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# Commission hopefuls woo GOP

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The five county commissioner candidates met with more than 40 members of the Twin Falls Central Republican Committee Wednesday. "I would really like to be your county commissioner," said Bill Brockman, his wife Barbara by his side. "I'm waiting for the twenty-sixth so I can get my song and dance together." The candidates, all from District 3, or eastern Twin Falls

### Want to run?

Those who are interested in putting their name on the list as a county commissioner candidate have until 5 p.m. Oct. 22. The candidate must be from District 3, or eastern Twin Falls County, if interested, call Gary Grindstaff at 543-5755.

County, are hoping to be fill the seat now held by Dennis Maughan, who is stepping down Friday to take a job as the region-

al director for the state department of health and welfare.

Maughan was elected to the job in 1994. "It's been a privilege and an honor serving you and getting to know the folks in this party," Maughan said. "I thank goodness I'm not running against anyone in the ring now. You've got some real quality individuals."

Those interested in the seat have until 5 p.m. Oct. 22 to put their names on the candidate list. The Twin Falls Central Republican Committee will choose the top three candidates

at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 at the planning and zoning office after a question-and-answer session and short speeches from the candidates.

The top three names will then be sent to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who will choose the new commissioner. Kempthorne has 10 days to make a decision. The new commissioner will serve until the term expires in January 2001.

A new commissioner should be chosen just after the city holds its public elections on Nov. 2. Several candidates are in the running for the four City Council

seats up for re-election.

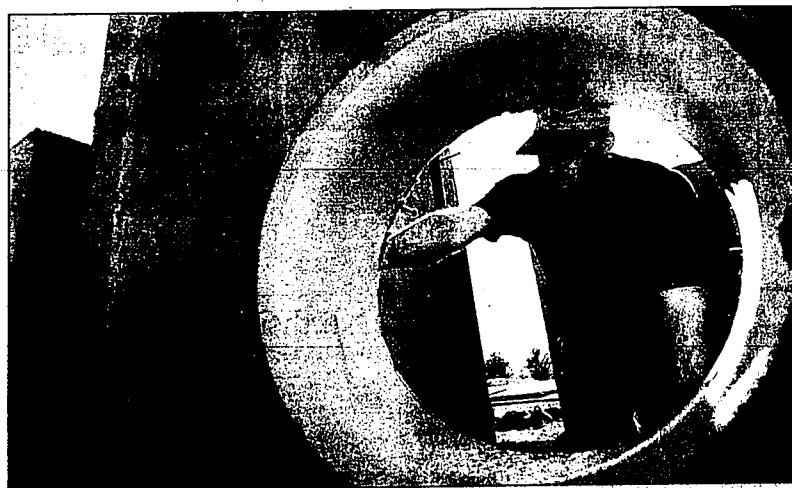
Jeff Gooding and Glenda Thompson are vying for seat four, and Ron Black and Gloria Galan are running for seat two.

In the other two council races, Howard Allen is running unopposed, and incumbent councilman Art Fromm faces Trip R. Crue.

All four council seats are for four-year terms.

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## WATER WORKS



Louis Zamora, a maintenance worker with Twin Falls Canal Company, breaks off a snap tie on a submerged orifice gate at the company's Buhl yard. The ties are used to keep the form in place while the concrete dries. The company will begin installing the gates after it shuts off the flow of water into the canals at the end of October. For the story, see page C1.

## Northside lawmakers hear gripes

By Gregory Hahn  
Times-News writer

**RICHFIELD** - On this Nov. 3, Mayor Charles Buttance will be re-elected.

City councilmen Frank Johnson and Jeff Norman will coast into office. None of them face any challenges.

Neither do any of the incumbents on Richfield's cemetery, fire and highway district boards. So the answer wasn't surprising when the three District 21 legislators asked a few Richfield folks Wednesday about term limits.

Get rid of them, they said. But it may raise an eyebrow - in a state that has repeatedly endorsed term limits in the voting booth - that the answer was the same everywhere those three lawmakers went.

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## Farm aid bill heads to Clinton; Crapo aide calls for more help

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - The Senate gave final approval Wednesday to a record \$8.7 billion package of emergency farm assistance, the second big bailout in as many years for producers clobbered by low commodity prices, drought and flooding.

"Prices have collapsed, farmers are in desperate trouble and there must be a government response," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., said it was "a generous response to the needs in agriculture."

The Senate's 74-26 vote sends the package to President Clinton for his expected signature. Idaho Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo voted for the measure.

The particulars of what that means for Idaho growers and how far the assistance will go is unclear, according to Lindsay Nothern, spokesman for Crapo.

Idaho's grain sector can expect some relief through the \$5.54 bil-



Larry Craig Mike Crapo

lion earmarked for market loss payments outlined in the Agricultural Market Transition Act and an increase in the limit on loan deficiency payments. LDP's are paid on the disparity between the posted commodity price and the county loan rate for a crop. Livestock and dairy producers in the state also stand to receive some assistance funding, he said.

Overall, Nothern said, the emergency aid is a "nice gesture," but inevitably, farmers and ranchers need action aimed at debt reduction, namely tax

relief. In addition, a keener focus on international trade agreements is needed to raise prices long-term.

The size of this year's bailout, nearly \$3 billion more than what Congress approved a year ago, is raising questions about the future of the government's market-oriented farm policy. And lawmakers may not be through doing out money to farmers this year.

Congressional leaders are considering additional assistance for producers whose farms were washed out last month by Hurricane Floyd. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., estimated \$1 billion would be needed.

What opposition there was to the package Wednesday came primarily from Eastern senators who said it didn't provide enough disaster assistance.

Most of the money in the package, about \$6 billion, is intended to help farmers cope with a sec-

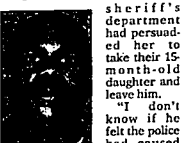
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## Cop killer may have sought revenge

The Associated Press

**PLEASANTON, Texas** - Three law officers were lured to a trailer park by a bogus 911 call and shot to death by a gunman who wounded two others before killing himself, authorities say. Jeremiah Engleton, 21, kept firing from his hiding place in a thicket as up to 75 officers surrounded the rural area Tuesday night. After a three-hour stand-off, he shot himself in the head, investigators said.

One of the slain officers had arrested Engleton only that morning on charges of beating his wife, and a counselor with the



Jeremiah Engleton

sheriff's department had persuaded her to take their 15-month-old daughter and leave him. "I don't know if he felt the police had caused his wife to leave him," Sheriff Tommy Williams said. That night, after he was released, investigators say Engleton called 911 and told the dispatcher: "Get somebody out

here right away." Then he ducked into the thicket of cactuses and mesquite trees and waited for the patrol cars to arrive, they said.

Sheriff's Deputies Mark Stephenson, 32, and Thomas Monse, 31, were shot to death as they approached the trailer. Neither had time to call for help. After ambushing them, Engleton took each man's gun and shot him in the head.

State Trooper Terry Miller, 37, was sent to the scene when the deputies did not respond to radio calls. He pulled up 20 minutes later and was fatally shot through the windshield.



Texas Rangers look over the scene Wednesday in Pleasanton.

## M-C eyed for major hog farm

Operation would raise 50,000 head

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Months of rumors that a multimillion-dollar hog producing facility was coming to Cassia County were confirmed Tuesday when Ron Aches, the head of Sawtooth Farms LLC, submitted his application for a 50,000-head farm.

Now local officials must confront the hearsay as imminent and consider the implications of the application.

Although Cassia County commissioners reinstated the moratorium on large confined animal feeding operations, Aches is planning to petition the commissioners for an exemption, and his anticipated timeline depends on it.

Project mobilization would begin around mid-December if the project is approved, according to the conditional-use application. If all goes according to plan, the facility would be completed by November 2001.

Big Sky Farms would hire between 600 and 800 full-time employees, which would make it the largest employer in the county. An industry of such magnitude could dramatically affect its nearest neighbor eight miles west, Malta. As a general rule, every dollar a particular industry earns generates more dollars elsewhere, in grocery stores or restaurants, for example, according to Job Service labor market analyst Greg Rogers.

In the Mini-Cassia area, one dollar earned generates about 3.5 dollars of income for the surrounding community, Rogers said. "Whether or not businesses and housing developments spring up to support the workers of Big Sky depends on whether wages are high enough to compel people to commute 20 miles from Burley or Rupert."

"You're talking about Burley people wanting to commute to Malta, and that's a long way," Rogers said. Salaries at Big Sky would range from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for general laborers, and up to \$70,000 for managers, according to business plans. The company's load expense would come to 36 percent, Sawtooth Farms financial advisor Doug Dern said.

Aches said his philosophy "is to pay people a little bit more than

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# Clinton reveals plans to save forests

# Babbitt, others escape indictment over casino

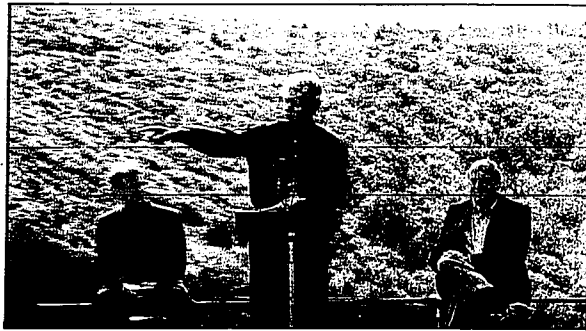
REDDISH KNOB OVERLOOK, Va. (AP) - Calling national forests "places of renewal of the human spirit," President Clinton Wednesday announced steps to preserve 40 million acres of federally owned forest - an area the size of Virginia and West Virginia combined - as roadless areas protected from development.

The president stood on a saw-washed ridge in the George Washington National Forest, surrounded by trees, some shades of russet and gold, to announce details of the preservation plan, which is already under attack from Western Republican lawmakers.

"We will ensure that our grandchildren will be able to hike up to that peak," Clinton said. "We want to assure that when they get to the top they'll be able to look out on valleys like this, just as beautiful as they are now."

The president's trying to be "Teddy Roosevelt," snipped Rep. Bob Goodenow, R-Va., on whose district Clinton made the announcement. He accused Clinton of trying to please environmentally conscious voters at the expense of preserving healthy forests.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, accused Clinton of "an agenda against public use" contrary to that goal. Clinton said he had multiple use of federal lands. Clinton dismissed criticisms that his proposal would "turn the national forests into timber" and hurt the nation's timber say-



President Clinton speaks at the Reddish Knob Overlook, Va., in the George Washington National Forest, Wednesday. Clinton announced steps to preserve 40 million acres of federally owned forest as roadless areas protected from development, calling national forests "places of renewal of the human spirit."

ing, saying it provides future generations of Americans with a resource more valuable than timber.

"National interests are more than a source of timber. They are places of renewal of the human spirit and our natural environment," Clinton said. "We want this for our grandchildren too."

Earlier this year, Clinton proposed a \$1 billion "land legacy"

initiative to purchase open space, but that has been largely thwarted by Republicans in Congress, who refused to fund it.

Clinton urged Congress to approve that plan, and said he would reject any proposal that comes to his desk with anti-environmental riders on it. "I will send it straight back to the recycling bin," he said. The forest protection plan

would require no congressional action, relying on regulations to be issued by the U.S. Forest Service after a detailed environmental review and public comments.

Clinton's plan would cover isolated forest areas of 5,000 acres or more and would affect road-building and other development in 35 states, most of them in the West.

WASHINGTON (AP) - A special prosecutor has concluded there is insufficient evidence to indict Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt or anyone else in connection with a federal Indian casino investigation.

The prosecutor's office said in a statement Wednesday that the evidence uncovered in the 19-month investigation "would not support a finding" that Babbitt committee perjury or any other criminal act.

Special Prosecutor Carol Elder Bruce was to file a report on her investigation with a three-judge federal panel, probably in the coming weeks, closing the case, sources said.

"Ms. Bruce is declining prosecution and will not seek an indictment of Secretary Babbitt or anyone else," said the prosecutor's statement. It said the investigation included 450 witnesses and 630,000 pages of documents.

The case involved allegations that Babbitt had lied to Congress in his explanation as to why the Interior Department in 1995 rejected a permit for a proposed casino by three Wisconsin Indian tribes. Supporters of the casino charged that the decision was influenced by promises of campaign contributions to the Democratic Party by rival tribes opposed to the permit.

The prosecutor's office said its



Bruce Babbitt

investigation found no evidence to support a finding of a criminal, quid pro quo and that perjury allegations against Babbitt, involving his congressional testimony, could not be proven.

Babbitt issued a statement saying he was "gratified that the grand jury and independent counsel have determined after an exhaustive ... investigation that no charges are justified in this matter."

"That is not surprising," said Babbitt. Attorney General Janet Reno asked in February 1998 that a special prosecutor investigate the casino issue, and Babbitt's congressional testimony. A month later, Bruce, a 10-year veteran of the U.S. attorney's office in Washington, was given the case by a three-judge panel.

The case was one of five independent counsel investigations of Clinton administration Cabinet officers in addition to Kenneth Starr's investigation of the president. One investigation involving Labor Secretary Alexis Herman remains unresolved.

# Senate frustrates president, rejects nuclear test ban treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate rejected a landmark treaty to ban nuclear testing Wednesday, handing President Clinton a humiliating foreign policy defeat.

The vote was 48 to 51, far short of the 67 votes - or two-thirds of the Senate - needed for ratification. As expected, the final vote closely followed party lines, with only four Republicans voting with it and Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., voting present.

The showdown followed a

bruising partisan battle. Democrats vowed to make the rejection a prime 2000 campaign issue, claiming polls show most Americans favor such a ban - first proposed by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1958.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., called the pact "totally flawed."

The dock ran out after three days of debate and futile negotiations for a postponement among Senate Democrats, the White House and Republican Senate leaders.

# House approves defense spending bill

WASHINGTON - The House on Wednesday approved a \$285 billion defense spending bill that finances the biggest military pay raise in nearly two decades.

It scales back the Air Force's proposed \$2.2 "stallion" fighter program and seeks to reverse a Pentagon arms buydown.

The vote was 272-35 on the compromise between earlier House and Senate versions. It was one of the few bills to receive approval as expected.

Rep. Mike Simpson and Helen Chenoweth-Hage voted for the measure.

The bill would provide \$4.5 billion more than President Clinton requested for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, and \$17.3 billion more than last year's.

Although the bill has not been threatened with a veto, White House spokesman Barry Egan said, "We are very concerned about the level of pork in this bill and they threw in a lot of gimmicks. So we'll be taking a careful look at it."

The bill includes a \$375 million installment on a \$1.5 billion LHD-8 mini-aircraft carrier to be built at a shipyard in Seattle.

Majority Leader Trent Lott's hometown of Pascagoula, Miss., said the Navy did not want funds to start building the ship until fiscal 2002, but Lott persuaded the Senate to put \$500 million in its version of the spending bill. The original House bill had provided nothing.

The legislation also includes money to help pay for a 4.8 percent across-the-board military pay raise next January, the biggest increase in 35 years.

Democrats get tougher on corporate tax shelter abuse. WASHINGTON - Amid estimates that the government loses at least \$10 billion a year to abuse of corporate tax shelters, House Democrats are seeking every opportunity to punch a bill to crack down.

Even some Republicans are buying the measure a blank party because it would raise an estimated \$10.5 billion in revenue over 10 years and help ease this year's budget crunch.

Business interests are eager to quickly killing the bill, fearing it might interfere with legitimate business transactions and give the IRS too much power.

"It's all very much behind closed doors," said Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, primary author of the bill. "They don't want to do it out front."

So far this year, Democrats have tried to use the money

## Wetland brief

Doggett's bill would make it a way to pay for a one-time, managed care reform bill, and a measure extending several existing corporate tax credits. They are considering it as a way to pay for a proposed cut in the interest on the mortgage wave.

## Supreme Court seems ready to protect states from suits

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court seemed ready Wednesday to shield states against federal lawsuits by employees who are victims of age bias.

Hearing arguments in three related cases from Florida and Michigan, the justices appeared headed toward ruling that the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, known as "ADEA," does not apply to states.

The court's decision will be announced by late June.

## Death, injury to teen-agers leads to fine for Tyson Foods

HOPE, Ark. - The Labor Department fined Tyson Foods Inc. nearly \$60,000 Wednesday for child labor law violations after a teen-ager was killed at an

## Arkansas plant and a young worker was injured in Missouri.

In the Arkansas case, investigators said 15-year-old Juan Aldrete of San Felipe, Mexico, was electrocuted when he walked into a ventilating fan while chasing chickens late one night in April. The Labor Department said he should not have been working so late or in a job that hazardous.

In the Missouri case, a teen-age warbler seriously injured both legs when he slipped and fell into an auger. He suffered severe nerve damage and second-degree burns.

## Flood of new postage stamps planned for release in 2000

WASHINGTON - From author Thomas Wolfe to warriors Audie Murphy, Alvin York and Omar

## Bradley, the Postal Service will celebrate the year 2000 with a flood of new stamps.

Other planned topics include the Library of Congress, summer sports, space achievement, the Pacific rain forest, Thanksgiving and the ever-frustrated Wile E. Coyote.

The new stamps, said Postmaster General William Henderson, "will help bring pride and a little passion to that unique moment in everyone's day when we go through our mail."

## Government warns children can be killed by slide air bags

WASHINGTON - Side air bags in car doors or seats can kill or seriously injure children who are too close to them when they inflate, the government says in new warning to motorists.

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**Breast Cancer Risk Factors**

Age - The risk of breast cancer increases as a woman gets older. About 85 percent of breast cancers occur in women aged 50 and older.

The risk is especially high for women older than 60. Breast cancer is uncommon in women younger than 35.

Family History - The risk of getting breast cancer increases for a woman whose mother, sister, daughter, or two or more close relatives, such as cousins, have had the disease.

Personal History - Women who have had breast cancer may develop it again. Women with a history of

breast disease (not cancer) but a condition that may predispose them to cancer) and women having so much dense breast tissue as a previous mammogram that a clear reading is difficult are also at risk. Laboratory evidence shows that women carrying a specific genetic mutation or change also have increased susceptibility to breast cancer.

Other Risk Factors - Other risk factors include having a first full-term pregnancy after age 30 or never having children. Current research is investigating the roles of obesity, hormone replacement therapy, diet, and alcohol use.

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Rape allegations shake Hmong refugees' community in Michigan

DETROIT (AP) - Four teenage girls disappeared from Wisconsin last month, lured perhaps by the prospect of celebrating the Hmong New Year in the big city.

When they were found days later and hundreds of miles away in Detroit, they said they had been repeatedly raped by as many as 20 men, assaulted with a leather strap and threatened with death if they tried to escape.

Five boys and young men have been charged with rape and are being held on \$1 million bail.

Police have not indicated a motive. But the defendants are also members of the Hmong ethnic group and are possibly gang members, and the case has exposed the tensions caused by Laotian refugees' rapid assimilation in the United States.

Some Hmong people say they have had to struggle to raise their children in a culture far different from the clan-based, agricultural world they left behind in Southeast Asia.

Many Hmong fought alongside U.S. troops in Laos, then fled after the Communist takeover of South Vietnam in 1975. An estimated 250,000 Hmong refugees now live in the United States, most in California, Minnesota and Wisconsin. About 7,000 are in the Detroit area.

Chen Xiong of Lansing-based Hmong American Community believes the United States fosters a sense of independence rarely exploited by Hmong youth. In Laos, he said, "if parents say you can't go, you have to stay. Over here, if parents say you can't go, kids can say: Forget it. I'm going."



Lang Yea and Ladsamee Lee

True Chang of the Hmong Community Organization in the Detroit area said the program is compounded by parents' hesitancy to discipline their children as strictly as they would in Laos, for fear of being charged as child abusers.

Crimes involving teens and problems disciplining children are hardly unique to Hmong people. But several recent cases have highlighted the problem in the Hmong community.

In St. Paul, Minn., two 21-year-old men and five teen-age boys were charged in January 1998 with the gang rapes of three Hmong girls. And in June 1998 in St. Paul, several men were charged with repeatedly raping at least seven young Hmong girls as part of a gang initiation.

In Fresno, Calif., a year ago, police said they broke up a sex-slave ring in which as many as 15 Hmong girls aged 13 to 15 were being raped and forced into prostitution.

In the Detroit case, three girls ages 14, 15 and 16 told police they were lured from a party in Sheboygan, Wis., on Sept. 29 by two men they had just met, and arrived two days later in Detroit.

more than 400 miles away by car. They said they were taken to a house where a 17-year-old Hmong girl from Wisconsin was already being kept.

The younger girls said they were raped by as many as 29 youths over two days before sneaking out of the house Oct. 4.

The next day, the 17-year-old spotted a police officer tagging abandoned vehicles and fled. She told officers she had been kidnapped Sept. 18, brought to Detroit and raped by 10 people.

One of the suspects admitted having sex with the teens but said it was consensual, police said. Another said he had consensual sex twice with the older girl and claimed she was never detained.

The Detroit Free Press said the suspects include members of a gang called Bloods 116, but police and prosecutors would not comment on any gang involvement, or on possible motives. More arrests could follow.

The 14-year-old girl's brother told the Free Press that several Laotian girls had heard about a big party in Detroit for the Hmong New Year, which is celebrated here in October though the holiday is in December.

Sheboygan Deputy Police Chief David Kirk said Hmong are very willing to travel long distances. "They see nothing in traveling from Sheboygan to St. Paul or California or around the state to visit friends and relatives," he said. "It's one large family, if you want to look at it that way."

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only one of this year's finalists, biographer Judith Thurman, has ever won an NBA. And only two, Thurman and poet Louise Glück, have even been nominated.

The biggest name among the class of '99 is Oprah Winfrey, who will receive an honorary prize for her "influential contribution to reading and books." Another celebrity, Steve Martin, will serve as the evening's master of ceremonies.

AFL-CIO endorses Gore, but some complain of rushed vote

LOS ANGELES - Vice President Al Gore's presidential bid won the life of millions of union foot soldiers Wednesday, but the AFL-CIO's endorsement was far from unanimous. Teamsters protested the rushed vote as "a sod job" masquerading as a grassroots movement.

"With the AFL-CIO by my side, I know we're going to win this nomination next summer and together we're going to win the presidency in November of 2000," Gore enthused.

The 13 million-member labor federation's endorsement resolution, approved on voice vote that was not unanimous, called him "a champion of our unions." It kicks into gear a \$40 million union mobilization for next year's primaries and general election.

Jacqueline Johnson, here with the Transportation workers, said she was ready to enlist at Gore's new Nashville headquarters. "I've seen what he's about. I'm ready to run to Tennessee," she said.

Helped by President Clinton, Gore waged a bruising, to-the-last-hour endorsement battle against rival Democrat Bill Bradley, whose press for a delay won support from the Teamsters and United Auto Workers.

Sources: Buchanan will switch to Reform Party

WASHINGTON - Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan is preparing to bolt his party and begin a quest for the Reform Party nomination Oct. 25, officials close to the conservative commentator said Wednesday.

Two officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Buchanan was planning to announce his departure from the GOP in suburban Washington, New Hampshire and perhaps other key states. The officials cautioned that Buchanan could still reverse course and stay out of the increasingly fractious third-party bid. But he said he intended to bolt, and the departure was virtually certain.

In the clearest signal yet of his intentions, Buchanan's campaign mailed hundreds of invitations to supporters Tuesday night inviting them to a "major announcement" Oct. 25 at a Falls Church, Va.,

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hotel, the officials said. As many as 3,000 invitations also were being sent for a New Hampshire stop, they said.

Logging in GOP polls, Buchanan says he believes the party's nomination battle is rigged in favor of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, who he says is too moderate.

Bradley says he was never serious about bolting party

WASHINGTON - Presidential candidate Bill Bradley, accused by rival Al Gore of being a disloyal Democrat, said Wednesday that he toyed with the idea of leaving the party in 1995 and mounting an independent White House bid "to revitalize democracy."

But, in an interview with The Associated Press, Bradley said he never seriously considered it. "I took no real steps toward it all," he said.

Bradley's flirtation with a third-party bid - along with several of his Senate votes - have become ammunition for Gore since primary polling established Bradley as a major threat to the vice president's nomination. "I'm suggesting that Gore's strategy has irked him, the former New Jersey senator said he is fighting the urge to retaliate with attacks of his own."

"The one word that comes to mind is discipline," the Hall of Fame basketball player said by telephone from his New York headquarters. "It's part of the discipline of competition."

Gore, Bradley to debate on TV before California primary

LOS ANGELES - Vice President Al Gore and Bill Bradley have agreed to participate in a nationally televised debate less than a week before the March 7 primaries in California, New York and 12 other states, the Los Angeles Times said Wednesday.

The newspaper and CNN are co-sponsoring the debate, which will be broadcast by CNN from the Times' downtown office on March 1. The voting six days later marks the single biggest day on

the primary calendar. The Times and CNN also are trying to set up a debate among Republican presidential contenders on March 2.

Bill takes power over organ transplants from government

WASHINGTON - The government would lose virtually all authority to oversee the nation's transplant program under a bill headed to the House floor.

The legislation, approved by the House Commerce Committee in a voice vote Wednesday, comes two months after the Institute of Medicine recommended more government oversight.

Pushing the bill are transplant surgeons and hospitals who complain the Department of Health and Human Services has tried to dictate transplant policy over their objections.

In a controversial regulation, the organization running the transplant program under an HHS contract was ordered to send more organs to the sickest patients. The current system distributes organs locally, ensuring a reliable supply for programs around the country.

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Reagan biographer overlooked

NEW YORK (AP) - "Dunzi" didn't get one. Neither did Frank McCourt. Instead, the National Book Award nominations Wednesday went mostly to lesser-known works such as Ella Jinn's "Waiting," a novel by a former member of China's People's Liberation Army.

Both McCourt and "Dunzi" author Edmund Morris exercised wide acclaim for their previous books. But McCourt, who won the Pulitzer Prize for "Angeli's

Asbes," has gotten much weaker reviews for his current memoir, "Fa" And Morris, winner of both the Pulitzer and the NBA for his biography of Theodore Roosevelt, has been ridiculed for inserting himself as a fictional character in his biography of former President Reagan.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the NBAs and E. Annie Proulx, David McCullough and other past winners will attend

the Nov. 17 gathering in New York.

Only one of this year's finalists, biographer Judith Thurman, has ever won an NBA. And only two, Thurman and poet Louise Glück, have even been nominated.

The biggest name among the class of '99 is Oprah Winfrey, who will receive an honorary prize for her "influential contribution to reading and books." Another celebrity, Steve Martin, will serve as the evening's master of ceremonies.

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# Scientists buzz with hope for life on Jupiter moon

PADUA, Italy (AP) — Hundreds of cosmic scientists gathered in Galileo's homeland Wednesday, hoping to learn from a spacecraft named Galileo whether a heavenly body the Renaissance astronomer discovered four centuries ago might support life.

The NASA spacecraft Galileo, winding down a two-year, \$30 million probe of Jupiter, made its closest-ever flyby of the planet's moons earlier this week, passing within 380 miles of Io, Jupiter's innermost large moon.

But many of the scientists here are more interested in Jupiter's fourth largest moon, Europa, spotted by Galileo in 1610. Much of the NASA probe's data on Europa is still being analyzed.

"The surface should be dozens of high-resolution images, close-ups hundreds of times better than anything we've seen before," said Torrance Johnson, the Galileo project scientist.

In the world of planetary science, Europa is very hot these days. Not in terms of temperature — the surface is blindingly bright and the thermometer hovers

around minus 260 degrees — but in terms of the search for life beyond Earth.

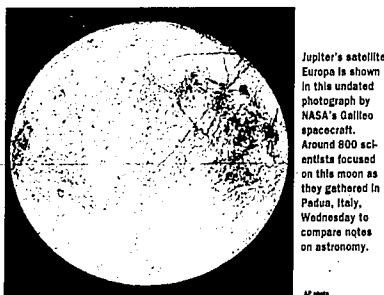
Some scientists here believe that Europa, the brightest object in our solar system other than the Sun, may have the elements needed for life: water, a heat source deep in the core and organic molecules.

They acknowledge that conditions are extreme, but say they are finding evidence that microbes can exist under the harshest conditions deep inside our own planet, in rocks from the bottom of the oceans.

Other researchers reported in a recent issue of the journal *Science* that Europa probably could not support life because any oceans beneath the frozen surface could barely support simple-cell organisms let alone complex species. They said a layer of ice at least 6 miles deep blocks the sun's life-sustaining energy from the water.

Scientists have also reported finding evidence of frozen sulfuric acid on Europa's surface.

Sulfuric acid is an extremely corrosive substance found in battery acid on Earth, as well as in the dreaded acid rain, and the discovery gave them pause at first, one of the Galileo scientists, Robert Carlson, admitted. Then he talked things over with astrobiologists, who said sulfur can be



Jupiter's satellite Europa is shown in this undated photograph by NASA's Galileo spacecraft. About 600 scientists focused on this moon as they gathered in Padua, Italy, Wednesday to compare notes on astronomy.

a source of food for microbes. "It's not as bad as I thought. In fact, it might be good," Carlson said as he discussed his findings Wednesday, midway through the annual convention of the American Astronomical Society's Division of Planetary Sciences.

# C-sections may now be predictable

DALLAS (AP) — A pregnant woman's risk for a Caesarean section can now be predicted by determining her body mass index, a ratio of weight to height, according to researchers.

Knowing a patient's BMI would allow an anesthesiologist to prepare earlier and more safely for the possibility of an emergency Caesarean, said researchers who presented the study Tuesday at the annual meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

In the general population, a BMI of 30 or more is considered obese. No BMI standards have been set for pregnant women, though the researchers said those with a BMI of at least 40 at the time of delivery are considered at greatest risk for Caesareans.

A survey of 2,500 women who delivered babies at Duke Medical Center found that mothers who had C-sections had an average BMI of 53 at the time of delivery, compared to a BMI of 31 for those who had vaginal deliveries. While the BMI varied greatly, the average weight of patients ranged only from 191 pounds for patients that had C-sections to 182 for those with normal deliveries.

"Weight is not the best description of obesity. Tall people can weigh more than short people without being obese," said lead researcher Dr. Elizabeth Bell.

Knowing there was a greater risk would allow an anesthesiologist to prepare for an emergency C-section by inserting a catheter into the patient's back so regional anesthesia could be administered quickly.

# New mice can resist tumors

The Associated Press

Scientists have created cancer-resistant mice by deleting certain genes that govern the formation of blood vessels — a breakthrough that could lead to new drugs for wiping out tumors in people.

The 57 specially bred mice were each injected with 100 million tumor cells. Many of them didn't develop cancer at all; others grew tumors, but they eventually shriveled or didn't spread. Deleting most copies of the genes appeared to have no harmful side effects for the mice.

# End of polar winter nears for sick doctor

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — The long polar winter may be nearing an end for Jerri Nielsen, an American physician stranded at an Antarctic research station with a lump in her breast.

As up to 20 hours of sunlight per day warm up the coldest place on Earth, rescue comes ever closer for the 47-year-old Nielsen, who reportedly has been treating herself with chemotherapy since a daring airdrop of medical supplies in July.

The crews of two Air National Guard Hercules LC-130 cargo planes reached McMurdo base on Antarctica's coast on Wednesday to wait for temperatures to rise enough for them to safely fly to the South Pole.

They will make the 840-mile round-trip flight to the National Science Foundation's Amundsen-Scott South Pole research station as soon as a weather window opens.

The temperature at Amundsen-Scott must edge above minus 58 degrees before one of the Hercules attempts the trip. The second crew will remain at McMurdo as a backup.

"Aircraft really do not operate well" in extremely low temperatures, Air National Guard pilot Victor Heinz said. "Strange things start happening



Help came a step closer Wednesday for National Science Foundation physician Dr. Jerri Nielsen, shown here at the ceremonial South Pole in this file photo. Two U.S. National Guard cargo planes landed on Antarctica's coast, positioning themselves for a daring mission through frigid temperatures to rescue Nielsen, who is feared to have breast cancer.

to them at a certain temperature."

At temperatures below minus 58, "the hydraulics tend to get very sluggish," and hydraulics are critical to operate flaps, landing gear, all the things you need

to land the aircraft," Heinz said.

When temperatures allow, one plane, with skis for landing gear, will fly to the pole to pick up Nielsen — the base's only doctor — in an operation which must be executed at high speed to prevent the freezing temperatures from crippling the plane.

The Hercules will land on a runway carved out of polar ice, pick up Nielsen, drop off a replacement doctor and fly out again — all within 20 minutes and

Dale Evans has pacemaker replaced

her grandson, Dustin Rogers. He said she is feisty and eager to leave the hospital. "She's doing real well," he said. "Her spirits are really high."

Evans was admitted to Desert Valley Hospital on Monday and transferred Tuesday to be closer to her cardiologist, Rogers said. She suffered a stroke in 1996 and a heart attack in 1992.



without turning off the plane's four propellers, Heinz said.

The polar temperature Wednesday was minus 65 degrees and winds were light. Temperatures were rising quickly, meaning the rescue mission could begin within days.

One Nielsen, of Youngstown, Ohio, is aboard the plane, she will be cared for by a medic doctor and nurse while being flown to McMurdo on the Antarctic coast.

The U.S.-based National Science Foundation, which runs the Amundsen-Scott station, is refusing to disclose details of Nielsen's condition and said it would release no information about her movements after she leaves McMurdo. She is expected to be flown to the United States for treatment.

# Philip Morris admits no cigarettes are 'safe'

The Washington Post

Philip Morris Cos., the holding company that includes the nation's largest tobacco firm, is launching a new television advertising campaign aimed at broadening its image to ensure the public thinks of it as producing something besides cigarettes.

At the same time, the company has created a web site, www.philipmorris.com, on which the company concedes "hard evidence" that there is no "safe" cigarette. The site goes on to say "Cigarette smoking is addictive, as that term is mostly commonly used today."

Those statements mark a departure for the company, which had long disputed research that linked smoking and diseases including cancer, heart problems and emphysema.

The new ads come on the heels of another print and television campaign by Lorillard Tobacco Co., the nation's fifth-largest cigarette maker, designed to encourage parents to tell their children it's "uncool" to smoke.

The ad campaigns mark some of the first forays by the big tobacco companies to get back on the airwaves since they agreed to abandon television advertising in the early 1970s.

Both Philip Morris and Lorillard emphasized that the new campaigns are not part of the 1998 tobacco settlement requiring the companies to con-

tribute about \$1.5 billion to a nationwide anti-smoking education campaign.

Instead Philip Morris intends to spend \$100 million per year independently on the program, an industry spokesman said, while Lorillard will spend a smaller, but still significant amount of money.

"It's part of a much bigger effort that we're undertaking to be more accessible to the public and media, and to talk about issues, like tobacco, and drinking and driving," said Steve Parrish, Philip Morris Cos. senior vice president for corporate affairs.

At the same time, Parrish added, the corporation wants "to tell people about our 40-year commitment" to fight social ills such as hunger and domestic violence, both featured in the television ads, along with Philip Morris' disaster relief efforts and support for a program that tries to discourage shopkeepers from selling cigarettes to underage smokers.

Anti-smoking advocates greeted the new campaigns with skepticism: "It's clearly an effort to gain innocence by association," said attorney Cliff Douglas, of Tobacco Control Law and Policy Consulting in Ann Arbor, Mich. "And indeed, Philip Morris has a long pattern of success in buying the support and acquiescence of good people and organizations by contributing to worthy causes."

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## EDITORIAL

### City leaders should listen before buying new digs

The Twin Falls City Council wants a bigger meeting room, and what the council wants, the council usually gets. But rather than act solely on their own authority, council members should listen to what taxpayers say about buying an entire building for new council chambers and more city offices.

Last week, the council voted to reopen this year's budget and dip \$205,000 out of reserve accounts to buy a building that stands a stone's throw from City Hall.

The 6,250-square-foot building could prove to be a public asset. Or it could prove another example of governments' almost insurable tendency to get bigger. Either way, it's troubling that city leaders chose to buy it without hearing from the people who pay the bills.

City leaders have already hired an architect to draw plans for the new building. About 3,850 square feet - far more than most houses in Twin Falls - will be dedicated to council chambers and meeting areas. The remainder will be used for city offices.

We don't buy the argument that larger council chambers are needed.

Our reporter, attends every scheduled council meeting and rarely has to hunt for a place to sit. Nine times out of 10, the audience consists of a handful of city staff members, a few citizens with business before the council, and maybe a Boy Scout troop. The present chambers are more than adequate for such meetings.

True, there are a few times every year when the council chambers are filled to overflowing. Public hearings on hot issues - such as zoning disputes and golf course fees - have a way of packing 'em in down at City Hall. But heavily attended meetings are the exception, not the rule.

City leaders know in advance which meetings will attract big crowds. On those occasions, why not rent an auditorium from the Twin Falls School District, or the College of Southern Idaho, or any of several local hotels?

Purchasing a building for public use is a serious commitment of public funds. In such cases, the public should have an opportunity to comment before any decision is made. That's only when the building will be paid for with public money.

*At nine City Council meetings out of 10, the audience consists of a handful of city staff members, a few citizens with business before the council, and maybe a Boy Scout troop.*



THE EVOLUTION OF HEALTH CARE

## How great teachers shape our lives

If you are lucky in life, you will have at least one great teacher. More than three decades ago, I had Ed Bamford, a political scientist who taught mainly at the University of Chicago and Harvard University. Ed's recent death at 83 left me with a large and unexpected sense of loss. Although we had stayed in touch, we were never intimate friends. But he had loomed large in my life, and I have been puzzling why.

I think the answer - and the reason for writing about something so personal - goes to the heart of what it means to be a great teacher. By teacher, I am not referring primarily to classroom instructors, because learning in life occurs mainly outside of schools. Ed's greatness did not lie in giving good lectures. It lay instead in somehow transmitting life-changing lessons. If I had not known him, I would be a different person.

When you lose someone like that, there is a hole. It is a smaller hole than losing a parent, a child or close friend. But it is still a hole, because great teachers are so rare. I have, for example, worked for some very talented editors. A few have earned my lasting gratitude. But none has changed my life.

What gave Ed this power, was his, his ideas. He made me see new things, or old things in new ways. The political scientist James O. Wilson, a collaborator of Ed's, has called Bamford "the most profound student of American politics in this century."

America take democracy, freedom and political stability for granted. Ed was more wary. These great things must fuse into a political system that fulfills essential social functions: to protect the nation; to provide some continuity in policy; to maintain order and modulate society's most passionate conflicts. The trouble, Ed believed, is that democracy has self-destructive tendencies and



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

that, in modern America, these had intensified.

He regretted the disappearance after World War II of a political system based on big-city machines (whose supporters were rewarded with patronage jobs and contracts) and on party "bosses" (who dictated political candidates). It was not that he favored patronage, corruption or bosses for their own sake. But in cities, they created popular support for government and gave it the power to accomplish things. And they emphasized material gain over ideological fervor.

Postwar suburbanization and party "reformers" - weakening bosses and machines - destroyed this system. Its replacement, Ed feared, was inferior. "Whereas the old system had promised personal rewards," he wrote, "the new one promises social rewards." Politicians would now merchandise themselves by selling false solutions to exaggerated problems. People would lose respect for government because many "solutions" would fail. This was occurred.

He taught that you had to understand the world as it is, not as you wished it to be. This was sound advice for an aspiring reporter. And Ed practiced it. In 1954 and 1955, he and his wife, Laura, spent time in a poor Italian village to understand its poverty. Their subsequent book, "The Moral Basis of a Backward Society," argued that families in the village so distrusted each other that they could not cooperate to promote common prosperity. The larger point (still missed by many economists) is that local cul-

ture, not just "markets," determines economic growth.

What brought Ed fleeting prominence - notoriety, really - was "The Unheavenly City." Published in 1970, it foretold the failure of the War on Poverty. Government programs might lift some from poverty, he said. But the worst problems of poverty would remain. They resulted from a "lower class" whose members were so impulsive and "present oriented" that they attached "no value to work, sacrifice, self-improvement, or service to family, friends or community." They dropped out of school, had illegitimate children and were unemployed. Government couldn't easily alter that behavior.

For this message, Ed was reviled. He repeatedly said that many black Americans didn't belong to the "lower class" and that it contained many whites. Still, many dismissed him as a racist. Over time, his theories gained some respectability from the weight of experience. His "lower class" was redefined "the underclass." But when he wrote, Ed was assailing prevailing opinion. He knew he would be harshly attacked. He wrote anyway.

This was the deeper lesson. Perhaps all great teachers ultimately convey some moral code. Ed did. What he was saying in the 1960s was not what everyone else was saying. I felt uneasy with the reigning orthodoxy. Ed helped me understand my doubts and made me feel that it was important to give them expression. The truth had to be pursued no matter how unpopular, unfashionable or discomforting. Ed did not teach that he lived it. This was his code, and it was for anyone willing to receive it - an immeasurable gift.

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## LETTERS

### Thanks to county commissioner

Thank you, people of Twin Falls county! What a great privilege it has been to serve you over the past five years. The memories and friendships that I have enjoyed will last a lifetime. Serving as a county commissioner has been an extremely fulfilling experience for me and has truly enriched my life. I owe a great deal to all the citizen volunteers, fellow employees and fellow elected officials for their dedication and expertise. As I prepare to meet new challenges with the Department of Health and Welfare, I look forward to serving you in a different capacity. Please know that your ideas and concerns are always welcomed. God bless you all.  
DENNIS L. MAULGIAN  
County Commissioner  
Twin Falls

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### Keep your malignant malls, TF

Twin Falls, shame on you! You have ruined a beautiful city, all in the name of dollars. I guess it's called progress. So it's nice to see how many dairies (milkings), are being in some pig farms. Our air is smelly! One day, our water will be unfit. I hate the malls. You've not only ruined this city, you've caused the little towns to dry up. "Capt for King" in Jerome and Gooding, you cannot buy a pair of shoes. But I can get all I need at King's and by catalog. You can keep your malignant malls. I have mall aphobia.  
BETTY GALVIN  
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### Enough Christmas spirit already

Does it bother anyone else besides me that the retail stores have already put up Christmas decorations and displays? I began seeing them the second week of September.

I know that every company wants to be first and highest in sales and that the Christmas season is the highest money-making time of the year. Each year, it seems that they begin a little earlier than the previous year. The message from retailers to consumers seems to be "spend all your money on our products and do it now!"

As a Christian, I find this offensive. The true message of Christmas is that God sent his son, Jesus Christ, into the world to be our Savior. This was God's gift to his people. The spirit of Christmas does not include greed, selfishness, and to those in need, but the commercialism of Christmas makes me sad.

Do you want this to continue? Are you ready to listen to Christmas songs and see the Santas every time you go into a store for the next 2 1/2 months? Do parents want to hear their children's

### pleas for certain toys for Christmas

only in the year? Will retailers begin in August next year and July the following year? What can we do? Probably nothing this year, but what about next year?  
PETER L. ELLIS  
Twin Falls

### Governor should back breaching

"The children should be here with me! We are saving these salmon for them. The fish are their heritage and I will do whatever is necessary to see that their survival happens!" (Gov. Kempthorne, Redfish Lake, Sept. 7, 1999)  
Powerful words for the children of Idaho to remember. The governor was standing in hip waders before press and television cameras when he made the statement. He had just released the last of 21 endangered sockeye salmon.  
If he is serious about saving these fish for Idaho's children, the governor must support breaching. As a politician, he is mandated to listen to the majority. Public meetings around the state continue to show overwhelming support for the "return to a natural river" concept.

## LETTERS

The four dams on the lower Snake must go. The best fisheries experts in the world advise it: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, American Fisheries Society, National Marine Fisheries Service, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. More than 20 years of attempts to do otherwise have failed. Strobe lights, hanging fish ways and more banging will not help.  
Now Kempthorne has hired Buzz Fawcett, a past adviser, and Fawcett's law firm, Perkins Cole, to work on the salmon solution. Perkins Cole has offices in Anchorage, Bellevue, Denver, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles, Olympia, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Taipei, Washington, D.C., and Boise. Its specialty is representing big business in mitigating environmental issues.

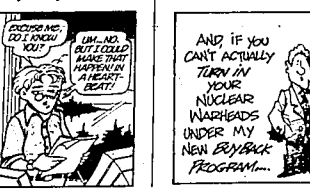
The law firm sounds expensive. What mission has the governor given them? Who is paying their legal fees? Is Perkins Cole working hard for the ordinary folks of Idaho or big-moneyed special interests?  
DICK DAHLGREN  
Ketchum

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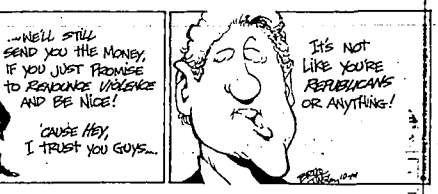


### By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

# Help for employees with dying relatives

**Y**ou're working full time and raising a family when your elderly mother suffers a health setback and begins needing more help with doctor visits, medication and chores at home. Where will you find the time and information to help her?

If you work at the Washington-based home mortgage lender Fannie Mae, you can turn to an elder-care case manager who works on-site. This case manager, a gerontology specialist, provides individual consultations to Fannie Mae employees around the country.

If you work at AT&T, you can visit a Web site for employees that offers checklists of things to consider, including eligibility for various kinds of leave, flexible work arrangements and legal services.

Demographic trends and research on the work force suggest that employees are increasingly likely to encounter situations of terminal illness, caregiving and bereavement.

Yet Fannie Mae and AT&T are among the very few employers addressing this problem in any depth.

The Department of Labor estimates that 30 percent of the work force already has some responsibility for an elderly relative.

It reports that 54 percent of the nation's work force expects to be responsible for the care of an aging parent or relative in the next 10 years. Employers have compelling business reasons to offer more programs and policies addressing terminal illness, caregiving and bereavement.

It's a bottom-line issue. Family care can mean the loss of good employees and reduced productivity. Research by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., a Manhattan-based life insurer, estimates the aggregate cost to American business in lost productivity at \$11.4 billion a year.

Nevertheless, workplace programs supporting individuals in these situations are only beginning to emerge.

A study of 170 employers recently released by the Workplace Task Force of the Last Acts coalition showed that only 6 percent offered comprehensive ways of helping employees plan for and cope with situations such as terminal illness or death of a loved one or co-worker. Many employers were found to

MYRL WEINBERG

offer certain basic benefits such as bereavement leave, family and medical leave and employee assistance programs.

Yet innovative programs like those at Fannie Mae and AT&T appear to be pioneers in this area of work-life concerns.

Last Acts, founded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of Princeton, N.J., unites more than 370 organizations as coalition partners to improve end-of-life care.

Recognizing both the needs of workers and the advantages to employers, the task force developed a set of model activities that can be phased into the workplace gradually and cost effectively.

In the first phase of activity, changes cost little or nothing. Efforts can include assessing that employees receive clear explanations of relevant benefits like sick leave and coverage for hospice care.

Employers may distribute forms for living wills or offer a list of national and local services to help with issues like health-care financing, legal questions and grief support.

In the second phase, employers may introduce programs with a moderate cost. These include blending end-of-life materials

into formal employee orientations as well as allowing carry-over leave programs.

In the third phase, some employers may choose to provide higher-cost programs, like pre-empting seminars by experts on care options or increasing the amount of sick time available for caregiving or bereavement.

Many actions can be taken at little or no cost. All employers can do something to help workers

in these circumstances. Employers providing the information and support that enable workers to care for loved ones will be rewarded with productive and valuable employees.

Myrl Weinberg is president of the Washington-based National Health Council, an umbrella group for over 100 health-related organizations. She wrote this commentary for Bridge News.

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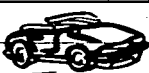
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### NATION

# Data says Bay Area is in for big quake

Night Rider News Service

Many Earth scientists have become convinced that the 7.3 magnitude Loma Prieta quake in 1989 was a warm-up for a period of more frequent Bay Area earthquakes.

The newest studies and recent destructive quakes in Turkey and Taiwan have reinforced the conclusion that faults follow regular on-and-off patterns. Quake scientists say the Bay Area's faults have been gradually rearing up to begin breaking since the devastating 1906 quake switched them off.

That the area is soon due for a big earthquake is sure to be borne out Thursday when the U.S. Geological Survey will release a study of the likelihood of a major quake in the next 30 years.

The probability will assuredly rise high above the 10-year-old estimate of 67 percent, making a big quake so likely that many scientists and emergency managers consider it a certainty.

"People want to deny the fact that we live in earthquake country," said Leon Wong, who heads the seismic hazards group at ERS Grenier Woodward-Clyde, a geological engineering firm in San Francisco. "The probability report will strongly say that in your lifetime we will have a really big earthquake."

During the past 30 years, scientists have learned much about the Bay Area's faults. They will be incorporating knowledge acquired from trenches and satellites monitoring every movement from on high. They seek estimates of which fault might be the next to go.

"I still have much to learn about how and when the faults might snap. Each earthquake teaches scientists new lessons about what the next one will be like, and they want to be ready. "Prepare to be surprised," said USGS research geophysicist Bill Bakun. "It may work the way you thought it would over long periods of time, but occasionally it is going to do something completely different."

When scientists and emergency managers plan for an immense disaster, they look to the Hayward fault, which runs through some of the oldest and most densely populated areas in California. Scientists say the fault could rupture with a quake of magnitude 7 or larger.

In the past few years, trench data combined with historical research disproved a theory that an earthquake ripped open the fault in 1836. Scientists now believe the Northern Hayward fault's most recent quake occurred perhaps in the early 1700s.

Scientists have estimated that the fault has a big earthquake every 200 years, on average. That means the chances of a temblor on the fault north of Oakland increase with time.

The reassessment of quake likelihood also raises the question of how much of the fault can break at any one time. Before, some scientists were convinced the fault broke in two smaller pieces, which means two smaller earthquakes. If it all breaks at once, or breaks in conjunction with its northern partner, the Rodgers Creek fault, the subsequent quake could be enormous.


Although earthquakes have been around for millions of years, understanding them is a relatively new business. Just 30 years ago, scientists were discovering what causes quakes: Immense continental plates pushing against each other as they slowly slide across Earth's molten mantle.

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SPORTS

Patterson siblings pace Gooding at meet

GOODING - Thanks to a pair of first-time winners by brother-sister duo Chris and Carin Patterson, the Senators had little trouble stamping their mark on the Gooding Invitational Cross Country Meet Wednesday.

sprayed top honors among the girls. Gooding's girls finished second. All local schools are now gearing up for the district meet at Lake Wolcott, which begins Wednesday at 4 p.m.

tricts next week. BUHL (5) finished with Gooding for the district tournament Oct. 18 and 20.

Twins Falls JV 3, Burley JV 1. BURLY - Twin Falls went up 3-nil Wednesday before the Bobcats got on the board, coasting to an easy 3-1 win on the road.

Local sports

On the boys' side, Chris Patterson finished all alone in a remarkable time of 16 minutes, 16 seconds - just 18 seconds off the course record set by Bonneville speedster Jed Barba.

He's been running really well," said Gooding coach Kent Stryker. "He has been leading from the get-go. "He was really flying."

Milenko Kulasevic put the visitors up 1-0 in the 28th minute on an unassisted shot, then passed off to Pedro Garcia, who scored again to make it 2-0.

Twins Falls' third goal came 19 minutes into the second half on an unassisted shot from Andy Hegstrom.

Hometown player leads Las Vegas Invite

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Craig Barlow, who grew up in the shadow of the Strip, shot a career-best 11-under-61 Wednesday to take a two-shot lead over eight players in the first round of the five-day Las Vegas Invitational.

But it was Barlow, a second year pro from the Las Vegas suburb of Henderson, who had the lowest score while playing on probably the easiest of the three courses in the rotation.

Buhl 2, Bliss 1. BUHL - After a scoreless first half, Buhl won 2-1 off a penalty kick in the second.

Regional PGA pro compete today

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Seven Rocky Mountain Section PGA professional golfers will tee it up in New Mexico today in the first round of the 1999 Western Regional PGA Club Professional Championship.

Golf

Playing late in the day at the Las Vegas Country Club, Barlow started his round with an eagle and added nine birdies. He could have shot a 60, but left a 15-foot-er for eagle short on the final hole.

"It seemed to get the bounces you need to shoot low," Barlow said. "Today the difference was the marginal shots turned out OK, and I took advantage of them."

He shot 31 on the back side, his front, and then went on to make six birdies over the next nine holes.

After concussions, Young's future is fuzzy

SANTA CLARA, Calif. - Steve Young, still battling to recover from perhaps the worst of several concussions over the last three years, met with his neurologist Wednesday in a consultation that could determine his football future.

Chang finally escapes Heineken's opening round

SINGAPORE (AP) - Michael Chang made it past the first round of the Heineken Open for the first time in three years, beating Leander Paes of India 6-1, 6-3.

ATP tournament in Shanghai, eighth-seeded Magnus Norman was upset, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 by 156th-ranked Paradorn Srichapan.

ZURICH, Switzerland - American qualifier Corina Morariu posted her first victory over a top-10 ranked player Wednesday, upsetting fifth-seed Barbara Schett 7-6 (8-6) 6-4.

depleted Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 Wednesday to advance into the third round of the \$800,000 CA Trophy ATP tennis tournament.

CSI

Continued from B1. hometown Friday against North Idaho College (1-2 SWAC) and archrival Ricks College (5-3) will be subtle.

Nation's best

Four scenic West Athletic Conference teams are listed in the Oct. 12 NCAA Top 20 poll, with CSI holding the top spot for the fourth straight week.

Qualifier posts convincing win in Switzerland

What it entails is basically blocking CSI's opponents from hitting the line, which is the zone that extends in a straight-line from the attacker down either the left or side of the court, and forcing them to hit into the seam, or middle of the court, where a middle back will be ready to dig the angle.

Malone, Hornacek, Chilcutt to sit out opener

OGDEN, Utah - Forward Karl Malone and shooting guard Jeff Hornacek were scratched from the lineup for Utah's exhibition opener Wednesday night against the Vancouver Grizzlies.

Tennis

"I definitely feel very relieved," Chang said. "I know what I would have thought if I'd lost today's match."

Qualifier posts convincing win in Switzerland

"I didn't start great," Woodbridge said. "I think I wore him down in the end. I played well, ran hard, and was able to get to the finish line."

Rusedski advances to third round at Vienna

VIENNA, Austria - Fifth-seeded Greg Rusedski of Britain defeated Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 Wednesday to advance into the third round of the \$800,000 CA Trophy ATP tennis tournament.

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SIMI VALLEY, Calif. - Former New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies outfielder Lenny Dykstra was arrested Wednesday on misdemeanor charges of sexual battery and child annoyance involving a 17-year-old girl.

CSU

After the weekend, CSI must gear up for its toughest test of the season: back-to-back road wars at Salt Lake Community College Oct. 22 and Utah Valley State College Oct. 23.

CSU

Matches that Martin said the team is keeping in the back of their minds - for now.

Eagle Watch

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CSU

Robert is seventh in service aces, averaging 0.79 per game, while Moore stands 10th in blocks per game at 1.32. As a team, CSI is either first or second in five of the six SWAC categories, with the Golden Eagle fifth in digs.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Lady Bruins host weekend basketball camp. TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls girls' basketball team will host a camp at the high school for girls in grades 3-8 Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rapids soccer club plans tryouts. TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Rapids, a newly established area soccer club, will hold tryouts for the upcoming spring season starting this weekend at Ascension Field.

Regional PGA pro compete today. ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Seven Rocky Mountain Section PGA professional golfers will tee it up in New Mexico today in the first round of the 1999 Western Regional PGA Club Professional Championship.

Steelheads finalize opening-day roster. BOISE - The Idaho Steelheads finalized their opening day roster for the upcoming West Coast Hockey League season Wednesday.

Helmer aces Burley's No. 2. BURLEY - Phillip Heiner used a 7-wood to ace the 165-yard, second hole at the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

Wilt Chamberlain funeral to be Saturday. LOS ANGELES - A funeral for NBA Hall of Famer Wilt Chamberlain will be Saturday, his agent said.

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SPORTS

BYU's 'Freight Train' builds steam

PROVO, Utah (AP) - Across the shoulders of his practice shirt, there his last name would be sewn onto a game jersey. BYU linebacker Rob Morris used a marker to write a message: "I'M BACK."

That's bad news for opponents, if it's true. The 6-foot-2, 250-pound linebacker for No. 23 Brigham Young (4-1, 3-0 Mountain West) missed three games with a slow-healing, lower abdominal strain.

"It has been the most frustrating experience of my football life," Morris said. "I'm looking good and feeling good. Unfortunately, it's a different thing to be playing good."

Morris expects to be back on the field this weekend. He's lined up as probable for Saturday night's game at New Mexico (2-3, 1-0).



Brigham Young linebacker Rob Morris (44) mauls Colorado State quarterback Matt Newton (15) in their game in September. The 6-foot-2, 250-pound linebacker has missed three games with a slow-healing lower abdominal strain. He expects to be back on the field this weekend against New Mexico.

"He plays with great enthusiasm and emotion," Long said. "Never a half step. Great instincts. He diagnoses the play as it unfolds, makes his decision, then he runs over and hits the runner hard every time."

conferer games the rest of the season. "My fire burns bright to play the sport and these are the big games," Morris said. "Washington, Virginia and Cal, those games are for bragging rights. These are the ones that count."

"Freight Train" and sent thousands of wooden train whistles to sports writers. Fans were asked to blow their whistles every time Morris makes a big play. "It's flattering but you realize real quick that it won't make you a better football player," Morris said. "I don't really seek the attention. You won't see me wearing gold chains or gold rings, trying to get on TV."

Minor league baseball team gets OK to move

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A proposal to relocate Helena's minor league baseball to Provo has been approved by owners of the Pioneer League's eight franchises.

However, the vote doesn't mean Helena franchises, a rookie-league affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers, will be moving to Provo. Instead, it means the league will welcome Provo if the city agrees to build a new stadium and if it comes to an agreement on the move with Helena Brewers brass, neither of which has happened yet.

Robert Wilson, owner of the Billings Mustangs, likes the prospect of baseball Provo's fast-growing economy.

"I think Provo would be a great town for a baseball team," Wilson told the Desert News in a copy-right story. "They support the (Brigham Young athletic) teams that are there, they have great corporations, and they have a great baseball tradition there with BYU."

There were concerns, he said about the city's refusal to host

baseball games on Sunday, but "The consensus was that it's workable and it won't be a stumbling block."

Beer would also not be sold at games in Provo, but Helena brewers co-owner Linda Garth Ray, who confirmed the weekend vote, said it was a concession she and her partner, Rob Owens, were willing to make.

Ticket sales in Helena, a city of 28,000, have been sluggish, with an average attendance of just 700 per game.

Provo's ad hoc baseball committee has named four prospective sites for a new \$3 million to \$5 million multi-purpose baseball stadium, including BYU's campus.

Mayer Lewis Billings said potential stadium sites likely must be introduced to the Utah County Council by the end of November. He said he thinks the Helena owners are "ready to play ball."

"If Provo and the Brewers' owners agree to relocate the team, the Pioneer League's owners still may vote again on Provo's induction into the league."

Soccer league muzzles parents, coaches

CLEVELAND (AP) - No parents cheering. No coaches barking orders.

The soccer fields of the Northern Ohio Girls Soccer League will sound like a monastic retreat.

Fed up with screaming, knowledgeable coaches and parents, the league has banned cheering during this weekend's games, a plan dubbed "Silent Sunday."

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Baseball games on Sunday, but "The consensus was that it's workable and it won't be a stumbling block."

Some national organizations have adopted guidelines and programs to restrain bad parental behavior at athletic events, but Fred Engh, president of the National Alliance for Youth Sports, said the cheering ban was the first of its kind that he was aware of in any sport.

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Records fall at MV Junior High Cross Country meet

TWIN FALLS - Records fell like autumn leaves Oct. 6 at the Magic Valley Junior High Cross Country Meet, held at O'Leary Junior High School.

With more than 100 middle-school-aged athletes competing, Jerome's Chase Warner shattered her old course record by 23 seconds, while Jared Conover from the host school shaved three seconds off his boys' record.

Tennis team takes second at districts

BOISE - The Twin Falls 6.0 mixed doubles tennis team came in second at the District Championships Oct. 9-10.

Columbus Day awards are on the way

The Twin Falls Women's Bowling Association's inaugural Columbus Day Doubles Tournament was well attended last weekend, with a total of 80 entries on hand from seven local bowling associations.



LET'S GO BOWLING Thelma Tucker

For most novel team name. Also, the names of all ladies who participated in the tournament, a total of 28, were placed in a drawing and the winner was Londa Stout.

In previous bowling news, I had the pleasure of bowling on the same set of lanes with Carol Squiro at the Columbus Day Tournament. She does love bowling, and has a great time while doing so. Squiro bowls for Bonanza Ladies on the Magic Valley Ladies Travel League and has been a bowler for 17 years.

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Every Thursday in the Outdoors section, The Times-News guides Magic Valley residents to recreational opportunities.

Advertisement for Mountain Home, Idaho Performance Chevrolet 1999 Chevrolet Blazer LS, 4 door, \$19,988.

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Injured parachuter's condition improves

**BOISE** - A parachuter who was seriously injured in a jump from the Perrine Bridge was upgraded to fair condition Wednesday.

Nanette Studebaker, 25, was recovering from serious back, neck and leg injuries at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, where she was airlifted Monday after falling more than 480 feet into the Snake River.

Studebaker's main chute didn't open when she jumped from the bridge because the strap holding a smaller chute that triggers the main chute tangled around her leg. The main chute opened moments before Studebaker hit the water.

Because it is one of few places where jumping is legal, the Perrine Bridge is a popular spot for BASE jumpers, who get their thrills parachuting from buildings, antennas, spans and earth.

### Twin Falls district offers standardized testing

**TWIN FALLS** - It's time for standardized testing, and the Twin Falls School District is inviting dually enrolled students to take the tests, if they want to join Idaho High School Activities Association-sanctioned extracurricular activities.

Students who live in the Twin Falls School District and are either home-schooled or attend a private school can participate in the full statewide standardized testing program if they want to join IHSAA-sponsored activities in the public schools.

Testing will occur Oct. 25 to 29. Call Larry Watson, Twin Falls School District testing coordinator, at 733-6551 to make arrangements.

### NUU to host open house for business management degree

**TWIN FALLS** - Northwestern Nazarene University will hold open houses this month to offer information about a master's of business administration college program it plans to start locally in January 2000.

The open houses will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Another weekend of open houses will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 29 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 30. They will be held at Shilo Inn, 1506 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

NUU plans to offer a 15-month program for 20 to 25 students at a time.

### Magic Valley Human Relations Council plans fall meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Human Relations Council will hold its first fall planning meeting at the end of the month.

"The council organizes activities that promote understanding among races and cultures in the isolated Intermountain West. It has committees in Twin Falls and the Mini-Cassia area and would like to have a Northwest group started within a year.

The council invites involvement of people and community groups who share the council's mission. Ideas can be sent to T.O. Box 5075, Twin Falls, 83303.

The council will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 27 in Room 258 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

### Kimberly might get break on health insurance

**KIMBERLY** - Health insurance for Kimberly city employees might not be as costly as it has been.

Blue Cross representative Natalie Knighton Tuesday gave a presentation on the city's options for health protection.

In other business, the council gave final approval to annex five parcels of land receiving city services. The council and the planning and zoning commission have been working on this project since August 1998. Residents of these areas will have Kimberly police protection in addition to water, sewer and sanitation services.

Compiled from staff reports

# Dairy neighbors will sue over water

By N.S. Reichert  
Times-News writer

**BLISS** - Several dairy are tired of human-made manure and contaminated drinking water, a small Grazing County family and an activist group announced plans Wednesday to sue a neighboring dairy.

The Butler family and the Idaho Rural Council Wednesday afternoon said they intend to sue Henry and Julie Bunn of Bliss Acres LLC, a Bliss dairy. They have notified the Bureau of Plant Industry to sue under the Federal Clean Water Act.

The Butlers say ongoing problems with water quality in their spring are worse after a dairy was built above the spring. The spring supplies water for five families, including eight children and one pregnant woman, but it violates federal drinking water standards for nitrates, topping 19 milligrams of nitrate per liter of water this summer.

Family members say they have no confidence in state agencies' ability to correct the problem or enforce state standards meant to protect groundwater.

"They don't enforce what they put" on a Butler sign.

The Twin Falls regional director for the state Division of Environmental Quality Doris Edwards, in a later interview, said the lawsuit and the ongoing investigations by his department and the state Department of Agriculture will focus public attention on a serious environmental issue of ground and surface-water contamination.

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Carey rancher Milo Meacham squares off with Jon Marvel over the issue of grazing on public lands during a range tour of Dip Vat Creek Wednesday. "You'll put a lot of little guys out of business if you shut off grazing," Meacham said. Replied Marvel: "I didn't see the Idaho Farm Bureau coming to the aid of 6,000 miners when Barber Bill was shut down."

## End of October will bring water shut off

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - The good news is that the cost per share in the Twin Falls Canal Co. will stay at \$24, company manager Vance Alberdi said Wednesday.

The company will shut off water to the canal on Oct. 29. And employees are getting up for fall repair work, he said. The company plans to replace 125 to 150 small concrete canal structures - structures, check dams and crossing works. The structures are for maintenance work.

Building forms and pouring the concrete in the shop yard is more efficient than building in place and pouring the concrete in the canal.

Building them in place can only be done after the water has been shut off and the canals have dried out. Precasting the structures means the work can be done during the good weather, Alberdi said.

The company also plans to take a close look at the siphon that takes the Low Line Canal under Rock Creek. Experts will check the siphon for leaks and the thickness of the steel, and will make sure it's in good shape for the next year.

Plans also include removing a pipe beneath the High Line Canal that caused a serious leak earlier this year. The company replaced the buried pipe with one suspended on a bridge across the canal.

## Battling fraud

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - Customers passing bad checks. People pilfering merchandise from store shelves. Employees taking from the till.

These crimes - and the losses they cause businesses - can often be prevented with the right training, police say.

The Idaho Fraud Investigators Association will conduct an Oct. 21 seminar to teach business people how to spot suspicious checks, schemes and other scams that cost businesses thousands of dollars.

"I've seen businesses in the community fail because they suffered losses that were needless," Twin Falls police detective Dave Heidemann said.

The day-long seminar will include presentations on preventing counterfeiting, shoplifting, employee theft, consumer fraud and bad checks.

Many bad checks can be spotted with simple training, such as noticing the bank is defunct or the account holder is dead, Heidemann said.

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## Blaze destroys 80,000 sacks of potatoes in Paul

The Times-News

**PAUL** - Fires leveled a Sun Valley Potatoes facility just outside of Paul, destroying about 80,000 sacks of currently harvested potatoes Wednesday afternoon.

The cause of the three-alarm fire is yet to be determined, said Dan Bowen, chief of Blaine County's Best Fire Department. No one was injured in the blaze which belched dense, black smoke hundreds of feet into the air.

Because of the polychlorinated insulation commonly used in construction of potato cellars, fires of this nature are very dangerous to fight, said Bowen.

"The gases are very dangerous," said Bowen.

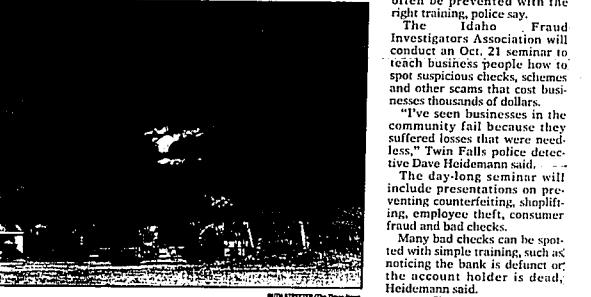
For this reason, firefighters on the scene simply contained the fire and then let the building burn. It was completely destroyed.

Paul's "about all you can do with a fire like that," said Bowen.

No other structures or property were damaged in the incident. The building was full of sacks of potatoes ready for distribution.

Firefighters from Heyburn, Rupert and the Best End departments were called to the scene at about 3 p.m. Representatives of Sun Valley were also available for comment Wednesday afternoon or evening.

Black smoke and flames billow from a potato cellar owned by the Sun Valley Potatoes company just east of Paul Wednesday. The building, which was full of potatoes at the time of the blaze, was completely destroyed by the flames. No one was injured and no other property was damaged in the incident.



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## Marvel, Carey rancher quarrel over range condition

By Karen Botsack  
Times-News correspondent

**GANNETT** - Idaho rangeland activist Jon Marvel got into a verbal battle Wednesday with Carey rancher Milo Meacham.

The immediate issue: Marvel's contention that Meacham's cattle were trashing the West Fork of Dip Vat Creek in the steep sagebrush-covered hills east of Gannett.

The larger issue: the modern-day debate over whether subsidized public lands grazing should continue on public lands, as it has for a century.

The Bureau of Land Management was caught somewhere in the middle during Wednesday's range tour.

"Some of these bottoms are heavily used," said BLM natural resource specialist Scott

Anderson, as he hiked along the creek. "But most are showing improvement over several years ago. We're not talking flowers, we're not talking pretties, we're not totally happy with everything. But we're not done, either."

Marvel, who lives in Hailey, began taking an interest in the Dip Vat Creek area and the nearby Dry Creek area seven years ago, providing the BLM to restore it. He drove through the area Sunday and was dismayed to find 35 or more cows in a narrow area bordering the creek.

A few acres along the creek had no grass, just dirt and cowpiles. Marvel pointed out other areas where he said cattle had eaten the bottom of willows and matted what grass was left. Nowhere was the grass four inches or taller.

What BLM officials specify as

healthy riparian vegetation. Cottonwood trees had disappeared as the water table had dropped and the creek flattened out. A small sliver of wetlands along the creek had dried up.

"It was a huge disappointment for me. It's not a remote thing happening out in Owyhee County or Custer County," he said. "It's in my backyard, just over the hill from Silver Creek."

The cows were gone Wednesday, when Marvel returned with two BLM officials and Meacham, who has a grazing permit for the area.

Meacham said the areas have vastly improved since 1986, when the number of cattle allowed to graze there was cut nearly in half. Ranchers, who used to put their cattle out to pasture in May, have been

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# Landscaping ordinance would require improvements

## Suit against Aryan Nations set for trial

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Those who wish to construct a new building, have it remodeled or convert a home to a business may now have to include aesthetic improvements in their plans.

The first draft of a landscaping ordinance was read by the Burley Planning and Zoning Committee Wednesday night. The ordinance requires either a minimum project cost to go toward aesthetics or a minimum surface area to be sprayed.

For new constructions, remodeled buildings and residential conversions, no less than 10 percent of the project's surface area would need to be landscaped and no less than 10 percent of the project's costs

would need to go into landscaping. Residential conversions would also need to apply 15 percent of construction costs to exterior renovation.

The ordinance would be enforced only when the city building inspector needed to conduct an inspection for a building permit, according to city attorney Randy Stone.

Some committee members had concerns that determining what landscaping aesthetically enhances a building is too subjective a process.

"It's a difficult area," Stone agreed.

Stone said the intent of the ordinance was out of concern that dilapidation leads to blighted areas. The ordinance in part ensures that when a person relocates to an area, the property will be taken care of.

Committee member Guy Redder expressed concern that the ordinance

would "put undue pressures on businesses that cannot do it, for whatever reason."

The ordinance would give the building inspector the authority to revoke the certificate of occupancy if a business could not "essentially put them out of business," Stone said.

The ordinance will be reviewed by the City Council Monday.

Also Wednesday, the committee discussed the future of industry in Burley and what it should zone in its new impact area.

More than 1,200 acres between 100 West and 200 West and the south of the Snake River to 200 South is now a part of Burley's impact zone, which means it will likely be annexed someday, Stone said.

Stone said the new impact area is a logical area for industry to grow, considering north of the Snake River is a commercial

area, and the east is residential.

Committee members agreed to deliberate on whether the area is more suitable for residential-agricultural or industrial, as the decision has long-term implications.

"You're talking about where the industrial activity will be in the next 80 years," Stone said.

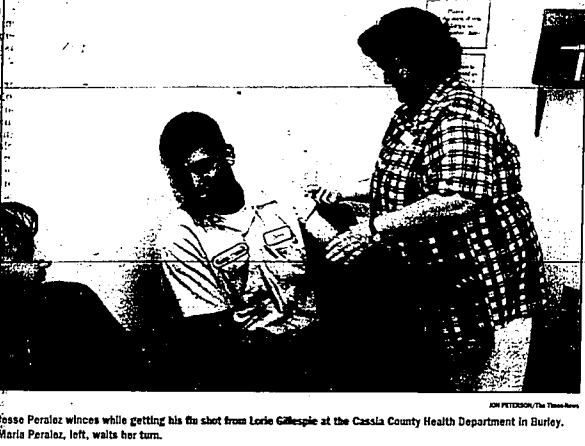
In other business Wednesday, Stone offered to draft a billboard ordinance due to the flood of requests to bring more billboards to the city. There is currently a moratorium on new billboards. The committee also looked at the first draft of a sign ordinance that would establish official regulations on signs in the city of Burley.

**COEUR D'ALENE** (AP) — A lawsuit that a human rights organization brought against the white supremacist Aryan Nations is scheduled to go to trial next summer.

First District Judge Charles Hosack on Tuesday set Aug. 28 as the date for the trial, which is expected to last a week.

The Southern Poverty Law Center filed the complaint in January on behalf of Victoria Keenan and her son Jason, who say they were shot at and chased by Aryan Nations security guards outside the group's compound near Hayden, north of Coeur

### FIGHTING THE FLU



Jesse Peralez wins while getting his flu shot from Leticia Gonzalez at the Cassia County Health Department in Burley. Leticia Gonzalez, left, waits her turn.

## Prison officials rehearse in preparation for execution

**SALT LAKE CITY** (AP) — Prison officials spent Wednesday afternoon rehearsing the preparations for the execution by lethal injection of Joseph Mitchell Parsons scheduled for Friday.

Meanwhile, Parsons, condemned for the 1987 murder and robbery of Richard Ernest, spent four hours during the afternoon talking to his brother, Department of Corrections spokesman Jack Ford said.

Parsons' inmate remained in good spirits.

"He's doing real well. He's amazing actually," Ford said.

"He's real set on doing this and pretty upset even. He's not having any problems at all and is determined to go ahead."

In July, Judge granted Parsons' motion to fire his attorneys, drop his appeals, and expedite his execution.

Parsons changes his mind, an attorney from the Department of Corrections will be on hand to file a motion with the courts, which will be standing by if that happens, said Utah Attorney General Tom Brunker.

"We want to make it efficient as possible and hopefully painless as possible."

— Jack Ford, spokesman

Parsons is scheduled to spend his final day in a death watch cell watching science fiction movies.

He will also be allowed to shoot baskets in a small gymnasium and walk under the stars. His final meal will be a hamburger, fries and a milkshake from Burger King.

The walk-through Wednesday was to establish a timeframe to complete live stock operations and their growth in the Magic Valley, said Nathan Jones, chairman of the council.

N Jones said he was disappointed that it is necessary to get attorneys involved, "but that's where we are today."

The Butlers said they felt joining the Rural Council was a last resort. The Bosmas have been uncooperative and the state agencies unresponsive, they said.

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If executed, Parsons will be the sixth man executed in Utah since 1972, when the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the capital punishment.

In August 1987, Parsons, then 23, was hitchhiking outside Barstow, Calif., when Ernest picked him up. That night, as the two rested outside Cedar City, Parsons stabbed Ernest to death 11 times, took his wallet, and threw the body from the car.

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"And that's good," he said.

The Idaho Rural Council brought the lawsuit out of concern for the effects of large concentrated livestock operations and their growth in the Magic Valley, said Nathan Jones, chairman of the council.

Parsons argued that he stabbed Ernest in self-defense after Ernest made a homosexual advance. But prosecutors have said the wounds appeared to have been inflicted while Ernest was sleeping.

The Montgomery, Ala.-based human rights group's cofounder, Morris Dees, has said he hopes the lawsuit will bring attention to monetary damages will bankrupt the Aryan Nations. The Southern Poverty Law Center has been successful in similar lawsuits against other hate groups.

At Tuesday's pretrial conference, Aryan Nations founder Richard Wayne Girard's attorney, Edgar Strick, said he would file a motion to force Girard to appear in court. Girard is currently in custody on a charge that prompted the lawsuit.

Another group member was recently arrested in Southern California in connection with a violent incident, and a third is being sought.

Investigators say the three clubs and shot at a car that Mrs. Keenan drove past the group's compound. Her son, Jason, was a passenger.

At least five bullets were fired at the car. One round flattened a tire, sending the car into a ditch.

The Keenans were ordered from the wrecked car and threatened, but not otherwise injured.

Warfield said he and the others gave cause because they believed the car's occupants had fired a shotgun at the Aryan headquarters.

Deputies could find no evidence to support that contention.

The lawsuit was filed in March to the lawsuit, Butler said he should not be held responsible for the actions of three guards. Butler claimed that the organization did not "encourage, approve, condone, ratify or sanction" the conduct.

## Breaching advocates complain of delays

**KENNEWICK**, Wash. (AP) — A sport fishing group has called on federal fisheries agency to stick to science when it considers breaching dams to save salmon runs on the lower Snake River.

The National Marine Fisheries Service hopes to recommend to Congress next year options for restoring threatened and endangered runs of salmon and steelhead. Among the options being studied is breaching four dams in southeastern Washington state.

Liz Hamilton, executive director of the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association in Oregon City, Ore., said recent statements by employees of the federal agency appear to indicate it is backing away from breaching in favor of other options — such as barging fish around dam turbines.

"NMFS appears unwilling to seriously engage this discussion, instead NMFS seems to have abandoned collaborative science in favor of 'empire building,'" Hamilton wrote in a letter sent Monday to National Marine

Fisheries Service head Penny Daubton.

Hamilton attached a study, released last week by a coalition of state, tribal and federal scientists that questions assumptions NMFS made about the effectiveness of barging.

Proposed delays to do more studies on the effectiveness of dam operations are ludicrous when "the science is so clearly stacked in favor of breaching," Hamilton said Wednesday.

There was no answer at the NMFS headquarters in Silver Spring, Md., after noon Wednesday. A call for comment to NMFS spokesman Brian Gorman in Seattle was not immediately returned.

The group's study challenges the fishery agency's use of numbers to say that barging fish downstream could be a solid recovery measure.

NMFS concluded last spring that breaching has the best chance of fish recovery in a wide range of potential future scenarios but said it is "not certain that

breaching is absolutely necessary."

Environmentalists said they sense an attempt by NMFS to delay a decision on breaching.

In April, NMFS officials toured the region, saying new information about barging is showing it's better than previously thought.

About 98 percent of fish barged downstream to the ocean survive the trip, but the big question is whether those fish are weaker than fish that make their own way to the ocean.

The fish agency — in part responding to the calls by many in the region for a solution less drastic than breaching — is developing a fish-recovery strategy that includes a look at harvest, hypodermis, habitat and hatcheries.

Jeff Curtis, with Trout Unlimited in Oregon, said last week's report "clearly shows that NMFS is out of step with virtually all of the other fish management agencies in the Columbia Basin, which are saying that partial dam removal is the key to restoring Snake River salmon."

The agency had no full-time employees. Most of its engineers and other experts work for the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and were under contract.

## Company to build spaceport shuts down for now

**IDAHO FALLS** (AP) — The company created to build a spaceport in eastern Idaho has closed up shop until a better opportunity comes along.

After seeing two major satellite companies fail, its board decided the near-term future of the launch business did not look so bright.

"We'll keep the company together, but we're suspending our efforts for the short term," North-Star Spaceport Vice President Ralph Bennett said.

The company can be rejuvenated when the state can bid on becoming a launch site for the VentureStar reusable space plane, which would not happen for at least a year. For now, there won't be any additional work done or money spent, Bennett said.

North-Star was looking at breaking into the satellite launch business sooner, using conventional rockets that already exist.

It originally received a \$1 million grant from the Regional Development Alliance, which

distributed job creation money from the state's nuclear waste settlement with the Department of Energy.

North-Star likely will have spent \$500,000, said board chairman Blake Hall. The rest will be returned to the alliance, which will be put back into the general pool.

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at the site.

Henry Bosma could be reached for comment Wednesday, despite repeated telephone calls and a message left on his answering machine. Jake Bosma's wife, Jeri Bosma, said they had been advised by their lawyer not to comment on news in the spring.

The incident showed a total disregard for any environmental standards, Archie Walker said.

"I moved over here 22 years ago to get away from things like that," he said.

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waiting until later to give the grass a chance to grow. They've been letting their cattle graze for two weeks in areas that have been designated as riparian pastures.

Mecham said the cattle covered the area at the end of July.

"That kind of talk heartens BLM Range Management Specialist Arnie Pike."

"When I first started mentioning words like 'riparian area' to these ranchers, they didn't have a clue what I was talking about," he said. "Even my college textbooks called areas like this 'sacrifice areas.' It wasn't until the mid-'80s that

people started changing their way of thinking. I feel like the ranchers are trying to make an effort."

Mecham conceded the hillsides totally grazed off 15 years ago, but not in decent shape.

"We're growing angry when Mecham characterized an area without grass as an area where grass just doesn't grow."

"That's a lie," Marvel said.

"You want to talk lies? It's like when you call the BLM and tell them there are cows all over," Mecham responded.

Marvel said he would like to see cows moved off public lands, saying federal grazing fees don't even begin to pay for the miles of fences the BLM builds around

the allotment.

Mecham countered that the little guy would be put out of business if they were run off such allotments.

Anderson said the Dry Creek and Dip Vat areas are hard to say on top of because of their terrain. Next year the area will look different because it will be grazed earlier in the year, according to a rotation system, when there's more greenery on the hillside for the cattle to graze on.

Pike added that the BLM will have to figure out how to handle the Dip Vat area.

Marvel remained skeptical.

"Haven't you been figuring it out for years?" he asked.

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**It and stick their heads in the sand," Heidemann said.**

"Unfortunately the costs are

passed on to the consumer, but we think it's better to make the criminal pay."

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Police arrest former congressional candidate



Dan Williams

BOISE (AP) - Two-time Idaho congressional candidate Dan Williams has been arrested for allegedly refusing to let a woman get out of his car after they were in a downtown bar.

If convicted, the Democrat faces up to six months in jail and a \$300 fine for misdemeanor false imprisonment. The 37-year-old Boise attorney unsuccessfully challenged Republican U.S. Rep. Hellen Chenoweth-Hoge in 1996 and 1998.

Williams, who was released on \$10,000 bond shortly after his arrest at his office on Tuesday, will plead innocent, probably by mail, his attorney, David Nevin, said.

Police said the incident occurred in the early hours of Aug. 28. Williams and the woman were reportedly drinking in a bar. They left in his car. Williams said he was giving her a lift to his vehicle. "She kept asking him to stop the car," Lt. Jim Tibbs said the woman told investigators. "She ultimately

had to force the gearshift into park to stop the car, so police did not release her name or the name of the bar. Tibbs said he did not know if the pair had been at the tavern together or how long he allegedly kept her in the car.

"Basically what it comes down to is he was holding her against her will," Tibbs said. There has been no explanation for the delay in filing the charge.

Analysis cuts estimate on problems in schools

BOISE (AP) - Health and safety problems once estimated to cost hundreds of millions of dollars to fix in Idaho schools can be corrected for less than \$100 million, according to a new analysis. And some members of the governor's statewide School Facilities Committee believe the cost may only be a third of that or less.

Overall, the update of a 1993 report on school building needs, compiled by 3D International Inc. of Houston, put the price tag for resolving safety problems, eliminating overcrowding and computerizing the classrooms at about \$300 million, down from the original estimate six years ago of \$700 million.

But even so, there remained no consensus on Wednesday about just how the improvements will be financed in the face of the state's court date next spring with lawyers for cash-strapped school districts trying to force the Kemphorne administration and the Legislature to pick up the bill. The governor and most lawmakers have adamantly opposed state support for school buildings beyond the \$10 million or so a year from the state Lottery. They have been looking for other options - options that former state Supreme Court Justice Robert Huntley, who represents the districts, has essentially called meaningless.

Consultant Sam Wilson, who managed the new analysis, printed out that some \$300 million in school construction bonds have been approved in the past six years, but he warned against comparing the two reports, citing changes in a number of factors including the buildings themselves and enrollment. Still, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's

education adviser, Thomas Morley, said it appeared the slide has been stopped. In fact, the two reports showed that while enrollment grew 13,000 in the six years between them, the school system statewide was 11,000 students over capacity now compared to 11,300 before.

"We've had growth in our enrollments so this shows the system is pretty much working," Morley said. "We haven't cleared up our problems from 1993. But the existing system appears to be working statewide."

A second report found that only 60 of the 152 bond issues submitted to school district patrons from 1993 through 1998 passed and 25 of those were re-submissions of bonds that had failed to get the required two-thirds supermajority earlier. That same report also showed that reducing the two-thirds majority to 60 percent - as some have suggested to resolve the facilities problem - would have meant approval of 44 bonds, many of them earlier versions ones that ultimately passed later on.

The building report found that the cost to reduce classroom crowding throughout the state has dropped from about \$190 million based on just under \$136 million. The one increase was for computerizing classrooms, which was estimated at \$64 million instead of the original \$29 million. Consultants called the earlier estimate unrealistically low.

The committee spent much of the day haggling over just what the price tag is for resolving health and safety concerns. Division of Building Safety citations carry a price of \$12.5 million, with another \$17.5 million to upgrade the 53 buildings in the worst shape.

Center seeks to prevent suicide

Doctors hope study will help explain why people take own lives



Dr. Tom Shires, co-director of the Suicide Prevention Research Center at the University of Nevada School of Medicine in Las Vegas, talks Wednesday about data collection for a study being conducted at the center as analyst Bill Brown works at night. Nevada is a logical location for the new Suicide Prevention Center since the state has the highest rate of suicide nationwide. Suicide is the sixth leading cause of death there.

take their own lives, said Dr. Tom Shires, the center's other co-director, but how do we stop them from trying. "Some of the whys will come out," Shires said, but that's not the first goal of the study. Experts believe that for every person who commits suicide, known by those in the field as a "completer," there are five to 15 people who have tried and still others who have thought seriously about it. Many people who try to kill themselves once will eventually try again, experts say.

Those are the people Filides and Shires want to find. As veteran trauma surgeons, Filides and Shires have spent decades trying to heal the bruises, broken bones and wounds people cause themselves and others.

At the Trauma Institute where they work, the two doctors say they have a chance to step back from the operating theater and try to find ways to stop the acci-

dents and assaults that bring so many victims to their surgery tables. They've looked at domestic abuse and car accidents. But for the next three years, suicide prevention will take up the majority of their time.

"Everybody wants to prevent it and everybody knows someone in their family who's done it," Shires said. "Everybody's in favor of doing something about it, but nobody knows how to do it."

Last September, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded the School of Medicine \$1.5 million to set up the Suicide Prevention Center. The goal: create a database of suicide attempts and completions in six Western states, including Nevada, develop prevention techniques and train people how to use them.

It sounds like a simple notion. But the doctors say there has never been a comprehensive effort to clearly define what constitutes a suicide attempt and

then count their numbers and try to offer a way to stop them.

Sen. Harry Reid lobbied to have money for the center included in the 1998 appropriations bill. Reid, whose father committed suicide 28 years ago, has spoken frequently about the need for prevention efforts, particularly those targeted at the elderly.

The problem of suicide was placed on a national stage last month when Surgeon General David Satcher declared suicide a serious public health threat. Satcher called for an effort to educate people who work with the public, including school counselors and hairdressers, to spot those who might want to hurt themselves.

Filides and Shires have created a five-step plan of attack for the next three years of work. In the first months, researchers will try to define just what constitutes a suicide attempt and use the computer-filled room to analyze attempt and completion numbers.

Prosecutor attacks alcohol defense in Wyoming trial

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) - The prosecutor in the murder trial of a man accused of beating gay college student Matthew Shepard to death challenged the defense strategy of pinning blame in part on the defendant's drug and alcohol use.

"In some ways we've become a nation of excuse makers," said prosecutor Cal Rerucha on Wednesday, the third day of jury selection in the trial of Aaron McKinney, 22.

McKinney is charged with murder, aggravated robbery and kidnapping with intent to inflict bodily injury or terrorize the victim.

Defense attorney Dion Custis quickly addressed the issue when it was his turn.

"Whether or not you feel alcohol or drugs may not be an excuse - and we will not offer that as an excuse - it may have an effect, may have a part in what happens in any situation."

Rerucha also made a case for the kidnapping charge, which the defense will contest. "Do you believe that kidnapping could be forcible confinement against a person's will? Can everybody on the jury accept that if that's the judge's instruction?" he asked.

Custis again acknowledged McKinney was involved in the beating but the public defender was more emphatic with the second pool in asserting that McKinney did not intend to kill Shepard.

Audit shows no misappropriation, the very of Lemhi County funds

SALMON (AP) - A \$10,000 audit of Lemhi County's books that were paid for by the state, found no misappropriation of funds but did find evidence of embezzlement or misappropriation of money.

The audit was conducted by the Idaho Falls accounting firm of Rudd and Co., and paid for by residents who hoped it would reveal why Lemhi County commissioners suddenly found themselves more than \$1 million in the red last winter.

Rudd and Co. sampled 60 random warrants, 20 from claims from payroll and 40 from claims. Seven had no sign of approval from department heads, a number that is higher than normal for

entities with good internal controls, auditor Brad Cannon said. Cannon also said he found three expense reimbursements to department heads, two of which were not supported by receipts.

After a meeting last week, Lemhi County Commission Chairman Tom Chaffin said every bill is reviewed by all of the commissioners before being paid.

One of the main concerns was why former County Clerk Alberta Wiedrick overstated the county's cash reserves by \$1 million in each of the 1996, 1997 and 1998 budgets.

"By using those numbers it reflected that the budgets were correct and balanced," Cannon said.

Firefighters stay for late season

BOISE (AP) - Idaho seems to have dodged the predicted disastrous season, but land managers say the state region is a tinderbox and firefighters are being kept longer than normal as insurance.

While the weather is cooling off, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service are urging outdoorsmen such as hunters to use extreme caution.

Idaho Lands Director Stan Hamilton said the state will have spent about \$1 million fighting fires this year with about 670 acres burned.

It spent \$5 million fighting fires in 1994. None of the 345 fires so far this year on state land was larger than 40 acres, Hamilton told the state Land Board on Tuesday.

"It was a very interesting fire

year," said Don Smurthwaite of the Boise-based National Fire Information Center, which monitors fires nationwide. "Where it was good, it was very, very good. And where it was bad, it was hard. The Great Basin, especially Nevada, got hit real hard, and the mountain areas saw barely a puff of smoke."

Bill Clark of the Bureau of Land Management in Boise said the agency is keeping crews around longer.

"It's the same for the Boise National Forest," spokeswoman Jennifer Jones said. "It's as dry as it's ever been in the forest."

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Figures from the audit presented some gray areas about the legitimacy of frequent transfers of money from the road and bridge fund, most of which went toward building a juvenile detention center that cost the county more than \$900,000, Cannon said.

But it could be argued that because the county was under a mandate to either build a detention center or ship juvenile offenders to costly outside facilities, the emergency transfers of funds might have been legal.

Jim Crites, the Salmon resident who headed the committee to fund and arrange the audit, said residents likely would not pursue the matter further.

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# COMICS

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MY GRAMMA SAYS SHE'S NEVER SEEN THE NILE RIVER SO HOW DO WE KNOW IT'S THERE?

MY GRAMMA SAYS WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG...

WAAWWW!

YES IT BRINGS UP ALL THE BEST NEAR THE END.

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

UNIVERSITY'S MOST LIKE HIGH SCHOOL...SIT-OR-EVEN-GOING-TO-WORK-GOTTA BE MORE FOCUSED...YOU GOTTA BE SERIOUS!

YOU NEED A ROUTINE, YOU HAVE TO REVISE YOUR NOTES EVERY DAY, STUDY IN THE GAME PLAY ROOM EVERY DAY.

AND YOU CAN'T TAKE OFF AND PARTY...EVEN IF THE OTHER KIDS ARE DOING IT... ONLY WHEN YOU FEEL YOU REALLY NEED TO HAVE A BREAK... TAKE SOME DEEP BREATHS... RELAX!

IS THAT WHAT YOU DID? THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD HAVE DONE!

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

OUR COMPANY NEWSLETTER HAS REPORTS OF BIZARRE WORK-PLACE CRIMES.

I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF THESE CRIMES BEFORE, BUT NOW I HAVE THE URGE TO BE A COPYCAT.

THANK GOODNESS MY PARENTS RAISED ME TO BE LAZY. THEY WERE VERY WISE.

**Dinosa** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

IT TOOK ME LOTS OF SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, BUT I GOT THE IDEA FOR 'S BOSS.

MARVELOUS... MY BOY'S SUPER MARVELOUS!

I CAN'T WAIT TO INFORM THE STAFF.

ATTENTION EVERYONE!! YOUR BOSS HAS DONE IT AGAIN!!

**B.C.** By Jimmy Hart

THIS STUPID TEXTBOOK SAYS ALL CREATIVES HAVE PREDATORS!

WHAT'S STUPID ABOUT THAT?

OH, YEA, TRY THIS... WHAT WOULD POSSIBLY THREATEN A TEN-FOOT SHARK?

...AN ELEVEN-FOOT SHARK.

**Fickles** By Brian Crane

POOR DAD! HE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND HIS REAR END, HUH?

NOPE.

HE WAS USING A LONG STICK, BUT IT GOT BROKEN.

THE OLD GOAT REFUSES TO GET UP AND WALK ACROSS THE ROOM TO CHANGE THE CHANNEL.

WELL, HE SEEMS TO BE MAKING PROGRESS.

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**Garfield** By Jim Davis

IF JON'S SOCKS ARE IN THIS DRINK...

WHERE IS THE ICE?

NO FEET ARE COLD.

DUH!

**Decies the Mercize** By Hank Ketcham

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**GRANDMA'S ADVICE**

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"Making mistakes is okay if they're NEW ones each time."

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

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CAN YOU GET THEM DEVELOPED FOR ME?

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"YOU EAT PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES, DON'T YOU WILSON?"

"BOY! JUST WHEN YOU THINK YOU KNOW A GUY!"

**The Wizard of Id** By Sharon Frazee & Jackson Hart

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...THE NEWS IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY AN ANTACID PILL!...

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**Rose is Rose** By Pat Brady

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ONE... TWO... THREE... SWITCH!

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

WHEN I WAS YOUNG I HAD BIG DREAMS...

AND NOW I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME AWAKING IN BARS...

SO YOU SEE...

SOMETIMES DREAMS DO COME TRUE!

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

DO NOT UNDERSTAND ME?

WHAT DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND SHEEP?

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YOU THINK YOU DO BUT DON'T! BELIEVE ME.

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YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO FEED THE ANIMALS!

JUST ONCE WON'T HURT.

WHAT DO THEY WANT?

SECONDS.

**Luan** By Greg Evans

YOUR NEW HAIR IS AWESOME, LUAN.

REALLY?

I MEAN IT, YOU LOOK INCREDIBLE.

THANK YOU, BROD. THAT'S SWEET.

HEY, BUT YOU'RE STILL AN ANNOYING, PAIN-IN-THE-BUTT LITTLE SISTER.

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

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WELL, WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? SOME BREAD WITH SEEDS IN IT?

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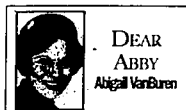
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Just use basic common sense preparing for Y2K

DEAR ABBY: You recently received a letter from a reader in Chula Vista, Calif., regarding the "Y2K Eype." While it is indisputable that many are profiting through the Y2K-related sales of merchandise, this is America and, like it or not, when people see a way to make a profit, they are free to take it. We are also free to choose what we purchase.

Thousands of people have gone to great lengths and expense to prepare for the Y2K-related chaos that is being planned for the Year 2000 transition. They deserve a standing ovation for their back-to-back efforts. Hopefully, the sources of any Y2K-related problems will continue to be found quickly and resolved easily.



DEAR ABBY  
Abby Cadabby

Both the Red Cross and FEMA have posted emergency preparedness articles on their web sites with PRACTICAL as well as AFFORDABLE suggestions for all climates. While I agree with the author of the "Y2K Eype" piece (i.e., "stay calm, don't panic, use your head"), proper emergency preparedness can make a world of difference by relieving inconvenience and uncertainty until services are restored. It may even save a life.

• Stock supplies such as canned foods, bottled water, instant soup, etc., for last several days.

• In the event of a power out-

age, plan to use alternative cooking devices in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. NEVER use liquid-fueled heating and cooking devices without adequate ventilation.

• Organize your first aid supplies. This includes prescription as well as nonprescription medications.

• Have plenty of flashlights and batteries on hand. (If you have small children, keep flashlights available for their personal use and safety.) Do NOT use candles alone for emergency lighting.

• Plan to use extra blankets, coats, hats and gloves to keep warm. NOT gas-fueled appliances such as an oven.

• Listen to a battery-operated radio to keep yourself informed. Be prepared to relocate to a shelter for protection or warmth if necessary.

• Check with the emergency service providers in your community BEFORE an emergency arises, particularly if you or a loved one has special needs.

—PAMELA RYAN, WILMETTE, ILL.

Wednesday's Puzzle Answer

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Nocturnal beasts don't get colors

In the twilight night you see things only in black and white. That's how nocturnal animals — those that sleep in the daylight and work in the dark — see things, too. The difference between night vision and day vision isn't really all that pronounced. Until you come to rain-bows.

French playwright Moliere noted, "You can pretend to be serious; you can't pretend to be stupid."

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Many will see Taurus as mysterious

IF OCTOBER 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are dynamic, imaginative, would make excellent writer, producer, diplomat. You are attractive, possess intellectual curiosity. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius persons play fascinating roles in your life, could have these letters, initials or names: E. N. W. During November you'll be free of obligation that was not really yours in first place. In December, you will be involved with people who are dedicated, sincere, and you could fall madly in love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Break free from foolish restrictions. Participate in financial maneuver that could attract worldwide attention. Personal pioneering spirit to surface. Capricorn arrested.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Refuse to be stymied by people with an imagination. Many will regard you as a generous figure. Romantic interlude lends spice, could involve Libra.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Attention revolves around new conditions in connection with partnership, marriage. Utilize wit, wisdom to have things done the right way — which is your way.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): Pursue Gemini message for valuable information. Attention revolves around discussion, motivation, dogmatism concerning marital status. You did it despite obstacles.

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Sydney Omarr

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Diversity, adventure, promote favorite projects. Creative endeavors succeed, romantic love and heavy, know when to quit.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: Sagittarius unattracted.

VERGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You might get knocked down, but you will arise before count of 10. Best estate deal goes through despite legal obstacles. You will be admired for your vitality, integrity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Ready for final clashes with members of opposite sex who are attractive, cunning. Protect self in emotional clashes. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius persons featured.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In giving instructions concerning home, assert.

WHAT'S  
L.M. Boyd

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# WORLD

## Flood victims struggle in search for food

SAN JUAN ACATECO, Mexico (AP) - All they wanted was food for themselves and their village.

To get it, the 40 men had to trudge for three hours along muddy, damaged roads, cross a makeshift bridge and shoulder heavy bags of basic foodstuffs. Then, bent under their burdens, the return trip to their village, Hueyapan, awaited them.

It is a scene being repeated across eastern Mexico, where a deluge of rain has washed out bridges and roads, isolating hundreds of communities and forcing residents to make long journeys for food.

Efforts to bring in food have been hampered by the geographical sweep of the emergency, poor weather, and the need to recover the bodies of the dead.

At least 350 people have been confirmed killed in what President Ernesto Zedillo says is Mexico's worst disaster this decade. Unofficial counts, based on information from local governments and witnesses, run as high as 600. More than 275,000 people have had their homes flooded.

"Because of the lack of communication ... we are still having problems getting to places where help is needed urgently," Zedillo said Monday in Tepic, Jalisco, just east of here. "There are towns which still have not received the aid they need."

The men from the Puebla state village of Hueyapan are relatively lucky. Their town is only about 7 miles from an aid distribution point. They say their mayor also has stockpiled packages of donated aid.

"But he says we have to pay 15 pesos," or \$1.60, for the pack-



Unidentified residents from the town of Roza Rica, Mexico, line up to receive tetanus shots Tuesday. Authorities have issued a health warning for possible diseases which may be caused by mosquitoes which has claimed at least 250 people and injured thousands more.

ages, said Agustin Martinez, 18. That's significant money to peasant farmers who are still two months from their harvest.

With food a scarce commodity, some shopkeepers have raised prices despite government warnings against price-gouging. Pedro Selerano, 47, complained sugar is going for about \$1 a pound more than three times the normal price.

One by one, the men filed over the makeshift replacement bridge of wooden planks strung between the collapsed bridge and the gnarled roots of a toppled tree. As fog drifted across the knobby mountain peaks nearby, they hoisted the heavy bags and boxes of cornmeal, oil, sugar and powdered milk, then turned to walk back home.

There are no food stockpiles in most villages outside Hueyapan.

Angel de la Cruz Medina said all 30 residents of his hamlet of

Las Gardenias had fled, walking four hours to reach Hueyapan. The village grows coffee, so it has few food supplies.

The 32-year-old man said he had come to San Juan Acateco out of "necessity."

Elsewhere, flood-related problems multiplied.

In the Tabasco state capital of Villahermosa, inmates at the state prison rioted, protesting horrible conditions stemming from the flood. Relatives who had visited the prison on boats said the men were swimming among fecal matter and rotten food.

The prison director, Victor Manuel Cabrera, said nine prisoners were injured - two requiring hospitalization - before the disturbance was brought under control. The government news agency Noticias reported.

In the flooded cities of Tabasco state, the daily struggle to survive is further complicated by thieves plucking the waters in canoes.

Residents in Asuncion Castellanos have become vigilantes, patrolling the town aboard rafts and arming themselves with clubs, stones and machetes. Gloria Lanestosa, 60, is a leader of the movement.

"We've grabbed several of the wet rats," she said, referring to plunderers. "Their boats were filled with electrical appliances."

Water waded high inside their houses, town residents are unable to sleep restfully. Metal roofs on their homes can't support their weight, so most sleep on planks or beds set atop stacks of wood or cinderblocks.

"We have to sleep in a fetal position so that we can all fit on the planks, because there's barely any space," said Adela Lon, head of a family of six. "This is a terrible nightmare."

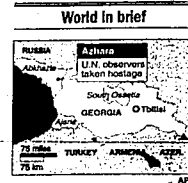
## Gunmen take seven U.N. observers hostage

SUKHUMI, Georgia - Six United Nations military observers and their translator were taken hostage Wednesday near the line separating Georgian government forces and the breakaway territory of Abkhazia, officials said.

The U.N. group had just arrived by helicopter in the mountain village of Azhara when they were seized by unidentified gunmen, said Astanur Tarbu, minister for state security in Abkhazia.

The gunmen also tried to commandeer the helicopter, but the pilot managed to fly away, the Interfax news agency reported, citing Abkhazia's mission in Moscow.

Azhara is formally part of Abkhazia, but is still controlled by the Georgian government. About 100 U.N. observers are in Georgia to monitor the truce between the Georgian government and separatists in Abkhazia, a northwestern province on the Black Sea.



trash at least 4 inches in diameter orbiting Earth, and 150,000 pieces that are at least a half-inch in size, the agency said at an international conference in Darmstadt, Germany.

Because of the great speeds at which they travel, a half-inch piece of space junk could destroy a satellite, while a four-inch chunk could destroy a space shuttle, the agency said.

### Parliament ignores Yeltsin, won't dismiss prosecutor

MOSCOW - Russia's parliament handed Boris Yeltsin another defeat Wednesday when lawmakers for the first time refused the president's wish to dismiss the country's top prosecutor.

Parliament's upper house, the Federation Council, voted 98-52 against the dismissal of Yuri Skuratov, the suspended prosecutor general. Before the vote, Skuratov told lawmakers that Yeltsin wanted to fire him in order to squelch his investigation into alleged Kremlin corruption.

The house first rejected Yeltsin's appeal to fire Skuratov in March. Shortly afterward, state television aired a tape that showed a man resembling Skuratov having sex with two women identified as prostitutes. Skuratov has not denied that he was the man in the tape, but called it a provocation by his foes. He has not denied charges of wrongdoing, but remains suspended and under investigation.

### Land mines injure two more elephants on Thailand border

BANGKOK, Thailand - Two more elephants have stepped on land mines along Thailand's border with Myanmar, fast becoming one of the world's most dangerous areas for the beasts.

Animal authorities reported the injuries Wednesday, nearly seven weeks after veterinarians amputated the left front foot of a young elephant Moton after it had been straddled in a mine blast.

Though Thailand has outlawed anti-personnel land mines and begun donating those that exist, some of its border areas with Myanmar and Cambodia are still strewn with mines. The new victims include a two-year-old elephant named Phai Um-boon, and a full-grown logging female.

Phai Um-boon stepped on a mine more than a week ago in Mae Hong Son province, northern Thailand. The blast ripped flesh on his rear legs to the bone, and his left eye was injured, said Alongkorn Mahanont, a veterinarian at Bangkok's Dusit Zoo.

### At least 30 arrested in blow to major Colombian drug ring

BOGOTA, Colombia - In the biggest blow to Colombian drug trafficking since 1995, authorities today arrested 30 people including Fabio Ochoa, a leader in the once-powerful Medellin cartel, the national police director announced.

The suspects were seized in pre-dawn raids and those captured in Colombia will be extradited to the United States for trial, Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano told reporters. Most of the suspects were arrested in Ecuador, Mexico and the United States, he said.

"This was an immense operation, an operation you could call perfect," Serrano told reporters. U.S. drug officials said the organization moved 20 to 30 tons of cocaine a month into Mexico for distribution throughout the United States.

### Girl's father denies church is bribing her to keep baby

LONDON - The father of a 12-year-old girl receiving financial help from the Roman Catholic Church to discontinue her pregnancy after an abortion says the boy who got her pregnant should be prosecuted.

"He should be made an example of. My daughter is 12 years old, for God's sake," the father was quoted as saying in Wednesday's London-based Daily Mail tabloid.

It is illegal to have sex with a girl under 16 in Britain, but police said no complaint had been made.

The father, who could not be named to shield his daughter's identity, denied that she is being bribed by the Catholic Church in Scotland not to have an abortion.

He said the girl has severe learning difficulties and reads on the level of a 6-year-old, but was adamant about keeping the baby after seeing a scan.

"Both my wife and I are very distressed that people think she is being bribed to keep her child, which couldn't be further from the truth," the 35-year-old father, who is Catholic, was quoted as saying. "We vowed to support her whatever decision she came to."

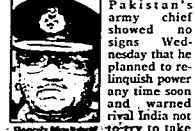
The girl's parents plan to raise the baby, her father said.

## Pakistani leader looks to keep power



Passengers wait at the Karachi airport, Wednesday, though airports in Pakistan were closed since Tuesday night following the removal of office of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's army chief Gen. Pervez Musharraf showed no signs of relinquishing power any time soon after the army overthrew the democratically elected government.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - A day after his forces overthrew the democratically elected government



Pakistan's army chief showed no signs Wednesday he planned to relinquish power any time soon and warned rival military leaders not to take advantage of his country's instability.

India put its military on high alert after hard-line Gen. Pervez Musharraf vaulted to power, apparently after long-simmering resentment that the civilian government backed down in a recent conflict with India over Kashmir.

India and Pakistan, which held tit-for-tat nuclear tests last year, have fought three wars, two of them over Kashmir, in the past 50 years, and skirmished over the divided Himalayan territory earlier this year.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright warned that the coup brought a "new level of uncertainty" to South Asia and urged the military leaders to restore democracy in Pakistan quickly.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon, however, played down worries over Pakistan's nuclear weapons program, saying in Washington that the coup had not changed the situation since control of the weapons program had always been in the hands of the military.

Musharraf has given no hint of his plans since his troops staged Tuesday's coup and put ousted Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif under house arrest in Islamabad, Pakistan's capital.

## Some celebrate new military rule

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - People in Pakistan seemed unafraid Wednesday after the ouster of their democratic prime minister by the country's mighty army, with many taking the coup in stride and some even celebrating.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif came to power with a two-thirds majority just 2.5 years ago. But there has been no public outcry since he was deposed Tuesday, halfway through his term in office.

In Sharif's hometown of Lahore, people swayed to the rhythm of drums, waving their hands, clapping each other on the shoulder and congratulating the army for its takeover. Outside the Sharif family home in Lahore's posh Model Town neighborhood, scores of armed soldiers stood guard while small groups of people cursed the former prime minister as corrupt.

Zahid Chaudhry, a shopowner, denounced Sharif's rule.

"We gave him votes hoping that because he was a businessman he would improve our economy," Chaudhry said. "But the situation

just went from bad to worse."

Former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, who was twice thrown out of power with the connivance of the army, welcomed Sharif's ouster. The coup, she said, "will be remembered not as the day democracy died, but rather the day that it began to be reborn."

Ms. Bhutto's party workers distributed sweets, a traditional way of celebrating in Pakistan.

The country's largest city, Karachi, is a commercial hub often wracked by violence. But it was peaceful following Sharif's ouster.

Southern Sindh province, of which Karachi is the capital, has long rallied against Sharif, accusing his government of treating the province like a poor cousin.

Sharif threw out the elected Sindh provincial government and put in his hand-picked advisers.

Sharif denied the people of Sindh their democratic rights. "He victimized political opponents and exploited Sindh's economic resources in favor of his home province," resident Sajid Raza said.

Sharif was repeatedly accused by Pakistan's three smaller provinces - Sindh, Northwest Frontier Province and Baluchistan - of favoring his home province of Punjab, the country's largest and most populous area.

In the federal capital of Islamabad, hundreds of people gathered outside the Pakistan Television station now controlled by the army and chanted pro-army slogans.

Families came to the ousted prime minister's palatial marble home on a grassy hillside and watched the soldiers standing guard.

"I don't feel any danger," said Abdul Rehman, a middle-aged man who was there with his young daughters and wife. "Everyone, including soldiers, seems so relaxed."

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## Atom bombs, mutant deer and cancer

Sedan, Stokes, Doppler, Diablo, Hood - the list goes on and on. These are names for some of the above-ground atomic bomb tests conducted in Nevada in the 1950s and early '60s, and they roll off the tongue like a bitter pill.

Folks in the small towns of southern Utah and northern Arizona would get up early and watch the test shots from their back porches. My mother and I did sometimes. It was like watching an artificial sunrise, but on the wrong side of the world. Other than that, we didn't think much about it back then. We didn't think about it until later.

Deer hunting was a big part of life during those years. Some families ate venison almost year round. They had no choice because they were hungry. Others hunted because they grew up with it and they enjoyed it. Like I said, hunting wasn't as much a sport back then as it

was a way of life. My father was a hunter, and a good one. So were his friends. I was too young to hunt myself but not too young to go along, and I remember the freaks they killed sometimes. They called them "cactus bucks."

They started taking a lot of them in the early '60s; many more than normal. When you hunt as much as they did, you knew what was normal. The cactus bucks were huge as mule deer bucks go, with massive antlers and wide spreads. Always non-typical, they usually had many points, but not in any symmetrical pattern. Sometimes they were grotesquely gnarled mass on the head. The hunters were usually softer than normal and covered in velvet, sometimes with bloody strips hanging down. Usually, these bucks had no visible testicles, or sometimes only a single small one.

They were impressive in a way, but when you looked at one, you knew that something was not quite right in the gene pool. Even as a young boy I sensed that. The local ranchers started dying of various cancers in the '70s. More than normal, I mean. People in small towns know what normal is when it comes to the death rate, especially when it is due to cancer. At first, it was more or less swept under the table; everybody just kept quiet and hoped it would go away. Eventually, a few families started questioning the relationship between the atomic bomb tests and the death rate.

Those ranchers spent too much time outdoors, that's why they have cancer," they were told. The issue never did die; in fact, it is alive still. I think the government even admitted, once, that something might be wrong down there, and I believe that some families eventually received monetary settlements.

The prevailing winds in southern Utah and northern Arizona are out of the west and southwest. The test blasts were 150 miles away, give or take a few. The dust and fallout settled on the gardens, the grass and the alfalfa on ranches and farms. It settled on the trees, the bushes, and the sagebrush everywhere else. I believe that southern Idaho got a dose or two as well.

With the food-chain being what it is, you know the story. The cattle ate the grass and the alfalfa. The deer ate the browse and the alfalfa. We grew up eating from the gardens, and from the cattle and the deer.

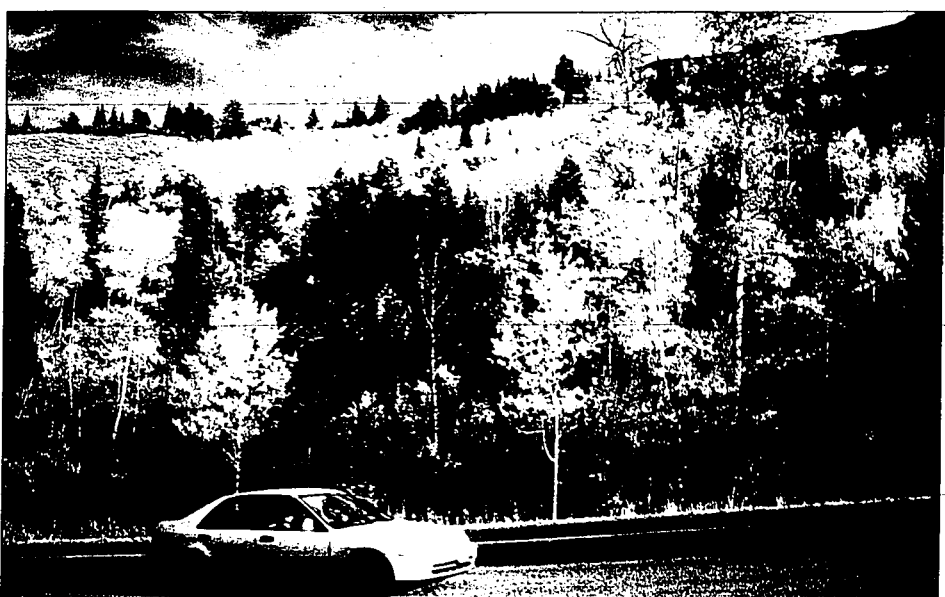
We ate those cactus bucks right along with the normal deer. This is not something I worry a lot about, but I do spend time thinking about it. I wonder if the cactus bucks really were a result of the radioactive fallout. I tend to believe they were. I also believe the increased cancer rate was another result. The occurrence of both is now back in the range that's considered "normal."

In a sense I guess we were all patriots, participating in an experiment that we didn't even know about. Fortunately, no one brings in those big cactus bucks anymore.

Tom Haycock is a thoughtful old trucker who lives in Wendell.



BEND IN THE RIVER  
Tom Haycock



Rock Creek Road in the South Hills is a great place to see fall colors this weekend.

## South Hills' leaves go out with glory

The time is ripe to catch nature's colors in full blaze

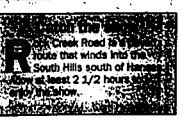
HANSEN - The days are growing short and there's a bite in the morning air. Summer vacation is a memory and the harvest is winding down. Fall has arrived. Autumn is a season of reflection and anticipation. During the warm afternoons of an Indian Summer, it's almost as if time stands still. Down in the valleys, the signs of fall have just begun - pale yellow tints the shrubs and trees. In the mountains, however, autumn is in full bloom.

An afternoon drive up Rock Creek Road in the South Hills reveals mountain slopes ablaze with color. Stands of deciduous trees, their leaves painted with brilliant yellows, oranges and reds, stand in sharp contrast to the dark green of surrounding conifers. The festive colors are courtesy of nature preparing for winter's slumber.

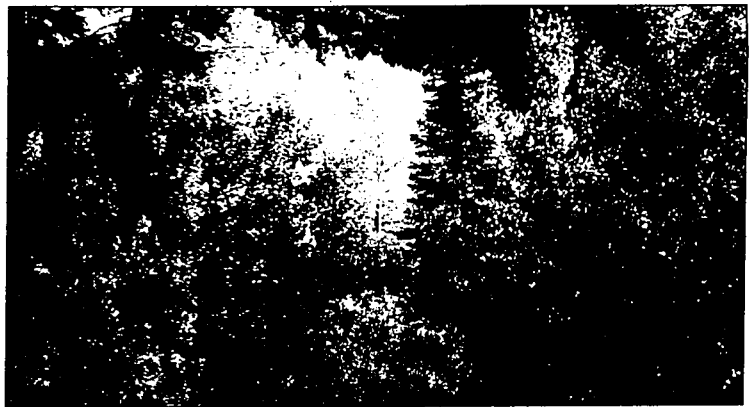
Deciduous trees, such as aspen, harness sunlight and the chemical known as chlorophyll to produce food. This process is known as photosynthesis. Chlorophyll is what makes trees' leaves look green throughout spring and summer. But as the days grow shorter and nights get cooler, the production of chlorophyll slows down and the nutrients become concentrated in the trunks and roots. Without chlorophyll, the leaves have come to the end of their usefulness.

Before they fall off, they change color. The dramatic variations that make the display so spectacular are controlled by pigments within the leaves.

Although it happens every autumn, fall colors in the South Hills is a vivid display that's not to be missed.



Rock Creek Road in the South Hills south of Hansen is a great place to see fall colors. At least 2 1/2 hours of driving is needed to see the best of the area.



Virtually every shade of green and yellow is on display at this time of year.

Story and photos by Mark Weber

### Turning over an old leaf

**NORMAL WEATHER CONDITIONS**  
A tree's autumn color comes from the pigments it creates from photosynthesis for energy and growth. The more sugar it has in its leaves, the brighter the fall color.

- During the growing season, chlorophyll is continually being produced and broken down and leaves appear green.
- As night length increases and temperatures fall in the autumn, chlorophyll production slows down. Eventually all the chlorophyll is destroyed.
- The other pigments that are present in the leaves are unmasked and show their colors.

**DROUGHT CONDITIONS**  
A drought or any kind of stress hampers the process of photosynthesis.

- Without water, trees cannot produce the sugars needed to keep leaves alive.
- In order to survive, the leaves begin changing colors or dropping a few weeks early.
- Trees produce fewer sugars and use them quickly, causing the autumn leaves to dull in color.



Quality aspen trees are among the most breathtaking in the forest.

OUTDOORS

# Women join their husbands, fathers and brothers in hunts

ADAIR VILLAGE, Ore. (AP)—The hunter pointed the barrel of the shotgun toward the cloudless sky and signaled for the release of the target.

On cue, a yellow disc sailed through the air and captured the eye of the shooter.

Squinting past the sites, the hunter gently squeezed the trigger of the gun and watched with awe as the disc shattered into small pieces that plummeted to the ground.

As the sportsman celebrated, the morning sunlight mingled with the blonde braid that ran down her back.

Surrounded by the cheers of other female hunters, Dawn Marie Marks smiled before returning the butt of the shotgun to her shoulder.

Game animals in Oregon have a new breed of sportsmen to contend with. They are patient. They are good shots. They are women.

For the past five years, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has been teaching women how to enjoy natural resources as their fathers and brothers and husbands have done for years. And they've taken aim at the program.

The volunteers who coordinate the Oregon Outdoor Women program offer several classes each year on activities from crabbing to fly fishing and pheasant hunting.

The seminars usually last one or two days and include instruction on everything necessary to capture a critter, from equipment use to cleaning and preparing game for consumption.

Marks, 31, signed up for the pheasant class held last weekend at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area just outside of Adair Village, about 10 miles north of Corvallis.

"My husband wants me to go hunting with him," she said and think it's great that he wants me to go with him instead of stay at home."

But rather than feel like she is holding him back when they hit the trail of a deer or upland game bird, Marks thought it would be a good idea to get some experience in a resource environment with other women.

So she invited her friend Rebekah Bartel to join her for the hunt. "We came out here with the attitude that we're going to have fun today, and if we get something that's an extra bonus," said Bartel, 28.

Each season ODFW started the program is to increase the sale of



Rebekah Bartel, center, of Salem, Ore., hunting tags and wildlife licenses, which help fund wildfish management.

The state agency provided the site, planted the birds and supplied ammunition for the day-long seminar.

Other natural resource organizations and businesses also helped sponsor the event.

"The seminars offer a non-threatening, relaxed atmosphere to give women a chance to see if it's something they like," said Marion Keppinger, coordinator of the local class.

Other sessions on deer and turkey hunting and other activities are offered elsewhere in the state. All teach basic skills.

After completing a session on hunter safety and a round of target practice, the two women met their guide for the day and found

their designated hunting area. Bruce Meredith of Malheur Northwest Adventures in Tappan Valley, Ore., has volunteered to guide many of the pheasant hunts for women.

As Marks and Bartel equipped their guns from their case and loaded the weapons with 12 gauge shells, Meredith rechecked his assault weapons.

After a few instructions on how to walk into the woods and behind the dogs so they can call out any birds, Meredith gave a short blow on a whistle and their dogs took off.

"It's a lot of walking and looking," Meredith said a while later when their dogs hadn't flushed out any of the colorful pheasants planted in the area for the hunt.

Jackie Exoner said she had a plan just in case she returned



Dawn Marie Marks of Albany, Ore., draws a bead on a clay target, while Chris Donahut of Sandy, Ore., offers tips.

empty handed from the day's hunt. "It's like the big fish story—only women-sized," she said.

Some participants joined the class so they could experience the camaraderie of hunting.

Essner said she felt left out when she realized the real reason her husband heads out to the woods is for the steaks he grills over hot coals.

Others said their husbands were so desperate for them to join the hunt that they made deals.

"My husband is so anxious for me to get into this—he said he'll clean my catch," said fellow hunter Kasey Tegner.

Still, Tegner was leery when her husband took her on her first hunt for doves recently. After she shot a bird, she carried it dangling between two fingers to her husband.

"I really didn't know how I'd feel about it," she said. "When I shot the dove I didn't know whether I'd shoot to hit or to miss."

## Climber's death leaves many mountaineers in shock

By Drew Wilson  
Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Times Staff Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—The news that two of their own, climbing mountaineers from Colorado and Colorado photographer Dave Bridges, had been swept to their deaths in an avalanche half a world away on a Himalayan peak Shishapangma stunned the Colorado Springs climbing and mountaineering community Wednesday.

Another Colorado climber, Conrad Anker, suffered a broken rib, torn shoulder muscle and lacerations on his head. Several other members of the expedition narrowly escaped when the rise of snow plunged off the top of the 24,000-foot mountain.

In a close-knit world of outdoor sports enthusiasts, the news spread quickly by phone, e-mail and the Web as those who knew Lowe or knew of his exploits and reputation came to grips with the tragedy. Lowe was considered the world's top climber. He and his crew were planning to scale the mountain's south face and ski down a face no one else had yet accomplished.

"I was talking with friends last night, and we were saying it's hard to believe that someone like Alex has been killed. He's such an amazing climber and technician, and he's very careful. And he's done so many amazing climbs, you tend to think that he's almost immortal," said Jake Norton, a Colorado Springs climber who climbed on Mount Everest this past spring with

Anker as part of the Mallory- Irvine Research Expedition. Norton met Anker and Lowe in 1996 in Katmandu.

"(Lowe) was just a heck of a nice guy. A humble, very approachable, genuinely nice person. He was the best at what he did, but he didn't let it go to his head," said Stuart Green, photographer, rock climber and author of outdoor and climbing guides.

"He was aware of the risks involved in the kind of extreme climbing but whenever you go into the high mountains like this things happen that you have no control over and even experience can't prevent everything," Green said.

"Whenever people die in an accident like that, it always makes you think about what you are doing for sure. When you think mountaineering you think extreme risk, but you mitigate the dangers as much as possible," Norton said.

Lowe "loved to travel around the world climbing mountains. It was definitely his passion," said Drew Foster, author of Mountain Chale. "People that have that kind of skill level know the dangers. He was one of the premier Alpinists. It is definitely a sad thing. It's kind of ironic to say he died doing what he loved. It doesn't make the loss any better."

Norton said he once talked about the inherent dangers of climbing with Anker, he said. "We talked about Alex, and I asked Conrad how Alex's wife deals with it. He said she knew

that one day she might get that phone call. You say to prepare yourself, but you never are really prepared."

Lowe was slated to be best man at Anker's wedding this coming spring, he said.

"It's a shock to a lot of climbers. He was at the crest, the peak of his career. He had gained national and international recognition and was just starting to become involved in climbing with his son," said Dave Paisley, outdoor instructor and guide for Quest, a mountaineering school in Monument, Colo. He has known Lowe for about 20 years.

Like others, Paisley was awed by Lowe's skill and accomplishments. "I was pretty amazed at some of the climbs he has done. He was just an amazingly strong climber. There was another time the fact he did a complete traverse of the Teton range. It would take a normal person several days. He did it in one, completed in one day."

When someone considered the very best in the world dies on a mountain climb, it does give

some pause to other climbers, Paisley says.

"Alex, and a lot of my climbing partners and friends have all expressed that no mountain is worth dying for, yet none of us, including Alex, are without that challenge of precisely exploring new places. But I would be sure if you asked Alex today if any mountain was worth dying for, his answer would be no," Paisley said.

Climbers have been unfairly given the reputation of having a death wish, of being daredevils, he said. "Normally they have a life wish, to live life to the fullest. In the process they do everything they can to minimize the risk. Part of the mountaineering game is to eliminate as many of the risks as possible."

Paisley says his philosophy is a paraphrase of a quote from Henry David Thoreau: "When it comes

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# Old-time game recipes are a tasty diversion fit for any table

By John Husar  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — "Bill," I said, "don't do this to me."  
He did it anyway.

Right in the midst of our WGN radio show last Saturday, Bill Cullerton flipped me a cookbook I never had seen, a classic collection of old woodsmen's recipes, and that was that. He knows my weaknesses. All I could do was turn the pages and babble.

These were recipes compiled 30 to 50 years ago by the late L.W. "Bill" Johnson of Waupaca, Wis., a hunter and game cook of wide repute. He put them into an inexpensive 1968 paperback for the old Remington Arms Co., which employed him as a sales rep and professional shooter. Remington printed the straightforwardly named "Wild Game Cookbook" and gave it away by the tens of thousands.

Cullerton, who also rips Remington, found a stack of these antique volumes in his office and was pushing them around.

What is so impressive about Johnson's collection is that all these recipes came from the post-Depression period when people still commonly hunted small and large animals for food and no one debated the matters of firearms and killing. Many people still were connected to some kind of farm country heritage, where hunting was a way of life and even the varmints got cooked.

These recipes reflect the flavor of an age before America's masses became thoroughly urban and lost their country connections. Game cooking suffered a culinary slide, with packets of onion soup and cans of cream of mushroom as the overriding definitions of modernness. In Johnson's era, people still toyed with imagin-

ary ways to present game and many recipes emanated from ethnic backgrounds.

Wow, while Cullerton was trying to steer us through a radio show, all I could do was chuck about the presumed succulence

of Baltimore split-venison with cream gravy, of sherry-braised rabbit, of sautéed wild mushrooms and white wine.

Why, there were 25 raccoon recipes (no modern cookbook includes more than three or four), including such unorthodox temptations as cured-rabbit raccoon, molded raccoon salad and raccoon pie. There was a delightfully onerous "Illinois Raccoon Supper," with a sagey dressing moistened by raccoon trimm.

"Wbr, Bill, why?" I mumbled while Cullerton sizzled. "You know I'll try every blasted one of these. And I have to lose weight."

There were 14 juicy selections for dove and pigeon, 19 of squirrel, and — grasp the enormity! — 52 of rabbit and hare.

I even found two promising ways to cook woodchuck (a

few right now are digging up the foundations of my barn), three of rail (including chicken-fried), four of muskrat (I have to do something about my deteriorating pond bank), five of coot or mudhen (duck season begins Thursday) and seven of beaver. (Ever have a yen for beaver tail soup?)

What's amazing is how good most of these recipes seem. While I've known Cajuns use coot

in jambalaya, I've never known what to do with it myself. Most waterfowlers rate coot as meanly as carp was considered before our new Age of Light.

But Johnson writes that coot are just as succulent as other waterfowl once the skin and fat are removed. They dine on the same foods as most ducks and are easier to prepare.

Johnson's "Coot New Haven" calls for an overnight fresh lime-marinate, then simmer with salt and celery until the meat falls off the bones, heat the coot meat in a casserole of green beans and condensed mushroom soup (here we go again) and add whipped cream and parmesan cheese just before serving.

Sounds weird, but both Cullerton and I intend to bring home some coot this autumn.

Likewise, we will cook some patties at a Turkey Trot picnic — raccoon patties, that is. Just grind

up boned raccoon meat, add breadcrumbs, a chopped onion, salt, pepper and an egg. Form it into patties, dip them into another egg, roll 'em in breadcrumbs, brown in fat, cover with cranberry jelly sauce and bake at 300 degrees for an hour.

As for that "corn-fried" raccoon, use corn flakes instead. Soak small raccoon pieces in milk for an hour, roll in seasoned flour, sprinkle with corn flakes, fry in hot bacon drippings. Make gravy by browning flour in some of the used fat, then add milk, pepper and salt and stir until thickened.

I'll also soon poke a fork into Fairfield squirrel stew with minced onion, lima beans, creamed corn, potato, tomato, spices and plenty of sinful butter and sugar.

And ground venison stuffed cabbage leaves loaded with ill and Slovak-style tomato gravy.

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OUTDOORS

Bear spray or lead slugs? Self-defense debate is on



This black bear caused a traffic jam in Yellowstone two summers ago when it moved down near a road to forage. 'Bear jams' caused by humans tossing scraps from their cars to bribe are a thing of the past. But the big animals still draw a crowd when they enter road corridors in search of natural snacks.

After a half-century of absence, black bears are back in Big Bend

By Michelle Koldin The Associated Press

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK, Texas - The yellow, diamond-shaped signs posted along the twisting road leading up to the Chisos Mountains served as a warning.

But the blackened image in the middle is not of a deer, nor of pedestrians.

It is a bear.

To the delight of wildlife scientists and animal lovers, the black bear has returned to Big Bend National Park and re-established a population after a 50-year absence caused by hunting.

"It's probably the most exciting thing since the park's existence," said Raymond Skiles, a wildlife biologist with the National Park Service.

Now, park officials want to do everything they can to preserve the population, currently estimated at 20 bears.

That means two things: keeping humans and their food away from the creatures, and studying the bears to learn where specifically they are living, their travel routes and whether they are inbreeding.

Big Bend officials have picked up a truck or two from their counterparts who have been dealing with black bears at other national parks for decades. At least 600,000 black bears are believed to be in North America today, with more in Alaska than any other state.

Workers have installed bear-proof trash cans with secure metal lids and food-storage lockers at campsites and along hiking trails in the 15,000-acre Chisos Mountains, the new habitat for a group of bears believed to have migrated from the Sierra del Carmen, a mountain range just across the border in Mexico.

What's more, they have put placards on the tables in the park's only dining room reminding visitors to keep food in cars and lockers, not tents and coolers.

Park officials hope such measures will avert the types of problems often experienced at some other parks, where hungry bears have ripped out car doors.

1944. It wasn't until the mid-1980s that people started seeing black bears in the park's rugged, reddish-brown mountains, wandering among the drooping junipers and oaks and snacking on the purple fruit of the prickly pear cactus.

Then, in 1988, a visitor captured snapshots of a mother bear and three cubs - the first evidence of a breeding population.

As the black bear population blooms across the country, more people are becoming aware of the bear - often perceived as a ferocious beast - is timid and extremely unlikely to attack a person if left alone.

Only about 40 people have been killed by black bears in North America this century, said Lynn Rogers, a director of the North American Bear Center in Minnesota and a retired wildlife biologist for the U.S. Forest Service.

"People are learning the truth about these bears and are willing to co-exist with them," Rogers said.

Bears subsist on a mealy vegetarian diet of nuts and berries but will eat meat that is easily obtained. Problems arise if they get a taste of human food. There have been many cases around the country in which bears searching for food have broken into houses,

ripped tents and mangled people. Many people bears have had to be shot.

So far in Big Bend, which welcomes an average of 300,000 visitors a year, no problems have been reported between the new bear population and park visitors.

Besides hiding food from the bears, Big Bend's preservation program has another important component: the extensive, three-year study being conducted by researcher Dave Ottum, a doctoral student from Oklahoma State University.

Using techniques that are not uncommon for studying black bears, Ottum is trapping and holding the animals just long enough to draw blood, take ear tissue and hair and pull a tooth. And using a needle, he injects a three-quarter-inch device between the scapula that gives each bear an individual code that can be read with a scanner.

All this poking and prodding is done to determine the number of bears, their ages and whether they are inbreeding, which could lead to sterile males. If that turns out to be the case, park officials may have to import some black bears to diversify the population.

"In order to preserve these bears, it's important that we know more about them," Ottum said.

Before he finishes with a completed bear, Ottum attaches an electronic collar so that he can track its movements with a scanner. So far, he's taken samples from and put collars on 12 bears.

By mapping the bears' movements, Ottum will learn how they are traveling and how close they are coming to campsites and popular tourist areas.

"If the park wants to avoid problems, we need to determine where the bears are spending time," he said.

Skiles said he and other park officials hope to use the bear's collar to literally manage the people around the bears.

"Ultimately," he said, "we just want to protect this population and want it to do what is naturally would."

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By Florangea Davila The Seattle Times

The noise is the most horrifying detail of T.J. Langley's story: the pop when part of his pelvis was snapped off, the crunch of the jaws on his skull.

Caught in the vice of a female grizzly in Yellowstone National Park last month, Langley, of Seattle, assumed he was going to die.

His fingers had found the can of pepper spray held snug in his chest harness, but he couldn't get the safety off before the bear charged.

Recovering now at home - his forehead and scalp a tremendous web of scratches - Langley regrets the crucial split matter-of-factly. He will, he says, return to the back country he so loves. And he will carry pepper spray again.

But Langley's tale terrifies some who insist no aerosol spray can possibly deter an angry, 350-pound grizzly capable of breaking a bull moose's neck with one swat.

Hiker Chris Deile had been a lifelong pacifist, even after a grizzly assaulted him on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska two years ago.

Deile said he shot a stream of bear pepper spray into the grizzly's snout, but it had no effect. The bear swatted his chest, rushed his hiking companion, then took off.

So he plans to hike the 3,000-mile Continental Divide trail next spring, Deile, even more impassioned after hearing Langley's story, will pack a gun.

"I don't want to make a decision to keep my foot high away from my camp. I'd try to follow precautions so no bear attacks me. But I think if I'm going to have to save my life, then a gun is worth it," says the Seattle resident, acknowledging his opinion is likely in the minority.

Yellowstone park employees, federal and state wildlife agency employees, biologists and a non-profit group that tracks the number of bear encounters all maintain that bear pepper spray can be effective.

Bear attacks in North America, either grizzly or black bear, are rare, according to the Center for Wildlife Information in Missoula, Mont.

"Out of millions and millions of visitors, a bear attack happens several times a year," said Chuck Bartelbaugh, the center's director. "And if you hike in groups of two or more during the day, and stay on the trail, the possibility is very small."

Among the precautions authorities recommend - like a good chorus of "Hey bear, hey bear" as you're hiking - bear pepper spray has worked extremely well in as many as 90 percent of bear encounters, according to the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, which is composed of federal and state officials from Montana, Wyoming and Washington.

Most bear spray, the outgrowth of Mace and other personal-protection sprays, is made from food-grade oleoresin capsinoids, the active ingredient in hot peppers. It attacks the mucous membranes of the animal's eyes, nose, ears and throat.

But as more versions of the products have come out, the debate over their effectiveness has increased.

Last year, Tom Smith, a wildlife ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Anchorage, noted some bears were attracted to pepper-spray repellent. A Missoula-based firm then began warning consumers about oil-based pepper spray products. It offered instead a new product that uses synthetic chemicals.

This spring, in the midst of the debate, the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee published a position paper on bear pepper spray.

The agency declared the spray effective and said such products should only be used against an attacking bear and not applied to a tent and pack as a repellent. Smith agrees. He in fact carries

the spray and says it works when used as intended.

The committee also advised hikers to select a spray specifically designed for bear attacks, not the kind used on humans.

There are about 42,000 grizzlies in North America. Fewer than 1,000 of them live in the lower 48, notably in the Yellowstone area and Bob Marshall Wilderness Glacier Park complex in Montana. An estimated 30 grizzlies live in Washington's North Cascades.

There are more black bears in North America - about 600,000 - than all other seven bear species combined in the world. They roam throughout the forests of the Lower 48; about 20,000 live in Washington.

Black bears are generally less aggressive than grizzlies, the larger of the two species, which can weigh between 300 and 500 pounds.

It is illegal to carry a gun into a national park, and in the national forests where guns are permissible, you cannot shoot a grizzly, a threatened species in the lower 48, unless it's in self-defense.

"But even a gun might not be effective," says Tim Eicher, a federal game warden with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"A shot might be a killing shot, but there's still a chance the bear will be able to maul you," he said.

Moreover, small guns, which might be preferable for a back-packer, aren't powerful enough to kill a bear.

"You might just injure the bear and further aggravate it," said Chris Serveyen, the grizzly bear-recovery coordinator for the federal wildlife service agency.

"I used to carry a firearm, but I don't anymore," said Serveyen, who always carries bear spray.

"People are learning the truth about these bears and are willing to co-exist with them."

Lynn Rogers, North American Bear Center director

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GPS finds its way into griz study

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) - Five grizzly bears wearing space hardware around their necks have been tracked by satellite around the past 4.5 months in Montana and Wyoming.

The special collars have been watched so closely - or from so far away - and biologists have never stood to learn so much, said Chris Serveyen, the grizzly bear recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In June, Serveyen and his colleagues put the special collars on three bears near Montana's Glacier National Park and on two south of Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Their location has been recorded hourly by satellite links.

Tiny locks holding the collars in place are programmed to disconnect on Friday to be retrieved by biologists, who for the first time will have 24-hour data on the movements of the bears.

Researchers hope the information, gathered on a \$160,000 grant from the Federal Highway Administration, can help reduce the number of bears killed on highways and train tracks.

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crossing roads at night would be almost impossible. "People think it's a lot of money," he said. "But if you figure the number of humans you get, and the amount of effort you'd have to put in to get that information are other ways, it's very cost effective."

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Lewiston project wins out over Jerome County

**JEROME** - Jerome County will not receive a \$150,000 Idaho Economic Advisory Council grant this year to reconstruct 1.6 miles of East Road to Roth Dairy.

The grant would have created 15 jobs for Jerome-area residents. "There are only so many funds remaining," said Karl Tueller, deputy director of the Idaho Department of Commerce, after a meeting of the Economic Advisory Council in Burley Wednesday. "We are only able to select one project."

Lewiston instead was selected to receive an IEAC grant. Lewiston's \$500,000 project is to provide water, sewer, streets, curbs and gutters to the Lewiston Office and Technology Park, owned by the Port of Lewiston.

The Jerome project could be reconsidered in the spring, Tueller said. "The project is still viable," he said.

Another Jerome grant request - this one from the city - asked for \$500,000 for water- and sewer-system work to accommodate expansions of WestFarm Foods and Rice Stuff Foods. The advisory council had recommended approval of that request at an earlier meeting, and the grant is awaiting the governor's approval.

### Group supports concept of state exiting standards

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's \$1.5 million economic and community development campaign said Wednesday it supports the concept of exiting standards for public-school students, as a key to workforce improvement.

But the Business Plus II committee didn't specifically endorse the set of standards the state is proposing, said committee Chairman Lee Wagner, KMYT's general manager.

"That ain't our cup of tea in this particular committee," he said.

Business Plus II's vote was a recommendation to the chamber's board, which may choose to take a similar stance, Wagner said.

The committee Wednesday briefly discussed a controversial proposal for tall hotels on the south Snake River Canyon rim but decided the issue was outside of Business Plus II's realm, he said.

Canyon-rim development is a policy question, not one of economic or workforce development, or of campaign fund allocation.

Also, the group made a ceremonial check presentation to Seastrom Manufacturing Co. Its plant is expanding and adding jobs with a bit of help from Business Plus II.

The campaign has another funding request on the table from a local company that "presents an opportunity for us to refine our policies as to what our criteria are," Wagner said.

Business Plus II needs to decide whether to limit the types of businesses that can qualify for grants, and whether it will fund companies that compete with other local businesses, he said.

# Idaho site remains a spaceport contender

## Educate youngsters, governor's rep says

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

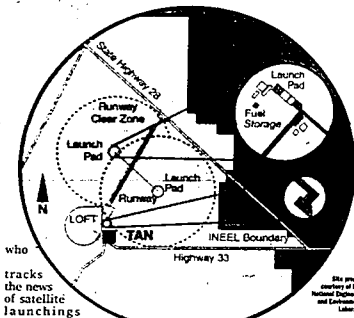
**TWIN FALLS** - If Idaho's bid for a spaceport succeeds, Magic Valley residents could be contenders for some of the high-tech jobs created, and some local businesses might have spinoff opportunities to provide services such as specialized equipment or subassembly for rocket payload.

But even if Idaho fails to attract the VentureStar launch pad, the effort will increase Idahoans' knowledge of aerospace, said Thomas Arnold, the governor's representative in the Idaho Office of Spaceport Development.

"I think education is a big, big factor," Arnold said following his speech to the Twin Falls Rotary Club Wednesday.

The former Idaho Department of Commerce director advised the Magic Valley to teach its youngsters more about space and said the College of Southern Idaho could participate in training for specialized spaceport-support jobs.

"An awareness of what's happening in space will enhance our curriculum," said Arnold.



who tracks the news of satellite launches daily. Idaho expects to receive a draft proposal in the first quarter of 2000 for VentureStar - a corporation that's a commercial partnership of Lockheed Martin and a handful of other major companies, and the leader among manufacturers of reusable launch vehicles, Arnold said. The state at this time next year would submit qualifications of a site at

**Space race**  
For more information about Idaho's effort to capture part of the space-launching market, contact Thomas Arnold, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's representative in the Idaho Office of Spaceport Development. Phone: 334-3131 Fax: 334-2438 Email: tamoo@doc.state.id.us

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# Utah couple aims to build winery in fields near Buhl

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**BUHL** - It's a bold mission: to nurture acres of vineyard, make wine and create an enchanting outdoor setting for intimate celebrations - in what's now Buhl alfalfa fields.

"It's a little bit on the risky side, growing wine grapes in Twin Falls County, from the standpoint of the weather," said Russ Snyder of Salt Lake City. But he and his wife want to try.

A bill on the 80 acres they bought recently at 4060 N. 1200 E., southwest of Buhl, looks out on a countryside view in three directions. Mountains are visible, Snyder said, and the renter of a small cabin on the property "says he can see fireworks in the three or four counties on the Fourth of July."

To the Snyders, it sounds like just the spot for a vineyard, a winery, a tasting room, a gift shop and an outdoor wedding reception area in a garden of flowers and ornamental plants. They'll ask the county's planning and zoning commission tonight for a conditional-use permit to operate the business on land zoned for agriculture.

Preliminary site plans filed with the county show a building of about 100 by 40 feet with wine processing and storage in the back and a tasting room and serving counter in the front, plus a covered patio, said Bill Crafton, Twin Falls County's planning and zoning director.

## What's next?

The Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission meets at 7:30 today at 246 Third Ave. E. The Snyders' request for a conditional-use permit is among items on the agenda.

In the grape-growing area, the plans show a walking path for visitors, Crafton said. Also planned are landscaping, parking, shipping and receiving areas and "a lot of trees." The vineyard doesn't need a conditional-use permit, but commercial parts of the proposal do, he said.

"I don't think that (county planning) staff's going to have any recommendation at this point," Crafton said. "It's kind of an unusual area for what they're asking."

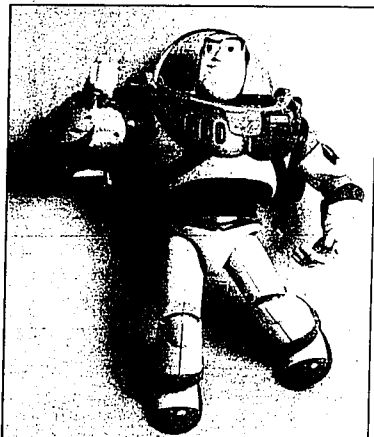
He said he didn't know whether the commercial venture is compatible with the agricultural area. The property's neighbors include housing, pastures and traditional farmland. "It's kind of nice, rolling country ... and I think that's what they're shooting for," Crafton said. "It's kind of off the beaten track a ways."

The Snyders, who closed on their purchase of the property Sept. 29, don't have experience in the wine business, Snyder said. They hope to start in the spring with vine planting and

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# Retailers present toy shopping list

**The Associated Press**  
**NEW YORK** - Parents looking for the hot toys this holiday season have a new resource - a list of must-haves compiled by the nation's biggest retailers. But shoppers be warned - this list wasn't done as a public service. While retailers make it their business to predict the public's desires, their choices also reflect what they have in their inventories and want to push off store shelves.

The toy business is all about spin, and this is the retailers' spin on what will sell, said Eric Johnson, a professor at the

er-linked Legos and toys based on the movies "Toy Story 2" and "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace." The list represents the latest attempt by the toy industry to shape Americans' buying habits during the important holiday season.

Toy manufacturers are usually blamed for stirring up a buying frenzy, dumping millions of dollars into marketing and advertising. In recent years, the hype over Furby and Tickle Me Elmo was carefully orchestrated by their makers.

# Loss of career loyalty falls along generational lines

**The Associated Press**  
**ST. LOUIS** - You probably wouldn't go the extra mile for the company these days, considering that it would cut you in a minute if it wanted to.

But the loss of loyalty among employers and the employed may have less to do with corporate downsizing and other economic conditions than with a sea change in the attitudes of

these two groups, argues John J. Clancy, professor in the American culture studies program in arts and sciences at Washington University.

partially as a result of managerial practices, but the roots lie in a much more profound social change - a change tied to new attitudes held by both a new generation of employees and a new generation of managers," he says.

# Doctors file suit against insurance provider

The Times-News  
and Associated Press

**IDAHO FALLS** - Hundreds of physicians are suing Regence BlueShield of Idaho, saying the insurance company breached their contracts when it adopted a new reimbursement plan Sept. 1.

The doctors filed a class-action lawsuit Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Pocatello. More than 500 doctors, mostly specialists and some from the Magic Valley, are represented by the lawsuit.

The suit claims the company implemented its new payment system - which pays specialists less - without consulting doctors and breached their contracts.

It contends BlueShield should have terminated its existing contracts with doctors and then renegotiated them based on the new payment system.

The doctors are seeking an injunction. They want a federal judge to order BlueShield to stop using the new payment plan and pay doctors according to their old contracts.

"It's like somebody saying, 'I'll give you a \$1,000 for that car and when you get it they change their minds and say I'll only give you \$500,'" said Richard Hearn, the physicians' attorney.

BlueShield contracts had not seen the lawsuit Tuesday, but said the change to a new reimbursement system did not violate any existing contracts.

"We lost any lawsuit this is frivolous," spokeswoman Georganne Benjamin said. About 100 physicians have terminated their contracts with BlueShield since the new system went into effect Sept. 1. Most still see BlueShield patients and will do so until the patients' health insurance is renewed.

The specialists no longer accepting BlueShield insurance included 16 in the Magic Valley - mostly orthopedic surgeons - as of last month. A few are radiologists in the Sun Valley and Hainley area. Some of those 16 stopped participating in BlueShield in June, and others dropped it more recently.

The new system reimburses doctors using a national index that puts a value on each procedure. If the index lists the value of an office visit at \$85, then BlueShield will pay that amount. Under the old system, Please see SUIT, Page E3

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MONEY

Buyer's market keeps CEOs awake at nights

NEW YORK (AP) — It would make interesting and maybe enlightening reading for Federal Reserve governors, economists, investors and worrywarts. But above all, it should be read by consumers.

"It is a Conference Board survey of major corporate challenges as chief executive officers of companies in the Americas, Europe and Asia.

The top marketplace challenge checked by half the 656 CEOs queried in the recent survey is "downward pressure on prices."

And the big management issue is "customer loyalty/retention." The results are surprising since they out-poll such issues as "changing technology," "impact of the Internet" and "managing mergers/acquisitions/alliances."

which most will agree are major. Not only surprising, but significant, because one would have thought inflation, judging from the Fed's hand-wringing, was the industrial world's top economic worry.

Instead, as it turns out, CEOs are lying awake nights worrying about the near opposite of inflation and trying to retain their customers, which can only be accomplished by serving them better.

For consumers, it's a buyer's market. As suggested by the CEOs' responses, pricing pressure may be downward rather than upward.

This is not the way things were as recently as a couple of decades ago, when prices were soaring, cars broke down and service was

merely a slogan. While service may still be promoted better in advertising than offered in sales outlets, the quality and variety of products has risen spectacularly and prices recently have held the line.

In fact, when you consider the quality improvements — cars and tires with long-term warranties, for example — prices of many if not most manufactured products are lower today than back then.

Competition too has increased, meaning companies must work harder to keep their customers, through ingenuity, innovation, quality and more suitable items.

The best way to meet price and product competition is to lower costs, and every company in America and elsewhere is acutely aware of this, striving to raise

productivity and cut costs. These are among reasons, though not the sole reasons, why the inflation so feared by the Fed and many economists has not raged. Few companies dare raise prices lest they offend the consumer.

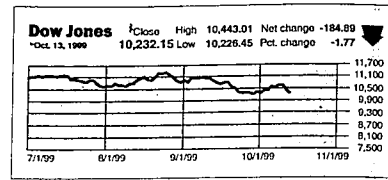
And so, prices stay put. The New York Federal Reserve Bank said recently that it is almost impossible to find an American business leader who thinks his or her firm has any pricing power.

Prices power, once guarded by sellers as a right, has devolved to buyers. Carmakers who told you what car you'd buy and how much you'd pay now offer choices, low financing, guarantees and rebates.

The consumer, once peon, is now king. Large corporations built on some type of loyalty, I believe that celebrating the passing of corporate loyalty fails to recognize the price face with its disappearance.

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Stocks dip again; bond yields soar

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell sharply for a second straight session Wednesday as Intel's disappointing earnings report hammered technology shares and plunging bond prices dragged the broader market lower.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 184.90 to close at 10,232.15, extending its drop of 231.12 on Tuesday. The Dow is down 3.9 percent so far this week.

Broader stock indicators also closed sharply lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 27.49 to 1,285.55, and the Nasdaq composite index dropped 71.16 to 2,801.27.

Intel, often considered a bellwether stock for the technology sector, tumbled 4.39/64 to 72.56/4. The company, the world's largest manufacturer of semiconductors, reported late Tuesday it earned 55 cents a share in the quarter, 2 cents below analysts' forecasts.

The results surprised investors who have come to expect Intel to meet or surpass Wall Street forecasts. Other technology leaders also fell, including Microsoft, which fell 1.71/16 to close at 91.12/5.

Traders said Intel's report fostered nervousness about other chip makers, which may face production troubles in the coming months as Taiwan, a major producer of semiconductor parts, rebuilds from a recent earthquake. The Philadelphia Stock Exchange semiconductor index fell 2.5 percent.

Intel also deflated some optimism about corporate profits in general. The companies that comprise the S&P 500 are expected to post average profit growth of more than 10 percent in the third quarter, according to First Call/Thomson Financial. But with expectations high, analysts warn that any companies that miss analysts' forecasts are in line for harsh punishment from investors.

In recent quarters, however, even companies that have met analysts' forecasts have fallen as their profit reports contained any hint of trouble.

Career

Continued from E1 and service sector employment. His focus is on long-term, professional attachment, in which employees "come to identify with the company's goals and values."

"Today, the common view of loyalty is produced almost exclusively on the bargain model. But the species of loyalty that is most beneficial to both an individual and an organization is more usefully thought of as an emotion than as an act of will. It's often irrational, like falling in love. And it takes a lot of abuse before you truly lose it."

Clancy, a classic company man with a 25-year career at McDonnell Douglas (now Boeing), identifies himself with the older workers who expected

to spend their entire careers with one company. Younger workers today, he says, look at the job as a more limited, transactional something, and they trust the company will gain something as well, but it's a very impersonal, rational connection — not the emotional attachment we see with older subjects. They take it for granted that companies would act solely in the companies' own economic interests.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stock market news is 1.15 hours. Stocks in boldface indicate 5 percent or more of change.

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Spaceport

Continued from E1. Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Idaho would know by 2001 if the INEEL bid succeeds, he said. The project would start moving dirt in 2002 and send its first flight into space in 2003 or early 2004.

The VentureStars craft would be piloted by a computer on the ground, not by a person on board. After launching one or more satellites, the craft would return to Earth on the north end of the INEEL.

Fossil Fuels

The satellite-launching project could create up to 350 high-tech jobs in Idaho, Arnold said. Aerospace — "the trucking business of the 21st century" — is a dynamic, environmentally friendly industry with keen interest from Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

or outer space will link the world, Arnold told Rotarians. The market for launching satellites is expected to be \$45 billion over the 10 years from 1998 to 2007, a Fairbairned study said. Of the two major U.S. launch sites, Florida's Cape Canaveral launches to the east; it can't launch to the north over the large populations of the Eastern Seaboard.

Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242, or by e-mail at virginia@magicvalley.com. distributed to different physicians. He said he had been contacted by several physicians, but more than primary care physicians.

Grapes

Continued from E1. built construction and expected to take up to five years to develop. His wife, Claudia, will live on the Bull property from spring through fall, Snyder said, and he'll stay in Utah and send money home, he said, probably. He'll spend some time in Idaho, but she'll spearhead the on-site work. They like the Twin Falls area and thought their children could draw some interest from the locals, Snyder said.

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Date: September 15, 1999.
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ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
On Monday the 1st day of November, 1999, Shako Garage Storage will sell the personal property belonging to...

ROBERT LAEGERVALD AND SANDRA DUMBAR
The last known address of Sandra Dumbar is 2055 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls, Idaho.

THIS SALE is made to enforce the lien rights of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho.
This is a further Information concerning a Notice of Public Hearing held on October 7, 1999.

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