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Critics target broadcast

Schools already have policies on intolerance

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School teacher is a "zero tolerance" policy on intolerance.

If a student is caught harassing a classmate, he or she is told to stop and to start respecting others, or go to school somewhere else, said O'Leary geography teacher Ray Graybill. The policy is the same

whatever sparks the comment — race, handicaps, learning disabilities, or sexual orientation.

School is supposed to be a place where children feel safe from violence, and to assure the teacher who they are, Graybill said.

As arguments rage across the state over a column in *Idaho Public* magazine that purports to focus on how to teach tolerance of homosexuals, some Idaho teachers say the state's schools already encourage children to understand differences and overcome prejudices.

The film, called "It's Elementary," states how some schools around the country teach children to accept gay, lesbian, and transgender students in the state have demanded the partially funded film be pulled from the program, saying the film should be used to promote the homosexual lifestyle.

In a compromise, Gov. Dirk Crompton said the state to remove the showing back to 11 p.m. to reduce the chances that children will watch it.

Minimata County schools have not shown the film, said the district's principal, said the district's name and sex education teacher Nancy Kinnel, so students and teachers can talk about their sexual preferences or views toward homosexuality.

But even in rural southern Idaho, people don't have to look far among their friends and family to find a homosexual, Kinnel said, and the issue should be discussed, not ignored.

"It's not about right and wrong," she said. "It has to do with people."

Children say they allow guests

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Erica Magle of Twin Falls holds on tight for a high-flying swing ride at the Twin Falls County Fair Saturday.

Carnival brings out daredevils

Some TF fairgoers imagine a sense of risk

By Ruth Strueter
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fairs may conjure the notion of good wholesome fun, but the carnival antics the daredevil within.

And the self-inflicting desire for sensations of masses.

Staggering from the Round-Up — a contraption that mimics a "spin cycle" for people standing in cages like upright sardines — Adrienne Martin, 15, of Twin Falls gives an honest answer for why she does this to herself.

"Once you think about what you did, it's fun," she said. "But sometimes I think the outcome is worse."

Not everyone sacrifices five minutes of their well-being to fully enjoy a ride. But many people do imagine a sense of risk in order to completely absorb the experience.

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Today at the fair

Sunday - Peppel Records Sunday (Free admission with empty 6-pack Peppel Products)

7 a.m. Fair goes open
10 a.m. Fair buildings open
10 a.m. Potting zoo opens, inside Gate 1
10:30 a.m. Non-denominational church service, Free Stage
Noon Carnival opens
Noon Liama public relations, Liama Show Ring
Noon Round Robin showmanship
1 p.m. Angus steer show, Beef Show Ring
1 p.m. Jerry show, Dairy Show Ring
1 p.m. Stock dog demonstration, Centennial Arena
1 p.m. Alan Sands/hypnotist, Free Stage
1:30 p.m. District rabbit show
2 a.m. Alan Sands/hypnotist, Free Stage
2 p.m. Junior Angus show, Beef Show Ring
2 p.m. Pigmy goat obstacle course, Goat Show Ring

3 p.m. Fred Anderson comedy/juggling, Free Stage	4 p.m. Liama pack show, Liama Show Ring
3 p.m. Open Angus show, Beef Show Ring	4 p.m. Eye lead fashion show, Liama Show Ring
3 p.m. Pigmy goat Round Robin Showmanship	5 p.m. Sheep Show Ring
4 p.m. Alan Sands/hypnotist, Free Stage	5 p.m. Shorthorn and Red Angus show, Beef Show Ring
4 p.m. Fred Anderson comedy/juggling, Free Stage	6 p.m. Eye lead fashion show, Liama Show Ring
4 p.m. Alan Sands/hypnotist, Free Stage	6 p.m. Liama costume class, Liama Show Ring
6 p.m. Alan Sands/hypnotist, Free Stage	8 p.m. Carmain gospel concert, Rodeo Arena
8 p.m. Alan Sands/hypnotist, Free Stage	10 p.m. Fair buildings close
10 p.m. Fair and carnival close	



Twin Falls County Fair and Magic Valley Stampede

The will to live

Dying patients' desire fluctuates widely

The Associated Press

LONDON — The will to live in dying cancer patients fluctuates enormously, research led by a psychiatrist in Canada suggests.

The research team also concluded that as death gets closer, physical distress replaces mental anxiety as the main factor weakening the wish to go on living.

Reporting in Saturday's issue of the British medical journal *The Lancet*, Dr. Harvey Chochinov, professor of psychiatry and family medicine at Canada's University of Manitoba, said the study is both a contribution to the complex issue of euthanasia as well as a potential aid in improving care for dying patients.

The study involved 168 patients admitted to the Riverview Palliative Care Unit in Winnipeg, Manitoba, between November 1993 and March 1995. It found that over a 12-hour period,

the patients' will to live could fluctuate by 30 percent or more. Over a 30-day period, the fluctuations were up to 70 percent.

"The findings of this study suggest that will to live is highly unstable among terminally ill cancer patients," Chochinov and fellow researchers wrote in *The Lancet's* report.

"Although we know now that occasional or fleeting thoughts of a desire for death are common among the terminally ill and that some of these patients express a genuine desire for death, little is known about how these thoughts may change over the course of time," they wrote.

Most of the patients in the study were elderly — although there was one 31-year-old — and all were in an advanced stage of terminal cancer.

They were screened to make sure they had the mental competence and physical strength to

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Surgery offers cancer victims hope against impotence

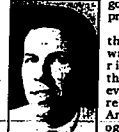
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One of men's greatest fears about prostate cancer surgery is that it will leave them impotent. Now Texas surgeons hunting a solution have successfully transplanted a nerve from men's legs into the pelvic area to restore erectile function.

So far, only a very small number of men have received this experimental nerve graft during prostate cancer surgery. But enough are regaining erectile function that the doctors told The Associated Press the early results signal an important advance.

"This is no question but that it's an exciting therapy and it's going to become very widespread," said Dr. Rahul Nath, a nerve specialist at Baylor College of Medicine who meticulously stitches the new nerve into place.

Many urologists were openly skeptical — some laughed — when surgeons from Baylor and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center told medical meetings they were



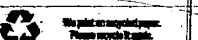
Christopher Wood

going to try the procedure.

"People thought this was the most ridiculous thing they'd ever heard of," recalled M.D. Anderson urologist Dr. Christopher G. Wood. "You could come up with a million explanations for why this shouldn't work — but if it does work, who cares?"

Surgery to remove the walnut-sized prostate gland can damage the delicate cavernous nerves, tiny nerves that nestle on either side of the prostate and are vital for erectile function.

"Nerve-sparing surgery," developed at Johns Hopkins University, doesn't always work — there's a 30 percent to 50 percent chance of erections afterwards, depending on the surgeon's skill and the extent of the cancer.



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Maine towns fight over who grabs first rays of sunlight

The Associated Press

LIBECHE, Maine — Even before the dawn of the new millennium, there's already squabbling over who will see it first.

In Libeche, a blue-collar town of 1,300 people, the sign greeting visitors says "Welcome to Maine, America," and the local newspaper calls itself the "Most Beautiful Newspaper Published in the United States."

So when the U.S. Naval Observatory declared that the summit of Cadillac Mountain, just across Bar Harbor, would be the first place in the nation to see dawn on Jan. 1, 2000, folks here

were taken aback.

"Some people can get quite bent out of shape over it," said John Smith, manager of Quoddy Head State Park in Libeche, home of a candy-striped lighthouse that stands sentry over the rocky coast.

In Bar Harbor, a renowned summer playground for the rich and famous, the desire for "first light" bragging rights is no less intense than in Libeche.

"Everybody wants to lay claim to this," said Jim Campbell, a Bar Harbor town official. "Some people think it's great, a thrill, an honor, all that kind of stuff."

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Visitors to Acadia National Park in Maine watch the sun rise over Frenchman's Bay from the summit of Cadillac Mountain and the town of Libeche, Maine, will share the distinction of seeing the first sunrise of the new millennium.

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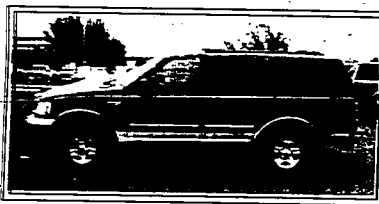
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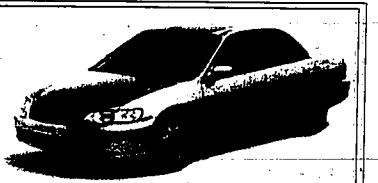
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NATION

Governor Bush touts free trade, inaugurates international bridge

EAGLE PASS, Texas - Gov. George W. Bush joined Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo in inaugurating a new international bridge, hailing the span as a symbol of close economic ties between two nations.

"This is a monument to people's faith in Texas in Mexico and in the destiny we share. Bridges, not walls, are the finest monument any public official can leave," the Republican presidential frontrunner said Friday at the opening of the Camino Real International Bridge.

Zedillo and the governor greeted each other with a hug as they met on the Mexico side of the six-lane bridge linking Eagle Pass, Texas, with Piedras Negras in the Mexican state of Coahuila.

At a formal ceremony on the \$30 million bridge over the Rio Grande, Bush thanked Zedillo for his friendship and lauded him for supporting the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Senator Harkin decides to back Gore's campaign

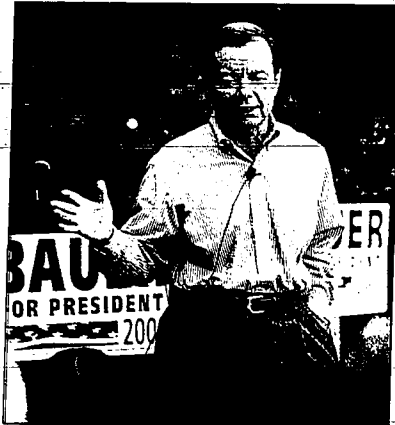
DES MOINES, Iowa - U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin has decided to endorse Vice President Al Gore's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination and will announce his decision Monday, senior Democratic officials told The Associated Press.

Harkin and Gore will attend Labor Day events in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and Dubuque, Iowa, cities where organized labor has the highest presence in the state where precinct caucuses launch the presidential nominating season.

Gore is getting a challenge from former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley for the nomination.

While Bradley's challenge is

DRUMMING-UP SUPPORT



Republican presidential hopeful Gary Bauer speaks to supporters at a reception Saturday in Center Harbor, N.H. New Hampshire has the nation's first primary.

Bradley faces in trying to pry major pieces of the Democratic establishment away from a sitting vice president.

McCain urges GOP to pay attention to environment

CONCORD, N.H. - Some conservation groups are challenging Republican presidential candidate John McCain's record on

environmental issues it has long neglected. In the last two years, McCain scored 28 percent and 0 percent respectively, on the league's National Environmental Score Card. Congressmen are rated annually according to votes on issues such as mining, public lands and the storage of nuclear waste.

- Compiled from wire reports

Overruns prompt laser program overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) - Energy Secretary Bill Richardson is ordering an overhaul of an ambitious \$1.2 billion program to build the world's largest laser after finding hundreds of millions of dollars in cost overruns. Richardson said he was erroneously assured as recently as June that the project at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California was on target and within budget.

The massive laser, which will be housed in a facility as large as a football field and include 192 beams once completed, is a key part of a program to monitor and maintain America's nuclear warheads without actually testing them. Energy Department officials said mismanagement discovered recently may cause the project's cost to soar as much as \$350 million above the originally projected \$1.2 billion and delay the

scheduled 2003 completion date by at least two years. Richardson's announcement Friday came a week after an embarrassing disclosure about the former project director's academic credentials. Edward Campbell resigned the post after it became known that for years he had implied he held a doctorate in electrical engineering when he had never completed his dissertation at Princeton University.

Hillary is against release of nationalists

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Potential Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton said Saturday she opposes the release from prison of Puerto Rican nationalists offered clemency last month by her husband. "When the administration first offered these prisoners clemency, I made it very clear that I had no involvement in or prior knowledge of the decision, as is entirely appropriate, and that the prisoners should not be released unless they renounced violence," Mrs. Clinton said in a statement.

The Clintons have come under fire from Republican critics and some law enforcement officials who claimed the president's clemency offer to 16 FALN members was aimed at helping his wife's political fortunes among New York's 1.3 million Puerto Ricans.

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N.Y. town extends a cautious welcome to Clinton family

The Washington Post

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. - All day and into the night, the paragon of modesty expensive cars makes the pilgrimage, as though this quiet cul-de-sac were some overbooked amusement park, a fabulous freak show, the latest roadside attraction.

The vehicles cruise around the circle, pause briefly in front of The House - the \$3.7 million place that the new couple from Washington is buying, the one with three new "No Trespassing" signs posted out front - and move on. In the privacy of their autos, the tourists say things like, "So much money for that?" and "Pity the others who live on this block."

Now that the First Family has elected to purchase the 11-acre, five-bedroom, 100-year-old Dutch colonial at 15 Old House Lane, now that Hillary Rodham Clinton is finishing legal procedures for a possible New York Senate campaign, the wealthy, white and pleasantly wooded hamlet of Chappaqua - pronounced CHAP-ah-qua - is being chased from its cherished obscurity. This week, television cameras probed the neat brick-and-shingles downtown while the famous new neighbors replaced school construction as the hot topic.

And the not-yet-media-hardened population in putting up with the army of noisy reporters - for now.

"I think anybody who's honest has to be pleased that a First

Family chooses their town to move into," says John Ferrara, who lives on an nearby street.

His wife, Phyllis, frames the downside: "If I want to go walking, is the road going to be closed because he wants to go jogging? If I go to Starbucks to get a cup of coffee, am I not going to be able to get in there because he's having coffee?"

Town officials have contacted Saddle River, N.J., where Richard Nixon eventually moved after leaving the White House, to find out what to expect. Local police have already received their first request for a permit from a California man who wants to picket because Clinton is a "Communist."

The last demonstration in town - was it animal rights, the Vietnam War? - was so long ago that no one's exactly sure what paperwork is required.

"Nobody ever knew where Chappaqua was," says George Halesky, manager of The Little Store, purveyor of the town's favorite cuisine: the massive deli-

catesen "wedge" sandwich - not hoagie or sub, though.

So discreet and secluded is Chappaqua that it's where radical Abbie Hoffman hid out for some of his fugitive days, according to local police, who only learned of his presence after the fact.

In choosing Chappaqua, about 35 miles north of New York City, the Clintons eschewed even wealthier, better-known, old-money nearby locales for a striving - overly driven, some say - community of transplanted professionals who brought their stock market and business wealth here to put their children in the nationally-recognized public schools.

The population of Chappaqua's ZIP code - 10514 - is about 11,200 and the average household income is about \$28,000, according to Caritas, the Arlington, Va.-based research firm. In another community, the property taxes alone on the Clintons' home - \$26,000 - would amount to a living wage.

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Jeanette Jones waits for the beginning of the Million Youth March in the Harlem neighborhood of New York, Saturday. The rally, which drew about 2,000 people, was calm in contrast to last year's march, which resulted in a bottle-throwing.



Million Youth March in NYC gets a smaller turnout, stays peaceful

NEW YORK (AP)—The second Million Youth March drew about 2,000 people to the streets of Harlem on Saturday after weeks of name-calling and a legal tug-of-war between organizers and city officials.

The rally was calm in contrast to last year's march, which ended in a bottle-throwing melee and 28 injuries after police in riot gear tried to enforce a court-ordered curfew.

Organizers opened Saturday's rally with a prayer, and most of the speakers offered uplifting messages encouraging black youths to stay in school and to

treat one another with dignity.

"Whose streets? Our streets!" shouted one group of marchers, although most of the participants were more subdued. Paultette Washington, who works in Harlem, was walking with a sandwich board with the words: "Execute racism."

"If we can't live together, we'll die together," she said.

The rally was monitored by 1,500 police officers, some stationed on rooftops. They did not arrive in riot gear this year, and there were about half as many officers as in 1998.

No conflicts were reported.

Prior to this year's march, organizer Khalid Abdul Muhammad labeled Mayor Rudolph Giuliani a "croaker" after the mayor called the rally a "hate march." Organizers took the city to court to get a permit for the rally when city officials turned them down, as they did in 1998.

This year's crowd was barely a third of last year's turnout of 6,000. Harlem politicians had encouraged a boycott of the march, after Muhammad — a former Nation of Islam spokesman fired for his anti-Semitic comments — made inflammatory statements last year.

Crowd cheers student's pre-game prayer

Judge says school can't punish kids for leading crowd

SANTA FE, Texas (AP)—The biggest cheer at the year's first high school football game here wasn't for a play or a player, but for a 17-year-old student who offered the pre-game prayer.

Television cameras were trained on Marian Lynn Ward before Friday night's game between Santa Fe and Crosby high schools as she asked God to bless the event. A one-minute standing ovation followed her remarks.

Santa Fe Independent School District Superintendent Richard Owsby had warned any student who risked an appeals court ruling banning pre-game prayer would be disciplined.

But hours before kickoff, U.S. District Judge Sam Lake of Houston issued a temporary restraining order barring the school district southeast of Houston from punishing Miss Ward if she led the crowd in prayer. The school guidelines "clearly prefer abstinence over any religious faith," he ruled.

Another Santa Fe High School student had been elected to defend



Marian Ward, 17, says a prayer before the season-opening football game Friday night in Santa Fe, Texas.

er "inspirational remarks" before the game, but bowed out due to threats of punishment.

Miss Ward, her voice cracking, seemed on the verge of crying as she said: "God thank you for this evening. Thank you for all the prayers that were lifted up this week for me."

Her father, the Rev. Bob Ward

of the Santa Fe Baptist Church, watched proudly with his wife, Marjorie. "I feel very proud of her. I'm pleased with her character and her conviction."

Lawyer Kelly Coghlan, representing Miss Ward, had filed suit against the district late Thursday. Although Miss Ward had not indicated she would pray, Coghlan

said he believed the superintendent's threat of discipline violated her Constitutional right to speak freely.

"I do not want a government that tells students they must pray," Coghlan said. "But I do not want a government either that stifles genuinely student-initiated prayer."

Miss Ward said she received supportive calls during the week from supporters in several states, as well as Japan. "I'm a bit overwhelmed, and it's pretty surreal right now," she said during half-time. "It was a lot of relief because it's been a tough week."

A national debate over school-sanctioned prayer focused on Santa Fe in 1995 when two families filed suit against the Galveston County school district, challenging its policies allowing student-led prayer.

While the New Orleans-based 5th Circuit supported prayer at high school commencements, its ruling on sporting events ended the football tradition across Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

The Santa Fe school district has petitioned the Supreme Court to review the case, citing an 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that makes pre-game prayer legal in Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

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National Baptist Convention USA seeks leader after its Lyons scandal

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—One of the nation's largest black church groups tries to begin restoring its image this week when it replaces a former leader now in prison for using his position to steal money and finance a lavish lifestyle.

Eleven candidates are vying for the presidency of the National Baptist Convention USA during the group's annual meeting that starts Tuesday in Tampa.

Members will vote to replace the Rev. Henry Lyons, who is serving 5.5 years in state prison for tax evasion and grand larceny convictions. He also pleaded guilty to federal charges of tax evasion and fraud, and was sentenced to a concurrent 4.25-year

prison term. Group leaders hope this year's meeting will help unite members of the 115-year-old organization. Lyons has experienced controversial battles for power. A minister died after falling from a stage during a fight at the annual meeting in 1961.

"There's going to be some publicizing a lot of cases," Lyons said. Rev. Stewart Cureton, of Greenville, S.C., the group's acting president, who is not a convicted felon, said: "I am in deep prayer ... that they will combine their efforts to support the man who desires to lead."

Convention leaders expect the meeting to draw about 60,000 people to the Ice Palace Arena — many of whom will be attracted by Lyons' scheduled election. While the group has claimed 8.5 million members, prosecutors at Lyons' trial said the actual number is closer to 1 million.

Its next leader will face some challenges.

Attendance at the convention-operated American Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn., is down. Loans to settle lawsuits are due. And nearly \$3 million still is owed on the group's headquarters in Nashville, the Baptist World Center.

Lyons, who was paid \$100,000 a year as president, was convicted in February of swindling \$4

million from businesses and failing to distribute nearly \$250,000 contributed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to help rebuild burned black churches in the South.

In the wake of the scandal, some convention members want to restrict the president's power and make the officer more accountable for money raised and spent on the group's behalf.

Historically, an heir apparent has been obvious among a small group of contenders. But the succession is unclear with Lyons in prison.

"The doors are kind of wide open," said the Rev. Edward V. Hill of Los Angeles, asked by the group's board to run for the seat. "And there are plenty of people

who believe they are the Messiah."


Other candidates include ministers W. Franklyn Richardson of Mount Vernon, N.Y., and William J. Shaw, of Philadelphia, who finished second and third, respectively, to Lyons in 1994.

Richardson and Shaw were among a group of convention members who tried to oust Lyons in 1997 as investigators probed whether he misused the group's funds to support a lifestyle that included a mistress, expensive jewelry, and a waterfront home.

Other church leaders seeking the post are from Richmond, Va.; Hill of Los Angeles, asked by the group's board to run for the seat. "And there are plenty of people

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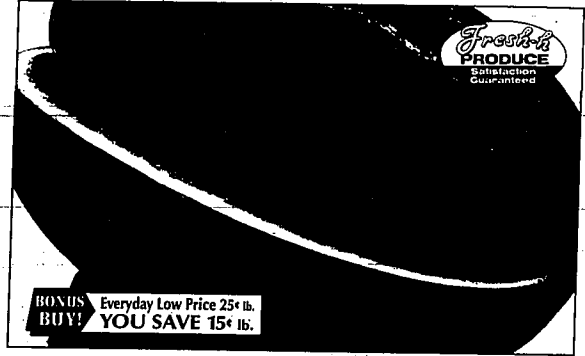


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Companies behind the digital radio revolution say they are on the way to making a long sought vision a reality: CD-quality sound for FM listeners, less interference for AM listeners and prospects for a whole host of new data services.

"Here is an industry that has not seen any technological change since the 1940s, when FM was introduced," said Gene Pease, president of Lucent Digital Radio, one of several companies vying to develop technology that would allow for a seamless transition between the current analog service and the new digital system. "Consumers were looking for innovation in the radio space."

Using the language of consumers — 0s and 1s — to transmit information, the digital signal is less susceptible to interference and more efficient. Radio waves have enough bandwidth to carry large volumes of digital data — more than existing wireless technology. That opens the door for a new breed of radio that gives listeners much more than sound.

The goal is for broadcasters to transmit digitally encoded music or data at the same time as they send out regular AM or FM services. That means traditional radio would continue to work, even as listeners started to replace them with digital models.



Robert Struble, president of USA Digital Radio, runs a test of digital radio from a van in Columbia, Md.

"The first order of business is to do no harm to analog radio," said Robert Struble, president of USA Digital Radio, which has the backing of some of the nation's top radio groups in its bid to create the standard for digital radio technology.

The company is running trials of digital radio in a number of markets — even driving buses under bridges and in wooded areas to make sure the signal can be picked up in hard-to-reach places. But the industry expects it will

be another 12 to 18 months before consumers can sample the high-quality sound.

First, regulators must adopt a technical standard for digital radio. On Thursday, Bill Kennard, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, reaffirmed his commitment to seeing radio join other technologies that have gone digital. He pledged to launch a formal proceeding on the matter by fall. Regulators at some point might have to address issues raised by digital radio applications, like

commercial licenses. Manufacturers also must roll out new radios that can receive the signal.

"I think it's an inevitability that radio goes digital," said Gordon Hodge, a radio industry analyst with Thomas Weisel Partners in San Francisco. "Really what it boils down to is cost."

Analysts expect that digital radios will be cheap enough to entice consumers to switch. Some industry estimates put the cost of new receivers at 15 percent to 30 percent more than current high-

St. Louis virus' hits New York

NEW YORK (AP) — An outbreak of St. Louis encephalitis, a viral infection transmitted by mosquitoes, has been blamed for at least one death here and could be responsible for several illnesses over the last two weeks.

It is believed to be the first time the infection, usually found in the South, has spread to New York City. Workers are spraying affected areas of the borough of Queens to prevent further outbreaks.

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It's a bug the size of a child's thumb, and already it has destroyed thousands of trees in New York and Chicago. What's worse, the Asian long-horned beetle can only be eliminated by destroying its victims — killing the trees to save the forest.

"This is really our Public Enemy No. 1 in the pest world right now," said Michael Dunn, an Agriculture Department undersecretary overseeing the anti-beetle efforts.

Believed to have migrated in wooded crates from China, where raw, sweet-infused wood often is used to package exports.

The Agriculture Department banned untreated packaging from entering the United States last year. But officials still have to fight the beetles that already arrived and their offspring.

Because pesticides are powerless against the beetles, the only way to stop their spread is to uproot infested trees and burn the wood.

on the Asian long-horned beetle, "it's alarming to know it's that close to Central Park."

About 3,500 hardwood trees — maple, elm, ash, willow, poplar, horse chestnut — have been destroyed in New York City and around Astoriaville on Long Island. The city in Chicago, the only other city known to have infestations, is close to 1,000.

Experts believe the beetle arrived in the mid-1990s by burrowing into wooden crates and pallets from China, where raw, sweet-infused wood often is used to package exports.

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Police say they may never know motive behind bizarre slaying

Philadelphia Daily News

Along an bus route for days at a time, the slaying team returned to a familiar world of violent video games and Dungeons and Dragons.

Donald Anthony Umholtz, known to family and friends as Donny, preferred his computer screen to playing sports with neighborhood boys. The only time he ventured out was to shoot tube guns at other kids in the woods.

It was a middle-school honor student, one of his former classmates and neighbors, who died Thursday. But his source of pride was in the mall arcade, where he could beat anyone at Street Fighter II, a complex game that involves dueling against an imaginary opponent.

When he played Street Fighter and other video games, Donny was struck by his sinister smile. It was the same smile Umholtz, 23, gave reporters after he was arrested Tuesday and charged with killing a woman in a mall in Warmington, Pennsylvania.

"I recognized it in a heartbeat," said Patrick Cohen, 23, a childhood friend and former neighbor of Traub who last saw him a few years ago at the Willow Grove

Park mall arcade where they went as middle schoolers. "It was that same twisted smile."

As police Thursday tried to determine a motive for the bizarre shooting of mother-of-teen Karen Lee Hordis, 42, they acknowledged that they never know what spurred the 19-year-old act.

But psychologists raising the possibility that something triggered Traub to act on his fantasy world.

"It may have felt he was part of the game when he left the house," said Los Angeles psychologist Robert Butterworth. "Some deviants are triggered by these things. Maybe he got so into the game he had a delusion he was in the game."

Sources say that since his arrest Tuesday, Traub is considered the "prime and only suspect" in two similar slayings last year in Warmington and Horsham.

Donna Holtz, whose mother lived near Traub's father in Warmington, was shot in the face and neck Aug. 19 as she got out of her car to go to work in Horsham. On Aug. 24, Shawn Vanderhorst was shot in the back and leg as he rode his bicycle to work on Street Road in Warmington.

Hordis was shot five times Tuesday morning as she loaded groceries into the trunk of her white Ford Taurus at the Giant supermarket in Warmington. She died instantly of wounds to her head, shoulder, back and chest from Traub's .38-caliber

smushroom revolver, police said. In Traub's Willow Grove boarding house Thursday, a stockpile of violent movies and books offered a glimpse into the mind of the alleged killer.

Sources say investigators who searched Traub's \$65-a-week

apartment found two dozen videotapes of violent movies, and two dozen books, including "Mein Kampf" by Adolf Hitler. Police found a copy of

"Hitler's 2nd," a book about fictional serial killer Humboldt Luchner, and several ticket stubs for the movie "Summer of Sam," about a 1970s serial killer in New York.

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Homeless easy prey for hate, homicide

Authorities struggle to protect people on street from crime

The Seattle Times

David Ballenger, 46, died without four walls and a roof. He was fatally stabbed Aug. 9 as he tried to sleep beneath an interstate overpass in north Seattle.

Like many homeless people, he lived each day exposed and vulnerable.

While three young men, ages 19, 18 and 17, have been arrested and charged with murder, law-enforcement officials say investigating crimes against the homeless is hard and prosecuting cases can be even harder.

"It's a revolving door, and it never seems to get any better," said John Urquhart, spokesman for the King County Sheriff's Office. "Most crimes against the homeless are either: A - not reported; B - not solved; C - not convicted."

Urquhart said people living on the streets, especially those mentally ill, are often easy targets for rape, assault, robbery and murder. They are stigmatized because they are accessible, anonymous and stereotyped, he said, as "throwaways of society."

John Bobb, homeless in the same area of Seattle that Ballenger lived, said robbery and assaults are simply part of life on the streets, and there's little police can do about it.

"I try to stay out of trouble," Bobb said. "But if someone wants to beat me up when I sleep, there's nothing anyone can do. A man can be killed in two minutes."

To make matters worse, Urquhart said, many homeless people distrust law enforcement and refuse to report such incidents. Others, he said, notify authorities too late after the actual incident.

Amelia Hernandez, also homeless in the area, said he is more interested in survival than filing a police report after the fact.

As a result, a large portion of crimes against the homeless, including slayings, go without leads or suspects, Urquhart said.

Even if an arrest is made, authorities have a difficult time



Eugene Boudry, 22, lived on the streets around Arizona for a few months after being released from prison. Now he's working, going to church and part of a Mesa program that gets people off the streets and back into society. The program provides these cubicles as a place to sleep.

tracking down victims to testify in court. "Where do you send the subpoena?" he asked.

In Ballenger's case, police think they have his killers in custody. Three suspects - Michael Caffee, 19, Shelton Musgrave, 18, and Jay Stewart, 17 - have been charged with second-degree murder. Caffee and Musgrave pleaded not guilty last week, and Stewart entered the same plea a week earlier.

The brutal nature of Ballenger's slaying - he was stabbed 18 times - reminded people living on the streets just how dangerous it can be, said Mel Jackson, executive director of the Millionair's Club, where many homeless people go for temporary work.

"When we heard about the murder, I told everyone to carefully check out the place they sleep during the daylight," Jackson said. "It's just like finding the exits in a motel before you go to bed."

Though some homeless people prefer to camp outside because they fear other transients or can't comply with shelter rules, others don't have a choice because of limited shelter space, said Rick Reynolds, director of Operation Night Watch, which helps place people in shelters each night.

While police haven't determined a motive for the attack on Ballenger, many homeless advo-

cates say it was motivated by both the stereotype of homeless people as shiftless and alcoholics, and the fact that crimes against the homeless are often without consequences.

Prosecutors in Ballenger's case say Stewart bragged about the killing, telling friends: "Let's just say there's one less bum on the face of the Earth."

Mary Ann Gleason, executive director of the National Coalition for the Homeless, said Stewart's mentality is shared by many Americans.

"There's an attitude that homeless people are expendable," Gleason said. "Kids pick that up and feel that in some way it gives them permission to victimize the homeless."

She pointed to a 1994 survey by the New York City Coalition for the Homeless, which concluded: "A large number of the crimes are best classified as hate crimes, motivated by nothing more than the individual's condition as homeless."

The survey also noted a particularly bad relationship between the homeless and youth: "Many of the crimes are committed by young people, and many homeless people indicated a high level of fear of young people."

The slaying of Ballenger is the third local case in two years in which teen-agers have been accused or convicted of violent crimes against homeless people.

'60s singers to enter hall of fame

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) - The annual Route 66 Rendezvous is honoring the '1960s singing duo Jan & Dean, famous for their songs, "Deadman's Curve" and "The Little Old Lady From Pasadena."

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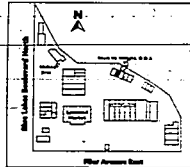
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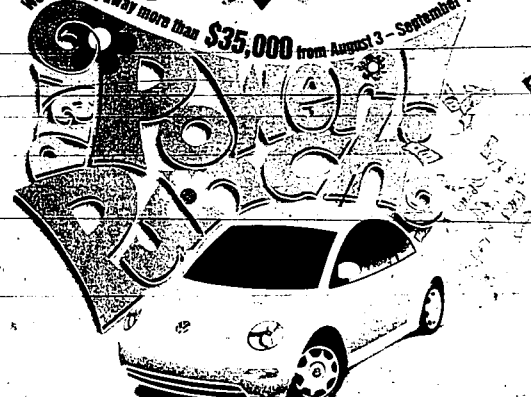
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WORLD

Seeking peace, Sierra Leone grudgingly accepts its torturers

Rebel leaders sign deal, become part of government

Night Rider News Service

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Memunata Mansary Kanu, a 2-year-old orphan, has an infectious giggle and a severed right arm. She lives in a refugee camp for amputees, but still thinks her stump will grow into a long, pretty arm with a hand and delicate fingers like the one she used to have.

The rebels who maimed the little girl and left her to die have been offered amnesty, government jobs and pensions. Some of them are living for free in a guesthouse in Freetown. They drink and dine at government expense and have a fleet of young female housekeepers to look after them.

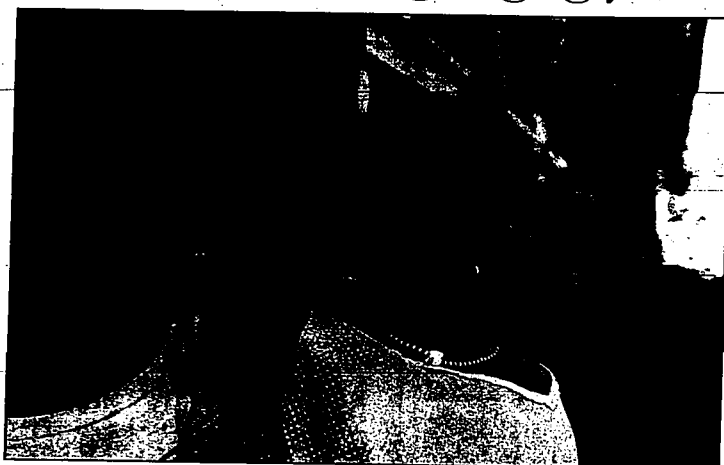
Justice is a casualty of peace in Sierra Leone.

Rebel leader Foday Sankoh signed the peace agreement ending eight years of civil war after he was promised a vice president's position with control over the country's lucrative diamond trade. He has yet to return to Sierra Leone, saying suitable accommodations have not been offered. Three of his colleagues in the Revolutionary United Front will get ministerial positions, and his drug-dealing troops will get rewards for turning in their weapons. Nobody will be prosecuted.

As the government rushes to pacify Sankoh and his band, officials say they have little left to help Memunata and the rebels' other victims. Nearly half the nation's 4.5 million people have been driven from their homes, at least 15,000 are dead and thousands more are missing. More than 1,000 people have had their hands or feet chopped off, and 3,000 children kidnapped by rebels are still missing.

"The ugly fact is that we have no choice," said Somodu Koroma, Sierra Leone's acting minister for information. "Do you end the war first, and get the guns out of the hands of the rebels? Or do you spend money on amputees and leave the guns with the killers? Nobody likes this peace, but it's the only one possible."

The brutality reached its nadir on Jan. 6, when a coalition of RUF guerrillas and disaffected Sierra Leone army soldiers swept into the capital city of Freetown. For weeks, they



Memunata Mansary, 2, whose right arm was destroyed by terrorist rebels, plays with her brother, Ibrahim, 9, at a camp for amputees in Freetown, the Sierra Leone capital.

Murray Town is a squalid hillside village of 300 men, women and children. As the evening cooking fires are lit, moonlight reveals shadowy lumps of people moving about, most missing one limb or another.

"I just play," Memunata giggles when asked what she does all day. She bursts into a grin and gives her visitor a left-handed high five.

Many of the victims of Sierra Leone's civil war are bitter about the peace deal and about what they say are the government's meager efforts to help them.

"We live like animals while the men who did this to us live in luxury," said Muktar Jalloh, director of the amputee camp where Memunata lives. Jalloh's right hand and left ear were hacked off with a machete.

"We get cornmeal, cooking oil and a bad fake arm. That's what peace offers us."

To dramatize their plight, Jalloh reaches out with his left hand and snatches off the right arm of the man standing next to him. He pretends the man's prosthetic arm is a baton and begins conducting a make-believe orchestra. The amputees around him collapse in laughter.

"A man can't work with such things," Jalloh says, flipping it back to the owner. "I was an artist. I can't draw with that. The only thing it's good for is going into town and begging from the rebels who did this to us."

Who's helping
Here are some organizations providing aid in Sierra Leone:

- ❑ Doctors Without Borders, 6 East 38th St., 8th Floor, New York, NY 10018, 1-888-234-2332.
- ❑ CARE, 151 Ellis Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303-9440, 1-800-422-7385.
- ❑ American Red Cross, International Response Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington D.C. 20013, 1-800-HELP-NOW.

waged street-to-street battles with the Nigerian-led force of peacekeeping troops. The rebels lost the battle, but not before staging a vicious retreat. They set upon hundreds of civilians and chopped or shot off an arm, leg, hand, foot or ear. On Jan. 24, as Nigerian peacekeeping troops were forcing the rebels out of Freetown,

Memunata's family was caught in the fighting. Her father hasn't been seen since and is presumed dead.

Memunata was strapped to her grandmother's back. The elderly woman ran into an alley, but was shot in the stomach. The bullet ripped through her body, then through Memunata's belly.

What happened next isn't clear. One of the rebels either put a gun to Memunata's upper arm and blew it off, or reared back with a machete and hacked it off. Or maybe the bullet that hit Memunata's grandmother disintegrated on impact and a fragment severed the child's arm.

In any event, the dismembered toddler was left to die.

Maria Kanu, her mother, was shot in the chest and staggered off in a deserted building. Fatally wounded, she watched the scene, then stumbled across the street, picked up her bleed-

ing child and made it back to her hiding place. She and Memunata survived for three days before being rescued by peacekeeping troops, but Kanu died May 28.

Memunata, Sierra Leone's youngest amputee, faces a lifetime of adjustment.

"Prosthetics are out of the question for her because she's so young," said Kobah Pessima, Sierra Leone's director of Handicap International, a U.S.-based agency that is working with the war victims. "She has to understand, even at her age, that she's going to be an amputee. That's going to be difficult, and it's likely to take years."

Memunata briefly became the symbol of Sierra Leone's suffering when the country's president, Ahmed Tejan Kabbah, took her in his arms as he faced television cameras to announce the peace deal. Then she was dropped off at the Murray Town

amputee camp on the outskirts of Freetown.

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Pakistan stops anti-U.S. rallies with key arrest

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Hundreds of armed Islamic militants shouted slogans in support of suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden Saturday while their leader was detained by police in an effort to stop anti-American rallies in Pakistan's conservative northern tribal area.

Police arrested Maulana Fazlur Rehman, head of the right wing Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam, or Party of Islamic clerics, to prevent him from staging anti-American demonstrations. Demonstrations have been banned in the deeply conservative Northwest Frontier Province, which borders Afghanistan.

Rehman has been a vocal critic of U.S. demands that Afghanistan's ruling Taliban hand over bin Laden, believed by the United States to have masterminded last year's bombings of two U.S. embassies in East Africa.

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EDITORIAL

Put 'It's Elementary' on the air, then wake up when it's over

The controversy surrounding "It's Elementary" could really drive up the ratings for public television - all the way up to minuscule. In the end, a lot of people will have argued about this documentary, and very few Idahoans will actually tune to see what the fuss is about.

Which is as it should be. The show should air Tuesday night, as scheduled, and be allowed to pass into obscurity.

It shouldn't be a surprise that this documentary has ruffled plenty of feathers in Idaho.

The hour-long program focuses on teaching gay and lesbian issues in public school classrooms.

The honchos at Idaho Public Television should have seen the trouble brewing - especially since "It's Elementary" has been controversial in other states. No one should be surprised to see "It's Elementary" become a pet cause on the religious right (where the motto is, "We are, and you're not.") Predictably, politicians are weighing in on the issue - including some legislators who are threatening to cut IPTV's budget over the "It's Elementary" mess.

IPTV should have tried to defuse this bomb months ago. After all, IPTV announced in May that it planned to air "It's Elementary."

But that's hindsight. The germane questions now are:

- 1) Should the show air?
- 2) Should people tune in?

After reviewing the program, here's our critique.

First and foremost, the show is not a documentary on gay and lesbians; nor is it aimed at youths. It's a show - at times a dry one - aimed at teachers and parents.

After a child or teen-ager stumbles on this program, even in its late-night

time slot, we're betting on a fast fade for the remote.

The biggest boogymen about "It's Elementary" - the idea that the show will draw young people to homosexuality - comes up hollow. There's no reason to yank this show off the air to protect our children. Certainly not from an 11 p.m. time slot, when no one is watching anyway.

Beyond that, we have our own problems with the show. It's definitely not journalism. It's one-sided and condescending advocacy.

It shows how teachers handle gay and lesbian issues in places such as San Francisco, New York and Cambridge, Mass., and doesn't seem to say much about teaching in Twin Falls, Elgin or Hayden.

Furthermore, it advances what is decidedly a pro-gay viewpoint. It is a legitimate question, asked recently by Sen. Mike Crapo, as to whether such a program should be supported by public money.

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So the bottom line is, we can't recommend "It's Elementary." But we can't buy the idea of yanking the show either.

We think Gov. Dirk Kempthorne made the right call recently when he said the show should air, but at 11 p.m., rather than the planned 10 p.m. time. Kempthorne made it clear he's not a fan of the program, either, but he's not going to impose his will on Idaho families.

That's leadership - and a good example to follow.

Let the show air. Let Idahoans decide whether they care. And let this respect controversy simmer down.



Idaho pays a high price to 'Get Milk'

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READER COMMENT
Bill Chisholm

old, they most certainly don't live on an industrial dairy, a CAFO, or in a live-stock concentration camp. In their owners still must believe in the basic principles that go with the concept of animal husbandry.

With a foundation that violates the basic premise of responsible animal husbandry, one does not have to go far to extrapolate other obvious shortcomings of the industrial-ag model. If the diet is leading to the early death of the animal, what does that say about the milk it produces? What then can be deduced about the health of the animal, and the nature and odor of the waste it produces? You multiply the impact on one animal by a thousand, by several thousand, and you start to get a picture of what this all means based just on the impacts of the diet alone. Add to that mix the effect of bovine growth hormones and the anti-

otics necessary to keep thousands of bob-tailed animals eating an early-death diet in some modicum of health and you now have some sense of the mental, physical and spiritual weakness in the foundation of the industrial dairy industry.

Building from that perverted foundation, you can now add the other social, economic and environmental facets of this issue. Throw in water quantity and quality issues, waste-stream issues, issues of impacts on rural neighbors (lights, traffic, odor, fecal dirt), the issues of concentrating so much economic and production capacity in so few hands and you have a house that will surely crumble, taking with it much of what we here in rural Idaho profess to hold dear. Next time you see that billboard with the pretty people and the milk mustache, think about what it is really costing to "Get Milk." Ask around before you buy any dairy product. There are still some dairies and dairy product outlets built on a good foundation.

Built-area environmental activist Bill Chisholm has called for a moratorium on new confined animal feeding operations in Twin Falls County.

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LETTERS

Learn to read bills

The people of Twin Falls: Please! Learn to read your water meters! Learn to read your water bills! Find out how much your water is per gallon. Don't let this get past you!

In the month of June, I used 3,000 gallons of water (the maximum water usage for the minimum bill is 2,000). All of a sudden in the month of July, I used 20,000 gallons. Then, in the month of August, I used 3,000 gallons. Again, when I questioned the usage amount, I was told that in just five days (from the date the meter was read to when it was reread), I had used another 3,000 gallons.

I am a single person. I use water to do my dishes once a day and to take a 15-20 minute shower once a day (twice a day if the dust is really high since I have asthma). I wash my one car at the car wash I don't water my lawn (because I can't afford it at the rates we are charged) the way I should. My water usage does not change. I used 3,000 gallons. Again, when I questioned the usage amount, I was told that in just five days (from the date the meter was read to when it was reread), I had used another 3,000 gallons.

Could someone please tell me how I can jump from 3,000 to 20,000 rate for the month of August? The water department and the city manager's office can't explain it. All they tell me is that since the "water went through your meter" I have to pay it. Even though they can't explain the discrepancy.

At their suggestion, I read my water meter every day so I can track what is being used.

If the usage goes up, I will immediately call the water department and complain again! Maybe then they can wonder as I do what is happening to the water that I am not using but being charged for.

ELISABETH BEEDLE
Twin Falls

What's the American way?

The Times-News misses the point when it about Idaho college sports overruns and win-at-all-costs mentality. True enough, but -

Colleges are begotten by high schools and high schools begotten by middle

schools and they in turn are begotten by 21st-century overruns and overruns and the terrible costs of winning begin as a communicable disease in 7-year-olds.

Being it's early September, a bit of reminiscing. I played for more sports in the good old days: baseball, football, cow-field baseball, disc-bow basketball. Eight- to 17-year-olds on the same team, girls and boys. No umpires, no referees, no coaches - just kids having fun in a more or less natural way.

The older kids coached the younger ones, and not infrequently the girls would criticize you.

Spirits built the neighborhood community, an excuse to get together, a glue that held us together. Today you win, tomorrow the teams are different.

Winning mattered but not much. If it was too dangerous, we'd change the rules, the unwritten code of the sandlot. There was fairness, the occasional bloody nose or torn knee.

No fines, no dues, no admission fee, no travel expenses. You all come, today to my house, tomorrow to yours. The stands were filled with little brothers and sisters and a host of guardian angels but no parents coming to "assist our self esteem issues."

No time clocks either. We'll play all supper or dark, whichever comes first.

I confess, I did play Little League fast ball in third grade, screaming only. It was all spirit and legal and strange. The uniforms were awkward and the coaches yelled a lot.

No fun like at home, all stiff and square and 21st century.

Could today's insanity change? Sure. High schools could drop out of competition and organize informal intramural sports.

You all come and let's have fun. Then get out of the way and let the kids do it. But it ain't gonna happen.

That's the American way, where our overruns and winners are cradle-to-grave mentality.

Starting with the soccer moms who rock the cradles and vote on the school board.

God bless America!
PHIL AUTH
Berger

NRA is okay with me

A few weeks ago, Attorney General Reno asked for all potential gun buyers to prove their gun expertise before buying a gun.

After the Ruby Ridge, Idaho, fatal event and now the reopening of the Waco assault, perhaps Ms. Reno should ask the FBI and other law-enforcement agencies under her authority to do likewise.

Maybe a re-education course in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights would also help them.

Where was Ms. Reno before, during and since the Waco fire? If the FBI led and our justice department is covering for them, who can we trust? Perhaps the Oklahoma City bombing should be re-examined.

Our justice system is the highest in our form of government, and when they lie or mislead no one is safe.

Who is in control and giving responsibility? Do we dare give up our rights to gun ownership?

Do we want our government to list every gun owner? Will the next step be a knock on the door and confiscation? If this should happen, we will see civil disobedience on a scale never before seen.

Why are our government leaders so vehemently against the National Rifle Association in the last 10 to 15 years?

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LETTERS

Personally, I think the NRA is a wonderful citizen's organization.

EDNA BYERS
Rupert

'It just ain't so!'

During the past few weeks, some of the Hispanic organizations have indicated they will again push for a minimum wage for agriculture in Idaho.

I haven't the slightest doubt the proponents will be able find instances where a farmer has paid less than the minimum wage to his employees. There are farmers out there who are unscrupulous and have been known to cheat their employees.

On the other side, there are more than enough employees to balance the scale. Some of them actually worked so hard at avoiding work, it would have been easier to do the work they were hired to do.

Evidently these Hispanic organizations harbor the misconception that anyone who drives an extended cab, four-wheel drive pickup with two antennas is the source of the employee's miseries and is in possession of an unending bank account from which to solve all their economic problems. Here is some news for you: "It just ain't so!"

We have to go into the labor marketplace and compete on the open market, just like any other industry in the United States, not to mention the other farmers

in the area. I do not know a single farmer that doesn't pay more than the minimum wage.

It appears to me the Hispanic organizations are in the process of manufacturing a cause to justify your existence. I cannot believe the practice of paying less than the minimum wage is so prevalent as to require a corrective law.

1. Challenge these organizations to tell the other side of the story, just what was the reason for the employee not earning the minimum wage?

2. What was the understanding on his housing and utilities?

3. Did he or did he not fulfill the terms of his employment?

4. Does he have the attitude that he can come and go whenever he pleases regardless of job demands?

5. Is he lying or just forgetting to tell the whole story?

Somewhere I saw the statement that some laborers were earning as little as \$1.50 and \$2.50 an hour doing piecework. If this proves to be fact, I am forced to two conclusions:

1. The employee is definitely in the wrong line of endeavor.

2. There is an extremely good chance he is being paid more than he is worth.

RAYMOND G. CLARK
Jerome



The Fed declares war on growth

Despite lack of any credible evidence that inflation is a threat to the U.S. economy now or in the near future, the Federal Reserve has declared war on economic growth.

The Fed has tightened monetary policy and signaled clearly its intention to reduce liquidity in the economy and force cutbacks in consumer and business spending.

Further, in a recent address to an economic conference, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan indicated that the rise in asset values during the past five years—particularly in the stock market—is now a possible source of inflationary pressure.

This, he indicated, merits attention in the formulation of monetary policy.

LEON KOROBOW

employment costs too high, the labor market is being too tight, and productivity growth too slow and the stock market too high.

In the context of an economy that is essentially and efficiently allocating resources across various sectors of production, yielding high real growth with little or no price inflation, the Fed's concerns represent an unwarranted intrusion into the functioning of the private market.

If the Fed believes as it does we need a federal bureaucracy to guide the allocation of economic resources and to determine the proper values of stocks, bonds, real estate and other assets throughout the economy?

The Fed's overreaching can perhaps best be understood by recognizing that monetary policy can achieve only one objective at a time. It works by specifying or slowing the growth of economic activity through tightening or loosening the availability of money and credit.

Thus, the Fed cannot simultaneously stabilize the labor market, the stock market and the economy.

With its latest pronouncement about the rise in asset values, the Fed appears to be seeking some sort of deflation of asset values. But such a policy objective is bound to destabilize the real economy.

And since stock prices tend to be far more volatile than the economy, the Fed's targeting of this

monetary policy purposes is likely to make the economy far more volatile than necessary.

The Fed's policy-making seems to be operating without any economic theory or empirical evidence to support its concerns.

There is no theory or evidence that links price inflation to unemployment. In other words, there is no evidence that suggests the stock market by itself can generate inflationary pressures.

With inflation valuations in the stock market, credit expansion, and the Fed's unwillingly the Fed through its monetary policy and by excluding speculative activity in their transactions. But thus far, the Fed has refrained from using its selective credit-control measures to limit.

First policy-making seems to be operating in a vacuum as far as fiscal policy is concerned. With the federal budget in surplus—one that grows larger and larger—price inflation simply cannot be the outcome.

The Fed's war on growth is likely to result in liquidity in developing countries since any tendency toward deflationary stringency in the United States is likely to pull in money from overseas. This development certainly has a negative effect on investment interest on these high-growth areas.

Economist Leon Korobow is a senior officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Economic boom was a bust

For the last few years, the American economy has been on a real bender.

Consumer spending, fueled by mounting personal debt and a gravity-defying rise in the stock market, has set off an economic boom that has boosted job prospects and incomes across the board.

Like any night out on the town, however, all good things must eventually come to an end. This time, the negative personal savings rate, the spiraling trade deficit, and the threat of a sudden drop in the stock market are the leading candidates to spoil the party.

The big question facing middle-class Americans is when we wake up to smell the coffee, what will we have to show for the 1990s? The short answer is not much, even if Congress passes an ill-advised tax cut sometime this year.

JOHN SCHMITT

The middle class. Over the last two decades, the playing field has shifted decidedly against working Americans, to the advantage of their employers.

As wages and incomes have stagnated and declined over the last two decades, federal income taxes have actually fallen from about 6.3 percent to 5.4 percent of the typical family's income, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

As these numbers suggest, federal income taxes account for only a small share of the typical taxpayer's income. Even the steep cuts being discussed in Congress would give middle-income taxpayers (those

earning around \$30,000 a year) only an extra \$278 per year—while requiring spending cuts in important areas such as education and the environment.

What Congress should be doing is getting back to basics: working to reconnect American's wages and incomes to national productivity.

In the current context of negative savings, a massive trade deficit, an overvalued stock market and binge consumption, a tax cut is the equivalent of offering the economy "one for the road" after a wild night on the town.

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U.S. civil service includes some truly remarkable people

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WASHINGTON — Let us now praise great federal bureaucrats. No, really.

Take William Phillips, a burly, shaggy man who married his high school sweetheart, sings in his church's gospel choir, helps a blind parishioner do her shopping on Saturdays and teaches science to Girl Scouts. He also shared the Nobel Prize in physics two years ago.

It was the first Nobel for Phillips' National Institute of Standards and Technology, in Gaithersburg, Md. But it was the eighth won by a federal scientist, putting government labs just one Nobel science prize behind the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

If great government work comes as a surprise, that's largely due to years of Washington badging by politicians and the press.

Federal failures are news, whether as big as Vietnam or as small as an overpriced toilet seat. But federal successes aren't news, and presidents since Jimmy Carter have portrayed themselves as reformers of the bureaucracy rather than its leaders. R. Scott Foster, president of the Washington-based National Academy of Public Administration, a nonprofit government consulting firm, dates the problem to the late '60s, when presidential campaigner George Wallace's slur against "purple-headed bureaucrats" supplanted the late John F. Kennedy's summons of the best and brightest to public service.

Mainly, George Wallace never met Lee Morin, a physician and electrical engineer now in the U.S. astronaut program. In the early '90s, while on Navy duty, Morin discovered how hard it was to examine patients whose language he didn't speak.

In his free time, with \$5,000 of his own money, Morin wrote a CD-ROM program that translates a doctor's basic physical exam questions into a patient's language, spoken by a recorded native speaker. Patients respond from a menu of about 2,000 words and phrases in their language that are translated into English for the doctor. Morin's wildly popular program, operable with a laptop computer and used from Micronesia to Haiti to the Balkans, now is available in 55 languages including Pashto, Afghan and Navajo.

Another species of great bureaucrat is the senior civil servant on whom everyone depends. Much of the Pentagon, for example, is said to be run by an ancient sage named David O. (Doc) Cooke. A photo on Cooke's office wall makes the point. It shows Cooke seated at a vast desk with nine former defense secretaries standing like aides behind him.

Cooke, 78, wears only a dime-a-dozen title — director of administration and management — but allies say he remembers everything, offers great and candid advice when asked, follows through without fail and is blessed with tact and a vast network of helpful friends. Cooke crafted, managed or coped with every Defense reorganization in the last 42 years and, perhaps more important, also controls Pentagon office space allocations and its 20,000 parking spaces.

"Doc makes the system serve the needs of the secretary," said former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney. "He frees up the secretary to focus on policy better than anyone else I encountered in 25 years in the government." Cooke's secret, ventures reportedly Frank Cipolla: "He knows what buttons to push to get things done, because he put the

bums there."

Cooke, like a lot of shrewd bureaucrats, is extremely limber. He says and declines to be interviewed. Like good managers everywhere, they'd rather give credit than take it. Moreover, what they accomplish often is too subtle or intricate to make news, or develops too gradually. It took six years, for example, for Dr.

Ruth Kirschstein, deputy director of the National Institutes of Health, and Dr. Michael Gottesman, NIH's director of intramural research, to upgrade NIH's research bureaucracy. They eased out dying wood, found new blood to review research proposals and generally promoted more venturesome science. "Instead of taking baby

steps in research, they're encouraging people to swing for the fences," said Dan Greenberg, a health science journalist and visiting scholar at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. "Nowadays, you're a high-performing scientist or you don't stay at NIH long. They've lured some hotshots back. It's just a much happier place."

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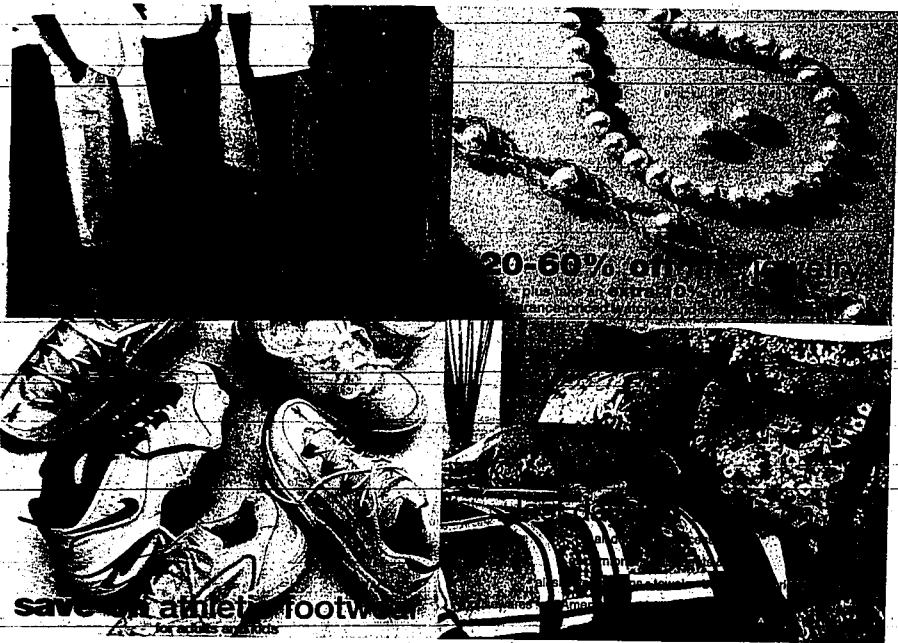
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The Times-News

Sunday, September 5, 1999

Breakfast time: Got any teeth on you?

I found a set of false teeth at the Twin Falls County Fair. Just living there on the grass, between the Merchants' Building No. 3 and the giant slot machine. Wonder if anybody missed 'em?

Probably not. Some of my older friends used to make a practice to abandon their dentures in old places and then feign memory lapses. And my cousin Weener - so named because his given name was Warner - once left his dentures in George Washington's pocket at the wax museum in San Francisco.

I'm not sure whether that sort of thing is a cultural phenomenon or a family trait, but I'm inclined to believe the latter because it hasn't been that many generations that my Crump were so actually had any teeth.

Oh, stop your sniggering - the same, I'm sure, can be said of your forebears.

This was the only reason you visited the dentist was to part company with a molar or a bicuspid, so - unsurprisingly - not many folks were there.

They just sort of left their teeth turn the color of turpentine. Nobody brushed, so folks mostly kept their dentures.

One idea I've heard is that halitosis explains some old Scandinavian culture, and indeed most northern Europeans. No point getting chummy when getting downwind will bring tears to your eyes.

The Tio-Tac Tradition of Civilization is compelling enough, I suppose, but it is the fact that you explain how the Incans, the Greeks, the French, the Arabs - indeed, any culture that contends with garlic - survived and thrived. The way to explain how the Incans, of course, is gumming your dinner, which is an altogether different exercise ill tolerated by civilized people or anyone.

So false teeth were invented to keep up appearances.

The first generation that wore them extensively - my grandfather's generation - did so grudgingly and only at family gatherings and at Women of the Moose dinners.

While the dishes were cleared, the men went out - and so did their teeth.

Boreman, my paternal great-uncle, went through 14 sets of dentures before his wife finally gave up and fed him farina exclusively. Naturally, she couldn't take him to the store, so she eventually divorced him and spent his money riding the Greyhound bus back and forth to Nevada to play the slot machine.

He wound up in a nursing home, where the staff gave him his meals at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. - long after everybody else had been served.

Once he started eating, they'd lock the door to the dining room, then he'd hose it out when he was finished.

None of this is very appealing, I know, but I mention it only because some poor guy out there has lost his dentures, and, very probably, his love life.

I would have left the false teeth at the lost-and-found booth at the fair, but to tell you the truth, I really didn't want to go fishing around in my pocket to pull them out.

Matter of fact, I may just throw them away, since the City who owns dentures probably owns a blender too, wouldn't you think?

Ruler that guys wish women knew:
1. There's no crying in relationships; the polite word for that is blubber.
2. Ask for what you want. Subtle hints don't work.
3. Don't cut your hair. Ever.
4. Sometimes, we're not thinking about you. Get over it.
5. Get rid of the cat.
6. Anything we said six or eight months ago is inadmissible in an argument.
7. Anything you wear is fine. Really.
8. Christopher Columbus didn't need directions and neither do we.
9. You have too many shoes.
10. If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump reminds you guys that the divorce rate in Idaho is 45 percent.

School administrators adjust pay scale

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

Salaries now match statewide averages

TWIN FALLS - Administrators in Twin Falls School District will get pay raises of 2 to 9 percent this year, depending on where their salaries fell in comparison to a selection of other districts.

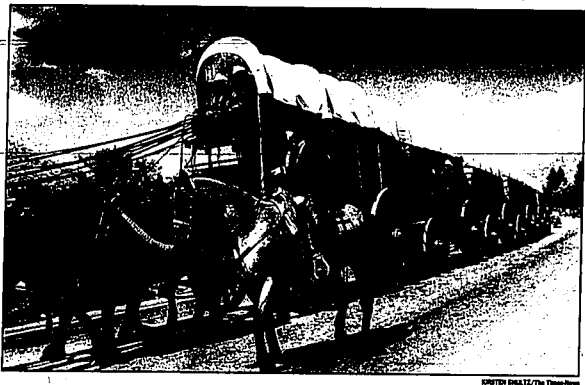
percent increase in overall teachers' and administrators' salaries, but the salary schedule that sets administrators' wages will come before the board for approval this month. The 4 percent increases were not distributed evenly this year, Superintendent Terrell Donichit said.

A committee of administrators researched wages at other large Idaho school districts, and higher increases were given to positions that fell below the midpoint. The committee compared 1998-99 wages in Boise, Bonville, Blackfoot, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Madison, Meridian, Minidoka County, Mountain Home, Nampa, Pocatello and Nampa. The districts range in size from about 4,400 to 27,000 students. Twin Falls

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Thousands line Ketchum's streets for Wagon Days

By Pat Murphy Times-News correspondent



Above, Moji Broadie of Pibaco and Mike Kealey of Caray with De Broadie, right, ride the Ketchum Fast Freight Line Old Wagon pulled by a team of 12 Percherons down the streets of Ketchum in the Wagon Days parade, the largest non-motORIZED parade of the northwest. Above right, five-year-old Cassidy Corigan peeks out from a restored mid wagon stagecoach while riding in Saturday's parade. The stagecoach, restored and owned by Mike Hanley of Jordan Valley, Ore., won first place in its division.

KETCHUM - Thousands of children and young-at-heart adults lined the largest such parade Saturday to take in the annual colorful Wagon Days parade that captures a hint of the Old West with showmanship of the New West.

This year's parade - the 41st - was the largest yet, with 115 units entered, including bands, wagons and coaches from the 19th century, precision horse teams, bands and, inevitably, rodeo beauty queens leading their horses.

And, of course, the parade's climax that always draws gasps and cheers - the appearance of Big Hilda, the 100-year-old wagon drawn by 12 black Percheron horses weighing a ton each.

Organizers of Wagon Days say it is the largest such non-motORIZED event in the Northwest. It continues adding units and spectators, its stature and claim to fame may encompass more than just the northwestern U.S.

Inaugurated in 1958 by Ketchum residents concerned about the summer business doldrums, Wagon Days has blossomed from merely a western theme parade into a three-day series of events spread throughout the Wood River Valley that has attracted thousands of out-of-towners and kept score cash registers ringing and hotel and rental units packed.

This year's parade set a new record with 115 marching units and 115 floats. Although a few floats did not appear, last year's street audience of 15,000 was expected to be exceeded.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, this year's coordinator, said the parade's special feature - designating all of the founders of the city as "founders of the parade" - was alive and dead, as grand marshals of the parade. Twenty-three who've died were uniformly posthumously designated as grand marshals.

Many of the parade's old-time horse-wagonists and carriages are authentic originals. Jose Luis Heredia demonstrates a dating-back rope flicks from Mexico.

Some of the horse units, however, would be oddities in the Old West of the 1800s when horses and their riders generally lacked fancy.

One such unit, the Peruvian Paso horses, is always an eye-popper - rife horsewomen and one cowboy, all in neatly tailored, colorful riding apparel of early Peru, atop Peruvian Paso horses that were bred to have the ability to walk on a smooth, level surface without spilling a drop.

Another unit is the Eh-Capa (Apache spelled backward) Bareback Riders precision drill team, of Nampa, young people between eight and 19 who dress as Native Americans and ride horses bareback and without customary bridle equipment.

For sheer beauty, few units topped the sight of the Americans from Rexburg - 40 uniformly running in colorful finery with riders in colorful finery.

Mexico-born Jose Luis Heredia was a one-man showstopper - costumed as a charro, Heredia roped spectators by swinging his rope and increasing the loop so it completely encircled his horse.

But nothing seems to compare with the parade climax - the arrival of the Big Hitch, a train of six enormous ore wagons weighing several tons each, hauled by 12 Percherons, and guided by driver Mel Brooks, 43, with the help of brakemen on the wagons and runners alongside the train.

horses without the owner's permission, but returned them after the parade. Of the first parade, Jack Flaherty remembers he rode atop an old horse drawn water tank wagon - filled with beer and ice. "I got drunk," he said, confessing to a wave of knowing laughter.

Fauline Thomas remembered embarrassment of her role in the first parade. She eagerly accepted the offer of two "horses" from an owner in Arco - only to discover they were two Shetland ponies. "But we made do," she said. "We got a small wagon and everything was fine."

Jim Hitson, who formed a unit of mountain men whose animal skin costumes are nearly authentic, laughs even today about the first parade. "I was in a blank cartridge caught fire after I fired it" at someone in a mock shoot-out, Hitson said.

"A little boy standing behind me saw it hit the guy and turned to his father and said, 'Daddy, that man really shot him!'"

It was TV's early days; Ivan Swanner recalled, when he and a few others drove to Salt Lake City for a public relations appearance on KSL, arriving at the studio in cowboy attitude, including six shooters and rifles.

Swanner, whose enormous, well-cultivated handlebar mustache is a show-stopper, said "They (the TV staff) was so startled, I think they thought we were there to hold up the place and rob them."

Not an old-timer, but invited to share tales he heard from his grandfather, a Wagon Days founder, Bob Glenn said that he has located old B-movie film of the early parades, and will make certain they're preserved and donated to historical archives.

Times-News correspondent Pat Murphy can be reached in Ketchum at 726-6423.

Eddee McClain wins Miss Magic Valley Stampede crown

The Times-News

FILER - Eddee McClain, 19, daughter of Ron and Debbie McClain of Kimberly, was crowned Miss Magic Valley Stampede at Saturday's rodeo at the Twin Falls County Fair. McClain is a sophomore majoring in psychology at the College of Southern Idaho. In high school she was active in Future Farmers of America, rodeo, debate and Business Professionals of America. The new queen also took home the awards for horse-manship, public speaking, rodeo knowledge, appearance, most photogenic and poise and personality. She won a number of

Valley Stampede Teen Queen. King, a high school sophomore, is also in FFA, a high school rodeo and is a 1998 national horse show champion. The honor student said she enjoys swimming, skiing, snowmobiling, hiking and ice skating.

King also took home the awards for congeniality, public speaking and poise and personality. She won a number of prizes, including a new buckle and saddle blanket.

The two queens will have a busy year representing the Magic Valley Stampede at civic club luncheons, dinners, parades, fairs and rodeos around the state.



Eddee McClain - Stephanie King presides, including a new saddle and belt buckle and a CSI scholarship. She'll now go on to compete in the Miss Rodeo Idaho contest at the Snake River Stampede next July in Nampa. Stephanie King, 15, daughter of Cory and Vicki King of Burley, was crowned Miss Magic

Questions burn after blaze

By Ruth Stroeter Times-News writer

OAKLEY - A Bureau of Land Management prescribed burn that burned twice as much land as officials intended has raised questions about how the fire was able to do so.

BLM firefighters spent a smooth 24 hours attempting to burn more than 7,500 acres of juniper in an effort to purge the area of highly invasive vegetation. Just as things were wrapping up, the north-blowing wind suddenly changed direction and caused the fire to jump north, where it continued to burn an

additional 3,900 acres.

Prescribed fires are often conducted for vegetation management. Invasive plants threaten the growth of beneficial vegetation by robbing them of their natural resources, stealing water and denying them light.

Carl Austin, manager of Double Diamond Ranch in Oakley, asserts that he is very much in favor of controlled burns, so long as they are in fact "controlled."

As Austin watched the blaze from his living room window, an early wind gust when the fire came down the hillside and

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Consortium unites to pass oversight law

BOISE (AP) - Another round of extensive builder bankruptcies is pushing Idaho contractors to ready legislation that would hold them accountable for their work and financial affairs.

The Idaho Construction Coalition, a new consortium of eight construction industry groups, will ask the Legislature to regulate a booming industry with public-relations problems.

Stung by the bankruptcies this year of Boise-based Harbor Homes and Clarence Pond's Nampa-based Pond Construction, builders again are asking the state to oversee the trade. The Legislature has refused in the past.

Legislative leaders say that if the industry can unite, they will consider laws requiring contractors to be licensed for private projects. "Everybody agrees you cannot legislate guaranteed protections for the consumer and that there are certain risks you take as a con-

sumer or business out there," said Jeffrey Cates, president of the coalition. "But licensing establishes a minimum level of protection for the consumer that a person who is licensed, bonded and carries insurance is probably a straight arrow and has a minimum level of competency."

It is the first time a diverse industry group has united to discuss licensing. It hopes to have draft legislation ready by Oct. 1.

There are 346 creditors with more than \$4.5 million in unpaid claims in the Pond case. Boise-based Franklin Building Supply, with \$593,239 in unpaid claims against Pond, has filed liens on 12 houses the company built.

For the first time in Idaho, lenders and real estate agencies are accused in a civil suit of scheming to draw on home buyers' construction accounts for work never done and supplies never delivered.

Idaho law gives unpaid subcontractors three months after they finish their work or deliver

materials to file liens on a home. So, homeowners who think they have clear title to their homes can suddenly face legal claims against it. They may be forced to sell the houses to pay up.

Idaho regulates 2,800 licensing public works contractors, as well as licensing electricians and plumbers, but not private contractors.

Licensing requirements would not prevent builders from going bankrupt, but supporters say it would give the state leverage to revoke a license if a builder fails to perform or leaves subcontractors unpaid. It also would prevent a bankrupt builder from resurfacing under other names.

Because there is no tracking system, nobody knows how many builders operate in Idaho and how many have gone out of business.

Critics say licensing would give consumers a false sense of security. Instead, consumers should take more responsibility in buying a home.

School board approves contract for charter school

MOSCOW (AP) - A contract between the Renaissance Charter School and the school board has been approved despite concerns from neighbors about the school's location on a dead-end street.

Superintendent Edward Fisk said the school will meet the obligations of its charter, including earning an occupancy permit for its three portable classrooms.

The buildings are for a two-year temporary location for the school and its more than 60 students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

The contract was approved Thursday. Renaissance Charter, which was accepted last year through the first statewide lottery for

unused charter space, will begin classes Tuesday. It is based on a philosophy of community and service learning and will have six full-time instructors.

Neighbors who protested the school's location last month did not have their safety and traffic concerns resolved Thursday by the school board.

The city will require the school to provide a parking lot and make some street and landscaping improvements, but board member Dawnna Fazio said traffic issues were not within the district's jurisdiction.

Residents were not notified that a school would be moving into the neighborhood until recently.

FIRE SEASON



Fire sweeps through Swan Lake Storage in Klamath Falls, Ore., early Saturday morning, destroying the warehouse.

Cook says FBI probe could put rumors to rest

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Rep. Merrill Cook, R-Utah, says he will meet with FBI agents and discuss a possible investigation into rumors that he was blackmailed into hiring or retaining Shari Holweg.

Cook hopes an investigation will put an end to the speculation. Holweg, Cook's community outreach coordinator in his Salt Lake City office, joined the staff in January. Prior to Cook's 1996 election win, Holweg, a Provo City Councilwoman and a Democrat, had a falling out with Cook.

Days before the 1996 election, word filtered back to the Cook campaign that Holweg planned to release tapes of phone conversations that could be damaging to Cook. A high-ranking source on Cook's campaign who declined to be identified fearing repercussions said the threat instilled a "general feeling they would be fatal to the election."

Holweg has since performed as expected. The Associated Press has heard the tapes. But several from Cook's campaign believe the threat was real.

"I never heard the tapes, but I have no doubt the conversations existed because the way Merrill behaved it was clear he'd been having phone conversations that he shouldn't have been having in an election year," said another source from the campaign.

Cook apparently took the threat seriously enough that he carried tapes of his conversations with staff. David Irvine, who he could read to reporters if the tapes surfaced.

"I praise both Camille (Cook's wife) and me greatly that we extended an honest friendship to a person who now reveals herself to be thoroughly trustworthy," read the statement, which Cook said he did not write and never delivered.

Cook said Friday that Holweg had in fact taped phone conversations between the two of them, but their content couldn't be damaging.

"She couldn't have tapes about anything improper because I've never talked to her improperly," Cook said.

The threat of exposing the alleged tapes is again an issue because current and former staffers and those close to the staff have told The Associated Press that Holweg, who earns \$48,889 a year, is not working anywhere near 40 hours a week and Cook, for whatever reason, has turned a blind eye to her work habits.

"I know the staff is extremely upset about her work ethic, or lack thereof," said a knowledgeable source.

Cook insists Holweg is working at least 40 hours a week, and said he plans to meet with the FBI to discuss issuing a call for a formal investigation to put the blackmail rumors to rest.

"Blackmail is a very, very serious federal offense and rather than having blackmail innuendo in stories... let's have the FBI investigate," said Cook. "I'm not calling for an investigation until I talk to the FBI. I'm just going to ask if it is something worthy of investigation. I want my name cleared here."

Cook said informal records kept by Art Marines, director of Cook's Salt Lake City office, show that Holweg worked 40 hours a week. Cook said he would consider a request that the records be made available, but has not yet released them.

The Associated Press has filed a request for the documents under the "Freedom of Information Act."

Cook said he and Holweg first met in 1991. She volunteered on Cook's unsuccessful 1992 campaign for governor and ran his failed 1994 race for the 2nd Congressional District. After leaving Cook's campaign in 1996, she was Democrat Jim Bradley's run-

ning mate in his failed challenge to Gov. Mike Leavitt.

Cook again blamed Mark Emerson, Chris Cannon's chief of staff and a potential challenger for spreading the Holweg story. When Cook heard of Emerson's possible challenge he contacted Cannon, who Cook said warned that Emerson would leak the

story to the media.

Cannon, spokesman Jeff Hartley denied that Emerson was the source of Cook's problems.

"These problems and rumors of problems have been around for years," Hartley said. "We have no more to do with his problems than we have to do with his hiring and staff policies."

Authorities crack down on fraternity parties

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - University of Utah officials encouraged fraternities to ban alcohol, but stopped short of mandating a ban.

The position came out of growing controversy between Federal Heights residents and fraternities. This summer, neighbors demanded action from the City Council to stop loud nighttime parties and underage drinking.

In a statement released Friday, school officials said they are encouraging fraternities to adopt "dry house" policies.

"Sororities at the university already have banned alcohol based on directives from their national organizations."

University officials promised to crack down on underage drinking in Greek houses. But they stressed that a complete ban on alcohol must be self-imposed. Quoting from a recent ruling by U.S. District Judge David Sam, the statement said:

"Colleges and universities are educational institutions, not custodial. The students who attend these institutions of higher edu-

cation are generally adults."

Since the controversy with the fraternities erupted, sororities have made it a policy to support only activities on fraternity premises that are alcohol-free. Further, the Greek Council will prohibit alcohol at gatherings of more than 60 people and has increased fines for alcohol, noise and litter violations.

The fraternities and neighbors currently are in negotiations, considering a possible solution, said City Attorney Roger Cutler said.

SERVICES

Trudi Perrine Bowler, of Bliss, memorial gathering at 2 p.m. today at Snake River Pottery in Bliss.

Dorothy Shearer Lowe, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at noon

Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary.

William Lewis McCauley, of Twin Falls, 10 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary Chapel; friends

may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.

Eileen Emma Griggs, of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the West End Cemetery in Bull (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

Michael D. Daniels, Jerome: Michael D. Daniels, 46, of Jerome, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 1999. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome.

Shirley McNeil, Burley: Shirley McNeil, 62, of Burley, died Friday, Sept. 3, 1999, at St. Benedict's Family

Medical Center in Jerome as a result of an automobile accident. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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Released Evelyn Fowler of Twin Falls.

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EDEN

Minerva Hammond
Minerva Hammond, 83, longtime Eden, Idaho, resident, died Thursday, September 2, 1999, at the home of her son in Filer, Idaho. Minerva was born November 7, 1914, in Filer, Idaho, to H. Pat and Mabel Loftano Murphy. She grew up in the Cedar draw area and in 1946, moved to Eden where she spent most of her life. On June 12, 1952, she married Owen D. Hammond and he died June 12, 1986. Minerva worked as a waitress for many years. She was a

member and treasurer of the American War Mothers Association, and a member of the Eden Seventh Day Adventist Church. Minerva's great love was singing. She organized Minerva's Sunnyday Group and performed throughout the valley. Surviving are two children, Ralph (Sue) and Susanne-of-Eden-and-Dale (Dora) Doramus of Filer, two step-children, Russell Hammond and Velta Pope; Janice Becker of Omaha, Nebraska, whom Minerva raised, a half brother, Fred Murphy of Missouri; two sisters, Marjorie Stanger of Salem, Oregon, and

Mabel Hurd of California; 11 grand-children; and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Carl and Lohi Murphy; a granddaughter, and her husband, Owen. Graveside service will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 7, 1999, at the Filer Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls on Sunday from 4 until 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be given to Idaho Home Health and Hospice, 200 2nd Ave. North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

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Nampan brought business sense to education

LEWISTON (AP) — As a well-made business executive stepped out of school in the 18th grade, state Board of Education vice president Jerry Hess often did not understand the many aspects of higher education.

But prioritizing expenditures and getting creative with limited funds are ideas that transfer from business to education, he said.

"My whole 40 years in the business world have centered around extreme budget control and accountability. The fact that I have brought a different perspective to the board. I encourage them to

get out of the box and away from conformity."

The Stampo contractor resigned last Monday to take a two-year appointment as director of the Union of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints senior center in Nampa, Nev.

State former Gov. Phil Batt called Hess to join the board in April 1995. He has served on the Finance, existing standards, School-to-Work and What Matters committees.

Although he called himself a slow learner, Hess has come to understand the historical signifi-

cance of each board decision.

In addition to Hess leaving the board, Tom Dillon, a retired doctor from Caldwell, and Harold Davis, an Idaho Falls business man, will soon finish their terms.

Karen McGee, a Pocatello City Council member, and James Hammond, a Post Falls city administrator, were appointed in April. Superintendent of Public Instruction Marlynn Howard came on board in November.

Hess has not always been up on educational issues. After dropping out of school in Nampa, he went to work for a contractor and

in 1959, at age 21, he started his own construction company.

But he soon discovered he lacked the business skills to compete. He enrolled at Nampa Business College, then took night classes at Boise Junior College and correspondence courses in law and accounting.

"As I recognized a deficiency or need, I took those courses where I could. I just continued to educate myself," Hess said.

Hess has owned many businesses in the last 40 years. He now is half-owner of a company that specializes in caring for

Alzheimer's patients.

His stands on financial management and technology often have gone unsupported by other board members. Hess said it is rewarding to see the state's school start investing money in technology, which he began promoting five years ago.

In April, Hess was the only board member to vote against hiking student fees in higher education. He has questioned big salary increases for administrators and coaches, and has asked athletic programs to show where they get their money.

Memorial restoration begins

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two area banks have made donations to kick off the restoration work on Memory Grove, where steady lanes were reduced to a splintered wreck in the recent tornado.

A total of 478 trees was destroyed during the Aug. 11 tornado. City forester Bill Rutherford said the older trees were 50 years old. Total downtown tree-replacement costs have been estimated at \$322,400. Replanting is scheduled to begin this fall.

What's in a name? Lots of streams, lakes — and buttes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turn around in Oregon and you'll find another hill to some people, but to Gregory Retallack it's clearly Red Scar Knoll.

Berry Moore thinks of the stream that trickles over the Washington state home as Middle Taylor Creek.

And that body of water high in the Cascade Mountain range in Oregon is Nekkebo's Lake — just as Reino Koski named it — not Nekkebo's Lake.

unmutilated with the naming of Middle Taylor Creek.

Dagler's descendants continue to live in the 18 homes that have sprouted up in and around her original homestead. The creek trickles past the house.

Moore, Dagler's granddaughter, said naming the creek for the woman who died in the 1950s is a fitting tribute to someone who typified the spirit of many pioneer women.

"She was very close to nature," Moore said. "She lived to be outside."

In June, the board approved a request from Fall City Elementary School students in King County, Wash., to name a nearby creek Haywick Creek.

The name is to honor an American Indian doctor who, according to local tradition, lived to the age of 130.

"The person... was of such notoriety that the name was warranted," Payne said.

Some proposals pending before the board would correct past mistakes.

Koski was the chief of a crew that stocked a lake with fish in Marion County, Ore., after World War II. He decided then to name the water after his three sons, Ken, Bob and Sheri.

name of a road at the site — was also the name of the hill, said Chet Orloff, secretary of the Oregon Geographic Names Board.

A proposal pending before the federal board would change the hill back to the real name — Gresham Butte.

The name change is warranted, said Julie Conway, the parks and recreation director in Gresham.

The land in question is clearly a butte, not a hill, she said.

Many of the naming requests come from state and local governments that want federal support to conform with state and local maps and traditional name usage.

But the majority of requests are to name things that haven't been named before come from ordinary citizens, including those who want to remember a loved one or respected leader.

"Naming a feature... is a big deal that is a very lasting memorial," said Roger Payne, executive secretary of the Inland Northwest Take Mable Taylor.

Her descendants remember her as a free spirit who raised 10 children and worked as a midwife but still found time to draw pictures and study plants.

If the federal board gives its approval when it meets next Thursday in Spokane, Wash., the pioneer woman who settled in Shelton, Wash., in 1885 will be

Burilluck has practical reasons for asking the board to name seven geographic locations in the Jim Day Forest. The National Monument in Wheeler County, Ore., the University of Oregon geology professor is researching 30 to 40 million-year-old soil samples in the monument and needs to name certain locations to help describe his research.

Some of the proposed names, like Broken Centas, are trademark computers have used.

Others came up with on his own — like Red Hill.

"So well, what can I say," Burilluck explained.

Other names he's proposing include Whitecap Knoll, Rainbow Hill, Black Spur and Eighteen Cans — the last of which is the Latin name of a fossiliferous plant in the area.

So he used the first three letters of his sons' names in reverse direction — hence Nekkebo's Lake, according to the 1992 edition of the book "Oregon Geographical Names."

A federal official later erred when he recorded the lake's title as "Nekkebo's Lake."

The board will vote next Thursday on whether to correct that error.

In Gresham, Ore., a federal surveyor in the 1950s or 1960s erred when he recorded a 300-foot-high land area as Walters Hill.

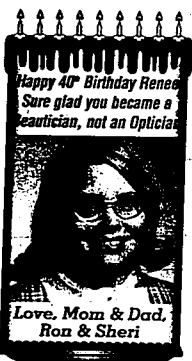
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- ✓ A presentation on the Proposed Plan for the Central Facilities Area (Waste Area Group 4)
- ✓ A presentation on the Hazardous Waste Materials Act/Basic Substances Control Act Permit Applications for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Plant
- ✓ A presentation on the location alternatives being considered for the INEEL Consolidated Disposal Facility

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Public comment sessions will be held throughout the meeting.

For a detailed agenda, please call the CAB staff members Kathy Grebstad or Wendy Green Lowe at Jason Associates Corporation Telephone number (208) 522-1662 or visit the INEEL CAB's Internet homepage at <http://www.idn.net/uscc/cab>

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Lawsuit against defense lawyer returns to court

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A lawsuit that accused a prominent defense attorney, a state judge and others of conspiring to have a bailiff fired should be returned to court, the Utah Supreme Court ruled Friday.

At a hearing almost a year ago, Senior Judge Douglas J. Corbett threw out Debra Spoons' lawsuit against attorney Ronald J. Yengich, state Judge Leslie Lewis and the Utah Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys — dismissed prematurely and should be retried in district court. The court's opinion, written by Justice Leonard E. Russon, examines a string of legal misunderstandings in Spoons' complaint, at the root of which is the state's requirement for notification of claims against the government, set out in the Utah Governmental Immunity Act.

When Spoons, who accused Yengich of swatting her hunkies as he entered the building on May 31, 1996, filed her complaint, Judge Lewis said the district court had no jurisdiction over the suit because Spoons had failed to file the act.

On appeal, Spoons said she did not file notice that she was suing a state employee because Lewis, as a judge, is not an employee but rather a "public officer."

The Supreme Court ruled that assumption was wrong. Because Lewis is a judge, he works for — and thus is an "employee" of — the judiciary. But at the same time, the court points out, Spoons' complaint merely accuses Lewis of conspiracy, without alleging whether Lewis used his judicial power to do so. That means the Act does not apply.

"If Ms. Spoons can maintain any viable claim, Judge Lewis clearly engaged in a conspiracy occurring outside the performance of her duties, not within the scope of her employment, and not under color of authority," the Court wrote. "The Government Immunity Act's notice of claim provisions would not apply," the court wrote.

NATION

Court revives immigrants' attempt to see files

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court on Friday revived efforts by thousands of immigrants in the western United States to see deportation files that were sealed by federal authorities to deny them legal status.

A federal judge in Arizona had ruled that the immigrants' right to obtain the files before their legal immigration requests were considered. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals disagreed and ordered him to decide whether they needed the information for a fair determination of their status.

The immigrants, who entered the country illegally before 1982, applied for amnesty in the late 1980s under a law offering legal residency to aliens who had lived in the United States continuously since Jan. 1, 1982, and could show good moral character. They were all turned down on the grounds that their files had been deported at least once since 1982.

Immigrants in the lawsuit sought to challenge that finding, arguing they had been deported illegally or hadn't been deported at all, but ran into a problem: The Immigration and Naturalization Service did not provide their deportation files before considering amnesty.

They could seek the files under the Freedom of Information Act, but the process failed by the time they were able to identify information in the files could not be used as a defense to a later deportation order.

The class-action suit, filed by 14 immigrants and the Tucson, Ariz.-based Proceso San Pablo, challenged the INS's refusal to provide the files routinely before amnesty decisions and the agency's refusal to accept applications for waivers of the rules on prior INS deportations.

U.S. District Judge William B. Sessions dismissed the suit in 1997, saying federal courts had no authority to rule on amnesty decisions until an immigrant faced an actual deportation order. He also said the 14 immigrants eventually received copies of their deportation files and showed no need for earlier review.

The appeals court's 2-8 ruling stopped short of saying whether the immigrants, and others in the same situation, were entitled to see their files before an amnesty decision. But the court said a federal judge has the authority to review such "procedural challenges to INS practices" without issuing a deportation order.

The fact that the 14 immigrants

eventually got their files is irrelevant to their claims because any information they get after an amnesty determination can't be used to prove the right to legal status, or to convince a judge that they shouldn't be deported, the court said.

The opinion by Judge Betty Fletcher also said Browning should decide whether the INS was required to accept applications for waivers, but had no authority to say whether waivers were wrongly denied.

Robert Pauer, the immigrants' lawyer, said several thousand

immigrants in the West were affected by the case.

"This will give the people in the class a second chance to prove their case and qualify for amnesty," he said. "These were people Congress intended to get qualified for amnesty. Many of them have been in limbo for the past 10 years."

Sharon Rummery, spokeswoman for the INS district in San Francisco, said the agency had not reviewed the ruling and had no comment.

The case is Proyecto San Pablo vs. INS, 97-16694.

Trial delayed in quadruple murder after defense fired

SHALIMAR, Fla. (AP) — A judge has delayed the murder trial of a former Army Ranger who said he fired shotguns who were defending him against charges he killed his girlfriend and her three children.

Jeffrey Hutchinson, 36, formerly of Spokane, Wash., has been diagnosed by a defense psychiatrist as having a mental illness linked to his service in the Army and Persian Gulf War. He had been scheduled to go on trial next week.

Circuit Judge D. Robert Barron said Thursday that he would reschedule the trial for January. Barron permitted two court-appointed lawyers to withdraw after Hutchinson stopped talking to them because he would be cooperating with a prosecutor to put him in the electric chair.

"I fired them," Hutchinson told the judge at a pretrial hearing. "They didn't get out of me."

Hutchinson is charged with four counts of first-degree murder in the shotgun deaths of Renee Fishner, 32, and her children — Geoffrey, 8, Amanda, 6, and Logan, 4, at the family's home near Crestview.

Hutchinson had moved to Florida with the family in 1997 from the Spokane area, where a local television station featured him in a program about Gulf War illness.

Mrs. Fishner, a part-time postal worker, was trying to make a new life with him after a divorce.

Newly appointed defense attorney Stephen Cudd said he would be ready for trial in January. Hutchinson was being held without bond at the Okaloosa County Jail.

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State officials fall behind in water database work

BOISE (AP) - A federal database designed to track water quality throughout Idaho is not up to date, but state officials hope to have it current by the end of the year.

Idaho is among several states that have failed to report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency all water quality violations, which must be turned in to comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

A recent Environmental Protection Agency survey revealed that 88 percent of drinking water violations nationwide are unreported to the federal government. Federal officials have said the lack of information weakens an important link in monitoring and protecting the nation's drinking water supply.

Idaho officials, however, said they are keeping track of the most serious threats to drinking water in the state.

"We are behind on some reporting to the federal government and we expect to be caught up by the end of the year," said Lance Nielsen, drinking water program manager for the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality. "In none of this has public health been compromised."

The agency oversees 2,073 public water systems in Idaho, which include local governments and private companies. Any service that provides water to at least 25 people for at least 60 days a year must have a certified laboratory regularly test its water and report the results to the state.

Government gets an earful from farmers

BLACKFOOT (AP) - Record-low prices and trade imbalances are prompting eastern Idaho farmers to worry they will not be able to stay in business much longer.

That is what they told U.S. Sen. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo and U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson during a meeting Friday.

Even the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act that was to emancipate farmers from government subsidies and regulation and let them compete unfettered in the world market is due for some change, Craig said.

The three-term Republican senator said a major cause of farmers' woes is a Democratic administration "resistant to change most of the time and slow to respond some of the time."

He predicted there will not be significant change until after the 2000 presidential election and an administration is elected that works with farmers, enforces trade agreements and watches borders as closely as does the Canadian government.

While agriculture suffers, the rest of the economy appears robust because the United States leads the world in the rapidly evolving high-tech industry, Craig said.

"The human mind is a greater resource than a kernel of grain or the mining of gold," Craig said, noting all resource industries, including mining and timber, are suffering.

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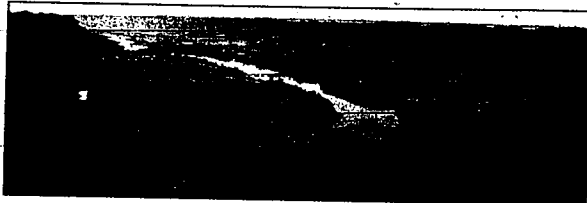
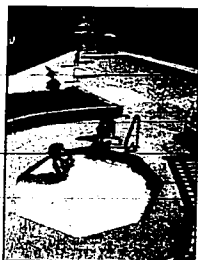
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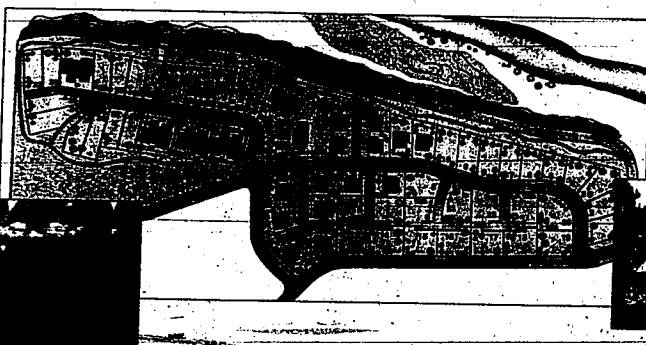
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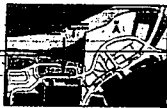
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Fire crews complete ring around monster blaze

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters gouged a 90-mile fireline Saturday to pen in a blaze that threatened to devour forests and homes across the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles.

The 63,486-acre Willow blaze — the largest remaining wildfire among dozens that have scarred thousands of acres across the United States since July — was 100 percent contained, thanks to the backbreaking work of some 2,700 firefighters who traveled from across the country to help back the flames.

The Willow blaze had crept toward several small resort communities during the week, deterring holiday campers and burning a dozen homes.

By Saturday, fire officials said they had the blaze 80 percent contained.

"We're such a strong outdoor-oriented area — hiking, biking, fishing, boating, so we're dependent on Mother Nature," said Jamie Wolcott, a year-round resident of this resort town, 6,790 feet up in the San Bernardino Mountains. "There's nothing we can do about it, just hope for the best."

The blaze was one of seven large California fires that burned more than 130,000 acres of forest and desert land in the state. Six other significant wildfires in Montana, Utah and Idaho were contained during the week.

The Willow fire in the San Bernardino National Forest has cost more than \$8.5 million to fight. It started Aug. 28 near Lake Arrowhead and was initially believed to have been caused by an illegal campfire, but investigators are checking other possibilities, said Hal Seyden, spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service.

In Fawnskin, population 370, Barbara Moore made plans Saturday to roof her cabin with fire-resistant shingles. She had James Wolcott, a year-round resident of this resort town, 6,790 feet up in the San Bernardino Mountains. "There's nothing we can do about it, just hope for the best."

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But in Apple Valley, several residents were angry that some homes had been left to burn.

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Utah firm picked to run Ohio prison

CLEVELAND (AP) — A Utah company has been selected to operate a second private prison being built in northeast Ohio.

The company will run the Lake Erie Correctional Institution which is under construction in Conant.

The prison, which will house 200 medium-security inmates when completed early next year, will accept inmates in spring 2000.

Woman accused of starving daughter bound over

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A woman charged with beating and starving her 6-year-old daughter has been bound over for trial.

Carlsen said Magee's daughter, Kayla, walked into her Holiday home and begged for food. The woman said she fed Kayla pork chops, rice, toast and apples, and gave her water and orange juice to drink.

The child was taken into protective custody and Magee, 40, nursed herself in to police 13 days later.

Police: Man admits kidnap report was hoax

RACINE, Wis. (AP) — A man who disappeared after leaving a telephone message to his wife saying he had been kidnaped, was found unharmed in Utah Friday and admitted the incident was a hoax, police said.

Steve Hurley of the Racine Police Department said. Authorities began investigating Gonzalez's disappearance after he left a voice mail message Tuesday for his wife saying, "I've been kidnaped," and "I'm in a trunk."

Gonzales had not been to his job at a dental laboratory since the message was received, police said.

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Stanley Lake road to close this week

STANLEY (AP) — The road to Stanley Lake, one of the most popular sites in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, will close at 10 a.m. on Tuesday for paving.

A contractor will begin surface work to pave the three-mile stretch from Highway 21 to Inlet Campground on Stanley Lake. The work should be completed in 10 to 14 days.

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Documents of escalating land swap emerge

SANDPOINT (AP) — The documents that chronicle the Brinkmeyer vs. Brinkmeyer divorce case cover an entire shelf in the Bonner County Clerk's Office.

Inside those files are previously hidden details about an \$8.75 million Panhandle land swap that netted business huge profits at taxpayer expense.

They show how they used political pressure to prod the Forest Service into agreeing to the trade, despite questions about artificially inflated land

values. The sale price on 520 acres of an ancient cedar grove shot up from \$1.5 million in just five years. Those trees harbor grizzly bears and bald eagles.

"It just appears they were posturing to take the public on the cleaners," said Ron Ashley, a Forest Service appraiser who consulted with the Idaho Panhandle Forest on the Upper Priest Lake land trade in 1995.

Marc Brinkmeyer, company owner, filed for divorce soon his wife after he and Clearwater

Land Exchange completed the trade.

The documents include a letter between key players which suggests Brinkmeyer's company, Riley-Creek Lumber, and Clearwater Land Exchange planned to earn a huge profit from the moment they acquired the land they knew the Forest Service wanted.

Brinkmeyer had to find unusual deals to get timber for his mill after he rescued it from bankruptcy in 1987, the files said. So he agreed to get involved in the

land swap with the idea he could purchase the grove and trade it for a few thousand acres elsewhere.

Clearwater Land Exchange, then Clearwater Realty, had brokered public-private land deals with the federal government for years, usually to consolidate land ownership.

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And they support a proposal to take the McCarty's/Pacific Hide & Fur Superfund site on the city's west side off the federal cleanup list.

"We feel that the cleanup in combination with the institutional controls is certainly protective of human health and that area as it has been left is far superior to what it was," said Gordon Brown, the state Division of Environmental Quality's remediation projects officer for Superfund work in southeastern Idaho.

Using what were typical methods at the time, workers until about 1979 opened batteries containing lead and electrical components with insulating fluid such as PCBs at the site. The toxins were spilled and buried.

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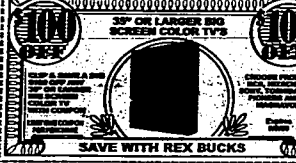
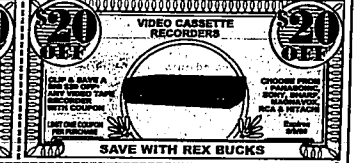
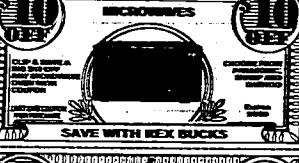


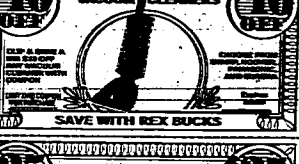
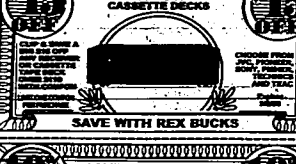

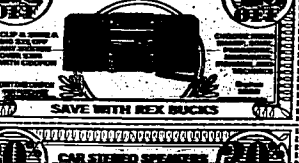





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U.S. Open

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 Billie Jean King to Chris Evert hauling her as a future champion. She is also forever that sad 18-year-old with the nose ring in the picture that was arrested for drug possession and sent to rehab.

"I'm just 23, but I feel I've lived a few lifetimes," Capriati says.

She's lived them in the bright lights of the tennis world and in the pages of newspapers and magazines. She insists that she

U.S. Open
Highlights of Saturday's play in the \$1.5 million U.S. Open tennis championships:
Weather: Mostly cloudy and humid with brief periods of sun. High of 76.
Attendance: Day session: 25,544. Night: 22,860. Total: 48,404.
Weather: Men's singles: No. 2 Andre

Agassi, No. 3 Yegorh Yankovskiy, No. 13 Marcelo Rios and No. 22 Richard Krajicek advancing to the fourth round. Also advancing to the fourth round: Andre Medvedev, Vitas Panopoulou, Nicolas Pietrangeli and Armand Clement, who upset No. 15 Nicolas Pietrangeli. Women's singles: No. 2 Lindsay Davenport, No. 4 Monica Seles, No. 5 Mary Pierce, No. 7 Serena Williams, No. 8 Julie Halard-Greard and No. 26

Conchita Martinez won their third-round matches. Also advancing were Sabine Appelmann and Jennifer Capriati, who beat No. 11 Nathalie Tauziat.
Clash of the Day: Going into today's fourth-round match, Martina Hingis has won 11 consecutive matches against Andre Sanchez-Vizcaino. Sanchez-Vizcaino's lone win was their first meeting in 1996.

come to realize, is the future. And she began to change that this year after she had hit bottom, plodded through aborted courtships, and wondered whether she could ever again play top quality tennis.

"It really scared the hell out of me," Capriati said. "I just thought, 'God, you know, what if that is it? That's it. How ridiculous.' I mean, why? Why not? You have the power in you. So she committed herself to

training to whip her planted body back into playing shape. She hired former pro Harold Solomon to groove her strokes and work on her footwork. "I started paying off this spring. She won her first singles title since 1993 at Strasbourg in May. It was a match-winning streak to win by reaching the fourth round of the French Open — her best performance in a major since '93 — and jumped up in the rankings after ending 1998 at No. 101.

lives now with no regrets, that she accepts everything she has

dim — the successes, failures and mistakes — as simply chapters of

her life that she cannot change. All she can change, she has

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AL standings

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Chicago	71	65	.520
Detroit	69	67	.508
Cleveland	68	68	.500
Minnesota	67	69	.493
San Diego	66	70	.485
Los Angeles	65	71	.478
Seattle	64	72	.471
Philadelphia	63	73	.464
St. Louis	62	74	.457
Arizona	61	75	.450
San Francisco	60	76	.443
Colorado	59	77	.436
Houston	58	78	.429
Atlanta	57	79	.422
Washington	56	80	.415
Pittsburgh	55	81	.408
Florida	54	82	.401
Montreal	53	83	.394
Baltimore	52	84	.387
Kansas City	51	85	.380
Philadelphia	50	86	.373
San Diego	49	87	.366
Los Angeles	48	88	.359
Seattle	47	89	.352
Philadelphia	46	90	.345
St. Louis	45	91	.338
Arizona	44	92	.331
San Francisco	43	93	.324
Colorado	42	94	.317
Houston	41	95	.310
Atlanta	40	96	.303
Washington	39	97	.296
Pittsburgh	38	98	.289
Florida	37	99	.282
Montreal	36	100	.275
Baltimore	35	101	.268
Kansas City	34	102	.261
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Colorado	25	111	.198
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Vikings swat Hornets in a close match

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

OKALEY — Oakley head volleyball coach Jeff Harrah was telling fish stories in the bleachers after his team's 15-10, 15-12, straight-game loss to Valley Saturday.

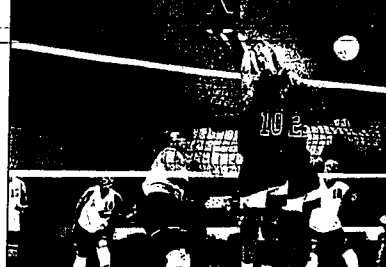
"We had 'em," Harrah said. "They're a good ball club, you know, and they're expected to win. They're A-3, but we had 'em."

And he wasn't exaggerating. Truth is, the Hornets did have the Vikings reeling at critical points during each game. Both times, however, Oakley failed to deliver the knockout punch and Valley countered with crippling runs of its own — each of which ended the game, and eventually, the match.

"We made three or four or five mistakes and missed some crucial serves," Harrah said. "We missed some hits. We missed some passes — at crucial times."

Leading 10-9 in the first game, Oakley lost possession of the ball, then saw the Vikings' Steve Pony game at 10. A Kyla Beem ace made the score 11-10, and two more Viking serves pushed the advantage to 13-10 before Harrah called timeout.

Later, on game point, the



Valley's Kyla Beem and Cassi Kincaid deflect an Oakley player's kill during Saturday's volleyball match in Oakley. Valley defeated Oakley in two games, 15-10, 15-12.

Hornets forced a side out and earned a chance to draw closer to the lead. But a short Hornet serve gave the ball right back to Valley, who battled back and forth for the next several minutes, eventually arriving at a 10-10 tie. Soon after, Oakley took a 12-10 lead.

early 4-1 lead before Valley forced a side out and rattled off six unanswered points of its own to take a 7-4 advantage. Valley, who battled back and forth for the next several minutes, eventually arriving at a 10-10 tie. Soon after, Oakley took a 12-10 lead.

But like the first game, Oakley crumbled and the Vikings tallied five consecutive points for the decisive 15-12 victory.

"These girls are competitors," said Sarah Lloyd, Valley's coach. "Even though we were down, I think they dug a little deeper and pulled that one out. This team is pretty good at competing. Last year, we probably wouldn't have won the game. But this year, I think we can pull those games out."

Jeff Sarah Lloyd led the Oakley offense with six kills, while senior Senora Rounly added five. Senior Maggie Smith recorded 10 digs in the loss.

"They know they have to get better," Harrah said. "We've had some good practices. I thought we played well and I thought we did some great things today. My middle hitter has not been hitting the ball very well and she's put some hours in and she's hitting some good balls. I think she's a setter and she's setting well. They're workers."

The Hornets, now 1-1, will play at Lewiston Tuesday. Oakley beat Jackpot 19-2, 19-4, earlier this season.

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Lutz leads Magic Valley Amateur after two eagles

TWIN FALLS — Boh Lutz capped the first and 16th holes at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course to take a two-stroke lead Sunday after one round of the Magic Valley Amateur golf tournament.

Lutz hit a gap wedge from 120 yards out on the 16th hole to help him to a 2-under-par 66, and was the only player to finish under par in the first round.

Local sports

Jim Oehner, playing in his championship play, was second at even par 68, tied with Jason Meyerhoeffer.

Aaron Curtis was 2-under after nine holes, but double-bogeyed the next three holes on the back nine and was in a four-way tie for fourth at 70.

Carl Sklavos, Bert Elliot and Steve Peterson tied for the first flight lead by one shot at 70 for the leader in the second flight, and Doyle Leander, Dave Parry and John Woodman were atop the third flight at 78.

Ron Boyd led the fourth flight at 74, Larry Wilder was the fifth-flight leader at 76, and Brett Pearson led the sixth flight at 78.

TF completes road trip

POCATELLO — The Twin Falls boys' soccer team tied Highland 1-1 and beat Pocatello 3-1 on a Saturday road trip to eastern Idaho, rebounding from Friday's 2-0 loss to Pocatello.

Chris Scott scored in the first 30 seconds against Highland, assisted by Joey Machala. Machala and Matt McFarlin scored unanswered goals in the second half against Pocatello, and McFarlin assisted Jacob Eldridge in the second half.

Pocatello's only goal came on a penalty kick after a Friday handball.

"The games improve the Bruins' mind," said coach Mike Gibson. "We're loaded with sophomores, so it's a really young team."

Twin Falls opens the conference season next Saturday at Wood River, but will first host Century Wednesday night under the lights at Brum Stadium.

Friday Pocatello 35, Minico 18

POCATELLO — Matt Hager completed 29 of 44 passes for 316 yards and four touchdowns as the Pocatello Indians beat the Minico Spartans in a Class A-1, Region III football contest late Friday.

Indians running back Brad Staples carried the ball 25 times for 113 yards as Pocatello earned 20 first downs and Todd Minico's Jared Price, the team's leading rusher, to 44 yards and a sole score.

"If we would have played a full game, we would have been right there with them," said Minico coach Tim Perriotto. "We came out at halftime and we made some adjustments. I think we thought our kids played real well."

"We just had a slow start and against a good team with a quarterback like (Drew) Todd Minico, you can't afford to make mistakes."

John McKenzie and Bill Hickey completed for 27 rushing yards for Minico's (0-1) weekly plays at home Friday against Kuna.

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Speedway action heats up chilly Magic Valley

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Racing aficionados got their first horse-racing fix Saturday night at Magic Valley Speedway.

With precious points on the line, the Mountain Dew Modifieds, Budweiser Street Stocks, NAFA Auto Parts Pony Stocks and Dairy Queen Thunder Stocks all grabbed some asphalt in their attempts to make the winner's circle.

Auto racing

Speedway

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Jones squeaks out late win in Modifieds

Hot engines crackled in the cool September air as the Modifieds went through the steps in their attempt to catch points late.

But when Quale didn't win the race, his third place finish was good enough to keep his points lead safe. Afterward, he celebrated by taking of New York Yankee great Yogi Berra when he said it isn't over until it's over.

"You never hear it wrapped until it's all done," he said. "But I'd have to really screw up big time next week to lose, but I'm not going to count my eggs yet — I'm still trying out there."

The win went to points runner-up Steve Jones, who gave himself a nice birthday present with his third season victory.

"It was just lucky. Harold (Wartluft) was fastest out there by staying in front all night," Jones said. "I turned him sideways, a little bit and got under him."

Patience paid off for the birthday boy, who trailed the Gooding race through 48 laps before pulling out of Turn 4. Jones caught Wartluft underneath and scampered by him for the win. Jones showed up at the track sporting a bleached-white head of hair, which he said paid off for him.

"The hair must've worked," he mused. "Makes me go faster, I guess."

Wartluft bolted out into the first lap lead over Jones before the Boise driver caught him at the end.

"I was racing out there. My tires got a little loose," Wartluft said.

A Lap 3 mix-up allowed Quale to move into fourth behind

Wartluft, Jones and Brett Thompson.

The four leaders remained out from the 20 of the 50-lap race as Wartluft and Jones pulled ahead by five car lengths over the tandem of Thompson and Quale. John Newhouse, who earlier had topped four positions, suddenly raced into fifth place all alone after passing last week's winner Doug Dugger.

At the midway point, the race stayed put with Wartluft and Jones vying for the lead. Five seconds ahead of the third and fourth place cars of Thompson and Quale. Then, Newhouse followed, with Rick Corbridge and Dana Pruetz pulling up the rear.

On Lap 36, Quale got underneath Thompson to move into first in front of Gotes. Miles, who was going to end as cleanly as it had ran, but Newhouse and Dugger got tied up down the front straightaway on Lap 36 in a nasty spinning lousup. To cool the situation, the race director black flagged both from the race. After that, racing resumed when Jones pulled off his maneuver at the end to claim the win.

Banker Welch deposits first victory in the winner's circle

Clay Bagley took the early lead and stretched it to four and a half seconds over the rest of the field in the Street stock main event. He was so far ahead, that the only race was for second through 20 laps.

But then a yellow flag came out and Bagley left the track — putting himself into last — while Brian Welch, looking for his first season win, took over the lead, and pulled off the challenge of Jeffrey Meads and Thomas Powell for the victory.

"It's been awhile," Welch said. "I almost lost it about two or three times out there, and I stopped breathing I think."

Meanwhile, newcomer Jeff Bann was holding second down in front of both Jerome Coates and Welch with a lot of three-wide racing going on during the event. On Lap 12, Welch, followed by Norman Hake, moved into a fight for second, before the seasoned veteran Hake motored his black Camaro ahead of Welch on Lap 12.

Behind Welch was Coates, followed by points leader Dale Miles in fifth place. The fast-running Bagley had used his slight lead to give a half seconds, but Hake had chopped a full second off in.

one lap as he chased down the leader.

A reprieve for the field in its attempt to catch Bagley happened on the next lap. No. 21, ex-Doug Albright spun out on the back straightaway.

At about the same time, Hake pulled off against the Turn 2 wall, an apparent motor casualty. While during the race stoppage, Bagley pulled off into the pits due to an overheating engine, unfortunately, the move also put Bagley into the back of the pack.

Meanwhile, Welch emerged as the new race leader after NASCAR officials sorted through all of the confusing situations and got the pack back on order.

The green flag waved restarting the race on Lap 21 with Welch out in front of Gotes. Miles, on the other hand, was having all kinds of problems in fifth place as his car was smoking heavily.

Through five laps, Welch found himself in a dogfight with two of the top points leaders in Powell and Meads kissing his bumper.

Welch held firm through Lap 26, even putting a half-car gap between himself and Meads. But just as the leader made his distance, another yellow flashed due to Bagley and Miles, who spun out underneath the starter's tower.

Racing soon resumed with Welch fending off Miles, Powell and Coates. On Lap 30, Powell gunned his Camaro to the outside of Welch, but couldn't overtake him as the yellow Monte Carlo came in.

Welch held firm through Lap 33, it was still Welch trying to hold on and at the white flag, he grabbed more distance to push himself to victory over Meads.

Goodfellow runs to second season victory

Two-yellow flags began the race but Gene Goodfellow in his No. 34 Mustang ended it in with a wire-to-wire.

"Last weekend I couldn't do anything with this car," Goodfellow said. "And the way my tires look now, I'm kind of surprised I made it because the competition is so tough out here."

Once racing finally got under way without a yellow flag waving, it became a three-car race through seven laps before a tandem of cars out of Turn 4 saw cars kick up the dust and turn into the infield, but Miles held on to lead.

Leading just 7-0 after a mistake-laden first half, Nebraska graduatedly asserted control behind Newson laps before a tandem of Eric Crouch to stop the debut of Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz.

Crouch, who lost a highly publicized bid with Newcombe for the starting job, ran for three touchdowns.

over David Caldwell Sr.

Another seven laps saw the race's third yellow appear as Caldwell sprang himself out along the back straightaway.

As the leaders passed each other, Alan Larson stalled along the back stretch while the old-time crew member whose form fluid had spilled.

When NASCAR officials sorted the lineup, it saw Goodfellow in front, leading Ed Jones and points leader David Caldwell Jr. Behind Caldwell, it was Todd Audet in fourth and Shawn Nice in fifth.

Action soon picked up with the trio of leaders — Goodfellow, Jones and Caldwell Jr. — making a key race out of the night. But Goodfellow was strong this night, holding off any and all challengers.

As the leaders passed Lap 21, it was still Goodfellow leading a tailgating Jones with Caldwell content to run third — his main competitor in the points — while Miles had fallen all the way into the back. Her car eventually caught on fire in the pits along two laps ago, but she had flames two laps before the checkered flag.

Wheeler rolls to victory in the Thunder stocks

A slow-starting race picked up its pace when Natalie Wheeler jumped out an early lead and held it strong, outrunning Jason Huffard for her second win of the season.

"It was lucky, it's a nice surprise," Wheeler said. "I have to thank my husband and pit crew for the win."

Pit stops

Happy birthday: Modified driver Steve Jones celebrated his 30th birthday at the track, and he gave himself a present by winning the 20-lap main event.

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Far West scores table with columns for location, score, and date.

Penn State roars over Akron; Michigan edges Notre Dame

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — No. 2 Penn State's 70-24 victory over Akron turned into a rout Saturday for the Mittany Lions.

Rashard Casey scored his first college touchdown two and a half minutes into the game, and he passed, John Gilmore, off the final challenge.

Drummond and Bryant-Johnson each caught their first TDs at Penn State.

The Lions (2-0) scored 70 points for the first time since beating Maryland 70-7 in 1993. Akron (0-1), a 45-point underdog, remained winless in 10 games against Top

25 teams since joining Division I-A in 1987.

No. 5 Nebraska 42, Iowa 7

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Bobby Newcombe atoned for three first-half turnovers by running for two touchdowns and passing for one as Nebraska won its season opener.

Leading just 7-0 after a mistake-laden first half, Nebraska graduatedly asserted control behind Newson laps before a tandem of Eric Crouch to stop the debut of Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz.

Crouch, who lost a highly publicized bid with Newcombe for the starting job, ran for three touchdowns.

No. 7 Michigan 26, No. 16 Notre Dame 22

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Anthony Thomas scored on a 3-yard run with 1:38 left to lift Michigan over Notre Dame in an NCAA-record crowd of 111,523.

The Fighting Irish took a 22-19 lead with 4:08 remaining on Jarious Jackson's fourth-down, 20-yard TD pass to Jabari Holloway, and a 2-point conversion pass from Jackson to Bobby Brown.

But Michigan (1-0), aided by two key penalties against the Irish, came back and drove for the go-ahead touchdown on 17-yard quarterback Darrin Jackson's 11-yard pass to Steve James.

Dame (1-1) had a final chance, but Jackson was sacked for a crucial 10-yard loss by Darrin Jackson and ran out on the Irish with the ball on

the Michigan 12.

No. 12 Georgia 38, Utah 57

ATHENS, Ga. — Freshman Terrence Davis made an electrifying debut for Georgia, catching 10 passes for 196 yards and two long touchdowns as the Bulldogs rolled over Utah.

Sophomore Quincy Carter, who is being touted for the Heisman Trophy, finished his remarkable game start by throwing to 320 yards and two touchdowns and running for 58 yards and another score.

Edwards, younger brother of former Georgia star Robert Edwards, caught touchdown passes of 47 and 53 yards. He finished his prep career at the school receiving record of 198

yards held by Lamar Davis since 1992. The 10 receptions also were the second-most in school history.

Utah 27, Washington St. 7

PUEBLA, Wash. — Utah quarterback Darnell Arceonous scored the Cougar defense for 248 yards and a touchdown in the second quarter for both teams.

Utah also recovered four WSU fumbles and added a late interception in holding the Cougars to 223 yards of offense. Washington State (0-1) lost a row during back to last season.

It is also their first home opener defeat since 1991, when they lost to Fresno State 34-30. Arceonous is now 7-0 as a starter for Utah, of the Mountain West Conference.

SPORTS

AFC West

DENVER BRONCOS

Sept. 13 at Miami, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at Kansas City, 2:15 p.m.
 Sept. 26 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at N.Y. Jets, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 10 at Oakland, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 17 at Green Bay, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 24 at New England, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at Minnesota, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at San Diego, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 14 at Seattle, 6:20 p.m.
 Nov. 22 at Oakland, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 29 OPEN
 Dec. 5 at Kansas City, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 13 at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
 Dec. 19 at Seattle, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 25 at Detroit, 2:15 p.m.
 Jan. 2 at San Diego, 2:15 p.m.

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AFC West

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Sept. 12 at Denver, 2:15 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at Chicago, 2:05 p.m.
 Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 OPEN
 Oct. 17 at San Diego, 2:05 p.m.
 Oct. 24 at Buffalo, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 31 at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at Cincinnati, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 14 at Denver, 6:20 p.m.
 Nov. 21 at Kansas City, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 28 at Tampa Bay, 6:05 p.m.
 Dec. 5 at Oakland, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 12 at San Diego, 2:05 p.m.
 Dec. 19 at Seattle, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 26 at Kansas City, 2:15 p.m.
 Jan. 2 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.

AFC Central

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Sept. 12 at Cleveland, 6:20 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Seattle, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at Jacksonville, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 25 at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 31 OPEN
 Nov. 7 at San Francisco, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 14 at Cleveland, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 28 at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Jacksonville, 6:20 p.m.
 Dec. 12 at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Kansas City, 12:40 p.m.
 Dec. 26 at Dallas, 11 a.m.
 Jan. 2 at Tennessee, 2:15 p.m.

AFC East

NEW YORK JETS

Sept. 12 at New England, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at Buffalo, 6:20 p.m.
 Sept. 26 at Washington, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at Denver, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 10 at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 17 at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at Oakland, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 31 OPEN
 Nov. 7 at Arizona, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 14 at New England, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 21 at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 28 at Indianapolis, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 5 at N.Y. Giants, 6:20 p.m.
 Dec. 12 at Miami, 2:05 p.m.
 Dec. 19 at Dallas, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 27 at Miami, 7 p.m.
 Jan. 2 at Seattle, 11 a.m.

NFC East

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Sept. 12 at Arizona, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at Dallas, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at New Orleans, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at Dallas, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at Miami, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 7 at Carolina, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 14 at Cleveland, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at San Diego, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 28 at Detroit, 10:40 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Green Bay, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 OPEN
 Dec. 19 at New England, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
 Jan. 2 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.

NFC Central

CHICAGO BEARS

Sept. 12 at Kansas City, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at Oakland, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Oakland, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 3 at New Orleans, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 7 at Green Bay, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 14 at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at San Diego, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 28 at Detroit, 10:40 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Green Bay, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 OPEN
 Dec. 19 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.

NFC West

CAROLINA PANTHERS

Sept. 12 at New Orleans, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Washington, 2:05 p.m.
 Oct. 10 OPEN
 Oct. 17 at San Francisco, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 24 at Detroit, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 7 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 14 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
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 Dec. 5 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at Green Bay, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Tennessee, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 26 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Jan. 2 at New Orleans, 11 a.m.

AFC West

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Sept. 12 OPEN
 Sept. 19 at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Indianapolis, 2:05 p.m.
 Oct. 3 at Kansas City, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 10 at Detroit, 11 a.m.
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 Nov. 21 at Chicago, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 28 at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Cleveland, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 12 at Miami, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Kansas City, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 26 at Denver, 2:15 p.m.

AFC Central

BALTIMORE RAVENS

Sept. 12 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Cleveland, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
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 Nov. 21 at Cincinnati, 2:05 p.m.
 Nov. 28 at Jacksonville, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Kansas City, 12:40 p.m.
 Dec. 26 at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
 Jan. 2 at New England, 11 a.m.

AFC East

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Sept. 12 at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at New England, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at San Diego, 2:05 p.m.
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 Nov. 21 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 28 at N.Y. Giants, 6:20 p.m.
 Dec. 5 at Miami, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Washington, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
 Jan. 2 at Buffalo, 11 a.m.

NFC East

NEW YORK GIANTS

Sept. 12 at Tampa Bay, 2:15 p.m.
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 Nov. 28 at San Diego, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 5 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Dallas, 2:05 p.m.
 Dec. 26 at Dallas, 2:05 p.m.

NFC Central

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

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 Dec. 5 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at Green Bay, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Detroit, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Detroit, 11 a.m.

NFC West

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

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 Dec. 5 at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
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AFC West

OAKLAND RAIDERS

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AFC Central

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

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 Dec. 26 at Cleveland, 11 a.m.
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AFC East

MIAMI DOLPHINS

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 Dec. 5 at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at N.Y. Jets, 6:20 p.m.
 Dec. 19 at San Diego, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at New England, 11 a.m.
 Jan. 2 at Washington, 2:15 p.m.

NFC East

DALLAS COWBOYS

Sept. 12 at Washington, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 OPEN
 Sept. 26 OPEN
 Oct. 3 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at Dallas, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at Dallas, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at Washington, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 7 at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 14 at Dallas, 11 a.m.
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 Dec. 12 at N.Y. Jets, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 19 at N.Y. Jets, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 26 at Dallas, 2:05 p.m.

NFC Central

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Sept. 12 at N.Y. Giants, 2:15 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at Green Bay, 6:20 p.m.
 Oct. 17 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at Chicago, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at Philadelphia, 6:20 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at New Orleans, 2:05 p.m.
 Nov. 14 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 28 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at Oakland, 2:05 p.m.
 Dec. 19 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Chicago, 11 a.m.

NFC West

ST. LOUIS RAMS

Sept. 12 at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at Cleveland, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 24 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at Cleveland, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 7 at Tampa Bay, 2:05 p.m.
 Nov. 14 at San Francisco, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 21 at Jacksonville, 6:20 p.m.
 Nov. 28 at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Carolina, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.

AFC West

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sept. 12 at Chicago, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at Denver, 2:15 p.m.
 Sept. 26 at Detroit, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at San Diego, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 10 at New England, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at N.Y. Jets, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 24 OPEN
 Oct. 31 at Baltimore, 6:20 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 14 at Seattle, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at Oakland, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 28 at Denver, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 5 at Pittsburgh, 6:20 p.m.
 Dec. 12 at Tampa Bay, 2:05 p.m.
 Dec. 19 at Seattle, 2:05 p.m.
 Dec. 26 at Oakland, 11 a.m.

AFC Central

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Sept. 12 at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at San Diego, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Carolina, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at Cleveland, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at Cincinnati, 2:05 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at Seattle, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 14 at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at Baltimore, 2:05 p.m.
 Nov. 28 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at Cleveland, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Jacksonville, 11 a.m.
 Jan. 2 at Baltimore, 11 a.m.

AFC East

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Sept. 12 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at N.Y. Jets, 6:20 p.m.
 Oct. 3 at Cleveland, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at Kansas City, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at Miami, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at Denver, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at Dallas, 2:05 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at Washington, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 14 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at Miami, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 28 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Dallas, 6:20 p.m.
 Dec. 12 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Washington, 2:15 p.m.
 Jan. 2 at Baltimore, 11 a.m.

NFC East

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Sept. 12 at Dallas, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 OPEN
 Oct. 10 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at Dallas, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at Washington, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 7 at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 14 at Dallas, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at Arizona, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 28 at New England, 6:20 p.m.
 Dec. 5 at Dallas, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at N.Y. Jets, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 19 at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Miami, 2:15 p.m.

NFC Central

DETROIT LIONS

Sept. 12 at Seattle, 2:15 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Kansas City, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at San Diego, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at Carolina, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 7 at Arizona, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 14 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at San Francisco, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 28 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Washington, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at Chicago, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Chicago, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Detroit, 2:15 p.m.
 Jan. 2 at Minnesota, 11 a.m.

NFC West

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Sept. 12 at Jacksonville, 2:15 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at Cleveland, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 24 at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 7 at Pittsburgh, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 14 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at San Francisco, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 28 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at Carolina, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

AFC Central

TENNESSEE TITANS

Sept. 12 at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Jacksonville, 2:05 p.m.
 Oct. 3 at San Diego, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 10 at Baltimore, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 17 at New Orleans, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 OPEN
 Oct. 31 at Baltimore, 6:20 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at Miami, 6:20 p.m.
 Nov. 14 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 28 at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at Pittsburgh, 6:20 p.m.
 Dec. 19 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Jan. 2 at Pittsburgh, 2:15 p.m.

AFC Central

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Sept. 12 at Pittsburgh, 6:20 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at New England, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at St. Louis, 10 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at New England, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 7 at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 14 at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at Carolina, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 28 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Pittsburgh, 6:20 p.m.
 Dec. 12 at Jacksonville, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 19 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Jan. 2 OPEN

AFC East

BUFFALO BILLS

Sept. 12 at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 at Miami, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at Seattle, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 31 at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 7 at Washington, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 14 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 28 OPEN
 Dec. 5 at Philadelphia, 2:15 p.m.
 Dec. 12 at Arizona, 6:20 p.m.
 Dec. 19 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
 Jan. 2 at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.

NFC East

ARIZONA CARDINALS

Sept. 12 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at San Francisco, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 26 at San Francisco, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 3 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 17 OPEN
 Oct. 24 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at Dallas, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 14 at Dallas, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 21 at Dallas, 2:15 p.m.
 Nov. 28 at Philadelphia, 2:05 p.m.
 Dec. 5 at Philadelphia, 2:05 p.m.
 Dec. 12 at Buffalo, 6:20 p.m.
 Dec. 19 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Green Bay, 11 a.m.

NFC Central

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Sept. 12 at Oakland, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 19 at Philadelphia, 2:15 p.m.
 Sept. 26 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at Tampa Bay, 6:20 p.m.
 Oct. 10 at San Diego, 2:15 p.m.
 Oct. 17 at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at San Diego, 2:05 p.m.
 Oct. 31 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 7 at Chicago, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 14 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at Detroit, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 28 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Dec. 19 at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 26 at Arizona, 11 a.m.

NFC West

ATLANTA FALCONS

Sept. 12 at Minnesota, 2:15 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 26 at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 3 at New Orleans, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 10 at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 17 at San Francisco, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 24 at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 31 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 7 at Jacksonville, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 14 at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 21 at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 28 at New Orleans, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 5 at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 12 at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

Retirements leave NFL '99 open to new stars

The Associated Press

John Elway, Reggie White and Barry Sanders are gone. The Cleveland Browns and instant replay are back. And the Denver Broncos are trying to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls with a quarterback whose father failed to accomplish that feat a quarter-century ago.

Welcome to NFL '99, where the commissioner remains upbeat.

"It seems that every time you lose a great player there are two great players to replace him," Paul Tagliabue said.

He can point to a lot of candidates, led by wide receiver Randy Moss of Minnesota, quarterback Peyton Manning of Indianapolis and running back Fred Taylor of Jacksonville. Their rookie seasons last year put them all on the brink of stardom.

Then there are rookie running backs Edgerrin James of the Colts and Ricky Williams of the Saints, and five quarterbacks taken in the first round of the draft. Subtract the cantankerous, disappointing and now injured second-year quarterback Ryan Leaf and Tagliabue might have his new stars to replace the departing one.

But Denver is thinking most about another second-year quarterback, Brian Griese, who will replace Elway after throwing only three passes in 1998. Griese's father, Bob, quarterbacked the Miami Dolphins to Super Bowl victories in 1973 and '74 but couldn't repeat the third year.

Elway's job was supposed to go to Bubby Brister, a 37-year-old journeyman who was 4-0 as a starter for the Broncos last season. But Brister struggled in four exhibitions. Griese started against second- and third-stringers, and coach Mike Shanahan awarded him the job.

Elway's retirement after 16 seasons was no surprise—he almost left after winning his first Super Bowl in 1998 following three losses a decade ago. Before last January's victory over Atlanta, he said he was 99 percent sure he would leave and added the additional 1 percent in April, when he announced his retirement.

As for White, he left even though his first year with the Packers was good enough to earn him Defensive Player of the Year honors. At 36, the NFL's career sack leader had recurring back problems as well as his elusive Super Bowl ring. He earned it when Green Bay beat New



Minnesota Viking coming back Leroy Hood (94) tackles the ball during the second quarter of the preseason game against the New York Jets Friday.

England in 1997. But Sanders was a shock, particularly since he departed receiving only 1,426 yards to break Walter Payton's career rushing record. He had little to say, although his family, friends and teammates indicated he was tired of playing on a team, the Detroit Lions, that seemed to be going nowhere.

He said nothing to anyone, ignoring nearly a dozen attempts by Lions coach

Bobby Ross to coach him, then Sanders' departure in a faxed statement just as training camp opened.

That there are the Browns, whose name this year was mandated when Art Modell took the old Browns from Cleveland after the 1995 season and rebranded them into the Baltimore Ravens. They had to leave their history, colors and name behind for the new team and make it a "Dawg Pound" for their most

ardent fans in the new stadium.

But the new Browns have a San Francisco flavor.

They're owned by Al Lerner, Modell's former partner in Cleveland. They're run, however, by Carmen Policy, the 49ers' president during their glory years, and Dwight Clark, the Niners' former GM who made "The Catch" from Joe Montana that set them to the first of the five Super Bowls they won during the

'80s and '90s.

They also went to camp with 12 former 49ers on their roster, including Ty Detmer, who will start the season at quarterback ahead of Tim Couch, the No. 1 overall pick in the draft and the first of three five QBs chosen.

With the help of some good free agents, they hope to approach the success of the 95 expansion teams, Jacksonville and Carolina, who won consecutive championship games in their second seasons.

"It's signs, just not enough signs," coach Chris Palmer said as the Browns struggled through the exhibition season. Instant replay, last used in 1991, was brought back after several controversial calls in 1998.

Unlike the old system, which allowed a replay official to stop the game whenever he saw something questionable, it gives coaches two challenges per game (using a buzzer to the officials). Teams that lose the challenge also lose a time out.

In the last two minutes of every half, a replay official can stop the game to review a questionable call. The review is supposed to last no more than 90 seconds.

But results in preseason have been spotty.

An exhibition game between Jacksonville and the New York Giants was delayed 10 minutes by a replay official in the final two minutes and the final call appeared to be wrong. There have been other long delays and missed replay calls, something the league attributes to "working out the bugs in preseason."

"It's not going to be perfect," said Mike Holmgren, co-chairman of the league's competition committee who worked hard for several years to bring back replay. "We tried to put in the best system that could get the necessary votes."

Holmgren, who went from the Green Bay to become coach and general manager in Seattle, is one of nine new coaches, including Palmer in Cleveland.

The others are Brian Billick in Baltimore, Gunther Cunningham in Kansas City, Mike Riley in San Diego, Andy Reid in Philadelphia, Dick Jurgens in Chicago, Ray Rhodes in Green Bay and George Seifert in Carolina. Like Holmgren, Rhodes and Seifert are on their second jobs. Rhodes was fired after last season by the Eagles and Seifert coached the 49ers to Super Bowls in 1990 and 1995.

Browns return to the Dawg Pound Comebacks: Some players try to shake off cobwebs — or worse

CLEVELAND (AP) — Three long years, 21 if you're counting in Dawg years.

Life without the NFL was tough on Cleveland. Sundays were the same here. Noater were Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Heck, even hating the Pittsburgh Steelers wasn't the same. The Baltimore Ravens became the new enemy.

"It was as if you'd lost your best friend," said John Thompson, a "Big Dawg," the leader of a 10,000-member pack of rabid fans known as the Dawg Pound.

"But now he's coming home."

In the Year of the Retirement, finally a stirring comeback. One of the most storied names in American sports, the Cleveland Browns are returning after being forced into retirement when former owner Art Modell took his team to Baltimore in 1996.

You remember the Browns. Orange helmets with white stripes and no logos. White home jerseys. Paul Brown, Otto Graham, Jim Brown, Bernie Kosar. Dreary old Cleveland Stadium.

Well, the Browns are back as an expansion team in 1999. They'll look pretty much the same as they always did, but these aren't your dad's Browns.

They've got a new owner, a sparkling new \$283 million stadium — built on the same spot as the old place — a front office with a Super Bowl blueprint, rookie quarterback Tim Couch and a proud city so pumped to have football back that 80,000 fans showed up for their new Browns first practice in their new home.

"We're back," Big Dawg said. "It's exciting. It's almost like the resurrection. It's an like an expansion team. It's like the same team is coming back with new life. And look at Cleveland, we're not the Mistake on the Lake anymore."

Cleveland has changed dramatically. One of the country's great industrial cities, it became a national joke in the 1970s when the polluted Cuyahoga River caught fire and the Indians averaged 100 losses a year.

But the city has undergone a remarkable renaissance. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has brought in tourists, who dine in the renovated Warehouse District, and if they can get a ticket, catch the Indians in sold out Jacobs Field.

All that had been missing were the Browns, who for years were



Cleveland Browns fan Jim Woodruff, 46, from Parma, Ohio, talks to a fan on the field to play against the Chicago Bears Saturday in Cleveland.

Lakefront home

The Cleveland Browns' new stadium, the Lakefront Stadium, is set to open in 1999. The stadium is a 69,000-seat, state-of-the-art facility located on the shores of Lake Erie in Cleveland, Ohio. The stadium is a 69,000-seat, state-of-the-art facility located on the shores of Lake Erie in Cleveland, Ohio.

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the best thing about the town. Cleveland was always Browns Town, the unofficial capital of football-crazy Ohio.

"It's in our blood," said linebacker Chris Spielman, an Ohio native forced to retire two weeks before the Browns opened because of a neck injury. "Like Louisiana has gumbo, we have football."

That changed on Nov. 6, 1995, when Modell, upset with city officials' refusal to build him a stadium as they had for the Indians and Cavaliers and unwilling to sell his team, announced from

Baltimore he was moving the team there.

Back in Ohio, growth-minded Browns fans had "seagull" signs. "I can't tell you how much I love this town," brack lawyer Richard Holloway said during the summer after putting in a tough case to help build the Cleveland Browns Stadium. "Talk about stunk. Stunk and pain. A deep, deep pain. And a feeling of betrayal."

"It was as though they'd been chosen," said Browns president Carmen Policy, who got five Super Bowl rings working for the San Francisco 49ers.

Comebacks: Some players try to shake off cobwebs — or worse

The Associated Press

Chris Spielman couldn't manage it. Chris Miller, Brian Williams and Alonzo Spellman aren't sure they can do it, either.

They and several other NFL players are attempting to return to the sport they had to leave because of ailments ranging from concussions to depression to cancer.

Giants running back LeShon Johnson is trying to return after treatment for a tumor in his chest. Baltimore receiver Yatil Green wrecked his right knee in each of the last two training camps. Kijuan Carter, the No. 1 overall pick in the 1995 draft, has hurt knees, shoulder and wrist injuries to overcome.

Spielman's comeback attempt was the most publicized — and the toughest — since he had cancer surgery in 1997. He sat out last season to help his wife, Stefanie, battle breast cancer. Granted his return to Buffalo, the native of Wheeling, Ohio, and a star at Ohio State signed with expansion Cleveland. He seemed almost embarrassed by the publicity surrounding his layoff and his return.

During the preseason, Spielman didn't lack any of the fire that was his trademark as linebacker. Forced to leave his position, his leadership and charisma would be useful for the Browns.

But last weekend, in a preseason game with Chicago, a blind-side hit from Bears center Casey Wiegman made his body tingle from head to toe. He knew it was time to stop for good.

"As a football player, you're trained to feel invincible," Spielman said. "I would love to keep playing, but I couldn't jeopardize my arms and legs."

"I'll see my neurologist, medical evidence in front of you, as a gliver you realize it, I'll beat this," he said. "But as they say in football, the fans don't lie, and here the images of the MRI don't lie."

Miller knows the feeling. He's trying to catch on as the third-string quarterback with Denver after missing three seasons due to a concussion syndrome.



Dallas Cowboys defensive end Alonzo Spellman, left, works against Chad Hennings (95) during training camp drills Tuesday, in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Miller, who talked to seven seasons with the Falcons and two for the Rams. "Physically, I still feel like I have a lot of skills left to offer."

"I was going a little bit stir-crazy. I needed an outlet for my competitiveness. I didn't like the way my career had ended."

Miller's no guarantee it will continue, though. Persistent elbow tendinitis limited his work during preseason.

Williams returns from a two-year hiatus with an eye injury and a bruised bone in his left knee makes his status uncertain for the opener with the Giants. But he appears prepared to resume starting at center.

That's comforting for a team whose offensive line is in flux.

The injury, resulting in double vision, came from being poked in the eye by teammate Bernard Holsey in the opening days of training camp two years ago.

Williams still has trouble seeing when he plays.

"The only outward sign of the injury is a tinted visor on the front of Williams' facemask that protects his eyes from fingers and gloves."

"Last year, there was just nothing in my future that I saw that was very bright," Williams said. "Being a football player was not even on my mind."

"I'm here and I'm glad and I guess I forgot about everything that happened in the past. I just want to move on."

So do Spielman, Lawrence Phillips and Rashawn Salaam, whose problems generally were not football related.

Spielman played well in his six seasons with the Chicago Bears, but was released last year after erratic behavior caused by bipolar disorder, a mental illness treatable by medication, but which can lead to manic behavior if he doesn't take it.

SPORTS

Pedro wins again, reaches 20 for first time in career

SEATTLE (AP) - Pedro Martinez became the first 20-game winner in the major leagues this season, reaching the milestone for the first time in his career...

American League Boston Red Sox over the Seattle Mariners 4-0 Saturday.

Martinez (20-4) allowed two hits in eight innings, walked three and struck out 15, reaching double digits in strikeouts for the 15th time in his career...

AL wild-card race, stripped Seattle's five-game winning streak.

Paul Abbott (5-2) didn't allow a runner until Mumar Carpinar's leadoff homer in the fifth.

Athletics 2, Tigers 1

OAKLAND, Calif. - Ronkie Tim Hudson (9-1) pitched a four-hitter for his first complete game.

Scott Spiezio doubled off Francisco Lirio (3-1) to start the bottom of the ninth, Miguel Tejada sacrificed and rookie Ramon Hernandez hit a sacrifice fly to center.

Yankees 3, Angels 6

ARLINGTON, Calif. - Ricky Ledee hit a two-run triple that broke a 3-0 tie in the ninth after New York won a 5-0 lead.

Tim Lincecum had three hits, including a solo homer, and Thayer Strayhorn got his first hits for the Yankees since last September, going 2-for-2 with two walks and a pair of steals.

scoreless eighth, and Mariano Rivera pitched a perfect ninth for his 26th save.

White Sox 12, Rangers 3

ARLINGTON, Texas - Liu Rodriguez's two-run single off Esteban Loaiza (7-3) gave Chicago a 5-3 lead in a seven-run seventh, and the White Sox stopped a five-game losing streak.

Brook Fordyce was 4-for-5, matching his career high for hits. Greg Soriano was 3-for-4, singing twice in the seventh, and Rodriguez drove in three runs.

Rafael Palmeiro's league-leading 42nd homer moved him one ahead of Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. Carlos Castillo (2-2) pitched two hitless innings for the win.

Orioles 3, Indians 1

BALTIMORE - Doug Linton (1-2) won for the first time since defeating Seattle for Kansas City on Sept. 11, 1996, and Jeff Cotino hit a go-ahead double in the sixth off Barolo Colon (15-5).

Baltimore, which had lost eight straight against the Indians, stopped Cleveland's five-game winning streak. Mike Timlin got his 19th save.

Devil Rays 11, Twins 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) - Herbert Perry homered and hit a tiebreaking two-run single in a six-run seventh inning Saturday night as the Tampa Bay Devil Rays got a season-high 18 hits.

Perry, who tied his career high for hits by going 4-for-5, broke a 3-all tie when he lined Hector Carrasco's first pitch into center.

He also hit a solo homer during a two-run fifth. Tampa Bay has won the first two games of a season-long 13-game homestand and improved to 18-11 since Aug. 4.

Reds set NL record with nine homers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Cincinnati set the NL record with nine homers, stopping their three-game losing streak with a rout of Philadelphia.

Eddie Taubensee had four hits, two homers and three RBIs. Greg Vaughn hit his 30th homer and Jeffrey Hammonds hit a solo shot.

Aaron Boone, Dmitri Young, Pokey Reese, Mark Lewis also homered.

Paul Byrd (14-8) gave up three homers and lasted only 3 1/3 innings.

Pete Harnisch (14-8) allowed three runs - one earned - and eight hits in six innings.

Dodgers 6, Cubs 0

CHICAGO - Kevin Brown pitched a two-hitter to win his seventh straight decision and four Dodgers homered to beat the Cubs.

Eric Karros, Raul Mondesi, Todd Hundley and Mark Grudzielanek hit solo homers for the Dodgers, who won for the sixth time in their last eight games.

Sammy Sosa, who leads the major leagues with 57 home runs, went 0-for-3 as the Cubs dropped to 7-26 since Aug. 1.

Brown (16-6) struck out eight and walked one in his first shutout this season, the 16th of his career. Jeff Reed got both hits off Brown.

Kyle Farnsworth (3-8) was the loser.

Brewers 4, Cardinals 2

MILWAUKEE - Bill Pulsipher (4-5) combined with two relievers on a three-hitter and Lou Gilleran broke a 2-all tie with a two-run single. Milwaukee rallied from a 2-0 deficit with a four-run fourth.

After homering twice Friday night to raise his total to 34, Mark McGwire went 0-for-3 with an intentional walk.

Pulsipher allowed all three hits, pitching seven innings, and giving up a pair of unearned runs, casked by three errors. Bob Wickman got three outs for his 29th save.

Mark Thompson (0-1), making his St. Louis debut, allowed all four runs - just two were earned - and six hits in six innings.

Diamondbacks 5, Braves 4

ATLANTA - Erubiel Durazo homered twice, including a go-ahead, two-run drive to lead Arizona over Atlanta.

Arizona stopped a three-game losing streak and ended Atlanta's 10-game home winning streak. The Braves, whose NL East lead was cut to 3 1/2 games over second-place New York, lost for the second time in 13 games.

The Diamondbacks remained five games in front of San Francisco in the NL West.

Andy Benes (10-1) beat Juan Smoltz (9-7), who hit 12 starts since June 24. Benes allowed all four runs and five hits in six innings, while Smoltz gave up five runs, including three in the eighth.

in six innings, while Smoltz gave up five runs and nine hits in eight innings.

Matt Miami struck out the side in the ninth for his 26th save.

Mets 4, Rockies 2

NEW YORK - Al Leiter pitched 8 2/3 innings and Edgardo Alfonzo hit a two-run homer to lead New York to a victory over Colorado.

Leiter (12-9) gave up 11 hits and won for the first time since Aug. 12. Armando Benitez struck out Jimmy Shumpert to earn his 17th save.

New York leads Cincinnati by four games for the NL wild card.

Ryan Blumenthal (10-11) worked eight innings and allowed all four New York runs on five hits.

Astros 5, Expos 2

HOUSTON, Texas - Jeff Bagwell swanned the go-ahead run on Ugueth Urbina's wild pitch in the fifth inning and Derek Bell followed with a two-run homer as Houston beat Montreal.

Blumenthal maintained a first-pitch lead of 2-5 games over Cincinnati in the NL Central.

Bagwell hit a two-out double off Urbina (6-6), broke for third on Urbina's 3-1 pitch to Russ Johnson and rounded third on the pitch for a walk from Chris Wittger.

Joe Culham (4-0) allowed one hit in two innings.

major leagues with 138 errors, made four, including three in the eighth.

Giants 3, Pirates 2

PITTSBURGH - Russ Ortiz overcame wildness to shut out Pittsburgh on two hits in six innings, and San Francisco won its eighth straight.

The Pirates managed only two singles off Ortiz (15-8), but left 10 on base in first six innings as he walked seven, hit one and struck out eight.

Ortiz left after throwing an unacceptably high 125 pitches in six innings, but only 10 more than Kris Benson (10-12) threw while walking seven in five innings.

The Pirates' seven pitchers walked 11 and the teams combined for 18 walks.

The Giants have won 15 of 17 overall and eight of nine on the road.

Milans 6, Padres 4

MIAMI - Alex Fernandez hit his third home run of the season and allowed just two hits in 7 1/3 innings as Florida beat San Diego.

Fernandez (7-8) didn't allow a hit until Ben Davis' solo homer with one out in the fifth. He struck out seven and walked three.

Archie Alfonso finished for his 15th save in 15 chances.

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Stunning buzzer-beater forces Game 3

HOUSTON (AP) - Teresa Weatherspoon hit a 3-pointer from beyond midcourt at the buzzer to give the New York Liberty a 68-67 victory over the Houston Comets on Saturday and send the WNBA Finals to a deciding third game.

The 50-foot desperation shot came after Houston's Tina Thompson had put the Comets ahead 67-65 with a swirling 9-foot jumper with 2.4 seconds to go.

Weatherspoon took the inbound pass, ran down the right side of the court and heaved the ball before the midcourt line. It hit the backboard, then dropped through the net, stunning the Comets and a Compaq Center sellout crowd of 16,285 that had come to celebrate Houston's third straight WNBA title.

Instead, the Liberty and Comets will meet today to decide the league championship.

The loss broke a 14-game home winning streak for Houston, which led by as many as 18 points in the first half. It's also the first playoff loss in eight home games for Houston.

Crystal Robinson, who led the Liberty with 21 points, led a 19-2 New York run to start the second half, erasing a 14-point halftime deficit.

Houston, who got 15 points from Thompson and 14 from Sheryl Swoopes, had dominated the first half.

Robinson, who led the WNBA in 3-pointers during the regular season, was fouled by Sheryl Swoopes attempting a long-range basket on New York's first possession of the second half and made three free throws.

Weatherspoon followed with a 3-pointer and Robinson then scored the Liberty's next 13 points, including a 3-pointer with 12:25 to go that gave New York its first lead of the game, 42-40.

Houston missed its first five shots of the second half and New York held the Comets without a basket until Janeth Arcain's three-point play with 11:41 remaining.

When she made the free throw, Houston again was ahead, 43-42, scoring an 11-3 Houston run that included five points from Thompson and four from Swoopes.

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Who gets left out?

With names like Aaron, Ruth, Mays and DiMaggio to choose from, picking a roster is a challenge.

The Associated Press

When major league baseball and its marketing partners began their Team of the Century promotion, it seemed like a pretty good idea. Then the ballot arrived, with 100 of the greatest players in history, all of whom are or should be in the Hall of Fame.

The challenge: Pick a 25-man roster. The question: Who gets left out?

As if pennant races and wild card chances aren't tough enough, now baseball wants fans to separate Cochrane from Bench, Cobb from Mays, Ruth from Aaron.

This is like picking between a Model-T Ford and a Lexus LS

400. Each is special in its own way.

A better idea, certainly a more equitable one, might be to divide the century in half, to let players compete against those of their own era.

"I totally agree with that," said Eddie Banks, a candidate at shortstop. "They're different times, different eras. We shouldn't all be lumped together. It's different generations of the game."

Banks' situation is typical. He is sandwiched at shortstop between old-timers Joe Cronin and Honus Wagner and moderns Ozzie Smith and Cal Ripken Jr. In his time, Banks was the best in the business with 512 home runs. But his time was not the same as that of those other players.

"The game has changed so much," he said. "It's different technology, different balls. It's a different world. It's not that one generation is better than the other. It's just that one is different from the other."

Then there is the issue of the voters. Most people casting ballots on the Internet never saw Wagner or Cronin play and might not have seen Banks.

"I think I wear a cap with my name on it," Mc. Cobb said. The half-century solution wouldn't help much at third base where the ballot lists six candidates — old-timer Pie Traynor and moderns George Brett, Paul Molitor, Eddie Mathews, Mike Schmidt and Brooks Robinson.

Pie Traynor in the early era means... Now when do you vote? Babe Ruth a 3,000-hit guy? Which one, Brett or Molitor? Ponder 500 home runs? Which one, Schmidt or Mathews? Defense? Robinson won't be Gold Gloves.

What do you do?

Voting update

Latest numbers of fan balloting for the Most-Cent Major League Baseball All-Century Team:

- Catcher**
 - 1. Johnny Bench, 520,144
 - 2. Pudge Rodriguez, 306,976
 - 3. Carlton Fisk, 274,834
 - First Baseman**
 - 1. Lou Gehrig, 659,763
 - 2. Mark McGwire, 382,409
 - 3. Jimmie Fox, 190,589
 - Second Baseman**
 - 1. Jackie Robinson, 431,781
 - 2. Rogers Hornsby, 344,059
 - 3. Joe Mauer, 330,574
 - Shortstop**
 - 1. Cal Ripken Jr., 368,657
 - 2. Ozzie Smith, 324,065
 - 3. George Brett, 260,425
 - Third Baseman**
 - 1. Mike Schmidt, 465,149
 - 2. Brooks Robinson, 415,566
 - 3. George Brett, 260,425
 - Outfielders**
 - 1. Hank Aaron, 632,261
 - 2. Babe Ruth, 631,659
 - 3. Ted Williams, 515,028
 - 4. Willie Mays, 609,575
 - 5. Joe DiMaggio, 597,347
 - 6. Mickey Vernon, 540,794
 - 7. Ty Cobb, 494,939
 - 8. Ken Griffey Jr., 374,562
 - 9. Pete Rose, 343,578
 - 10. Roberto Clemente, 313,449
 - Pitchers**
 - 1. Nolan Ryan, 542,629
 - 2. Sandy Koufax, 531,257
 - 3. Cy Young, 474,672
 - 4. Roger Clemens, 351,690
 - 5. Bob Gibson, 336,670
 - 6. Walter Johnson, 257,997
 - 7. Greg Maddux, 233,409
 - 8. Steve Carlton, 218,976
 - 9. Satchel Paige, 214,541
 - 10. Warren Spahn, 183,985
- "You tell me," Brett said. "It's a dilemma. It's like the All-Star balloting every year. Is there a right way? I doubt it."
- What Brett knows is the moderns have an edge.
- "I heard about Pie Traynor but I never saw him," he said. "You remember what you see more than what you hear."
- The All-Century promotion allows voters to pick six pitchers — a slim staff in view of the current five-man rotation. Start with Cy Young and his 511 victories and Nolan Ryan with his seven no-hitters and 5,714 strikeouts. Then supplement them with, oh, perhaps Christy Mathewson, who won 20 or more



Joe Jackson, A.K.A. 'Shoelace Jackson,' is shown in action during his heyday in an undated photo. As if pennant races and wild card chances aren't tough enough, now baseball wants to separate Cochrane from Bench, Cobb from Mays, Jackson from Ruth and Aaron.



The major leagues and their marketing partners are attempting to name a 25-man roster of the greatest players in history, choosing between outfielders Hank Aaron (above), Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio and others.

Twenty years later, ESPN has changed the shape of sports, TV

NEW YORK (AP) — It all began with a public relations executive eager to find a way to televise Hartford Whalers hockey games throughout Connecticut.

ESPN has long surpassed its humble origins, growing into a corporate power with one radio and four TV networks, a magazine, Web site and chain of restaurants.

Along the way, it has dramatically influenced how a generation views, and plays, the games — erasing whatever line may have divided sports and entertainment.

ESPN is wherever sports fans congregate. Commuters at Grand Central Terminal gaze at "SportsCenter" as their shoes are shined. Pittsburgh Pirates cluster around a clubhouse set to watch highlights of a game they just played. Rap star Puff Daddy eyes ESPN in the lounge near his Manhattan studio.

For millions of viewers weaned on videotaped touchdowns and slam dunks, home runs and holes-in-one, life without ESPN is inconceivable.

Yet the network was only a sports fan's fantasy until Sept. 7, 1979 — 20 years ago this week.

William Rasmussen easily recalls the drive when he conceived ESPN's blueprint. It was Aug. 16, 1978.

A publicist for the former Whalers, he had hoped to barncase the emerging cable TV technology to televise their games. Before that could happen, Rasmussen and most everyone associated with the team were fired after a controversial season. He kept his TV contacts, though, and acquired a satellite transponder that enabled him to start a cable network.

But how? Rasmussen pondered the question that August afternoon as he drove from a Hartford suburb. His son suggested showing tapes of football games. By the time they reached the Jersey shore, Rasmussen had decided to try an all-sports network, ask the NCAA for the rights to televise college games and produce a prototype for a daily highlights show that would become "SportsCenter."

"When you have kids to feed and all of a sudden your job is gone, you think of things," he explained.

Rasmussen wanted the name Sports Programming Network, but that was already claimed. So he added "Entertainment." In 1984, after he was gone, it became simply ESPN — the letters no longer signifying words.

Cable was still a toddler then, and television was dominated by ABC, CBS and NBC. They aired some sports, but for a daily fix, viewers had to settle for brief segments during the local evening news.

"You didn't get highlights of every game. You didn't get previews of series. You poked up the paper and you opened it up and you looked to see how Rod Carew did," said Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres.

ESPN began by reporting on Chris Evert Lloyd's U.S. Open tennis victory over Billie Jean King. Its first live event followed: 1979 Professional Slo-Pitch Softball World Series with the Milwaukee Schmecks challenging the Kentucky Bourbonns.

Instead of baseball and basketball, early ESPN aired darts and billiards. Several milestones helped it gain its footing: First live coverage of the NCAA basketball tournament, 1980. First live college football, 1984. First NFL football, 1987 — another first, when ESPN began making money.

(Analysis estimated ESPN and its sister, ESPN2, made \$36 billion last year.)

Burt Davis, a football coach at the University of Miami, says ESPN has "essentially helped his sport — maybe two sports. Sometimes, he complains, fans are so seduced by all the games on TV that they don't bother driving to the Orange Bowl.

"ESPN has brought another dimension to the intensity of the game; the quality of the exposure," said Penn State football coach Joe Paterno. "It's not one or two days, it's ongoing. It's a big happening when they come on campus."

"It's put a lot of pressure on coaches and kids," he added. "There's a little more than maybe some kids can handle."

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NCAA's Sunday rule upsets BYU

Athletics, religion clash over finals scheduling

PROVO, Utah (AP) — In women's soccer, the so-called Sunday Rule doesn't seem to have a prayer, leaving Brigham Young and Campbell to wage a lonely crusade against the NCAA.

For the past 35 years, the Sunday Rule has allowed teams qualifying for NCAA play to request they not be assigned games on certain days because of religious beliefs.

But now, to accommodate national television, the NCAA scheduled this season's championship soccer game for Dec. 5 and its women's basketball final for April 2, both Sundays.

That conflicts with the belief system of BYU, owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Campbell, which has Southern Baptist ties.

"We feel like Sunday needs to be a day different than the rest," Campbell athletic director Tom Collins said by telephone. "That's part our educational mission, to teach that."

Both schools have written policies prohibiting their athletes from Sunday competition and administrators on both campuses have joined forces against recent NCAA decisions barring schools with no-play-on-Sunday policies from being invited to the women's soccer and women's basketball tournaments.

"They've suggested we agree

Never on Sunday?

How some NCAA Division I church-sponsored colleges approach Sunday athletics: **BAYLOR**

Location: Waco, Texas.
Affiliation: Southern Baptist.
Policy: No written policy. Coaches ensure athletes have access to services before playing Sunday games and the athletic department employs a chaplain who often travels with teams.

BRIGHAM YOUNG
Location: Provo, Utah.
Affiliation: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
Policy: Teams prohibited from playing on Sunday.

CAMPBELL
Location: Buies Creek, N.C.
Affiliation: Southern Baptist.
Policy: Teams prohibited from playing on Sunday.

LIBERTY
Location: Lynchburg, Va.
Affiliation: Southern Baptist; founded by the Rev. Jerry Falwell.
Policy: Teams prohibited from playing on any Sundays. Road games and postseason games on Sundays are discouraged but permitted with afternoon starts.

NOTRE DAME
Location: South Bend, Ind.
Affiliation: Roman Catholic.
Policy: Teams prohibited from home games on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Other Sunday events are permitted.

ORAL ROBERTS
Location: Tulsa, Okla.
Affiliation: Christian; founded by evangelist Oral Roberts.
Policy: No written policy. Athletic events scheduled for Sunday are held in afternoons.

SOUTHERN METHODIST
Location: Dallas.
Affiliation: United Methodist.
Policy: No written policy.

to play on Sunday. Well, we're not going to do that and neither is Campbell," said Elaine Michaelis, BYU's director of women's athletics.

Tricia Bork, the NCAA's vice president for championships, said the decisions arose from concerns that it would be too hard to overhaul the Final Four in each sport to accommodate a single school.

With television contracts in place and hotel rooms reserved months in advance, Bork said it's not realistic to believe changes could be made on short notice if

they hoped they wouldn't have a problem," Bork said. "When BYU advanced to the third round last year, they really worried about what might happen."

In August 1998, BYU and Campbell marshaled support from other colleges and successfully challenged an NCAA effort aimed at eliminating the Sunday Rule in all sports.

In response, the NCAA Board of Directors agreed that committees overseeing individual sports could permit Sunday play if it was determined that changing the schedule would "unduly disrupt the orderly conduct of a championship."

Committees governing women's soccer and women's basketball were the first to schedule Sunday play. The NCAA Board of Directors upheld those decisions at an Aug. 5 meeting in Indianapolis.

"They went about administratively doing the things they couldn't do legislatively," Collins said. "They pulled a fast one on us."

This time, no other schools joined BYU and Campbell in protesting. In fact, most church-sponsored schools — Baylor, Notre Dame, Oral Roberts, Southern Methodist and others — regularly play on Sundays.

"I don't have a strict prohibition. Our rule of thumb is to avoid Sunday play if possible but ... sometimes that's not doable," said Baylor sports information director Maxey Parrell.

BYU and Campbell will appeal the decision again at a meeting of the NCAA's Championship Cabinet Sept. 14-16. They're also planning another appeal at an NCAA Board of Directors meeting in October.

If those efforts fail, Michaelis said BYU is ready to protect the time-honored rule through another



Brigham Young University's Athella Graham beats Stanford's Tracey Layton to a header during the NCAA tournament last November. The NCAA has changed its rules to schedule women's soccer and basketball finals for Sunday, upsetting religious schools like Brigham Young and Campbell universities.

longtime college sports tradition.

"If they don't handle it then we may have to pursue legal options," she said.

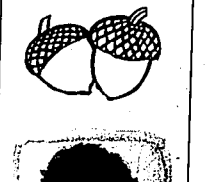
Bork and Michaelis agree the neither tournament — soccer or basketball — generates enough revenue from television contract to make money a significant issue in the debate.

"We would like to think that NCAA believes in good value and is working toward that, just the way we are, and that this is just an oversight," Michaelis said.

For BYU and Campbell, the bottom line is protecting something they consider sacred.

"Principles are something very dear to you. You view them as very important," Collins said. "Once you start to make compromises, then of course it's not a principle anymore."

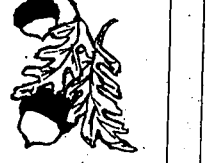
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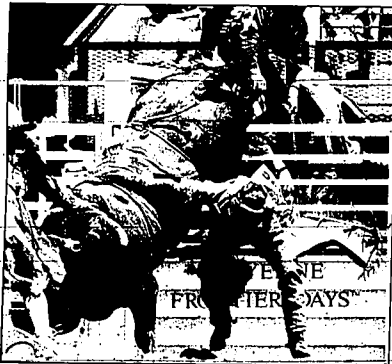
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Touché, Wash., cowboy Cody Jesso takes a no score the hard way during the first section of bull riding at the Cheyenne (Wyo.) Frontier Days rodeo last July. Jesso came off the bull on the wrong side, trapping his hand in the rigging. How cowboys touch down can be a mark of individuality; a demonstration of grace and an important way to avoid getting kicked, stomped, gored or even killed.

Baffer gets sweep of Del Mar stakes

DEL MAR, Calif. (AP) — Tuzla edged Happonymit by a head in a four-horse blanket finish to win Saturday's \$400,000 Ramona Handicap and give trainer Bob Baffer a sweep of Del Mar's five Grade stakes this summer. Ridden by David Flores, Tuzla covered 1.125 miles on the turf in 1:47.35, only one-fifth of a second off the stakes record set by See You Soon last year. The French-bred paid \$10.80, \$5.60 and \$4.40.

Baffer's sweep of Del Mar's Grade I stakes includes the Eddie Read Handicap with Joe Who, the Del Mar Oaks with Toot Charmant, the Pacific Classic with General Challenge and the Del Mar Debutante with Chulukka.

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Rodeo cowboys have signature landings

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — To the tourists fanning themselves with schedules on a hot day at Cheyenne Frontier Days, the cowboys seemed to fly off their animals and land haphazardly.

They fell on their feet, backs and heads. They did somersaults and back flops. Most dangerously, they slid beneath the belly of 1-ton stomping, spinning bulls.

Despite all the danger, they would usually walk away in one piece, albeit with a limp.

Bull rider-Tanner Trujillo of Los Alamos, N.M., was carried out of the arena on a stretcher last week because his hand got stuck in his rope and he landed too close to his bull. The bull hit Trujillo's head with its horn.

"Kind of knocked me silly," Trujillo said half an hour later.

From a historical perspective, how cowboys fall off their animals was never all that important. Whatever injuries they incurred were seen as the luck of the draw, and as for style, judges only are interested in the ride, not the dismount.

Then in the 1970s, as rodeo grew in popularity, the art of falling became prominent in part

because of three-time world champion saddle bronc rider Monty "Hawkeye" Henson of Mesquite, Texas.

A popular cowboy-turned-country singer with a trademark feather in his hat, Henson finished his rides with what became known as the "flying dismount." He flew off the side of his horse, landed on his feet and flung his hat into the air to the roar of the crowd.

Bailey Hat Co., based in Fort Worth, Texas, later developed the "bailoff" award for the best dismount, giving cowboys a free hat certificate if they landed with style and flair. It became a popu-

lar award that was distributed at Midwest rodeos.

Ty Murray of Stephenville, Texas, seven-time all-around world champion, said he spent years performing gymnastics in part so he could perfect his dismount. But even practice cannot make everything perfect.

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**Affordable housing
builders face deadline**

BOISE - Idaho affordable housing developers have until Oct. 1 to submit competitive applications for about \$825,000 in Housing Tax Credit funds.

Newslink
\$3.5 million in HOME Program money, the Idaho Housing and Finance Association announced.

IHFA administrators both federal programs on behalf of the state. Eligible applicants for Housing Tax Credits include for-profit and nonprofit housing developers willing to designate a percentage of the development units for lower-income Idahoans. Rental housing owners receive Housing Tax Credits annually over a 10-year period.

HOME money goes to local governments, housing authorities and both nonprofit and for-profit developers. To receive HOME money, developers must secure nonfederal, permanent matching funds that can include cash or land donations, in-kind services or raw materials. In addition to constructing or rehabilitating multifamily housing, HOME money also can be used to provide home-owner assistance or to provide housing opportunities for limited-income people with special needs.

The two programs are part of the federal incentive programs left that encourage affordable multifamily construction, said IHFA President and Chief Executive Officer Greg Hunter.

"As a result of the 1999 resource allocation, funding from these two programs will assist builders in constructing 82 new rental units, 61 of those were set aside for limited-income Idaho families," Hunter said. Developers interested in applying for low-income Housing Tax Credits may obtain a copy of the 1999 Allocation Plan and 1999 application form from Pat Ennor, Multifamily Finance Secretary, IHEA, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, ID 83707-1899; 331-4769 or (800) 219-2285; or TDD (800) 545-1833, Ext. 400.

**Idaho Dairymen's Assoc.
seeks local nominations**

TWIN FALLS - Nominations are coming soon for dairymen to represent producers in three districts in the Idaho Dairymen's Association Inc.

The five IDA districts covering the state, those elected to three-year terms on the board of directors of United Dairymen of Idaho. All nominations are to be made by Sept. 15.

Following are the names of the chairmen of the nominating committees in each of the local districts where elections are scheduled. The nominating committees are responsible for naming three eligible producers whose names are to appear on the ballot for each district.

- District II: Chairman Dennis Turner, Caldwell; counties - Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley and Washington.
- District III: Chairman Rich Thompson, Wendell; counties - Blaine, Camas, Canyon, Coeur d'Alene, Lincoln, Minidoka and Jerome Falls.

Additional candidates may be nominated by producers and active producers who reside in the district where the nominee lives. Petitions should be sent to the Idaho Dairymen's Association, 890 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83401, by Sept. 17.

A nominee must be a U.S. citizen, own or lease a residence in Idaho and the district he or she represents; and must be - for five years preceding the election - engaged in producing milk within the state.

Board members whose terms are expiring and who may be eligible for re-nomination are Jim Stewart, District II, and Bill Stouder, District III.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible producers in the districts by Sept. 18 and must be returned post-marked no later than Sept. 22.

Compiled from staff reports

**Business
on the go**

**Car cell phones
become lively
legislative topic**

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - When Ben Dean is behind a slow-moving car on the Dallas North Tollway, he's not surprised to see the driver ahead holding a cellular phone. "It's so frustrating," said Dean of Carrollton, Texas, who owns a phone but religiously avoids using it while commuting. "It's hard to believe something as engaging as talking on the phone is legal while driving."

A growing number of politicians agree. In several states, used on by their constituents, they are setting out to restrict cellular phone use by drivers. "It's a hot legislative topic," said Matt Sundeen, a policy specialist for the National Conference of State Legislatures. "As we get more and more of these phones into the vehicle fleet and see more accidents, we expect more and more constraints talking to their legislators."

This year alone 15 states considered proposals to restrict cellular phone use, bringing the total to at least 22 since 1995. Although so far none have been approved, experts say the movement to limit phone use by motorists is gaining momentum.

Some states have tried to ban cellular phone use in all vehicles, others have sought to require hands-free devices. Supporters of restrictions say it's the potential distraction - not the phone itself - that poses the greater risk. "When you're carrying on a conversation, you're not paying full attention to the driving environment," said Mike West, a traffic safety specialist with the Texas Department of Transportation. "If your conversation gets intense, then your driving is going to become intense. You're not going to see the light turn to yellow or red."

The issue has intensified as cellular phones have become more affordable - an estimated 76 million Americans subscribe to wireless services. Surveys show 85 percent of cellular phone owners use their phones in their cars.

"The \$19 billion-a-year wireless industry is quick to point out that the phones can be used safely. And advocates argue that cellular phones also save lives on the road - by being used to report accidents and drunk drivers."

"A wireless phone in a car is a great safety tool," said Tom Wheeler, president of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association. "Nearly 50,000 calls are made to 'save a life or stop a crime.'"

The industry maintains that existing state laws prohibiting reckless and careless driving can be used to curb cellular phone misuse.



Grant Patterson shows Kim Larsen and her daughter Sierra a used organ in the Keith Jorgensen's music booth at the Twin Falls County Fair.

Peddling their wares

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

**TF County Fair gives
businesses valuable lift**

FILER - For businessman Wade Pettigill, the Twin Falls County Fair is one of the best chances to peddle his product to prime prospects. Most of his hot tub sales are to farmers and ranchers who frequent the agricultural showcase. Farmers can't often vacation away from the farm, and hot tubs are a popular at-home recreation, said Pettigill, owner of Sawtooth Vacuums and Water Conditioners in Twin Falls.

The fair "is a good shot in the arm for us," he said. Some fair goers come specifically looking for a deal on a big-ticket item, Pettigill said. So he chose to haul heavy tubs to Filer instead of featuring water-treatment services, for which the fair usually yields only sales leads. Besides, he said, the cooling September weather makes hot tubs popular, while it's still warm enough for installation construction.

"So the fall season's pretty hot for it," he said. Elsewhere in the merchants' buildings or lined up under the fairgrounds' trees, other local businesses are trying to catch some of the action, which continues today and Monday. For many, an intensive here is the trick to stopping fair goers long enough for them to hear about horse barns, YZK food supplies, real estate or retire-

ment care. Those touring this year's booths can get their glasses polished, their tennis shoes cleaned and their family trees researched. A back rub or a blood-pressure check won't cost anything, nor will a seed packet of wildflowers native to Idaho. The Idaho Lottery tickets, however, are for sale.

At the fair, you can register to vote, watch a celiac chef, sign up to control highway litter or examine irrigation water under a microscope. Try a crab-shoot to win free casino rooms or shows. Tour a manufactured home, or try the seat of a new tractor. Enter drawings for a free mammogram, blind cleaver or martial-arts membership. Or plan a high school child's dual-credit technology classes.

A Division of Environmental Quality demonstration

and in the food line. That's a few more than last year, said Linda Gwyn, the fair's office manager. The number stays at just more than 200; the fair has limited space, and that space is full this year, she added.

Big-ticket items aren't often purchased during fair week, but businesses often get leads on would-be buyers. Bob Barton doesn't expect to conclude many deals during the fair. But the branch manager of Cleary Buildings in Hazelton estimated the business sells 3 or 4 percent of its buildings - which include the livestock barns, horse arenas and commercial structures - to people who get information at the fair booth. Many more remember Cleary and call later.

"We certainly feel it pays being here," Barton said. At another booth, someone's looking up for the buyers. The Idaho attorney general's office offers consumer protection tips with this message: "This display was paid for by penalties collected from enforcement actions. No tax dollars were used!"

Jack Thomas, a salesman for NLS Security, said county fairs and home shows throughout the year are a key element of the Twin Falls business' marketing. "We do all the events," he said. "Getting in front of people - that's the most important thing."

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Fairgoers line up for hot dogs at the Twin Falls County Fair.

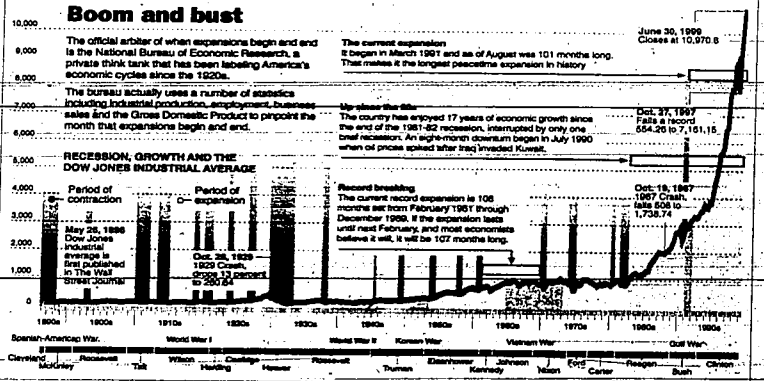
"At the fair is just a great place to get started."

-Field Edstrom, local organ salesman

Edstrom, who said the Twin Falls store's new, more expensive organs stay home during fair week. The booth's array of used specimens - priced from \$50 to \$4,500 - "gives (buyers) a really nice one for not a lot of money."

The music store is among this year's 224 merchants in the fair buildings, outdoors

'We're not millionaires, but we're comfortable'



**Financial prosperity
takes many shapes
for many Americans**

TUPELO, Miss. - From the vantage point of northeast Mississippi, there are two very different economic booms in these heady days of coast-to-coast prosperity.

One yields fabulous and sometimes fickle fortunes in faraway bond traders, speculators and Internet entrepreneurs. The other is right down the block, along Tupelo's no-frills Main Street, in the outlying malls and indoor trial parks, bringing new jobs, students and an abundance of modestly paid jobs to a region whose citizens still remember it as the poorest part of the poorest state.

People here don't thank Wall Street or Washington for their boom. They consider it the reward for hard work and tenacity. Even if it's a little less than they'd expect if the good news they'd shared and would love, well, they'd share it.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, my trump suit was A-9-5 in dummy, and J-10-8-7-6 in my hand. What is the best percentage to avoid losing two tricks...

would be disastrous if you pass. And if both contracts are unmakeable, your loss would be relatively minimal.

ANSWER: The best chance (71 percent) is to finesse twice. If trumps are 2-2, this play loses two tricks only when East has K-Q doubleton. If he has K-Q-X, there is no way to avoid two losers.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, I held Q-J-5-4, A-K-Q-3, A-K-Q-4-3, and I had a club after two passes. LHO bid one notrump and partner competed to two hearts...

ANSWER: I would bid four spades at either rubber bridge or duplicate. At duplicate, the choice is easy, since gold instead of money is at stake. After your LHO bid and partner have passed and your RHO promises an offensive-type hand, partner is just as likely to have his share of "stiff" as anyone else.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I dealt and opened a strong two diamonds, holding a J-10, A-K-K-Q-10-7-5, A-K-J-7. Partner responds two hearts (positive, eight or more HCP), should I rebid three diamonds, or should I bid three clubs?

ANSWER: Since the partnership is forced to game, it's better to introduce the club suit. Partner already knows about the good diamonds.

Dear Mr. Wolff: With both sides vulnerable, RHO opens four spades in third chair. Would you consider a bid of five clubs to be too aggressive with a Q, A-K-8, 6, A-A-9-6-5-4-2?

ANSWER: No, I would not. I would bid five clubs as an insurance policy against a huge swing. If both contracts are makeable, it

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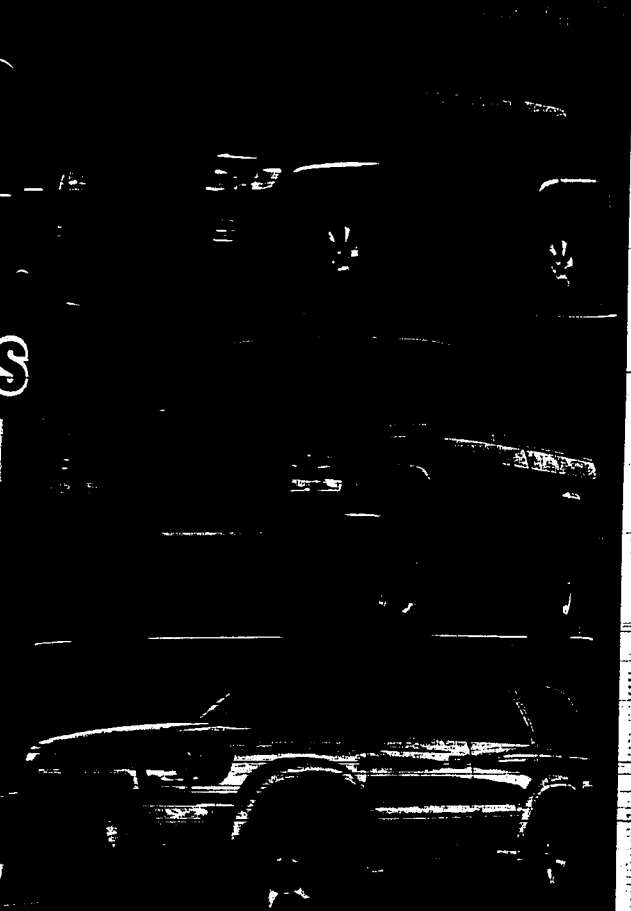
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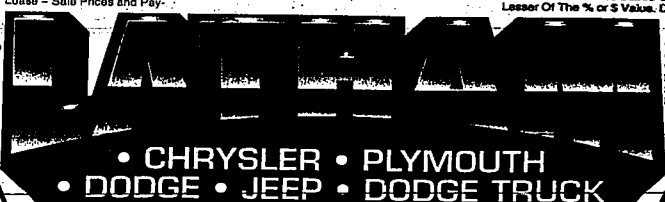
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Romance awareness? I missed it

Somebody just told me that August was Romance Awareness Month. Naturally, I missed it. Even though the signs were all around me.

One of those signs was a press release from Quinten Publishing Company, about a book titled "The Complete Guide to the Book of Proverbs," by Cody Jones. The press release contains King Solomon's Top 10 Pickup Lines:

"I liken your darling, to a mare, harnessed to one of the chariots of Pharaoh." (1:9)

"Your hair falls in waves, like flocks of geese frolicking across the slopes of Gilead." (4:1b)

"Your teeth are as white as sheep, newly shorn and washed. They are perfectly matched, not one is missing." (4:2)



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

That's just a sampling. I guess those lines were hot stuff in Old Testament days. I missed forward 3,000 years and dating is a brand new game.

Another press release that I received about the same time as the King Solomon one is titled "What's Your Signal?" This release contains information about the Silent Signal to Singles (SSS). It's a gold-plated, three-dimensional pin that vibrates to send forth a message: I'm a single who is "receptive to that awkward but critical first introduction."

For those who need a little more than a pin, the package also includes 25 "Let's Get Acquainted" cards to hand out to people who look available. (Call 1-800-803-4370 to order.)

With my luck, I'd sign up to lead a Bible study at the county jail and then forget to take my pin off.

I'm just glad I'm not single. The way things are now, I'd get way too confused. There are thousands of sites on the Internet for singles. Hiking enthusiasts can click on an outdoors site: "Gay? Straight? Bisexual? Looking for a travel partner?" This site offers you everything from a "soulmate" to a "tentmate."

Then there is a South Jersey web site that contains an advice column, a personals database and a singles gift store. There are also sites for Jewish singles, over-30 singles, Christian singles and athletic singles (out of Southern California, of course).

It's all so carefully programmed.

And those who actually do meet someone they like are encouraged to do even more analyzing.

"What about birth order?" the psychologists ask. If you are a first-born/only thinking about marrying a first-born/only, you have to visualize what life is going to be like for two strong-willed people who will compete over who should make the decisions.

Luckily, no one was talking about that 30 years ago when I was dating or I would probably have worried myself sick at the altar.

Years later, when I was more enlightened, I remember saying to my husband, "It's a wonder we've been happily married all this time, because we hardly ever agree on anything."

He just smiled and said, "I disagree."

Today's women's magazines are filled with stories that add to the complexities. One titled "Are You Ready to Marry?" contains questions about communication, feelings and parent influences. Other magazine articles ask, "Is your partner right for you?" and explore the basics - race, education, background, values, age, interests, religion, opinions on finances and child-rearing.

Important issues to consider, certainly, but this is life. You're going to spend a lot of time evaluating back in the days of arranged marriages.

I sure don't want to go there. Not that I am a parent. Too much pressure.

I have a friend who feels the same way. In fact, he was shocked when his daughter chose a guy with old-fashioned values.

The young man actually went to my friend's house and asked him for his daughter's hand in marriage. My friend was speechless.

"Is that what you want?" the tongue-tied dad finally replied. "That's not even the most expensive part."

Let's hear it for good, old-fashioned romance.



Ken Sievers stands at the entrance to the maze he has carved out of one of his cornfields at 3025 East 3500 North.

Latest fad for families? Get lost in a cornfield

A maze in the maize

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY ASK Ken Sievers whether he figures his family will make more money letting people wander around its cornfield than it would have by harvesting it, and he has to think twice.

"I'm not really sure," he said. "I guess we'll see November."

Sievers got out of the corn-growing business - a couple of years ago, sold the land and took a job off the farm. But last spring he leased five acres back from a neighbor.

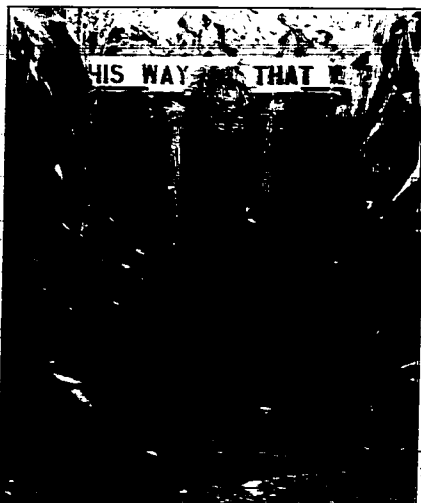
By August, he had a field of eight-foot tall corn stalks interrupted only by his 17-year-old son, Phillip's, imagination.

"We sent him out with a hoe last spring and told him to carve some paths," Ken said. "I don't know what it looks like from the air. I hope we aren't sending some secret message to space aliens out here."

The Sieverses are the latest rural residents in this era of depressed prices to use their farms for something else. Three days a week through the end of October, they'll let strangers find their way through a maze of maize.

"We haven't lost anybody yet," Ken Sievers said. "But if they're in there more than 45 minutes, we start looking for them."

Corn mazes are all the rage in



A scarecrow at a cornfield gives a little directional advice.

Iowa these days, where corn producers aren't raising much money because of drought and low commodity prices. Sievers got the idea from a field he toured near Idaho Falls last year.

"It's fun for the kids," he said. "I have no idea if it will make much

money."

With help from his mother and sister, John Jacob Gochmair of Bueling installed a maze in a five-acre patch of sweet corn this summer as an HFFA project. His dad, Steve, said it's been worthwhile.

"I really enjoyed it, we had a

really good stream of people coming through," the elder Gochmair said. "We're going to close it after the weekend but next year I may put in field corn and keep it open through Halloween."

Julius Jacob's hasn't gotten rich this summer, according to his dad.

"But he's had a lot of fun with it, and all summer I think we've only had three or four people who said they didn't like it," the elder Gochmair said.

"And they were here as part of a group."

The Sieverses built in blind alleys and dead ends - even a mock tombstone marking those who never got through the maze. A successful run takes at least 20 minutes, Ken said.

"It's a pretty labor-intensive project, because you have to keep having and thinning the corn."

But no more so than farming, he points out.

"It's something for people to do in a place where there isn't that much for kids to do that they haven't done before," he said.

"And you get in there after dark when the wind is blowing those leaves and seeds, it's a little scary too."

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Kids' TV viewing habits: What your doctor wants you to know

Routine visits to your child's doctor might soon involve talk about television and eating habits.

These are some questions pediatricians are asked to pose to parents regarding a child's exposure to television, movies and videos, music, computer and "video games" and the Internet.

Depending on the question, parents are asked to pose, sometimes or never, or yes or no.

- Does your child watch more than one to two hours of TV per day?
- Do you discuss TV shows

Etc. . . .

- Do you set limits on the type of music your child listens to?
- Do you let your child own or rent (video) games with violent content?
- Are you familiar with the types of chat rooms and Web sites your child visits?
- Do you let your child or does your child read at least once a day?

Source: Academy of Pediatrics Media History, Orange County Registrar

Etc., which runs weekly in Family Life, offers quick tips and helpful information for parents to use in rearing their children.

ToDo list families

This week

SUGAR - The Bulli School District is offering early intervention developmental screenings for children ages 3 to 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 16 and Sept. 17.

The early intervention screening helps identify children with developmental delays, motor learning disabilities, and language abilities. Children are screened for speech and language skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, social skills, thinking skills, and academic skills. Questions also check kids for adaptive skills such as the ability to dress themselves, toilet training, and attention skills.

Screenings are done at no charge to participants.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call Michel at Popplewell Elementary School at 543-8225.

Every Sunday 10-12 for Families lists family-oriented movies in south-central Idaho. To get on the list in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 545, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

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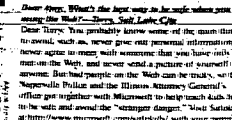
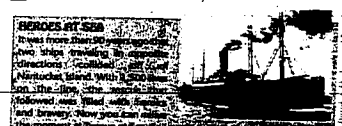
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RECIPE FOR SUCCESS... The problem, as you've discovered, is that if children complain about a teacher, today's parents often take the complaints at face value.

Send your questions about the WWW to: Abby, 2001 Times-News, Room 455, 604-845-4444... DEAR GEORGE: The poem is long, but it's well worth space in this column.

Strict teacher shows kindness despite protests

Q. As an elementary teacher, I require that my students complete assignments and behave appropriately to earn the privilege of playtime and fun activities... Because of this, there is no shortage of parents who think I'm "mean."

PARENTING John Rosemond... A. Even though most people are notoriously oblivious to their own faults, I'm going to take you at your word.

queness for being irresponsible. If all that's true, then you're the very sort of teacher children need. Unfortunately, I hear from lots of teachers who tell me that the very sort of teacher children need is not the very sort of teacher children want.

apprehensive, and rightly so, about the possibility of litigation. Caught between the powerful union and the equally powerful board of education, principals often take the path of least resistance.

DEAR ABBY: I'm learning to play the guitar. When's a good time to start? ... DEAR GEORGE: The poem is long, but it's well worth space in this column.

'Dog of Flanders' film offers great entertainment for family

Combined word services... "Dog of Flanders" (PG)-Twin Cinema. Best for Anyone who enjoys a touching story in a well-done family movie.

Family flicks... a boy and his dog, implied infidelity, tragedy and prejudice about social status, but they definitely don't hamper the sweetness of the story.

the characters get into. The not-so-good: Parker is winced over her role, and the only baby boomers who remember the cartoon will appreciate the movie.

See: Holmes' character is a virgin and decides to have sex with Watson after a verbal assault from her. While Holmes is shown the two are under a sheet, but the implication is clear.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a cartooning addict. I do caricatures and diagrammatic mummograms for a living. I have a problem that seems to be getting worse and worse each day.

What it's about: In the late 1800s in a Flemish village near Antwerp (home of painter Peter Paul Rubens), Jehan Daele... The two live in poverty, but Nello delivers milk for a living and plays with his best friend, Abba.

Offensive language: None. Sex: None. Violence: A couple of mean characters in the story delight in verbally berating Nello, and a man beats his dog. There's also a scene where a man is pushed and dies from the fall.

Parental advisory: It's one of the best family films this year. Entertainment values: A+.

Parental advisory: This PG-13 movie isn't for younger audiences, and it isn't for immature teens. Aside from being unamused by Mirren, adults will be bored by the dialogue and stilted plot.

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Woman finds magnificence in so-called simplicity of everyday life

"Let him who would enjoy a good future waste none of his present." - Roger Babson. In this story by inspirational writer Charlotte "Charlie" Volnek, a woman learns that there is magnificence in the so-called simplicity of everyday life.

It's just another day. I look out my window to see the sun beaming down, caressing the earth in its golden rays. Above, white clouds drift in the brilliant blue sky. I hear a cardinal singing to his mate as he perches upon my back fence.

Chicken Soup for the Soul... beneath it. Written in purple cursive are the words, "I love you, Mommy." It's just another day as I stand quietly and watch a disabled child. He struggles to get his special wheel over the curb, but it won't budge.

accepting their friend far above the us, an judgment of him without the licks. It's just another day. My son shares the report. The child has school. He shares with me the things said "dreams he holds for his future. His eyes are wide and shining.

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Some parents have trouble letting go

The Orlando Sentinel

Not only freshman face challenges on college beckons. Swept up in the whirlwind of activity involved in getting their teen-ager mentally and materially ready for college, parents often forget about their loss, said Mark Freeman, director of the personal counseling center at Rollins College. "Some parents will bring kids to college without talking about the transition and how it will affect them."

Once their teen-ager is safely away, those parents can have a rough go of it, he says. It's normal to feel a loss and void when you say goodbye to someone you have seen every day for 18 years. Parents who have been intimately involved in their child's

College freshmen aren't the only ones who face challenges of new life

high school education and activities, or parents who have lived vicariously through their child's sports or academic achievements, often have trouble letting go.

So can parents who are watching their only or last child walk out the door. It's a stark reminder for parents that the parenting cycle is ending, they're getting older, and a new phase of life waits.

A child entering college forces parents to focus back on their relationship, as man and wife, rather than Mom and Dad. They then must reevaluate their goals,

and speculate where to go from there.

It can be a disquieting experience, and many marriages cannot withstand the scrutiny. Divorce is common among parents during the college years, Freeman said.

"If the time has not been taken to nurture the relationship during the years leading up to college, they turn back to the relationship and discover there is not the same commitment," he says. "If there is stress in relationship, it's easy to ignore the relationship and focus on the kids."

Ideally, parents should begin discussing their feelings — and the

coming loss of a role they've held for 18 years — at least a year before their teenager ventures to college.

To survive, parents must redefine their relationship and find some common ground. Parents should look at the departure of their teen-ager as an opportunity to take vacations, involve themselves in common hobbies, and rediscover who it was that drew them together in the first place. They should also take time to grieve the loss of this segment of their lives, as there would a death or divorce, then move on.

Moving on from the parenting phase "is a loss," Freeman said. "With every loss comes new opportunity and the sadness of leaving one phase and going to another."

Dads, teens and addictive behavior

A new study says teens with close relationships to their fathers are less likely to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs.

Parental attitudes
Very likely to use will try an illegal drug in the future.

Mothers 13% Dads 20%

Kids' trust Who is easier to talk to about drugs? Mothers 57% Dads 26%

Source: Survey by Larry Fleishman of 2,000 teens, ages of 16-19, 1,000 parents, 500 teachers. Sept. 4, April 1998. PDI Service

Free at last University-bound teens look forward to great autonomy

The Orlando Sentinel

Life for parent and child is lived in the transitions.

In moments, it seems, a newborn baby, once powerless to lift its head, crawls, wobbles, then scoots about, strutting its independence, the blood of Columbus coursing his veins.

Then kindergarten beckons. A baby no more, the steps he takes into the classroom are tiny steps away from his parents. Alone he gambles those strides: making friends, sleeping over, passing notes, stealing kisses, slow and steady, autonomous.

In high school, the pace quickens. Things change. He changes, body and soul. He hungers for independence. Curfews bend but never yield. He is free, not free. Until...

A parent forgets that boundless feeling that swells inside as, propelled by "Pomp and Circumstance," the graduate crosses a stage.

It's not just a feeling of accomplishment one feels upon collecting a diploma, sliding tassel across mortarboard, kissing high school friends. Not really about bound teens, it's not just a reckoning that the time has come to do something with their lives.

It is freedom they feel, and that sensation rings loud and clear. The fact is, for the thousands of teen-agers storming campuses across America in the coming weeks, college is not really about majors and Psych 101. It's about autonomy. It's about moving out and moving into the ranks of the privileged, the curious, the stud.

It's about continuing the transition from childhood to adulthood for which parents have prepared them since those wobbly days.

But for these new college students, making the transition from tethered high schooler to free-ranging freshman is a bit more complicated than just stepping into their fathers' footsteps.

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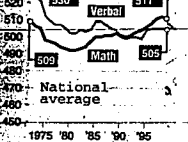
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Students have options when preparing for SAT, ACT

SAT scores slightly lower

Scholars' Guide to the SAT

Scores dropped as high school seniors nationwide turned in lower scores in math.



1975 '80 '85 '90 '95

By sex, 1999

Math: 450-550 Verbal: 450-550

Source: The College Board

Members of the high school Class of 2000: You're not alone if hearing three little letters like SAT or ACT instantly puts you in a daze.

You know what we mean. You've heard the hype: These tests, taken on a random Saturday morning sometime during your junior or senior year, could set the course for your future.

Score too low and you could stand in line for your dream college, a good scholarship or even going to a four-year school at all. Feeling sick yet?

Even five years after sweating through the SAT experience, Jason Fernandez still shakes his head at the mention of the test.

The 22-year-old University of Central Florida graduate now works in the Orlando office of a local state representative.

"I hate the SAT," he hissed recently. "I don't think one year should weigh so much compared to four years of performance in high school."

"You sit down and you think, 'If I don't do good, this is the rest of my life.'"

Why take them at all? Because most four-year colleges require you to take either the SAT, which is designed to test reasoning skills, or the ACT, which tests you on particular subjects.

The good news in all this? Although a score you might consider low could keep you from getting into the Ivy League or top public universities, it doesn't mean you've got into one of the nation's 500 odd colleges.

In fact, supporters of the tests contend they help students find a college where they can succeed, not where they're out of their league.

The top SAT score might be 1600, but the average student scores a 1023. Out of the ACT's top score of 36, the average score is 21.

The other good news? You're not helpless. That's what Fernandez and thousands of other high school students have discovered by using resources aimed at helping them do their best on standardized college admissions tests.

And even as you head into your senior year, it is not too late for you to do so well. Whether you haven't taken a test yet or you weren't pleased with your score the first time around, you still have a chance to get your act together.

Your options range from high-priced private classes to free test-prep materials. There's more help for taking these tests than any other test you've ever taken.

Although experts disagree over which methods are the most effective, they all concur on one point: Any work you do familiarizing yourself with the test before the big day will help you do better.

"The way the tests are written, a lot of students don't understand how to use the knowledge they have to take the test," said Bob Alexander of Celebration, Fla. He trains teachers across the nation to prepare students for the ACT or SAT.

Consider these tidbits: Every single formula or math rule you

need to answer questions at the beginning of the SAT's math section. But students often overlook the information or forget it is there, nevertheless missing questions.

Such information made it much easier to relax and take the test for Christina Scribner, 17, who will be a senior at Apopka High School in Apopka, Fla. this fall.

She used a 530 test-prep software program this spring to prepare her for taking the SAT, in which she got 1140 out of the possible 1600.

That score, combined with a grade point average of 3.9, already puts her well over the requirements for a state scholarship that will pay 75 percent of her tuition and fees at a Florida university or community college. She needed just a 3.0 GPA and a 970 SAT score to qualify.

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Use teachable moments with kids

Knight Ridder News Service

Sex educator Debra Haffner wants to obliterate "The Big Talk."

"I didn't work for our generation," says the 40-something Haffner. "And it didn't work for kids now."

In place of a carefully orchestrated presentation on sex sometime around puberty, she advocates an ongoing series of teachable moments. Ideally, they start in infancy and build a solid foundation before your child gets the keys to the car.

"Less is more," says Haffner, a nationally recognized spokeswoman for healthy sex. "You start out with little bits and add from there."

From a new book, "From Diapers to Dating: A Parent's Guide to Raising Sexually Healthy Children" (Newmarket Press, \$22.95), is geared as much to helping parents get comfortable with the subject of sex as to guide them in bringing it up with their kids.

"It's OK to be embarrassed talking about sex," says Haffner, who is president and CEO of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, a nonprofit advocacy group, and mom to kids ages 13 and 5.

Sex talk

Author Debra Haffner insists these "conversations tips to parents:

- Sexuality education is an ongoing process.
- Encourage your child's job to talk about sexuality.
- Educate both sons and daughters.
- It's OK to feel uncomfortable.
- Be open to your children.
- Reward their questions.
- Don't just wait for the questions.
- It's okay not to know all the answers.
- Look for teachable moments.
- Facts aren't enough.
- Actions speak louder than words.

It's also pretty common in America, she says. Her book steers parents in how to talk and listen — to their children about sexuality issues. It recommends doing it early, often and in age-appropriate ways. And it coaches them in determining what their family values are and sharing them in conversations instead of lectures.

"You need to tell your child what your values are and then explain them. Nobody wants to hear, 'Because I said so,' or 'Because I'm your mom.' Parents need to pay attention to what their children say, too. What most

children need is a good listening to."

A teachable moment, in Haffner's definition, is any opportunity to bring up specific issues of sexuality with a child. The ultimate non-teachable moment, she says, happened last year with the unfolding of the Clinton sex scandal.

"It offered an opportunity to talk about making decisions about sex, about what is a good decision and when sex can be harmful. It could also start a conversation about having a sexual feeling and making the choice not to act on it."

But a teachable moment doesn't require a momentous event. A parent can initiate one by talking about parts of the body while diapering an infant. With older children, it can be an opportunity for conversations about hygiene and inappropriate touch. A casual encounter with a pregnant woman can be the cue for telling a child how baby grows inside its mother's womb.

The best teachable moment is perhaps triggered by a child's question or remark. A momentary advice against watching for kids to introduce the subject. Books, TV shows, movies and ads can set the stage, too. And it helps when parents pay attention to what's going on in a kid's life.

"When Chris was assaulted I became more determined to crystallize my thinking and techniques toward developing ways families can protect against violence — happening to them," Gaffney writes.

"I realized there are two sides to Chris's story: 1) He had put himself in a vulnerable position through a number of choices he made, and as a result became the person, their awareness, their knowledge, their involvement in their children's lives and how they guide them to becoming better adults."

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BACK TO SCHOOL It's expensive out there

Knight Ridder News Service

For kids, back-to-school means the end of staying up late and sleeping in, and the start of less parents, back-to-school means something even more disturbing: open wallet and damp out eyes.

Back-to-school budgets include way more than just paper and pencils. There are banners, armbands, name tags, and even lunch cards. It's pants and shirts, belts and backpacks, hair ribbons and how much?

Worse yet, the costs seem to sneak up on you. Even the most careful planner could miss this annual budget buster.

Last year, the average family spent an average of \$408 per child, according to the American Express Retail Index on back-to-school. That's up from \$350 last year. Get ready to fork over more than \$1,200.

This year, the index predicts, costs are projected to increase by 12 percent to \$456 per child. That's the highest figure since the survey was introduced five years ago.

"I don't have that much money," lamented Julie Kraemer,

a Roeland Park, Kan., mother of three who says she might have to borrow money from her sister to foot the bill. "It's one of those things you forget about every year. Then it's there again, and you just run out of money."

For Laura White, a single mother from Kansas City, Mo., it's also tough.

"I have three boys," she said. "A 16-year-old high school athlete who has track and cross country and 11-year-old twins, and it gets pretty bad. Society today says they have to wear the Nike tennis shoes and name-brand clothes. They don't have to have that, but you don't want to send your kids to school in just anything."

It's not always realistic, as much as she wants to give her kids all the expensive things they want, she simply can't.

"It's a juggle," she said. "You know, would they rather have new tennis shoes, or would they rather eat? Do you want three new pairs of Nikes or would you rather buy the light bulb?"

To help, she watches for sales and cuts her kids' hair herself. And she familiarizes herself with social service agencies that give out supplies.

Psychologist's kit aims to connect parents, children

The Providence Journal

BRISTOL, R.I. — News about teen slayings fill air waves. Children in depression is rising. And parents are uncertain of their role.

"Tragic" is how Carol Gaffney describes these circumstances, including today's headlines.

Carol Renaud Gaffney, Ph.D., has created a kit she believes may help parents raise stronger kids, she calls "The Parents' Success Kit," which includes a coaching guide to help parents and children understand one another.

Gaffney's book helps parents identify problems their children may be having, develop a line of communication with their children, and help them become more responsible for themselves.

Gaffney said she was inspired to write the book after her son Chris was attacked at college. Traveling one night with a group of friends, Chris was hit from behind with a shovel by a man while another man beat him,

into the book," she said.

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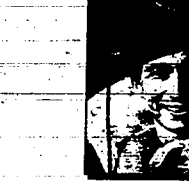
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Who knew Richard Lee Harbert?



Did you know Richard? He was my Uncle that I never met. Richard was the Twin Falls High School Senior class president in 1937, lead actor in the Senior class play, and a recognized WW2 war hero from Twin Falls. He married Margie Salisbury in 1940, worked for KTEL in advertising, joined the Army Air Corp. as a bombardier in 1942 and was reported Missing In Action on February 12, 1944 during a bombing run over the coast of Italy. Margie's family moved to California sometime after 1972 where she died at an early age of cancer.

Please contact Alan Lee Whitehead in Del Mar, California via alan@TrustedCommunications.com or at 619-453-8070 if you know or have memories to share of Richard or Margie.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

A SCOUTING GOODBYE

Jerome Public Library presents

Dinesen author Linda Donelson
JEROME - Linda Donelson, author of "Out of Isak Dinesen in Africa: The Untold Story," will present slides of the Baroness Karen Blixen and her life in Africa on 7 p.m. Friday at the Jerome Public Library.

Donelson will give a presentation titled, "Will your life become a Hollywood film?"

Refreshments will be served. The program is sponsored through a grant from the Idaho Humanities Council.

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club meets Tuesday

JEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club are having a dance at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Jerome's Church Recreation Annex at 216 2nd Ave. in Jerome.

Finger foods and cleanup will be the responsibility of participants with last names starting A to J. For more information, call 734-5689.

Christian Women's Club hosts prayer coffee Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Christian Women of the Magic Valley are hosting a prayer coffee from 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday at the Conrad residence.

For more information or directions to the Conrad residence, call 736-4592.

Le Livre Et La Plume Literary Arts Society holds meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Le Livre Et La Plume Literary Arts Society will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Frayley residence.

Marilyn Mecham will review "The Journey of Callie Wade," by Dawn Miller. The author sketch will be presented by Mary Frayley, and the "Guided Thought" by Joyce Beck. Co-hostesses for the evening are Gloria Huish, Retha Anderson, and Maurine Jacobson.

MVRS recognizes National Rehabilitation Celebration

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services Inc. is helping launch the National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration with the theme, "Providing On Time, Quality Service," Sept. 12-18. The celebration highlights the victories of disabled people who have made through rehabilitation, and recognizes the contributions of rehabilitation professionals, the nonprofit organization SVS.

The event also call attention to the unique needs of people with disabilities, coordinators say. For more information regarding the National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration, call Doug Guyman at 734-4112.

Buhl School District offers early intervention screenings

BUHL - The Buhl School District is offering early intervention developmental screenings for children ages 3 to 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 14 and Sept. 15.

The early intervention screening helps identify children with developmental delays, and/or learning disabilities. Children are screened for speech and language skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, social skills, thinking skills, and academic skills.

Organizers also check kids for adaptive skills such as the ability to dress themselves, toilet training, and attentive skills.

Screenings are done at no charge to participants. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call Michel at Poplewell Elementary School at 543-8225.

Yearbooks, baby pictures ready for 1999 seniors

KIMBERLY - All Kimberly High School 1999 seniors can pick up their yearbooks and baby pictures at the high school.

For more information, call J. Hall at 423-4170, Ext. 3316.

Historical Society seeks donated items for museum

BURLEY - The Cassia County Historical Society is seeking several items needed for the museum and new item donations.

The museum needs male and children's mantelpieces. A computer is needed and a volunteer to list inventory on the computer.

Several projects are available for young men working on their Eagle Scout award, the society says.

New articles at the museum include a diorama tooth from Vern Nelson; a painting of the old Elba church from Robert Rasmussen; an old Webster's Dictionary from Brian Povlsen; books from the Raft River High School; a potato digger with shaker from Lund Jensen Fahrson; a Cassia Lumber and Seed carpenter apron from the Elks Lodge; and two hospital chairs courtesy John Warren, Arthella Udy Larsen, Eta-Udy Otley, Fred Maier, Dora Warren Maier and Larry Maier Sr.

State universities offer a 'virtual campus' via Internet

POCATELLO - Idaho State University in Pocatello; University of Idaho in Moscow and Boise State University in Boise have teamed together to offer university courses via a unique Internet-based program called the Idaho Virtual Campus.

Virtual Campus ISU classes during the fall semester will be primarily graduate science classes. BSU offers earth systems science courses and U of I is offering a complete master of education degree through the virtual campus.

Three- and four-credit courses will be offered from the anthropology, biology, geology and physics departments.

Admission and registration procedures for Idaho Virtual Campus courses are similar to other ISU courses. For more information, contact the ISU Academic Outreach Office, 236-4569 or email willis.vca@isu.edu.

CSI sets cardiopulmonary classes for this month

TWIN FALLS - A cardiopulmonary resuscitation class is scheduled for Sept. 9 from 6-10 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho.

CSI's EMT instructor Dennis Patterson teaches this non-credit, one-evening course, which is designed to certify or re-certify the student in the use of CPR. The course costs \$25.

Patterson also teaches monthly CPR/first aid courses. The next one will be held Sept. 23 from 5-10 p.m. The cost for this class is \$40.

Pre-registration is required for either course. For information, call Dennis Patterson at 733-9554, extension 2173.

Heritage Foundation sells tickets for 'Oliver' this week

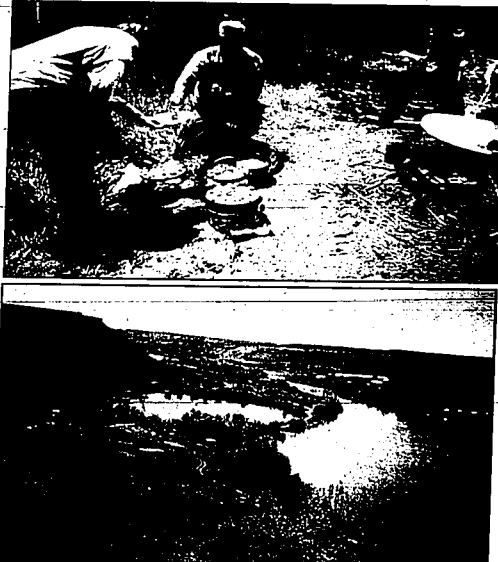
BURLEY - Reserved tickets are on sale for the Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation's presentation of "Oliver" Sept. 24-25, Sept. 27 and Oct. 1-2 at the King Fine Arts Center at the Burley High School, 2100 Parke Ave.

The presentation is directed by Dennis Blyden. The music, lyrics and book by Lionel Bart was produced for the Broadway stage by David Merrick and Donald Albery.

Ticket opportunities include "Family Night" at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24 with \$4 tickets or \$15 for a family of five; a matinee at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 25 with \$5 for adults and \$3 children age under 18; and shows on Sept. 27, Oct. 1 and Oct. 2 tickets \$5.

Tickets can be picked up at the center ticket office from 4-8 p.m. Monday between Friday through Oct. 2. For more information or reservations, call 678-6688.

The Times-News would like to profile you. Organize. Send your information along with your name and your phone number to Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.



Above, Les Chaffin, Troop 104 Scoutmaster, and Elaine Hamlett, with the Falls District Cub Committee, cook up a snack at a camporee in May. Boy Scouts enjoyed the last days of Camp Roach in the Hagerman area, shown below, at the camporee. The Snake River Council of Boy Scouts has leased the 100-acre of land from the Idaho Power Company since the 1960s, but overnight camping won't be allowed anymore because the company will make changes to meet power plant relicensing requirements for wetlands restoration. The company has offered a site near Bliss Park for a new camp. Photos courtesy: Pat Post

Junior Club recognizes lawn and garden show winners

Gary and Debbie Koutnik received first prize in the people's choice award at the recent Junior Club of Twin Falls' First Annual Lawn and Garden Show. J. Francis and Betsy Florence received second place and Dr. Kevin and Debra Kraul took third place.

Twin Falls resident earns award from achievement academy

Corrie Winterholler, daughter of Cindy Winterholler of Twin Falls, has won the United States National Award for her work in English.

The United States Achievement Academy selects winners based on teacher, coach, and counselor recommendations, coordinators say. The criteria for selection include the student's academic performance, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, citizenship, attitude, and cooperative spirit.

Winterholler's grandmother, Lucille Roberts, is a resident of Burley.

Girl's State elects area students to officer positions

Several Twin Falls students were elected to officer positions in June at Girl's State in Nampa.

Tiffany Billington was elected state

representative; Belinda Frankes was elected city clerk; Melissa Stubbs was elected city councilwoman and minority caucus leader for the house; Jeffere Tolanta was elected magistrate judge; and Kristina Broek was elected justice court justice.

Girl's State is an annual event sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Twin Falls resident receives master's from Montana Tech

Curtis E. Cammell of Twin Falls recently received a master's of Science in industrial hygiene from Montana Tech in Butte, Mont.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

SCHOOL LUNCH

Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.

BUHL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lunch Menu
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chips, carrot/celery sticks with ranch dressing, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday: Cheeseburgers, ketchup/mustard, french fries, fresh fruit.
 Thursday: Beef tacos, lettuce/cheese, corn, tortilla chips.
 Friday: Turkey and noodle; green salad w/ranch, crackers, fruit, chocolate cake.

CASTLEFORD

Breakfast: Orange juice, applesauce and milk served every day.
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Donuts, cereal.
 Wednesday: French toast, cereal.
 Thursday: Hot scones, cereal.
 Friday: Cinnamon rolls, cereal.
 Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day.
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Soft shell tacos.
 Wednesday: Baja chicken.
 Thursday: Lasagna, green beans.
 Friday: French dip sandwiches.

KIMBERLY SCHOOLS

Elementary school will be served main line each school day. Grade 5 will be offered salad bar on Tuesdays and grade 6 will be offered salad bar on Thursdays. Middle school and high school will be offered a choice of main-line menu or chef salad each school day.
 Lunch: Milk served every day.
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Burrito, corn, bread stick, cinnamon apples.
 Wednesday: Hamburgers, french fries, pickles, orange half.
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, rolls, fruit cup.
 Friday: Baked ham, potatoes and gravy, rolls, carrot stick, peach half.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Lunch: Choice of white or chocolate milk each day.
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, carrots and celery, fruit, Barbecue sauce, catsup, cookie.
 Wednesday: Crispy taco, refried

beans, peaches, cinnamon bread sticks, "prize."
 Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, assorted dressings, garlic bread, peas.
 Friday: Dippy Day - chicken dippers, BARBECUE sauce, veggies and dip, bread sticks and spaghetti sauce, apples and caramel dip.

FILER

Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Spaghetti.
 Wednesday: Chicken paty.
 Thursday: Roast beef with gravy.
 Friday: Chef salad.

HANSEN

Breakfast: Milk and juice or fruit served each day.
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Milk served every day.
 Wednesday: Yogurt, toast.
 Thursday: Cereal, toast.
 Friday: Long Johns, cereal.
 Lunch: Milk served every day.
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Pizza, green salad, fruit.
 Wednesday: Rib b que, green salad, fruit.
 Thursday: Spaghetti, bread sticks, green salad, fruit.
 Friday: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, rolls, fruit.

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch: Milk served every day.
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese hot pocket, green beans, pineapple chunks, cookies.
 Wednesday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, kiwi fruit, biscuit/honey butter.
 Thursday: Beef and bean burrito, french fries, spiced applesauce, rice krispie bar.
 Friday: Finger steaks, potato wedges, red grapes, dinner roll.

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day.
 Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies everyday.

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Lunch: Milk served every day.
 Monday: No school.

Hot dogs on a bun, potato salad, watermelon, cookies.
 Wednesday: Spaghetti, bread sticks, salad/dressing, diced peas.
 Thursday: Ham sandwich, potato wedges, oranges, pudding.
 Friday: Turkey-noodles, celery sticks, fruit cocktail, rolls.

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Chef salad.
 Wednesday: Beef stroganoff.
 Thursday: Turkey gravy.
 Friday: Deli sandwich.

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Breakfast served every day, choice of cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, and milk.
 Lunch: Junior highs have a choice of main line or second line menu. Salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, taco bar and potato bar available on alternate days.
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese hot pocket, seasoned green beans, pineapple chunks, suckerdoodle cookie.
 Wednesday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, Jell-O salad, biscuit/honey butter, chocolate milk.
 Thursday: Beef and bean burrito, french fries, spiced applesauce, rice krispie cookie.
 Friday: Finger steaks, tater tots, mixed fruit cup, dinner roll.

VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day.
 Lunch: Milk served with all meals.
 Monday: No school.
 Tuesday: Corn dog, french fries, veggies and dip, cinnamon sticks, peas.
 Wednesday: Chicken fillet, scalloped potatoes, green beans, hot roll/butter, french fries.
 Thursday: Barbecue beef sandwiches, pickle slices, french fries, peaches, brownie.
 Friday: Baked cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, M & M cookie.

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SENSE OF HUMOR

By Tom Pruice, Chicago, Illinois

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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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We all should feel important without getting carried away

As we go through life we hope we are important, perhaps not vitally important to world affairs or such, but at least important to those we care about.

Everybody has that need - the need to feel that if he or she were no longer on this earth someone would miss them; someone would care that they were no longer here, someone would say "What will I ever do without him or her?"

It wouldn't be normal if we didn't feel this way, but some of us have an exaggerated idea of our own importance.

It's all, perhaps, because the people who believe that the world revolves around them - who believe that if something happened to them everything would somehow, come to an abrupt halt.

Of course we also know that it is not true. Throughout history those who believe that the world revolves around them - who believe that if something happened to them everything would somehow, come to an abrupt halt.

Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and on and on. Yet when they were no longer with us, someone who were content to revolve, and life continued on. This would indicate that the world can, in fact, do without us.

AFTER CLASS

Say Peterson

It would be nice to be such that it could be said that you are important to one or two people. I think of a former president - Franklin Pierce. Few people would miss him - perhaps only old hatters and those like myself. Still he was the president of the United States. A gentleman from Franklin Pierce's hometown was once asked what he thought of the president. He stated the president. He stated that though for a moment, then said "Well, another day Franklin Pierce is a pretty big man, but what good is that over the whole country? He gets a trifle of attention."

Perhaps we could take a lesson. The next time we start to think we are invaluable we might think of Franklin Pierce and think of how they are valued. It would just get us a little bit in place.

Our purpose in this life should be to serve, not to push our own importance. Being famous is an attitude that can serve us well to help us realize that, though we can make a difference, we should accept that as a gift to be used in the service of others. Only then will we find our true importance in life.

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TV embraces gays, but not seniors

Knight Ridder News Service

Diversity isn't just about skin color.

Television also has a notorious blind spot about older citizens.

From the young audiences advertisers are obsessed with and relentlessly target to the persistently overlooked, attractive demographic who populate most TV series, network television has a serious ageism problem.

As baby boomers head into their 50s, TV networks are going gray-hair, wrinkles and senior citizens.

"We feel there's a bias against older people on Madison Avenue," says CBS Television President Les Moonves.

No wonder. Many advertisers aren't interested in attracting viewers over the age of 50. They're fixated on channel surfers in the holy, golden demographic zones of 18-34 and 18-49.

Over 50? Madison Avenue sneers.

But that's the very heart of CBS' audience, the audience that tunes in for "60 Minutes," "Touched by an Angel," "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Coby," shows that feature news correspondents or characters who are a family with the concept of Medicare and who are celebrating a 60th or 70th birthday.

With its new fall offerings, CBS has made room for such mature performers as Betty White ("Ladies Man"), Dixie Carter ("Family Man") and Tyne Daly ("Judging Amy").

But most of the other networks continue to perpetuate the fiction that America is strictly a land of pretty young things.

Among the three dozen new network fall series, only six series are older than 40, let alone 30, 50 and beyond.

Let's see, there's Martin Sheen portraying an American president in his 60s on "The West Wing" (NBC). There's 70-something actor TV detective playing a small supporting role as a limo driver and uncle to the lead character on the outrageous sitcom "Archie" (Fox).

And veteran actress Rue McClanahan ("The Golden Girls") has a supporting part as a wisecracking grandmother in the family drama "Safe Harbor" (WB).

That's about it for any characters who might live in the vicinity of Social Security.

Ironically, there is another area of diversity that is alive with numerous new representations.

Gay characters, once verboten and reviled, are proliferating on the airwaves with nearly a ripple of the misplaced conservatism that once vetoed lesbian issues on "Roseanne," a gay character on "Melrose Place" or the coming-out party on "Ellen."

There will be 17 new gay characters on the four major networks this fall season. That's about the same as the total number of new black, Asian and Latino characters combined.

The more gay characters include everyone from a man who leaves his wife after coming out of the closet on "Oh Grow Up!" a new series about a trio of male friends, to an actor who satirizes Hollywood and features a universal, naive, straight-woman-like guy.

While these characters are clearly more accepting and tolerant. But more important, network executives who might once have many black or Hispanic friends, do not seem to have many gay or lesbian friends.

They live and work in a Hollywood film and TV industry that has numerous gay and lesbian actors, writers, producers and executives.

Last season, the NBC comedy "Will & Grace," which focuses on the friendship of a gay man and his heterosexual female roommate, quickly found favor with a liberal cross-section of viewers from New York to Des Moines. It's written by Max Mutchnick, who is gay.

David Crane, one of the creators of "Friends," TV's No. 1 comedy series, is gay. In its opening seasons, "Friends" had a prominent story line involving David Schwimmer's co-wife and her lesbian significant other.

And Kevin Williamson, creator of the popular WB teen drama "Dawson's Creek" and ABC's new young adult drama series "Wendell," is gay.

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Couple investigates lifetime care

Q. With our children scattered across the United States, my wife and I realized several years ago that we will probably need some type of assisted living care in the years to come. Not that we think 73 is "old," but we are trying to be realistic. During our search, we found a community that seems like an ideal place where we can receive care for as long as both of us live. After seeing on the idea, the counselors began explaining the economics of the transaction which made us very nervous. While we like the people and like the area, we and we need an unbiased opinion about how this will impact us economically and whether there are pitfalls. Here we can find information about this lifetime care contract and whether it is feasible for us.



NEXT STEPS Jan Collins and Jan Warner

A. While many communities provide various care services to residents as long as they live through "life care" or "continuing care contracts," there are attendant costs and potential pitfalls that some don't realize until after they've signed on the dotted line. That's why it's so important to understand the economic ramifications of the "business deal" before you commit yourselves.

Basic "residential care" arrangements provide you and your wife with continuing nursing and if and when necessary nursing home care for as long as you both live. In return, you pay a substantial admission fee and continuing monthly payments that are based on operating costs and fluctuate with inflation. Because these arrangements can continue for many years or terminate should both of you die unexpectedly, there are very special financing issues that must be examined.

For example, at death, the admission fee is often non-refundable, no matter how long you have lived there and no matter the value of the services you actually received. Generally speaking, since you and your wife will generally be purchasing any ownership rights, this raises questions about what you receive for your money. But there are some agreements you can provide for the purchase of an interest in a cooperative which you must sell if you enter the nursing home area of the community.

The advantages of these arrangements include independent living, security, and affordable nursing home care if you need it; however, there can be significant financial disadvantages. For example, if the owner of the community is not financially sound, there may be substantial conditions and less quality of care due to cutbacks in services. And since admission rates are based on the projected needs of residents, longer life means less admission fees which could lead to the owner's financial instability. Should the community go bankrupt, residents stand to lose what they have "invested" in the right to live in the community. Due to the influx of large amounts of cash, some communities have "gone under" due to fraudulent activities by management.

Taking the Next Steps should hire an experienced lawyer to review these contracts before you sign your name and give your check. Because we don't have enough space to give you the rest of the information here, for a list of guidelines to look for, visit <http://www.nextsteps.net> and click "Resources."

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Diminishing appetites put seniors at risk

Knight Ridder News Service

It's fish day at the Milpitas, Calif., Senior Center, and 110 community members have gathered for their hot lunches, catered meals that cost \$1.60 apiece.

Margaret Mello gingerly picks at her filet sandwich, licking fresh tart sauce from her fork before diving into the peas, carrots, cole slaw and cantaloupe that accompany it.

As adults grow older, proper nutrition is often threatened by diminishing appetites and a host of factors, including ill-fitted dentures, depression, confusion and chronic disease.

A coalition of health care experts, including the American Academy of Family Physicians, reported earlier this month that an estimated 40 percent of the nation's 2 million nursing-home residents aren't getting the nutrients they need. And it is thought that about half of those who are nourished before they even arrive at the homes.

"Elderly people in all settings - whether they're living at home or in a nursing home - are at risk for malnutrition," says Beth Klitch, president of Survey Solutions Inc., a national nursing home consulting firm in Columbus, Ohio.

There are steps one can take, however, to ensure that an elderly loved one is getting enough good food.

Family members can consult with a physician to determine whether any medications or illnesses may be linked to their senior's loss of appetite. Friends and family can take a meal with them when visiting an older person, and should give food as gifts rather than flowers or clothes.

If their loved one has difficulty getting to the store or cooking, family members should inquire about home health services in the area, local programs such as Meals on Wheels, which delivers meals to seniors.

And if an older family member is in a nursing home, relatives can check with staff members to ensure that steps will be taken if malnutrition is an issue. Although it isn't always easy to tell whether a senior is getting enough nutrients, caregivers can rely on a few visible measures for a gauge.

Some of the signs of poor nutrition can be pretty simple, like clothes that look too big on people, prominence of bones like cheekbones in the face," says Klitch.

The Hartford Courant

Every married couple who has made it past the honeymoon stage knows that the vows "for better, for worse" mean. Most of us have experienced "for richer and for poorer" as well. But only when one partner becomes chronically ill does the promise to love "in sickness and in health" really get put to the test.

John and Betty McGonigle was 29 years old when he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. They lived with the disease for 15 years. During that time, McGonigle, now 50, cared for her husband

and two children and took over the responsibilities of their day-to-day lives. She also discovered that when one spouse is diagnosed with a serious illness, two lives are devastated.

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