of my children coming home from elementary school one day and driving me a complete description of an antique teacher that had taught about antiques that day, and the general idea was that you have to be 75 years old to be an antique - and do you realize that means that Grandma isn't an antique yet?

Do you remember milk in glass bottles? one Web site inquired. Or the ice truck or 14-cent hamburgers or Winky Dink and Mr. Peppers?

Plenty of today's most active citizens do. In fact, there is a new book titled "RealAge," by Dr. Michael F. Roizen, that tries to compute your "real age" based on your actual age and other factors, including diet, exercise and stress levels.

But those words maybe you ARE only as old as you feel. According to "RealAge," getting a good night's sleep or eating a low-fat diet can reduce your real age by as much as three years. If you do "not a cat" (don't ask me why, I don't write it) - is even better.

Don't expect people to ever stop talking about your chronological age, no matter how much good stuff you do. And don't expect your children to notice how much younger you are becoming every day.

I have a minister friend who was delivering a children's sermon on Noah's Ark one Sunday when a child asked him if he was on that big boat.

"No, I wasn't," the minister said, thinking that would be the end of it. But the child continued, undaunted: "Then why aren't you dead?"

This is the same boy who announced he was turning 50 at a congregational meeting and had to stop talking to his young parishioners saying, "Don't worry. My dad's 52, and he's not dead yet."

The writer of the Dallas Morning News story explained that greeting card companies can get away with a lot more teasing with someone who is 30 than with someone who is 50.

"Seventy. Game over. You lose," just doesn't make sense to a young man. Struziger, creative director for American Greetings.

The summer of Hemingway

Celebrating a century of Idaho's most famous adopted son

By Pat Murphy Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Another city (Oak Park, Ill.) boasts of being his birthplace, another (Key West, Fla.) claims to host the liveliest look-alike contest of bearded impersonators. But only Ketchum has the distinction of being Ernest Hemingway's final resting place, and the setting for writing his best-known novel as well, where he spent most self-destructive years, and where he died.

And this month, the 100th anniversary of Hemingway's birth on next Wednesday, more attention will be focused on Ketchum and Sun Valley than ever as scholars and the curious remember the giant of American letters in a series of events.

Morbid as it may seem, the most frequently asked question by tourists is directions to Hemingway's grave.

The gravesite and that of his fourth and last wife, Mary, are surprisingly plain, ground-level rectangular marble markers, with nothing but their names and dates of birth and death.

Hundreds each year visit the plot,

located under several large pine trees on the rear of the city cemetery, a few minutes walk from Ketchum's downtown business area.

Following a tradition of unknown origin, visitors pitch pennies onto Hemingway's grave, later collected to pay to replace turf worn thin by Hemingway fans and loyalists.

A more fitting memorial to Hemingway is located northeast of downtown Ketchum, on Trull Creek Road, about a mile and a half from the Sun Valley resort.

A mounted bronze bust of Hemingway overlooks Trull Creek, with a plaque:

"Best of all he loved the fall, the leaves yellow on cottonwoods, leaves floating in trout streams, and above the hills the high wind-whirls skies. Now he will be part of them forever."

The verse was actually written years earlier by Hemingway as the eulogy to a hunting and fishing friend, Gene Van Gulder.

And so it was that Hemingway, regarded by many as one of the western literary world's greatest authors, came to rest in a small town in the Idaho mountains, far from the glitter and glamour of world capitals where he gambled for three decades with celebrities of film and literature and earned the reputation of hard-drinking womanizer.

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Ernest Hemingway at work in Parlor Suite 206 of the Sun Valley Lodge. During 1932, he wrote 20 chapters of 'For Whom the Bell Tolls' while he was living in the lodge.

Hemingway centennial events

- Today, 5:30 p.m.** - "History of Hemingway in the Wood River Valley," presented by College of Southern Idaho instructor Ted Dyer, Holey Public Library, 7 W. Croft St., Holey, Free. Sponsored by CSI.
- Wednesday, 3 p.m.** - "Happy Birthday Ernest Hemingway" tea and cake, Ketchum/Sun Valley Ski and Heritage Museum, First Street.
- Friday, 7 p.m.** - "Happy Birthday Ernest Hemingway" short story contest winners reading their stories. Free.
- Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.** - "Hemingway: The Final Years," lecture at Community School Auditorium by Hemingway historian and biographer Michael Reynolds, North Carolina State University professor emeritus. Free. The Community School is located at 181 Dollar Road, Sun Valley.
- Thursday, 7 p.m.** - "World War I: Politics, Society and Disillusionment," presented by University of Idaho history professor Katherine Aiken at the Community Library, 415 Spruce Ave., Ketchum, Free.
- Friday, 1 p.m.** - Reception at Chapter One Bookstore for Hemingway's sister, Marceline, and is located at 150 N. Main St., Holey, Free.
- Friday, 7 p.m.** - "Hemingway's Paris: The 1920's Musical Milieu," a lecture by Boise State University music professor Jeanne Boly at the Community Library, 415 Spruce Ave., Ketchum, Free.
- Friday, 7 p.m.** - Barnes & Noble Bookstores in Twin Falls will host a "Hemingway Centennial Birthday Party," an evening of jazz and bad prose readings. Winners of B.N.'s Hemingway Centennial Writing Contest will be announced and there will be an Ernest Hemingway look-alike contest. Free. Barnes & Noble is located at 1239A Pole Line Road E.
- Saturday, 12:30 p.m.** - Wine reception with tasting with Hemingway theme, Sun Valley Resort, with dinner 12:30 p.m. to midnight. For ticket information, call 728-8491.
- Sunday, July 25, 5:30 p.m.** - Lecture on Ezra Pound and Hemingway by Gerald Kennedy at Holey Public Library, 7 Croft St., Holey, Free.
- Sunday, July 25, 6 p.m.** - Sun Valley Summer Symphony, Edgar Bronfman chamber music series begins, free, Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.
- Sunday, July 25, 8 p.m.** - New Theater Company will present, "Papa," based on the life of Hemingway. For further information, call 788-2025.
- Monday, July 26, 7 p.m.** - "Masculine Imagery in the Visual Arts of the Early 20th Century," presented by Albertson College art history professor Gertie Casson, Community School Auditorium, 181 Dollar Road, Sun Valley.
- Monday, July 26, 8 p.m.** - "The Rapier," performed by the Company of Fools, The Mint, Holey. For ticket information, call 788-6520.
- Tuesday July 27, 6 p.m.** - Edgar M. Bronfman chamber music series continues, free, Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.
- Wednesday, July 28, 4-6 p.m.** - Hemingway House fundraiser, \$200 per person (limited to first 100 persons). Includes cocktails and copy of new Hemingway book, "True at First Light." Proceeds to the Nature Conservancy. Transportation from the Park and Ride lot, Ketchum. For ticket information, call 622-8174.
- Thursday, July 29, 3 p.m.** - Hemingway picnic, Ski and Heritage Museum, First Street, Ketchum, Free.
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Think like a child when baby-proofing your house

When seeking to child-proof a home, examine it from a child's point of view. Get down on all fours and comb for plants, small objects, sharp edges or other potential hazards.

- Use safety covers on all electrical outlets.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector. You should also have smoke detectors on each level of the home.
- Mount baby gates at the top and bottom of stairs, making sure they are securely bolted, not pressure mounted.
- Install safety latches on all kitchen cabinets and drawers.
- Keep appliances, appliance cords, placemats and tablecloths out of reach.
- Set hot water heaters to 120 degrees or less.

Etc...

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- Install locks on toilets and medicine cabinets.
- Check walls for lead-based paints.
- Make sure a baby's crib has no more than 2.375-inch spacing between slats.
- Beware of toys or mobiles with detachable parts that could choke a child.
- Bolt heavy furniture to the walls.

-Source: National Safe Kids Campaign, the Baltimore Sun

Games, music and food highlight Basque picnic

Today GOODING - The 18th annual Gooding Basque Picnic will be held all day at the Gooding County Fairgrounds, starting at noon. Highlights include games, music and food.

Tuesday RUPERT - Summer Safety Day is set from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mindoka County Fairgrounds.

The event is sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Safety Coalition. The day is geared for children from ages 5-12, with lunch, snacks and drinks provided. Activities include bike safety, gun safety, electrical safety, recycling, child protection, fire safety, machinery safety and water safety. "Wince and Larry" will make a special appearance to remind participants to wear seat belts. Drug dog demonstrations are scheduled

and children will have an opportunity to win a bike helmet. Registration at the door is \$7.

Friday and Saturday OAKLEY - Oakley's Pioneer Days celebration will include fireworks Saturday night, dunk in the rodeo arena, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Saturday at Oakley High School, starting at 7:30 a.m.; a kids-and-family funerals from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at Tabernacle Church.

Clark's famous open pit barbecue from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday in Oakley City Park, and the Pioneer Days parade at 5 p.m. Saturday.

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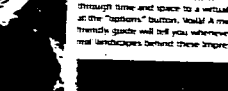
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Essence of effective discipline is communication

In the New York Times, I recently read a "What's research has shown that children turn out best in families in which parental demands are enforced, that is true only if the punishment is not punitive." Is that true?

reer the most well-adjusted, well-behaved children. Most interesting was a finding concerning permissive parents, almost all of whom reported they did not believe in spanking. In one-on-one interviews, however, many of these same parents admitted to explosive attacks...

ence. They should expect obedience, yes, and they should command it, but a parent who finds him/herself demanding obedience on a fairly routine basis is a parent who does not know how to communicate. And again, the essence of good command is good communication.

Every morning, Brownie was let out by the first person who got up. When we called him back in, he usually came running right away, but not on this particular Sunday. We called and coaxed for as long as we could, but Brownie did not seem to be found. In despair, we gave up and headed off to church.

Hemingway was not simply an artist but a way of life

KETCHUM - Ernest Hemingway, born 100 years ago this summer, is buried in a small cemetery near a two-lane highway, facing the foothills at the base of Bald Mountain. His tombstone is granite and rectangular, inscribed in simple, declarative language.

"Papa" - man of experience, sage, benefactor, looking fondly on his young admirers, including female ones he liked to call "Daisy." He smudged his greying, drink-soaked, rough-guy face with mud, strange for a man whose tales grew taller - old-fashioned humor.

But Ketchum keeps a respectful distance. If you want to buy something with Spring Road, which is frequented by bookstores carry all of his titles. Instead of guided tours, there are scholarly lectures on his life and work, and modest exhibits at the local museum and public library.

He was not simply an artist but a way of life. For those paternalistic times, he was not to be trifled with. He was not to be trifled with. He was not to be trifled with.

Hemingway

Continued from F1... Local histories agree that Hemingway first visited the Sun Valley-Ketchum area in 1939, setting up a studio in the Sun Valley Co. and Averill Harriman, whose Union Pacific Railroad founded and developed Sun Valley as the first American destination ski resort.

Hemingway had had no such presser. Last year, this reporter interviewed Hemingway's granddaughter, actress Mariel Hemingway, and her husband, Steve Coogan, who live in Ketchum, about the 1939 expedition documentary they produced for Hemingway's 100th birthday anniversary one year.

not settle permanently in Ketchum until 1951, when they built a home just off Warm Springs Road, which was bequeathed to the National Conservancy by Mary Hemingway.

according to historians and a few who were living in town during the Hemingway years, either did not know Hemingway's importance as a literary figure or ignored him.

Times-Herald correspondent Pat Murphy can be reached at 726-6422.

And dogs go to heaven

"Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in."

By Evelyn Olson... Evelyn Olson has spent most of her 87 years in or near Ogilvie, Minn., where she taught in a school for 20 years. Her reign has had many pets in her life, but she says her dog, Brownie, was her favorite - probably because of his life-long devotion to her entire family.

Sunday mornings are leisurely times in many households, but they certainly weren't in our Ogilvie, Minn., home back in the late '20s.

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Chicken Soup for the Soul

We arrived at church and got settled in. Mother was already at the organ. After some hymns and prayers, the minister began his sermon. We kids tried to sit still, just as we had been told to do. But as the preacher began to warm up on his subject, I thought I heard something unusual. No one else seemed to notice this time it was louder. It sounded like something was scratching at the church door.

Chicken Soup for the Soul

We kids all exchanged silent glances and shifted our seats. Then the scratching sound was followed by the plaintive sound of a lonely dog's howling. All the hair on our necks stood up. We heard anything as they leaned forward in their pews so they could hear every word of the minister's oration. We knew why that howl. Only one dog in the neighborhood could make that sound.

The waiting continued, and the minister paused for a moment, furrowing his brow in frustration. He didn't want to have to compete with a howling hound, so he signaled for the organist to play. But the usher was not quick enough for Brownie. As soon as he opened his mouth and barked, we heard a smug look on his dog's face.

Chicken Soup for the Soul

He stropped up the aisle, cool as you please, as congregation and family looked on, aghast. When Brownie got to the altar, he didn't want to have to compete with a howling hound, so he signaled for the organist to play. But the usher was not quick enough for Brownie. As soon as he opened his mouth and barked, we heard a smug look on his dog's face.

There were many Sundays when Brownie repeated his demonstrations of religious piety and family loyalty. As you can imagine, this was quite embarrassing for Mother. There were some people who weren't all that happy to see a dog in church, and each time we got a new preacher, Mother had to explain our unusual dog to him. After after Brownie passed away, our minister came to call. After consoling us over our loss, he said, "If there is a heaven for dogs, you'd be assured that Brownie will be scratching at the door of heaven when it is opened, he will be in place right up front with the best of them."

COMMUNITY

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Kimberly recognizes honor students

Kimberly Middle School

KIMBERLY - Kimberly Middle School announced the students who made all A's and B's for the third trimester.

Seventh-grade - Elizabeth Albrigher, Laura Allen, Lindsey Bellin, Cerrisa Bertrio, Gary Beebe, Ashley Bollenbach, Whitney Bullwinkel, Kelsey Bundeled, Justin Bourner, Lara Bradburn, Shannel Bringham, Micah Campbell, Ashley Carlton, Rebekah Charven, Andrew Clayton, Jason Cook, Chad DeMarco, Holly Denney, Jane Dille, Marilee Feurer, Krista Gambrel, Jennifer Gardner, Megan Gerpen, Heather Higgins, Lindsay Hill, Amber Hopwood, Nikole Huns, Bert Hutzman, Chris Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Annie Kirchner, Kory Koeper, Rachael Luff, Amy Magnelli, Andrew McGrew, Sage McNeil, Millie Mulberry, Meghan O'Donnell, Casey Patrick, Andrew Pike, Joel Price, Brock Prudden, Michael Powers, Jim Reeves, Ashley Remmel, Kyle Richman, Ashley Rivera, Ashley Rowbury, Darlene Smith, Kent Wade, Melissa Webb, Christina White, Candace Whitnall, and Ricky Zuckow.

Eighth-grade - Trevor Baizer, Melissa Brown, Josh Choecker, Jordan Cline, Jamie Cunningham, Joshua Dampferfeld,

Barbara Dille, Jared Evans, Danielle Everett, Kayleigh Fisher, Andy Foukal, Emily Fowers, Natalie Fowers, DeNea Gailey, Kayla Gardner, Logan Godfrey, Shanae Harmon, Brent Higley, Cole Howard, Kody Krieger, Melissa Larsen, Shay Lawrence, Sara Lind, Thomas Marvin, Melissa McRill, Ashley Miller, Emily Molisee, Kendal Nield, Ashley Origo, Amanda Peters, Aron Phinney, Jordan Poulton, Lacie Rice, Rick Roper, Katie Shirley, Joey Sila, Sonya Silva, William Stanger, Jake Vawser, Misty Vawser, Andrea Woodmansee, and Jennifer Workman.

Kimberly High School

KIMBERLY - Kimberly High School also announced honor students for the third trimester.

Eleventh-grade - Callie Soderquist, Debraa Spencer, Josh Summers, Jennifer Stradler, Julie Thompson, Terry Tillotson, Autumn Watson, and Robert L. Wans.

Twelfth-grade - Julie Black, Racie Brooks, Joshua Dyer, Levi Dry, Melody Egerdorf, Philip Knight, Gayle Larson, Eddie McClain, Tyler McLaughlin, Angela M. McNeil, Matt O'Keefe, Kyle Packham, Deon Poulton, Chad Seby, Tim Schmidt, Jared Taylor,

Kara Wells, Brandon Williams, and Cullen L. Workman.

Honor Roll students are: Sunny Muirhead, Britta Olsen, Kelly Olsen, Eli Price, Staci Vawser, and Jenilee Zadow.

Eleventh-grade - Brett Baldwin, Nathaniel Bondfield, Kyle Bourner, Danton Bradshaw, Darcy Dangerfield, Sean Egbert, Jeremy Eguisquin, Flint Espil, Lucas Heidemann, Jon Henry, Wesley Hopwood, Brandon Hunt, Kacy Krueger, Heather Luft, Karissa Maler, Stephanie McKague, Miranda Melnyk, Callie O'Dell, Aidan O'Donnell, Daniel Pike, Devin Poulton, Emily Poulton, Brandy Preissner, Jene Prudent, Mitch Roberts, Jennifer Sartain, Carly Schneider, Joseph Talbot, and Jesse Tillotson.

Twelfth-grade - Jackie Black, Bryton Black, Paige Buchanan, Erin Burbank, Maude-Sol Castorena, Aimee Clayton, Jentry Dille, Amy Feldhusen, Matt Ginder, Brianna Harshman, Michele Higley, Melissa Hill, William Humbert, Joshua Jones, Travis Lamars, Shaun Moorehead, Megan Mulberry, Jason Rands, Jason Reese, Ali Remaley, Lorin Robbins, Matt Robison, Ben J. Smith, Travis Stevens, Kristen Stevens, Henry Talbot, Amy Vawser, Ben Watson, and Louisa Zadow.



Shane Ridley-Stevens, far left kneeling, poses with participants at the Hansen Community Library summer reading program. Ridley-Stevens presented a program on Native American customs and traditions.

Reading program focuses on Native American culture

HANSEN - A small "pow-wow" gathered June 30 at the Hansen Community Library as part of its summer reading program.

The theme of "Treasure Your Library" was narrowed to American treasures and featured stories, crafts and activities involving Native American customs.

The program featured Shane Ridley-Stevens, a local Native American of the Western Shoshone.

He talked with the children about being a Native American, did a dance for the hunt and told a story about the skunk

got its stripe. He also talked about Native American customs and traditions.

Ridley-Stevens explained different meanings of his dance costume and also showed children dance steps for boys and girls. At the end, almost all of the 61 young people and adults in attendance joined in.

Sue and Donna Thomson arranged the program and many adults supplied treats.

For information about the library and reading program, call 423-4122.

Jones enters U.S. Army basic training at Fort Jackson

ARMY PVT. Todd A. Jones, son of Barbara D. Neimayer of Twin Falls, entered basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of basic training, Jones will study the Army's mission and will receive instructions in physical training, military justice, military fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Captain completes Institute of Technology graduate program

Air Force Capt. Andrew W. Leann, son of Walter J. and Yvonne D. Leann of

Commodore, Pa., has completed the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) graduate program at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, and received a master's degree.

Learn, a target recognition engineer, completed the AFIT course as a distinguished graduate. Learn is assigned to the Six Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

His wife Patricia, is the daughter of Hans and Barbara Crabtree of Twin Falls. Learn is a 1985 graduate of Purchase Line High School in Commodore, Pa., and received a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University, at University Park, Pa.

Elko resident participates in Fleet Week 1999 in New York

Elko resident Roger J. Torres, son of Roger J. and Tracy Torres, took part in Fleet Week 1999, in New York, which assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Cole, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Torres, a 1937 graduate of Spring Creek High School of Spring Creek, Nev., joined the Navy in March 1997.

SERVICE NEWS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Retired federal employees group plans picnic in park

TWIN FALLS - Chapter 1559 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees has planned a picnic at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, at the Heider Pavilion in Rock Creek Park.

Participants should bring a salad or main dish and table service. Drinks and cake will be provided by the chapter.

All current and retired federal employees, members or non-members, are invited to attend.

For more information, call Russell Rosenthal at 733-0959 or 1-800-250-6513.

Arco/Butte County Airport hosts hot air balloon show

ARCO - The Arco/Butte County Airport will host hot air balloons between 7-11 a.m. on Saturday.

The fly-in will start with a pancake breakfast between 7-9 a.m. featuring pancakes, eggs, bacon, juice, coffee or hot chocolate. Cost for breakfast will be \$5 for adults, and \$3.50 for children age 9 and under.

Also featured will be a static air display with military and civilian airplanes at 10 a.m. Balloon rides will be available to the public between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m., whether permitting.

For more information, call the Lost River Visitor Center at 527-897 or the Butte County Airport Commissioner Mark Pope at 527-3648.

South Magic Valley AARP Chapter meets to discuss fair

TWIN FALLS - Members of the recently reorganized South Magic Valley Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center to discuss plans for participation in the Twin Falls Senior Fair this September.

The South Magic Valley AARP also will be considering establishment of local committees to further such programs for the elderly already adopted by the AARP at the state and national levels. Members will also attempt to make a schedule of future activities for the next schedule of 1999 and discuss the nomination and election of a permanent slate of officers.

Tuesday's meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend, and membership in the AARP is open to anyone 50 years of age or older. The Senior Citizens Center is located at Elizabeth and Eastland Avenues.

For more information, call 734-5565 or 733-8542.

Singles Square Dance Club hosts potluck at Hazelton City Park

HAZELTON - The Magic Valley

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CASA program announces 5th scramble fund-raiser

TWIN FALLS - The 5th District Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program will be hosting a four-man scramble at 9 a.m. Friday at the Curyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls.

The scramble will raise funds for the CASA program, a non-profit organization where advocates represent the best interests of children involved in the child protective system, organizers say.

Cost is \$50 per person for the scramble, which includes a cart and lunch and is tax deductible.

For more information, call CASA at 324-6890.

American Lung Association seeks vehicle donations from public

TWIN FALLS - The American Lung Association is accepting vehicle donations from the public.

Vehicles are sold at auction or sent to the salvage yard, with all proceeds going to lung health programs in the community, organizers say. The association will accept cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats or recreational vehicles, and will pick up the donation for free. Donations may be tax deductible.

For more information or to donate your vehicle, call 1-888-300-LUNG.

Kimberly Public Library presents program on Hawaii Wednesday

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Public Library is presenting a program on Hawaii at 10 p.m. Wednesday, featuring guest speaker Charles "Chucky" Pelt, a native Idahoan who resides in Wainane, Hawaii.

Pelt will discuss the differences between and similarities in each of the Hawaiian island's different cultures and demonstrate the newly lost art of palm-leaf weaving.

Twin Falls Master Gardeners will tour rose garden Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Master Gardeners will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the City Park.

The meeting will include a stroll through the rose garden across the street from the park, and the public is invited to attend.

The Master Gardeners say they are dedicated to community service through gardening projects by mentoring new gardeners and researching solutions to

gardening problems for fellow gardeners, coordinators say.

For more information, please call 733-7115 or 734-8781.

Senior Wheels Program makes electric wheelchairs available

TWIN FALLS - The Senior Wheels Program provides electric wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens at no out-of-pocket expense, if they qualify.

There is no deposit required, program coordinators say.

The electric wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home or independent living quarters and meet the additional qualifications.

This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age.

For more information, call 1-800-360-8765.

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Sarah Machacek, daughter of Gary and Pat Machacek of Boise and granddaughter of Matilda Machacek of Buhl, won an outstanding achievement award in April for her composition, "Spring Song," at the Reflections cultural arts program in Pocatello. Machacek, 11, won at the intermediate level. Machacek began studying piano at age 3 and wrote her first composition at age 9. The Reflections program was sponsored by the Idaho State PTA.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Students make ISU College of Education dean's list for spring

Area students were named to the dean's list at the Idaho State University College of Education in Pocatello.

They are: Rokha Nicole Thompson of M. Hill; Sonia K. Gonzales, Kimberly M. Harris, Ramona S. Juarez, Audrey McCall, Laurie A. McMillan, Susanne K. Olson, Lou J. Phillips, Dionne Robins, and Kathy G. West, all of Burley; Ashlee Rae Peck of Carey; Christopher M. Frey, Wendolyn S. McGregor, and Peggyanne Nielsen, all of Filer; Gail M. Hancock and Rebecca L. Petroch, both of Buhl; Ashley Nelson of Hagerman; Stefanie C. Brimacombe and Tobie D. Helman, both of Hansen; Denise M. Fairchild-Garcia, Sonia A. Humphries, and Deborah L. Jansen, all of Jerome; Megan Lee, Benjamin Alan Smith, and Jamie Webster, all of Kimberly; Melissa K. Bedke, Heidi A. Cranney, and Annica Whittle, all of Oakley; May L. Mendenhall of Paul; Terry R. Holland, Cheryl A. Ross, and Heather M. Ross, all of Richfield; Patricia A. Critchfield, James T. Harvey, Stacey L. Hunsaker, and Mayda Leon, all of Rupert; Brent C. Butters, Barbara B. Christensen, Jayne Marie Clelland, Mary L. Eicheto, Deanna M. Hill, Martin Frederick Hoffman, Janet M. Johnson, Monica O. Lewis, Victoria J. Malone, Nikki L. Matthews, N. Lynn Rickert, Victor J. Smith, Michael A. Stanger, Sara L. Sterling, Ana L. Thueson, and Heather J. Timoney, all of Twin Falls.

Professors College in Pocatello

They are: Tommie Lou Holm, Tamara Janak, and Amanda Wages, all of Burley; Kerry Torgimsson of Hagerman; Jason Landers and Judy Woolward of Paul; Christy Barron, Michelle Lynn Crowley, Emily Hadley, and Holly Sandall, all of Twin Falls; and Angi Lancaster of Wendell.

Area students take place on dean's list at Albortson College

Area students named to the dean's list for Albortson College for the spring semester are:

Brecca Garnett of Arco; Traci Wilde of Glenns Ferry; Matthew Major of Gooding; Sarah Helwich of Murtaugh; Erin Baldwin of Kimberly; and Jamie Amest, Tanya Flores, Sara High, and Meghan Trainor, all of Twin Falls.

Twin Falls resident receives master's degree from WSU

Matthew M. Quesnell, son of Valerie and Michael Quesnell of Twin Falls, earned his master's degree in animal science from Washington State University in Pullman, Wash. Quesnell studied reproductive physiology in pursuit of his master's.

Quesnell received a Ralph Erb Memorial Fellowship in 1998, and was winner of the Student's Choice Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant in the animal sciences department in 1999. He received his bachelor's degree in microbiology from the University of Idaho in 1997.

Quesnell is a 1993 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Area students earn ISU honors

Area students have earned places on the Idaho State University Honors

ENGAGEMENTS

GARRISON-ERICKSON

TWIN FALLS—Rick Erickson and Stephanie Garrison announce their engagement. Stephanie is the daughter of Frank Garrison of Twin Falls and the late Lois Arlene Garrison, is a 1988 graduate of Twin Falls High School and attends the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at A'toma Italian Cuisine. Erickson, the son of Rick and Laura Erickson of Clatskanie, Ore., and Clarence and Linda Shook of Pocatello, is a 1990 graduate of Twin Falls Christian



Stephanie Garrison and Rick Erickson Academy. He is employed by Quality Fresh Foods and Idaho Guide Service. An outdoor wedding is planned for Saturday.

EDWARDS-AMUNDSON

GOODING—Walter and Marie Baucum of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine D. Edwards, to Daren S. Amundson, son of Dennis Amundson of Twin Falls and Cheryl Nicholson of Twin Falls. Edwards is a 1991 graduate of Gooding High School. She is employed at Magic Valley Bank in Twin Falls. Amundson is a 1986 graduate of Jerome High School. He is employed by Idaho Power in Twin Falls. An outdoor wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Saturday at 626 Canyon Drive in Twin Falls (near



Daren Amundson and Catherine Edwards the Shoshone Falls power plant). A reception to honor the couple will follow the ceremony.

MONTAÑO-MONTALVO

TWIN FALLS—Ben Montoya of San Diego, Calif., and Annette Montoya of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Montoya, to Matthew Montalvo, son of Ron and Judy Montalvo of San Diego. Montoya is a graduate of Helix High School in San Diego and plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall. She is employed at Albertsons in Twin Falls. Montalvo is a graduate of Helix High School in San Diego. He is self-employed in Twin



Matthew Montalvo and Rachel Montoya Falls. The wedding is planned for Saturday in San Diego.

ZUMWALT-BEHNKE

RUPERT—David and Karen Zumwalt of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Brooke Zumwalt, to Matthew J. Behnke, son of Meredith and De Behnke of Buxton, Kan. Zumwalt graduated from Minico High School and attended Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan. She is majoring in business at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. Behnke graduated from Tabor College in 1999. He is attending the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. The wedding is planned for 6:30 p.m. July 31 at the First Baptist Church, 25 N. 4th E. in Paul. A



Lindsay Zumwalt and Matthew Behnke reception and dance to honor the couple will follow the ceremony at the Burley Best Western Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave.

MCCOMBS-HANSON

RUPERT—Dee Brant and Kathryn D. McCombs of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Kathryn McCombs, to Evan Edward Hanson, son of L. Carl and Bonnie Hanson of Rupert. McCombs graduated from Minico High School in 1998 and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at St. Benedict's Hospital in Jerome. Hanson graduated from high school in Conrad, Mont., and served Canada Tosi and worked for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is attending CSI and is employed by the Jerome City Recreation Department.



Evan Hanson and Sarah McCombs The wedding is planned for Friday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Heyburn LDS Church, 530 Villa Drive.

BATES-EDDINGS

BURLEY—Nell Bates of Portland, Ore., and Tami Ness of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Bates, to Jason Eddings, son of Donald Sr. and Rachael Eddings of Burley. Bates graduated from Declo High School in 1997 and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed by Attorney James Annett. Eddings graduated with honors from CSI with a general education diploma. He has attended college courses at CSI and works in shops in Denver, Colo. He is employed at Big O Tires in Burley. A garden wedding is planned for Saturday at the Eddings residence. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. following the ceremony. The newlyweds will live in Burley until September when they will relocate to Laramie, Wyo., to continue their education.



Jason Eddings and Nell Bates

EGUSQUIZA-GUDENAU

KIMBERLY—Lois Egusquiza of Twin Falls and Day Egusquiza of Hansen announce the engagement of their daughter, Jayme Alysae Egusquiza, to Devin D. Gudenau, son of Steve and Beverly Gordon of Kimberly. Egusquiza is a graduate of Kimberly High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is currently attending Boise State University through CSI. She is employed at CSI and JC Penney. Gudenau is a graduate of Kimberly High School. He is employed at Jules Hansen Ford. The wedding is planned for 7



Jayme Egusquiza and Devin Gudenau p.m. Saturday at the White House in Twin Falls.

ELLIS-HENINGER

RUPERT—Dave and Marvella Ellis of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret JoAnn Ellis, to John Scott Heninger, son of John Brian and Sandra Heninger of Calgary. Ellis graduated from Minico High School in 1996. She has been majoring in elementary education at Idaho State University in Pocatello. Heninger served an Arizona Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and graduated in 1996 with an elementary education associate's degree from Ricks College in Reno, Nev. He is attending ISU in Pocatello. The wedding is planned for Tuesday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the



John Heninger and Margaret Ellis couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Rupert West Steak Center, 36 S. 100 W. Following a honeymoon to Disneyland, the couple will reside in Pocatello.

ZAGATA-HALL

BURLEY—Raymond and Kathryn Zagata of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Marie Zagata, to Eric Dane Hall, son of Rodney and Mavoureen Hall of Twin Falls. Zagata is a graduate of Burley High School, University of Idaho in Moscow and Idaho State University in Pocatello. She is employed by South Central Headstart in Twin Falls. Hall graduated from Twin Falls High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed by Darren Hall Construction in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Saturday at the White House in Twin Falls. A reception to honor



Eric Hall and Ellen Zagata the couple will be held following the ceremony at the Shilo Inn. After a trip to Yellowstone Park, the couple will reside in Twin Falls.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE HUNTERS

BURLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hunter will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 6 to 9 p.m. at the LDS Church, 2420 Park Ave. Hubert and Mavis Poulton were married Sept. 30, 1939, in Twin Falls. They farmed until 1957 when they moved to Eureka, Calif. He worked in a lumber mill as a postal clerk and as a Salfeway dairyman. She trained as an LVN nurse and worked as a private duty nurse, an operating room nurse and autolaver and later worked in a private doctor's office. They lived in Eureka until 1984. They have held many positions in the LDS Church. He served in primary to stake offices and her service included music and her youth. They served church missions in New York New York and Atlanta Georgia. Following their missions, they have lived in



Mavis and Ralph Hunter Farmington, Utah, Oakley and Burlington, Utah, and they have five children, Richard (Ruth) Hunter of Alameda, Calif., Kathleen (Rodney) Nelson of Overton, Nev., Samuel Hunter of Magna, Utah, Edward (Leslie) Hunter of Peoria, Ariz., and John (Judith) Hunter of Ogden, Utah. The couple has 34 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

THE KISLINGS

DIETRICH—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd O. Kising of Dietrich will be honored at an open house July 18 for their 65th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Shoshone Senior Center. Kising and Arlyne Bargenquist were married in 1934 in Manilla, Iowa. They have lived in Dietrich since 1936 when they moved from Manilla. They still reside at their home ranch. He has been engaged in farming, retiring in 1979. She was a homemaker. He has been active in county and state Democratic politics, where he served as state representative for Lincoln County from 1955-1963 and was a delegate to the national convention in Los Angeles when John Kennedy was nominated for the presidency in 1960. He was a member of the Masons, Shriners, Order of Eastern Star, United Methodist Church, county planning and zoning, St. Benedict's Hospital Foundation, various farm organizations and Dietrich



Arlyne and Floyd Kising School Board, serving as chairman for 16 of 20 years. She has been active as the local, district and state president of Idaho PTA, president of Shoshone United Methodist Women, Worthy Matron of OES, Jobs Daughters, and vice president of Federated Women's Club. The event is being given by their children, Gene A. (Shirley) Kising of Cypress, Calif., Gary A. (Jackie) Kising of Portland, Ore., and Gene (Stephen) Gimes of Nehalem, Ore. The couple has 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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Good attitudes carry people over obstacles

My husband and I have a friend who totally amazes me.

In March of this year he had two very serious operations for the removal of several aneurysms. His abdomen was cut open, and he had cuts on his leg from groin to ankle. We worried that he might die. But every time we went to visit him, he had a smile on his face, peeked as he looked, and his sense of humor never left him.

The pain when he took his first steps must have been horrendous, yet he passed it off, always saying he was on the mend and would soon be better. Now this is not a young man - he will soon be 69, yet he refused to let pain or age affect his attitude. He was determined to get better, and, as the months passed, he did get better, so much better that last week, only four months after his surgery, he and his wife went to the woods for their winter wood supply. He cut down trees, sawed them up, then he and his wife loaded them in his



AFTER CLASS
Gay Peterson

truck. "I took it easy," he told me. "I'd work awhile, then rest, then work awhile."

When I mentioned the fact that it had been only a short time since his surgery, he laughed and said he was feeling fine. He is a great example of what a good attitude can accomplish.

Now, obviously, there are people who could have the best attitude in the world, and it wouldn't make them well, people who are paralyzed, people who have lost a limb or have a crippling disease - anyone whose body cannot react to it. Yet even in these cases people like Christopher

Reece, as an example, have a positive outlook and keep working, hoping for a miracle to occur.

I think there is a lesson here for all of us. We often have had attitudes about minor things, let alone major ones, and some of us tend to quit and not even try to help ourselves, giving in to self-pity and making those around us miserable as well.

A quote was sent to me on the Internet the other day. I would like to share it with you. "Think about this: Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, just remember the homeless family who has no bed to lie in. Should you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair.

There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard-of privilege. Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for the last three months. Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never...

known what it's like to love and be loved in return. Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine. Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking "What is my purpose?" be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity. Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember, things could be worse. You could be them!"

Attitude can make or break a life. Thanks go to our friend who is a living reminder of what a good attitude can do.

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SOCIAL SECURITY Q&A

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. I heard there's a new Web site hosted by Social Security. Can you tell me more about it?

A. "Access America For Seniors" is a new Web site hosted by Social Security. It offers one-stop services to millions of seniors now discovering the ease and convenience of the Internet. The address is <http://www.seniors.gov/>. Access America offers a wide range of federal government information and services, including information on Medicare, nursing homes, HUD housing and VA benefits. You can look up a ZIP code, get a form to notify the post office of a change of address, look for a federal job opening or find your nearest Social Security office.

Q. I receive my benefits by direct deposit. Do I still need to let Social Security know

when I move?

A. Yes, be sure to change your address with Social Security even if your payments go directly to your bank. Social Security needs your address in case we need to send you important information throughout the year.

Q. Is it true that the retirement age is increasing? Does this affect everyone?

A. Yes, it is true that the full retirement age is gradually increasing. The change starts for people born in 1938 and later.

For more information, call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and request the booklet, "Retirement."

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- Always request written information by mail.
- Don't make any investment or purchase you don't fully understand.
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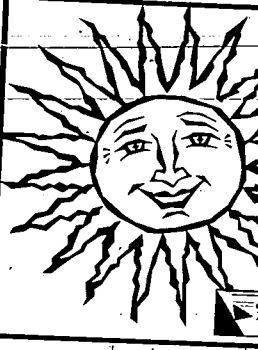
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Stock #0794. Units subject to prior sale. Tax, title fee (\$800) and Dealer DOC fee (\$990) are not included in the monthly payment. 6.0% APR. No cash down. 72 monthly payments - no balloon payments.

EXTENDED 1 MORE WEEK!
ALL '99 DODGE QUAD CAB PICKUPS
\$1000 BELOW FACTORY INVOICE*
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\$24766 OR
\$0 DOWN \$309 MO.
FIRST PAYMENT DUE AT LEASE SIGNING
Stock #97594. Color Metallic Red. Units subject to prior sale or lease. O.A.C. 60 Month Closed End Lease. Tax and title not included in monthly payment. Dealer retains rebate.

- * SLT Package • V-8 Engine • Air Conditioning • AM/FM Stereo
- * Power Windows, Locks & Mirrors • Trailer Tow Group • Dual Air Bags • 3 Year, 36,000 Mile Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance

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ALL '99 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEES
AT FACTORY INVOICE*
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\$26605 OR
\$0 DOWN \$359 MO.
FIRST PAYMENT DUE AT LEASE SIGNING
Stock #99204. Color Black. Units subject to prior sale or lease. O.A.C. 60 Month Closed End Lease. Tax and title not included in monthly payment. Dealer retains rebate.

- * Power Windows, Locks & Mirrors • Automatic Transmission
- * AM/FM Stereo • Premium Cloth Seats • Air Conditioning • Dual Air Bags • 3 Year, 36,000 Mile Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance

\$14288 OR
\$0 DOWN \$189 MO.
FIRST PAYMENT DUE AT LEASE SIGNING
Stock #99749. Color Desert Sand. Units subject to prior sale or lease. O.A.C. 60 Month Closed End Lease. Tax and title not included in monthly payment. Dealer retains rebate.

- * 5 Speed Transmission • Dual Air Bags • 3 Year, 36,000 Mile Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance

\$17958 OR
\$0 DOWN \$259 MO.
FIRST PAYMENT DUE AT LEASE SIGNING
Stock #99442. Color Bright White. Units subject to prior sale or lease. O.A.C. 60 Month Closed End Lease. Tax and title not included in monthly payment. Dealer retains rebate.

- * Free Wheel Drive • V-6 • Power Sunroof • AM/FM Stereo CD • Air Conditioning • Premium Cloth Seats • Power Windows & Locks • Dual Air Bags • 3 Year, 36,000 Mile Warranty • 24 Hour Roadside Assistance

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