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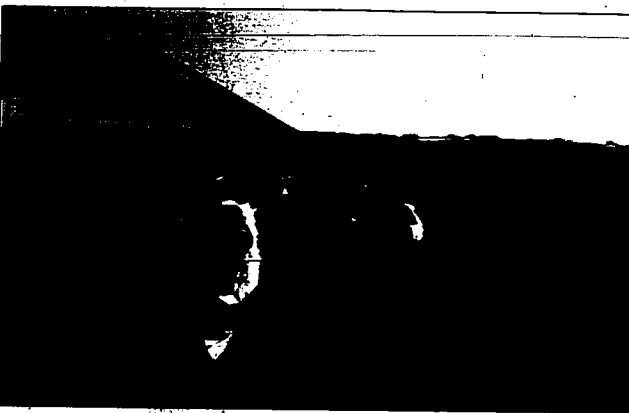
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Hotel with a view ...



Dick and Esther Goad were driving from Oklaheima City to Moscow when they discovered the Snake River Canyon. The pair said they thought a hotel on the canyon rim would enhance the area.

and an emotional ordinance dispute

Developers cross fingers on canyon-rim plan

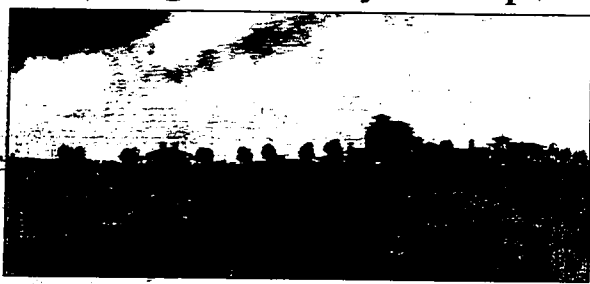
By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Las Vegas developer's request to build a seven-story hotel near the Perrine Bridge renews an old debate. How much development should the city of Twin Falls allow near one of its key physical features, the Snake River Canyon? And what should the development look like?

Several years ago, a city committee spoke on the issue, drawing up a canyon rim ordinance that is a part of city code. Developer Craig Neilson, a former Twin Falls resident, has posed a high-profile challenge to that ordinance, with his plans for a seven-story, 25,000-square-foot hotel on 13 acres west of Blue Lakes Boulevard.

The ordinance — and the proposal — raises some emotional reactions. "The canyon is for everybody," said Erik Mikesell, a member of the committee that drew up the canyon ordinance. "There are still ways it can put its building there without making it seven stories."

When the committee drew up the ordinance several years ago, one of its main concerns was aesthetics. And today, Mikesell thinks Neilson's plans are a bad



This is an artist's rendering of a proposed seven-story hotel on the canyon rim. The picture is in scale with the canyon. The structures shown, from left to right, are the Perrine Bridge, the Rex Laughlin Walters Center, the planned hotel and conference center.

idea. "The hotel could be built out rather than up, but this is a poor option," said Ken Edmunds, a consultant to Neilson in Twin Falls. "There isn't enough room to build 300 rooms along the canyon rim," Edmunds said. "We're trying to target 300 rooms; and if we build along the canyon rim we'll only have space for 220 rooms." If the hotel is built within the

35-foot height regulations, and stretched out along the canyon rim, it would create a wall, Edmunds said. "I wish I could find it would be an extension on the view of the canyon," he said. "Teresa Dick and Esther Goad of Oklaheima, who were sightseeing at the Snake River Canyon rim Friday afternoon, said a seven-story hotel wouldn't ruin the canyon view. "It would be really fantastic,"

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Indonesia leaders rule out force

Security Council condemns Indonesia

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Security Council members, condemning Indonesia Saturday for letting a U.N.-organized independence vote in East Timor deteriorate into an orgy of killings, demanded Jakarta allow an international force to immediately restore law and order.

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B u t Ambassador Makarim Wibisono ruled out any multinational force for the half-island territory for now, saying Indonesia's imposition of martial law on Tuesday was already helping improve the security situation in the territory.

"While fully understanding the willingness of a number of countries to provide security assistance, Indonesia does not foresee the need for the introduction of a multinational or peacekeeping force at this stage," he told an open council meeting. "Such an operation may well exacerbate the situation and be counterproductive, however well-intentioned it may be."

The refusal came after 50 ambassadors publicly aired their criticism of Indonesia for failing to live up to its obligations to maintain peace in East Timor.

On Aug. 30, three-quarters of East Timor's 800,000 people voted for independence in a U.N.-supervised referendum. Anti-independence militias with the active support of Indonesia's military and police have since waged a campaign of terror against the territory's people and U.N. staff, with aid agencies estimating that

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Another E. coli outbreak sickens more than 140

The Associated Press

PETERSBURG, Ill. — More than 140 people were sickened with a potentially deadly strain of E. coli after partying in a cow pasture last week, New York's health officials said.

Health officials were scrambling to reach more than 1,800 others who were there. It is the second major E. coli outbreak in two weeks.

In New York state, two people have died and more than 600 others who attended a county fair have E. coli symptoms. New York health officials estimate as many as 1,000 people may have been infected, which would make it the worst E. coli outbreak in U.S. history.

The worst outbreak was in 1993 when 700 patrons of Jack in the Box restaurants in Washington state were sickened by E. coli bacteria linked to undercooked hamburger and four died.

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Boss rewards workers' loyalty by dividing fortune



Bob Thompson

The Associated Press

BELLEVILLE, Mich. — When Bob Thompson sold his company for \$422 million, he could have chartered a jet, flown off to an island and, heck, bought the island, too.

But he had a secret plan. Thompson had mulled it over for years, conferred with his wife, but kept it

break-leads to all but a few of his workers.

It was only when the sale of Thompson-McCully Co., his road building firm, became final in July that he let all of his workers know, in a letter.

First, he had good news: They would not lose their jobs. Then, he had great news: They would share in the

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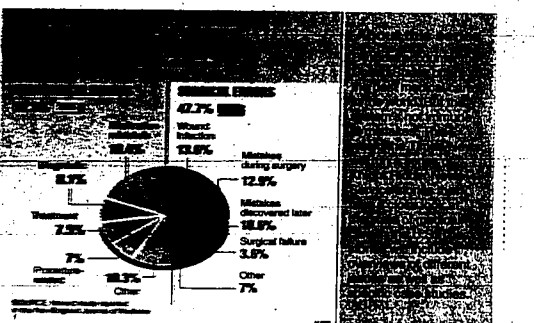
Doctors: Medical errors are serious, common across U.S.

By Andrea Getlin
The Philadelphia Inquirer

As most Americans would, more than 30,000 patients who were admitted to 51 of the hospitals in New York state in a single year expected that the finest health-care system in the world would provide them every chance of recovery. For some, the reality was otherwise: 1,130 of the patients suffered injuries caused by medical errors — not their underlying medical conditions. Of those, 154 died from the injuries.

Put another way, one of every 200 of the patients admitted to a hospital died up dead because of a hospital mistake.

These were among the key findings of the "Harvard Medical Practice Study," published in 1991 in the New England Journal of Medicine. It remains the most comprehensive and rigorous examination of hospital errors ever, while also supporting the findings throughout the country continue to mount. "The fact are, we commit thousands of errors every week nationwide," said David Nash, associate dean and director of the Office of Health Policy and Clinical Outcomes at Thomas Jefferson University. "People get killed every day in hospitals," said Bernard Bell, a professor at



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THE REGION

Carnas Prairie
 High: 73 Low: 27
 Sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny on Monday with highs in the 70s.

Treasure Valley
 High: 80 Low: 45
 Sunny with light winds in the morning, increasing to 5-10 mph in the afternoon. Sunny on Monday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 69 Low: 32
 Sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny on Monday with highs in the mid-70s.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 72 Low: 32
 Sunny, with northeast winds 5-10 mph. Sunny on Monday with highs in the mid-70s.

Northern Idaho
 High: 79 Low: 47
 Sunny, with light winds. Sunny on Monday with highs near 80.

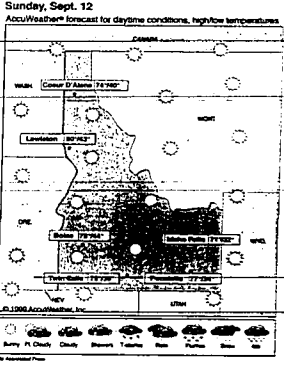
Northern Utah
 High: 70 Low: 35
 Sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny on Monday with highs near 70.

Northern Nevada
 High: 75 Low: 32
 Sunny, with west winds at 10 mph. Sunny on Monday with highs in the 70s.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 75 Low: 39 Sunny, with west winds at 10 mph.	High: 77 Low: 40 Sunny.	High: 80s Low: 50s Mostly sunny.	High: 80s Low: 50s Mostly sunny.	High: 80s Low: 50s Mostly sunny.

Idaho weather



National weather



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 77 51	Yesterday in Twin Falls 0.02
Last year 64 56	Month to date 0.25
Normal 82 43	Year to date 14.53
	Normal year to date 9.95

Idaho	Highs/Lows
Boise	Max 79 Min 45
Burley	77 50
Coeur d'Alene	63 37
Grangeville	m m
Hagerman	m m
Idaho Falls	72 34
Lewiston	76 50
Mald	m 34
Malta	70 37
McCall	66 34
Pocatello	75 52
Salmon	75 39
Scary	69 49
Sun Valley	m m

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	87	58	.....
Anchorage	60	40	.....
Atlanta	87	61	.....
Boston	71	66	3.06
Chicago	81	46	.....
Dallas	97	73	.....
Denver	76	54	.....
Des Moines	83	50	.....
Detroit	77	75	11
Honolulu	83	75	.....
Houston	95	66	.....
Indianapolis	82	59	.....
Las Vegas	98	80	.....
Los Angeles	74	60	.....
Memphis	91	63	.....
Miami Beach	91	75	.....
Minneapolis	72	51	.....
Missouri	76	43	.....
New Orleans	89	65	.....
New York	78	66	.....
Oklahoma City	81	66	3.68
Omaha	77	56	.....
Phoenix	100	87	.....
Pittsburgh	79	61	1.99
Portland, Me.	79	61	.....
Portland, Ore.	84	53	.....
San Diego	88	65	.....
Salt Lake City	78	59	.....
San Francisco	69	58	.....
Seattle	73	51	.....
Spokane	79	49	.....
Washington	79	60	.....
Yuma	104	85	.....

UV INDEX

Index: 5 (moderate)
 Burn time: 30 minutes

FIRE DANGER

Fire conditions in southern Idaho are moderate on range lands and moderate in forested lands.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 7:54 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:15 a.m.
 Lunar phase: First quarter, Sept. 17; full, Sept. 25; last quarter, Oct. 2; new, Oct. 9.

ACROSS THE NATION

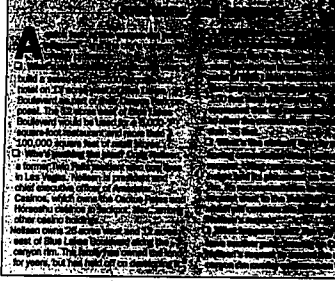
Idaho: High pressure continues to be the dominating feature over the Intermountain region. This has brought sunny skies and mild temperatures to the spot state during the afternoon.
Afternoon temperatures over the state were generally in the 60s and 70s. The warmest spot honors went to Boise and Mountain Home. Both locations reported 3 p.m. temperatures of 77 degrees. The coolest spot honors went to Malvan Falls with a 3 p.m. temperature of 49 degrees.
 gusty westerly winds were noted across portions of southwest Idaho, with Boise and
Mountain Home reporting gusts from 18 to 21 mph.
Elsewhere: By The Associated Press. Severe thunderstorms moved across northern Arizona on Saturday and scattered showers popped up in several Midwestern states. Elsewhere, skies were mostly clear.
The East was mostly dry. Isolated showers were reported just east of Lake Ontario in northeastern New York and in eastern Maine. Bangor, Maine, reported the heaviest rainfall in the lower 48 states Saturday with 2.18 inches.
 — The Associated Press

Government announces grants for school safety

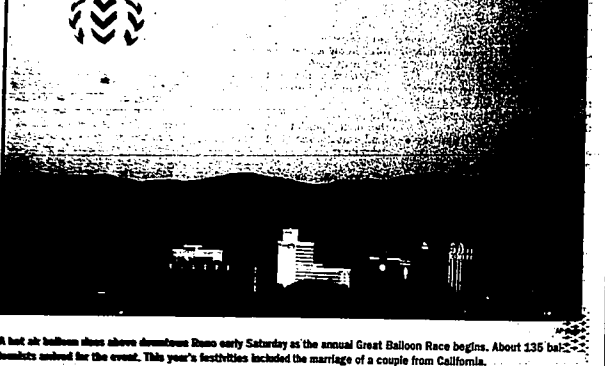
WASHINGTON (AP) — With Americans increasingly concerned about school violence, the government Saturday awarded \$4 school districts \$106 million to put into practice plans to make classrooms safe. Children in two of the districts — Jonesboro, Ark., and Springfield, Ore. — know firsthand the horror of random gun attacks in their schools.

Hotel

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 tion against Neilsen's plans at a recent city Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. One resident suggested Neilsen build a park instead of hotel and convention center.
 But Edmunds agreed a large-scale hotel, convention center and retail outlet development would likely bring people into Twin Falls.
 "We think it (development) will bring business to the city," Edmunds said. "But we still have to find things that will draw people to Old Towne and downtown."



RISING ABOVE RENO



A hot air balloon rises above downtown Reno early Saturday as the annual Great Balloon Race begins. About 135 balloons are scheduled for the event. This year's festivities included the marriage of a couple from California.

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 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 NUMBERS
 4 32 33 37 42
 POSSIBLE NUMBER 25

POWERBALL 2
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 NUMBERS
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 FRIEDLY SELECTIONS TO NUMBERS
FAST
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Indonesia

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 anywhere between 600 and 7,000 people have been killed.
 Another 100,000 have been driven into West Timor or to other islands, and 200,000 more chased from their homes.
 "The scale of the violence, death and destruction has been far beyond what any international observers anticipated," Secretary-General Kofi Annan told council members in an open meeting. He repeated that the atrocities may well constitute international crimes and said those responsible must be prosecuted.
 The Dutch ambassador, Pieter van Walsum, closed the meeting by saying that the council would not stand by and let East Timor's transition to independence be derailed.
 "Indonesia must now accept the offer of military assistance by the international community," he said, responding to the speech by Wibisono moments earlier.
 Despite the condemnations, there was still no decision on whether the United Nations will intervene.

Extension of Common Stock Offering

Magic Valley Bank announced on August 31, 1999, an extension of 337,500 shares of its common stock to 5000 in Magic Valley Bank as of October 30, 1999 from its original expiration date of 5:00 p.m. on September 1, 1999.
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NATION

Man of duty seeks to become figure of destiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — Steam rose off the horses on a cold winter's day as a band of hippies and a knot of old-time preachers packed into a Tennessee barn where heat shimmered from a drum of smoldering wood.

Cub reporter Al Gore shivered near the back, taking it all in — this odd gathering organized by a commune called the Farm. The idea was to show locals that their new neighbors, just in from wicketed-out San Francisco, were not wild revolutionaries.

"There had been some bad-mouthing going around," recalls Al Bates, one of the long-haired types. "We invited the preachers to come in and thump the Bible first."

Gore was a quiet observer that day in 1972 but his story in The Tennessee had an impact. Sensible, touched with humor, written with a tone suggesting the new need not be feared, it helped turn culture shock into something more comfortable for everyone.

"He understood we were trying to live simply and nonviolently and not make trouble," says Bates, now director of the Farm's Knoxville Training Center and still a stranger to a haircut. "That was a turning point for us."

Years later people in all straits of life — constituent, investor, bureaucrat, business consultant, world leader — have been touched and sometimes bowled over by Gore's inquisitive, grasping mind, his affability and charm.

So, too, are they confounded by the other side of Gore, the unshakable, mechanical side that appears at the worst moments, when he most needs to make the human connection he will have to make to become president.

"You can see it close down," says Bates, who became Gore's friend. "Al Gore," he ventures brightly, "is by no means a hippie."

No time to relax
Relax! Relax! he's told. If Gore hasn't heard that all his life — and even schoolmates remember thinking it — he's heard it enough for one lifetime. The theme is a drumbeat: To see Gore at his best you must see him in private.

You must look at his childhood as the dutiful son of a strong-willed senator, at his own Senate career marked by diligence, at a married life where the smiles, winks and "I've heard it enough" between husband and wife are not fiction.

It is on one hand a daunting political problem. On the other hand, it may be effective if voters are convinced of the truth of it, and if they come to it fresh. Better to have that sort of man than a public charmer and something else in private.

Because in private Gore is chief among many things the father of four and husband of Tipper, no small matter after President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky.

By virtue of his seven years as Clinton's vice president, Albert



Vice President Al Gore high-fives 7-year-old Cassandra Lyford as her classmate Morel Scartine, 6, watches Friday at an elementary school in Central Falls, R.I.

Gore in brief
Name: Albert Arnold Gore Jr.
BIRTH DATE: 51, March 21, 1948
EDUCATION: B.A. in Government, Harvard University (1969), School of Journalism, Vanderbilt University (1971-72), studied at Vanderbilt Law School (1974-1976).
EMPLOYMENT: U.S. Air Force (1968-71), U.S. Congressman from Tennessee (1975-77), U.S. Senator from Tennessee (1977-83), U.S. Vice President (1983-93).
FAMILY: Wife, Mary Elizabeth Tipper; Four children, Barbara, 25



Wristn, 22; Sarah, 20; Albert III, 18. QUOTE: "We have closed our budget deficit. But today, we find a deficit of our greater danger, one that only seems to deepen the harder we work, and the harder we do. Those are our deficits now: the time deficit in family life. We the discovery: We live in our community. The cure deficit for our families are loving but over-stretched, only better off, but better off."

Gore Jr., 51, is among the best known of the vaguely known figures in American life.

He was back from the rubble of a 1988 candidacy for the Democratic nomination, making a name for himself as a senator and environmentalist and resolving to spend more family time after his son was struck by a car and nearly killed, when Clinton asked him to be his running mate.

Two good-looking guys with smart, accomplished wives and forward-sounding ideas gave the

nation its first baby boomer campaign. Bill and Al's Excellent Adventure, someone dubbed their spirited bus tour.

Now it's Gore's adventure, his own shoals, and there's no pumping up the river to help him through it, as they did for his canoe in an ill-fated New Hampshire campaign trip.

Management specialist Warren Bennis, whose book "On Becoming a Leader" is a Gore

favorite, remembers their introductory meeting at a beach cafe near Santa Monica, Calif., after the senator returned from the 1992 environmental summit in Brazil.

Gore was full of policy fire. Digging out maps showing deforestation, he riffs for three hours on the environment, aging, national security, whatever came into his head. He listened sharply, too. "I had the fluorens," Bennis says. "I felt he had the future in his bones."

Letting Gore be Gore
Gore's environmental book "Earth in the Balance" was in small part about his own equilibrium.

In it he rummages about authenticity and artifice, recognizing both as part of his political life. "Voice modulation, ten-second 'sound bites,' catchy slogans, quotable quotes, newsworthy angles, interest group buzzwords — relaxation for effect, emotion on cue — these are the forms of modern politics," he wrote. "Has everyone been taught to become an actor?"

Last year a columnist saw him faking applause, going through the motions with great enthusiasm but stopping short of contact so as not to make a loud sound in a microphone.

Gore's loyalty as vice president (a few years into his job he said he had never encountered a situation

he could have handled better than Clinton) is a quality evident from his childhood growing up in a Washington hotel suite with summers in rural Tennessee.

"He wanted to do what we wanted him to do," his mother Pauline once said, calling him "fairly much a conformist." A teacher commented that Gore was so mature beyond his years that it seemed an adult was talking to her in the classroom. In later years, some classmates found him prickly.

"Al is frighteningly good at many things," observed his 1965 yearbook at exclusive St. Albans prep school before he embarked for Harvard. "It probably won't be long before Al reaches the top." Gore had an odd upbringing, part farm, much city, a wagon load of politics.

Washington's power-brokers swept through the Fairfax Hotel suite when his parents weren't out socializing or attending to political business. On school breaks he toiled at the Tennessee family farm, sometimes living weeks with the people managing the place.

Then as now, Gore did not march in complete lockstep with those in authority over him and he worked to carve out his own niche. When Gore was picked by Clinton as his running mate, he gently took issue with his flamboyant father's assertion that "We raised him for it."

As he saw it, he came to politics on his own terms and despite intending to avoid it.

After Harvard, he went to Vietnam as a War reporter, enlisting in a war both he and his father — the late Albert Sr. — opposed. He was aware that ducking Vietnam could hurt his father's reelection — his dad lost in any event. And he said that if he had not gone, he couldn't have faced his peers on the streets of Carthage, Tenn.

He smoked marijuana on multiple occasions, like so many of his generation.

Upon his return from Vietnam, Gore enrolled in divinity school and landed a job at the paper in Nashville. But those were straits and when a House seat opened, he went for it and in 1976 was elected to his first term.

With Washington under the post-Watergate spell of muckrakers, Gore turned his journalistic eye to political ends.

He began a variety of one-man investigations, attacking sham insurance for the elderly, investigating the long-term effects of radiation on veterans of atomic testing, probing influence-peddling in the contact lens industry.

Science and technology became his forte in the House until after he won election to the Senate in 1984. Gore pushed federal policy forward on supercomputers and information networks connected by computer, leading to his exaggerated claim this year that he had invented the Internet.

His son Albert's accident in 1989 prompted a flood of self-examination, Gore turning his searching mind on himself. Family therapy accompanied the boy's physical recovery — now 16, he is the youngest child and the only boy — and Gore sought the counsel of philosophers and psychologists in what became a flowering examination of childhood and how families get along.

McCain book defies usual campaign biographies

By Walter R. Means
The Associated Press



John McCain

WASHINGTON — Campaign biographies tend to be tedious books. John McCain's is not. The usual formula is a sermon on the virtues of the candidate, a catalogue of proposals, chapters that read like campaign speeches.

McCain's newly published "Faith of My Fathers" includes one paragraph on his public career, now as senator from Arizona, and none about his campaign for the 2000 Republican presidential campaign.

It isn't a political story, it is a personal family memoir and his account of 5.5 years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, of beatings so savage that he contemplated suicide, of a so-called confession to "black criminal behavior" as a Navy pilot bombing Hanoi, it sounds harmless but amounts to nothing less.

"Many guys broke at one time or another," he writes. "I doubt anyone ever gets over it entirely. There is never enough time and distance between the past and the present to allow one to forget his shame."

But he also writes that the ordeal taught him lessons of service, commitment, self-confidence, and purpose — after a "misspent youth" of rowdy, rebellious, sometimes drunken episodes.

many drinks too many times. He tells of a drunken fall through a date's screen door, a fling with an exotic dancer called "Marie, the Flame of Florida" as a young pilot.

Then Vietnam, as a volunteer for raids on Hanoi, until the one on Oct. 26, 1967, when a North Vietnamese missile blew off his plane's right wing, and he parachuted into captivity.

Both arms and his right knee were broken when he landed in a shallow lake in the middle of the city. "An escape attempt would have been a challenge," he writes.

That understated style is typical as he writes of two years in solitary confinement, his unhealing injuries, the beatings and bindings he suffered for his defiance of his captors and questioners, fellow prisoners who, by his account, suffered far worse than he.

The Vietnamese offered to release him in 1968; he refused, writing that he knew they wanted a propaganda spectacle because his father was an admiral — and assumed command of U.S. forces in the Pacific the day he said no, although he didn't know it.

The book, written with Mark Salter, his top Senate aide, is being published — and promoted — as McCain begins an autumn campaign push to raise his profile in the field of nine Republican candidates led by Bush. McCain will be out promoting it this month and next, on a candidate's book tour, financed, tellingly, by his campaign, not his publisher.

So it fits the quest it does not explicitly promote. Indirection may be more effective anyhow; McCain's is a heroic story, and its retelling in a succession of television interviews about the book could be his way up in a campaign in which character will be a factor.

record first. Obviously, such recognition has benefit my political career, and I am grateful for it."

"But I have tried hard to make what use I can of Vietnam and not let the memories of war encumber the rest of my life's progress."

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Bradley's hopes strategy will outflank Gore on the left

By Dick Polman
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Wait a second. Didn't President Clinton declare several years ago that "the era of big government" was over? Haven't liberals become a curse word in American politics? Is it not conventional wisdom these days that doom awaits any national Democrat who dares to resurrect the old-time liberalism?

Bill Bradley clearly doesn't think so. His longshot bid to topple Vice President Gore and lay claim to the Democratic presidential nomination appears to hinge on whether he can convince diehard primary voters — liberals, union members — that he would be the 21st-century version of FDR and the Kennedy brothers.

The former New Jersey senator is gaining traction largely because he offers a home to many Democrats and independents who want to cut all ties to the tumultuous Clinton-Gore era (a Boston Globe poll shows him neck and neck with Gore in the pivotal state of New Hampshire) but it's clear that he can't win over the party diehards in early primary states like New York and California unless he outflanks Gore on the left.

Bradley's a key facet of the Bradley game plan, and the evidence was right there in the speech Wednesday that officially kicked off his campaign. Liberals who have been in the trenches for years are still swooning over the rhetoric. They say that nothing so melodious has reached their ears since Marie Curie extolled traditional liberalism at the '84 national convention.

Bradley cited only one political name, Robert Kennedy. He voiced nostalgia for the New Deal, and how his home-town high school had been built by one of the alphabet-soup agencies. He denounced economic stagnation. He defended the need for a government safety net ("disaster can strike any of us, and when it does, it's important to know that someone's there to help") and scoffed at the notion that government should limit itself to "trifling things," a direct slap at the modest Clinton-Gore agenda.

He declared instead that government "should do some large and essential things all of the time for the whole nation." And, perhaps most important, he implicitly endorsed spending some of the budget surplus on domestic social programs, using the kind of plain language that Franklin Roosevelt routinely employed in his Fireside Chats.



Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Bradley discusses his cell phone during a last trip to Keokuk, Iowa, during the last stop of a day-long bus caravan to Iowa from his hometown Crystal City, Mo., Tuesday.

"Shouldn't we be fixing our roof while the sun is shining? Shouldn't we be shoring up our foundation before the rain gets in?"

He has money, he has a smart staff, and now he seems willing to turn the nomination battle into a debate for the soul of the Democratic party.

What all this means is that Gore, while still the prohibitive favorite, will be forced to fight in the trenches, at least through the first round of primaries that concludes on March 7. Says Democratic strategist Peter Feun, a Gore sympathizer, "It absolutely is a two-person race."

Dee Dee Myers, the former Clinton press secretary, says: "Bradley is stretching his ideological legs and developing a rationale for his candidacy. It's good for Democrats to have a vigorous ideological debate. Where is the center of gravity in the party right now?"

But some believe that this intramural battle could damage the Democrats' bid. Political analyst Stuart Rothenberg says, "It's dangerous for the Democrats, because if Bradley gains momentum, Gore will be pushed to the left as well, just to compete for the nomination. Then he'd still have to win the November election, and the last thing Gore

wants is to produce the liberal rhetoric that reminds 125 million independent voters 375 of the old Democrats.

And it's just that the Democrats to have the kind of fight that will drain their financial resources," before they even

get the chance to square off against the GOP. "Any way you look at it, Bradley might wind up helping the Republicans."

The leftward drift is already in evidence: Bradley and Gore are already jousting over who is more liberal. They have offered dueling gun-control proposals (Bradley's is more ambitious, endorsing the registration of all handguns). Gore trumped Bradley on Tuesday by announcing a plan to extend health insurance to all children by 2005; Bradley hinted that he would lay out a plan for universal health care. And in Iowa, where the January caucus will be crucial, "Gore in his last appearance has been picking up Bradley's themes, talking about extending the prosperity to the people left behind," says Iowa political analyst Arthur Miller.

The Bradley pitch is quite pleasing to Robert Borsage, a liberal Democratic activist and former Jesse Jackson advisor. "Bradley has got the music of liberalism down. We don't know if he'll back it up with substance, but he is appealing to a lot of liberals who are desperate for someone who can sing the music again."

Indeed, he says, "I believe there's a huge group of Democrats that would love to cast a primary vote against the abandonment of basic liberal principles by this administration" — a

regime, he says, that botched the fight for universal health care, refused to address working-class income stagnation, and signed the '96 bill that ended welfare guarantees for poor people. Bradley, by the way, voted against ending those guarantees.

Bradley, while striking on specifics, has been working hard on left-leaning Democrats (his critics call it pandering). He has met with gay activists in California. He has boosted labor activists that he's the only candidate to receive a union pension (for his years as a hoop star). He has sought to curry favor with New York blacks by sitting down with Al Sharpton. He has been endorsed by Minnesota Sen. Paul Wellstone, the unrepentant liberal, and he has hired Wellstone's pollster.

Bradley will need an upset victory in either Iowa or New Hampshire if he expects to run the March 7 gauntlet in New York and California, and come out alive. He might have traction in New York because of his Knicks connection, but the Golden State may be more of a challenge. A new California poll shows him in single digits. Dee Dee Myers, who lives there, says, "He's a former senator from New Jersey, so a lot of people don't know him. And Clinton and Gore have worked this state like crazy for years."

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Coast Guard rescues tourists from cold

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — A hovering Coast Guard helicopter rescued five tourists as their pilot safely off a glacier Saturday after they spent part of a blustery night huddled in a makeshift igloo.

None of the six people suffered major injuries, said Steve Lewis, the head of a search team that packed tents, food and cold-weather survival gear before blowing snow to help the tourists make it through the night.

"Tourists is almost derogatory for these people," Lewis said, recalling the scene as his crew approached the upside-down helicopter turned into a shelter.

"These people were survivalists. It had snow blocks built around it like a big igloo," he said.

What began as a routine sightseeing flight over Juneau's spectacular glaciers and ice fields on Friday morning turned into a full-blown search for three downed helicopters in gathering darkness.

The original helicopter, owned by Temco Helicopters of Juneau, flipped over in flat lighting conditions that can make distinguishing the glacier from the sky almost impossible.

"Up there, it's just so white and so flat, you can't tell where the ground is," Lewis said.

Temco referred all questions to the Coast Guard. Petty Officer Mark Hunt said the Federal



Emergency personnel help a rescued man off a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter upon arrival in Juneau, Alaska, Saturday. He and five other people were rescued after a downed helicopter forced them to brave a night in the snow and howling wind.

Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were investigating.

When the flight failed to return on schedule, the company sent out four people in two more helicopters to search. They both wound up flipped on their sides more than a mile from the original crash site, which is about 20

miles north of Juneau and 4,500 feet up the glacier.

The company called the Coast Guard, and the search and rescue team was dropped onto the glacier in slightly better weather conditions well below the crash site.

Bob Bartholemew of Capital City Fire and Rescue and the rest

of the team hiked three hours across the ice in snow and gory wind, using headlamps to see in darkness.

"You could see maybe 50 feet," Bartholemew said. "We were shouting for them."

The high-pitched wail of a woman led the team to the upside-down helicopter.

Healthy cardinal returns with outreach program

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Cardinal John O'Connor will mark his return to Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday by announcing a bold new church-labor outreach program for New York's immigrant workers.

O'Connor, shepherd of the city's 2.3 million Catholics, was released from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center a week ago, following a 10-day stay in which doctors removed a small tumor from the surface of his brain. The 79-year-old prelate is still receiving radiation treatment.

But O'Connor, who has a reputation for championing the cause of working-class New Yorkers and who is scheduled to retire in January, did not want to miss his last annual Labor Day Mass. Brian McLaughlin, president of the Central Labor Council, said Sunday.

During his homily, O'Connor will announce the creation of a Commission for the Dignity of Immigrants, a joint venture of the Catholic Archdiocese and the city's labor unions.

The commission, which will have its headquarters at the AFL-CIO's Central Labor Council, will become a clearinghouse for efforts by both the Church and the unions to help immigrants overcome "exploitation, discrimination and abuse," McLaughlin said.

"There's a lot of good things happening with immigrants in this city," said the Rev. Kevin Sullivan, the chief operating officer of Catholic Charities, whom O'Connor has appointed his liaison to the new program.

The commission will immediately begin a massive public campaign aimed at getting immigrants to know their rights and to report problems they face, McLaughlin said.

Danforth faces monumental task heading Waco siege investigation

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. LOUIS — Jack Danforth canceled plans to go fishing this weekend.

To put it mildly, he has work to do. News media from everywhere want to interview the former U.S. senator from Missouri, and for now he will happily oblige.

Soon, however, he is going to clam up and burke down in what promises to be an exhausting and tedious investigation into one of the most contentious episodes in recent American history. Getting to the truth of the April 19, 1993, tragedy at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, will take time, he says.

How much time? Danforth can only speculate and hope.

"I'm thinking months rather than years," said the man appointed last week by Attorney General Reno to serve as special counsel to the Waco probe.

It has been more than six years already.

The physical evidence alone — items plucked from the compound's ash, including rifles and grenades and 5-gallon buckets filled with ammunition rounds — weighs in at more than 24,000 pounds.

There will be hundreds of interviews to conduct, videotapes to review and crates upon crates of documents to pore over. In Texas, a wrongful-death lawsuit pending against the U.S. government tells the Waco tale in no fewer than 25 volumes, each 3 or 4 inches thick.

And if Danforth has his way — he insists he will — the public will not be tipped to what his staff discovers until the probe is complete.

"Anyone who talks to the media, who leaks anything, is out," said Danforth, snapping his fingers to accentuate the point.

That's an absolute priority. "We'll be looking for good lawyers, good investigators, confident people, and we need people who will keep their lips zipped."



Jack Danforth

For now the Danforth team numbers three — himself, U.S. Attorney Edward L. Dowd and Thomas Schweich, one of Danforth's partners at the Bryan Cave law firm. The government will pay Danforth and Dowd \$118,000 each annually.

Danforth has 60 days to complete a budget. He said he would recruit private lawyers and government investigators from agencies that were not targets of the probe.

Each staffer will be required to disclose financial holdings and subjected to intense background checks, he said.

The investigation will be based in St. Louis, the home of Republican Danforth and Democrat Dowd, who will be the chief investigator. A specific office site has not been determined, but Dowd said a "top-security" facility would be needed to store the records and evidence in safes.

In some ways "it's like any other criminal investigation," said Dowd, who is stepping down as federal prosecutor to assist Danforth. "You get the facts, you examine the law, compare the two, and then you pull the trigger."

But, as both men know, this is no typical case.

The three big questions they seek to answer are chilling: Did the government cover up vital information about the FBI's siege at Waco and the deadly fire that ended it? Did the military have an improper involvement? And, as Danforth bluntly puts it: "Did federal officials kill people?"

The FBI acknowledged last month that two or three military tear-gas canisters capable of

starting a fire were shot at a concrete bunker hours before the Branch Davidian compound became engulfed in smoke and flames.

Reno and other authorities said they had no reason to think the canisters — which were used on the orders of Richard Rogers, FBI Hostage Rescue Team commander — contributed to the blaze in which Koresch and about 80 of his followers died.

But the revelation that combustible projectiles were fired defied years of sworn statements by federal agents. And on Friday, The Associated Press reported that an FBI lab report — turned over to Congress eight months after the tragedy — was missing a key page that acknowledged the use of the tear-gas canisters.

Danforth will have to contend with Congress, where members are praising him one minute and then embarking on their own search for the truth about Waco the next.

Sounding characteristically deferential, Danforth said: "I'm not going to try to tell Congress what to do," but privately, he may be wondering how, with so many cooks trying to stir a simmering pot, the process will work.

"It works poorly," said Bill Frenzel, a Republican member of Congress for 20 years and now a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution. "What happens is Congress wants to get people and they try to cooperate with the independent counsel, but they do step on each other too."

NYC battles encephalitis by spraying

New York Daily News

NEW YORK (AP) — Workers on four began spraying pesticide Saturday to Manhattan in the city's war on mosquito-borne encephalitis that has killed three people.

Six other cases of the potentially deadly virus since Sept. 2 have been confirmed and 85 cases are suspected.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said people not to be alarmed by the increased aerial and ground spraying, expected to continue at least through Monday.

"There are a lot of misconceptions and people are frightened more than they should be," he said. "This is an unfortunately small amount of people who are affected or will be affected."

Eight of the confirmed infections were in Queens and one in Brooklyn. All three people who died were at least 28 years old.

Symptoms of St. Louis encephalitis range from a low fever and headaches to a high fever, stiff neck, disorientation and tremors. Because it is a virus, there is no vaccine available to prevent it, but the symptoms can be treated.

City Health Commissioner Neal Cohen says residents should stay indoors for two or three hours after their neighborhoods are sprayed. The pesticide used, malathion, is one of the least toxic pesticides that effectively kills adult mosquitoes, but it can cause eye irritation, rashes and respiratory problems.

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
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Records show perks to IOC members' kids

ATLANTA (AP) — City officials bidding for the 1996 Summer Olympics had lists of Olympic International Committee members they thought they could bribe and helped some members' children get into college and find jobs, according to news reports.

Documents detailing the perks were found among three dozen boxes of records the Olympic committee's attorneys allowed The Atlanta Journal-Constitution to examine.

The documents contained no evidence that Atlanta gave out scholarships or cash to IOC members as did organizers of Salt Lake City's successful bid for the 2002 Winter Games, the newspaper reported in Sunday's editions.

Meanwhile, CNN reported Friday night that eight boxes of documents recently turned over to congressional investigators indicated that Atlanta organizers bribed IOC members could be bribed into voting for the city.

"It appears as though there was a concerted effort to figure out how they might be able to bribe IOC members," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., the chairman of the subcommittee leading the investigation.

A lawyer's memo among the files described inside information about IOC members and identified those who "can be bought."

Another memo cited by CNN said one IOC official "likes the good life, wine, women (some say men, as well) and song. Visit to Atlanta should be low key with

press but an all-out orgy." Lee Echols, spokesman for Atlanta Olympic officials, said Saturday that the memos were merely part of an early effort by the bid team to learn as much about the IOC and its members as possible.

"I have not seen these memos, but I can tell you that the sensational nature of some of those comments is merely that. It makes for good gossip and that's about it," he told The Associated Press.

"The fact that we received information about IOC members does not in any way suggest that we did anything wrong with those IOC members," he said. "We made some mistakes, but we were not abusive by any stretch of the imagination."

Echols said the Atlanta Olympic organizers would submit a revised report on their bidding practices to Congress next week. The records cited by the Journal-Constitution show Atlanta officials arranged for the 500-0101 member Raimond Ruhee of Mauritius to enroll at Georgia Tech in the fall of 1990 and helped him settle into an apartment, with used furniture and rent paid five months in advance.

Ruhee dropped out after one term and the Atlanta officials sent him a list of expenses he had incurred. The records did not indicate whether he reimbursed them.

The records also show dozens of cases when IOC members and their families were flown to the city and on trips.

Worries grow over biotech crops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Already battered by low corn and soybean prices, farmers now fear the loss of overseas markets for the genetically altered crops that now make up a hefty percentage of U.S. production.

Europeans were the first to balk at buying biotech crops, which were initially banned. "Prudent," says the industry food makers Gerber and E.I. Heinz are turning them down, as are two Japanese brewers. In Mexico, a major tortilla maker is avoiding altered corn.

One U.S. processor has announced plans to give a premium for conventional grain, while another company has told its suppliers to start separating storing conventional and biotech grain. Some growers and analysts fear the moves will hurt price gains on limited grain. If that falls then next year, and a shortage of conventional seed, next spring.

"Farmers are in real despair right now," said Nebraska farmer Keith Durcich, who grows 1,300 acres of soybeans, most of them genetically modified. "Issues like this can just infuriate them."

Half the soybeans that U.S. farmers are growing this year were engineered to withstand a popular weedkiller, and a third of the corn crop is biotech, which has been altered to produce its own pesticides. There are also genetically modified tomatoes, melons and peaches, though in much smaller amounts.

Biotech ingredients are all over the grocery store, in everything

Farmers fear loss off overseas markets

thing from tortilla chips to baby formula and drink mixes, according to a study in this month's issue of Consumer Reports.

For farmers, the crops mean higher yields, which are badly needed at a time when profit margins are thin or nonexistent. Durcich figures the high-tech soybeans save him \$10 an acre.

U.S. regulators say there is no scientific evidence that the crops pose any danger to humans or livestock, and American consumers have so far indicated little concern about them. In Europe, however, the crops have become a symbol of globalization and growing American dominance in food production.

In Great Britain, some supermarkets are refusing to carry food with biotech ingredients, and activists repeatedly have destroyed seed test plots. The European Union's approval process for new hybrids has come to a virtual standstill this year, according to industry officials, and labeling requirements for food are under consideration.

"There's no question, we're more cautious than the United States," said EU spokeswoman Elke Kruloff. Gerber and Heinz announced this summer they would risk their

baby food of genetically modified ingredients, though they believe they are safe, and then Japanese brewers Kirin and Sapporo said they would switch to traditional corn.

Japan also is requiring labels on biotech foods, and U.S. farmers are signing contracts with Japanese buyers to guarantee them a supply

conventional soybeans. Japan is expected to purchase 700,000 metric tons of conventional American soybeans this year, twice as much as in 1998 and about 17 percent of its total U.S. soybean imports.

The anti-biotech momentum forced Archer Daniels Midland Inc. to announce Aug. 31 that its suppliers needed to start separating conventional and genetically modified crops. A day later Consolidated Grain and Barge Co. announced that it would start paying premium prices for traditional crops.

"Clearly the firestorm of controversy in Europe has spread around the globe," said biotech analyst Sano Shimoda, president of BioScience Securities Inc. of Orinda, Calif. "The sparks of the firestorm have landed in the U.S. The problem is that the production of major crops is a global business."

Farmers eventually could be

forced to sell biotech crops at a discount, he said.

Industry optimists play down the impact of the developments in Europe and Japan and say it is going to mean higher prices for farmers who grow conventional crops this year. The American Soybean Association expects traditional soybeans to fetch as much as 40 cents a bushel more than the biotech variety.

A key question is whether the Europeans, who buy a fourth of the U.S. soybean crop each year, can be induced to pay more for the conventional variety. "We don't want to give up that market," said Bob Callanan, a spokesman for the soybean group.

At best, the recent developments have introduced new uncertainty into the farm economy.

The American Corn Growers Association, in an informal survey of 250 grain elevators, found few planned to heed ADM's suggestion for separate storage of conventional and biotech crops, primarily because they are not equipped to do it. At least one Illinois elevator is advising farmers not to plant genetically engineered crops at all next year.

Iowa farmer Ed Wiederstein, who grows both altered corn and soybeans, says he is not concerned about finding a place to sell them — this year, at least — but he is watching the markets. "If nobody wants it, I'll definitely change. There is going to be a real scramble for seed if that does occur," he said.

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State moves to expand gay rights

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The California legislature passed major gay-rights legislation in the closing hours of its 1999 session Friday, including a bill that would prohibit discrimination of gay students and teachers.

Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl, who is openly lesbian, said the legislation is necessary to curb violence aimed at gay teens and others who are picked on because others think they are gay.


"There are thousands of students in this state who are suffering every day from harassment in school ... because they are different or people think they are gay or lesbian," Kuehl said.

Another bill passed Friday would create a state domestic partners registry for gay couples and let state and local government workers get health benefits for their partners.

A third bill would move state law prohibiting discrimination against gays in employment and housing into the state's main civil rights law.

California Gov. Gray Davis plans to sign the domestic registry bill, but he does not yet have a position on the others, spokeswoman Hilary McLenn said.

Kuehl's bill would add sexual orientation to a state education law that already bars discrimination in public schools and colleges based on race, ethnicity, gender or disability.



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at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. "This goes on in every hospital in the United States. The public doesn't see it at all."

In interviews, top doctors at the University of Pennsylvania, Thomas Jefferson University, Harvard Medical School, Stanford University School of Medicine, the University of California at Los Angeles, and Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York said that "medical errors are a serious and common problem at hospitals" across the country. One reason, they say, is that the culture of medicine is founded on unattainable standards of perfection, and those ideals are reinforced by public expectations.

"The country spends an awful lot of money making sure cars and airplanes are safe," said David Gaba, a physician and professor at Stanford University. "But this is an issue that's been somewhat hidden because when there's a problem, it's not 100, it's one or two."

Lucian Leape, a pediatric surgeon and adjunct professor of health policy at the Harvard School of Public Health, who led the 1991 study, said those seemingly small numbers add up to one million people being injured by errors in hospital treatment every year - and 120,000 people dying as a result of those injuries.

When the Harvard study was published, it received little public attention. But organized medicine went on the defensive. The American Hospital Association disputed the conclusions. The American Medical Association attacked the researchers' methods and findings.

But as the decade has progressed, and the public has shown declining confidence in the health-care system, the associations have changed course and now frequently cite the work of Leape and his colleagues. The American Hospital Association even made medical error reduction one of its top two quality initiatives for 1999.

"Most hospitals have systems in place, particularly in terms of medication, to make sure errors do not occur," said Jack Lord, chief operating officer of the AHA and a forensic pathologist. "There are clearly initiatives under way. Is there better coordination that could be done? Yes."

Nancy W. Diekey, a family physician who completed her term as president of the AHA in June, said: "We still believe that health care is extremely safe in this country when you consider the millions of interventions every year. However, it could be better. It could have better controls to prevent mistakes."

Medication mistakes represent a leading category of hospital errors, accounting for 19.4 percent of the adverse events in the Harvard study. Among the drugs most frequently at the center of medication errors are insulin, blood thinners and chemotherapy drugs. They are commonly prescribed in chronic conditions that can lead to hospitalization, and have lethal potential.

The largest number of errors - 48 percent - resulted from surgical treatment. By its very nature, surgery carries risks, some unforeseen and others preventable. Technical mistakes during surgery and wound infections afterward each accounted for roughly 13 percent of the adverse events identified in the study.

The Harvard study found that, on average, there was a 3.7 percent medical error rate at the hospitals in its sample. Other studies have found that only 5 percent to 10 percent of all medical errors are reported to hospital administrators; the remaining 90 percent to 95 percent go unreported.

Doctors interviewed at leading medical centers agreed that hospital error rates could be reduced significantly. The steps would not be easy, they say. The change would have to be broad-based, requiring the medical profession to overhaul its culture and encourage openness about its limits. In addition, hospitals and the medical profession would have to use new technology and systems that have made improvement possible in other industries. And hospitals and doctors would have to develop more effective means of policing medical errors.

The reasons that mistakes occur are multiple and complex. Errors were a problem long before managed-care pressures led to cutbacks at hospitals in the last decade.

Many doctors point out that given the number of opportunities they have to err, it is remarkable that more mistakes do not occur. A study presented at a 1993 conference in Denver found that 178 "activities" were performed each day on the average patient in an intensive-care unit, with 1.7 errors occurring, or a 1 percent daily rate.

Many mistakes have what in retrospect seem to be simple origins in poorly designed systems, experts say. Patient care becomes fragmented as doctors and nurses change shifts or more consultants join the treatment team, multiplying the risk of communication breakdowns. Different medications may come in similar packages or have similar names. Handwritten prescriptions and medical charts are frequently illegible.

"People die of penmanship errors," said Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

Almost uniformly, doctors and researchers cite an unrealistic and less than honest culture among medical professionals as the single most important factor that contributes to errors.

Beginning in medical school, the culture of medicine discourages acknowledging mistakes, asking for assistance, exhibiting any weakness, or challenging a supervisor. In medicine's carefully ordered hierarchy, admitting or pointing out a mistake is frowned upon.

Doctors have traditionally dealt with errors at teaching hospitals' weekly "morbidity and mortality" conferences. They

gather in confidential settings - with legal protection provided by state laws - to discuss among themselves what went wrong in the care of patients who died or suffered complications.

The pressure under which doctors and nurses work, deprived of sleep and motivated by fear of making mistakes, can actually increase the chances that they will make errors. "It's well-known that people are more likely to make mistakes when they're tired, overworked, hungry, bored, anxious, frightened, in a hurry, and under pressure from above," Leape said. "In addition, there is little inco-

me for hospitals to acknowledge and deal with the problem of medical errors.

Hospital executives, for example, face business pressures to deny the occurrence of medical errors, lest they be sued and have to pay for them. As in most other fields, colleagues are usually reluctant to say anything negative about their peers - especially to outsiders - while subordinates such as residents or nurses fear retribution. Lawsuits that are settled after serious errors are almost always resolved quietly in exchange for confidentiality agreements to avoid adverse publicity.

Accidental In the U.S.
Deaths caused by hospital errors compared with other accidental deaths in the United States, 1996:

Medical error	120,000
Motor vehicle	43,849
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Babbitt forges ahead in trying to build consensus

Seen as a friend of the environment, he'll listen to other opinions as well

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, frequent visitor out West, getting hands-on experience fighting a California forest fire, releasing endangered wolves in Arizona and taking a sledgehammer to an Oregon dam.

He also uses the trips to build support for his environmental policies, chatting with advisory groups stocked with environmentalists who want more protection for wide open spaces and ranchers, miners and loggers worried about preserving their livelihoods.

Babbitt takes heat from both sides, but remains undeterred in his efforts to build consensus for his policies of conservation and broader protection for the 450 million acres the Interior Department oversees.

"The only way you can do any business is to get around the rhetorical antagonism," he said.

A case in point is a recent panel discussion of whether to grant more protection to a swath of southwestern Colorado dotted with Anasazi. Indirectly, Babbitt attended a meeting of the advisory group, which he created, last month.

"He seemed to listen to our concerns — but whether that has any impact is yet to be seen," Cortez rancher Chris Majors said. "It's easy for everyone to say, 'Oh, we're listening to you,' and yet have the end result that they were planning to begin with."

So it goes for Babbitt in his travels West, where any efforts to bring consensus on environmental issues are often met with deep skepticism, if not outright derision. "The Secretary of Interior does not have the direction to make people stop hating each other," said Susan Tixier, executive director of the Colorado Environmental Coalition.

"If preserving public lands or managing public lands can be done more efficiently by getting people together, it's a good step," she said.

But Tixier said she doesn't



Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, here in his Washington, D.C., office, says he is committed to building a compromise to issues dividing the West. At right, the Arizona native joins U.S. Interior Department employees in releasing a female wolf in the Apache National Forest in Arizona.



At right, the Arizona native joins U.S. Interior Department employees in releasing a female wolf in the Apache National Forest in Arizona.

think the meetings have changed anyone's mind or created much compromise. Many on the other side agree.

"There's a great public show of 'Let's all make decisions together,' but the decisions are really made elsewhere without taking into account the needs of the people who are going to be the most affected," said William Perry Fendley of the Mountain States Legal Foundation, a Denver-based group that has filed several lawsuits to block restrictions on the commercial use of Interior Department lands.

Part of the problem is that both sides are deeply entrenched in their views and unwilling to work with each other, said Mike Leavitt, Utah's Republican governor. "We choose an issue, radically simplify it and use emotional symbols to depict it. Then both sides go into their corners and

hire their lawyers and their lobbyists and their scientists and then do battle," Leavitt said.

Leavitt has worked to forge a good relationship with Babbitt, a former Arizona governor, but that does not mean their views on wilderness issues in Utah has always been harmonious.

Leavitt is still miffed that he and other Utah officials were not given advance notice before the 1996 creation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument on 1.7 million acres in southern Utah. "We thought it was then and believe it to be now an abuse of executive power. The whole thing stunk," Leavitt said.

Babbitt said he has learned from the Grand Staircase experience and now has a "no surprises" policy for new national monuments or other plans for increased restrictions on federal land.

"I have heard the complaint, and I am now giving lots of notice, lots of on-the-ground discussion," Babbitt said.

Babbitt's efforts to get local input and consensus have supporters, too. One is Erin Johnson, a lawyer and member of the same southwestern Colorado panel as Majors, the skeptical rancher.

The advisory panels are "a really good interface between the agencies and the public," Johnson said. "I appreciate what Secretary Babbitt is trying to do, and he's taken a lot of flak for it."

Babbitt insists the goal is to "find a balance on the entire landscape" between conservation and development that won't be directly blocked by Congressional Republicans who oppose additional restrictions on

federal lands. "Politics is the art of the possible, and I say that proudly, not defensively," Babbitt said.

Building consensus is something Babbitt has tried to do throughout his political career.

It is a facet of his pragmatic nature, said Phoenix lobbyist Jack LaSota, a Republican and former chief of staff when Babbitt was governor.

"To be a conciliator, to be a peacemaker, to be a broker, to try to make things happen rather than argue about things — that's a Babbitt trait," LaSota said.

And that has alienated some on both sides, particularly environmentalists who saw Babbitt as one of their own when he took office in 1993. "He has dealt with people who are not seeking a middle

ground, who are seeking an extreme ground," said Debbie Sease, legislative director of the Sierra Club.

Still, "we have not had any questions about his goals and his motivations being ones that we shared" Sease said.

Babbitt also said his belief in forming consensus won't stop him from taking actions that are politically unpopular — regarding new national monuments or wider wilderness protections.

"I have been equally forthright about saying that if I believe there is popular support and if the Congress won't act, I'm prepared to ask the president to act," Babbitt said. "But it will only be in the context of having had this discussion and given the Congress a chance to respond."

Governors

sign waste pact with DOE

DENVER (AP) — Governors from four states signed an unprecedented agreement Friday to clean up nuclear wastes after Energy Secretary Bill Richardson acknowledged the federal government hasn't done a good job.

The agreement includes goals and deadlines, many of which depend on funding that hasn't been committed by Congress.

The governors of Colorado, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington promised to work with Richardson to get the needed funds.

Notably missing from Friday's meeting was the governor of New Mexico, host of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, in which much of the waste will be shipped. Richardson promised to work with New Mexico and other states, including Idaho, on similar agreements.

"This is not a session getting the governors together to lobby Congress. It's how we, the federal government, the Department of Energy and the states can work together. We haven't done that well," Richardson said after a signing ceremony.

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Ace Barton, of Riggins, shows his photograph of a Civilian Conservation Corps crew taken during the Depression

RAT-PACKING HISTORY

Former Riggins mayor saves memorabilia of wars

RIGGINS (AP) — Ace Barton has been collecting things since he was a boy growing up on his mother's isolated ranch in Hells Canyon. He calls himself a pack rat, but that doesn't begin to cover it.

Barton, 74, is the sort of person people have in mind when they talk about colorful Idaho characters.

He lives in Riggins, on a street called "Ace's Place." The town named it after him. He was Riggins' mayor for 12 years, and the 400 people who live there figure he deserved it.

As mayor — he left Hells Canyon for the bright lights of Riggins in 1952 — Barton was known for keeping a tight budget, getting along with just about everybody, and for marrying people.

He married 58 couples, in settings from bars to jet boats to a swinging pack bridge. He was so popular he didn't even run for election the last time.

He let it slip to the city clerk that he'd serve if voters happened to write him in on their ballots, and was re-elected by a landslide.

"It was a weak moment," he said of his decision to enter politics. "And I'd been here quite a while and figured it was time to pay my dues."

Barton knows more about Hells Canyon history than most historians.

"He's a very significant source of Snake River history, particularly in the stretch of canyon where he was raised," said Idaho author Cort Conley. "He's collected history and materials that are invaluable."

Barton grew up in the thermite-cave, at the family cattle ranch on Sheep Creek



Ace Barton has an assortment of .50-caliber machine gun cartridges and soldiers' uniforms dating back to the Civil War.

Junction Bar, before the Snake River dams were built. Half a year would pass without mail deliveries or visitors from "the outside."

It was a walled world of long silences and solitary eccentricities. Barton knew "Wheelbarrow" Annie, the canyon's famous recluse. "There were quite a few of them around in those days," he recalled. "Come to think of it, I guess we could have been considered recluses."

The collecting bug bit him early and never let go. He started by digging up rifle cartridges on the family ranch.

Then he started collecting arrowheads. When the U.S. entered World War II, he

"I got it from a friend in Missoula, Mont.," he said. The only way it would fit in my truck was upside down with the legs sticking up. Some people followed me 60 miles to a cafe in Lochsa to find out what I was doing with a horse belly up in the back of my truck."

Should the horse need it, Barton has a British World War II horse gas mask. For himself, he has a human version, circa 1910. He has military uniforms from the Civil War through Vietnam, not reproductions but the real thing.

He has a rare Idaho Regiment uniform from the Spanish American War.

"See the Idaho (he calls it Idaho) stuff on the collar and buttons. This is one I'm particularly proud of. If you go to the trade shows and gun shows, you don't see this kind of stuff anymore. Economies like me have reached all of it."

His oldest military artifact: a stirrup used by a Revolutionary War dragoon.

In historical circles, Barton's collection is well known.

"I've never seen it, but I'm jealous of anyone who has," Idaho Historical Museum Director Ken Swenson said. "I've heard for years that it's an absolutely wonderful collection of military and ranch artifacts, but I never seem to have the time to stop and check it out. When people come back from Riggins and tell me about it, I'm always envious."

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The program also is open to those who are out of work as a result of disaster-related injuries. Those who incurred damages as a result of the tornado, severe storms and hail can still begin the claims process. Call the Federal Emergency Management Agency at 1-800-462-9029.

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Brochure to shed light on new reading exam

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Education is distributing a brochure explaining the reading test which more than 70,000 young students will take this fall to gauge their proficiency.

The Idaho Reading Indicator will be administered this month to children from kindergarten to third grade. They will be tested again in January.

"With the creation of a new statewide assessment, we wanted parents to know what their students will be expected to know and be able to do it," state Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard said. "It is our hope that by producing this guide we can take some of the mystery out of the testing process."

"A Parent's Guide to the Idaho Reading Indicator" is a one-page pamphlet detailing for each grade level the skills measured by the test and includes sample test questions. It also explains how the skills assessed relate to reading development.

Howard has said the tests are not definitive about the student's ability, but give teachers an indication of how they are doing.

For instance, second-graders are asked to sound out "sub" and "tan," which are not words, but the children should be able to use their knowledge of how letters sound to "decide" those they do not know.

Educators will use the scores to determine if students are learn-



Marilyn Howard

ing reading skills improved at that grade level. School districts must offer extended-time programs for children reading below their grade level. The pamphlet asks parents to talk with their child's teacher about their abilities.

The Legislature appropriated \$2.7 million for an extended 40 hours of tutoring time per year for students in the lowest 25 percent of the tested group.

Families can call the department at 1-800-432-4601 to request the pamphlet or can download the information from its website at www.idoe.state.id.us.

The agency also is working with the Idaho Parent Teacher Association, school districts, newspapers and other groups to distribute the information.

Economic director resigns after controversial claims

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The economic development director disciplined for accusations he made against a Jefferson County commissioner has resigned.

David Lowless, who was hired by Jefferson Economic Development Inc. to bring new business and jobs to the area, declined comment Friday, but County Commissioner Kenneth Stromberg said he had resigned.

Lowless, a participant of a proposed large-scale big game in the county, accused County Commissioner Darwin Casper on Sept. 2 of trying to sway the county's planning commission to vote against the project.

After Lowless publicly criticized Casper, the development

organization announced last week that "disciplinary action" was being taken against him, but did not elaborate. The group also apologized for Lowless' comments, saying his opinion was not the view of the board.

This was not the first time county officials have been at odds with Lowless. Over the last year, he has tried to sell the county on ambitious economic development projects like large hog farms and a \$24 million recreation center.

When residents misinterpreted Lowless' comments to mean that the county supported those projects, the commissioners replied the county had nothing to do with the proposed recreation center.

Hiker's body found Friday

STANLEY (AP) — The body of a 22-year-old hiker from New Hampshire who police say fell from a cliff, was recovered from the Sawtooth Wilderness Friday.

Gerrit Kahler, a seasonal employee at Redfish Lake Lodge, was killed Wednesday, after she fell approximately 150 feet off of a cliff, according to a statement released by the Custer County Sheriff's office.

When Kahler did not return from a hike in the Sawtooth Mountain Range by Thursday morning, fellow employees

informed police that she was missing. A search and rescue operation was launched that morning by the sheriff's office.

Members aboard a Forest Service helicopter spotted Kahler's body near the 10,751-foot-high Thompson Peak five air miles west of Redfish Lake.

A search crew had to rappel into the area where the body was found. One member of the team was injured when he was hit on the head by a large rock while rappelling. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital in Sun Valley for treatment.

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East Timor citizens report gruesome, real-life horror stories

Indonesia denies, downplays accounts

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A jail cell stacked with bodies. A massacre in a church. A woman who heard her boyfriend scream as he was tortured and killed. East Timorese are telling tales of horror.

The accounts are numerous, brutal and impossible to verify. Independent observers have been chased out of the territory by pro-Indonesian militias and government troops over the past week.

But if only a fraction are true, the people of East Timor are living through a nightmare. Tens of thousands could face starvation with food supplies choked off.

Machete-wielding militias, often aided by well-armed troops, have gone on a rampage over the last week after a U.N.-organized referendum showed a huge majority of the province's 800,000 people favored breaking away from Indonesia.

In one of the most shocking reports, Australian Lt. Bradridge said in an interview in the Sydney Morning Herald that his wife saw "thousands of bodies" piled in a large jail cell in the police station in Dili, East Timor's capital.

"Stacks of bodies" up to the roof, Bradridge was quoted as saying. "I know it is hard to believe, but it is absolutely true. My wife saw arms and legs dripping blood."

Observers estimate that 2,000 people between 600 and 7,000 people have been killed, 100,000 driven into West Timor or to other islands, and 200,000 more sent from their homes.

Indonesia has denied reports of atrocities or downplayed them, acknowledging only "rogue elements" in the military expressing sympathy with militiamen loyal to Indonesia.



UNAMET chief Ian Martin, left, leads a UN Security Council delegation through the burned remains of the UN compound parking lot in Dili Saturday. Scenes of devastation greeted the team on a tour of the city.

Jose Ramos Horta, an East Timorese independence campaigner and Nobel Peace laureate, said at a Pacific Rim summit in Auckland, New Zealand, that he had word that bloodletting was continuing.

According to Horta, Indonesian special forces went to Dare, a seminary town outside Dili, and opened fire on tens of thousands of refugees.

"There was blood everywhere, screaming, and conditions there have just become too precarious," Ramos-Horta said.

In Kupang, a seaport in West Timor, on the other half of the island, where tens of thousands of East Timorese have fled or been deported, Mary Barudero, 64, a Roman Catholic nun, told of a massacre in a church building

that prompted the Vatican to accuse Indonesia of systematically targeting clergy.

Barudero was quoted in the Jakarta newspaper Suara Pembaruan as telling of what she saw from a building next to the church in the town of Suai where as many as 100 people were hiding.

"They came to the church because they thought it would be safe," Barudero was quoted as saying. "They felt that if they were near the priests, they would be protected."

Then the militias came. Brandishing guns and machetes, they surrounded the church and shouted death threats.

One of the three priests came out to calm the mob. He was gunned down. Another came out,



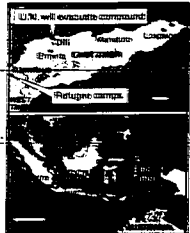
An Indonesian military soldier watches the convoy of trucks evacuating UN personnel from the UN compound to waiting aircraft in Dili, the capital city of independence-struck East Timor, Friday.

Friday in an evacuation from Dili, Careneza Dos Santos, 19, said that police and militiamen killed her boyfriend.

An East Timorese U.N. employee, Dos Santos said she and her boyfriend, identified only as Lopez, were arrested by police and militiamen in the town of Suai. Lopez,

The couple was taken to the town's district military headquarters, where they were put in separate rooms.

She said she heard interrogators applying electric shocks to Lopez and cutting him to make him reveal names of independence supporters, she said.



He was killed too, she said. The militiamen raked the church with gunfire and lobbed grenades inside, killing a third priest and a large number of the frightened East Timorese, mostly women and children, she said. In Darwin, Australia, where 350 U.N. workers were flown

Protesters march on U.S. embassy

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — About 200 Indonesian demonstrators marched to the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta on Saturday, denouncing plans for independence in troubled East Timor. "Get a rope! Hang Xanana!" the protesters chanted, referring to East Timor's rebel leader Xanana Gusmano.

They also chanted: "Who owns East Timor? Indonesia owns East Timor — we are ready to fight for East Timor."

The demonstrators, rallying across the street from the embassy, accused Washington and other foreign governments of interfering in Jakarta's handling of the East Timor problem.

Most of the demonstrators were youths, sons and daughters of soldiers who fought in the Indonesian military when it invaded East Timor in 1975.

Many were wearing tattered camouflage uniforms that once belonged to their fathers. Some wore and carried photographs of veterans killed in the fighting.

The rally was well-organized, with several men leading the chants and calling some of the more emotional demonstrators who wanted to charge police lines.

The protesters blamed President B.J. Habibie for the loss of East Timor as an Indonesian province.

"We want Habibie to take responsibility for the separation of East Timor," said Sgt. Maj. Lamin, a veteran who organized the demonstration through a youth group.

Voters in East Timor overwhelmingly approved indepen-



Indonesian protesters take a poster that says, "Randy to Heng Mr. Xanana" in front of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta Saturday. The protesters, children and relatives of Indonesian soldiers allegedly killed in East Timor, demanded that the Indonesian government refuse any foreign intervention to the troubled province and not allow East Timor to be separated with Indonesia.

dence during a referendum on Aug. 30, rejecting a plan for greater autonomy within Indonesia. That triggered a wave of murderous violence, followed

by demands for U.N. peacekeepers in the province.

The same demonstrators held rallies earlier Saturday outside the Australian Embassy,

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By *Shirley Lewis*

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These dramatic results come from three sources. First, is the once in a lifetime opportunity for individuals and small businesses to become involved in what could very well be the most revolutionary development in our lifetime — making money on the Internet. Second, services, products and information can now create tremendous incomes for those individuals who have been exposed to this perfect marketing opportunity. Thirdly, the participants at this 90-minute, money-making Internet workshop will be exposed to the insider secrets which have been used by individuals like one of our students who generated nearly \$300,000 in sales in just one month.

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Two workshops will be held in Twin Falls on Wednesday, September 15, at 1 pm and 7 pm, at the Shilo Inn, located at 1586 Blue Lake Blvd North. The admission fee of \$15 can be paid at the door, but Galaxy Mall, Inc. has agreed to waive the admission fee if you call their toll free number and pre-register now. Seating is limited. Call 1-800-441-4990 for pre-registrations and you will avoid the admission fee and attend for free!

If you have ever wondered how to build your business and make money on the Internet, don't miss this workshop! Call 1-800-441-4990 to pre-register and attend free!

The road to riches begins on the Internet. All you have to lose by not attending one of these 90-minute workshops may be... getting a second paycheck without getting a second job.

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Puerto Rico clemency offer disturbs Congress

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—In one gesture, President Clinton accomplished what years of effort by Puerto Rican leaders couldn't: compel the U.S. Congress to act on Puerto Rico.

But it didn't happen the way Puerto Ricans had imagined. Instead of resolving the colonial status of 4 million Puerto Ricans, an angry Congress is asking why Clinton offered clemency to 16 nationalists, who are widely considered terrorists in the U.S. mainland and beloved freedom fighters in their Caribbean homeland.

Murderers or martyrs? the case underscores the tortured relationship the semiautonomous

U.S. territory endures with Washington.

"As long as this problem isn't solved permanently, we will continue having this kind of confrontation," said Puerto Rico Gov. Pedro Rossello, who favors making the Spanish-speaking island the 51st U.S. state.

"We want a free country. There will always be people who will fight for it," said Rafael Cancel Miranda, a Puerto Rican nationalist imprisoned for 25 years for a 1954 shooting attack on Congress.

Puerto Rico's people are U.S. citizens, serve in the U.S. military and receive \$11 billion a year in federal funds, though they pay no

federal taxes. But they can't vote for president or Congress, so their political destiny is given short shrift by U.S. politicians.

Last year, on the centennial of Puerto Rico's capture by the United States, Rossello tried in vain to persuade Congress to authorize a vote on statehood, independence or the status quo.

Instead, Puerto Rico held its own, nonbinding vote. Only 3 percent opted for independence, 46 percent for statehood, and 50 percent for the commonwealth position the island currently enjoys.

Despite the paltry support for independence, there was tremendous sympathy for the imprisoned nationalists — 14 of whom

accepted the clemency offer and were released. On Friday and Saturday, hundreds of people waving the island's lone-star flag and banging leather "pandereta" drums welcomed those who decided to return to Puerto Rico.

"These people are not terrorists. They are heroes, and we support them 100 percent," said one man in the crowd.

The contradictions and indecision within Puerto Rico have helped relegate it until now to the congressional back burner.

But in the highly charged atmosphere of this election season, at least three congressional panels are expected to examine the clemency offer.

Grasshoppers, snakes make diners squirm

HONG KONG (AP) — Diners screamed in terror and leapt on tables as snakes suddenly slithered across the floor during lunch in a Chinese restaurant, Hong Kong newspapers reported Saturday.

About 100 customers were in the restaurant on Friday when several men, believed to be debt collectors, released the snakes and some grasshoppers from two bags, the papers said.

Police had to call a snake handler, who rounded up 28 nonpoisonous snakes.



Melita Norwood, 87, responds to allegations that she passed atomic secrets to the KGB for over 40 years in London.

Aging ex-spy says, 'I would do it again'

LONDON (AP) — An elderly woman exposed as an important, long-serving Soviet spy says that she would do it all again because of her belief in communism.

"I did what I did, not to make money, but to help prevent the defeat of a new system which had at great cost given ordinary people food and fares which they could afford, good education and a health service," Melita Norwood said, reading a statement Saturday outside her home in suburban Beckleyheath.

The 87-year-old was quoted in Saturday's editions of The Times as saying, "In the same circumstances, I know that I would do the same thing again."

The opposition Conservative Party demanded a statement from the government on Mrs. Norwood's case and on The Times' report that prosecution for espionage was ruled out last year.

The Home Office said Saturday that Home Secretary Jack Straw was not involved in any decision to block prosecution. "Decisions on prosecutions in such matters are made by law officers and the prosecuting authorities and never by the home secretary," it said.

Mrs. Norwood reportedly had access to British atomic secrets through her office job at the British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association, which was involved in metallurgical research associated with the bomb project, The Times said.

The extent of Mrs. Norwood's access to British secrets has not been determined. The Times said, "It wasn't much," she told the newspaper, and she denied its report that she had received the Order of the Red Banner, said to be the KGB's highest honor.

Her work was disclosed in "The Mitrokhin Archive," a new book by Christopher Andrew, professor of modern and contemporary history at Cambridge University. The Times began serializing excerpts in Saturday's editions.

"I generally do not agree with spying against one's country. My late husband did not agree with what I did."

In her statement, she complimented Winston Churchill for cooperating with the Soviet Union in the war against Germany, and said she had made a contribution to Mrs. Churchill's "aid Russia fund."

KLA halts riots, urges Albanians to keep peace

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — The Kosovo Liberation Army on Saturday managed to stop two days of rioting in this divided town, telling ethnic Albanians to avoid trouble as NATO and the United Nations finalize plans to transform the former rebel army.

Instead, the KLA called for an "organized protest" in the northwestern Kosovo city of Kosovska Mitrovica on Sunday.

About 60 ethnic Albanians assembled for a third day Saturday morning at the bridge over the Ibar River — the scene of rioting Thursday and Friday which left 184 ethnic Albanians, Serbs and French peacekeepers injured and one Albanian dead.

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EDITORIAL

The school pay to something that matters - performance

At mythical-Lake Wobegon, all the children are above average. We're not sure about the school administrators' salaries there.

But we're a lot more concerned about the salaries in the Twin Falls School District.

Twin Falls school officials are busily boosting the budget this year, looking to give select administrators raises of up to 9 percent, to bring their pay in line with other larger Idaho school districts stretching from Rexburg to Coeur d'Alene. The pay plan comes before the Twin Falls School Board this month.

Twin Falls' ACT scores have dipped a bit from a year ago, yet the administrative pay is climbing nicely. You figure it out.

In the private sector, administrative pay is commonly tied to measurable performance. In the wobegonish world of school districts, it does not matter what you've done for us lately. It matters more what your colleague 400 miles away is making.

We know what some of you are thinking: Here we go again, with another "anti-education" editorial. But here is go again, with a basic question: Is it "anti-education" to want to see test scores improve? Is it "anti-education" to suggest schools might be better if they were run more like a business and less like a bureaucracy?

Bureaucracies tend to shy away from qualitative measures - such as test scores. Ask enough questions about

test scores, and you'll get weak answers about why the results don't really mean what you think they do.

But the Twin Falls district can't have it both ways. The district can't create a "program improvement director" job, at an annual salary of \$71,782, with the stated goal of improving test scores - and then turn around and say the scores aren't important.

Fact is, the scores do matter. We're concerned about the district's flat test scores - not because we're "anti-education," but because we happen to value a quality education system.

The scores are a measure of Twin Falls' school district, and certainly a better measure than the mirror game of comparing administrative salaries between one district and another.

Twin Falls arrived at its pay plan by comparing its salaries with those paid at 13 other Idaho districts. One of those districts, the Idaho Falls School District, is contemplating a 5 percent pay hike for its teachers, even though the district's enrollment is declining and some School Board members aren't sure the district can afford the raises.

Is this the model of fiscal responsibility you'd like to see Twin Falls follow?

Not in the business world. Not even in the wobegonish bureaucratic world of school administration.

This pattern of high pay and flat performance will continue as long as citizens allow it.

In the world of school districts, measurable performance matters less than what your colleague 400 miles away is making.

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LETTERS

Keep hotel off the canyon rim

"Don't let the rich 'so-and-so's' steal the precious treasure you people have." This is the gist of a statement made to me when I was helping at the visitor's center a few years ago. It was concerning the canyon edge and its beauty and its practicality in the city. He was surprised at the lack of foresight on the part of the City Council and/or commissioners. "Where is the park that should be here?"

I found out that the gentleman was an editor for "Travel" magazine on vacation. He stated that all too often, canyons, rivers and beaches are "stolen" from public access by the rich because of neglect or lack of foresight or the good old boys syndrome. All they see is the dollar sign.

Do we want the first thing seen as we come in from I-84 to be a big ugly hotel? It would be a signature property all right. What a signature! If Mr. Nelson had a philanthropic bone in his body, he would give the property for a park. Now that would be a real signature.

Incidentally, build-back restrictions aren't nearly adequate enough to preserve the canyon edge.

BERNICE WESTENDORF
Twin Falls

Jerome pets get left to die

I have felt so impressed to write and let you people know about animal control of dogs and cats.

Jerome does not realize what will happen if and when they pass the ordinance that is before them. Dogs will be dumped in the country as they are now doing. It will be bad. We have had dogs and cats left to either die or get killed with a car. You know, dogs and cats have feelings also.

I drove to Wendell on the main road. There was a dog dropped there. That little dog looked at every car thinking his master was back. That dog lived for about three months in the snow and rain, just waiting for that master to return. It died. How can anyone with love treat a small dog that way. They would have had him put to sleep. It could be far more merciful.

We have a dog someone dropped off

one year ago. He was lucky enough to find me; he can't let dogs suffer and eat's also. He found a place to call home. He's no ours but we are his.

Please don't take dogs to the country and leave them for people in the country to be forced to do what is humane for the dog's sake. We can't afford to feed them or have them put to sleep.

Jerome's dog pound will not let dogs that are dropped in the country go to the pound. I tried. They were brought out and abandoned from town. Please have more mercy and do it yourself for each little dog and cat that you don't want to keep.

P.S. Don't get them in the beginning.

HELEN R. MEYERS
Jerome

Play ails to change community

Maybe you've heard about us and maybe you haven't. We're Light of the World Productions, and we're producing "Bang, Bang, You're Dead," a cautionary play about school shootings.

There are 17 of us. All want to make the difference in our community and world. We want to feel safe where we go. We want peace and respect to become a part of everyone's everyday life.

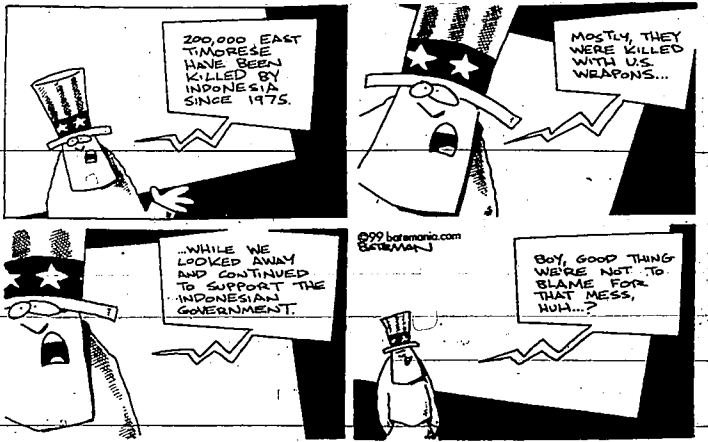
Changing the community is hard, let alone the world. So we need your support. All of us gave up things this past summer to do this for you, and all we ask is that you give us one hour of your time.

We begin to make the difference in our community on Sept. 15 for the people in law enforcement and government in our state. If you received an invitation for this, please attend. We look forward to seeing you there. Then, on Sept. 16, 17 and 18, we open for three nights at the College of Southern Idaho in Theater 119. The show begins at 8 p.m.

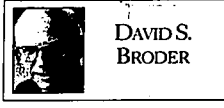
Admission is free. Small children will not be a good thing to bring because of the intensity and emotional level of the play.

Please come and support us, and who knows but maybe you can learn more about changing your world along with us.

KATIE WIERSMA
Buhl



Prosecutors claim another career



DAVID S. BRODER

If any further proof were needed of the folly and danger of the independent counsel act, the case of former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros demonstrates why this misbegotten piece of legislation deserves the death sentence Congress imposed on it two months ago.

Cisneros walked away from the federal courthouse last week after pleading guilty to a single misdemeanor count and paying a \$10,000 fine for understating the amount of financial assistance he provided to a former mistress.

That was all that was left of a case which consumed four years and almost \$10 million of taxpayers' money, and cost the government one of its most talented public servants and the Democratic Party one of its brightest stars.

It was a pretty simple story - the essential elements of which Cisneros had made public long before the Kafkaesque prosecution began. In 1987, Cisneros, while mayor of San Antonio, began an extramarital affair with a woman named Linda Jones. When rumors circulated, Cisneros confirmed them to local reporters, ended the affair and returned to his wife. But he continued to help Jones and her daughter financially.

All this was disclosed to the FBI and the White House when President-elect Clinton was clearing Cisneros for the HUD post. But years later, Jones, in financial and legal trouble of her own, came forward with evidence suggesting Cisneros had understated the amount he had given her.

Attorney General Janet Reno asked for an independent counsel, and the same panel of judges who assigned Kenneth Starr to investigate President Clinton picked a politically active Republican lawyer named David Barrett to go to work on Cisneros. That was in May of

1995. Barrett and his team soon learned that Jones had fessed some of her conversations with Cisneros and they offered her an immunity deal. But her story proved to be erratic, so they turned around and indicted and convicted her of fraud.

With Jones in jail and desperate to get out, Barrett in 1997 induced Cisneros on 18 felony charges, each of which carried a maximum penalty of five years in jail.

The key evidence was the Jones tapes, but she soon admitted in court that they were not the originals she had claimed them to be but copies she had edited to protect herself and damage her overtime lover.

So Barrett was probably surprised when he could get when agreed to let Cisneros plead to one misdemeanor charge, pay a modest fine and walk away a free man, not even under probation.

This would be bad enough if it were an isolated incident. But it is not. Nine months ago, a jury took only nine hours to acquit former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy of every one of the 30 counts in an indictment another independent counsel, Donald Smaltz, had filed over gifts to Espy worth \$3,000 from firms regulated by the Agriculture Department. That investigation lasted four years, cost \$17 million and forced Espy to resign from the Cabinet.

Two other current Cabinet members, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, have independent counsels on them, but leaks

forward a similar idea.

After three years, though, if the schools failed to make strides, Bush would make the money "directly available to parents" in the form of what most of us would call vouchers. He took care not to use the word.

He emphasized that the states, not Washington, would set the standards, design the evaluation system and administer the tests.

But doing so would not be optional; the federal hammer would be poised. It is hard to imagine a more aggressive federal role.

Said Gary Bauer, the Republican presidential candidate most closely linked to social conservatives: "This is the old, worn-out liberal tactic of using the power of the federal purse to coerce the states into obeying the arbitrary dictates of Washington bureaucrats."

Democrats, including Gore and Bradley, have criticized the voucher aspect of Bush's plan on philosophical and constitutional grounds. And even if you get past those arguments, it's not likely too many educational options would be available to a poor child carrying a Title I voucher, which would be worth only about \$1,500.

So there are problems. But it's hard to argue with the demand for results, particularly when the children involved have the most to gain from education.

Bush, like Bradley and most of the other candidates, has a long way to go before he fills in enough of the blanks to give us any real sense of what kind of president he would be.

Credit him with a good start.

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Bradley and Bush show some substance

LARRY EICHEL

In the last week or so, the presidential campaign has entered a new and promising phase. The leading candidates are actually starting to say something.

On Wednesday, Democrat Bill Bradley formally announced his candidacy with a speech that laid out what he hopes will be one of the fundamental distinctions between Al Gore and himself - his commitment to helping the less fortunate.

"In so many ways," Bradley said, "we have failed to use our prosperity to improve the well-being of all our citizens."

The speech, while broadly thematic, was a prelude to a series of specific proposals, promised for the fall, in pursuit of such traditionally liberal goals as reducing child poverty and moving toward universal health coverage.

One day earlier, Gore offered a multipoint plan on health care. In a direct but meaty address, the vice president outlined a series of reforms, albeit without explaining what they would cost or how he would pay for them.

Among other things, he would expand an existing government program to make health insurance available to all children; offer subsidized coverage to the working poor; provide tax credits to help small businesses and individuals pay for health care; and let the uninsured between ages 55 and 65 buy into Medicare.

But the most fascinating of this recent run of issue-oriented speeches came from George W. Bush.

I say that not just because Bush is ahead in the polls or because his campaign has often seemed a substance-free zone (no pun intended). His speech, which was delivered on the eve of the Labor Day weekend and thus did not get the attention it deserves, was thoughtful

and provocative.

And it hinted at what may emerge as the Texas governor's way of dealing with major domestic concerns.

At least when it comes to education, Bush is willing to exercise the power of the federal government in an activist way, using conservative methods in pursuit of broad societal goals. So willing is he to do so that some of the most strident criticism of his plan has come from the right rather than the left.

Bush's approach here lies in the face of much of his party's dogma, which has long vilified federal bureaucrats and argued that the best role for Washington to play in education is no role at all. He said that the best response to that heritage

"A president is not a federal principal, and I will not be one" - and then turned it on its head.

He called for moving the Head Start program out of Health and Human Services and into the Department of Education, which many Republicans have wanted to abolish.

Once there, he said, it should be given more vigorous oversight and revamped in a way that emphasizes reading and school-readiness rather than day care and socialization.

Bush's most controversial proposal, though, concerns the use of \$7.7 billion in Title I funds, money distributed to schools with significant numbers of poor children.

He would require those schools to demonstrate, through testing, that they are making progress in teaching basic skills the Clinton administration has put

I never dreamed there was so much I couldn't do

Watching students return to school a week ago was strange. I felt conflicted about not joining them. A year ago, in a second-grade classroom in Prince George's County, Md., I began what I thought would be a career in teaching. But by the end of the year my idealism was stripped away—and I knew I had to stop, at least for now. The decision has been wrenching—as difficult as my year in the classroom.

I didn't always want to be a teacher. I was a law student at Georgetown when, at the start of my second year, I read Jonathan Kozol's book "Savage Inequalities," in which he described urban school systems and how they were failing their students. I was struck by Kozol's descriptions of life for students who live in low-income areas, and I knew I was not helping. My frustration was fueled, partly, I'll admit, by a naive sense that I would be able to save the world, but I also believed I could make things better for at least a few children.

I eventually left law school, and after a one-year graduate education program, I was hired at Hyattsville Elementary School.

NATALIE CHAMBERLAIN REIS

were so vast and the school's resources so inadequate. One day stands out—the day five of my students were suspended. I started when a boy called a girl an obscene name. She asked four boys to beat him up. They held him down on the playground and punched and kicked him while other students looked on.

None of the nearby teachers saw what happened; their stories reminded me of the ones you hear from accident victims—they didn't quite match up. But the girl and the four boys were referred for disciplinary action, and I agreed to it. It was late spring, and by then I was fed up with the kind of behavior I had seen every day. I was desperate and grasping at straws. The next day, all five children started a two-day, in-school suspension—meaning they were taken from my classroom and put into other classes. After that, the four boys were suspended out of school for a third day.

I am ashamed to admit I was relieved—partly because I felt they had gotten what they deserved, but mostly because it meant they were out of my class at least for a short while. They were five of my most difficult

students. I could say something more politically correct: that they were my most challenging students, maybe. But they made my life, their classmates' lives and their own lives difficult. So the first day without them was terrific. The room was quiet, and the other students seemed more productive and happy.

But something squeezed my heart a little that day. In the cafeteria, my students and I saw one of the suspended students. He started crying and couldn't stop—maybe because some of the others were teasing him, or because he was ashamed of what he had done, or because he felt ostracized. Maybe he thought he had disappointed me, or maybe he didn't think at all, but he seemed to know he no longer belonged. He had had a hard time in my class. He had a reading disability, and he was frustrated all the time and often angry. Once, he told me that he would get a feeling in his chest and know he was going to hit someone but didn't know how to stop.

My relief was short-lived, because the punishment strongly contradicted my views about discipline. I firmly believe it is not the best way to get kids to learn and to want to behave. To them, suspension said they're bad kids. And when they came back they had taken that label to heart. When one of the boys returned to the class at the end of the first

day to get his coat and book, he screamed, "Don't look at me!" Another boy was not even allowed back that day, because his teacher in another class he had been put through he wasn't showing enough remorse. The girl shouted "Leave me alone" when anyone tried to talk with her.

As I drove home that day, I couldn't help thinking that we were priming these students for prison. It was frightening to think about, and it worried me. It isn't that I had lost hope in them. I just came to realize that their situation seemed hopeless, whether I had hope for them or not.

There were other incidents that troubled me. I was particularly concerned about a student who clearly needed help but wasn't getting it. At 7, he was very bright but obsessed with violent video games. In his writing notebook, I found entries about how much he hated his parents and wished they were dead. But his mother was concerned about how it might look if he were sent to a school counselor, and the counselor thought it was a matter for his parents to deal with. I couldn't give him the help he needed while attending to my 27 other students.

So when people ask me why I am not teaching this year, I tell them that I spent too much time as a disciplinarian and not enough time teaching. I didn't know how to change the things that were happening in my classroom, and I didn't know how to cope with the feeling that I wasn't in control.

I've left with this: I walked away from teaching because I was tired of feeling like I was alone in battle. Because I was

tired of trying to make parents see that their children needed help. Because I was tired of scrambling to get help when none was available. And because I was tired of leaving school every day, dreading to think about failed my students. Recently, a friend told me I was arrogant to

think I could do so much as a teacher. It wasn't that I wanted to do so much; it was that I never dreamed there would be so much I couldn't do.

Natalie Chamberlain Reis is working as a legal secretary for a Washington law firm.

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LETTERS

Uphold the height limit

I am outraged by the idea that seven-story hotels (or any building over the height of the Snake River Canyon, even though I might not agree) makes that illegal. Reasons given by the Times-News editorially about why this is such a great idea are absolutely unbelievable. For those of us who have lived here since the late 1950s and have seen the destruction of everything aesthetically pleasing about the north entrance to Twin Falls, this is the ultimate insult.

I applaud and congratulate the Planning and Zoning Commission who decided and recommended exactly in favor of the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance (which is based on the plan). Not only is it outrageous to think of high rim-obscuring buildings on the canyon rim, they are forbidden by law. So now the developers want to change the law to fit their development dreams. Since the land was owned by the same developer for 20 years, I'm told, I believe he knew exactly what he bought and what the lane size regulations were on his land.

How many times do we need a citizen's group to recommend what is desirable on the rim? I know of two advisory groups and countless planning and zoning commissioners who have tried to do their best. Their recommendation against the height change zoning should be commended since they have correctly interpreted the law, which is their job. It is also the job of the city

council to uphold the law against all who try to profit at the community's expense. **MARJORIE H. SLOTTEN** Twin Falls

Teachers work off-the-clock

This letter is in response to one written by Karla Bankhead that was published on Sept. 9. I would suggest if you don't have writing two jobs to go back to school yourselves and get an education. Obviously you don't have any concept of what it takes to become a teacher, let alone actually teach. My daughter went to school for four years to become a teacher and it wasn't cheap! She had to take out student loans that will take her approximately five years to pay off, as she also has a family she had to support.

Now that she does have her teaching degree she leaves for work at 7 a.m. and is very seldom home before 6:30 p.m. and most nights it is around 9 p.m. When she does get home, she is on the phone calling parents for about an hour; letting the parents know how their child is doing in class. She also has papers to grade at night; things to get ready for the next day in class, as well as take care of her own four children. She misses a lot of her children's school functions so she can make sure everyone else's child is getting the education they pay for.

In order to keep her teaching certificate, she also must attend certain classes and gain college credit along the way. She has to break up fights at school, listen to children with foul mouths and

deal with angry parents! Average out how many hours a day a teacher "works" not just in her classroom but also for class hours and see just how much your "poor" teacher makes per hour. Then be grateful you have

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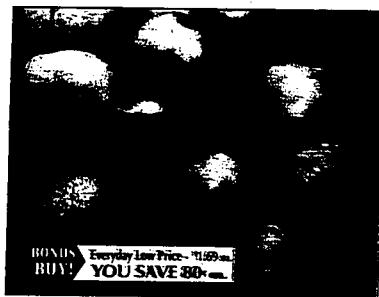
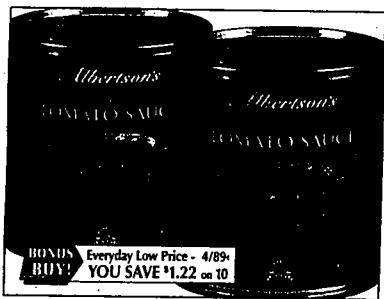


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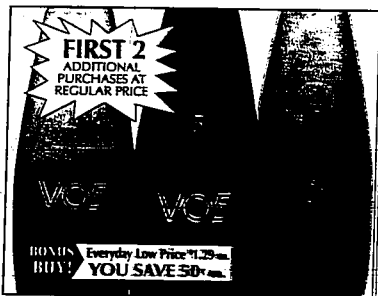
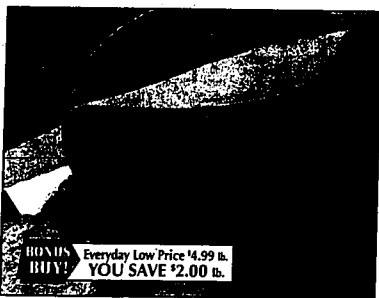
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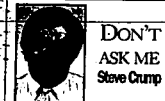
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DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Now don't get me wrong. Within limits - and these limits consist of a loaf or two of zucchini bread a year and maybe a side dish or two - the squash is tolerable.
But the stuff overstates its welcome faster than your newly-separated sisters-in-law. And like your sister-in-law, it just keeps coming back.
"Blame that on a favorite local con that anybody can grow a garden in the sandy volcanic loam of the Snake River Plain. That's not altogether true.
"Not everybody can garden successfully, but everybody - your blind Uncle Elmore included - can grow zucchini.
"Want it or don't water it, doesn't matter. Once the squash gets a foothold, it just keeps coming - often in weird, gigantic forms, or in twisted shapes that call to mind the faces of ex-presidents or your Aunt Neida's large intestine before they did the colostomy.
"Most of the struggling seedlings in May turn into the evanescent from the green lagoon by September.
"Most novice gardeners end up harvesting a little and then letting the rest go big, big, big.
"Gone to seed, zucchini takes hold everywhere - your lawn, your driveway, in your husband's ear canal.
"And although the authorities don't credit it, there are persistent legends about entire families - even whole farms - being swallowed by zucchini.
"Now if we were talking tomatoes or zucchini here, that might not be such a horrific fate. But let's face it. The zucchini is a vegetable of some limitations.
"It's about as tasty as the Albertson's best came in, to tell you the truth. And the entire canon of zucchini cookery consists of ways and means to hide the stuff - by braiding it, spicing it, or burying it in French soup.
"It's a little like your cousin Atwell, who's a nice enough guy but who just doesn't know when to stop. And when he comes to visit, he just sits in the living room with a stupid grin on his face, never saying a word.
"So you end up carrying on a dangling conversation with yourself, wishing to hell he'd go away.
"He never does, of course, nor does zucchini. You can ream up these edible crisps in April, and there will still be green squash in there - locked away.
"When archeologists unearth the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in the 25th century, they'll find a fossilized Trout Burger, the remains of two or three antique tractors, and wrapped around their cylinders, a zucchini monster to make Ripley's "Alien" seem a squabby cake.
"It's gotten to the point where among folks who have lived around here for a while, giving away zucchini has become bad manners. It's the dumping circle grounds on the hood of your neighbor's new truck.
"Now Idahoans are too well-mannered to tell you to wear face that you can take your zucchini and marinate it, but giving zucchini is a sure and certain invitation to territoriality.
"So may come in subtle ways - a fruit-cake at Christmas, your name suddenly appearing on a telemarketing letter. You can ream up these Psychic Friends Alliance spamming your e-mail. But rest assured: No good zucchini around here goes unpunished.
"So, ma'am, I need you to put your hands up where I can see them and step away from the squash. That's good. We can all be better citizens, but, or we can all eat zucchini fritters from now until St. Swizman's Day.
"You remember St. Swizman? He's the patron saint of collies.
"Times-News features editor Steve Crump considers you'd like to have a license. "Zucchini, get any fool can get a zucchini."

Judge denies permit transfer stay

By N.S. Nokkertved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A federal official has refused to halt a controversial transfer of grazing permits between Filer rancher Gerald Tewes and Simplot Livestock.
In a ruling issued Sept. 1, James P. Terry, an administrative judge with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, denied a stay requested by Hailey architect Jon Marvel, head of the Idaho Watersheds Project.
Marvel had appealed the transfer of the grazing permits and requested a stay until the appeal could be resolved. The stay would have kept the transfer from being completed.

BLM official wants to tighten grazing restrictions

By N.S. Nokkertved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Federal officials may take action to improve conditions along a pair of creeks damaged by livestock grazing in southern Twin Falls County.
A visit by Bureau of Land Management officials in August found the streams in Rocky and Timber canyons in places choked with cow manure and degraded riparian areas that one BLM official deemed unsuitable as a grazing allotment.
"After a visit last week, Inland Resource Area Manager Edna Guerrero said, 'There's not going to be any cows in there for awhile.'
Guerrero wants to get the BLM employee responsible for the area, range conservationist John Bear,

together with representatives of Simplot to talk about what needs to be done to bring the area back.
The two streams join to form the North Fork of Salmon Falls Creek and public land in the area forms part of a grazing allotment known as North Fork Field.
The allotment had been grazed by Filer rancher Gerald Tewes, who recently sold his cows, grazing permits and some private lands to J.R. Simplot Self-Declaration of Revocable Trust. Simplot now holds the grazing permit for the allotment.
The effects of livestock grazing on streams on public lands - and grazing permit requirements meant to protect them - are at the heart of a dispute over how such areas are managed by the BLM, and the transfer of permits for nine public land grazing allotments held by Tewes, including North Fork Field.

"All that he's done is harass us," Tewes said.
Tewes said some of his cows, grazing permits and some private land to the J.R. Simplot Self-Declaration of Revocable Trust last year.

Simplot requested the transfer of permits to nine grazing allotments on federal public land in western

Twin Falls and eastern Owyhee counties and in northern Nevada.
The transfer would violate federal law and continue damage to the land, Marvel wrote in his petition for a stay.
Terry disagreed.
"We find that there is no likelihood of irreparable harm if the stay is not granted," he wrote. "Quite to the contrary, we find that the more specific and stringent conditions imposed in the proposed new six-year permit will ensure greater protections for the nine allotments involved."
The BLM added terms and conditions not included in Tewes' permit. The added conditions, however, do not include any specific directions, only the types of corrective actions to be used to fix identified problems - such as

Hollerin' contest hits high note

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

JACKPOT, Nev. - A deep breath and a shake to loosen up the lungs produced the loudest yell at Saturday's wild west hollerin' contest.
A half dozen participants gathered along the old highway south of Cactus Petes Resort Casino in a sagbrush-lined canyon to see who could shout the loudest.
"Heey you gawwies..." hollered by David Bushman, who worked at Cactus Petes registered the loudest on the decibel meter at 88.3.
Judy Eddy of Nashville, Tenn., who was traveling with the Sylvia Hutton band playing at Cactus Petes, said she didn't practice but had a year to think about what she was going to shout. The band played at the resort last year during Desert Daze. Her selection: "I lost all my money!" It hit 83.2 on the decibel meter.
Hollers were judged by Sylvia herself based on how high they registered on the decibel meter, how long the "hollerer" could keep it up, and creativity.
Kathleen Boyd Moore, Cactus Petes' community affairs manager, laid the ground rules for the event.
Please see **CONTEST**, Page B3



Vince Barranco lets out a high-decibel complaint about the lack of rest stops on the Nevada highway at a wild west hollerin' contest Saturday in Jackpot, Nev.

Gas leak causes evacuation of Jerome inmates, courthouse closing

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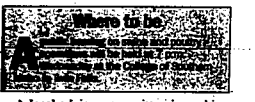
JEROME - Authorities evacuated the Jerome County Jail and courthouse Saturday afternoon after a gasoline leak occurred next to the building.
About 250 gallons of gasoline spilled from a generator that stands about three feet away from the courthouse, said Art Brown, disaster services coordinator for Jerome. The gas seeped into the ground without damaging the courthouse, but it produced hazardous fumes inside the building.
Eputy Richard Beaver found the leak, Brown said. He contacted all emergency personnel who responded to the spill for the way they handled the situation.

The jail's 32 inmates were transported to Twin Falls and Cassia County jails, said Beaver, the jail's warden. When prisoners would be returned to the jail, which is in the courthouse, still was uncertain Saturday evening.
The courthouse will remain closed at least through today, Brown said.
"If everything is safe Monday morning, it'll be business as usual," he said.
He planned to meet with environmental specialists Saturday night for guidance on how the county should go about cleaning up the contaminated soil, he said. And he will be meeting with county commissioners to discuss the options.
Backup shut-off switches and valves will be added to the generator to prevent future leaks, Brown said.

Swine, poultry hearing in TF will have broad reach

By Ruth Stroeter
Times-News correspondent

MURKLEY - It may be held in Twin Falls, but a public hearing to be held Wednesday night involves Cassia County as well.
Time is running out for public comments regarding proposed regulations for mega-dairies and poultry facilities in the region. The Division of Environmental Quality is midway through its 30-day public comment period, during which time it fields the thoughts and concerns many people harbor regarding these regulations. And many locals still have questions and concerns as well.



A local advisory committee is working alongside the DEQ to prepare a set of regulations for swine and poultry operations that "ensure the protection of public health and the environment through properly controlling animal waste."
Larry Olson of Burley serves on that committee and stresses that he does not

Minidoka planning will fill extension agent position

By Ruth Stroeter
Times-News writer

RUPERT - For more than a year, Minidoka County was without its own family and consumer science expert. It may soon have one again.
The University of Idaho is looking at the possibility of filling a position in the Minidoka County Cooperative Extension office that has been vacant for more than a year. Cooperative extension services come with university faculty members who offer expertise and technical assistance in specialized areas such as agriculture and family and consumer science.

More than a year ago, Minidoka County went from two extension agents to one. When the educator who filled the family and consumer science position left, the county did not refill the position and the county retained only its agriculture agent.
Minidoka County Commissioner John Remberg said that although the program was dedicated to youth, the county did not feel it was to such an extent where the position was justified.
"We always kind of halfway questioned in the back of our minds whether we were getting our true value out of that position," Remberg said.
But the county recently decid-

ed to bring the position back and approved \$1,500 to go toward the agent's salary. The University supplies the remaining costs. Remberg said the county now hopes to justify the position by an increased focus on youth, doing work with 4-H and problem kids.
The county must now also replace its agricultural extension agent, Charizi Falen, who is leaving her post for another, and the county is at an opportunity to reevaluate the extension office.
Ideally, Remberg said he would like a crop specialist to take over Falen's position and more consolidation between Cassia and Minidoka counties.
"Our overall goal is to try to

get the two counties functioning together, to get some of these services merged," Remberg said.
He did acknowledge, however, the university's desire to keep the counties diversified.
The next step is for the university to review the situation and determine if and what kind of an agent can be provided for the county.
Linda Brandon with the Twin Falls Research and Extension Center said that within each district the university has priorities in filling as it sees a need. Twin Falls' jurisdiction includes Elaine, Berne, Cassia, Cassia-Custer, Gooding, Lemhi, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties.
Joan Parr, the family and consumer services educator for Cassia County, has been lending assistance to Minidoka County with their needs in that area.
"We help out whenever we can," Parr said.
This summer the cooperative extension program also recruited an assistant who has been conducting work related to canning.
Falen, who covered crop and horticulture issues for Cassia County as well, said she has felt there is a definite need to bring back an additional extension agent in Minidoka County.
"I can't see where [the position] won't be filled," she said.

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TWIN FALLS



Orpha Rhoda (Lyon) Drown

Orpha R. Lyon Drown, 94, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday, September 10, 1999, at the home of her daughter, Deniece Malone of Twin Falls, Idaho. She was born March 7, 1905, in Hyde Park, Utah, the 9th child of a family of eleven. Her parents were George Lyon. She was a member of the Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints. In 1913, her family moved to a small Mormon settlement of Metropolis, NV., 11 miles north of Wells, NV. Orpha graduated from high school there in 1923. One of the highlights of her high school days was playing on the girls basketball team. After graduation, she took the teacher's examination and was teaching school when she was eight years of age. Her first position was at Metropolis, NV. She went on to teach in Ruby Valley, and Lee, NV, where she met Gordon. They were married June 10, 1926, at the Parline Hotel in Twin Falls, ID. Their marriage was later solemnized in the St. George, Utah, LDS Temple. They had two daughters, Joyce and Deniece, who they dearly loved. The family lived in Nevada until 1941 when they moved to Twin Falls, ID. Orpha started a career outside her home when she went to work for J. C. Pennies. She also worked at C.C. Anderson and later at the Mayfair Shop. Orpha and Gordon then moved to Reno, NV, in 1942 where they bought a home. She worked at the Mayfair Shop as a desk clerk for many years. She loved to work in her flower garden and enjoyed many beautiful flowers from her patio. She had many memorable times with her three sisters, also in Reno. She retired in 1977 to take care of Gordon who preceded her in death in 1981. She loved to travel over Mt. Rose to Lake Tahoe to picnic with family. She was fortunate to be able to travel with her daughter, Deniece, and sister-in-law, Webb, to Hawaii, Mexico, New York, Washington, D.C., and Canada. She enjoyed going for rides in the country and was always amazed at the Snake River Canyon. She did beautiful embroidery work and spent many days with her sewing in her hands. She also loved to make jelly and enjoyed organ music. She took pride in her family and never tired of hearing of their accomplishments. Five of her great-grandsons have fulfilled LDS missions and two are presently serving in Italy and Mexico. She was a kind and compassionate lady and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.



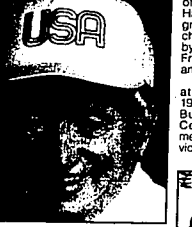
Victor K. Smith

Victor Keith Smith, 32, of Boise and former Twin Falls resident, returned home to his heavenly Father Friday, Sept. 10, 1999, from injuries received in an auto accident.

He was born August 23, 1967, in Jerome, Idaho, the son of Victor and Mavis Williams Smith. He attended school in Twin Falls and Salmon, and graduated from Minico High School. He attended Ricken College and Boise State University. Victor worked as a respiratory therapist in Boise. He was a favorite uncle to his nieces and nephews. He liked movies, classical rock music, and was an avid reader. He was generous and thoughtful to all those he came in contact with, especially his family.

He is survived by his parents, Victor J. and Mavis Smith; sisters, Susan (Lowe) Chandler of Pocatello and Pat (Tom) Schneider of Heyburn, ID.; his brothers, Vance, Smith of Boise and Tom Smith of Twin Falls; his nieces and nephews, Sarah, Jill, Katie, Ryan, Cody, Nicole and Nathan; his grandfather, Emory Williams of Jerome; grandfather, Ted Smith of Castleford; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Gail W. Williams, and his grandmother, Mary Smith.

Funeral services for Victor Keith Smith will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1999, at the Twin Falls 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 223 Park Ave., with Bp. Max Levitt conducting. Interment will follow in Jerome Cemetery. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary. The family will greet friends on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1999, from 6 to 9 p.m. at White Mortuary, and at the church on Wednesday from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. The family suggests memorials to the Cancer Fibrosis Foundation, 6331 Arlington Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814, or Primary Children's Regional Medical Center Memorial & Honor Gift Program, 100 N. Medical Dr., P.O. Box 38249, Salt Lake City, UT 84158-0249.



Francis J. Kelly

Francis J. Kelly, 79, a Twin Falls, Idaho, resident and St. George, Utah, resident, passed away Sept. 9, 1999, at St. George Care Center after a courageous battle with cancer.

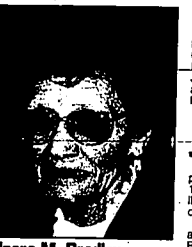
Francis was born Oct. 17, 1919, in Philadelphia, Penn., to Edward and Annie Kelly. He enjoyed a successful boxing career and remained an avid boxing fan for his entire life. He attended college where he studied medicine. While attending college, he earned his pilot's license. In 1940, he enlisted in the Air Force and was transferred to Utah, where he met and married Norah Crosby. He served overseas during the Second World War. After being honorably discharged, they moved to Kanab, Utah, where he worked as a pilot until 1974. He and Norah divorced and Francis moved to Idaho. He died of 1974, he met and married Edna Neal. He worked for Ore-Ida Foods, where he was

Sergeant of the Security Force until his retirement in 1985. After retiring, they lived part-time in St. George and Twin Falls. During the following years they traveled to Europe, Canada and fished off the coast of Washington and Oregon. They made several trips back to Philadelphia to visit family.

Francis is survived by his wife of Twin Falls; four sons, Mike (Cora Lee) Bouniut, Utah; George (Karen) of St. George; Barry (Dan L.) of Beaverton, Oregon; Cynthia (Terry) Prescott of Kimberly, Idaho; Patsy (Steve) Correll of Jerome, Idaho; and Glenn (Jo Deen) Ridgway of Powell, Blaine, Oregon; 27 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Pat Kelly of Philadelphia. Preceding him in death were his parents and sisters and 4 brothers.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 1999, at the St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Kanab, Utah.

JEROME



Elnora M. Bradley

Elnora M. Bradley, 86, a resident of Jerome and formerly of Wendell, died Friday, September 10, 1999, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Elnora was born on July 5, 1913, in Flagler, Colorado, the daughter of William and Marnie Strode. She attended school in Flagler. Elnora married Ora F. Bradley on September 9, 1929, in Burlington, Colorado. They farmed in the Wendell area until 1954 when they moved to Idaho. They farmed in the Wendell area until retiring in 1968. Elnora worked for the telephone company for many years as a telephone operator. They then lived in Jerome and Twin Falls before returning to Wendell. For the past five years, she has resided in Jerome. She was a member of the Wendell United Presbyterian Church, the Wendell Grange #82 and the Telephone Pioneers.

Elnora is survived by her son, Bill Bradley; two brothers, Roy Strode of Jerome and Clayton Strode of St. George, Utah; a sister, Faye Hackston of San Antonio, Texas; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ora in 1983; a son, Fred in 1982; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1999, at Demaray's Wendell Chapel. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery. Friends may sign the memorial book from 10 a.m. until service time on Tuesday.



Edna Neal

Edna Barker Neal, 78, of Jerome, died Thursday, September 9, 1999, at her home. She was born July 3, 1921, at Elba, Idaho, the daughter of John Edmund and Toggie Harriet Otter Baker and was raised and educated at Elba and Jerome, where she graduated

from high school in 1939. She married Calvin L. Neal in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on April 8, 1940, and they resided in Jerome from until 1942 when they moved to Portland, December of 1944 they returned to Jerome, and Edna then attended the Twin Falls Business College for two years. She then worked for Greenawald's, Loon Tippet and later for M and M Equipment before her retirement in 1982. Edna was an active member of the LDS Church, a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and the WYV Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Calvin of Jerome; her children, Fred (Linda) Neal of Federal Way, Wa., Madge (Doug) Rich of Boise, C. Harvey (Cheryl) Neal of Meridian, John E. Neal of Oregon City, Ore., and Henrie (Deborah) Neal of Jerome. Also surviving are two sisters, Bernice Richardson of Portland and Abbie (Leo) Pyne of Twin Falls, seven nieces and nephews; and sixteen great-grandchildren. One sister, one brother, and her parents preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at the Jerome Second Ward LDS Chapel on North Lincoln by Bishop Garth Bingham. Burial will follow in Richfield Cemetery. Friends may call at the Jerome-Bozartson Funeral Chapel in Jerome on Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church on Monday one hour prior to time of the service.

BOISE

Jeanne S. Rountree

Jeanne S. Rountree, 77, of Boise, passed away Friday, September 10, 1999, at her home from an extended illness she endured with her own grace and dignity. Jeanne was born June 29, 1922, at Sugar City, Idaho to Richard and Rulon Schwendiman. She spent her early years in Pocatello and Boise, and moved to Twin Falls with her family in 1932. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1939 and attended the University of Idaho, Southern Branch for two years. Joanne joined Western Airlines as a stewardess in 1942. Her flying career took her from Salt Lake City, Utah to Great Falls, Montana, where she met her future husband, Charles, on April 22, 1944, after four dates, she and Chuck eloped to Fort Benton, Montana. They were later "re-married" in a formal ceremony at Twin Falls, Idaho, on June 29, 1944. They lived in Twin Falls until 1952, when they moved to Boise.

Jeanne enjoyed all of life, and particularly traveling and making new friends. Her husband, Charles, was important to her and she loved family gatherings. Jeanne was an avid bridge player and golfer, and looked forward to her weekly games with her friends until his illness forced her to quit. She served as president of the Plantation Ladies Golf Association in 1960, and was an active member of the Hillcrest Ladies Golf Association for many years. Jeanne also enjoyed the part-time work she did for several years as a proofreader for the Idaho Legislature.

Jeanne is survived by her husband of fifty-five years, Charles, her daughter, Heroin-in-law, Charles and Don Troyer of Boise; son and daughter-in-law, Charlie and Nancy Rountree of Meridian; grandson, Tyler Rountree and his wife, Beth of Meridian; grandson, Alex Rountree of Meridian; step-granddaughter, Diane Norquist and her husband, Steven, and children of Bob; step-granddaughter, Don Bergdorf and her husband, Jeff, and children of Riverton, Utah; and step-grandson, Matthew Troyer and his wife, Karen, and son of Boise; Her sister, Ruth Jenkins of Twin Falls; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Ken Strangher of Twin Falls; four nieces and two nephews, whom she loved very much, also survive her. Her parents preceded her in death.

The family wishes to thank the many friends who have given so much caring and support in so many ways to us all. We would also like to thank Shirley, Marilyn, Myra, and Linda of Life's Doors for the care they gave Jeanne.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 1999, at Summers Funeral Home, Boise Chapel, 1205 West Bannock. The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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SERVICES

Nathan E. Tolbert, of East Lansing, Mich., and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.
Irene Judd, of Oakley, 11 a.m. Monday at the Oakley LDS State Center; friends may call from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral Monday at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).
Frances Hesselholt, of Castleford, 11 a.m. Monday

DEATH NOTICE

at the Castleford United Methodist Church; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.
Kade Montgomery Haner, of Buhl, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. in Burley; friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the First Funeral Chapel in Buhl, with the family greeting guests from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

DEATH NOTICE

Aleta D. Ray
TWIN FALLS - Aleta Diane (Topf) Ray, 33, of Twin Falls and formerly of Heyburn, died Thursday, Sept. 9, 1999, at her home.
The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel with Bishop Frank Jensen. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Monday at the chapel. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

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School board takes gun battle to ballot

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah State Board of Education won't create its own rule against carrying concealed weapons in schools.

Instead, the board voted unanimously on Friday to join a statewide coalition in a petition drive to get the issue placed on the November 2000 ballot.

"We should get solidly in front of the initiative effort," said the State Board of Education, we are opposed to guns in schools," said board chairman John Watson.

The Granite School District is only one of Utah's 40 districts that have holders of concealed weapons permit, whether or not they are employees, from bringing weapons to school.

Other school districts have adopted weapons bans, but concealed weapons are not addressed.

Doug Bates, lawyer for the State Office of Education, told the board one has sued Granite over the issue but it is a possibility. He said defending such a lawsuit would be expensive.

Bates said joining the coalition effort would be a question on the ballot was a better way to ensure a sound legal basis for a ban.

The coalition includes public and higher education representatives, the Utah PTA, the Utah Education Association and representatives of various Utah churches.

The petition drive is expected to begin Sept. 27. Petitioners seek to ban firearms in schools except for police.

Bates said Utah is the only state that allows concealed weapons in schools.

150-year-old town angles for new life

PORT GAMBLE, Wash. (AP) — When the nation's longest continuously running sawmill shut down here in 1995, some imagined the death knell of this quaint, waterfront town could not be far behind.

After all, the lifeblood of this part of Puget Sound's company towns had flowed from the mill — once the largest on the West Coast — for 146 years.

"It was bad. This place was just like a second home," said Fran Johnson, who worked his way up to sawfiler in his 41-year career at Pope & Talbot.

"A lot of guys came up this hill with their eyes, a lot of the older ones. I know I did."

Johnson, 63, of Fort Ludlow, Wash., now works for Weyerhaeuser.

But as some 750 former and current employees of the company — among them 168 descendants of the founders — converged here from as far away as Hawaii and New Hampshire on Saturday to celebrate the company's 150-year anniversary, the mood was decidedly upbeat.

For many, the event was a chance to meet old friends and see again the 140-acre town some 21 miles northwest of Seattle across Puget Sound they hadn't visited in decades.

But the celebrations also coincided with what many see as an injection of new hope for the town, which has incurred huge operating losses since the mill closed.

Specifically, Olympic Resource Management — a spinoff from Pope & Talbot that assumed ownership of the town in 1995 and has carried it financially since — has hatched a plan to make the town economically sustainable in an age of fewer logs and more environmental pressures.

The plan, to develop and expand the town while maintaining its essential character, was unanimously approved by Kitsap County commissioners in late July. A compliance hearing with the Central Puget Sound Growth

Management Hearings Board is expected toward year's end.

But seeing the plan through will require no mean balancing act, given the unique nature of the place.

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That look and feel have remained intact through boom years — the Gold Rush, World War II — and its near demise — the stock

market slump of 1907, World War I, the Depression.

To maintain it, ORM and Kitsap County officials have proposed that Port Gamble be classified a rural residential zone. The land-use designation tailored to the town and its plight.

"(Port Gamble) is practically a national treasure, but there's no support for it," said Peter Talbot, Pope, 65, of Portland, Ore., the recently retired CEO of Pope & Talbot and a descendant of both its founders.

"People would like to see it not change, but it's not economically viable. We'll just go to rack and ruin," Pope said. "It has to change. It'll either change for the better or for the worse. But you can't freeze it."

The new designation would ensure the town retains the same mix of residential, commercial and industrial uses, Farris said.

The waterfront site where the mill once stood, for example, would become home to retail shops.

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Mormon leader says massacre is in the past

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Gordon B. Hinkley said he came to a ceremony Saturday dedicating a monument at the site of the Mountain Meadows massacre.

Settlers from Arkansas, bound for California, were killed after they were slain by Mormon militia members and their Paiute allies on Sept. 11, 1857.

"After being offered a truce, all the members of the wagon train, except those younger than 8 years old, were killed in what has been termed 'Utah's darkest day.'"

Hinkley had hoped Hinkley's attendance would help close the chasm that has existed between descendants of those in the Frontier Party and Mormons.

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Family remembers victim of crash in Mexico

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Mourners remembered Donald Kraft not for the controversial way he died after a car accident in Mexico but for his dedication to his family and faith.

Family members expressed no

animosity toward Mexican authorities at the funeral on Friday for the 44-year-old American. Kraft could not get transportation to a San Diego trauma center until his family paid Mexican authorities more

than \$7,000 some 18 hours after the accident near Rosarito Beach that broke his neck.

When Kraft finally arrived at a San Diego hospital after the Aug. 24 accident, he died of a heart attack in his bed.

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competition: "Let 'er rip."

John Mack, also traveling with the band, stood on a rock and sang, "There she blows — the white whale. Nohy Dick swimming among the seagrush!"

"I can't believe there is not a restroom between here and Salt Lake City. Utaaaahhhhh!" yelled Vince Barranco.

A heckler added, "And not even a bush to hide behind."

Twin Falls resident Leon Swice took several quick deep breaths before he hollered, "Once and for all!"

Heather Lewis, 10, had to imitate her holler, "It's holler!" for the older competitors. It means, "cool."

More entertainment Saturday included a shoot-out by the Single Action Shooters. They use single-action pistols, rifles and shotguns in an 1800s-style setting

Desert Daze Roundup continues

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Hearing

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"oppose hog farming by any means," but wants to make sure it's not adversely affect the community.

A concern of Olson is that the regulations don't yet enforce facilities to have features that reduce the toxicity of the air from manure odors. Visiting mega-farm operations in other states has shown him the dangers of facilities that don't regulate their odors, and he hopes that measures to prevent such odors will be enforced.

Olson said that his research has revealed that "hog manure is 10 times more toxic and produces 10 times more sulfur dioxide," than other manure.

Such odors, and the contention that hog manure is more toxic than that of other animals has been a controversial point.

"There's never been any scientific evidence to substantiate that," said David Roper, who owns a 140-sow hog farm near Kimberly and is the on the State

Parl Producers Association.

Roper is concerned that the proposed regulations send a negative message to people about hog farming. He said he thinks it is too bad that the regulations target poultry and swine, while leaving beef and sheep out.

"My first concern would be simply, if these regulations are to benefit society, why would they target those two species?" Roper said.

Roper advocated the growth of the hog industry in Idaho. According to Roper, Idaho imports 99 percent of all hogs that are consumed. He said hog farmers are in a minority in Idaho, and continue to diminish, in a state where the number of dairy farms continue to grow with little regulatory control.

"It's just a matter of, 'why us?'" Roper said.

Roper also wondered about the cost of enforcing and monitoring the regulations every year.

"This is going to come at an enormous cost," Roper said.

Some concerns among county

officials have been over the application process a poultry or swine operation must go through to obtain a permit. One concern for the county was that the permit must be issued every five years.

"The banks are not going to want to finance something for 15-20 years — something that may change every five years," county administrator Tim Hurst said.

DEQ Compliance Specialist Susan Burke said that permit renewals have this particular setup. All municipalities and corporations that go through with a land application process have a five-year renewal, Burke said, and it has not been a problem so far.

Hurst said he did not understand the fee structure of the application process — that the application fee increases as the number of animal units increases.

"At the county level our fees have to be justified by cost," Hurst said. He did not see an increase in workload in evaluating facilities of different sizes.

Grazing

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Holley architect Jon Marvel, head of the Idaho Watersheds Project, appealed the transfer, saying the BLM didn't properly assess the effects of grazing on sensitive streams. "Tripartite," said Marvel also petitioned for a stay until the appeal could be resolved. The stay was denied, and the appeal remains pending.

A recent "tripartite assessment" — to evaluate the condition of the creeks and the vegetation along their banks — showed the

areas along the two creeks in trouble and on a downward trend. The areas showed the potential to recover with proper management.

Guerrero said he wants to use whatever standards are necessary to correct the problem. Whatever standards his biologists recommend — such as measurable stable heights, bank trampling standards or limits on the amount of vegetation livestock can eat — it's up to the specialists," Guerrero said.

If hollerin' or shootin' wasn't someone's idea of fun, there were other events to try. A greased pig contest for children under 10, a pie eating contest and a three-legged race were among them.

A Simplot representative gave him the impression that the company would do whatever is necessary to bring it back, Guerrero said.

Tews said he is aware of a few areas that need some attention in that allotment. Five years ago he offered to fence off part of the canyons, he said.

Tews, 69, said he sold the ranch, permits and cows for personal reasons. His children have taken up farming, but they are not interested in the cows, he said.

Denial

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changes in the season of use, levels of use on plants, rotation, herding or fencing.

"I think Judge Terry should leave his cloistered office in Alexandria, Va., and come and visit some of these creeks in Twin Falls County before passing judgment on BLM's management," Marvel said.

The BLM contended the new permit would be held to stricter standards for meeting grazing conditions, Terry wrote. He also noted that the BLM disagreed with Marvel's claim that there is no ongoing degradation within the allotment, considering the numerous efforts on the ground.

BLM cited plans to improve Cedar Creek Allotment as an example of ongoing efforts to improve the resource. The plans, developed and signed in 1990,

included 12 miles of fence to keep cows out of the stream, and 10 miles of pipeline to supply them with water.

Marvel noted in his June 1 appeal that only 1.7 miles of fence and 1.5 miles of fence had been installed. BLM officials acknowledged that two-thirds of the riparian area along Cedar Creek was in trouble and half of that was deteriorating. They also noted that several other locations on the allotment grazing were not meeting requirements.

With the stay denied, BLM has transferred to Simplot grazing permits to 14,322 animal units months. An AUM is a unit of grazing management that represents the amount of forage eaten by a cow and her calf in one month. BLM also transferred 1,633 AUMs in Nevada.

Marvel's appeal contends BLM officials approved the transfers

without properly assessing environmental effects of continued grazing. The appeal charges that the BLM issued grazing permits without conditions that Marvel, citing BLM's documents, contends are needed to reduce damage caused by grazing and to live up to the 1987 Jarbidge Resource Management Plan.

Jarbidge Resource Area Manager Ed Guerrero contends BLM officials complied with environmental and federal land management laws in approving the transfers. All the allotments were reviewed before the transfers were approved, he said.

The appeal will be heard in an Interior Department appeal board office in Salt Lake City within the next three to five years. Any changes to the permit that result from the appeal will be the responsibility of Simplot.

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Rehab team goes in before fire is out

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) - As firefighters put out the last of wildfire hotspots across the West, members of the "Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation team" fan out over the charred areas to determine how the fires have impacted water quality, landslide potential and endangered animals.

Here, a 10-member team analyzes the 7,200-acre Bridge fire in the Angeles National Forest, which began Aug. 29 by an unknown cause. The hydrologists, wildlife specialists and engineers parachuted in from around the state and began work Sunday as the fire neared containment.

One of them is Tom Ryan, a soil scientist who worked along a high ridge in the San Gabriel Mountains with a water bottle in one hand and a water bottle in another. He tried to determine how quickly debris will tumble down the burned hillsides during the next rainstorm by measuring how fast the soil under the ashes absorbs water.

"There is a shortage of trained people who do this kind of work," said Ryan, himself called out of retirement to help with the Bridge fire analysis.

Such teams are generally called in when fires consume more than 300 acres, said Joe Gonzales, BAER team leader.

The base for the Bridge fire is in a corner of the U.S. Forest Service Arcadia office, where the walls are decorated with maps showing the fire's perimeter, the range of the fire's intensity and the area's watersheds. On folding tables, the specialists compile their data on laptops, or in John Tamman's case, on a large desktop where she can generate maps.

"My main help these guys see the landscape. It shows the roads and trails to help them see where they are," said Tamman, who has worked up to 12-hour days since arriving Saturday night from Placerville.

Such work used to be done painstakingly by hand.

"This is a major, new improvement," chimed in Pete Caffera, a hydrologist with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in Arcadia.

All this survey work is done quickly for one reason - to get federal funds to help in after-fire clean up of the Angeles National Forest, the 650,000-acre backyard playground of the nation's second largest city.



Above, Tom Ryan, a soil analyst for the U.S. Forest Service, walks along the top of a recently burned-over ridge in the Angeles National Forest above Arcadia, Calif., Friday. Below, Ryan puts drops of water on scorched soil beneath a layer of ash to determine how fast the water will be absorbed in a burned section of the Angeles National Forest.



Reports must be completed within three days after a fire is controlled. Such a declaration has not been yet made on the Bridge fire so the team has some breathing room.

The Bridge fire analysis is looking at impacts on the San Gabriel and Morris reservoirs, which lie at the bottom of the steep hillsides and are used for flood control and

drinking water. If sediment from the scorched hillsides fall into the reservoirs, the buildup can reduce storage capacity and threaten the water quality, the experts said.

Up in the forest, there also are cabins which experts have their eyes on. Crews will most likely have to build straw bales to protect them from possible debris or landslides, Ryan said.

And along the fire roads and Highway 39, the forest's main thoroughfare, the damage can potentially be "really big," Ryan said.

"You're gonna get a lot of rocks falling off these switchbacks and there's nothing to stop it," he said as he drives along the curving highway. "The vegetation that held it in place, the maintenance costs will be quite high."

In the San Gabriel River, endangered and threatened fish can suffocate from sediment or ash brought into the river during heavy rains, said Benjamin Matting, a fisheries biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Carlsbad.

The small Santa Ana sucker fish

is the species Matting is most concerned about. The fish is currently being proposed as a federally threatened species.

However, two endangered birds - the Least Bell's vireo and the Southwestern willow flycatcher - "are looking pretty good because most of the riparian (river bank) vegetation was unburned," Matting said.

As Ryan speaks from the ridge, helicopters continue dumping buckets into the reservoirs to limit water to the quash the final flames. In the steep canyons, burned tree stumps stick out of the ash and what appears to be a young coyote or fox, its coat singed, limps up a fire road.

"The slightest wind kicks up a dust devil, causing rocky debris to tumble down the hillsides.

Surveying this haunting scene, Ryan figures the 70 percent of the soil in the burned area has become more water repellent, which will cause several predicaments once the rains begin.

An additional problem, he said, is that the condition "can last up to three years."

Mansion under construction is a nightmare for neighbors

POST FALLS (AP) - There are no junk cars piled up in Ron and Georgia Puryear's yard, no loud barking dogs or smelly farm animals.

So why are some neighbors upset with the extraordinarily wealthy couple building the 26,000-square-foot mansion down the street?

Construction has been ongoing for four years. Greyhound buses of Amway-king wannabes visit the house on occasion while ordinary gawkers add to the traffic on the cul-de-sac.

"All of the traffic is from his mansion," said a woman with small children down the street.

"He has his Amways, people dream-shop down there."

Puryear is an Amway distributor who lives at Liberty Lake. He has been so successful he is used as an example for Amway distributors worldwide.

Planning for his house on the Spokane River began in 1994 and building started in 1995. But the project has taken 1.5 years longer than it should have, said Dru Duncan, Puryear and Associates Inc. operations manager. It likely will not be finished until August 2000.

"Their complaints are well-heard" Duncan said. "No one would like construction to be done than we would."

Design changes have extended the work schedule for the complete home already valued at \$2 million. In front, there are work trucks, piles of materials and a portable toilet for workers.

"We've got buses, full-size Greyhound buses, down there,"

said Lance Paules. "When they have their Amway conventions in Spokane, they have just lines of cars all day long."

The Puryears do not like all the exposure, either, Duncan said. He pointed out their son, Jim, was kidnapped in 1983 and held for a \$50,000 ransom. The thirteen-year-old escaped and the kidnappers were caught.

Rail car navigates on its own power

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A light-rail car rolled through downtown under its own power for the first time as Utah Transit Authority workers tested to make sure the system has solid electrical connections.

The maiden voyage was greeted by friendly waves, video cameras and surprised stares, but the sight and sound of a train rumbling down Main Street soon will be common.

UTA expects to continue testing over several weeks so residents

will get used to watching where they step or drive.

Unwary pedestrians and motorists will get help from train operators. The train rings a bell at every crossing, and the driver also can sound a horn if it appears a vehicle is about to veer into the rails.

"This is big for us because it lets us get a feel for what it's going to be like to take an 80-foot train into the downtown area," said Robert Mercer, one of seven rail operations managers who attended the test.

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Panel: Discord will derail transit plan

SEATTLE (AP) - Provincialism and internal wrangling over the proposed light rail line could sabotage the entire \$3.9 billion transit plan, according to a report by a citizen panel.

The 15-member Citizens Oversight Panel, which monitors performance and reports regularly to the board of Sound Transit, wrote in its midyear report that "the focus of local communities and institutions is on their own needs and desires throughout the regional vision that Sound Move (the 10-year Sound Transit plan) represents."

The turf mentality has been rampant. Representatives of two Seattle neighborhoods and the University of Washington have publicly criticized the proposed light rail route from SeaTac to the University District-Community groups from Rainier Valley stand opposed to the surface rail going through the neighborhood. And downtown Seattle business groups bemoan the possible increase in traffic that would follow if light rail uses the downtown tunnel.

"We did not single out anybody in the report, but it's fair to say they are included," Diane Carlson, vice chair of the panel, said, adding local politicians should seek support for light rail from their constituents instead of lobbying the board to change course or contemplating new ideas.

In a letter to Sound Transit Chairman Paul Miller dated Thursday, Sens. Slade Gorton and Patsy Murray echoed the panel's warning, urging Miller to "make every effort to try to achieve a consensus" before the final environmental impact statement of the light-rail portion. The statement, scheduled this November, will finalize the track alignment.

"We are particularly concerned that the region stay focused and on schedule so as not to lose your place in the federal funding pipeline," the senators wrote.

Cult member faces charges following shooting of deputy

MILFORD, Utah (AP) - Two days after he was shot by a religious separatist, a sheriff's deputy is still fighting to get "out of the woods," hospital officials said Saturday.

Sgt. John Chambers, 40, a Beaver County sheriff's deputy, was wounded in the lower right leg after he and six other deputies arrived at an isolated ranch in western Utah on Thursday morning to evict members of the anti-tax, antigovernment group known as squatters there. A police dog named Max was also killed.

Chambers was upgraded Friday afternoon from critical to serious condition at Dixie Regional Medical Center in St. George, St. George. Surgeons managed to salvage his leg for now, but a long-term prognosis is difficult to make right now, said surgeon G. Stedman Hand II.

Although Chambers condition has improved, he "is NOT out of the woods," hospital spokesman Terri Draeger said Saturday.

Chambers, who has worked at the department for 12 years, has

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three children and a wife. Donations for the family are being collected at Utah Independent Bank, in care of Dewey John Chambers Trust Fund, P.O. Box 1030, Beaver, Utah, 84713.

Tony Hamilton, a leader in the self-styled fundamentalist Mormon group, was charged Friday with two counts of attempted aggravated murder.

Hamilton also was charged with aggravated assault, a third-degree felony and misdemeanor charges for the murder of a service dog, criminal trespass and resisting arrest. The charges were filed in Millard County Court.

Hamilton is being held at the

Millard County Jail on 25000th Blvd.

Because the attack was against the Beaver County deputies, Hamilton will be held in the Millard County Jail. Additional court proceedings have been transferred to Beaver County Court, said Decker L. Anderson, chief Millard County Deputy Attorney for the Criminal Division.

Hamilton's group, which also has been called the Sanctuary of Preparation and the Immortal Foundation, had been fighting with Beaver County for six years. The group had been removed several times from the property, but kept returning, said Sheriff Sam Yardley.

Hamilton and his group claim ownership of 640 acres of arid scrub and piñon pine in Warner Springs, at the foot of Sawtooth Peak in Beaver County. They claim they are independent of local, state and federal government and industry regulations.

Officers were seeking to evict them again Thursday when the confrontation occurred.

Gold mine wins final approval

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - A proposed gold mine in Okanogan County has received final regulatory approval, an official for the U.S. Department of the Interior said Saturday.

But environmentalists vowed the fight over the proposed Crown Jewel mine will now shift to federal court. The Department of Interior, bowing to the orders of Congress, earlier this month reversed itself and granted the mine an exemption from federal laws that would have sharply limited its operations.

Charles Wassinger, an Interior Department official, revealed the final approval during a hearing in Spokane on Saturday of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

"We were following the clear direction of Congress,"

Wassinger said. David Kliegman, executive director of the Okanogan Highlands Alliance, said the environmental group will take its opposition to the mine into federal courts.

"It was to be expected," Kliegman said. But the Interior decision "does not deal with the issues we brought up."

"This is an illegal mine," Kliegman said.

The proposed open-pit gold mine is on Okanogan County's Buckhorn Mountain, and would be built by Battle Mountain Gold Co. of Houston.

Battle Mountain proposes crushing 9.1 million tons of ore to produce about 1.6 million ounces of gold, using a cyanide solution to separate the metal from the rock. The operation - which would be the state's first open-pit

gold mine - would operate around the clock for about 10 years, employing 144 people.

Earlier this year, the Interior Department denied a permit on the grounds the proposed mine violated a 1997 agency ruling that limited the size of mining waste dumps to five acres per 20-acre claim. Crown Jewel is seeking much larger waste dump sites.

Congress this summer passed an amendment exempting the Crown Jewel mine from such limits, and the Interior Department subsequently reversed its denial.

Even though mine advocates have predicted that construction might begin by 2001, Kliegman was not impressed.

"They're always, say it will be 20 months in the future," Kliegman said.

Judge accepts written apology in rape case

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - A judge has ruled that a detective did not go too far in his search of a rape suspect's personal belongings that turned up a written apology to the man's alleged victim.

Weber County sheriff's detective Colton Johansen found the note while conducting a routine inventory of Michael James Evans' belongings when he was being booked into jail. Evans, 26, is charged with the Feb. 21 rape of a 20-year-old West Jordan woman.

Johansen's search of the suspect's bag turned up a short unfinished letter from Evans addressed to his accuser by her first name only.

"I know I may never talk to you again and I know that this apology and the punishment that will occur won't even come close to ever repaying you what I stole from you that night."

Second District Judge Stanton Taylor ruled. First District Judge Johansen did not go too far when he looked through Evans' three-

ing binder.

This motivation was a dual one. But the fact he did inventory the bag, means he was in the bag lawfully," Taylor said in denying a defense motion to suppress the letter. "And if it's lawfully in the binder and sees (the victim's) name, it gives him the obligation or right to continue."

The judge did agree to defense attorney Wally Budget's request to allow a sworn statement from a friend of the alleged victim, that says "As if he's lawfully in the binder and sees (the victim's) name, it gives him the obligation or right to continue."

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that she had finished an entire bottle of rum by herself. According to court records, Evans told police he had sex with the woman while she was unconscious.

According to testimony at the preliminary hearing, the woman and her girlfriend both became woozy and faint after eating a spaghetti meal that evening.

The prosecution is arguing that Evans used a date rape drug, but has no physical evidence.



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Utah police attribute shootouts to drugs, easy access to guns

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Murray police officer Ross Huff was shot four times by a forger suspect. Not a suspected murderer or rapist. Not even a burglar. Just a 29-year-old parolee who allegedly tried to pass a bad check at a Toms Bank on June 3, then walked out the front door after suspicious employees refused.

But police say that when Huff confronted Quentin Hurlick at his car, the suspect pulled out a shotgun and began firing. Huff survived, but he never had a chance to shoot back.

"What's happening that the person had no fear?" asks Salt Lake City police Chief Ruben Ortega.

Huff's fellow officers think drugs played a role. When Hurlick was caught at a restaurant hours after the shooting, police say he had two small bags of methamphetamine.

Whatever the reason, police say it seems that either criminals are more willing to confront them, or those who do have become more violent.

In the first eight months of 1999, Utah officers shot 17 people, killing 10, compared with nine shootings in 1998 and five in 1997. Two of the shootings this year have been ruled unjustified. Four officers have been shot this year, compared with two last year. All survived, including a Beaver County sheriff's deputy shot Thursday in the most recent attack.

Sgt. John Chambers was wounded in the lower right leg when he and six other deputies arrived at an isolated ranch in western Utah morning to evict members of an antirax, antigovernment group accused of squatting there.

Tony Hamilton, a leader of the self-styled Mormon fundamentalist group was charged Friday with two counts of attempted aggravated murder, misdemeanor aggravated assault, murder of a service dog, criminal trespass and resisting arrest.

Police blame guns, mental illness and drugs for the dramatic increase in officer-related shootings in 1999.

Use of deadly force

The following is a list of some of the 17 men shot by police officers in Utah since Jan. 1, 1999:

- Jan. 12: Sandy police officer Dark Schmitz fatally shot Scott S. Bush, 22, in the hood while being dragged by his vehicle.

- Jan. 17: Ogden police officer Robert Clements fatally shot Joshua Eric West, 23, after he allegedly lunged at another officer with a hunting knife. An autopsy showed West had been drinking and family members say West was suicidal.

- Feb. 26: Weber County sheriff's deputy Michael Howatt shot inmate David Michael Younger, 34, in the back when he tried to escape while being transported from 2nd District Court to the Salt Lake County Jail. The shooting was ruled unjustified, but will not be prosecuted because of lack of evidence.

- Jan. 25: Salt Lake City police officers wounded Christopher J. Winterlin, 26, as he hid under a porch.

held officers at bay for 30 minutes, then reached for an empty holster. Police say Winterlin had dropped a loaded weapon when officers began pursuing him. He was also allegedly carrying methamphetamine.

- March 28: Salt Lake City police officer Robert L. Joseph shot Wesley Dool Scott, 22, in the cheek and left leg he fled a routine traffic stop. The firing was later ruled unjustified. Scott has been charged with second-degree aggravated assault.

- April 7: Dermottus Cosby, 30, killed in a rush-hour shootout with Salt Lake City police officers in Cosby's attempt to use a BB gun to hijack a mobile phone during a bank robbery. Family members said Cosby had a history of mental illness.

- April 15: Sergeant Williams shot two people and injured three others in a shooting at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Library in Salt Lake City police officers had shot and killed him.

South Salt Lake Assistant Police Chief Ilemu Babka said, it's just luck that his officers hadn't shot anyone in the last 12 years.



Nampa murder suspect bound over for arraignment

CALDWELL (AP) — An 18-year-old Nampa man charged with first-degree murder will enter his plea at an arraignment hearing next Friday.

Enough evidence was present

ed at a preliminary hearing this week for William Whitt to be bound over for arraignment.

Whitt is accused of shooting Lennis Regus III, 19, after a fight at Whitt's Nampa apartment on Aug.

18. Witnesses said three men approached Whitt outside his apartment and confronted him about "leaving" or scratching one of the men's cars. Later, Whitt fired on them with his gun, they said.



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Tribe seeks release of foe's financial records

LEWISTON (AP) - The Nez Perce Tribe is going to court in an effort to get the North Central Idaho Jurisdictional Alliance to hand over its financial records. A petition filed Friday in 2nd District Court asks the court to order the alliance to comply with Idaho's public records law and release information on the amount of money it has received from both public entities and private persons, and how it has been spent.

The tribe simply wants to know how the alliance has spent the public's money, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman Samuel Penney said in a news release. "The alliance has vowed to fight the Nez Perce Tribe on jurisdictional issues and it has spent a considerable amount to do that. That money is public funds, and members of the public have a right to know this information," the release says.

Tribal attorney Alice Koskela requested the financial information Sept. 1 from alliance chairman Daniel Johnson. She said Johnson told her the alliance is a public entity and he would have to comply. But Wednesday, Johnson sent a letter to Koskela, denying the request and stating he is not a public official and not subject to the public records law. He also said as an attorney, he is prohibited from releasing

information about a client unless the client agrees. In a March fund-raising letter, Johnson said he would waive compensation for serving as executive director of the alliance, a statement the tribe contends proves he is a public official. The organization, formed in 1996, describes itself on its Internet page as "a group of local governmental entities that operates on local tax dollars and private contributions."

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VIRGINIA CITY, Mont. (AP) — An exuberant, top-hatted Gov. Marc Racicot and a crowd of 300 launched a vintage locomotive on its maiden voyage of the summer season here.

The fully restored 1910 Baldwin steam-locomotive will "pull" a tourist train from here to Nevada City and back, a distance of about one mile.

The governor came to Montana's original wild west town Friday in a silver 1938 Flathead V8 Ford, the first model driven by the state Highway Patrol.

The day began with the dedication of a new center for studying and storing artifacts, and finished with the inaugural run of the locomotive.

Racicot, along with former Montana Gov. Tim Babcock and John Larkin, who restored the steam engine and traded with the Montana Historical Society for railroad cars it already owned, helped a group of other men pound a pair of golden spikes into the tracks with two gold hammers.

Never mind that one of the spikes shattered in the process. The men just hammered away.

Racicot, who rode with the steam engine for a portion of his trip to Montana from Larkin's plant in Wells, Mich., said the experience deepened his respect for turn-of-the-century power.

"You can feel a certain sense of friendliness about it," Racicot said. "I can understand why they call it an 'Iron Horse.' It sounds like an iron horse."

Speakers at the ceremony said the locomotive, a workhorse for Mexico's national railroad until it finally was retired in 1957, probably would make the centerpiece



Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, left, uses a ceremonial golden mallet to drive one of two golden spikes, Friday, at a ceremony in Virginia City, Mont.

of the railroad collection at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., if it hadn't already found a home in Alder Gulch.

"It's one of the most beautiful locomotives in the United States," Racicot said, to growing applause.

"And I daresay the world," Racicot, as he said himself, twice, was in a buoyant mood. At one point he teetered along one of the rails like a big kid — a kid in a green cutaway coat and a stovepipe hat.

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Jackson may set ski-area boundaries

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A proposal to allow full backcountry access at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort is being welcomed by expert skiers, but some officials fear that inexperienced skiers will take unacceptable risks and strain search and rescue resources.

The plan to open resort boundaries is a major policy change that was prompted by an explosion in the popularity of backcountry skiing.

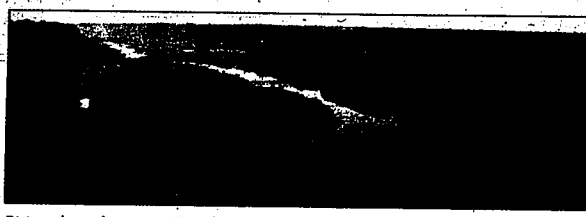
Skiers and snowboarders would no longer be prohibited from leaving the designated resort areas to ski anywhere they want on adjacent public lands. Similar policies are in effect at Alta, Utah, and Sun Valley.

"This obviously will provide easier access for a lot of people, but there will be a change in liability," resort spokeswoman Anna Olson said. The resort would have no liability for skiers on adjacent land.

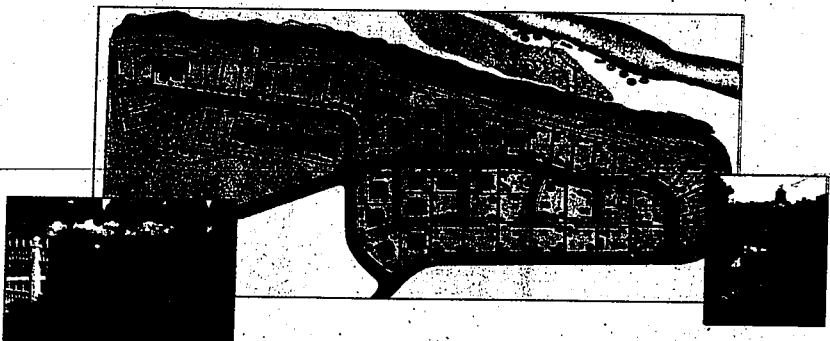
The National Forest Service will decide whether to accept the policy by month's end, and Recreation Manager Rick Hudson of the Jackson Ranger District said that "unless there is some good resource or health and safety issue, we have an obligation to make public lands available to the public."

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“You never wanted to shake (Jack) Lambert's hand. He'd kick your grandmother's cane away from her.”

—Doug Dicken, a 14-year offensive tackle for Cleveland and current radio analyst, on shaking hands with the rival Steelers

IN BRIEF

Three champions crowned at Speedway

TWIN FALLS — Three champions were crowned in their respective classes Saturday night at Magic Valley Speedway.

Running Dale Pruett's car, Bruce Quale claimed the Mountain Dew Modified title, David Caldwell, Jr., took the NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stocks crown and Bruce Kubik earned the Dairy Queen Thunder Stocks championship.

Steve Sporr won the Gerties Midgets main event, Bill Rice took the checkered flag in the Thunder Stocks. His car was featured to first place among the Modifieds and Sid Morris topped the Pony Stocks. The Street Stocks were decided after the Times-News went to press.

Look for complete coverage in Monday's Times-News.

Treasure Valley Cowboys rope the Bulldogs

BOISE — Mini-Cassia defensive backs accounted for five interceptions, but the offense — despite compiling 345 total yards — failed to score, as the Bulldogs dropped a hard-fought 14-0 game to the Treasure Valley Cowboys Saturday.

The Bulldogs (2-2) host Twin Falls, Saturday, Sept. 18, at 1 p.m. at Spartan Stadium.

Meyerhoeffer, McCurdy to play in IGA final

MERIDIAN — Twin Falls golfer Jason Meyerhoeffer will meet Boise's Will McCurdy this morning in the final round of the Idaho Golf Association Match Play Championship at Spu'Wing Golf Course.

Meyerhoeffer defeated Everett Grimes II of Nampa 4 & 3 in Saturday's quarterfinals before inching past Boise's Peter Nichenko 1 up on the 21st hole. McCurdy ousted Mike Cozanos 2 up in the quarter, then his matched fellow Boisean Mitch Bourgault 5 & 4 from the semis.

Studer, Roper lead

BURLEY — Steve Studer and Dave Roper hold a one-stroke lead over Jim Purves and Dave Brisson after firing a combined score of 67 Saturday in the first day of the Two-Man Best Ball golf tournament at the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

Today's second round begins at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Jerome CC Social

Benefit are Sept. 26

JEROME — The Jerome Country Club Social and Dan Webster Benefit will be held Sept. 26 to support Dan Webster, a local man who has been hospitalized for more than three months with complications following back surgery.

A shotgun start launches the 20-person scramble at 1 p.m. Fees are \$20 per person and \$45 for non-members. All proceeds go to the benefit fund; prizes are donated merchandise. A hamburger fry follows.

Deadline to enter is Sept. 23. Sign up at the pro shop, or call Lois Hansen at 733-1023 or Nick Hansen at 733-3033 (works) or 733-7177 (home) for more information.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

CSI smashes Eastern Utah

By Kevin Hall
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the ultimate battle of Golden Eagles, the College of Southern Idaho black and gold soared over the flustered College of Eastern Utah.

A 15-7, 15-4, 15-2 win completed a three-day, three-match home sweep to open play in the scenic West Athletic Conference season, as Southern Idaho (19-1 overall, 3-0 SWAC) disposed of Utah schools Snow, Dixie and CEU.

Against the blue and white Golden Eagles, a subdued CSI opened Saturday's match by sporting energetic Eastern Utah a 3-1 lead. It went to 6-3 CEU as the Utahns displayed no signs of fear against the six-time defending national champions.

But then Southern Idaho came to life. A spike by Roberto Robert made it 6-4 CEU, and after an exchange of sideouts, the ball was put into the hands of CSI's Holly Foster, who promptly ripped off an ace. Then, the champs tied it at 6-6 when Angie Kap Hopes' spike sailed long. The game tightened with both squads active defense until a CEU net violation gave CSI the lead at 7-6.

It was 8-6 when Southern Idaho middle Tamekia Moore, who finished with five kills and two solo blocks, made her presence known over the next few points as she scored the sidout by going high in the air for the smash, but CSI couldn't hold the ball and CEU scored, making it an 8-7 game.

“I felt a bit more confident (Saturday),” Moore said.

The ball came back to CSI and Moore made sure her squad kept it. First, she flushed a free ball for the 9-7 advantage, then she sided above the net for a block of



Golden Eagle outside hitter Brooks Jolley stams a spike past a College of Eastern Utah defender. The College of Southern Idaho swept CEU in three games to improve its conference record to 3-0.

CEU lefty Sarah Colton, making it 10-7 CSI.

It was 11-7 when the home team went back to its freshman star, who slammed a winner to the floor for a 12-7 lead. Moore finished her remarkable string when she teamed with outside hitter Anna Popenko on the

block of CEU's Colton for the 13-7 CSI turnaround toward the 15-7 win.

“(Tamekia) blocked a lot of balls, she hit well and she found the floor,” said Stroud. “She was over the block, around the block — she's coming on.”

A close Game 2 saw it dead-

locked at 4-4 before CSI picked up the pace. Midway through the game, Stroud shifted his block in which forced the CEU hitters to hit around a wall of arms — dropping their Game 1 total of 176 to a frothy minus-three percent.

From there, Southern Idaho

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Bobcats upend Bruins, take home toumney title

By Darnen Clow
 Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — The Burley Bobcats didn't know how to ruin a mood until Saturday morning, when they learned quick at the Twin Falls Invitational volleyball tournament.

The Bobcats handed Caldwell its first loss of the day in the semifinals, then broke Twin Falls' 13-game winning streak in the championship of the all-day tournament, 15-15, 15-12, 15-8.

“We were on the floor basically from 10:30 to 2:30 in pool play,” said Buhl coach Roger Shield, whose squad rolled from an 8-3 third-game deficit to beat Blackfoot in the semifinals before falling to Twin Falls.

“This is a tough nut of girls. We struggled all day, and never found our rhythm.”

The tournament featured 13 teams divided into two pools. Twin Falls swept all four of its morning opponents in Pool A, while Caldwell lost just one game, to A-2 Buhl, to win Pool B.

Burley's only pool loss came to Blackfoot, who later had to win a three-team playoff for a berth in the single-elimination afternoon round. The Bobcats entered the

tournament at 2-8 and left it at 8-9, but more importantly, shook off a tough loss Thursday at Highland.

“When we started this morning, we didn't have a lot of confidence,” said Burley coach Gordon Kerbs. “We got a good draw this morning against Mountain Home, and we carried that momentum all day.”

“I think it's a mental thing, and that's where we've been struggling,” the coach added. “We knew we'd compete physically, but we were lacking confidence.”

Twin Falls entered the day at 13 and leaves at 7-4.

“I'm proud of our girls,” said Twin Falls coach Mike Federico. “It's the best we've played all year. We showed the potential that we have today.”

No one had answers for the Bruins' size and power all day until the second game of the championship match, when 5-foot-10-inch Burley senior Cristina Fonnesebeck and 6-1 junior teammate Allissa Sorenson began to counter 6-3 junior Kerri Coats and 5-10 senior Lisa Levings at the net.

“They hit everything right back at us,” said Federico, whose



Twin Falls' Kerli Coats sends one back with a smile as the Bobcats top the Bruins Braves in Saturday's tournament.

team had little trouble in a 15-13, 15-6 quarterfinal win over Jerome but struggled late against Shields' Indians in a 15-6, 19-17 semifinal win.

After winning the first game easily, the Bruins led 5-5 in the second. Burley cut the lead to 5-4

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Serena Williams captures U.S. Open

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The kid sister meant out to be the real champ.

Serena Williams finished the job that big sister Venus couldn't, beating Martina Hingis 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) to capture the U.S. Open title Saturday as age 17 in only her second year as a pro.

As graceful and quick as a gazelle on a gymnasium floor, Williams put on a spectacular display of immense tennis with an all-court assault to become the first black woman to win a Grand Slam title since Althea Gibson in 1956.

“It's just too exciting to compare to any other,” Williams said. “I've been practicing for this moment so long and it's here. Of course I said I could win the Open, but to actually do it is one thing and to say it is another.”

Moments later, Williams received a congratulatory phone call from President Clinton and daughter Chelsea from New Zealand.

“I thought for sure my day would come,” Williams said. “I've been practicing for this moment so long and it's here. Of course I said I could win the Open, but to actually do it is one thing and to say it is another.”

Williams' victory guaranteed that two Americans would carry the U.S. Open singles titles, since Andre Agassi and Todd Martin will meet for the men's title Sunday.

Venus Williams had her shots at Hingis, but lost to her at 17 in the 1997 U.S. Open final and in an embarrassing semifinal that left her quivering with cramps Friday.

“Venus was so bummed,” Serena said. “She felt so bad because her legs had totally given out. She was really down, and that encouraged me to be even tougher out there.”

TF football league honors longtime coach

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The NFL has the Super Bowl, but Twin Falls Little League Football has the Fish Bowl.

Coaches from the local sixth-grade football program have voted to name their championship game the Fish Bowl, in honor of longtime coach Sam Fish, who died two years ago.

“The idea was to come up with a name like the Super Bowl for our league,” said Sam Fish's son, Steve Fish, who coached the Fish Bowl for 20 years.

Winnies made the announcement at the Lions Club meeting on Wednesday. Fish's widow, Ruby Fish, and daughters Bert Swanson, Pam Anderson and Luana Quisenberry were in attendance.

Winnies said the coaches also voted to name up with a championship trophy similar to the NFL's Lombardi trophy. They decided the trophy will be a Memorial trophy, which will be shaped like a fish bowl.

Winnies, who played football for Fish 18 years ago, coached with Fish for 20 years and then took over head coaching duties when Fish died. His assistance coach this year is Tom Winnies, who also coached for Fish.

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Idaho's late rally can't stop Auburn

Knightrider News Service

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn head football coach Tommy Tuberville gave away the intent of his Saturday game plan during his weekly Tuesday press conference.

Television reporters, perhaps stooping to illicit bulletin board material about his Idaho, asked Tuberville how he liked his potatoes to be served. Tuberville's stated preference for Idaho's primary export provided a forbidding element of foreshadowing.

“Mashed,” Tuberville responded with a hint of a smile.

Auburn reported the 1,000th game of its 107-year football existence with another 60-minute thrill ride, overcoming (paraphrasing) a multi-mash of late lapses against Idaho Saturday night before a Jordan-Hare Stadium crowd of 76,365.

Junior quarterback Ben Leard enjoyed the best game of his career, completing his first 12 passes and calmly leading Auburn

More college coverage - C3

The Tigers (2-0) couldn't relax until junior star safety Rob Faneuil smothered an outside kick with 41 seconds left in the game.

Idaho (1-1), seemingly hindered under a 23-0 rock slide, closed to within a smidgen as backup quarterback Ed Deen created a 23-point fourth-quarter firestorm. But Faneuil helped turn away the Vandals when it mattered most, intercepting a pass at the Auburn 15 with 4:01 left in the game and curtailing that last outside kick in the final minute.

Leard's 15-of-19 effort (84.2 percent) set a single-game school record for completion percentage, bettering the 81.3 mark Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan posted against Tennessee-Chattanooga in 1971.



Auburn's Marshell Cooper, right, hauls in a pass from quarterback Ben Leard for a second-quarter touchdown over Idaho's Bryson Gardner Saturday in Auburn, Ala.



Sam Fish

SPORTS

CSI

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bed pat with his guests, as both they scored rebounds. But only the champions could score points.
The game's momentum broke came on a tip by Abreu after each side made several diving digs and big plays at the net before Abreu's score made it 9-4 CSI.

From there, CEU's heart was clearly out of it, as Southern Idaho closed out the game with solid serves and a choking defense.
The game changed when we brought the block in a little bit," Stroud said. "It gave them problems, and our defense picked up. Our setters mixed it up and we got some transition stuff going by

getting some one-on-one or nobody blocking us. And that's automatic death."
Coming out of the break, CSI picked up where it had left off, with the Golden Eagles running out to a 5-1 lead off an assortment of stinging kills, service winners and CEU errors.

They weren't making any mistakes early, and then they made all of the mistakes late," Stroud said. "But our block had a lot to do with that. CEU is struggling to get shots that they probably weren't capable of hitting, while all of our frontline people were hitting the ball well tonight."
A deflated Eastern Utah couldn't find its groove as Southern Idaho shifted into auto-

matic pilot by reeling off two- and three-point blocks at a time. When the lead grew to 11-2, CEU coach Brent Marinade signed up for his second timeout, effectively calling for the white flag.
From there, CSI put CEU away with two illegal hits and two strong Kara Hymus scores on a block and spike for the match.
"Once we got our defense going, the rest of the game picked up and that's what turned us on," said Stroud.

As a team, CSI hit .456 for the match, led by Robert's 7-of-11 hitting.
For Marinade, the game disintegrated with his team's lack of solid passing.

"Passing was the biggest thing for us," Marinade said. "Our goal was to come in here not intimidated. And we weren't at first. But you've got to give CSI a world of credit. They just kept winning (CSI had 7 service aces); they don't lose their cool and they keep their intensity up the entire match."

Southern Idaho returns to the hardwood for a tough twinnill Friday and Saturday, when the Golden Eagles welcome to the Valley State College and Salt Lake City Community College—the team that ended CSI's 101-match winning streak Sept. 3 at the UVSC Invitational.
"Those will be two great matches," Stroud said.

Coach

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Lions Club celebrating on Wednesday.
You guys sign up an entry submit to play in the football program, and all teams are sponsored by area service clubs. After seventh grade, the football programs are sponsored by the schools.

"A formal announcement about the Fall Bowl will be made at the football league's kickoff game, a jam-bone with all of the teams participating. It's set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Brum Stadium. Admission is \$2.

Football Schedule

Table with columns: Date, Time, Home Team, Away Team, Location. Includes games for Sept 14, 15, 25, Oct 2, 9.

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For more information, call football league commissioner Mike Fuller at 734-5783.

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SPORTS

Oakley's sting eliminates host Declo

BSU overcomes late scare from So. Utah

By Matt Peterson Times-Town writer

DECLO - The Oakley Volleyball team crashed Declo's party Saturday, defeating the host team 16-14, 15-12, and ousting the Hornets in the first round of their single-elimination volleyball tournament.

After finishing the morning's round robin portion of the event with a 14-10 victory, Oakley entered its first-round match-up with Declo as the six-seed tournament's fifth-seeded squad.

Early play in the first game seemed to justify the low ranking, as Declo jumped out to an early 6-1 lead. But Oakley rallied, pulling even at 6 behind the steady serve of junior Sarah Lunsford.

After battling to a 9-8 lead, Declo rallied three unanswered points, the first on a Jennifer Clark ace, and the second on Brian Matthews' ace, to take a commanding 12-8 lead.

But an Oakley sidout put an end to the Declo rally. On serves from Lloyd and Maggie Smith, Oakley scored six of the next seven points to take a 14-13 lead.

Declo would tie the game at 14, but a Serena Roudy ace after an Oakley sidout gave the visitors a 15-14 lead. On game point, Declo's rally collapsed when two players on the back line hesitated making a play on the ball and watched it go into the net, giving Oakley the 16-14 win.

"I think the biggest problem was when we got the lead, we were too cautious and tentative," said Declo head coach Sheila Matthews.

In the second game, Declo again opened strong, jumping out to a 6-0 lead. But again Oakley rallied, starting with a Breann Severe ace to make the score 12-6. Two more points, sandwiched between Declo side outs, slimmed the lead to 12-9.

With Roudy serving, Oakley then rattled off five consecutive points, taking its first lead of the game, 13-12. A Declo sidout



Declo's Brandi Matthews blocks a shot in Saturday's single-elimination tournament in Declo. Erie won the tournament, defeating Grace, 15-10, 14-16, 15-13.

stopped the scoring, but failed to halt the momentum.

Getting the ball back, Oakley scored twice more, the final point coming on a Lloyd-kill-to-win the game and the match.

"In the second game, they're up 12-5. We called a time-out and had a little talk," said Oakley head coach Jeff Harrah. "And the girls just showed a lot of character. That's what is so special about them to me." Matthews said. "But we've only played two matches this season, so we're still learning."

Brandi Matthews led the Declo offense with eight kills, while Danielle West added five. Declo finished the morning Round Robin with a record of 3-2, win-

ning one-game matches against Valley (15-6), Oakley (15-6) and Grace (16-14). Oakley's lone Round Robin win came against Valley (15-12).

After beating Declo, Oakley moved into the tournament's semifinal round to take on Grace. The Grizzlies had muddled their morning competition, defeating Ririe (15-12), Kimberly (15-13), Valley (15-8) and Oakley (15-10) to earn the tournament's No. 1 seed. As such, the Grizzlies received a first-round bye.

In the first game, Oakley fed off the momentum from its previous game, pulling away from Grace early to take a 10-5 lead. But the Grizzlies regrouped and caught up with the Hornets, eventually forcing a 10-10 tie.

Five unanswered points gave the Grizzlies the first game victory. "We found some weak spots on them and we scored some points," Harrah said. "We were up on them 10-5. Then they outscored us 10-0, but we played good and

that's part of the deal. In the end, they just beat us."

In the second game, Oakley felt better. It was a 2-1 set, with the first set ending in a 15-12 victory for the Grizzlies. The second set was a 15-10 win for the Grizzlies.

The tournament's final game featured Grace against Ririe. As the No. 2 team in the tournament, Ririe had earned a first-round bye and then defeated Kimberly in the semifinals, 15-0, 15-10. The Bulldogs finished off the Grizzlies in three games: 15-17, 14-16, 15-13, to win the tournament.

Declo (2-1) travels to Murrah Tuesday, while Oakley (4-3) hosts Hansen.

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Regional college football

Wyoming 41, Weber St. 16

LARAMIE, Wyo. - The triple shot offense Wyoming has mounted in the second half of its victory over Weber State Saturday night was a pass with three receivers lined up every play.

One of the 488 yards the Polka caused against Weber State Saturday, 350 came on the ground. "I don't think we've ever done that in the game before," coach Dana Demme said. "That's really good numbers for us in the running game."

Idaho St. 42, Fort Lewis 3

POCATELLO, Idaho - Nick Wocatello rushed 25 times for a school record 213 yards and scored six touchdowns as Idaho State beat Fort Lewis 42-3 on Saturday night.

Wocatello, who missed 121 yards last week against Eastern Oregon, was held to 80 yards in the first half as the Bengals (2-0) built a 13-0 lead. But the Broncos answered with a rush with third-quarter TD runs of 37 and 51 yards and went on to break the school record of 210 yards set by Mike Pugh in 1991.

"I am seriously mad," Wocatello said. "I am seriously mad."

Oregon 47, UTEP 28

EUGENE, Ore. - For a little more than a quarter, AJ Feeley saw this as a game for the losing team. The Texas-Idaho State game was the only game in the conference that the Ducks didn't have a close call for the second straight week.

By the time Oregon staged a second quarter touchdowns and Reuben Droughs ran for 108 yards and another score Saturday as Oregon

UNLV 27, Baylor 24

WACO, Texas - Kevin Thomas returned a fumble 99 yards on the final play of the game Saturday night to give UNLV a 27-24 victory over Baylor.

The victory for UNLV (2-0) under new coach John Robinson was its first ever against a Big 12 opponent. The loss denied new Baylor coach Kevin Steele his first win.

Oregon St. 46, Fresno St. 23

CORVALLIS, Ore. - Ken Simonson outscored a Heisman Trophy winner on his second try, as the Bears got their first and second Division I touchdowns and Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson got his second straight win.

Simonson, who was named Oregon's best player in the 1992 season, caught the ball in the end zone for a safety on a 23-yard pass from Erickson and a 20-yard pass called over his head for another safety 14 yards later with 4:31 left in the period, giving Oregon State a 15-7 lead.

Penn State survives Pittsburgh surprise

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) - Second-ranked Penn State survived a scare from Pittsburgh when Pat Avramopoulos blocked a 52-yard field goal attempt with 4 seconds left to force a 20-17 victory Saturday.

The Panthers were 34-point underdogs, but they gave the Nittany Lions all they could handle. After Penn State's 10-0 lead on Travis Farrow's 24-yard field goal with 1:20 left, Hank Pounceur ran the kickoff to the 30 and John Turman scored on a 10-yard pass from Pat Davis. David Fleishaker sacked Turman and Nick Loez's field goal attempt was blocked by Avramopoulos.

Eric McCoo had a 30-yard TD run and Mike Cerimeze caught an 11-yard TD pass for Penn State (4-0) to lead 20-7. Pittsburgh (1-1) fell to the seventh straight time.

No. 4 Florida 58, C. Florida 27

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) - Doug Johnson connected with Travis Taylor for three of his four touchdown passes and Florida scored two touchdowns in 13 carries, leading 58-27 over Central Florida (0-2).

Florida (2-0) extended its nation's best home winning streak to 29 games.

No. 5 Nebraska 45, California 0

LINCOLN, Neb. - Eric Croach became the first Nebraska player since Johnny Rodgers in 1973 to run, throw and catch a pass for a touchdown.

Nebraska (2-0) held the Golden Bears to one yard and didn't allow an offensive touchdown for the second straight week. The Cornhuskers have outscored their opponents 57-7 this season.

No. 22 Virginia 14

CLEMSON, S.C. - Old coach Danny Ford may have gotten the loud ovation, but Clemson's Brandon Streeter showed the Trojans' future, passing for a school-record 342 yards and two touchdowns.

Streeter, using the offense brought in by first-year coach Tommy Bowden, used accurate passing and timely runs as Clemson (1-1, 1-0 ACC) held off Virginia (1-1, 0-1).

No. 23 N.C. State 38

RALEIGH, N.C. - North Carolina State and James Brantley produced the impressive victory that was enough to bring the Tar Heels back on route to a victory over Wake Forest.

Wake Forest (3-0) beat Texas Tech and South Carolina the two previous weeks to crack the Top 25, but had mustered only a combined 13 first downs and 28 yards. But the Division IAA Techs (6-2) was no match from the start for the Wolfpack.

No. 24 Colorado St. 33

FORT COLLINS, Colo. - Matt Newton threw for 312 yards and three touchdowns as Colorado State overcame a Rocky Mountain High finished with 31 carries that included a 2-yard TD in the third quarter.

No. 11 Va Tech 31, UAB 10

BLACKSBURG, Va. - Shyrone Smith rushed for 124 yards and a touchdown and Steve Deneke threw a 35-yard touchdown pass for a TD as Virginia Tech beat UAB.

The Hokies (2-0) charged to a 17-0 lead in the second quarter. Deneke threw a touchdown by halftime. Kendrick's TD throw to Andre Dore led to a slow start and then held off Nevada (0-2) finished with 597 yards of offense and 28 yards and Colorado State (2-0) gained 529 yards.

No. 12 Ga. 24, So. Carolina 9 ATHENS, Ga. - South Carolina

Bruin boys topple defending champions

Local sports

HAILEY - The Twin Falls Bruin boys' soccer team improved to 4-2 Saturday at the expense of the state's defending A-2 champion, drowning the host River View in a relentless sea of shots on goal.

Twin Falls attempted 38 on Wood River's 6.5 goals were really shut them down," said Twin Falls coach Vince Gibson.

"We came out strong in the first 20 minutes and took it to them," Gibson said. "The Wolverines opened the scoring with a goal off a hand ball from 28 yards out, but senior Joe Dodds kicked later into the Bruins' ever with a corner kick that found its way into the net. Matt Smith scored the go-ahead header off a set play by Joey

Gibson said tenacity by his defenders - sweeper Chuck Meade, stopper Dylan Mikesell, left back Shawn Wheeler and center back Steve Carey, teamed with stingy play in goal by keeper Derrick Tenney, made the difference.

"We did a pretty good job today," Gibson said. Twin Falls next plays Sept. 15 at Minico at 6 p.m.

Ketchum 2, Burley 0

BURLEY The youthful Bobcats' trouble putting the ball into the net continued on Saturday, as host Burley gave itself a number of decent looks at the goal, but it was the goalies, with shrewd defense but could not score on the still-undefeated and likewise young Ketchum Community School Cougars.

"We played a pretty good game," said Burley coach Wesley Nyblade. "They got two cheap goals, and we squandered our opportunities."

Sophomore Nic Hanscom scored the first Cougars goal 47 seconds into the game, and junior Griffin Post added the second 14 minutes in. Both were unassisted.

From there, goal keeper James Caron kept the Bobcats at bay. "We had a great game," said Ketchum coach Richard Whiteaker. "We've up 2-0 and that's the way it stayed."

For Nyblade, several positives came out of the loss, which dropped his team to 1-2 in games. "It's the fact that he was able to tinker with his lineup, resting some players while giving playing time to others."

"It was one of those games we played well," he said. "We just

couldn't score."

The Bobcats next play Wednesday at Wood River, while Ketchum travels to Buhl on Tuesday.

Girls' Soccer Nampa 3, Twin Falls 1

TWIN FALLS - The Bruins scored first but not again Saturday, dropping what coach Steve Schmitz termed a hard-fought match to the visiting Bulldogs.

"I thought we played them at least even schmid said. "Except for a couple of mental errors, it was a 1-1 game."

Debbie Dodds scored the lone Bruin goal early in the first half on a left-footed shot that sailed high into the middle of the net, but the rest of the afternoon belonged to Nampa.

The visitors pulled even just before half, went ahead two minutes into the second period and added insurance with a penalty-kick goal six minutes later. The Bruins' Danney Dixon and Eleanor Jones, the Bruin defense dominated, but the offense never got going.

"We have a good, solid team," said Schmitz, whose squad hosts its league opener Monday night against Minico at Bruin Stadium. "We have the personnel to win. We just need to get into a winning tradition."

Also Saturday, the Twin Falls junior varsity girls notched two shutouts - beating Minico 10-0 and Nampa 3-0.

Volleyball Carey fed, Raft River, 15-13, 9-15, 15-2

MALDEN - The Lady Trojans got their first win of Raft River coach Dennis Lee's new offensive scheme Saturday, taking the visiting Carey Panthers strong through two games before fading in the third.

"I saw some good things today," Lee said. "Amber Nye had a really good game with 10 kills, which is 10 more than she had last time. Overall, I was pleased."

After trailing in Game 1, the Trojans (3-0) rallied back to its before losing the final two points. They took the second game convincingly, but couldn't bring that momentum to the deciding one where Carey posted two numbing rallies as Raft River struggled.

Raft River next plays Valley and Hooding at Valley Tuesday, while the Panthers travel to

Richfield

Filer splits its matches at Hill and Highland Invitational

POCATELLO - The Filer Wildcats won half their matches Saturday at the coach Ed Richards happy Saturday - at the Highland Invitational Tournament.

Filer lost to Cokerville, Wyo. 15-2, 15-6 in its opening best Madison 16-14, 8-15, 15-13, lost to Bonneville 15-13, 15-6, and closed the day out with a 15-13, 15-8 victory over Park.

"In my opinion, some of the best team in Idaho were there," Richards said. "My kids are learning to play together."

The split gave the Wildcats (7-6) a fifth-place finish among eight teams.

"We've firmed up our offense quite a bit," Richards said. "It's still an early-season tournament, but I'm pleased."

Filer plays Tuesday at Fruitland, then hosts Spring Creek, Nev., and Kimberly on Thursday.

Cross country

Burley girls set team best

HILLCREST - Junior Carol Ward ran the 3.1-mile course in 21:16, placing third individually and leading the Burley girls' to a season-best second-place finish Friday evening at Freeman Park.

Bobcat senior Rey Chapa finished fifth at 17:30 behind a quartet of Highland Rams as the Burley boys took third place out of the four teams competing at Freeman Park.

"I'm very pleased with both boys and girls," said Burley coach Mary Miller. "We set six personal records. The kids ran really well and the course was pretty tough - it was real hilly and part of it was run in the sand."

Another obstacle was the markings, or lack thereof. Miller said the course was not flagged, but painted, and markings were often indistinguishable from those from a previous meet. As a result, Ward and the leader group took a wrong turn, losing valuable seconds before correcting.

Burley runs at Minico next weekend.

Jerome finishes second at home

JEROME - The Tiger boys finished second overall at their home meet Friday, with Brett Cook turning in a second-place finish behind Pocatello's Nick Green.

Pocatello finished first overall, followed by Jerome and third-place Rigby.

Among other things, Tim Davis finished eighth overall, followed by Nick Minix in 10th.

Football

Valley 32, Murtaugh 0

MURTAUGH - The Vikings rolled past the Red Devils Friday night, shutting their hosts out in a game shortened due to a power outage.

With electricity cut at the Murtaugh field, the two teams played without a scoreboard until it became too dark to continue. Game action stopped in the third quarter.

Rigby 20, Burley 7

BURLEY - Leading 7-0 at halftime, Burley failed to hold off a tough Rigby team Friday, as the Trojans scored 20 unanswered points in the second half on route to a 20-7 victory.

Tim Ulrich scored the lone touchdown for the Bobcats, running it in from the Rigby 5-yard line with just over a minute left in the second quarter. Ulrich finished the game with 10 carries for 33 yards. He also caught one pass for nine yards.

"Trailing 7-0 at the break, Rigby came out strong in the second half, scoring twice in the third quarter on pass plays. The Trojans added a rushing touchdown in the game's final period, but saw the extra point attempt blocked by the Bobcat defense.

"We shut down their drive, we just didn't shut down their passing game," said head coach Art Rapp.

In all, Burley totaled 179 yards of total offense, 106 of them rushing. Junior Jim Ringle led the Bobcat ground game, amassing 68 yards on 15 carries, while junior Kam Redder was the team's leading receiver, pulling down one catch for 46 yards. Quarterback Jake Thomas threw for 73 yards on 4-of-13 passing.

Next week, Burley (11-2) hosts Minico (1-1). The Spartans defeated Kuna 26-0 at home Friday.

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SPORTS

Unknown spins Angels a no-hitter

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Eric Milton pitched a no-hitter for the Minnesota Twins on Saturday overpowering an Anaheim lineup full of late-season cleanup in a 7-0 victory against the Angels.

American League
Milton struck out a career-high 13, fanning rookie Jeff Vanon with a 3-2 fastball for the final out.

Milton, acquired in February 1998 from the New York Yankees in a trade for Chuck Knoblauch, walked two. He retired the final 19 batters.

"It's probably the greatest day of my life," Milton said. "It's not about who's at the plate. I'm focused on pitching my game."

The 24-year-old left-hander pitched the no-hitter in his first start of the season. Milton (7-11) joined St. Louis rookie Jose Jimenez and the Yankees' David Cone who have pitched no-hitters.

Anaheim began the game first in the AL with a team batting average of .257, and Saturday's lineup was missing most of its stars. Mo Vaughn, Tim Lincecum, Jim Edwards, Derin Erstad, Garrett Anderson and Gary Darst all did not play for the Angels. Best in the West.

It was the first no-hitter by a Twins pitcher since Scott Erickson shut out Milwaukee 6-0 on Aug. 27, 1994. It was first time the Angels had been no-hit since Kenny Rogers, then with Texas, beat them with a perfect game 4-0 on July 25, 1994.

Other Twins pitched to throw no-hitters were Jack Kraljic in 1962 and Dean Chance in 1967.

Red Sox 11, Yankees 10

NEW YORK — Nomar Garciaparra hit two home runs as the Red Sox outslugged the Yankees to cut New York's lead to 4-5 games in the AL East.

National League

HOUSTON (AP) — Jose Lima became the first 20-game winner in the National League pitching seven strong innings Saturday as the Houston Astros won their season-high ninth straight with 5-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Lima (20-7) struck out the side in the first inning and retired 10 of the first 11 batters.

Sammy Sosa went 1-for-4 and reentered at 39 home runs, one short of becoming the first player in major league history to hit at least 60 homers in a season twice.

Riv Wagner pitched a perfect game for his 26th save.

Macah Bowe (1-6) pitched 4 2/3 innings, allowing six hits and five earned runs.

Giants 3, Braves 2

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds became the 210th major leaguer with 2,000 hits and Kirk Nieuwenhuis hit an eight-strikeout inning as the San Francisco Giants defeated the Atlanta Braves.

Bonds became the 15th active player with 2,000 hits as he decided leading off the Giants' two-run fourth inning.

Rueter (14-8) allowed only an RBI double by Jose Hernandez in the seventh. Robb Nen pitched the ninth and held on for his 33rd save in 42 opportunities.

With two outs, pinch-hitter Ryan Klesko had an RBI single and pinch-runner Otis Nixon stole second. Pinch-hitter Keith Leckerly walked before Nen struck out pinch-hitter Randall Simon to end it.

The loss snapped the Braves' four-game winning streak. Tom Glavine (11-11) took the loss.

Rockies 7, Brewers 6

DENVER — Pinch-hitter J.R. Phillips hit a go-ahead home run in the eighth inning that sent the Colorado Rockies over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Phillips, recalled from the minors Friday, broke a 6-all tie with his leadoff shot against Rocky Coppinger (3-3).

Phillips went 0-for-7 in a short stint with the Rockies in May and June. He had 41 homers and 100 RBIs for Triple-A Colorado Springs.

Todd Helton and Kurt Abbott each had two doubles and two RBIs for the Rockies. Colorado has won four of its last five.

Webb overtakes Pak for LPGA lead

MAPLE GROVE, Minn. (AP) — Karrie Webb decided she had been trailing Se Ri Pak long enough at the Samsung World Championship of Women's Golf.

Webb shot a 70, under-par 65 Saturday and her 207 Club Championship 54-hole total of 207 was one stroke better than Pak and Laura Davies.

Pak shot a 70, while Davies, second, shot a 71. Webb moved to 57-50,000 on the LPGA Tour, just behind Pak after the first round, then improved to a tie for third after the second round. She made her one bogey Saturday and had eight bounces.

"It's been a little bit of a struggle this week, but it's not a little bit better today, so I'm not worried about it," Webb said.

The No. 1-ranked player in the world, Webb is in her fourth year on the LPGA Tour, and is leading the race for the Rolex Player of the Year and Vare Trophy awards.

Jenzen surges ahead at Glen Abbey

OAKVILLE, Ontario — Lee Jenzen continued to offset every



Minnesota Twins pitcher Eric Milton, his arm and shoulder wrapped in ice, laughs during a press conference following his no-hitter against the Anaheim Angels Saturday in Minneapolis.

Troy O'Leary, Trot Nixon and Butch Huskey also homered for the Red Sox, who improved to 7-4 against New York to clinch the season series. Boston has won nine of 11 games overall.

The Red Sox entered the day three games ahead of Oakland in the wild-card race.

Blue Jays 9, Tigers 5

DETROIT — Tony Batista homered and drove in three runs as the Toronto Blue Jays snapped a four-game losing streak, beating the Detroit Tigers.

Batista hit a two-run homer, his eighth in the fourth inning that helped rally Toronto from an early 4-1 deficit. He added an RBI double in the sixth.

The Blue Jays broke a 5-all tie in the seventh on Shannon Stewart's RBI double and a two-run single from Darin Fletcher off rookie reliever Francisco

Cordero (1-2)

Indians 4, White Sox 3

CHICAGO — Dave Burba won his sixth straight decision, Richie Sexson homered and the Cleveland Indians overcame the loss of major league RBI leader Manny Ramirez to beat the Chicago White Sox.

Ramirez, who has 144 RBIs, left in the first inning with a bruised right knee after being hit by a pitch from Jim Parquette. The AL Central champions said his status is day-to-day.

David Justice replaced Ramirez, putting runners and first and second with two outs. Sexson then hit a three-run homer, his 28th of the season, to give Burba an early cushion.

Athletics 5, Devil Rays 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. —

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Doug Jones recorded his 300th save with help from defensive replacement Jason McDonald and the Oakland Athletics kept pace in the AL wild-card race with a victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Matt Stairs and Jason Givens hit two-run doubles as Oakland remained three games behind Boston.

The Athletics have won three straight for the first time since sweeping Toronto on Aug. 13-15.

Jones got one out for his ninth in the 15 chances. He became the 11th major leaguer with 300 saves.

Royals 9, Rangers 6

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Sal Fasano hit a pair of two-run homers to hand Texas pitcher Rick Helling his first loss in almost three months as the Kansas City Royals beat the Rangers.

Fasano, called up from Triple-A Omaha on Sept. 1, recorded his first multihomer game in the majors. He drove in a career-high four runs with a 306-foot shot in the second

inning and a 425-foot drive in the fifth.

Helling (13-8) had won his last four starts and a career-best seven straight decisions. But the Royals tagged him for a season-high eight runs and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Orioles 4, Mariners 2

BALTIMORE — Eugene Kingsale's two-run single broke an eighth-inning tie and Cal Ripken moved within 20 hits of 3,000 for his career as the Baltimore Orioles beat the Seattle Mariners for their fifth straight victory.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Taylor hits hole-in-one at Clear Lake

BUHL — Playing a game of Speck against other Clear Lake Country Club lady members Thursday, Phyllis Taylor provided a highlight to remember with a hole-in-one on No. 15.

Madeline Harvey won the event, followed by Ruth Crawford, Oleta Roberts and Donna Pierce. Ruth Crawford had the fewest putts with 28, while six ladies had bogbies: Neola Weaver, Frieda Walden, Donna Michael, Maggie Sonner, Phyllis Taylor and Ruth Crawford.

As a reminder, the bus for Glens Ferry will leave the Clear Lake parking lot at 9 a.m. on Sept. 16. Ladies are reminded to arrive at 8:30 a.m. for loading—Starting Sept. 23, the ladies will tee-off at 10 a.m. Sept. 30th is the IGA Best Ball Tournament, with the last day for registration Sept. 28.

Szabo sets season earnings mark

MUNICH, Germany — Gabriela Szabo and Bernard Barmasai captured the overall titles and earned \$250,000 each by winning their events Saturday at the IAAF Grand Prix Final.

By winning the 3,000-meter race in Olympic Stadium before 30,000 fans, the Romanian Szabo beat out Maria Mutola of Mozambique for the title and became the first woman to earn \$1 million in one season.

Barmasai won the 3,000-meter steeplechase race to grab the men's title, while Maurice Greene of the United States, winner of the 100 and 200 at last month's world championship in Seville, Spain, ran his fastest 200 meters of the season and still lost.

Jackson returns to broadcast booth

LINCOLN, Neb. — Keith Jackson, whose booming voice was a signature of ABC-TV's college football coverage until his retirement last year, returned to the booth Saturday.

Some eight months after quitting, the 70-year-old broadcaster did play-by-play for the network's regional telecast of the California-Nevada game with longtime partner Bob Grice.

Jackson, who turns 71 in October, said his contract is for three years "as long as I want, I guess. I feel good and healthy."

Laguna Seca pays tribute to killed driver

MONTEREY, Calif. — In a symbolic and eerie tribute to Gonzalo Rodriguez, a rookie driver killed in a crash earlier Saturday, the pit lane and track at Laguna Seca Raceway remained silent during the afternoon qualifying period.

CART flagman Jim Swintell stood in the stand overlooking the main straightaway, silently holding a green flag over the track as the clock ticked away the final round of time trials for Sunday's Sept. 13 race.

Rodriguez, hoping to qualify for his second CART FedEx Series start, died instantly when his Penske Racing Lola crashed during the morning practice.

Ducks' Ho-Ching sits out UTEP game

EUGENE, Ore. — Oregon tailback Herman Ho-Ching, who was charged last month with marijuana possession for the second time this year, did not play in the first half of Saturday's win over Texas-EI Paso.

Ho-Ching, a sophomore, was cited Aug. 27 for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana, a misdemeanor. While the rest of the team was at practice Friday afternoon, Ho-Ching was in court paying a \$100 fine.

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mistake with a barrage of birdies, shooting a 4-under 68 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Hal Sutton after three rounds of the Canadian Open.

Jensen made the only two pars on the back nine of Glen Abbey Golf Club, but his five birdies carried him to an 11-under 205 and put him in position to win for the first time since the U.S. Open at Olympic Club last year.

"I seem to keep recovering from every bogey with birdies," Jensen said. "It's not getting used to the bogeys or they're not bothering me as much."

Montgomerie heads off Westwood challenge

WOBURN, England — Colin Montgomerie shot a 68 and maintained his three-stroke lead after the third round of the British Masters on Saturday.

Montgomerie and Lee Westwood, the two leading money winners on the European tour, were first and second after two rounds. But Westwood finished with a 72 Saturday, pushing him seven shots back into a tie for fifth at 205.

Montgomerie started with a 12-foot birdie putt to stretch his lead and didn't drop a stroke as he

moved to 17-under with a three-round total of 199.

U.S. rallies, builds 7-5 lead over Europeans

NAINR, Scotland — The United States rallied twice — both in morning foursomes and afternoon singles — to lead the Brit-Ireland team 7-5 Saturday after the opening day of the Walker Cup.

After a 2-2 tie in morning foursomes played in clear conditions, the Americans picked up five points in singles as wind and rain hit the afternoon session at Scottish Highlands.

McCullough clinches

INDIANAPOLIS — With two rounds played at Brickyard Crossing, Mike McCullough dings to a one-stroke lead over Gil Morgan at the \$1,200,000 Comfort Classic PGA Seniors tournament.

McCullough, who fired a 69 Friday, shaved seven strokes off that 69 Saturday for a 62.

Morgan improved his Friday 67 with a 65 for a two-day tally of 67-65-137.

Tom Jenkins is two off the lead entering play today.

NFL's fiercest rivalry renews today

Anything goes during this heated matchup

CLEVELAND (AP) — Browns defensive end Joe "Turkey" Jones wrapped both arms around Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw, hoisted him up and spiked him headfirst into the ground.

As Bradshaw lay flat on his back after one of the most arrogant fouls in NFL history, his legs twitched grotesquely and yellow penalty flags landed near his face.

Browns fans danced in the Cleveland Stadium aisles. Bradshaw was flown to Pittsburgh strapped to his seat for fear of a broken neck.

Kind of sick, huh? Well, when you're talking Browns vs. Steelers, virtually anything goes. Nearly 23 years after that play on Oct. 10, 1976, the most intense rivalry in the league lives on, even if it includes the NFL's newest team, the new Browns.

Oh, sure, Washington's Dallas has had its moments. So has Chicago vs. Green-Bay and Kansas City vs. Oakland.



Rabid fans welcome back their Cleveland Browns in their new stadium Aug. 21.

ting in the stands that's been as ferocious as whin's happened on the field, Cleveland vs. Pittsburgh stands alone.

And when the Browns usher in a new era of pro football following a three-season exile tonight, they'll have their new stadium

christened with a game against their neighbor from Pennsylvania, the dreaded Steelers.

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(All Times Mountain)	
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Baltimore at St. Louis, 11 a.m.	
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.	
Carolina at New Orleans, 11 a.m.	
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 11 a.m.	
Dallas at Washington, 11 a.m.	
Kansas City at Chicago, 11 a.m.	
New England at New York Jets, 11 a.m.	
Oakland at Green Bay, 11 a.m.	
Detroit at Seattle, 2:15 p.m.	
Minnesota at Atlanta, 2:15 p.m.	
New York Giants at Tampa Bay, 2:15 p.m.	
San Francisco at Jacksonville, 2:15 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 6:20 p.m.	
Monday	
Miami at Denver, 7 p.m.	

He'd kick your grandmother's case away from her.

Pittsburgh and Cleveland are about 12 miles apart. The cities share much more than an exit off the Ohio Turnpike, though. They're both industrial towns built by blue-collar workers who share the same values and passion for football.

"There is so much tradition in this game with these cities," said Steelers coach Bill Cowher, who has a unique perspective on the rivalry because he also played for the Browns.

They are so identical with the people and the passion and the way they identify with sports teams. And if the Browns are to be welcomed back, Cowher figures, who better to do it than the gold and black.

"It's appropriate," he said. "At the end of the first day of the NFL season, we are the last game of the day. It's great that football is back in Cleveland. It really is. It belongs there. It's just like if you would take football out of Pittsburgh it wouldn't seem right."

The Browns and Steelers have taken turns dominating the series: Between 1950 and 1970, Cleveland won 32 of 42 games.

"You personally learned to hate the guy across from you when you played Pittsburgh," said Doug Dieken, a 14-year offensive tackle for Cleveland and current radio analyst for the Browns.

"I played against Dwight White for eight years. You know how after the game you shake somebody's hand? I didn't shake his once. Not one time. Jack Lambert's, either. But you never wanted to shake Lambert's hand."

ERA OF THE BIG BOYS

The Fridge marked the arrival of giants

Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE — The meaty face must have been wedged into his helmet with a shoehorn, his toothy grin inches from the facemask. The pads perched on his shoulders seemed inadequate for his frame, which was famously likened to a kitchen appliance.

William "Refrigerator" Perry broke the mold of NFL linemen when he landed in 1985 with the splash of a 300-pounder who cannibalized into a backyard swimming pool. Everyone felt the Fridge's effect. He played defensive tackle, rushed for touchdowns and shuffled to a Super Bowl as a Chicago Bear.

Now, 15 years after Perry started throwing his girth around, he would blend into the NFL landscape. Just another wide body in

the parade of 300-pounders.

No longer a novelty, 300-pounders are the industry standard, and the metaphors have expanded with waistlines.

Dallas Cowboy guard Nate Newton, a 317-pounder tabbed "The Kitchen," comes equipped with an ample pantry. And Seahawk offensive tackle Howard Ballard will always be known as "House," though his 12-year NFL career ended when he retired last Sunday.

"It used to be that you could play with a guard who was 6-2 and between 240 and 260," said Tom Lovat, Seahawk offensive line coach. "Now you wouldn't even look at a guy like that."

Fat is where it's at these days, and the physics behind the growing trend is simple. Force equals mass multiplied by velocity. In football terms, the wider the butt the better — as long as speed isn't compromised.

And while packing more pounds, today's players are every

bit as fast as their counterparts 20 years ago.

"The size has not slowed them down," Lovat said. "If anything it has quickened them because of the weight programs that are being incorporated now have emphasis on speed and speed lifts. Explosion."

He's not talking about bellies bursting open, but Floyd Wedderburn, a 333-pound rookie from Penn State, owns the honor of being the heaviest Seahawk. A mountain of a man, he is a testament to inertia. Once a body that big gets moving, it's hard to stop.

Wedderburn's jersey tends to ride up during practice, the bottom crumpled around his chest. His number is a crumpled, unreadable mess, and the long-sleeved undershirt is soaked with sweat. He sucks down gulps of oxygen, his belly swelling out over his waistline every time he inhales.

Such is life in a league of giants.

Pickens warns to Bengals, signs contract extension

CINCINNATI (AP) — Receiver Carl Pickens signed a five-year contract extension Saturday, two days after he dropped his vow never to play for the Cincinnati Bengals again.

The five-year deal would pay Pickens \$23.25 million, making him one of the highest-paid receivers in the NFL.

The contract signing capped a strange week for Pickens and the Bengals, who were at an impasse since the end of last season. The Bengals designated Pickens as their franchise player, but he held out and demanded a trade, saying he wanted to go to another team.

Pickens, the team's career receiving leader, came to Cincinnati and met with general manager Mike Brown on Thursday. They reached agreement on a one-year deal, began discussing a long-term contract and signed the new deal Saturday.

It's only two days. Pickens went from holding out to signing on as part of the franchise's future.

"It's bizarre," his agent, Steve Zucker said. "This is the strangest I can remember."

The Bengals added Pickens to their roster Saturday, a day before their season opener in Tennessee. It was unclear whether Pickens would play against the Titans.

Pickens, 29, signed a one-year deal for \$3.5 million on Thursday. His new contract replaces that one and runs through 2003.

He will receive salaries of \$8 million this season, \$3 million in 2000, \$3.5 million in 2001, \$4.3 million in 2002 and \$4.45 million in 2003. The Bengals had plenty of room under the salary cap this year, allowing them to pay Pickens so much in the first year of the deal.

Bobcats

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and later took its first lead (11-10) since falling behind 2-1 with three quick points. With the score tied at 12, Kenna Hadden scored three straight points and the Bobcats forced the rubber match.

"There was a point in that second game where a couple of things didn't go our way, and we carried that into the third game," Federico said.

Sorenson established the Burley net game early and the team, still with Hadden at the nerve, took a 3-0 lead in the final game. Fonnesebeck and 5-10 junior Jessica Ludewer were strong up front as the lead moved to 9-3.

Paige Allen served the Bruins back into contention to 9-6, but junior setter Tiffany Wade served three consecutive aces and Burley finished off its amaz-

ing run with two more points, winning on a Heidi Goicoechea kill.

"We kind of established today the direction as far as kids' roles," Kerbs said. "We've been playing a guessing game as to who plays where."

There's no guessing needed to find out where the Bobcats play next — they host Class A-1, Region III foe Twin Falls Tuesday night.

"They'll come after us, but hopefully we'll be ready," Kerbs said.

The Bobcats were placed in a different pool than the Minico Spartans, but the two rivals met in the first match of the single-elimination round. Burley fell in the first game, 14-16, before rallying from an 11-6 deficit to take the next game, 16-14. The Bobcats then led comfortably

throughout the 15-10 third-game win.

Jerome beat Timberline and Nampa in early pool play, then lost to Caldwell, Buhl and Minico — the latter a must-win situation for the Spartans that sent Timberline to its bus and kept Minico off its own.

Pool 2 participants
Twin Falls of Mountain Home 15-12, 15-4; Twin Falls of Boise 15-4, Twin Falls of Hooten 15-12, 15-7; Twin Falls of Burley 13-14, 15-4
Caldwell of Caldwell 15-11, 15-12; Burley of Mountain Home 15-11, 15-4; Nampa of Boise 15-12, 15-10
Spartans of Burley 15-11, 15-12; Spartans of Kuna 15-11, 15-10
Final Pool 2 game 15-12, 15-12; Boise of Burley 15-12, 15-11

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Mountain of Kuna 15-7, 15-12, 15-12; Mountain of Mountain Home 15-9, 15-12
Mountain Home of Kuna 11-11, 20-18, 1-4
Pool 3 participants
Boise of Boise of Mountain 16-14, Bozeman of Boise 15-12
Bozeman of Mountain 15-4
Pool 3 participants
Caldwell of Twin Falls 15-13; Caldwell of Kuna 15-14, 15-2; Caldwell of Boise 15-12, 15-11; Caldwell of Minico 15-11, Caldwell of Jerome 15-11, 15-4
15-15; Burley of Jerome 15-4, 15-9
15-15; Burley of Kuna 15-11, 15-11
15-15; Burley of Twin Falls 15-12, 15-10
Final Pool 3 game 15-11, 15-4; Mountain of Jerome 15-12, 15-12
Jerome of Twin Falls 15-11, 15-12, 15-12; Jerome of Kuna 15-11, 15-12
Jerome of Boise 15-11, 15-13
Chamberlain, Burley of Minico 14-16, 16-10, 15-10; Caldwell of Boise 15-11, Caldwell of Jerome 15-11, 15-4; Caldwell of Minico 15-11, 15-12, 15-12
Final Pool 3 game 15-14, 15-7; Burley of Caldwell 15-11, 15-10
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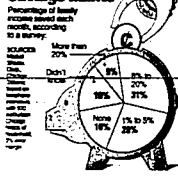
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Job Service analyst moves on

Development leaders praise his work as Magic Valley labor market expert

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Businessman Bob Seastrom couldn't have found in Los Angeles what he found in Twin Falls: a person completely knowledgeable about the local workforce and altogether accessible.

When Seastrom moved his manufacturing plant here from California, he said, Lon McDonald supplied whatever he needed to know, such as Magic Valley demographics and Twin Falls workers' specific skills.

Working with McDonald, the valley's labor market analyst for Job Service, "was very easy and very pleasant," Seastrom said. McDonald and the information he produced were a factor in Seastrom's decision to come, he added.

That's exactly what McDonald intended. Preparing to leave his Job Service career at the end of September, McDonald can answer quickly what he considers his most notable accomplishment.

"The state agency's labor market analysts never had prominent economic development in their communities, but his example changed that."

"Now all of the analysts do that," McDonald said. "He's one of the first people we call when we need to assemble our talent to make a presentation to a new company."

"McDonald is more than a statistician; he watches trends and can gauge the response a company will have to its request for workers, said Kent Juss, Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce director.

"His instant knowledge of ... practical facts about employment has always been very, very good," Juss said.

One example: when Clear Shield National Inc. came calling with a plastics plant.

"I'm in Sacramento, Calif. ... College of Idaho (now Albion State College of Idaho) graduate in business, economics and marketing."

Worked for a bank for two years before joining Job Service. 27 years with Job Service in Pocatello, Boise, Jerome and Twin Falls. Age 52.

He and wife, Betty, have three children ages 18 to 24.

market analysis also is important to individual communities in projecting growth and infrastructure needs.

"He's always made himself available to local government needs," said former Gov. John Evans, the head of DL Evans Bank and a longtime member of the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission. McDonald was willing to do research, make presentations, "answer the questions that community leaders have."

Compared with McDonald's professionalism in the field, Evans said, "the rest of us, you know, we're amateurs."

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Lon McDonald cuts his way along the side of Rosa Street in Jerome on his 1939 Ford 9M tractor. After retiring as the labor market analyst for Job Service in the Magic Valley, McDonald says he will likely spend more time on his tractor helping to improve the look of Jerome's entrance along South Lincoln Street.

"I think he just really liked his job," Petersen said. "It's a pair of shoes that will be difficult to fill. Hymas said, 'I've always classified him as one of the top state employees.'"

But another man has set about the task. McDonald is training his replacement, Eden native Greg Rogers, who graduated from the College of Southern Idaho, earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Idaho, and spent 10 years in north Idaho's banking industry.

McDonald is earning \$44,512 per year, and Rogers will make \$30,264 annually, said Dwight Johnson, public affairs manager for Idaho's Department of Labor.

That pay doesn't include McDonald's volunteering. Ten or 15 years ago, for example, McDonald went door to door at homes and businesses—and raised thousands of dollars to purchase and plant trees at Jerome's entries, Hymas said. As they mature, the trees are becoming a visible part of the town.

"He's been very generous with his talents," Hymas said, "and that's always made himself available to local government needs."

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Looking back and ahead

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Preparing to end his 27 years with the Job Service, Magic Valley labor market analyst Lon McDonald looked back on his career and his time in the Magic Valley.

He also had a few predictions about the area's future.

Career launch

McDonald started with the Job Service in 1972 in Pocatello, where he placed workers for local companies.

The job is much like selling, he said, because he had to give customers what they wanted: a good, dependable employee.

"I think that was one of the things I did better than anything else," McDonald said. After a short time, a funding cut sent him to the Boise administrative office's research department.

Finding home

In 1974, he and his wife, Betty, returned to her Magic Valley roots. For the Job Service in Jerome, McDonald did placement, unemployment insurance and a host of other tasks.

"In a small office, you do everything." The '70s were "dynamic" for Jerome County, with explosive population and job growth as the county added manufacturing to its traditional rural employment, he said.

For a while in Jerome, McDonald placed 1,400 workers per year.

Eight-county jurisdiction

The '80s, however, were terrible for the Magic Valley.

McDonald, who started in 1981 as the agency's area labor market analyst in Twin Falls, saw tremendous numbers of people drawing unemployment benefits. More benefits extensions were granted to individuals than at any other time in Magic Valley's history, McDonald said.

The coming decade

Now the Magic Valley is poised for more economic diversification, McDonald said. Many companies are inquiring about call-center locations, and the valley will participate in more computer-related industries, he predicted. That's because technology will erase the disadvantage of a nonmetropolitan location.

"I don't think we're going to turn our

back on agriculture, but out of economic necessity we'll be looking for other things to go into," McDonald said.

Also, the valley will enjoy continued success attracting lucrative dairy-related industries, he said. Two or three cheese plants are looking around in the Magic Valley.

Disrupters recently have been investing profits in additional land, said McDonald, who expects to see more farmers growing their own feed crops and partnering with players elsewhere in the dairy production process.

Also in the valley's future are a lot more people, he said, especially from urban areas.

"Will there be jobs for them?" "I think if we have the people, the jobs will come," he said.

Despite low unemployment rates, the valley still is having success attracting companies.

outlook for his future

McDonald won't exit the local economic development scene.

Jerome car dealer Cam Paulus has asked him to head a committee to find a way to fund a full-time economic development specialist for Jerome. The position, now part-time, is supported mostly by private parties.

"That's one of McDonald's finest tracks when he leaves the Job Service. He also wants to continue selling schoolbuses—when he's invited—a career and wages."

McDonald said he enjoys volunteering in civic projects, such as caring for the trees on Jerome's South Lincoln Street—as he has done for the past decade.

Another demand on his time are the properties he owns around the Magic Valley. He buys properties, enhances them and rents or sells them. Four home-construction projects are in progress now.

"I try to find things that can be more than they are, and make them that," McDonald said.

It's his hobby to jumpstart the Magic Valley's best opportunities.

"And that kind of has gone hand in hand with what I do here" at Job Service, he said.

McDonald also wants to play tennis with his wife and spend time on his acres in the Sawtooth valley. And he'll help his wife—a second-grade Harlan Elementary School teacher—at home, he said.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Idaho starts up USDA mediation program

BOISE — Director Pat Takasugi signed a memorandum of understanding last week that will give farmers and ranchers a new tool in dealing with disputes with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The memorandum authorizes the Idaho Department of Agriculture to take the lead in the Idaho Agricultural Mediation Program. The services provided may be requested by agricultural producers, their creditors or other people directly affected by the regulatory or financial actions of the USDA.

"The key to this new program is that it provides for intermediate action. The IAMP will serve as a stopgap between notification of an action being taken by USDA against an agricultural producer and the enforcement of that action, Takasugi said.

"We believe this program will save time and money for everyone in the process by offering the opportunity to compromise and still attain the desired results," he said.

The Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 authorized the secretary of USDA to help states develop certified state agricultural mediation programs and to participate in those programs.

With the help of a USDA grant, the IAMP will provide mediation services for disputes with USDA over issues such as agricultural credit, rural water loan programs, grazing on national forest system lands, wetlands determinations, conservation compliance and pesticides.

Family sells television station to Catamount

FARGO, N.D. — Family-owned KXJB Television is being sold to Catamount Broadcast Group of Norwalk, Conn., according to Bruce Barnstube, the station's president and general manager.

No purchase price was disclosed, and the sale is subject to approval by the Federal Communications Commission.

Barnstube announced the sale on behalf of the Thomas K. Barnstube Sr. family, which has owned KXJB since 1979. Bruce Barnstube has been president of his brother, Thomas, died in 1986.

In April 1997, high winds and sleet destroyed KXJB's broadcast tower. It took 18 months to put up a new 53 million tower, a press release said.

Catamount Broadcast Group, founded in 1997, also owns KMYT-TV, a CBS-affiliated station in Twin Falls.

Fast-food chain opens 1,500th restaurant

SAN DIEGO — Foodmaker Inc., operator and franchisee of Jack in the Box restaurants, marked a milestone with the Hillsboro, Ore., opening of its 1,500th restaurant in a fast-food chain.

The achievement, the company said, is just the latest in a list of recent Foodmaker successes.

The company has posted two consecutive years of record earnings, and the first three quarters of 1999 have been among the most profitable in the company's history, it said.

Including a Twin Falls restaurant, San Diego-based Foodmaker said it has system-wide sales of \$1.7 billion. Oct. 4, it will change its name to Jack in the Box Inc., and its New York Stock Exchange trading symbol will change from FM to JBX.

Compiled from staff reports

THE WORLD BEYOND

International issues once again move the markets

By Eileen Glatton
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — How quickly we forgot.

After months of fretting over U.S. interest rates and rejoicing over U.S. corporate earnings, Americans were reminded this past week that the rest of the world also moves markets.

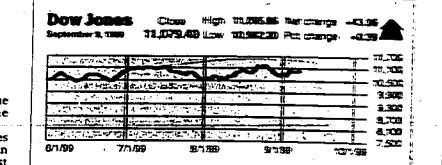
The market has been obsessed with every wiggle in the statistical tape of the domestic economy, said Charles G. Crane, chief market strategist at Key Asset Management. "That's important in the short term, but to ignore what's happening outside the United States is to leave half the world off the table."

This past week, two of the world's most powerful nations served notice that their economies are expanding and

experiencing many of the same benefits and strains that the United States has seen.

Word of higher interest rates in Britain and strong growth in Japan prompted some modest selling, but ultimately, U.S. investors shied off the news.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended the week with a modest loss, and the Nasdaq composite index finished at a record high.



Some analysts feel the resurgence of international economies should have drawn more attention.

The fixation on interest rates has deterred people from other economic factors," said Dan Ascan, president and research director at Global Market Strategies Inc. in Gainesville, Fla. "The market may regret that later on."

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Lynn Russmussen recently received her Graduate Realtor Institute designation. The GRI is awarded to Realtors who complete six months of specialized real estate training consisting of about 210 hours of classroom training.

Russmussen is co-owner and associate broker of Gem State Realty Inc., with offices in Twin Falls and Jerome.

TWIN FALLS - Century 21 Real Estate Corp. recognized Rich Whiteaker as a career officer of Century 21 Greater Valley Regional Medical Center for attaining master's level status.

The status is awarded to an agent who has met minimum gross closed commissions during his first year of the master's program.

TWIN FALLS - Jean E. Hanson, an investment professional with the Twin Falls office of U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray, has achieved the designation of Chartered Life Underwriter. Hanson earned the designation following course work and an examination from American College, Bryn Mawr, Pa. The curriculum included in-depth study of life and health insurance, pension planning, insur-



Jean Hanson

ance law, income tax, investment, financial and estate planning and group benefits. The CLU designation is awarded by the American College and the Society of Financial Service Professionals. Maintenance of the designation requires ongoing education for re-certification every two years.

TWIN FALLS - Art Tanner has been hired as the new chief executive officer at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He replaces Ken Frey, who accepted the chief financial officer position at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Born in the South and educated in the Midwest and West, Tanner comes to Twin Falls with a diverse cultural background. His 25 years as a CFO in both the community-hospital and corporate settings have given him the opportunity to view health care from a varied perspective, a press release said.

Tanner obtained his bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Missouri at Kansas City and his master of business administration degree from the University of Colorado. He completed the Independent Study Program in hospital administration from the University of Minnesota. He has been CFO for hospitals in Colorado; Washington and Kentucky and was a corporate health-care CEO in Arizona and Utah. He spent the past two years in the ambulance industry in San Diego. Tanner and his wife, Joan, have been married 37 years; they have one daughter, Yvette, who lives in Los Angeles.

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TWIN FALLS - Dr. Brad Voss has joined Magic Valley Regional Medical Center as the new vice president of medical affairs. Born in Iowa City, Iowa, and the son of a general surgeon, Voss, 43, recently moved to Twin Falls from San Francisco to assume the new position at MVRMC.

Voss completed medical school studies in 1983 at West Virginia University in Morgantown, W. Va. He completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Hawaii Integrated Medical Residency in Honolulu. Voss left that program for two years to perform emergency medicine at the U.S. Air Force Regional Medical Center in Wiesbaden, Germany, and to perform relief work at an Ethiopian refugee camp in Showak, Sudan. Later, Voss served as the regional director of Ambulatory Quality

Management for Hawaii Permanente Medical Group in Honolulu from 1988 to '95. From 1995 to '97, he was the senior medical director of Western Patient Management for Aetna U.S. Healthcare in Walnut Creek, Calif. From 1987 to '90, Voss was the senior vice president and chief medical officer for the Mills-Peninsula Medical Group in Burlingame, Calif.

Voss and his wife, Genevieve, has a daughter, Leina, 4, and a son, Graham, 3.

TWIN FALLS - This month, Dr. Matt Jolley joined Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospice Program as its medical director.

In this new role, Jolley will consult and maintain in consultation with the patients attending the Home Hospice Advisory Board. He also will assist in development and coordination of the plan of care for each patient/family with the hospice team and patient's attending physician. He'll conduct orientation and educational presentations for interdisciplinary team members.

Jolley also is the medical director of Sun Health's Geriatric Psychiatric Unit in Twin Falls. As medical director, he is responsible for overall care of the patient, including developing a plan of care, performing daily rounds and meeting with family members weekly to answer questions.

Chamber plans festival

The Times-News

WENDELL - The Wendell Chamber of Commerce plans to have this year's Fall Festival on Oct. 2, with a sidewalk sale at the main event.

Other events throughout the day will include a fun run/walk, a Dutch oven cook-off, entertainment, square dancers, main-draw rides for children, cash games, drawings, miniature animals and a white-phantom auction.

Merchants are asked to participate in the sidewalk sale from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wendell-area business-based businesses are asked to participate by setting up tables on the downtown sidewalks, Calif. Street will be closed.

The chamber also will promote the sale by awarding cash prizes at the end of the day. Customers must have tickets validated at merchant's stores, tables or booths to be eligible for the drawing, and they must be present to win.

All local service organizations and any city or county committee that want to join the festival are invited to provide their own hand-drawn tables such as a food booth or table sale. All proceeds remain with the organization. No booth or participation fees are required; the chamber will.

Market analyst to appear

ON television program

TWIN FALLS - Albert Goldman, chief market strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc., is scheduled to appear on the special guest on the Friday edition of public television's "Wall Street Week with Louis Rukeyser."

The show airs locally at 7:30 p.m. on cable channel 4 in the Twin Falls, Kimberly, Blaine, Jerome, Gooding, Wendell, Filer, Burli and Shoshone areas; on cable channel 10 in the Bonanza, Sun, Pocatello, Emmingham and Sun Valley areas; and on Project Mutual Telephone customers, and an channel 13 in Teton Wireless customers and those without cable hookups. "It's always nice to see our firm's top strategists showcased in the national media," said Fred Nelson of A.G. Edwards & Sons Twin Falls office. "It allows our clients and prospective clients the oppor-

tunity to see the depth of our market analysis. Goldman has been with A.G. Edwards since 1981 as a securities and market analyst, writer and lecturer on investment. As the firm's chief market strategist, he analyzes the state of the stock market and studies supply and demand factors to determine the optimum of the stock market's future.

CSU to present class in professional development

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho, in partnership with the Center for Management Development at Boise State University, is offering a program designed to help professionals acquire skills for professional development. Those who should attend include supervisors, leaders and managers who have little formal training in leading others, supervising employees with need updating in leadership skills and processes, and people expecting to assume supervisory roles in the future. The program is scheduled for Oct. 23-24, 9-30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 24 through Oct. 25, at CSU's Lawler Building. The four session topics are: "Developing a Vision of Organizational Change," "Supervising Teams," "Motivation Skills and Methods," "Employee Safety and Organizational Change," and "Employee Safety and Organizational Change." Cost is \$25, which includes the program and instructional materials. A \$20 discount is available for three or more participants from the same organization. To register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2640 or 2767.

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Small business group to hold workplace seminar

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A "Bridging Differences in the Workplace" program is planned by the Community Education Center and Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho. The program is designed to help businesses and organizations deal effectively with complexities in the workplace and understand business-line issues. It will help workers work with people differently than when, realize the benefits of a diverse workforce, understand the costs of ignoring diversity and develop management techniques that work cross-culturally.

Those who should attend include anyone who wants to gain a competitive advantage, supervisors, team leaders, managers, human resource personnel and business owners, a press

release said. Sam Byrd, president of Diversity Works in Boise, will be the instructor. He has more than 20 years' experience in education and training.

Class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 5 in the Sage Room on the second floor of CSI's Taylor Building. Cost is \$75, which includes all materials and lunch. A \$15 discount will be given to three or more registering from the same organization.

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the mountain village. The firm said it is the only fully staffed real estate office in the city of Sun Valley. The office is in Elkhorn at the bell tower and is open seven days a week.

Chaparele House invites public to visit Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - Chaparele House invites the public to an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Willis Carraway is the new program director, and Shawn Beus is the new assistant program director.

Chaparele House is the Twin Falls branch of Assisted Living Concepts Inc. of Portland, Ore., and has a beautiful canyon view. Refreshments will be served. Carraway and Beus can be reached at 733-7511.

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MONEY

Technology, economics change face of agriculture

The Times-News

SUN VALLEY - Customers aren't just ordering books and airline tickets on the Internet, some buyers are looking for crop seed and agricultural chemicals.

That's one example of how technology and economics are changing the face of agriculture. Agricultural suppliers deal with producers, Jay Penick said members of the **Magnum Group - Protection Association**.

"How do you fit into where agriculture is changing to?" the president of the Northwest Farm Credit Services asked.

Agricultural producers are constantly changing. The farmer who wants a crop consultant to come to the farm and make recommendations today, may walk up one day next year and decide he wants to turn on his computer and order his seed on the Internet.

"You can't wait until the market decides how it wants to do business," Penick said. "You have to be ready for when the market decides."

But he cautions, not everyone will change. "Larger people, larger players, larger companies will change. One can only serve the traditional small producer if you have a few of the larger producers sprinkled in."

"That's what Glen Gier has noticed when he's used the Internet to purchase farm inputs. Polybutylenedimide is the only farm input he's purchased over the Internet so far. The size where he found the polybutylenedimide in the spring has expanded to include seed, chemicals, fertilizer and veterinarian supplies."

"I see the Internet opening up and giving people help in pricing things," he said. But for the moment to really be useful for farmers, Gier thinks producers will need to work together to purchase larger quantities of a product and get a cheaper price.

Input costs and how cost of production impacts the bottom line is particularly important now with agriculture in a continued price slump.

"The current agriculture economy is forcing producers to look at alternative ways of doing business," Penick said. "When times are good there's enough profit in



DAVID BROWN/A WEEKLY

Potatoes are one example that shows how economics are changing the face of Idaho agriculture. Jay Penick uses neighboring potato growers as an example: even though the cost of production may be smaller, one grower is making money and the other is losing money. The one making money probably negotiated a production contract with a processor while the other is still growing open potatoes.

Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's **Magnum Valley Ag Weekly** The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

the system for everyone. But when you get stress - from the standpoint of cash flow - you have to get more creative. That's driving producers to change how they look at suppliers of goods and services."

Milk producers favor idea of milk marketing reform

TWIN FALLS - Producers may have voted overwhelmingly in favor of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's federal milk marketing order reform, but that doesn't mean they're happy with the plan. Last week, industry officials came out strong in their opposition to particulars of the reform, saying the favorable vote in the early-August referendum only reflects producers' desire to have a federal marketing system in place.

Greg Yando, chief operating officer for the Mountain area

Council of Dairy Farmers of America, said producers - and his co-op in particular - will continue to lobby Congress for an amendment to the reform, mainly in the form of HR 1402. The bill, which improves Class I differentials for fluid milk, made it out of the House Ag Committee before recess and is now likely to go to a House/Senate conference committee, he said.

Lewie Eilers, executive director of the Idaho Dairyman's Association, agrees that the fat lady hasn't yet sung FMMO reform. The dairy industry will be hitting congress hard to make some changes, he said.

Dairyman support action against Jerome proposal

JEROME - The fact that Jerome dairyman Doug Benson lost \$23,500 in milk receipts and will incur an estimated \$150,000 in facility upgrades for discharging animal waste, doesn't bother Idaho's dairy industry a bit. In fact, Idaho dairymen are united in their stance that operations that break the rules should be penalized to the full extent.

"We don't tolerate any discharge," said Lewie Eilers, executive director of the Idaho Dairyman's Association. "Those

kinds of flagrant acts, our industry doesn't believe that's right. He was wrong, and dairymen will tell you that."

Attempts to reach Benson were unsuccessful, but Mary Patten, chief of the Dairy Bureau for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, said Benson admitted to discharging waste water from the waste lagoon at his D&J Dairy northwest of Jerome. The discharge ran into adjacent Bureau of Land Management ground. Benson was fined \$100 by BLM.

Patten said Benson's lagoon capacity was in compliance in ratio to his 4,500 cow permit, but the dairyman displaced some of that capacity by pumping clean water from the operation into the lagoon.

"I think he didn't know his system well enough," Patten said. But he did knowingly discharge, and discharging was the wrong answer, he added.

Benson's milk permit was pulled, costing the dairyman \$23,500 - one day's receipts. In addition to lost receipts, the Ag Department has also required that Benson cover a lateral running across his property to prevent contamination from waste water that is land applied through his pivot. Eilers estimates cost for covering the lateral at \$150,000.

U of I specialist studies air 'eddies,' evapotranspiration

HANSEN - There's more going on around your feet than you realize.

Walking through an alfalfa field on a calm, warm September day, it's hard to imagine that a river of air is boiling and churning all around you. Differences between warm air and cool air are forcing "eddies" of air to turn over and over throughout the day creating invisible turbulence.

Rick Allen is most interested in the "big eddies" - eddies up to a tenth of a mile long that are

caused by hot air rolling in off the desert. The University of Idaho water resources specialist wants to know if those big eddies are changing the air temperature and amount of water in the air enough to warrant modifications to the evapotranspiration rates used to figure water use by crops in southern Idaho.

"We wonder why the big eddies come down," Allen said. One theory involves maturing small grain crops. The eddies begin to show up in July when the wheat is hanging up. Heat coming off of the maturing wheat fields may be going up and forcing the eddies down, Allen explained.

The search for answers explains how several towers - with arms and claws that look like space exploration equipment - ended up in an alfalfa field west of Murrough Lake. The three-meter project has a decidedly international flavor.

Dutch scientists are using equipment made in both Europe and Logan, UT, to gather data that will be analyzed using equations developed by the Russians in the 1920s.

THE LIGHT TOUCH
by Craig Smith

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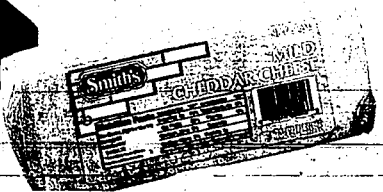
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NATION

Analysts: Quakes threaten private schools

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Fifteen years ago, state officials issued an urgent warning: Private schools housing hundreds of thousands of California children were built to less rigid seismic standards than public schools and need to be evaluated for hazards.

Later, after the 1994 Northridge earthquake, a state seismic safety program member declared, "Children in private schools are at a greater relative risk ..."

Nonetheless, neither the state nor private schools have ever fully assessed the quake resistance of the buildings that house 630,000 students - about one in 10 of the state's kindergarten through 12th-grade pupils.

Interviews with dozens of educators, engineers and state experts revealed a rough patchwork of seismic protection in the nation's largest collection of private schools.

Most officials say they conduct code drills and stock emergency supplies, and some - including the Roman Catholic dioceses in Los Angeles and Orange counties - have conducted costly structural studies and retrofitting.

But others - such as an association representing hundreds of Protestant schools - have not assessed their buildings, or have made piecemeal seismic repairs because of financial constraints.

Unlike public schools, private schools can even legally be located on or near earthquake faults. One Berkeley school has been housed for several years in a historic former public building believed to sit on the Hayward fault.

"I think private school buildings throughout the state need to be evaluated," said Tom Tobin, who pushed for a survey in the late 1980s as seismic commission executive director. "We will find that these buildings will overwhelmingly perform well in quakes, but a significant number will threaten the lives of kids ..."

Ron Reynolds, head of the California Association of Private School Organizations, said he favors a survey if it would lead to state help. "It is important to get a handle on the magnitude of the need so it can be addressed," said Reynolds, whose group represents three-quarters of the private schools.

Legislation passed by both houses and sent Thursday to the governor would allocate funds for evaluating thousands of older public schools - but not private ones.

The bill addresses what experts say is a lurking danger in public schools.

Although no schools have collapsed in recent quakes, many were built according to now-outdated codes or designs that have fared poorly.

Private schools, some experts say, may be even more vulnerable because they were not built under the stringent controls of the Field Act, adopted after schools crumbled in the 1933 Long Beach quake.

Instead, they have been subject to the same local commercial building rules as theaters or retail stores. A 1986 law toughened review of new private school construction, but it did not address several thousand schools built before then.

Seismic protection for private schools is complicated by their fragmented organizations, limited resources and constitutional issues such as equal protection and separation of church and state.

Such matters surfaced in the mid-1980s when a committee formed by the state's seismic commission concluded there was evidence of "great variability in

Years after quake assessment, California facilities still haven't tested buildings

the quality and seismic safety of buildings housing private schools.

Private school groups feared that state intrusion could compromise their independence, and that a study could subject them to liability or force them to undertake costly seismic work that could cause some to shut down.

"One of my positions was if it's not broken, you don't need to fix it," said Joseph P. McElligott, former education director of California Catholic Conference in Sacramento.

After years of meetings, records show, private school leaders warmed to the proposed study. But the effort evaporated after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in Northern California.

"We were swamped because of the quake," said Tobin, the former seismic commission director. "The same thing happened with Northridge ..."

Legally separate, California's public and private schools still have one thing in common: No one knows the seismic condition of the buildings.

For two decades, state officials have sought a study of the 60,000 public school structures. The closest thing to a statewide study was a recent University of California, Berkeley, Graduate School of Journalism survey of about 100-Southern California and Bay Area districts for the Los Angeles Times. Officials con-

cluded that at least 1,000 buildings had unrepaired seismic hazards.

Assembly Bill 300 would provide \$500,000 to begin surveying pre-1976 public schools without wood frames and all tilt-up buildings, which can have weak wall-to-roof connections.

When it comes to the state's 4,300 private schools, no one even knows the number of buildings.

But engineers say they have encountered some with the same structural problems found in public schools. These include tilt-ups, nonductile or brittle concrete frames, and wood frame buildings with weak designs.

Private schools - more than two-thirds of them church-affiliated - use buildings ranging from old mansions and houses of worship to modern complexes.

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Tales of the first apartment

I've reached another Mom milestone. I'm helping my daughter move into her first apartment — and yes, I lectured her about fire extinguishers, and turning off the stove, and locking the door. "I'm a mom. It's what I do. It's all so familiar. My first room away from home was decorated with whatever stuff I could talk my own mother into giving me, mostly stuff from my old room. I think my decorating style, in those years, was "early stuffed animal."



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

I got married while I was still in college (I'm trying to keep that a secret from my children because I've told them not to), and the two of us started out living in a 38-by-8-foot trailer in somebody's back yard in Illinois. The only memory I have of that place is the memory of standing in our combination living room/bedroom/bathroom and watching my new husband open his IA draft classification letter in the middle of the Vietnam War.

Our first real apartment, during graduate school, was upstairs in a house owned by a woman in her 80s who had a "gentleman friend," and a much more active social life than me. Later, we rented an apartment in a complex that was adjacent to a mall. Big mistake there. I went shopping way too often.

Since my first apartments were shared with a husband, I had several unique obstacles to overcome. To explain, let me share a portion of a piece of e-mail titled "Training Courses Available for Men":

• Introduction to common household objects: The mop.

• Bathroom etiquette: Fire escape ways to tell when you're about to run out of toilet paper.

• Accepting your limitations: Just because you have power tools doesn't mean you can fix it.

Thank goodness I've finally come to terms with all that. Now I just have to help my daughter.

A few weeks ago, I turned to the Internet for advice.

One web site suggested decorating your apartment in colors that enhance your complexion. I don't think we're there yet; we're still trying to decorate in colors that are on sale. Another website suggested making tablecloths, placemats and shower curtains out of bed sheets. (Where is Martha Stewart when you need a head start?)

I stopped surfing the web when I ran across a "decorating the dorm" site that contained categories like "New pictures of Jenny McCarthy."

Some days, I'm totally convinced that my kids are fully capable of living their own lives, even in this crazy, messed-up world. Then something happens to disrupt my confidence.

The other day, for example, I was in Wendy's when a group of girls about my daughter's age were talking about some fun activity, though I never heard exactly what it was.

"It's in February sometime, but I don't know when," one girl said.

"I know when it is," another girl said. "I heard it's one of the first two weeks in February or one of the last two weeks in February."

"Oh yeah," everyone else chimed in, deary satisfied.

"Oh well, I guess we never get to the point when we're absolutely sure our children are ready to take on the world."

When I was a senior in high school, my grandmother moved in with us. We had a rooming arrangement in our house — everyone but my father was sure the arrangement would work out fine. (My father eased his own tensions by playing games up to taking the door to Grandma's apartment when he heard her coming, just to make her yell.)

My grandmother lived in that apartment until she died. My father died a few years before her.

When it was just my mother and grandmother in the house, Mom told me, "Grandma would call my mother's office at 5:15 p.m. every day if my mother hadn't made it home yet — to check and see if she was all right because "she should be home by now."

My mother was 61 years old at the time.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



Kevin Sheaffer, who kills his classmates in the Light of the World production 'Bang Bang You're Dead,' is placed in a coffin by his deceased classmates to see what it is like to be dead.

DYING TO CONNECT

TF theater ministry hopes production opens eyes of parents, educators

By Rachel Denry
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Every school in America is a potential Columbine. At least that's what the director and cast members of a new play about school violence believe.

Alison Holman, cast member of "Bang, Bang, You're Dead" and Twin Falls High School student, never used to think there was a possibility of one of her classmates would shoot other students at a school in Twin Falls.

But then she read a paper by a sixth-grade boy that talked about killing and how it was OK. That is what opened her eyes, she said. And that's why she is involved with the production of "Bang, Bang, You're Dead," written by Oregon playwright William Mastromonte.

"Bang, Bang, You're Dead" is the latest project by Light of the World Productions, a local theater ministry founded by Matt Frantz that produced Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's "Jesus Christ Superstar" last summer. And it aims to make the point that every parent, every family, every community, every school could be a heart-beat away from tragedy.

"I want to get the message across to students before they decide to go in and shoot their schoolmates," Holman said.

Other cast members and production staff echo that sentiment.

"I personally think it's very safe

YOU GO
• What: Light of the World Productions
• Will present William Mastromonte's "Bang, Bang, You're Dead"
• What: 8 p.m., Wednesday (by invitation only) and Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
• Where: Room 119, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center, Twin Falls.
• How much: Free.

and very reasonable to think there's a potential shooter in every school," said Frantz, who's directing the production. "Anybody who thinks this can't happen to them is dead wrong. No town is exempt from this. There are kids made to feel like outsiders in every school across the nation. It's of utmost importance to Twin Falls."

Since the production will only run three nights for the general public, Frantz hopes school administrators will decide to welcome the production into local schools this fall and winter.

"This play can lead to discussions that can lead to some answers," he said. "Somewhere along the line we'll find some answers."

City council members, educators, law enforcement officers, judges and counselors have to be asked to attend an by-invitation-only premiere Wednesday night to see how the play can benefit schools.

"Often times, these kids don't have clue one that it's (school violence) going to create consequences," Frantz

said. "CNN does a good job covering the event, but after the news cameras leave they don't realize they're going to go to jail for the rest of their life."

"I see a need to bring this out in the open, to talk about it," he said. "Teenagers are doing horrific things to each other, even pro-teens."

By showing the consequences of violence, and the demise of a fictional shooter, the play will make the results obvious, cast member Katie Wiersma said.

"Not only does he kill us (the play's victims)," she said. "But he kills himself too. His life revolves around a cement cell."

The production will be taken anywhere that Light of the World is asked to perform it, Frantz said.

"This is theater with a message," he said.

"I think parents, teachers and everyone should be concerned and want this message to be brought to kids," Holman added. "It is a good preventive step. It's not the answer, but it can help."

In addition to Holman and Wiersma, the cast consists of Kevin Sheaffer, Matt Wildman, Rhesa Ledbetter, Robb Thurmond, Ryan Thornquist, Annie Croner, Tom Golding, Andrienne DeKlotz and Justin Garcia.

Times-News reporter Rachel Denry can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

Violence should not surprise us, observers say

Knight Ridder News Service

The heart-stopping images of kids fleeing Columbine High School. The bloody day-trading offices in Atlanta. The muzzle of a semiautomatic in the window of a blue Ford Taurus leaving Chicago. The screams at a day-care center in L.A.

Each of the mass shootings that has erupted over the last half-year has had its own mad signature, and has prompted shock waves across the country. But some who study the nation's history see these tragedies as merely the latest chapter in America's long national story of violence.

Because we're a democracy, we like to think of ourselves as a peaceable kingdom.

Not so, they say. And some predict that the mass murders we have witnessed with an alarming frequency will increase in number unless the spread of personal arsenals is halted.

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Be specific when talking sex with your children

Etc...

If there is one thing that everyone in that sentiment story agreed on, it was the need for parents to talk to their young children about sex — not just about physical details, but about morals.

In her book "From Diapers to Dating: A Parent's Guide to Raising Sexually Healthy Children," Debra Halfter recommends parents take advantage of "teachable moments," for example, when a radio station plays a song with sexually suggestive lyrics.

Experts say:

- Parents who do not specify. Parents who think they have made it clear to their children that sex is wrong could be blindsided to learn that the children see oral sex as a loophole.
- Children must understand that oral sex carries the risk of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.
- Send clear messages, such as, "People your age are too young to have intercourse."
- Parents must communicate their own sexual values.

Several Web sites offer advice to parents:

- Planned Parenthood (www.plannedparenthood.org), SIECUS (www.siecus.org), and Focus on the Family (www.family.org) are examples. They provide information to help parents steer their children through the sex minefield.
- Rutgers University publishes Sex, Etc. (www.sexetc.org) — a newsletter written by teenagers to help other teens deal with sex and dating issues.
- Source: The Philadelphia Inquirer

Faulkner show set

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Light of the World Productions will present William Mastromonte's "Bang, Bang, You're Dead," 8 p.m., Room 119 of the Fine Arts Center on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. Admission is free.

To do for families

p.m. "Mingle in the Jungle," the Herrett Center's own reptile revue, will be held in the museum on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Herrett reptile experts Nick Peterson and Darcy Thornborrow will show off the exhibit's snakes, iguanas, turtles and tarantulas and explain how they live in their natural habitat in the rain forest.

Every Sunday, To Do for Families lists family-oriented events in south-central Idaho.

To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesdays.

TWIN FALLS — Every Tuesday at 6

FAMILY LIFE

FUNNY FRACES

Do you ever look out and wonder how a family can be so funny? Well, there are the kinds of things that a cartoonist artist does.

Cartoonists draw caricatures of people, exaggerating the features that make them unique. Double on over to the cartoonists to get an array of funny pictures of famous people at <http://www.cartoonists.com>.

Cartoonists draw caricatures of famous people, from politicians like Michael Jordan to movie stars like Leonardo DiCaprio. Their faces are usually, and they do it in a very funny way. They're called "funny faces" because of your funny and a caricature of someone you know. With just a few strokes of the mouse you can have an outrageous drawing of your friend or your crazy uncle. When you're done, send him the caricature through e-mail. Now do some doodling!

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SPRIT OF THE EAST

From trendy hotels to famed mountain peaks, Tibet is a land of mystery and marvel all wrapped into one. Now you can travel to the Tibetan journey. Relive the author's adventure through the country at <http://tibet.com>. Kichyoo says, "You'll find a place where you'll fall in love with the power of the Himalayas. Stop in at the city of Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet and home to the Dalai Lama. The site also contains a useful map to help you find your way, and features famous spots in the Land of Snows, like Mount Everest that sits in a country that stands tall."

DEAR ABBY

Allyson VanHaren

always run out of milk or bread while they're here and they often go to the grocery store with us.

We have gone out to eat with my sister for four days. They just so we won't have to buy groceries for them. They always pay for their own meals, but never offer to treat us.

Last month, my family stayed with my sister for four days. They bought \$50 worth of groceries, treated their family to pizza, bought them a videotape and gave them \$15 in cash. We

DEAR ABBY

weren't being generous, we just felt we were being fair.

Would it be wrong, the next time the friends tell us they are coming to tell them \$10 per day for meals? We've dropped so many hints we're almost rude, but we feel, after 15 years, it's time they stopped taking advantage of us.

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DEAR ABBY

IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR ABBY: Petty? You have been tolerant beyond belief to have allowed your freeloaders to take advantage of you for 15 years.

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The letters in your column concerning baldness prompt this letter.

Did you know there is a support group called "Bald-Headed Men of America" that instills pride in being bald?

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It is their conviction that the best "cure" for baldness is to promote a positive mental attitude - with humor.

PAT BECKER, SCOTTS-DEAR PAT: Thank you for the "heads up." A positive mental attitude and a sense of humor are seductive qualities, regardless of the state of one's hairline.

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AskAmy@4Kids.org

Here are some of the best sites on the Web to help you with your homework.

A good link page is Schoolwork.net! at: <http://www.schoolwork.net>

B.J. Pinchbeck's Homework Helper <http://www.bjpinchbeck.com>

For math help try Dave's Math Tables at: <http://www.davesmath.com>

Official Reference Desk: <http://www.reference-desk.com>

The World Factbook: <http://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook>

Ask Dr. Parls: <http://www.parls.com>

Merrill-Webster Dictionary and Thesaurus: <http://www.merriam-webster.com>

Internet Public Library: <http://www.ipl.org>

Search for any subject: <http://www.subject.com>

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Character, manners are inseparable

Q. I heard you in a recent radio interview talk about the importance of teaching children manners, but they didn't give you time to be very specific. What are the first manners a child should learn and by what age should he have learned them?

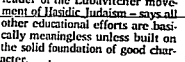
A. In "Toward a Meaningful Life: The Wisdom of the Rebbe" (William Morrow & Company, \$20, adapted by Simon Jacobson), the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson states unequivocally that a child's character education should take priority over his academic education.

The Rebbe esteemed Rebbe (pronounced REB-bee) - former leader of the Lubavitcher movement of Hasidic Judaism - says all other educational efforts are basically meaningless unless built on the solid foundation of good character.

The first manners a child should learn, by his or her fourth birthday, are (in no particular order):

- * Saying "please," "thank you" and "you're welcome" when appropriate.
- * Saying "I'm sorry" when he's hurt someone either physically or emotionally.
- * Saying "excuse me" when appropriate (but see below for when it's not appropriate).
- * Sharing toys and other possessions freely.
- * Saying "Yes ma'am/sir" when appropriate (I'm betraying my Southern roots here).
- * Not interrupting adult conversations, even with "excuse me."

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PARVENTING John Rosemond

Be a 4Kids Detective

Use these Web sites to find the answers, then go to <http://www.4kids.org> to check your answers.

Cartoon Zone is available in three languages? There's a link to a cartoonist's website? Where would you find a bunny rabbit ear?

Freeloading college chums flunk course on manners

DEAR ABBY: I have a college friend who visits annually with her family.

They've been coming in November, but we live in a small town and find it difficult to accommodate them in the fall. In November we suggested that, since there is a campground with a beautiful lake nearby, they camp here during the summer. They came this July, but were tired of camping after a two-week vacation, so they asked if they could stay at our home.

There are six people in my family.

My husband is a schoolteacher and I am unemployed. My friend has a family of four. Both she and her husband have good jobs, and their annual income must be roughly twice what ours is.

They don't offer to help pay for groceries, even though we



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It should be clear to you by now that if you don't put your foot down, they will continue to take advantage of you.

The next time your college chum calls to arrange a visit, tell her that you'll be charging them \$60 a day, to cover the costs of feeding them, and the additional water, electricity and telephone charges you have assumed during their past visits.

Something tells me that once you stand up for yourself, your problem - and your annual houseguests - will vanish.

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Historian Richard Slotkin of Wesleyan University agrees, particularly when it comes to vigilantes. "Individuals feel they have a license to take into their hands a power that in other places is reserved for the state - and other Americans sympathize." For example, the Ku Klux Klan was rampant for decades throughout the South, with many communities complicit in their silence and acquiescence to the vigilantes.

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Violence

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"It's really built into our culture," says Roger Lane, a historian at a Harvard College and a former consultant to the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence. His most recent book is "Murder in America: A History."

Of course, killers who explode and mass violence are beyond the norm - many disorders, certainly unpredictable. Lane's book is aimed to be "people whose psychological profiles resemble 'snipers' rather than mass shooters... They almost always are captured immediately."

But will he and other historians say, those murders are emerging from a culture of violence that has roots dating to the first slave holdings in the 1600s - a culture of personal retribution that was amplified by the mass production and marketing of revolvers in the 1800s. Says Lane: "It all seems to go back to slavery."

Of course, the earliest slave plantations, he says, were "the white man's." It was a system that had to be enforced by the "master himself - there was no law enforcement. He was the law."

Of course, American colonists never saw their own destruction in the country's native people - the Indians - as acquiring their land. They dehumanized them as their Southern counterparts dehumanized the Indians. Lane dehumanized the Indians and some other businessmen believe that brutality on the plantations, with its "zero tolerance for dissent," was the seed of the Southern code of personal honor.

And eventually, that code spread through every social level. "It was the same code of honor - the code of the dead."

Meanwhile, in the early 1800s, a great major influence for violence in the country emerged.

The Civil and Remington companies began turning out guns by the thousands.

Before that, most families had a rifle or two, for hunting and protecting the homestead. But the mass manufacture of handguns was accompanied by mass advertising, and soon thousands of would-be gentlemen were being convinced they needed to carry their own revolvers wherever they went.

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GIRL SCOUTS WAYS



Above, Silver Sage Girl Scout Troop 207 members, from left to right, Kirsten Wright, Haley Blach and Chelsea Chen, showing their work tapes to Susan Bradley with CONES, or Children at Risk Evaluation System. The tapes will be used for recording evaluations of children.

Wyle Rodgers, former president and infant care director of the Volunteers Against Illness and Death. The items were collected as a community service project at the second annual Mother Daughter Run Run sponsored by the Girl Scouts, Troop 207, in Twin Falls.



FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Forrell receives teacher of the year honor in October
Mary Forrell has been named Idaho Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's "Teacher of the Year."

Simiano wins Hispanic Heritage Fiesta scholarship
Cinthia Simiano of Twin Falls was awarded the first Hispanic

Marriage Fiesta Scholarship by the College of Southern Idaho. Simiano performed a traditional Mexican dance in the talent show at the fiesta held in late August. The \$250 is sponsored by the Magic Valley Area Council. Simiano was a CSI student last year and is registered for this year, where she is majoring in business. The members of the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta Scholarship Committee say CSI donated \$500 for the scholarship for a Hispanic student.

SCHOOL LUNCH

All schools serve milk with meals.
VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast served every day.
Lunch menu
Monday: Crispy fish, tater tots, and dip, veggie sticks, hot roll, pineapple cake.
Tuesday: Chicken burger/bun, lettuce/pickles, french fries, veggies, fresh fruit.
Wednesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, Calif. blend veggies, hot roll/butter, impossible pumpkin pie.
Thursday: Nachos, salsa, corn, cinnamon sticks, peaches.
Friday: Vegetable soup, crackers, turkey sandwich, lettuce and pickles, applesauce, dehydrated bar.

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Thursday: Fish burger, corn, carrot sticks, fruit.
Friday: Tostada, potato wedges, fruit.
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Lunch: Choice of white or chocolate milk each day.
Monday: Pigs in a blanket, potato planks, catsup and mustard, cinnamon applesauce, no bake cookie.
Tuesday: Pancakes, sliced ham, hash browns, orange slush, catsup-syrup, "prize."
Wednesday: Hamburger nachos, green salad, asst. dressings, garlic sticks, fruit, sliced apple cookie.
Thursday: Rib-ouste on a bun, french fries, catsup, pickles and onion, peaches, chocolate, cake.
Friday: Italian sausage pizza, veggies and dip, fruit, muffin.

MURTAUGH
Lunch: Milk served every day.
Monday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, rolls, peaches.
Tuesday: Home style bean burritos, corn, watermelon, chocolate cake.
Wednesday: Turkey sandwiches, fries, fruit cocktail, Jell-O.
Thursday: Chef salad, rolls, cantaloupe, ice cream.
Friday: Mini corn dogs, mixed veggies, pears, muffins.

CASTLEFORD
Breakfast: Orange juice, applesauce and milk served every day.
Monday: Donuts, cereal, fruit.
Tuesday: French toast, cereal, orange juice.
Wednesday: Hot scores, cereal, fruits.
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls, cereal.
Friday: Scrambled eggs, toast, breakfast jelly.
Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day.
Monday: Burritos.
Tuesday: Chili.
Wednesday: Cheeseburgers.
Thursday: Chicken roll ups.
Friday: Baked potato bar, chili.

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: Nachos, salsa, rolls, sliced pineapple.
Tuesday: Roast turkey, potatoes and gravy, rolls, peas, cinnamon applesauce.
Wednesday: Hot dog, french fries, pears, tddy grahams.
Thursday: Beef patty, potatoes and gravy, rolls, fruit, Jell-O.
Friday: Chili, crackers, cinnamon bread sticks, applesauce.

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Monday: Ham and cheese buns.
Tuesday: Rainbow treasures.
Wednesday: Spaghetti.
Thursday: Chili.
Friday: Tuna sandwich.

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Monday: No school.
Tuesday: Spaghetti.
Wednesday: Chicken party.
Thursday: Roast beef with gravy.
Friday: Chef salad.

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Lunch: Milk served every day.
Monday: Beef tots, mexi-corn, school boy apple, cinnamon churros.
Tuesday: Hot Italian sub sandwich, potato chips, strawberries, angel food cake.
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, soda crackers, celery sticks/peanut butter, diced pears.
Thursday: Foot long hot dog, french fries, orange slices, pudding.
Friday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, apple slices, angel biscuit/honey.

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: Soft flour tacos, mexi-corn, fresh fruit, cinnamon applesauce.
Tuesday: Submarine sandwich, potato chips, strawberries, angel food cake.
Wednesday: Italian spaghetti, tossed green salad, w/ranch, diced pears, garlic bread sticks.
Thursday: Pig in a blanket, baked beans, fresh grapes, chocolate or vanilla pudding.
Friday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, apple slices, angel biscuit/honey, chocolate milk.

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.

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 448, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Magic Valley Orchid Society announces meeting
TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Orchid Society will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at Birdview Estates. The meeting is preceded by a 5:30 p.m. social time, and will feature a presentation by Alan Porter on "Building Your Greenhouse." Scheduled events include a raffle, and a plant show and all individuals interested in orchids or building a greenhouse are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Patrice Billings at 733-4225.

Desert Art Guild hosts meeting in Burley
BURLEY - The Desert Art Guild is hosting a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Donna's Studio in 401 E. Irish in Burley. Steve Flinn will announce mem-

bers about displaying their work in the Snake River Art Center, and a portion of the month. DeAnn Gowdin will be featured at the meeting. Her work is on display at The Bank Center, 1235 Overland Ave. in Burley. Featured artist for August was Nola Evans. Individuals interested in creative art are invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call 674-5156.

American Legion plans flag disposal ceremony
TWIN FALLS - Wendell Post #4 of the American Legion are planning a ceremony to properly dispose of unserviceable American flags at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Post.
All Legionnaires and the public is encouraged to attend and bring in unserviceable flags for disposal.
For more information, call 538-9642.

Twin Falls American Legion Auxiliary meets Monday
TWIN FALLS - Unit 7 of the Twin Falls American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. Monday at the Post Home, 442 Seneca.
Business will be Kim Cohen and Wyle Rodgers.
Scheduled topics for the meeting are upcoming events, deciding on projects for the year, and updates on the Legion's "Caring to Boast" in November.
For more information, call Zoe at 734-2478.

Magic Valley Regional Auxiliary plans meeting
TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the South Room at IMC-200.
Officers for 2008-2010 will be elected. Larry Baxter of the

Magic Valley Regional Foundation will speak about the annual campaign, and Kathy Whipple will be the speaker for the "Pet Therapy" program.
All members are encouraged to attend.

CSI announces 'Back to School' workshop
TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is having a "Back to School" workshop from 1-4 p.m. Friday at the Center for New Directions on the CSI campus.
Anyone interested in attending CSI during the spring 2009 term is encouraged to attend the workshop, featuring information on resources, financial aid, and myths concerning adults returning to college. The workshop is designed for anyone considering college classes but who is not sure of where to start, or what resources are available, coordinators say.
Organizers request that participants call to sign up for the course. The workshop will run Fridays through Dec. 17.
For more information, or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2680.

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club meets
JEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church Annex at 216 2nd Ave. in Jerome.
Finger foods and cleanup will be the responsibility of participants with last names starting K-P.
For more information, call 734-5889.

Immune system focus of speaker Wednesday
GOODING - The Center for Disease Control presents Dr. Marjorie Brockman, who will

be served for 53.99. The day continues with various volunteer projects throughout the community.
For more information, call the United Way office at 733-4922.

Magic Valley Symphony League holds meeting
KIMBERLY - The Magic Valley Symphony League will hold a meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the home of Janet Wojcik, 3586 Rock Garden Lane, Kimberly. A buffet luncheon will be served.
Anyone wishing to car pool to the meeting place should meet at 9:40 a.m. at the home of Doll Smith, 3247 Hightown Dr., Twin Falls.
For more information call Smith at 733-2280.

United Way schedules free children's immunizations
TWIN FALLS - The United Way is offering free children's immunizations from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at four area locations, as part of the 3rd annual Day of Caring.
Free immunizations are

planned at the South Central District Health Department on the CSI campus in Twin Falls, at First Christian Church at 1005 Poplar in Burley, at the South Central District Health Department at 951 E. Ave. H. in Jerome, and at the South Central District Health Department at 2311 Park Ave, Unit 4, Ste. 4, in Burley.
Previous immunization records are required.
For more information, call the United Way office at 733-4922.

CSI courses focus on investing for children
TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is featuring an investing class specially designed for children ages 8 and older.
Children will learn from local investment professional, Rob Sturgill, who will explain investing in a way children can understand.
There will be two Saturday sessions from 10 a.m. until noon on Sept. 18 and Sept. 25. The cost is \$20.
For information, call the CSI Community Education Center at 733-9554, extension 2290.

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Twin Falls resident enters basic training at Fort Knox
Army National Guard Pvt. Andrew M. Browner, son of Brenda Browner of Rupert, and Mark Browner of Twin Falls, has entered the basic military training center for the replacement program at Fort Knox, Ky.

Upon graduating from basic training, Browner will be a member of the Army National Guard Reserve. The program allows students between their junior and senior year of high school to attend national guard or reserve weekend drills while still in school and pursue a military career specialty after they gradu-

ate from high school. During training, Browner will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, values and traditions.
Browner is currently attending Minico High School.

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ENGAGEMENTS — WEDDINGS — ANNIVERSARY

CAHILL-SCHABOT

NAMPA — Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele of Nampa announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Maureen Cahill, to Jeremy Lee Schabot, son of Gayle Schabot and the late Thomas Schabot of Buhl. Cahill is also daughter of Mr. and Ms. David

Cahill of Bellingham, Wash. Cahill is a graduate of Boise High School and is employed by Ada County Paramedics. Schabot is a graduate of Cornell University and is also employed by Ada County Paramedics. The wedding is planned for July 2000.

KING-TALBERT

HEYBURN — David and Mary King of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Maria King, to Brandon Michael Talbert, son of Charles and Betty Talbert of Heyburn.

King is a graduate of Minico High School and is a business major at the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Knart at Buxley.

Talbert is a graduate of Minico High School. He is employed by Sonoma Motors in Burley. The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Barley Christian Center Assemblies of God Church, 1819 Albion Ave. A



Sally King and Brandon Talbert reception to honor the couple will follow the wedding at the church.

KOYLE-BRAUN

GOODING — Paul and Chris Koyle of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Lynn Koyle, to Kenneth Chad Braun, son of Ron and Emilee Braun of Shoshone.

Koyle is a 1997 graduate of Gooding High School. She is employed at Jerome County Prison.

Braun is a 1995 graduate of Gooding High School. He is employed at the Braun Dairy in Shoshone.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding.



Lori Koyle and Kenneth Braun The couple will reside in Shoshone.

PETROWSKY-BRISTOL

BURLEY — Ms. Edde Burley of Gooding and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petrowsky of Morrison, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Petrowsky, to Dan Bristol, son of Bruce and Mary Lynne Bristol of Albion.

Petrowsky graduated in 1992 from Burley High School and in 1994 from the College of Southern Idaho. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Idaho State University in 1996. She is an assistant front-end manager at Albertson's in Burley.

Bristol graduated in 1985 from Declo High School and majored in business at CSI and Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. He is a cop in the Heyburn Police Department.



Dan Bristol and Beth Petrowsky

BUETTNER-TAYLOR

TWIN FALLS — Donald and Clauden Buettner of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Buettner, to Jesse Taylor, son of Randy and Mary Taylor of Henderson, Nev., and formerly of Tualatin, Ore.

Buettner is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the College of Architecture, University of Idaho. She is employed by Jensen-Hazlem Architects in Logan, Utah.

Taylor is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is currently stationed at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

The wedding is planned for Friday.



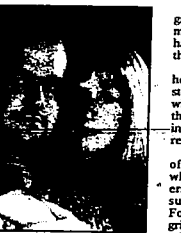
Jesse Taylor and Jennifer Buettner Sept. 25 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

LEWIS-ELLER

TWIN FALLS — Russell and Kathy Lewis of Nampa announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Dawn Lewis, to Brandon Dean Eller, son of Russ L. and Vicki Eller of Twin Falls. Lewis is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at the Nampa Police Department in Nampa.

Eller is also a graduate of CSI. He is employed by the Idaho State Police in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Friday after a honeymoon trip to Jamaica, the couple will reside in Nampa.



Brandon Eller and Kristi Lewis

RUFFING-ASLETT

JEROME — Cathy Ruffing and Steve Aslett Jr. were married Aug. 21 at the Aslett Ranch in Jerome.

Officiating was the Rev. John Babb, Debi Swearing and Floyd Miller were the soloists. The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Rita Ruffing of Castletree.

Parents of the bridegroom are Steve Sr. and Barb Aslett of Jerome.

Tina Ruffing, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Kristen Ruffing, sister of the bride, and Monica Beglan, friend of the bride.

Steve Aslett Sr., father of the groom, served as best man.

Colin Aslett, cousin of the groom, was the junior best man.

Groomsmen included Mark Aslett, grandfather of the groom, and Larry Aslett, uncle of the groom.

Ushers were Mike Ruffing, brother-in-law of the groom, and Lenny Aslett, uncle of the groom.

Don Norcut, cousin of the groom, was the ringbearer.

Special guests included friends of the bride, Jim and Jesse Ryan of Jarlan, Mont., and grandparents of the groom, Lois Swearing and Mary and Joy Aslett, all of Jerome. Other special guests



Steve and Cathy Aslett

were from California, Nevada and Oregon.

A reception was held following the ceremony.

Serving were Jenny Williams, Vicki Ruffing and Katie Ruffing, cousins of the bride, and Jamie Archibald, friend of the bride.

Leann Black, sister of the groom, attended the guest book. Gift attendants were Mikey Atwood, nephew of the groom, and Shelby Atwood, niece of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Castletree High School. She will be working on the ranch with her husband.

The bridegroom graduated from Jerome High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. He is co-owner and operator of Aslett Ranches in Mackay.

The newlyweds reside at Aslett Ranches in Mackay.

THE DEANS

RUPERT — Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Dean of Rupert will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with family members.

Dean and Alice Hinshaw were married Sept. 15, 1939, in Caldwell.

They have lived and farmed on northside of Rupert since 1951.

The couple is active in the Rupert First Christian Church. Their children are Wendel (Jan) Dean and Marilyn (Dennis) Glead, all of Rupert.



Merrill and Alice Dean

Sorry, not tonight dearest

Most of you check your romantic feelings when you check into a hotel.

Sixty-three percent of travelers say that a good night's sleep is the most important service a hotel can provide, a survey by Westin Hotels & Resorts says. Sleep is so important that more than twice as many travelers said they'd take a great night's sleep over great sex.

Forget Dick and Jane

It's Michael and Emily, according to Social Security Administration statistics on the names most often bestowed on babies last year. After Michael, says a USA Weekend report on the data, top boys names were Jacob, Matthew, Joshua, Christopher, Nicho-

Health notes

las, Brandon, Tyler and Austin. After Emily came Hannah, Samantha, Ashley, Sarah, Alexis, Taylor, Madison, Elizabeth.

Initiation rites and wrongs

There's nothing at all great about these survey findings. Researchers were stunned to learn that 80 percent of male and female college athletes are haxed. Even more surprising were the prime hazing sports: Swimming, diving, soccer and lacrosse topped a nationwide hazing survey by Alfred University. — compiled from wire reports

Closed emotions often hamper widowers

The Orange County Register

Her clothes still fit the closet in the modest bedroom.

Twenty months after his wife, Fern, died, Jack Farrington can't bring himself to sort her personal items.

Many of her closets are gone — the dolls and figurines and refrigerator magnets she collected — and her bedroom in their Orange, Calif., home is his computer room.

But her clothes? "Let's just say there are a lot of them," he says. "We don't need to look at them." Farrington, 80, is a widower struggling to adjust to life without the woman he met during World War II when both of them were in the U.S. Coast Guard.

He didn't expect to be alone like this. Five men are.

Almost 1 million married people died in 1996. Two-thirds of them were widows. They left widows who find support in grief groups, in books, each other.

There are eight widows for every widower among the 13 million widowed people in the United States.

Little wonder many of the widows become frantic to find a new mate. Farrington fended off one woman who wanted to bring cooked dinners to his home regularly. Little wonder men who lose their wives feel adrift.

Society expects men to walk tall through their grief, yet offers little male role model support. Each man we talked to felt he made the journey alone, even when friends and family were around.

"I became furiously busy," says Farrington, whose wife died one month before his 50th anniversary. "I went through all the swings of emotion: anger, fear, loneliness. Being busy also protected him from predators.

A year after his wife died, another woman asked him to spend a Saturday night in her bed. "Oh, I can't do that," Farrington said. "In the cockpit chairman at church tomorrow morning."

There is no "manly" way to grieve, the experts say. There are many ways to cope with loss that have more to do with personality than gender.

Given society's need to pigeon-hole people, however, there is a stereotype for a man who loses his wife: two or three months of woe, then suck it up and get on with living. Solve your problem by getting remarried.

Stereotypes exist because they often are true. "Many men are afraid I call 'instrumental grievers,'" says Ken Dolan, senior consultant for the Hospice Foundation of America. "They grieve in a more cognitive way."

In other words, they don't show emotions.

This attitude makes men "stoic and manly," Deke says. Men who do cry are "warm and fuzzy."

"On the other hand, we expect women to be more emotional, so when they approach grief in a cognitive way, we think they are cold and uncaring."

Men and women switch roles in widowhood.

Men often have to learn to be more caring and more social in widowhood, says Phyllis R. Silverman, an expert on social development and bereavement.

"Women often hold the home together and men depend on them to be their social secretary."

On the other hand, women who are widowed often have to learn to be more self-reliant, she says.

"There's a crossover."

Silverman co-wrote "Widower: When Men Are Left Alone" (Wood Publishing Co., Amityville, N.Y.). "We have to become more aware," she says, of people's long-term needs to grieve.

Not a great proponent of grief groups — "They sometimes deprive people of what they can do for themselves" — she does encourage widowers to reach out to a friend, to others.

"It takes a bereavement service of some kind is necessary," says Jim Gibala, senior program specialist with the American Association of Retired Persons' grief and loss service. "That can be talking to somebody who's been widowed. It can be a support group. We do three online grief

support groups each week, and some people prefer that anonymity. Some people read extensively; others keep journals.

"The important thing is: Don't ignore it."

Jim Conway joined four grief groups after the death of his wife, Sally, in 1997. (Their story, "Till Death Do Us Part," was chronicled in a special Orange County Register feature describing how Conway cared at home for his wife, a breast cancer patient.)

Conway, 67, a minister and author of "Men in Mid-Life Crisis" and other books on middle marriage issues, believes in group therapy. He visited a therapist during the months he cared for his dying wife and continues those visits today.

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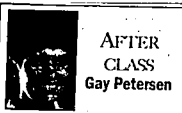
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Anger is OK - when appropriate

Everyone on earth has a temper. Everyone can get angry at one time or another. Obviously there is a purpose for a temper, or we would be born without one.

Anger seems to be a bit of a primitive emotion, perhaps once used as a form of protection against adversaries. Certainly we should still use it to protect ourselves, but we often use it instead as a weapon against those who are unable to protect themselves or who are vulnerable because they care about us.

How often have we said or done something in the heat of anger that had we given even a few minutes thought might have changed the results of our actions for the better instead of the worse. I heard on TV the other day that one of the problems with e-mail is that it is immediate, whereas a letter takes longer to compose and longer to reach the



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

recipient, and therefore requires more thought, giving us time to cool off.

How is it that we sometimes let anger overcome our common sense?

What ever happened to counting to ten? And why is it that we often use that anger to hurt those we love the most?

What does anger indicate about us? If we are quick to anger it indicates that we have little control over our emotions, that we would rather yell than think. If, on the other hand, we are so slow to anger that we allow

people to run over us or those we care about, that is not right either.

Can anger serve a purpose? Certainly if it is properly used, but we must be very, very careful to be wise and Spartan in our use of it.

Never should children or those weaker than ourselves bear the brunt of something that has angered us. Certainly children sometimes make us angry, but they should never be physically or emotionally hurt by our being thoughtful about it. They should be told of our anger and the reason for it, but never should they feel threatened.

It is often a lot easier to react than to think. We often get angry, unfortunately, about that mean nothing, that are unimportant, that have little to do with our lives in general. It is a spur of the moment thing, but we can do something in an instant

that will give us heartache for life.

Tempers should be employed for various reasons.

One can become angry over a wrong that has been committed against them or someone they love; anger can be employed in defense of someone who is being unfairly attacked; anger can be used as a tool for change. But anger should never, never be used to be cruel.

Going back to counting to ten makes sense, but it makes even more sense to give ourselves an hour, a day, a week of time - time to stop and think before we speak or react.

How many problems might be solved and how much heartache avoided should we all practice that bit of advice.

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@magicklink.net

Banks should follow power of attorney law

Q. I was named agent under a durable power of attorney for my father six years ago, but did not need to use it until recently when he had a stroke.

To my surprise, I found that the banks would not accept it. Why not and what can I do?

A. While each of our 50 states allows people to appoint agents under durable powers of attorney so that financial matters can be handled at incapacity, this in and of itself does not mean that financial institutions presented with these documents will always accept them.

This is especially true when the institution believes that the document is too "stale." Although the "staleness doctrine" is not included in any state law, it has been adopted by many financial institutions even though this position clearly violates durable power of attorney laws.

That said, your question becomes one of economics: Is it less expensive to fight the institution in court, get a new document signed (if possible) or, if that is impossible, bring a conservatorship action in the probate or surrogate court? Until state legislatures take aggressive roles and outlaw the positions taken by some financial institutions, these problems will continue.

That's why people should consider updating their documents every two to three years. In the meanwhile, whatever course of action you may decide to take, once you do get access to the funds, we believe that the first order of business should be to order or surrogate court to move them to another institution.

Q. I am a 68-year-old widow and expect to have an estate tax problem when I die. I know that some of my six grandchildren are having a tough time making ends meet, especially those in college.

If I can only give \$10,000 per year to each of my three children and six grandchildren, I won't live long enough to make a dent in the problem. Am I missing something?

A. Actually, there is no limit on the amount of gifts you can make; however, if you give an individual more than \$10,000 each year, you are required to file a gift tax return the following April 15 to report the gift to the IRS.

Any amount you give to an



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Jan Collins and Jan Warner

individual over \$10,000 in any year will count against your unified credit currently \$650,000.

Here are some other gifting suggestions: Give \$10,000 to each of your children, their spouses, and your grandchildren (and their spouses, if any). You can also make unlimited payments on behalf of the grandchildren who are in school so long as you pay the tuition directly to the school.

There are other ways in which to reduce the amount of your estate taxes but, because of the complexity, they are not covered here.

Seek out an experienced estate planner to help you make the right choices.

Q. I hold a power of attorney for my sister, age 64, who has dementia.

Without my knowledge, she was approached by neighbors who had her "loan" than nearby \$60,000. I found the checks and the "notes" for repayment which are hand written, but no payments have been made. The neighbors insist she knew what she was doing, but I know better.

What can I do to collect the money that my sister needs? If your sister was incapable of entering into a contract, then these "loans" are invalid and you should sue the neighbors on behalf of your sister to void the transactions and to seek repayment.

You should also consider calling in the adult abuse folks in your area to review what you believe may well be elder abuse.

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On the road again While many RVs afford considerable comfort, adaptability is still the key

Knight Ridder News Service

STREETSBORO, Ohio - For Curt and Hilda Myers, home is wherever their wheels stop rolling.

The Myerses have no permanent address, no lawn to mow or snow to shovel, and to hear them tell it, almost no cares. The couple are modern-day nomads whose shelter is the 34-foot camper they find with their pickup truck.

Until they hit the road four years ago, this home was Springfield, Mo. This summer it's Mar-Lynn Camp Park, a campground on state Route 303 in Streetsboro where the Myerses have parked their home on wheels, rolled out their awning and made themselves comfortable until it's time to move on in September.

"Our kids think we're crazy," Hilda Myers says.

To these retirees, though, it's an ideal life. The Myerses are two of an estimated 1 million to 2 million U.S. "full-timers," recreation vehicle enthusiasts who have pulled up roots and taken to the road year-round, says Jeff Hedlow, a spokesman for the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association. While data on the trend are almost impossible to compile, "our sense is that it's a growing phenomenon," he says.

Many, such as the Myerses, are retirees, but there are also younger, full-timers, including families who home-school their children on the road.

Most full-timers aren't exactly roughing it. Cellular phones and e-mail keep friends and relatives in touch with people on the move; the Internet makes information-gathering practical; instantaneous, automatic teller machines give nationwide access to bank accounts, where checks can be deposited and payments made electronically; and RV organizations provide services as varied as mail forwarding and roadside assistance.

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The campground provides electrical and phone connections, but their RV has batteries that can power the heat and lights and a refrigerator that can be switched to propane if they stop somewhere without hookups, called "dry camping" or "boondocking." Like many full-timers, the Myerses have a cellular phone, though it doesn't always work in the depths of national parks, far

from cell towers. "But we're adaptable," Hilda Myers says. "We live on pay phones a lot."

Being adaptable is practically a requirement for the lifestyle. Typically, full-timers are self-sufficient, adventurous folks who have traded their permanent homes, most of their possessions and conveniences such as regular mail service for the freedom to travel wherever they like, says Fred Moore, a full-timer who is originally from Toledo but recently was calling Georgia home. He is president of the full-timers chapter of Bounders of America, a 2,000-member organization of owners of Fleetwood Bounder motor homes.

Moore and his wife, Karol, have lived and traveled since 1992 in their Bounder, towing a car with a 14-foot aluminum boat anchored to its roof. Their motor home is 40 feet long - as long as a school bus," Moore says - and 8 feet wide, or 320 square feet. "That's as much room as in a mobile home. We just keep our wheels on and keep on the road," he says.

The road has taken the couple to Alaska twice and practically everywhere else in the United States - so many places that Moore finds it easier to name the states they haven't visited than

the ones they have.

"Utah, Idaho, Oklahoma, Nebraska," he ticks off. "And Hawaii, because you can't get there. I don't think it'll fly."

Former Suffield, Ohio resident Marge and Gordon Miller own their RV on a flatbed railroad car for a trip across Mexico's Copper Canyon. A picture above the banquette in their motor home shows Marge, a former beauty salon owner, cutting the hair of one of the Millers' traveling buddies as they rode on the train. "I have pictures of me cutting her hair all over the United States," she says.

The Millers aren't typical full-timers in that they keep a home base - a semipermanent, 38-by-12-foot home called a park model that stays year-round at the Mar-Lynn campground - in addition to their motor home. The Millers, both retirees, sold their three-bedroom house in Suffield, got rid of most of their clothing and possessions and moved to the campground in December.

"You talk about downsizing," Marge Miller says. "My son said, 'Mom, you're trying to put 20 pounds in a 10-pound box.' The arrangement is a compromise, she says. The couple had 10 years of live year-round in their motor home, but their three granddaughters balked at the idea. "They wanted to know if you had a place to come to, I just couldn't take that away from them."

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