



## GOOD MORNING

### WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy and cool with winds 10-20 mph. High, 65. Partly cloudy this evening, then clearing, low 35.

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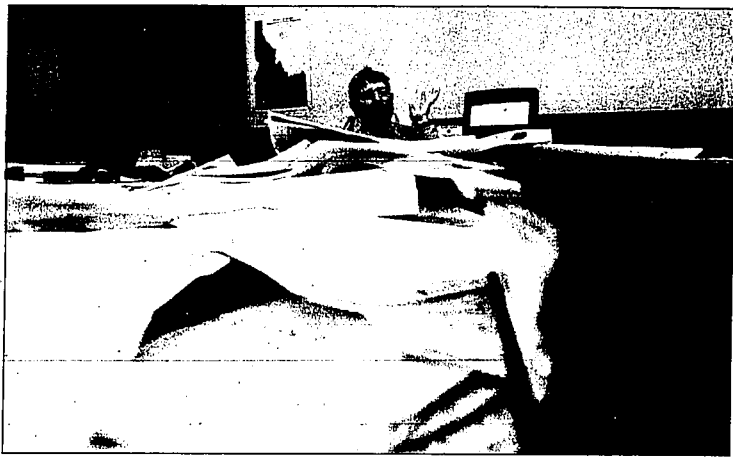
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# COURT ON WHEELS



Judge Barry Wood has a mountain of paperwork to climb. The state water court he presides over is currently considering about 180,000 water claims along with related motions and objections.

## Judge takes water business on the road

**By N.S. Nokkentved**  
*Times-News writer*

**TWIN FALLS** - Criticism of a recent Idaho Supreme Court water ruling has not yet spilled over into the court where the decision originated.

Attention has focused on Snake River Basin Adjudication over the past three weeks, since the Supreme Court upheld a ruling that granted the federal government rights to water within three wilderness areas and a national recreation area.

So far the controversy hasn't affected the water court's ongoing efforts. Legislators, lawyers and the Supreme Court seem generally pleased with District Judge Barry Wood's work so far - but then again, he hasn't handed down any major decisions yet.

Legislators have no plans to change anything about the court or the adjudication as a result of the Supreme Court's decision. Wood replaced then-presiding Judge Daniel Hurlbutt, who issued the controversial wilderness water ruling. Hurlbutt resigned from the bench Dec. 31, 1993.

When nobody stepped up to

take the open position, the job of administering adjudication fell to Wood as the 5th Judicial District administrative judge, until a successor could be picked. At first he tried to keep up with his other District Court cases in Gooding, Shoshone and Jerome. But then in February, Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout

asked him to take over the case until June 30, 2000. Wood reluctantly accepted. But it became apparent he couldn't continue his District Court cases and handle the adjudication.

His most visible change in operations has been to move some hearings to the geographic area where the particular issues are centered. Last week he held court in Challis. The effort has been well received, and has made the court accessible to people who otherwise would not be able to attend hearings.

### The challenge

The biggest challenge facing Wood is the size and complexity of the case. He and his small staff spend a lot of time on administration - looking up references, setting hearings, assigning cases.

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## Water issues

**The ruling**  
The Supreme Court ruled that the federal government is entitled to water rights for all the unappropriated water within three wilderness areas and one national recreation area.

**The effects**  
Some say the ruling will void all water rights upstream of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, from the day the wilderness was established in 1980. Some say the ruling would have little effect outside the wilderness because Congress had declared the Salmon River would be administered under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, not the Wilderness Act. Others - including two of Idaho's federal Supreme Court justices - say the federal government is not entitled to a reserved water right in those wilderness and recreation areas.

## Cases still pending

The Supreme Court still will consider three rulings from the Snake River Basin Adjudication - federal reserved water rights in the Sawtooth Wilderness Area, in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge. The District Court still is considering water rights claims on the Snake River by the Nez Perce Indian tribe. Parties to the disputed claims are negotiating the issue. District Judge Barry Wood also is expected to issue a ruling on the case.

## Water mixes with politics

**By Gregory Hahn**  
*Times-News writer*

**TWIN FALLS** - Anyone who thinks the judicial system operates outside the realm of politics has never watched the fallout from an Idaho water-rights decision before.

And it has happened before. The 1995 Legislature, mad about the way the Snake River Basin Adjudication is going, froze the state's judges' salaries for the second year in a row.

It wasn't just the decisions the court made, remembered then-House Speaker Mike Simpson, but the fact that the decisions were being reversed so often by higher courts.

The legislative branch can only control the purse strings, and sometimes they do. "It's just kind of a natural reaction of the Legislature," said Simpson, now Idaho's 2nd District congressman.

Not that there's talk of this now, three weeks after the Idaho Supreme Court affirmed a water decision that most of the state's political establishment regard as a serious blow to Idaho water users and to the state itself. In fact, after a burst of reactions decrying the decision at the beginning of the month, most legislators have been loathe to even

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Al Gore  
Spreads distrust in Bill Bradley

## Gore goes on attack

Candidate labels Bradley an 'insurgent'

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - Vice President Al Gore, hoping to conjure voter distrust of free-spending liberals, brands rival Bill Bradley a "left-center insurgent" and his plan for universal health insurance a "throwback to an earlier generation" before Democratic lawmakers accepted the deal.

Bradley, campaigning in New York on Saturday, said "common sense and willing to think long term" best described his philosophy on issues such as health care, poverty, and the economy.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Gore called Russia's Boris Yeltsin an "on-again, off-again" president even while voicing confidence that a stable Russia will carry on with health care, poverty, and the economy.

The vice president, struggling through an unexpectedly tight Democratic nomination race with Bradley, met with AP editors and reporters Friday in the White House's Roosevelt Room, across the hall from the Oval Office.

He made a back-slash remark on the wood table as he committed himself to weekly, general election debates with the Republican nominee. "If I have the privilege of being the Democratic nominee,"

Clearly feeling the squeeze of Bradley's competitive hamfist and rise in polls, Gore offered his harshest assessment yet of the former New Jersey senator's \$65 billion plan to eliminate Medicaid and give poor people government subsidies to buy into the Federal Employee Health Benefits

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## Photographer plans auction of models' eggs

The Associated Press

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.** - A fashion photographer, hoping to cash in on would-be parents' wishes for a beautiful baby, is offering the eggs of eight models in an on-line auction set to start Monday.

Fertility groups have expressed disgust at the offer, saying it turns human life into a commodity. But photographer Ron Harris says his offer is a reflection of American society, where beauty can be purchased by the highest bidder.



Photographer Ron Harris has filled infertility groups with disgust over his plan to sell eggs from eight fashion models.

"It's unethical and it's distasteful," said Tipton, spokesman for the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, said Saturday. Infertility specialists are increasingly concerned about

putting a price tag on human eggs. This spring, for example, a couple advertised that they would pay \$50,000 for eggs donated from an athletic student from a top college.

Federal law forbids the purchase and sale of human organs, but trafficking in sperm and eggs is legal, infertility experts say. Harris is a Malibu, Calif., photographer whose work includes fashion photos, television directing for Playboy and exercise videos.

He said he uses professional judgment to decide which potential donors are beautiful. "That's what I did all my life," he said. "That's my expertise." His web site boasts that the models are "beautiful and healthy" and subject to rigorous health examinations. In a letter on the site, Harris describes the egg auction as "Darwin's Natural Selection at its very best."

## TF third-quarter growth proves to be hard-won

Positive economic signs persevere

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - Twin Falls' growth proved hard-won in the third quarter, The Times-News' quarterly survey of economic indicators shows.

For the full story, see page D-1. Positive economic signs persevered in the face of continued low farm prices, climbing interest rates and the slowed growth reflected in Idaho Power Co.'s new-customer numbers.

Under those conditions, harvest didn't bring its normal flurry of spending by farmers, and Twin Falls County reported fewer sales of automobiles and existing homes than a year ago. As the prime interest rate ascended to its year-ago level, Twin Falls city and county issued fewer permits for new homes and the average estimated value of those homes continued to fall.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie High: 50 Low: 24 Mostly cloudy and cooler. Partly cloudy on Monday with highs near 60.

Treasure Valley High: 62 Low: 37 Mostly cloudy and cooler, with northwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy on Monday with highs near 60 to 65.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High: 62 Low: 27 Partly cloudy and cooler, with a chance of showers tonight. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs near 70.

Eastern Idaho High: 65 Low: 28 Partly cloudy and cooler, with southwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Mostly sunny with high in the mid to upper 60s.

Northern Idaho High: 60 Low: 37 Partly sunny and cooler, with northwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny on Monday.

Northern Utah High: 72 Low: 30 Mostly sunny today and mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny on Monday in the 70s.

Northern Nevada High: 65 Low: 32 Mostly cloudy and cooler, with winds 10-20 mph. Mostly sunny on Monday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday High/Low forecasts and weather icons for Magic Valley.

Idaho weather. The AccuWeather® forecast for Sunday, Oct. 24. Includes a map of Idaho with weather stations and a forecast for various regions.

National weather. The AccuWeather® forecast for Sunday, Oct. 24. Includes a map of the United States with weather fronts and a forecast for various regions.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table showing weather data for Twin Falls, including precipitation, wind, and temperature.

Idaho Highs/Lows table showing temperature ranges for various Idaho locations.

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Tainted milk kills Peruvian kids

LIMA, Peru (AP) - At least 28 children collapsed and died in a remote Andean village in Peru, apparently after being given insecticide-tainted milk at school.

insufficient for fumigating crops, he told The Associated Press. Another 20 children were being treated for poisoning. Two children were listed in critical condition, Lovon said.

collapsing outside the school, at an adjacent soccer field, on dirt roads and in the doorways of their homes.

Stranded baby whale is euthanized

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. (AP) - A marine rescue group killed a stranded baby whale Saturday because its mother could not be found and the animal was unable to live on its own.

Archaeological discovery threatens lot for Vatican buses

ROME (AP) - Buried frescoes from the Roman Empire have been found in the path of a planned Vatican parking garage - the latest remnants of Rome's past to slow construction for the new millennium.

The discovery of the frescoes in August spurred construction for more than a month. The new find heightened concern that the parking garage won't be completed in time for the more than 20 million pilgrims expected to visit Rome next year to celebrate Christianity's third millennium.

Gene-mapping progress brings worries Gore

WASHINGTON - Biotechnology company Celera Genomics has reported stunning progress in deciphering the human genetic code and is already leading the race to sequence 1.2 billion "letters" of the human genome in five weeks, a seemingly spectacular achievement.

Deciphering the code - sequencing 3 billion letters spelled out by DNA molecules - is an enormous task that has been compared to the moon landing or splitting the atom. It is expected to result in a deep understanding of the most basic aspects of human body functions.

Some scientists worry that patenting gene sequences and putting such basic information in private hands will discourage research outside of the drug companies that own the rights to the information. It that proves correct - and the Celera executives dispute it - scientists fear that many of the promised medical advances might never take place.

Continued from A1 Program or purchase private insurance. Bradley, who has said he would tap the budget surplus to pay for the plan, would instead have to raise taxes or go "deeply into deficits," Gore contended.

Water

of a challenge, though no one has come forward yet. Conservatively, though, take heart from the 1998 electoral success of Justice Wayne Kilgore, who made no secret of his Republican history and ideology.

And moreover the problem plays out, Batt and Simpson said, the current lawmakers should not be vindictive if the final decision doesn't go their way.

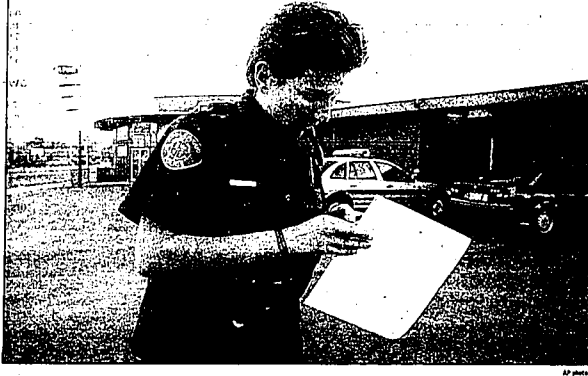
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NATION



Englewood police officer Letitia Catillo stands in front of the Alpha Pawnshop in Englewood, Colo., Friday shortly after Carla Hochhalter, 48, committed suicide with a pistol at the shop. Hochhalter's daughter is 17-year-old Anna Marie Hochhalter, who was seriously injured after being shot in the chest during the shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., last April.

# Aftershocks of Columbine rampage continue with mother's suicide

DENVER (AP) — A security videotape of the first moments of the Columbine massacre is broadcast nationwide. A student is arrested for making fresh threats. A surviving student's mother commits suicide.

Six months after a dozen students and a teacher were killed in the shooting attack, aftershocks continue to assail the Columbine community, and many wonder if it will ever end.

The latest emotional assault occurred Friday when the mother of one of the most gravely injured students walked into an Englewood pawn shop, asked to see a gun, loaded it when the clerk's back was turned and killed herself.

"We thought it was all over and it started all over again," said Angie Amaro, whose 15-year-old daughter, Crystal, attends Columbine. "This is another victim of Columbine."

A tragedy like the Columbine attack can cause feelings of helplessness and fresh waves of grief to lullie hold about six months later, psychologists say.

"This is just another layer of tragedy for the people of Columbine to have to deal with," said John Eachon, vice president of Access and Extended Services, whose counselors have worked with students in the wake of the attack.

Counselors are telling parents and students "they need to connect with friends, family and the faith community," Eachon said.

It was around lunchtime April 20 when students Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, scattered gunfire and bombs at the suburban high school, killing 13 and injuring about 25 before they committed suicide.

The worst school shooting in U.S. history drew together grief-stricken Littleton-area residents. They comforted each other and volunteered to help the victims' families. The students returned to classes in August after a stirring, rowdy "back to the school" rally.

In the passing months, however, the stark reality of the massacre has surfaced again and again.

"Earlier this month, CBS-TV was criticized by some residents and



Carla June Hochhalter

astated ... she was no different from us," Mrs. Michalich said. "I thought she was better, especially when Anne Marie moved her legs for the first time last week."

But Mrs. Michalich admitted she, too, has struggled with emotions because of her child's injuries. "There was a time where I thought I had nothing to live for. I know what she went through," she said.

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# Study shows human error causes most nuclear mishaps

WASHINGTON (AP) — A review of nearly two dozen accidents involving uncontrolled nuclear chain reactions since 1953 suggests that human error is a common thread, according to an Energy Department draft report.

The study by scientists at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico was being updated to incorporate findings from the nuclear accident at a Japanese fuel processing plant last month.

The Los Alamos scientists examined 21 so-called criticality accidents, mostly in Russia and the United States between 1953 and 1997, and found they had a number of things in common — from human involvement to the fact that significant radiation exposure invariably was confined to the facility.

"First and perhaps foremost, the human element was present in all of the accidents," the draft report said. In most of the cases some fault also could be traced to poor supervision and inadequate regulatory oversight, it added.

Three U.S. nuclear experts, including the head of the Los Alamos review team, said Friday that the criticality accident at the Japanese plant appeared to follow a similar pattern, with human error, poor training and lax supervision involved.

The three workers who caused Japan's worst nuclear accident on Sept. 30 were described by the U.S. review team as blue-collar employees with little scientific background or understanding of the potential dangers they faced.

"These people were unaware of the hazard," said Thomas Anderson, a specialist in nuclear chain reaction accidents who led the Los Alamos study and was one of the three U.S. experts sent to Japan to

evaluate the latest accident. The three officials discussed their findings in Japan at a meeting with reporters Friday.

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- One out of eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime - a risk that in 1960 was one out of 14. In 1999, breast cancer will be newly diagnosed every three minutes, and a woman will die from breast cancer every twelve minutes.
- Every woman is at risk for breast cancer. The risk of developing breast cancer increases as a woman ages, if she has a family history of breast cancer, has never had children, or had her first child after age 30. However, most breast cancers occur in women who have no identifiable risk factors.
- Fewer than a third of American women follow recommended guidelines for screening mammography, a simple procedure that can reveal small breast cancers up to two years before they can be felt.
- Most breast irregularities are found by women themselves, yet many women do not know how to perform breast self-examination, and few do so regularly.
- Over 80% of breast lumps are benign, but any breast lump must be evaluated by a physician. Follow-up biopsy is often recommended.
- If detected early, breast cancer can often be treated effectively with surgery that preserves the breast. Five-year survival after treatment for localized breast cancer is 93%.
- Breast cancer incidence increases with age, rising sharply after age 40. Two-thirds of all breast cancers occur in women over 50 years of age.

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  - First mammogram around age 40;
  - 40 to 50 years of age, get a mammogram every one to two years;
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- See your doctor on a regular basis.
- Perform breast self-examination once a month.

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Poll: Less than half of U.S. knows of test ban vote

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When the Senate voted 51 to 48 on Oct. 13 to kill the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, Vice President Al Gore summoned a camera crew to cut the first television com-

mercial of his campaign, sure that he would strike a chord with an electorate overwhelmingly in favor of the ban and disgusted with the Senate's vote to scuttle it.

But a new poll indicates that less than half of Americans

have any idea the vote took place.

The survey, by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, found that 49 percent of those questioned had heard something about the vote and only 21 percent had heard

"a lot" about it. In that subgroup, small percentages reported hearing a lot (29 percent) or a little (9 percent) about the rationale underlying the votes for or against the treaty, which bans all underground nuclear testing.

Court

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Answering questions — before even getting to the water, Wood said.

The case involves settling about 180,000 water right claims but then there are the objections to those claims. Last month's docket included 140,000 objections to three classes of claims, he said.

"They deliver paper here in a truck," he said.

The evidence of the amount of paperwork involved is spread across the judge's work table and stacked on the floor along the walls of his chambers.

The case began in November 1987. As it matures, the number of cases pending before the court is growing, Wood said. He expects the case to run at least another decade.

Of the 180,000 claims, the court already has issued 54,000 partial decrees — more than half of those this year — but most of them are domestic and agricultural claims, with only a few objections.

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The case never leaves his mind, even while he's luozing his garden. But after spending all day in the courtroom or his chambers, he values time outdoors. Even picking rocks is good, he said.

The Nez Perce tribe has made 1,113 claims to the majority of the water in the Snake River. The tribe says an 1855 treaty granting fishing rights implies a federal reserved water right to sustain the fishing rights. Idaho Power Co. and other water users have protested the tribe's claims.

When the case threatened to bog down, the parties offered to settle it through mediation.

Late last year, Hurlbut delayed until September oral arguments on a motion for summary judgment on the case to give negotiators a chance to reach a settlement. They have not reached a settlement, but negotiations are continuing, said Clive Strong, chief of the natural resources division in the state attorney general's office.

But litigation will go forward as well. On Oct. 13, Wood presided over 3 1/2 hours of oral argument. Wood has taken the issue under consideration and will issue a ruling in due time, he said.

Judicial conduct

Wood earned a degree in accounting from the University of Wyoming in 1973 and graduated from the University of Idaho's College of Law in 1976. He spent 10 years in private practice in Homedale and Caldwell before becoming a magistrate in Lincoln County in 1987. Wood became a

District Court judge in January 1995 and was elected as the administrative judge for the 5th Judicial District in September 1996.

What will happen on June 30, 2000, is up to the Supreme Court and to Wood. For his part, Wood said, it's too soon to say.

Trout said she was not aware of any problems.

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, and Rep. Golden Linford, R-Exburg, met with Trout during the 1999 legislative session to discuss administrative matters, such as budgets and caseloads, said Noh, chairman of the Senate's Resources and Environment Committee.

Legislators have no specific plans to change anything relating to the process, Newcomb said. He expects the regular meetings with Trout to continue during the next session.

The lawyers who know him best — those who are involved in the adjudication — are reluctant to talk about the judge who is hearing their clients' cases. The few who are willing to speak privately give Wood good marks. They say he is well prepared and conducts an orderly courtroom.

That squares with what Newcomb is hearing. People have told him they find Wood is

fair to all parties, and they are not concerned with how he rules.

So far, say observers, so good. But where there is water law, there are always observers — as the Supreme Court's recent ruling has demonstrated. Wood's court is detached from the current controversy, but never far from the scrutiny.

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# Farmers' income gets boost from government funds, good weather

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Texas	483
Washington	63
Wyoming	8

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite low corn and soybean prices, a typical Iowa farmer stands to clear \$48,000 this year, thanks to good weather and the federal farm program. Now \$16,000 more is coming from Washington. In Texas, where a 1,700-acre cotton farm can expect to earn about \$180,000, the government is going to make it an even \$200,000.

On many farms, the aid is expected to boost income by 25 percent to 30 percent or more even as producers are bringing in bumper crops, according to an analysis by Texas A&M University's Agricultural and Food Policy Center.

The cash comes from the \$8.7 billion package of emergency farm assistance that President Clinton signed into law on Friday.

Iowa alone will get an estimated \$510 million, or \$25 for every acre of farm land in the state.

That would increase the state's net farm income this year to \$2.6 billion, \$400 million over 1998.

"From an economic standpoint the year is looking pretty positive and certainly brighter if the president signed that bill," said Ron McCartney, speaking over the din of his combine as he harvested his northeast Iowa farm last week.

The assistance package will benefit virtually every grain and cotton farm in the country, large or small, regardless of their financial situation or how good their crops were; the bigger the farm, the bigger the check.

Existing government programs, which guarantee minimum prices for crops such as wheat, corn, soybeans and cotton, ensure that with good crops most farmers can make enough money to cover their operating costs, economists say. But many farmers, especially those who borrowed heavily for

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# Scientists nearly crack human code

LONDON (AP) — An international team of researchers says it is on the verge of unraveling for the first time the genetic pattern of a human chromosome — a milestone toward what experts call one of the most important scientific accomplishments ever.

The team, involving British, U.S. and Japanese scientists, is part of a worldwide collaboration known as the Human Genome Project, which aims to reveal the structure of the estimated 100,000 genes in human DNA.

That will help scientists better understand what can go wrong in the body and how to fix it.

The group investigating chromosome 22 — the second smallest of the 24 kinds of chromosomes that carry human DNA — is putting the finishing touches on its work and plans to submit it for publication in the journal Nature later this year, team leader Ian Dunham said Thursday.

"We have it completed now to the point where there isn't anything else we can do. We are now working on the analysis," said Dunham, senior research fellow of the Sanger Center in Cambridge, England, which is handling about a third of the entire genome project.

Genes are arranged in tightly coiled threads of DNA organized into pairs of chromosomes in most cells of the body.

Genes can promote or cause disease when they don't work properly. Some of the illnesses linked to genes gene had include cancer, arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, Alzheimer's and multiple sclerosis.

Chromosome 22 contains genes involved in the immune response, schizophrenia, heart defects, mental retardation, leukemia and several other cancers, said Bruce Roe of the University of Oklahoma, part of the team examining it.

The team, which also involves Keio University in Japan, Washington University in St. Louis and scores of labs across the world, is revealing the sequence of the building blocks of DNA along the length

### Decoding a human chromosome

Researchers are poised to decipher the genetic pattern of the first human chromosome. Here is a look at some of the genes that map to regions on chromosome 22.

GENE IN THE REGION ...	WHICH IS LINKED TO ...
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DiGeorge syndrome	Heart defects and mental retardation
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Breakpoint cluster	Leukemia
Neurofibromin	Brain tumors
Ewing's sarcoma	Bone cancer
Neurofibromin	Brain tumors
Neurofibromin	Cancer of the nerves

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of the chromosome.

Matt Ridley, head of the England-based International Center for Life and author of the recently published book "Genome," described the imminent completion of the chromosome 22 sequence as a milestone on the way to decoding all the

human DNA.

"The whole project, once it's completed, will be one of the most significant scientific achievements of all time," he said. "It's the instruction manual for our species, the complete guide for how to build and run the human body."

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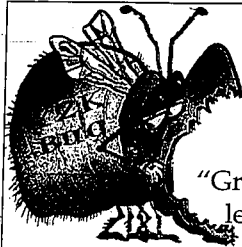
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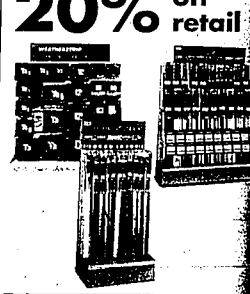
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NATION

Gumbel takes some shots at Couric

Former 'Today' hosts now look horns

NEW YORK (AP) - Bryant Gumbel may be a golf buddy of his former 'Today' show colleague Matt Lauer, but don't expect him to tee up with Katie Couric anytime soon.

Gumbel, who returns to morning television on CBS' 'The Early Show' on Nov. 1, appears to take a few shots at his former 'Today' partner in a profile published today in The New York Times Magazine.

While talking about his canceled CBS newsmagazine, 'The Habit: Eye with Bryant Gumbel,' Gumbel brings up Ms. Couric's experience on an earlier NBC show, 'Now,' which became part of 'Dateline NBC.' 'I wish I was quick enough to remember at the time but, you know, Katie had a prime-time magazine fall under her,' he said.

Referring to his supposed difficulty in getting along with people, Gumbel said: 'I've had one assistant for 18 years. Somebody who shall remain nameless went through five in five years. I had one makeup and hair person the whole time I was at NBC. Somebody who shall remain nameless went through three or four.'

Ms. Couric, Gumbel's partner at the end of his 15 years on 'Today,' sent word through a spokeswoman that she 'respectfully' declined comment.

Gumbel, in a telephone interview, said he did not intend to single out Ms. Couric in pointing out that other network stars had been on unsuccessful magazines.

'If I wanted to refer to anyone in particular, I would have named them,' he said.

Gumbel said that he found the idea that he was attacking Ms.



Katie Couric Bryant Gumbel

Couric amusing, and that there wasn't 'any evidence' that the two didn't get along. 'I even said in the article that I never said a bad word about Katie and I'm not going to start now,' he said, 'and then suddenly people want to write that I've said all these bad things.'

About Ms. Couric and Gumbel, the article quotes a former staff member at 'Today,' who is not identified, as saying: 'I don't think either one of them wanted to spend one minute together.'

The Times also said that several former colleagues believe that Gumbel cannot accept Ms. Couric's status as the leading personality in morning television.

'Of course, I don't think that's correct,' Gumbel said.

Cathedral bars Ezra Pound from Poet's Corner

NEW YORK (AP) - There's no place for Ezra Pound in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The dean of the cathedral has overruled a decision by a group of poets and writers to honor Pound with a place in St. John's Poet's Corner because of his anti-Semitic writings and broadcasts from Italy during World War II.

In broadcasts from January 1943 to July 1943, Pound, who was born in Italy; blamed Jews and other groups for global economic problems. He was interned for treason in 1943, and imprisoned by American forces near Pisa in 1945.

The Very Rev. Harry S. Pritchett Jr. informed members of the Poet's Corner electing panel of his decision in a letter last week, The New York Times reported Saturday.

The panel, which includes John Updike, Robert Pinsky and Donald Hall, had voted to honor Pound and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Pritchett said he had intended to accept the nominations until the

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## N.H. poll: McCain gains on Bush; Bradley, Gore tied

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — A new poll suggests Republican presidential candidate John McCain is gaining on George W. Bush in the New Hampshire primary race. It also shows Bill Bradley and Al Gore in a virtual tie in New Hampshire's Democratic race.

Registered Republicans favored Bush, the governor of Texas, 39 percent to 27 percent over McCain, a U.S. senator from Arizona. A similar poll in August had Bush in the lead 45 percent to 10 percent. The poll also shows presidential candidates are in single digits.

"Obviously, what we are doing is working, which is a few brief remarks and then questions," McCain said Saturday in Hanover. "It's paying off, and straight talk works."

The poll was conducted for the Concord Monitor by polling firm Research 2000 Wednesday and Thursday, after Elizabeth Dole dropped out of the race. The pollsters questioned 602 registered voters by telephone, and the poll had a margin of error of four percentage points.

## GOP pushes spending cut reaching across the board

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are proposing a 14 percent across-the-board cut in federal spending that would affect all government operations except Social Security, Medicare and other benefits — and lawmakers' own salaries.

Amid their budget fight with President Clinton, top House GOP lawmakers laid out the proposal Friday as part of their effort to keep overdue spending bills from dipping into Social Security surpluses. They said the plan would save \$4.5 billion by ordering agency directors to ferret out waste, fraud and abuse.

Washington spending program. Meanwhile, at budget talks between the two sides at the Capitol, the White House proposed a new savings plan of their own: a tax on tobacco companies triggered if teen-age smoking rises. The offer was described by participants who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Not affected by the across-the-board reductions would be the salaries of members of Congress. Since 1981, the money for their pay has come from a part of the federal budget not controlled by the spending bills. The rest of Congress' budget, such as office expenses, would be subject to the cut.

"It's no drastic cut," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

Clinton has said he would veto an across-the-board reduction. The administration said the cuts could force layoffs of 39,000 military personnel and the denial of food, education and other aid to thousands of Americans.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, used the GOP's weekly radio address Saturday to credit the party with enforcing fiscal discipline on the government and slowing the growth of spending.

"Granted, we also have a small surplus," Domenici said. "But that doesn't mean we should go on a spending spree. Now is not the time to open the federal faucet and start throwing hard-earned tax dollars at a glut of

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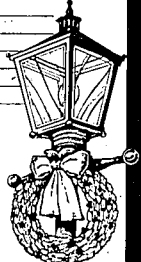
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## The Times-News



NATION

# Isolationists and globalists squabble

The two camps split over trade, treaties and other issues facing the United States

By Christopher Marquis  
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - A decade after the collapse of communism, Americans are quarreling again over whether the country should play a larger or a smaller role in the world.

The tug-of-war, which has cropped up repeatedly in American history, this time pits congressional Republicans against a skeptical of what George Washington called "foreign entanglements" against the Clinton administration's belief that the United States should cooperate with other countries, the United Nations and other international organizations rather than act alone.

Analysis

*There are no clean breaks along party lines, however, and the philosophical questions underlying the debate defy cartoon portrayals of Boy Scout Democrats or activist-like Republicans.*

The battle lines are evident in a number of prickly debates this fall: Should the United States pay its dues to the United Nations and yield to the World Trade Organization? Should it rely on arms control agreements to safeguard its interests or strengthen its own military and develop a missile defense system? Should it send foreign aid to distant lands, and most critically, dispatch its soldiers to places where its own national security is not at stake?

The Clinton administration has attempted to portray the debate as a battle between internationalists and what National Security Advisor Sandy Berger this week called "the new isolationists."

The president's strongest antagonists say the lines are far more jumbled than that. Only a small minority of Americans of either major political party - followers of presidential candidate Pat Buchanan, for example - seem eager to return to anything resembling isolationism, but many embrace the unyielding American leadership associated with former GOP President Ronald Reagan.

Clinton, a Democrat, was willing to act without the United Nations in Kosovo. Republicans supported the expansion of NATO and granted Clinton "fast track" authority to negotiate his showcase North American Free Trade Agreement - first pushed by Republican President George Bush. Meanwhile, both "America first" Republicans and pro-labor Democrats continue to oppose NAFTA.

The president's record does bespeak what Secretary of State Madeleine Albright calls "aggressive multilateralism." He has committed U.S. troops to Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia with the United Nations' blessing, moved to expand NATO, fostered the Middle East peace process and championed the nuclear test-ban treaty.

Increasingly, though, the president has been stymied by the Republican-controlled Congress, which has slashed his foreign operations budget and denied both money for the Wye peace accords on the Mideast and funds to keep Russian nuclear scientists from peddling their skills to hostile nations. Such stinginess, Clinton complained, sends a four-word message to U.S. allies: "Go take a hike."

But Clinton's own actions have been inconsistent, and the varying criteria for American interven-

tion have never jelled into a coherent foreign policy. The administration, for example, has stayed out of Rwanda and Sierra Leone.

The president's engagement policy has been "ad hoc and patchwork," charged Marshall Whittmann, an analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Republicans, too, are divided. At one end of the spectrum are GOP leaders in Congress who are unashamedly parochial.

Other Republicans, such as Sens. Richard Lugar of Indiana and John McCain of Arizona, are committed internationalists, however. So is Defense Secretary William Cohen, a former Republican senator.

Although all the leading presidential candidates, Republicans McCain and Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Democrats Vice President Al Gore and former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, are no isolationists, the debate between multilateralists and unilateralists may intensify as the 2000 presidential elections approach.

The next big fight may come over the anti-ballistic missile treaty, which the Clinton administration hopes to renegotiate with Russia so the United States can develop and deploy a defense shield.

## Clinton gives challenge to Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton challenged Republicans on Saturday to improve upon their pledges that they would avoid using Social Security surpluses to pay for other budget needs.

"I think we can do better," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, adding that he will submit legislation this week that would enact part of a Social Security rescue plan he outlined early this year.

The proposal would earmark for baby boomers' retirement benefits any government savings from using Social Security surpluses to pay off the national debt.

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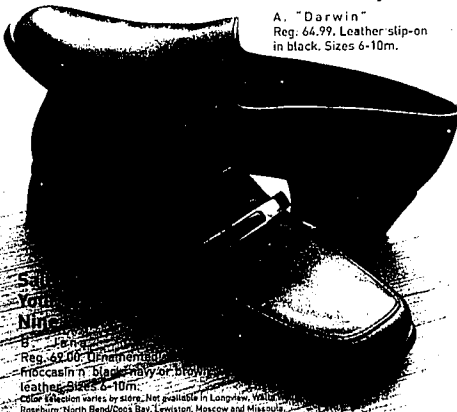
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NATION

# Warnings sound for abortion docs during fall

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** - It's the season of apprehension for abortion providers. During four of the last five autumns, at least one has been the target of a sniper.

Bullets have shattered sliding glass doors and windows in homes in western New York and Canada and struck doctors as they watched television, heated soup, tended to the pool.

All the attacks, including last year's Oct. 23 killing of Dr. Barnett Slepian, occurred in the weeks prior to Nov. 11 - Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Canada. No one was slain in the fall of 1996, but two people were wounded the following autumn. Slepian was the first of the five victims to be killed.

"Doctors are well aware of this upcoming date," said Winnipeg Police Inspector Keith McCaskill, a spokesman for a Canadian-American task force that's been investigating the shootings since late 1997.

Clinics and clinic workers are reluctant to discuss specific security measures, but some are obvious: locked doors, surveillance cameras, security guards.

"We have been told to be more on alert this time of year, but we've been more on alert ever since the assassination," said Marilyn Buckham, executive director at Buffalo GYN Women-services.

Dr. Morris Wortman, a Rochester obstetrician-gynecologist whose practice includes abortions, considered security from the start when planning his new office that opened in August. He estimated built-in security measures added \$70,000 to the price of the building.

"One thing that we designed into this building is an environment with didn't have the appearance of a bunker, but still afforded us the protection of a bunker," he said.

"It's airy and light and there's windows all over the place, so it really doesn't look like it's a place that's hunkering down to withstand a bomb blast," Wortman said. "Yet it can."

A year ago, a bullet from a high-powered rifle pierced Slepian's heart. The father of four bled to



Barnett Slepian

death in his wife's arms on the floor of their kitchen in s u b u r b a n Buffalo.

James Kopp, an anti-abortion advocate with a long arrest record and the nickname "Atomic Dog," is charged with Slepian's murder. A fugitive, Kopp is also under investigation in the other fall shootings: Dr. Jack Fauman in 1997, shot as he watched television in Winnipeg, Canada; an unidentified doctor wounded in Perinton,

N.Y., two weeks earlier; Dr. Hugh Short, shot in 1995 near Hamilton, Ontario; Dr. Carson Romalis, shot in 1994 with a high-powered rifle while sitting in his kitchen in Vancouver, Canada.

Pins on a map at the FBI office in Buffalo show where Kopp traveled before Slepian's death: China, Canada, Mexico, South America, Africa, Poland, Italy, England, India, a dozen American states.

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## Court convicts lady with 3 husbands for instigating murder

**JASPER, Ala. (AP)** - A jury recommended the death penalty Friday for a 30-year-old bigamist convicted of talking one of her three husbands into shooting another.

Shonda Nichole Johnson of Jasper was convicted of capital murder Thursday in the 1997 death of Randy McCullar.

Ms. Johnson was married to McCullar at the time - and to Timothy Richards, who police say pulled the trigger, and to Bill McIntyre, who police say wasn't involved.

Richards testified during the trial that he shot McCullar in the back of the head as he changed a tire in a church parking lot, but he said his wife made him do it so she could be cleared of a bigamy charge.

The charge was initiated by McCullar after Ms. Johnson married McIntyre while she was still married to him.

According to prosecutors and trial testimony, Richards slashed the tires of McCullar's car, and Richards and Ms. Johnson followed him when he drove away. When McCullar pulled over to check the tire, Ms. Johnson told him to shoot, Richards said.

"She yelled, 'Do it! Do it! Do it!'" he testified.

Richards pleaded guilty to murder to avoid a possible death sentence.



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NATION



Anti-Ku Klux Klan protesters make their way to a counter KKK demonstration Saturday in New York. A dozen Ku Klux Klan members stood silently - faces exposed - holding a confederate flag as thousands of demonstrators jeered and protested the Klan's rally.

## Klan members face opposition during rally

NEW YORK (AP) - After days of legal maneuvering about their rights to rally, Ku Klux Klan members stood silently inside a pen fashioned from police barricades on Saturday and literally faced the jeers of thousands of protesters.

New York City succeeded in unmasking the Klan when a federal appeals court ruled Friday that the city could refuse to permit the event if participants insisted on wearing their traditional masks. The Klan contingent wore their traditional pointed hats, minus the usual face cover.

Police reported seven arrests, all counter-demonstrators, on a variety of charges - including one man who allegedly assaulted a Klansman just prior to the rally by 16 Klan members at outside courthouse in lower Manhattan. He and two other men posed as

Klan members to infiltrate the group.

"Death to the Klan!" shouted one of the trio as police led them off. The other two men were charged with disorderly conduct. James Sheeley of the New York and New Jersey KKK suffered a scrape on his cheek when three men jumped the real Klan members as they walked into the pen.

Denied a city permit to use a sound system, the Klan stood silently inside the pen, surrounded by police officers in riot helmets.

The Klan members - including two women - were joined by two skinheads, one sporting a "White Power" patch.

"We can't get our message out," complained Jeffrey Berry, the national Imperial Wizard of the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. "We are silenced."

## Official: Quadriplegic threatens students

BOSTON (AP) - Officials say a 19-year-old quadriplegic from Missouri used an Internet chat room to make "Columbine-like" threats to hurt students and teachers at a Massachusetts middle school.

Massachusetts Attorney General Tom Reilly said Saturday that the paralyzed teen - whose name and hometown were not released - made the threats using an America Online chat room frequented by dozens

of eighth-graders from Townsend's Hawthorne Brook Middle School.

Authorities confiscated the Missouri teen-ager's computer on Friday and plan to charge him with making threats and possibly other charges on Monday, Reilly said.

He said the teen-ager had started to tell several students he was in their community and he threatened to hurt them, their teachers and their school.

## Jerry Falwell, gay activist bring supporters together for dialogue

### The Washington Post

LYNCHBURG, Va. - Conservative evangelist Jerry Falwell and his former ghostwriter turned gay activist, the Rev. Mel White, met Saturday in a school gym with a group of their respective supporters for a heart-to-heart dialogue on their differences - and the need to end violence aimed at gays and Christians.

Ignoring the shouts of about 40 anti-gay Baptists who demonstrated outside, 200 members of Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church and 200 followers of

White's gay rights organization, Soulforce, mingled around tables set up on the basketball court of Lynchburg Christian Academy.

Given his past anti-gay statements, visiting Falwell's church might normally be akin to walking into the lion's den for many gays and lesbians. But Saturday it became an oasis of Christian fellowship.

"We appreciate the Rev. Falwell's hospitality and his seeming change of heart," said Bob Henriksen, of Harrisonburg, who with his wife, Shirley, was a Soulforce delegate.




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## EDITORIAL

# Abortion ruling bodes ill in Mansfield's bid for office

The timing couldn't have been much more ironic.

Dennis Mansfield was launching a bid for Idaho's 1st Congressional District seat, just days after his bid to rewrite Idaho abortion law (and the Constitution) received a long overdue rejection from a federal judge.

The one-issue activist - and erstwhile head of the Idaho Family Forum - is now a narrowly focused candidate for Congress.

Republican voters would do well to block his bid for office.

Mansfield was the key player behind anti-abortion legislation that basically consumed the 1998 Legislature. Mansfield managed to browbeat the Legislature into passing two abortion bills. Then-Gov. Phil Batt vetoed one, but signed another, in an attempt to lessen the strident tone.

But long before Batt signed that bill, it's critics said it was unconstitutional. They said the bill - despite its stated goal of banning a rare late-term "partial-birth" abortion procedure - was so vague that it would outlaw all abortions beyond the 13th week of a pregnancy.

This month, U.S. District Judge Lynn Winnill agreed and he rejected the law.

Anti-abortion advocates can try to politicize this ruling, but that doesn't make much sense. Winnill was a Democrat in his pre-judicial incarnation - but a merrily conservative Democrat who had the support of Idaho's Republican Congressional delegation in his bid for the federal bench.

Winnill's views on abortion aren't much different than the Idaho main-

stream: many Idahoans are opposed to abortion, but have no stomach for costly and contentious battles that push a narrow agenda.

In the wake of Winnill's ruling, the smartest response probably came from the state.

"The decisions around the country indicate this is around the country viewing this," Deputy Attorney General David High said. "We're not going to waste taxpayers' money on it."

Good thinking. And a good object lesson for Idaho Republicans.

Mansfield is trying to paint himself as the true conservative successor to retiring Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage. Don't believe it. True conservatives truly want smaller government. The abortion law struck down this month was not an attempt to downsize government, it was always less onerous.

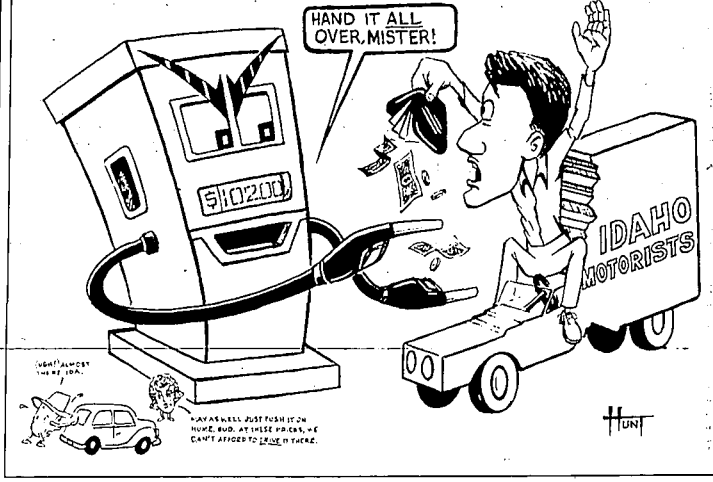
Republicans need to be careful here. The GOP-dominated Legislature spent too much of its time in 1998 trying to appease Mansfield and his cohorts. In the end, it was wasted time and wasted taxpayer dollars.

There is always temptation, and risk, in trying to court a strident sector of a party.

Usually, the party winds up losing. Idaho Republicans need look only at the opposition. Having bent over backwards to appease strident environmentalists, Democrats are taking a pounding these days in Idaho, and across the West.

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## Inflation has hobbled Fish & Game's budget

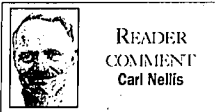
Idahoans need to know the rest of the story about the financial woes affecting their Department of Fish and Game. The Oct. 5 editorial suggested doing what the private sector does when money is tight: retrench by cutting programs.

It is a good suggestion. We implemented it in 1996. We cut permanent and temporary positions, reduced building repair and equipment replacement by a whopping 72 percent, reduced operating budgets and laid vacated positions unfilled. As a result, check stations have been curtailed, game counts reduced, equipment has been replaced, hatcheries have fallen into disrepair, food plots at wildlife management areas have not been irrigated and basic population studies to help wildlife management are falling behind.

Yes, the department did have a budget of \$56.7 million in Fiscal Year 1998.

About half, \$30.5 million, came from license sales and federal excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment. This is the only money available to provide the basic fish and wildlife management services for hunters and anglers. It is here that the department is short of funds and has had to cut spending, reducing services and programs that directly benefit Idaho's hunters and anglers.

Further cuts concern us a great deal because we will not be able to meet the public's expectations for hunting and fishing. Before we cut these programs further, we need to know if hunters and anglers are willing to pay a little more for their licenses to maintain the current hunting and fishing programs. By the way, only \$9.3 million in FY '98 came from residents. Non-resident hunters and



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Carl Nellis

hunters and anglers the best fish and wildlife programs for their dollar. We are always looking for ways to reduce costs and get the most bang for the buck.

The problem we have with the license funds is inflation. Nearly everything is more expensive than it was in the early 1980's. The cost of equipment, from pick-up trucks to fish weirs, has gone up. The costs of supplies and services like fish food, concrete, weed control and helicopter rental have increased. Non-resident fees have increased dramatically since the early 1980's and are now among the highest in the West. Resident fees are among the lowest and have not kept pace with inflation. A resident fee increase will partially catch us up and restore the buying power of the license funds and the basic services to hunters and anglers.

The department's primary responsibility regarding money from the sale of licenses is to hunters and anglers. License funds are not used for non-game programs; that is a different problem the people of the state will have to deal with in the future. For now, we need to shore up our fish and wildlife management programs to ensure we meet the expectations of hunters and anglers, now and in the future.

Hunters and anglers need to think long and hard about this. Look at the fee increase proposal and ask yourself, "Can I afford this, am I willing to pay more to make sure my favorite fishing hole is stocked, game counts are done and wildlife laws are enforced?"

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## LETTERS

### Live, and let live

Mr. Gary Fenwick (issuing a challenge on Oct. 13), get your head out of the clouds and open your eyes.

Yes, it's true that we see Halloween decorations (evil visage of witches and their families of black cats?) put up everywhere during this time of year.

Mr. Fenwick, you state, however, that this is the only time of year that any religions (Wiccans in this case) are allowed to display their symbols in public places, such as parks, courthouses, etc. Are you blind, man? Do you keep your eyes closed during the whole month of December? A person can't go anywhere during December without seeing Christmas decorations plastered everywhere.

I have nothing against Christmas or Christmas decorations, but I think if you, Mr. Fenwick, are so concerned about the Halloween decorations, then you should be fair and equitable about the whole thing. Perhaps you should start some sort of petition to do away with all of the city-streets, parks, courthouses and decorations that flood the city streets of almost every town in America, including City Park in Twin Falls.

Another thought, Mr. Fenwick, would be to put up a sign that says Christmas take place in city parks throughout America.

If I am not mistaken, Christmas (a federally sanctioned holiday) and Easter are both religions holidays, as you claim Halloween is also. So why don't you cut the Wiccans a break? You don't see a bunch of Wiccans screaming about all the Christmas decorations in public places. Live, and let live.

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### Find true meaning of Christmas

In reply to Phyllis Ellis' letter of Oct. 14 regarding Christmas:

I, too, have had enough of merchants assuming that we consumers aren't smart enough to realize that Christmas is coming without their bombardment with crass commercialism. I realize that they are out to make a dollar, but we seem to live in a time when we are constantly being remitted to buy for this day or that and nothing is sacred anymore.

## The football of political finance reform

O n successive days last week, the McCain-Feingold campaign finance bill fell victim to a filibuster in the Senate and Elizabeth Dole gave her campaign for public endorsement nomination. There's an intimate connection between the two events - and it's probably not what you think.

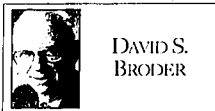
The surface lesson - emphasized by Dole's withdrawal statement that "the bottom line remains money" and Sen. John McCain's comment that "all of us are tainted" by special interest contributions - is that politics and government are being run by cash.

The reality is that the shortage of money - the right kind of money - is as big a problem as any excesses in the current system.

And by focusing only on the excesses, the reformers, however well-intentioned, have helped stymie needed changes in the law.

Dole is simply the latest well-qualified candidate to be squeezed out of the Republican race by her inability to keep pace with the prodigious fund-raising performance of Texas Gov. George W. Bush and his publisher, "Even then," she said, "these rivals (Bush and Forbes) would enjoy a 75-to-1 or 80-to-1 cash advantage."

The reason she could not catch up, no matter how many fund-raisers she attended, is that the \$1,000-a-person



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figure "soft money" gifts to political parties from corporations, unions and wealthy individuals - is certainly one of the least desirable and most potentially corrupting ways of financing campaigns, but as long as campaign communication is expensive and individual contributions are severely limited, the parties will take money where they can find it. Simply trying to ban "soft money" is a proven loser. It has failed in Congress four times in four years.

The reformers are like Charlie Brown in "Peanuts," annually victimized by Lucy, snatching away the football. Every year, they are surprised and dismayed that their Senate opponents have gypped them out of victory.

It's time for another approach. Start by holding the worthy challengers, Elizabeth Dole and her hundreds of counterparts in underfunded congressional races - make their cases to the public. They talk to the party leaders about winning themselves out of \$100,000 "soft money" gifts.

The Democrats claim to be ready to forgo them. Bush says the law should bar such contributions from corporations and unions, but not from individuals. That is a start. Dole suggests a phaseout of soft money to ease the transition for the parties.

Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska had voted for an amendment - blocked by the filibuster - to cap "soft money" contributions to the parties while lifting the ceiling on individual gifts to candidates.

These approaches offer some promise. The effort simply to drive "bad" dollars out of politics is a dead end. It's time the lesson was learned.

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OPINION

# How Uncle Sam harasses his citizens

AMY RIDENOUR

Innocent until proven guilty, right? That's what civic textbooks say. But in the real world, sometimes government officials want you to be guilty. If that happens, even if you're innocent, you can be in big trouble.

Take the cases of Charles Hurwitz of Texas and Glen Garrett of Missouri.

In Hurwitz's case, the government wanted valuable land owned by Hurwitz's company. Hurwitz was willing to sell, but as the land was valuable, it was expensive.

Rather than buy the land honestly, the government sued Hurwitz's business over an unrelated regulatory matter under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Essentially, the government gave up the land, but not the suit. In other words, black-mail. On that day, the Founding Fathers rolled over in their graves.

Documents show the land-confirmation scheme had the approval of White House officials. In March 1995, then-White House chief of staff Leon Panetta wrote a letter endorsing this scheme, saying, "Budgetary constraints have made it impractical to acquire such an expensive tract of land through outright federal purchase."

Chillingly, after a federal judge forced the FDIC to make internal documents public, it became clear that the FDIC knew it had little chance of proving guilt. Although FDIC policy prohibits the agency from pursuing cases unless it is "more than likely to succeed," in its zeal to acquire the land, the FDIC ignored policy and proceeded with a suit it knew lacked merit.

Hurwitz refused to be blackmailed, but he cooperated fully with investigators and sold the government the land for a price below its value. The banking agencies were not grateful. Instead, the FDIC continued its case in a federal court, where it is unlikely to win. It also opened a "second front"

through a government Office of Thrift Supervision regulatory hearing, where Hurwitz's rights are limited and where his guilt will be determined by administrators paid by the prosecutors.

The proceedings in this chamber are so greatly in the government's favor that one of the administrative judges has never once ruled against the government.

Reportedly, the government hopes to force Hurwitz to surrender additional land. A federal district judge called the case a "manipulation of the legal process."

So far, Hurwitz and his companies have spent more than \$20 million in this case and taxpayer expenditures are similar.

The Oxford English Dictionary refers to the infamous "Star Chamber" as a court whose "rules of procedure rendered it a powerful instrument in the hands of a sovereign or ministry desirous of using it for tyranny."

We like to think we've come far since the 15th-17th century Star Chamber, but we obviously have not.

The story of small-town banker Glen Garrett is no less alarming. Garrett was the subject of an anonymous, false accusation of dishonesty by a competitor.

The FDIC began an exhaustive investigation. Finding insufficient evidence of wrongdoing, it was unimpressed. Worse, an FDIC senior official demonstrated extreme bias, saying, "Glen Garrett should be castrated."

Rather than find wrongdoing, the FDIC racked up wrongdoing of its own:

- An FDIC official asked an officer of Garrett's bank to lie.

- A government official told another banker false derogatory information about Garrett's personal, confidential financial affairs, which violated the law.
- The FDIC attempted to incite

a U.S. attorney to indict Garrett by sending the U.S. attorney a referral containing false allegations labeled as "facts." The FDIC concedes they were false.

Garrett subpoenaed two FDIC officials to testify. To substantiate Garrett's rights in court, the FDIC threatened its own employees with criminal prosecution if they testified.

In the end, after Garrett spent almost \$2 million to defend himself, the FDIC withdrew all allegations. But even here, the FDIC required one last tribute from Garrett: he had to pledge not to sue the FDIC for wrongful prosecution.

On Oct. 11, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan delivered a major speech on the need for changes in the banking regulation system, but he said not one word about correcting abuses like

these. This is wrong.

One of Thomas Jefferson's complaints in the Declaration of Independence was that King George III had "deprived" us in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury. The Declaration of Independence retains a powerful resonance because it speaks of timeless, universal truths. The regulatory process should never be used as a substitute for objective adjudication by an impartial tribunal.

Our government today needs to reaffirm its commitment to these truths, which remain as important today as in 1776: Congress should hold hearings to investigate these events, and develop policies to prevent future such abuses.

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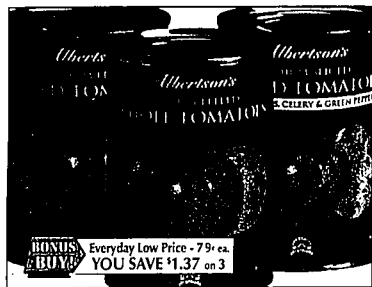
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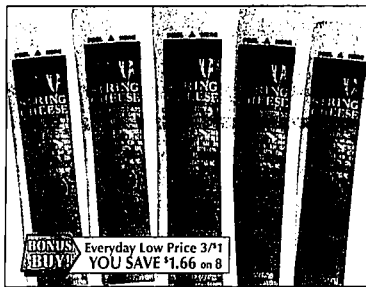
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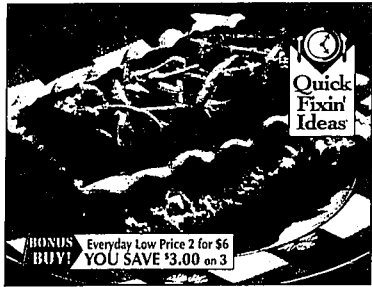
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Section B

## Passing time with the millenarians

I grew up a deepwater Baptist, among doleful people forever waiting for the Second Coming but never quite willing to set a date. We hearken to M. Luther ("No man knows about the day or the hour..."), who was a gospel writer without a wristwatch. But with Y2K jittery mounting, and apocalyptic fever rising, it's a tough time to just row for the I Don't Want to Know crowd. For a segment of the Christian right is stocking up on freeze-dried comestibles and automatic-weapon ammunition, all in anticipation of the climax of the sixth millennium of human history as reckoned by the Bible. Never mind that Jesus was probably born 2,000 years before the four years ago couldn't count. A date like 2000, with all those zeros behind it, is irresistible to millenarians.



**DON'T ASK ME**  
Steve Crump

Which, of course, is a big problem if you grew up believing that it's God's business, and none of yours, when he decides to call in his loans. See, the Calvinist ideal is that you're supposed to live every day as if it were your last. ("Tap-dancing on the rotting trapdoor to hell" was an often used metaphor of my youth.) If you start reading Second Coming omens into every little thing, then it seems to Baptists that you're really angling for extra time to raise hell. Think of it as the evangelical equivalent of a free ride: Sinning until you encounter a two-headed calf, or maybe four tough-looking skeletons on horseback packing skeels and an attitude. That's because we Baptists and other fundamentalists are pretty darned fanatical on the subject of death-bed conversions. It's all fine and dandy to see the cover of your newspaper, but doing so with one foot in the grave smacks of opportunism, or worse, premeditation. True repentance is a Paul-on-the-road-to-Damascus phenomenon: Random, traumatic - and, if at all possible, harsh enough to induce conversions. All of which sorts badly with the kind of doctrine being advanced by Christian writers Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins, who've grown rich from a series of books that suggest the righteous are about to be swept away without trace, leaving behind piles of clothes and torn-up knows how many unbalanced check-books. "Left Behind," it's called, and it implies that if you suddenly find yourself by yourself one day, you shouldn't make plans for the hereafter. To dirtwater Baptists, that's problematic on two levels. First off, everybody knows The End is supposed to be the end of Revelation insists upon it. The notion that the Second Coming could arrive without a single trumpet blaring is bogus on its face. The other problem is that the righteous - certainly the Baptist righteous - would never beam out to the Great Beyond without folding their clothes and cleaning their houses first. To do otherwise would be reckless, and smacks of Ungodliness. "To us Baptists, the Rapture isn't a lottery. And you don't get your ticket to Nirvana punched just because you're checking out account happens to be in the black." Salvation, you see, is given to those who worry about it most. When the end didn't arrive as forecast on Jan. 1, 1000 (a lot of European Christians were peeved, doomed as they were to live out their lives in a war-torn, disease-ridden life with personal hygiene issues and stupid people). In short, they didn't get the apocalypse; they got what they deserved. That's what worries us Baptists.

-Times-News features editor Steve Crump holds with Jonathan Swift, who said that man is the best evidence that God has a sense of humor.

## Counties benefit from service payments

**By N.S. Nokkentved**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley counties with national forest lands will be getting a little more money this year in payments from the Forest Service. Overall, however, the annual Forest Service payments to most of the rest of Idaho went down by more than 43 percent. The first installment of Forest Service payments - about 75 percent of the estimated total payment for the year - went out from state Treasurer Ron Crane

**How counties will benefit**

County	First of two Forest Service payments to counties		Bureau of Land Management payments in lieu of taxes	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
Twin Falls	\$6,431	\$5,417	\$475,706	\$451,298
Blaine	\$33,968	\$26,857	\$42,040	\$40,808
Cassia	\$28,888	\$22,630	\$570,240	\$553,452
Camas	\$22,459	\$18,917	\$178,182	\$172,205
			\$72,301	\$69,991
			\$189,792	\$184,288
			\$130,543	\$128,692
			\$479,781	\$464,438

this week. Payments to Twin Falls, Blaine, Cassia and Camas counties each increased by more than

18 percent. Crane blames the decrease elsewhere in Idaho on the Clinton administration and cuts in national forest timber sales. The most recent closing of 40 million acres of roadless areas to road building and logging takes 8 million acres out of Idaho's timber base, Crane said. But only about half the 8 million acres affected by the closure is in the timber base, said Craig Gehrke of The Wilderness Society's Idaho office in Boise.

Blaming the Clinton administration for reductions in timber harvest and lumber mill closings is not completely accurate, Gehrke said. During most years of the past decade, Boise Cascade Corp. cut more trees than called for in the Boise National Forest plan. And in one year more trees were cut in the Boise Forest than any other forest in the country, he said. When the timber giant closed two mills recently, it was not because of a shortage of trees, Gehrke said. But as long as the Please see TIMBER, Page B3

## DUCK RACE TURNS INTO DUCK-CHASE

Magic Valley fund-raiser earns money for drug prevention program

**By Jennifer Sandmann**  
Times-News writer

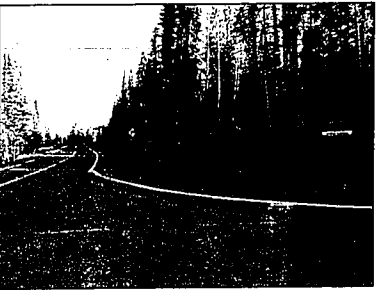


Rubber duckie huddle in the brush on Rock Creek after escaping from Saturday's Great Magic Valley Derby Duck Race. The event raised money for local drug prevention programs.

**TWIN FALLS** - The Great Magic Valley Derby Duck Race turned into a great duck chase Saturday at Rock Creek Park. Estimates of between 1,400 and 1,500 rubber ducks were released into Rock Creek at about 1 p.m. and proved too much for the trap at the finish line. The swift current and many of the ducks past barriers and down the creek, but race organizers had the help of spectators who chased the ducks downstream. John Kootstra and Bret Cole followed the lead duck down the creek to a shallow point in the water. The two men waded in their clothes to bail a pile of ducks. Kootstra said he guessed only about a dozen ducks got past them. Other ducks were snagged in the brush. Radio station KSKI with the help of KMYT television organized the race to raise money for Twin Falls and Jerome county D.A.R.E. programs, the police-and-drug programs for children and teens. The two stations raised a few thousand dollars for D.A.R.E. Please see DUCKS, Page B3

## Officials question quality of Howell Canyon Road from the beginning

**By Michael Journe**  
Times-News writer



Traffic along the Howell Canyon Road is causing more wear and tear on the blacktop than designers predicted. Now county and local highway officials are facing the possibility of having to pay for refurbishing the road the Federal Highway Administration built two years ago.

**HOWELL CANYON** - Just after the dedication of the newly-paved strip of asphalt winding its way up Howell Canyon, local officials expressed concern that the road should be seal coated to protect it from harsh winters in the Albion Mountains. But the Federal Highway Administration, responsible for contracting the labor which built the now popular road, said it wasn't necessary. They said the road, which leads to a popular ski hill and recreational facilities in the Sawtooth National Forest, would last a minimum of three to four years without the seal. Local officials were skeptical. They wanted assurances. The road should last at least five to seven years, before Cassia County, the Burley Highway District and the Albion Highway District would accept the completed road, they said. The FHWA to commit to fixing any premature wear and tear, but to no avail. No deal was made. Only two years after the pavement was put down, Howell Canyon Road, which was used by at least 175,000 vehicles in the last year, is cracking up and commissioners are saying, "I told you so." "My husband and I have been over this several times and I wonder what things each time you can see that it's worsening," said Cassia County Commissioner Shirley Povlsen. It looks like a 20-year-old road instead of a two-year-old road." Povlsen said that on one of her trips down the mountain, she noticed washboard-like bumps in the road. "The federal guys are acting like 'What's the big deal. We paved it and that should be enough. But you've used it for a little further we will,'" Povlsen said. Going a little further to the FHWA means putting a seal coat on the road now to arrest the "longitudinal cracking" federal

engineers say is afflicting the road. But engineers hired by the county to inspect the road said cracking is the least of the road's problems. "Raveling" or basically a "crumbling" of the road's surface, is the real enemy, they say. The remedy: grinding up the road's existing surface, adding ingredients that should have been included the first time around and starting over. At the time of the road's completion, local officials said they were not worried about the workmanship used to build the road, but rather the simple procedure of seal coating the road to prevent undue deterioration. That's not the case anymore. "They just offered to seal coat," said Povlsen. "They said that was the only thing they could do and that obviously is not going to correct it. It seems it was an engineering problem." Also, FHWA representatives recently told commissioners that the flaws now visible in the road are the result of it not being built to withstand frost. "It's kind of ridiculous that they have a road going to a ski hill and they didn't take into consideration the frost when they built it. It seems kind of funny, doesn't it?" asked Commissioner Dennis Crane. Representatives from FHWA could not be reached for comment on Friday. Woody Anderson, owner of the Pomerelle Ski Area in Howell Canyon, questioned the judgment of not properly preparing the mountain road for winter conditions. "I couldn't believe that they said it wasn't designed for frost," Anderson said. "Where in the western United States, other than maybe the coast, isn't there frost? That blows me away." But Anderson, who vividly remembers the days when a simple gravel road lead skiers to his slopes, said any pavement is better than none. "We're certainly pleased that the road is paved," he said. Please see ROAD, Page B3

## Hansen plan isn't up residents' alley

Dispute goes to court

**By Brian Haynes**  
Times-News writer

**HANSEN** - Mayor Joe Ratto pulls out the piece of plywood with his city's original map attached. The map, drawn in 1925 by Hansen's founders, is tattered and torn, but the lines inked along Block 6 are clear. He points to the block in the northwest corner of town, and he points to a pair of horizontal lines that dissect the block. Those lines represent an alley, Ratto says, just as the founding fathers intended. But on Block 6, which runs between Railroad and Maple avenues, there is no alley, only fences, sheds and trees. Been that way since anyone can remember. If Ratto gets his way, a 20-foot wide gravel alley will replace those fences, sheds and trees. But if Sue Thomson and 20 other Block 6 residents get their way, their backyards won't see an alley any time soon. Ratto and Thomson are on opposite sides of a four-month feud that ended up in court in September when Thomson, her husband and 19 other block residents sued to prevent the city from building the alley. District Judge Roger Burdick issued a temporary restraining order Oct. 1 to halt the city's plans until the suit is resolved. The controversy began in June when Darlene Miller, the city clerk, requested the alley so she could access the back of her property. The original proposal called for a 200-foot alley, but it was later changed to extend only 100 feet through the block to connect Second Avenue West and Rock Creek Road. Thomson and other residents opposed the plan at City Council meetings, and they collected 200 signatures opposing the plan. The council approved the alley with a 3-2 vote at its August meeting, prompting Block 6 residents to sue. "One person wants it, and the city doesn't care what the city zens say," Thomson said Friday. "Why should our tax dollars go to something the citizens don't want?" But a citizen - even if it's only one citizen - does want it, and that's enough for Ratto. "If a citizen wants to use it, they have a right to use it," Ratto said. "It's a black-and-white issue." The city's founders designed the area as an alley, and the city would be breaking the law if it didn't allow the alley, he said. The alley would also improve access for firefighters and utilities. The lawsuit contends that the area was never intended to be an alley. When the original city map was drawn, Block 6 was filled with stockyards for pigs, cows and other livestock. The railroad track that ran through the heart of the block was eventually abandoned, and the land it sat on was taken over by block residents, the lawsuit says. The land never belonged to the city, so the city has no right to build an alley, the suit says. A jury might have to decide who is right, but Ratto says that could be months away, but the residents of Block 6 don't plan on giving up. "We can fight it as long as we want to fight it," Thomson said. Times-News writer Brian Haynes can be reached at 733-0931, or by e-mail at bhaynes@magicvalley.com



MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Candidates vie for mayor, council positions

Rupert mayor candidates

Louie Caldwell

Audrey Nelwerth

Age: 52 Occupation: Juvenile counselor Years in Rupert: 52 Political Experience: None



Age: 65 Occupation: Self-employed bookkeeper Years in Rupert: 45 Political Experience: None



By Michael Journee Times-News writer

RUPERT — Economic development is the major concern among seven candidates vying for the mayor's seat and two city council seats in Rupert.

With the Rupert Renaissance's efforts in revitalization of the city square beginning to get its second wind and water system upgrades in the planning stages, Rupert's city government will see new faces in two important positions.

Mayor candidate Joel Rogers has three terms on the City Council under his belt. He and two other candidates — Audrey Nelwerth and Louie Caldwell — are running for the seat now held by Dwinelle Allred who is stepping down as mayor this year.

Four candidates are running for two city council seats. Doug Hall, Dolly Breeze, Mike Brown and Robert Christensen will be on the ballot Nov. 2. Hall is the only candidate with any type of political experience from his involvement with the local Republican Party.

Rogers said his institutional knowledge makes him the right choice of voters who want a continuation of the path Rupert has been on for the past few years. He said the council's expansion of the land application water treatment plant since he was re-elected to the council in 1996 will give Rupert the opportunity to draw limited industry in the future. He also wants to see through current plans of upgrading the city water system and to help refocus downtown revitalization efforts through the Rupert Renaissance.

Neiwerth said she was drawn into the mayor's race by the city's lack of support for the public library. A bookkeeper by trade, she wants to revamp the way the city's financial department operates to help make the status of the city's money more clear. She also wants to bring more Hispanics into the public arena saying their voice in city government is much too slim considering their percentage of the population.

Caldwell said the mayor's office would focus on more humanitarian issues such as providing more recreation opportu-

nities for the city's youth and having the council pay more attention to the city's elderly services. Caldwell would also like the city to put more resources into the city library and he supports more annexation by the city.

Jobs were the common theme among the four candidates for city council.

Brown said that the momentum of the Rupert Renaissance must be continued and the supporters working with the group and downtown merchants to establish a more uniform storefront theme to draw attention. Brown said he will advocate a fiscally conservative position and would like to see the Rupert police force merged with the Minidoka County Sheriff's office in an agreement similar to the one between Burley and Cassia County.

Breeze's platform focuses on drawing more businesses into the area — specifically retail businesses. She said she would also like to see more fund-raisers and grant applications for improving recreational opportunities for children, such as building an ice skating or roller skating rink and opening a year-round pool.

Christensen said his experience as a small business owner puts him in a position to know what issues entrepreneurs face. He said he would also like the city to invest in a more in-depth economic plan for the future. Christensen also wants more recreation for the city's young people and would like to see a joint agreement between the city, county and school district for expanding the community swimming pool.

Hall would like the city to consider tax incentives for businesses looking to relocate in the Rupert area. He said the council has been complacent about economic development and council members must become more in tune with what their constituents are looking for. He said he would also like the city to begin looking into annexing more property to the south of town.

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Energy Department works on restoring research funds at INEEE

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is planning to salvage its basic research program by asking Congress for permission to shuffle its budget.

Undersecretary of Energy Ernest Moniz says the lab's future is tied to restoring cash for its internal

research. The money was eliminated last month, leaving scientists no choice but to abandon their work.

"The funds are critical in our vision for making this a first-class research institution," the Energy Department's top science adviser said during his second visit to Idaho this year.

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City Council candidates

Dolly Breeze

Robert Christensen

Age: 43 Occupation: Manager of Plaza Pub Years in Rupert: 35 Political Experience: None



Age: 33 Occupation: Part owner of Christensen's Machine Years in Rupert: 33 Political Experience: None



Mike Brown

Douglas Hall

Age: 47 Occupation: Owner of Pancake House Years in Rupert: 36 Political Experience: Republican Central Committee member



Age: 62 Occupation: Owner of Hall's Custom Upholstery Years in Rupert: 26 Political Experience: None



DEATH NOTICES

Ralph E. Buffington POPLAR BLUFF, Miss. — Ralph Eugene Buffington, 78, of Poplar Bluff, Miss., and formerly of Castleford, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999, at the Methodist Hospital Central in Memphis, Tenn.

Gooding Chapel. Lula Lowe — Lula Lowe, 63, of Gooding, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 1999.

Ermin C. Gold — Ermin C. Gold, 85, of Gooding, died Friday, Oct. 22, 1999, of injuries sustained in an auto accident in Blaine County.

1999, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Norma L. Ellis-Watts, of North Bend, Ore., and formerly of Fairfield, memorial service from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the Pacific Rim Gallery in Astoria, Ore.

SERVICES

Mary C. Wendland, of Hailey, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Hailey Cemetery; friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the Wood River Chapel.

James Timothy Campbell, of Burley, 1 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call one hour before the funeral on Tuesday at the mortuary.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Released Sorina Vudraska and Christine Pressley, both of Twin Falls; Carol Christensen of Buhl; and Amanda Hainsworth of Kimberly.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Ida Billado Ochsner, 78, of Twin Falls, passed away on Friday, October 22, 1999, at the home of her daughter, Linda Bracken, in Jerome.

June 8, 1921, to Antonio Ferrari and Rina Barbi. Her family then moved to North Queensland, Australia. Ida married Landon Billado in Australia in 1943, they later divorced. She later married, R.J. Ochsner, then later divorced.

Survivors include her children, Carolyn (Smoke) Foltson of Twin Falls, Yvonne (Gary) Hurling of Tucson, Arizona, Pamela (Pat) Olson of Tennessee and Linda (Bob) Bracken of Jerome. 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Her parents, 2 brothers, 1 half sister and daughter, Debbie, preceded her in death.

At her request, there will be no services held. Cremation was under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home & Crematory.

GOODING

Manota M. Admire — Manota May Admire, 90, a Gooding resident, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in

Gooding. Manota was born June 17, 1909, in Reunacville, Kansas, the daughter of Charles and Hattie Jones Barnes. She was raised and educated in Kansas. Manota married Henry Admire on May 14, 1932, in St. Francis, Kansas.

Manota worked as a school teacher, a scalp wright operator, and a home maker with many talents. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Gooding and held several important positions with the church. She is survived by her children: three sons, Neil Admire of Forest Hill, California, Charles Admire of Holyburn, Idaho, and Larry Admire of Hansen, Idaho, one daughter, Barbara Bunn of Boise, fourteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, in 1994, two sons, Jonnie and Arthur, and a daughter, and two brothers, Lester and Virgil Barnes. Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 1999, at the Elwood Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Prof looks at alcohol and gender

POCAHELLO (AP) — An off-hand remark by a colleague who ran an alcoholism treatment center sent Leslie Devaud looking for answers in an area few have explored.

Four years ago, the woman told Devaud, an Idaho State University pharmacy professor, she had never seen a female alcoholic have a seizure during withdrawal as many male alcoholics have.

Last month, Devaud was awarded a five-year, \$678,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to study gender differences in the brain as they affect dependence on and withdrawal from prolonged alcohol consumption.

Many factors lead people to abuse alcohol. Heredity, environment, stress and cultural influences are only a few. But treatment for every alcoholic is essentially the same — counseling and tranquilizers to relieve physical symptoms like delirium tremens.

But Devaud said these treatments may not be right for everyone because they are based on studies done almost exclusively on men. Her study is limited to biological effects of alcohol abuse. So far she has indications that the different male and female hormones affect alcohol dependence. "At the molecular and cellular level, I see differences," she said. But these differences are in lab rats and not human beings, although Devaud is concentrating on areas of the brain that are common to both such as the cortex.

We wish to thank all the family, friends and Kimberly 1st Ward for all the flowers, food and concern. On behalf of Brad Killgore's Children.

# Lodgepole pines fall for Yellowstone RV park

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP)** - Crews are cutting a swath through a stand of lodgepole pine at Lake Village to make room for 80 recreational vehicle sites for employees of the local main contractor.  
The project was approved in 1993 but caught locals by surprise.  
"Several people are up in arms over it," said Art Truman, a National Park Service maintenance worker who lives near the project.  
Truman first heard of it when workers asked him to move his lawn furniture so they could cut down some trees.  
"Until now, many seasonal work-

ers have been parking their motor homes or trailers in the lot near the Lake Hotel, Yellowstone planner John Sackin said.  
Moving them will allow concessionaire Amfac to build new dormitories near the hotel to supplement deteriorating employee housing throughout the park.  
The \$1 million, six-acre project is scheduled for completion in 2001.  
Michael Seutz of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition said his environmental group was unaware of the project.  
"It's not real comfortable with the idea of cutting down trees," Scott said. "On the other hand, you can't really fault them for finding places for people to live."

# Utah road fund will take back seat to public ed

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** - Legislative leaders are joining Gov. Mike Leavitt in promising a "major" increase in funding for public education next year.  
House Majority Leader Kevin Garn, R-Layton, said the desire of legislative leaders and Leavitt to help education comes in spite of a massive teacher rally at the Capitol Oct. 7.  
Garn said the rally worked against teachers when some GOP lawmakers questioned why they should "give in" to the demands of the Utah Education Association.  
UEA President Phyllis Sorenson says the rally wasn't just for teachers.  
"It was parents, children, interested community members saying look, there are issues out there that need to be addressed," she said.  
Offended or not, lawmakers are likely to dance to the tune of UEA, the Utah School Superintendents Association and State Board of Education, Garn said.  
The increase for education would come at the expense of paying off within 10 years the money borrowed for Utah's \$3.2 billion

Centennial Highway Fund.  
The fund would be left after 10 years it with a \$300 million debt that would have to be refinanced.  
The shift, though, would not affect the number of roads that are repaired or built or the timing of the Interstate-15 reconstruction project.  
Garn said education's main funding formula, the "weighted pupil unit," could rise by as much as 6 percent next year, up from this year's 2.5 percent and contributing to higher teacher salaries.  
Such an increase would turn the teachers' union into a lawmakers' "pup team," UEA Executive Director Susan Kozlak said.  
Besides the highway fund, Garn said lawmakers could get more cash for schools by trimming state department budgets or by using some or all of \$5 million dedicated each year for state building construction.  
"I think you've got a combination of all three approaches," Garn said. "But we really can't get enough money to do something significant

without using the highway fund."  
Democrats should be pleased. For several years members of the Legislature's minority party complained that too much money for roads was being siphoned from the state's General Fund, shortchanging education, crime-fighting and social programs.  
Republican lawmakers took advantage of record growth in tax revenues in the early 1990s by dedicating more cash to road building. The money was allocated to keep surplus funds out of state government, which was growing considerably faster than inflation and the state's population.  
"The 1990s have been very good to public education. We once gave a 5 percent increase in the (weighted pupil unit), more than three times the then-inflation rate. We've expanded class-size reduction, all with never a thank-you from the UEA," Garn said.  
Still, Utah's class sizes remain the nation's largest and per-pupil funding the lowest. And angry teachers say their salaries are not enough to support a family.

# Wife of Democratic challenger will speak in Boise

**BOISE (AP)** - The wife of former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey will speak to Idaho Democrats next month.  
Ernestine Schlant Bradley will be the keynote speaker at the Ada County Democrats biennial JFK Dinner on Nov. 18.  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, Alan Blinken, who is a part-time resident of Idaho, will appear at the dinner on behalf of Vice President Al Gore. Blinken is a major fundraising coordinator for the Gore campaign.

Although Gore has picked more financial backing from Idaho Democrats, Bradley has claimed some significant support among party leaders. And while the state will send a relatively small voting delegation to next year's nominating convention, the allegiance of those delegates will be decided in mid-March, when they still could have an impact on what may be a tight race between Gore and Bradley.  
Former four-term Gov. Cecil

# Andrus is serving as Bradley's honorary state chair

Andrus is serving as Bradley's honorary state chair, and National Committeeman John Greenfield has reportedly switched his support from Gore to Bradley.  
While Democrats have no illusion about either winning Idaho's four electoral votes next year, a number believe the party has a better chance of electing state and local candidates with Bradley at the top in a state where anti-Clinton sentiment is strong.

# Union Pacific Railroad members may strike by end of month

**POCATELLO (AP)** - A local union representative said members will be on strike by the end of the month if Union Pacific Railroad goes ahead with plans to furlough local wheel shop employees.  
Local Machinists Union Chairman Ray Taysom said but the railroad has no legal criteria to close the shop.  
Union Pacific announced in September it would close the doors of the wheel house Nov. 4, which would impact 69 local employees with \$18- to \$20-an-hour jobs.  
Taysom said the closure would be a contract violation of the "September 25th (1964) Agreement," which outlines criteria the railroad needs to meet before subcontracting out work.  
The agreement calls for the railroad to provide the union with an application laying out its plans. The union can then make a rebuttal.  
Union Pacific has not submitted this application, Taysom said, "because they've wanted negotiable deals with outside concerns to get their wheels built cheaper. They haven't even tried to work this out."

Taysom said the union has asked the railroad company to let the dispute go to arbitration.  
"If the railroad wants (for arbitration), we'll wait," he said.  
Wheel shop day foreman David Chugg said last year that Pocatello's wheel shop manufactured wheels cheaper by \$11 per wheel than any outside concern.  
The local shop, which opened its new facility last year, made 57,000 wheels and paid for the new structure in eight months, according to Union Pacific officials.

"That sounds like a pretty good investment to me," Taysom said.  
Taysom said if Union Pacific wins its battle to close the wheel shop, it will become a precedent-setting deal.  
"There are too many top people in the railroad who have no ties to the railroad. They're business people who want to make a buck for their stockholders and it seems to be at all costs," he said.  
"If Union Pacific continues to furlough people without waiting for arbitration, Taysom said, "we have no choice" but to go on strike.



Scott Cole, who came to watch the race, throws a duck to safety.

**Find out who won**  
Winners of the Great Magic Valley Derby Duck Race will be announced at 1 a.m. today at the Magic Valley Mall. A grand-prize winner and 12 other lucky ducks will be awarded prizes donated by local businesses. Prizes include a new car and other products and services, most of which are valued at \$500 or more.

# Ducks

**Continued from B1**  
B.A.R.E. received 40 percent of the money raised, said Lee Wagner, general manager of KMVT. The rest of the \$5 from every duck sold went to organizing the race. The former Perrine-Coulue would have been a better race course, he said.  
Children had a good time.  
"I thought it was cool, because there were so many ducks" said Elizabeth Smith, 11, who added that it also was kind of funny to see the ducks floating past the guys in waders who hustled to net them.  
"It was pretty funny," agreed Josh Rest, 13.  
The winning ducks were the first ones to float into a catch tube at the finish line.  
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# Road

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"Before you wouldn't ever see campers and trailers and things like that. Now we see Cadillacs and Lincolns and Jaguars and all kinds of exotic cars that would never have come up there before on a dirt road."  
But he also said the quality of the paved road was apparent early on.  
"I think we saw it the first year it was opened," Anderson said. "What can be done? No one is sure yet. But the two sides are working on setting up a meeting to discuss what can be done, said Povlsen.  
"We don't have the money to do it," Povlsen said. She wants the FHWA to go back to the contractor who did the work and have them fix the road. Crane agreed.  
"We ought to take care of our responsibility, but I hope we don't have to take care of their responsibility," he said.



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# Timber

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payments to counties are tied to timber harvests, counties will continue to see declining revenues, he said.  
"The Clinton administration has proposed 'decoupling' the county payments from timber sales to prevent resource-dependent rural communities from being left hanging. Jim Lyons, U.S. agriculture undersecretary for natural resources and the environment, said in an interview earlier this year.  
"Decoupling would shift the money counties get from timber sales on national forests with their boundaries to a general payment based on long-term average harvests, said Lyons, who oversees the Forest Service.  
"U.S. Sen. Larry Craig and Rep. Mike Simpson oppose the proposal. The proposal decouples communities from the forests and eventually there will be no communities. Craig spokesman Mike Tracy said.  
"Without the link to the timber harvest, the administration would have no incentive to continue the payments, which eventually could shrink to nothing, he said. The proposed decoupling would set payments to counties in lieu of taxes, known as PILT payments, from the Bureau of Land Management.  
"It's simply a welfare pay-

U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson is concerned about proper forest management. Without the payments, the Forest Service has no incentive to conduct proper forest management, spokeswoman Lucie Willis said. Simpson supports a compromise House bill that would involve local people in setting payments but would not entirely divorce the payments from timber harvests, she said.  
Like Craig, Simpson is uncomfortable with PILT payments. But timber harvest levels are not going to come back to where they once were, Gehlke said. The trees are not going to be there. Meanwhile, Idaho counties

recently got their annual payments in lieu of taxes from the BLM. In September, Idaho counties got more than \$8 million. Eight Magic Valley counties got more money this year than last.  
The funds are allocated according to a formula that includes the county population and the amount of forest land. The payments are in addition to other shared federal revenues such as oil and gas leasing, grazing and timber cutting.  
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# Three run in Glens Ferry Council race

GLENS FERRY - Three people will have their names on the Nov. 2 ballot for two four-year seats on the City Council.

The seats are currently held by JoAnne Lanham and Dewey Crane who are both running for re-election.

Glens Ferry City Council members make \$160 per month.

What qualifications do you have to be a Glens Ferry Council member?

Lanham: "I'm concerned with the betterment of the city. I was born and raised here. I don't know why else you'd run but to help out the city."

McGhee: "I was the former mayor and I was in a supervisory position in the Air Force for 24 years. I have experience in managing personnel, working with budgets and contracts."

Crane: "I run my own farming business. Because of my experience as a farmer, I have

## Glens Ferry Council candidates

**JoAnne Lanham**  
Age: 63  
Occupations: Retired secretary/treasurer for the King Hill Irrigation District  
Years in Glens Ferry: 29  
Political Experience: Four years as Glens Ferry City Councilwoman, former member of Glens Ferry Planning and Zoning Commission.

**Leo McGhee**  
Age: 52  
Occupations: Retired from the United States Air Force  
Years in Glens Ferry: 7  
Political Experience: Former Glens Ferry mayor.

**Dewey Crane**  
Age: 50  
Occupations: Farmer  
Years in Glens Ferry: 23  
Political Experience: Four years as Glens Ferry Councilman.

experience working with some of the issues the city is now facing."

What issues do you think will be of importance in Glens Ferry in the coming year?

Lanham: "My utmost concern is the water - quality and quantity. We're working with a committee to come up with solutions to our water problems. We also have a lot of infrastructure work we need to complete."

McGhee: "One priority is the water supply and the quality of the water. One answer to our water problems would be to build a treatment plant using the Snake River. We also need to improve our infrastructure. We need add irrigation and larger water lines. We need to fix below the ground before we fix above the ground."

Crane: "The biggest issue is the quantity and quality of our water. Glens Ferry is in the

middle of a water project and we're looking at a treatment plant using the water from the Snake River. We're also looking at bringing in irrigation water for our residents to use to on their lawns instead of using potable water. Also, the streets are always an issue and trying to find new business to come to town."

This report was prepared by Times-News correspondent Gina Mulder. She can be reached in Wendell at 324-3670.

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### Businesses look for workers with specialized skills

By Ruth Stroeter  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - While the unemployment rate in both Minidoka and Cassia counties are at statewide highs, few have the skills needed for the type of jobs which are available. And industries are finding that the search for such skilled manpower cannot be satisfied by Mini-Cassia's employment pool.

The advent of automation has long been notorious for displacing the labor force, but as the kind of automated equipment which requires specialized skills to operate proliferates as well, the days of "strong back and good work ethic" jobs are mostly gone, according to Alan Swenson, superintendent of the Mini-Cassia Amalgamated Sugar factory.

"It's a fairly good-sized problem," Swenson said. Linda Langer, human resources director at the McCain Foods Inc. processing plant in Burley, said she has noticed the problem of recruiting employees with specialized skills in the last year. During that time, she has either hired or transferred 12 people and currently has three openings.

Very few local people have the skills needed for the specialized positions that become available, Langer said. That may not be surprising considering the local percentage of people who do not have a high school education. In Cassia County 27.3 percent of people do not have a high school diploma, while in Minidoka County the percentage is at 31.5, according to the 1990 U.S. Census Bureau.

In Cassia County 10.5 percent have less than a ninth grade education, with the number rising to 14.2 percent in Minidoka County.

The Cassia Regional Technical Center opened two years ago to provide students with the technical skills needed in today's workplace. Job placement has yet to be gauged,

because the programs offered are two-year programs, said Jerry Doggett, superintendent of the Cassia County School District. But high enrollment at the center gives Doggett reason to anticipate significant results.

"It is very promising," Doggett said. In addition to providing basic skills for students to enter the work force right after school, the center provides a base from which students can either launch into secondary vocational training or into four-year baccalaureate programs, Doggett said.

Such a springboard is necessary in today's world where many industries looking to fill their high-tech positions are looking for people with several years' experience under their belt, according to Gerald Beck, vice president of instruction at

the College of Southern Idaho.

At one time employees spent a good deal of time and money to familiarize and train employees when changes were made to technology and software. With the rapid changes in technology that require learning new skills, the burden of providing technical education has been placed less on employers than on employees, Beck said.

Amalgamated Sugar, as well as other industries, has addressed the problem of furthering the education of its skilled workers by offering financial aid for employees who want more training by enrolling in job-related courses, Swenson said. However, workers must train on their own time.

"We expect more self-directed learning and more lifelong learning than we ever have of our employees," Beck said.

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A surprise celebration was held for Robert E. Newby's 65th birthday on October 23. Special guests attending were all four of his children coming from as far as Alaska. Robert retired from the Federal Aviation Agency 13 years ago. He presently owns and operates Magic Valley Auto Parts.

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## Exhaust fumes in plant send 27 to hospital

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Twenty-seven employees of Walker Produce in Menan have been transported to the hospital for carbon monoxide poisoning.

All those treated Friday night were conscious and expected to fully recover, said Dr. Jeff Stieglitz, an emergency physician at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

Gas fumes from forklifts and other equipment built up in the fresh-pack potato processing plant, authorities said. The truck bays that normally would have vented the gas all were in use at the time, holding in the exhaust.

At about 7 p.m., ambulances began transporting the first people after they began complaining of headaches, nausea and other flu-like symptoms.

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And the amount left is relatively modest when measured against the annual general tax budget of nearly \$1.7 billion.

Ferguson called the spurt in corporate collections surprising since the two previous months in which most corporations make their quarterly tax payments — June and April — each fell several million dollars short of expectations.

He was withholding judgment until December when all corporate taxpayers, including Micron Technology Inc., make estimated payments at the same time.

# Less burning makes breathing easier

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — They're breathing easier on the Palouse this fall.

Wheat growers are burning far fewer acres of stubble this year in Whitman County, under the Washington Association of Wheat Growers' deal with the state Department of Ecology.

Last fall, Whitman County farmers were issued permits to burn on 80,701 acres, the most in the state.

Three of the county's four conservation districts — Whitman, Palouse and Pine Creek — burned a total of 60,009 acres in 1998. Approaching the end of this year's season, the number of acres burned in the three districts has decreased 44 percent from last fall, to 33,555 acres.

The farmers "need a little pat on the back for doing a good job," said Jon Jones, manager of the Whitman Conservation District. "They had the patience to go through the regulations, call fire departments, and cover everything they needed to do."

Farmers are on their way to meeting the first-year 7 percent reduction in stubble burning suggested under the voluntary agreement with Ecology.

Opponents of field burning have pushed for the reductions for years, contending smoke from the fields damages the health of people throughout the region.

John Burns, Whitman County extension agent, said there are several reasons behind the decrease.

"First, new Best Management Practices (BMPs) added restrictions to ag burning," he said. "Farmers... have made positive steps to shift their farming systems to reduce the need for ag burning."

Also, the price of a burning permit was increased this year to \$2 per acre, compared to last year's 75 cents per acre plus a flat \$35 fee.

Jones said he, and his staff worked with at least 500 farmers seeking burn permit applications. Some gave up on the lengthy application process after talking with office staff, he said. For many, the process was too tedious and they decided to find alternatives to field burning.

Another reason for the decrease in field burning is this year's lower crop yields, Burns said.

For Whitman County, the average winter wheat yield in 1998 was 70 to 75 bushels per acre. This year, the average winter wheat yield was 60 to 65 bushels per acre.

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# Cascade educator receives first Thomas O. Bell prize

MOSCOW (AP) — A fifth-grade teacher at Cascade Elementary School has been awarded the first Thomas O. Bell prize.

Connie Gahl was recognized as one of Idaho's outstanding teachers Friday night at a ceremony hosted by the University of Idaho's College of Education.

The Thomas O. Bell prize is worth \$2,000 and was established to recognize an exemplary elementary teacher nominated by his or her peers and selected by a panel of judges. Teachers were judged on a number of criteria, including knowledge of subject matter, dedication, learning techniques and communication and partnership with parents and families.

Cascade Superintendent Eugene Novotny nominated Gahl for the award.

"She's just a caring person who does an excellent job in the classroom with our students," Novotny said.

About a dozen family members from Minnesota, Seattle, Boise and Missoula attended the ceremony without Gahl's knowledge. She assumed she was in Moscow over the weekend to take part in an educational science symposium and attend Saturday's University of Idaho football game.

The Cascade Parent Teacher

Association selected Gahl as Cascade School District Teacher of the Year for the 1998-2000 school year. She has taught in the Cascade school system for 18 years, and at the elementary level since 1983. Gahl also taught for the Kendrick Joint School District for one year and at a pair of New York schools.

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# Lt. Gov. clearly wealthiest candidate in race

**BOISE (AP)** — When federal regulators proposed slapping him with an \$80,000 fine last month for allegedly destroying wetlands on his Star ranch, Lt. Gov. Butch Otter not only complained that the accusation was unwarranted, he also pointed out that the fine was three to four times his annual salary.

The proposed penalty, which is still up in the air, may be substantially more than the less than \$30,000 Otter gets paid for being Idaho's part-time lieutenant governor. But that is just a fraction of the income the front-runner for the 1st District congressional seat has each year.

According to the required personal financial disclosure statement filed with the clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, the 57-year-old ex-senator-in-law of billionaire J.R. Simplot collected another \$179,000 in retirement and deferred compensation from the Simplot Co. He also made between \$66,000 and \$208,000 in his diverse investments valued as high as \$7.1 million.

And that was only through the first nine months of this year. Based on the report, which requires assets to be valued only within broad ranges, Otter is clearly the richest person with an oddish chance of winning to run for major public office in Idaho in decades.

He has stocks, bonds, mutual



Butch Otter

funds, rental property and pieces of various businesses including the popular Piper Pub and Grill in downtown Boise. Two Western Capital Associates and G.O. Ranches — could be worth

\$1 million each. The only liability he reported was a stock margin loan of \$15,000 to \$50,000 from Piper Grill.

Otter faces former State Party Chairman Ron McMurray, a Lewiston businessman, and Idaho Family Forum founder Dennis Mansfield in next May's Republican primary. Moscow attorney Linda Pall is the only Democrat to announce so far for the seat of retiring GOP Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage.

Neither Mansfield nor Pall have filed their disclosure statements yet. McMurray reported income and assets only a fraction of those detailed by Otter.

For the full year of 1998, Otter reported receiving \$27,000 in deferred compensation and retirement from the Simplot Co. on top of the \$37,000 he earned as lieutenant governor and as a director of the Farmers &

Merchants State Bank. Then there was at least another \$207,000 and possibly as much as \$525,000 in income from his investments.


The value of that portfolio ranged from over \$3.4 million to \$7.15 million including an Individual Retirement Account now worth from \$466,000 to just over \$1 million after being reworked.

The report indicated that Otter's

IRA performed poorly last year, earning less than \$8,500. He dumped stock in 18 companies before the end of the year, reporting no gain on the transactions. The report does not require putting a price tag on investment losses.

Instead of stock, he apparently bought shares in a half dozen investment funds, and the total earnings of the account hit nearly \$90,000 by the end of September.

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 Firestone Room, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls. Lillian was born on Oct. 20, 1919 at home in Eden, Idaho. She married Vern Schutte on Feb. 19, 1939. She has lived in the Magic Valley for 80 years. She raised four kids here and in 1952 she bulldozed a deer when it attacked her. She is a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church where she is active in all respects. She loves the Lord, her friends and family. The open house is hosted by her children: Everett Schutte, Boise; Jim Schutte (Colleen), Twin Falls; Juanita Bergemeister (Tony), American Falls; Bernie Schutte (Dawn) & Bev Claborn (Kirk), Kimberly. Lillian has 12 grandchildren & 10 great-grandchildren.



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## Forum founder stands against dam breaching

**LEWISTON (AP)** — Republican congressional candidate Dennis Mansfield says breaching the lower Snake River dams to save salmon and steelhead runs would be counterproductive to progress.

The Idaho Family Forum founder was not disturbing the political current by taking the same stand as last October GOP congressional front-runner Butch Otter and former Republican State Chairman Ron McMurray as well as Democratic challenger Linda Pall, a Moscow lawyer. All are expected to succeed retiring Republican U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage.

"I don't think that is an issue any more," Mansfield said, taking a step in Lewiston. "It just isn't

me. Even those supportive of breaching agree the political and economic blowback is so severe."

Only ultra-environmentalists support breaching the lower Snake River dams west of Clarkston, Wash., Mansfield said, and they are out of touch with the economic impact on farmers, ranchers and families.

Federal fisheries managers are expected to make a recommendation next year on a salmon recovery strategy. Among the options is removing the earthen embankments alongside the dams to return the river to its natural flow.

If recommended, congressional approval would be required before any dam is breached.

## Board enhances salary for popular president

**GOODING (AP)** — The state Board of Education has approved a supplemental salary package for University of Idaho President Robert Hoover including a \$60,000 annuity if he stays for eight years.

After first hearing the University of Idaho foundation proposal in June, the board voted 7-1 Friday to let the group enhance Hoover's salary in hopes of keeping the popular president in Moscow until retirement.

"The overriding issue is to ensure the amount of money would be a reason President Hoover would consider leaving the University of Idaho," said board member Tom Dillon.

The package contains a \$1 million life insurance policy, disability insurance for at least 70 percent of his salary, and annual cash payments to cover the taxes on the annuity, said Roy Eiguren, Boise attorney for the foundation. The foundation developed the package to raise Hoover's salary to the level of presidents at other land-grant universities with similar research. A study revealed he would need an additional \$3 per-

cent of his \$143,000 salary to equal their \$200,000-plus salaries. The foundation hits his salary 50 percent.



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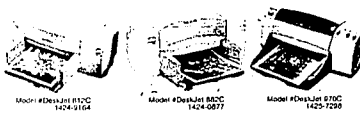
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— College of Southern Idaho volleyball coach Ben Stroud, after his Golden Eagles fell to Salt Lake Community College for the second time this season.

## Bitter loss spells trouble

SALT LAKE CITY — "We weren't ready to play."  
The bitter words puckered the air as College of Southern Idaho volleyball coach Ben Stroud spoke.

Following his team's disastrous fall Friday night against the rock solid Salt Lake Community College Bruins here in the city known for its massive lake and mystical Wasatch mountains, all Stroud could do was shake his head and wonder if, finally, his



**SIDE LINE**  
**VIEW**  
Kevin Hall

team's wonderful run of six consecutive national championships may come to an end.  
"How many balls did we have that just went through our hands? They made us pay for everything," he stammered. "They won all the net battles. We tried to block line and they fooled us probably 50 times. We didn't convert any free balls, we passed terrible - but are they a better team than us? I really don't think so."

Already the third-ranked Bruins have done something that no team was able to do last season, and that's defeat the Golden Eagles - not just once, but twice.  
"In the NFL, they call it parity. Certainly junior colleges with additional powerhouse volleyball teams like the Miami-Dades and Seward Counties of the world have known about the impact that international players bring to their programs.

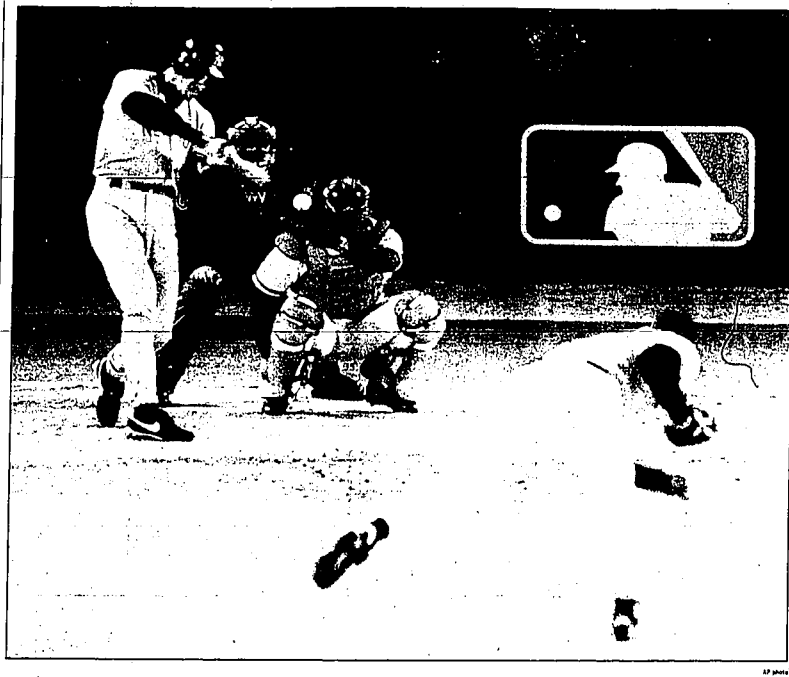
With Olympic powers such as Brazil, China and Cuba developing world-class talent at an early level, U.S. schools are able to lure these foreigners with the offer of a free education for the exchange of winning at the highest level.

And it's finally catching up to Southern Idaho.  
Stroud has long recruited from abroad - the list of national team players is impressive. But Friday, Salt Lake's Czech Republic tandem of sophomore Radka Pestova - a hard-swinging left-handed assassin - and freshman Sylva Strada - a steady-eyed passer - cut the rest of the Scenic West Athletic Conference has taken notice.

"It's not the only kid on the block with accents anymore. But the scary thing about Friday was not the foreign arms, of the 43 mind-bending errors or the 3-to-1 deficit in blocks - for CSI fought through all of these adversities to almost take the match after spotting Salt Lake the first two games.

It was the team's lack of gamesmanship and confused court sense in the match that should raise red flags with the CSI faithful.  
Not ready to play for the season's biggest match to date?  
Sounds like trouble to me."

Times-News sports writer is in Utah covering the CSI volleyball team this week. Leave a message for him at 733-0031, Ext. 239, or by e-mail at kevin@magicvalley.com.



New York Yankees' Paul O'Neill hits a two-run single off Atlanta Braves' John Rocker, right, in the eighth inning of Game 1 of the World Series Saturday.

# Yankees take Game 1 on late surge

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The later the game, the more dangerous they get.

The New York Yankees suddenly broke loose for four runs in the eighth inning against Greg Maddux and John Rocker and, behind Orlando Hernandez, beat the Atlanta Braves 4-1 Saturday night in Game 1 of the World Series.

On a chilly October night when it looked like one mistake might make the difference - Chipper Jones homered on a bad fastball by Hernandez - the Yankees once again struck with late light-

### World Series

New York beat Atlanta Saturday in the Braves' homeland to take a 1-0 lead in the 1999 fall classic. Here's what's next:

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Atlanta (Giovanni 14-11) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 14-11), 6:20 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Atlanta (Smoltz 11-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 14-10), 6:20 p.m.

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Atlanta at N.Y. Yankees, 6:20 p.m., if necessary

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N.Y. Yankees at Atlanta, 6:05 p.m., if necessary

**Sunday, Oct. 31**  
N.Y. Yankees at Atlanta, 6:05 p.m., if necessary

ning.  
"It didn't surprise us when we got a little crack," Yankees man-

ager Joe Torre said. "We've been a very patient ballclub."  
The Braves managed just one

hit in seven innings against Hernandez, and only one more against three Yankees relievers. And it appeared as though Maddux, making an emergency start because Tom Glavine got the flu, might make it stand up.

"I thought he was as good tonight as he's ever been," Braves manager Bobby Cox said of Maddux.  
And then, look out!  
Shut down on three measly singles for seven innings, the Yankees took advantage of defensive replacement Brian Hunter's two errors at first base

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## Broncos get first Big West win

The Associated Press

BOISE — Reserve running back Gavin Reed scored one touchdown and set up two more in the opening quarter with a pair of blocked punts and a long punt return, leading Boise State to a 52-17 Big West win over Nevada Saturday.

Bronco quarterback Bart Hendricks ran for two touchdowns and threw for two more as the Broncos improved their record to 5-3 overall, 1-1 in the Big West. Nevada fell to 2-5, 1-1.

Reed scored the game's first touchdown in the opening moments when he blocked Norm Brady's punt near the Wolf Pack 20-yard line and returned the ball 15 yards for the score.

Nevada responded two minutes later with a 31-yard touchdown pass from David Neill to Trevor Insley to tie the game at 7-7. But Reed returned the ensuing kickoff 36 yards to the Nevada 32, setting up a 5-yard touchdown run by Hendricks.

Mike Phillips' 38-yard field goal cut Boise State's lead to 14-10 with 6:07 remaining in the first quarter. But Reed struck again before the opening period was over when he blocked another Brady punt deep in Nevada territory, setting up another 5-yard scoring run by Hendricks and giving the Broncos a 21-10 lead.

Boise State widened its lead to 31-10 in the second quarter on a 1-yard touchdown run by Davey Malaythong and a 32-yard field goal by Nick Calaway.

## Centennial edges Twin Falls for state spot

By Damon Clow  
Times-News sports editor

GLENN'S FERRY — The ball hadn't even landed, yet everyone was already reacting.

Paige Allen saw where it was headed and fell to the gym floor from the Bruins' bench. Lisa Levings, who was already on the floor after hitting it, simply put her head down in despair. And Centennial Patriots near the side-

line saw the trajectory and began celebrating.

Levings' valiant attempt to keep the ball in play never quite made it back in bounds, and Centennial took the final berth in the Class A-1 state volleyball tournament with a 7-15, 15-7, 15-11 win over Twin Falls Saturday at Glenn's Ferry High School.

The Bruins ended their season ended at 23-9, while Centennial (26-7) advances to face northern

Idaho's District I champion in the first round of the state tournament Oct. 29 at Sandpoint High School.

"They're a big team," said Twin Falls coach Mike Federico, whose team had trouble containing Centennial senior Elisha Booth and juniors Jessica Williams and Becca Bench. "Every front line they put up against us was big."  
Booth, Williams and Bench all

attacked from the left side, finding holes in the Bruin block with hard cross-court kills or gentle taps.

"We had a hard time stopping the outside," Federico said. "We weren't able to block them and they were able to dig them out."

The first game was the longest, as it took 34 serves to get the game to a 6-6 tie. When Booth fistled a ball into the net to give...

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## Preston pummels Buhl, advances to state

By Matt Peterson  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Two months of hard work and competition came down to a single match Saturday, as Preston and Buhl locked horns to decide the final berth in next week's A-2 state volleyball tournament in Sandpoint.

Unlike some postseason scenarios, Saturday's equation was simple. Win, and you're assured an opportunity to play for the state title. Lose, and you've got a lot more time to devote to homework.

With its season at stake, Preston responded. Last year's state runner-up cruised to a convincing 15-8, 15-11, sweep of Buhl, despite playing what head coach Luanna Moser said was a tentative match.

"They were playing so upright," Moser said. "They were just trying to be so careful."  
Up one game to none, Preston had its hands full in the early going of Game 2, as Buhl jumped out to leads of 3-1, 5-3 and 6-5. Preston fought back to tie the



Preston's Teresa Gregory smashes the ball through the block of Buhl's Kallinda Brown during Saturday's A-2 district volleyball final at Burley. Preston swept Buhl 15-8, 15-11, to secure a berth in the state tournament.

game at six, then took its first lead of the game at 7-6. From there, play went back and forth, with Buhl eventually opening an

11-9 lead.  
Down two points, Preston staged a short comeback, scoring once on an Audrey Goughly kill, then tying the game when a Buhl service-return found net. Two seconds later, Preston regained possession and rattled off four consecutive points behind the service of Sarah Owens for the match win.

The decisive 6-0 run was similar to how Preston won Game 1. In that game, the Indians exploded for a 14-1 run that took them from being down 3-0 to being up 14-4.

Moser cited consistency as the major factor behind each run.  
"We were just more consistent than they were," Moser said. "That's what it was."

But head coach Roger Shield noted his team's inability to stop Preston's momentum.  
"We were up 3-0 to start, which was the start we used to," Shield said. "Then they're on that run and basically it's a done deal at that point. We just have a hard time stopping momentum."

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Former New York Yankees teammates Babe Ruth, right, and Lou Gehrig meet at a spring training game in St. Petersburg, Fla., for the first time after Ruth left the Yankees in the Boston Braves in this March 16, 1935 photo.

# Gehrig tops voting but Rose makes the list

ATLANTA (AP) — Lou Gehrig narrowly topped Babe Ruth to finish first in voting for baseball's All-Century team, with Hank Aaron third followed by Ted Williams and Willie Mays.

In the most controversial selection on the 30-man team announced Saturday, banned outfielder Pete Rose was elected to the ninth and final outfield spot.

Four active players were among the 25 elected by fans: New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens, scheduled to start Game 4 of the World Series; St. Louis first baseman Mark McGwire; Seattle outfielder Ken Griffey Jr., and Baltimore's Cal Ripken Jr. at shortstop.

Five players bypassed by fans were added to the team by a panel of experts: shortstop Tommaso Wagner, outfielder Stan Musial and pitchers Lefty Grove, Christy Mathewson and Warren Spahn.

Voting, sponsored by MasterCard International, was conducted by fans from July 13-Sept. 19, and all 18 living members of the team are expected to attend on-field ceremonies Sunday night. Fans were asked to pick two players at each infield position, two catchers, six pitchers and nine outfielders.

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# Series

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to rally for their ninth straight World Series victory.

Derek Jeter called home the tying run to finish Maddux, and scorched Paul O'Neill followed with a two-run single off Rocker. Pinch-hitter Jim Leyritz drew a base-loaded walk.

"We are always very positive on the bench, always thinking we can get runs," Jeter said.

It looked eerily similar to Game 1 last year when the Yankees struck for seven runs in the seventh inning before Kevin Brown and some relievers to stop San Diego, sending New York on its way to a sweep.

But the Yankees have been doing this all along, winning for the 19th time in their last 22 playoff and Series games. This year, they've outscored opponents 22-5 from the seventh inning on in the postseason.

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# Joe Torre keeps infielder on roster

ATLANTA — In what the Yankees viewed as a moot situation, they decided that two games with 24 players was a better option than seven games with 23 and so they kept Sojo on their World Series roster with the hope that he will return from Venezuela in time for Tuesday's Game 3 at Yankee Stadium.

Sojo's father, Ambrosio Sojo, 72, died Thursday night of an aortic aneurysm, and Sojo left Saturday for Venezuela with his father's body and his mother. The funeral for Ambrosio Sojo will be held in Caracas.

"It's quite important for us," manager Joe Torre said of his veteran reserve infielder prior to Saturday night's Game 1. "A big part of that is Clay Bellinger's — this club mainly as a pinch runner. We need another infielder. It sort of ties my hands."

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SPORTS

# Second-place streak confuses Dale Jarrett

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) - Dale Jarrett has this problem at North Carolina Speedway. It seems like all he can do is finish second.

Six times in the last seven races on the 1.067-mile oval, Jarrett has been the runner-up.

It's a confusing situation for the second-generation NASCAR star, who is on the verge of winning his first Winston Cup title.

"Hopefully, we'll continue the streak that we've had," he said. "Then, thinking about that, he took his head and added, 'Actually, I don't want to continue that streak. But, if we have to take second, I will. We'd like to get into victory lane.'"

Asked why he keeps coming in second on a track where he has yet to win, Jarrett scratched his head and said, "It's just that somebody always seems to be faster at the end of this race than me."

He's led the most laps and looked ready to win. And there also has been times when his Ford wasn't the second-best car at the track.

"That was the case eight months ago, and it made no difference. 'We finished second somehow,'" Jarrett said. "We just managed to do things right at the end and got into second."



Winston Cup points leader Dale Jarrett helps push his car down the pit road at the Talladega Superspeedway Oct. 15 before his qualifying run at the Winston 500.

"We've lost to a lot of good race cars and drivers."

Jarrett goes into today's Pop Secret Microwave Popcorn 400 with a 246-point lead over Bobby Labonte and a 419-point edge over Mark Martin - the only drivers with any realistic chance to catch him in the final four races of 1999.

All Jarrett needs to do is finish 13th or better in each race to clinch the championship, no matter what Labonte and Martin do.

"We still plan on being aggressive Sunday," Jarrett said. "We know the best way for us not to lose any points is to win the race, and that's what we've come to do."

Martin, who won the spring race here, will start from the pole, with Jarrett third and Labonte fifth in the 43-car lineup.

Tire wear probably will determine the winner of Sunday's 393-lap event.

"Even if your car feels good on new tires, you just can't go as hard as you would like," Jarrett said. "You just aren't going to have anything left at the end of that run."

"To me, I think the last 40 laps of a run are the most important. That's when you can make up the most time. What we do is work a lot with slack and spring combinations here to try to allow ourselves to do that."

Martin noted that the asphalt pavement is just about worn out.

"What the pavement does to the tires makes them get real slick in the race, and that's not always my forte," Martin said. "The only way I know how to go fast is to give it gas, and when I

do that, my tires spin.

"Darlington is the same kind of track, and we've had real good luck and a good record and Darlington and here. But I'd have to say one thing about the race track that's hard for me is the fact that it just eats the tires alive."

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# New Monte Carlo pleases GM teams

The Associated Press

General Motors officials and drivers were up at 5 a.m. for two days of testing at Talladega Superspeedway for the 2000 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

"It's not a lot of possibilities," said Dale Earnhardt, who drove the current Monte Carlo to a victory Sunday on the same 2.66-mile oval. "I think it's going to be a little more car and a good car in the draft."

Earnhardt said he sees only one problem with the car that will debut in February at the season-opening Daytona 500.

"Our qualifying speeds may be a little slow from what we've seen with our other cars," the seven-time Winston Cup driver said. "The new cars have been in history. We all want to understand what the car wants and what it likes and we'll go from there."

**Closing In**  
Entering the last races of the 1999 Winston Cup season, Chevrolet drivers have made up 11 points in the past three races and have pulled within 10 points of Ford in the manufacturers standings.

By winning four of the past five races and three straight, Chevrolet trails Ford 204-194. Pontiac is third with 172 points.

Ford and Chevrolet are tied with 12 wins apiece this season. Pontiac has six wins.

Chevrolet has won 13 of the past 16 manufacturers titles and 21 of 27 in NASCAR's modern era, which began in 1972 when the schedule was shortened.

Buck won championships in 1981 and 1982, while Dodge took the titles in 1975. Ford won in 1992, 1994 and 1997. Chevrolet has won all the rest.

**Good advice.**  
Kenny Wallace, younger brother of longtime Winston Cup star Rusty Wallace, figures he is maturing as a race driver at age 36.

The younger Wallace finished fifth in last Sunday's race in Talladega, giving him three top-five and five top-10 finishes this season, including a career-best second in July at New Hampshire.

International Speedway. The big difference, he says, is driving for team-owner Andy Petree, who also fields Chevrolets for veteran Ken Schrader.

"I've been through every scenario there is," Wallace said. "I've been with independent teams. I've been with teams that just want to qualify. This is my first year with a professional team, and I'll be honest with you, I'm learning this upfront thing."

"Coming in the pits running in the top five, trying to get in my pit box as good as I can and trying to be competitive at every section of the race track."

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# New arenas dominate NBA landscape

ATLANTA (AP) — If an NBA team doesn't have a new arena, consider it left behind.

The landscape is now replete with glittering basketball palaces, all adorned with the mandatory luxury boxes, high-priced club seats and — in the case of the \$375 million Staples Center in Los Angeles — fireplaces, wine cellars and humidor.

From Atlanta to LA, from Toronto to Miami, from Boston to Chicago, virtually every team has a building that doubtless is a moneymaking machine. The '90s may be remembered primarily for Michael Jordan, but the underlying story of this decade was the building boom that gave so many teams a new place to play.

This season alone, five new facilities make their debut. The Atlanta Hawks are moving into Philips Arena. Staples Center is home to both Los Angeles teams, the Lakers and the Clippers. The Indiana Pacers are playing at the Conseco Fieldhouse. The Pepsi Center is now the address for the Denver Nuggets. At midseason, the Miami Heat will shift from Miami Arena — just over a decade old and already outdated — to the spacious American Airlines Arena.

The construction craze is so enormous that the required corporate monikers are starting to overlap. The Dallas Mavericks are scheduled to move into a new arena in 2001; the American Airlines Center.

At some point this season, 20 of the 29 teams will play in arenas that opened in the 1990s — and that doesn't even include the New York Knicks, Madison Square Garden opened in 1968 but underwent a 2.5-year, \$20 million renovation that was completed in 1991.

Five other teams play in facilities that were completed in the final two years of the '80s, and at least one of them, the Hornets,



Bert Nystrom carries aluminum railing sections to a floor area of Staples Center in Los Angeles. If an NBA team doesn't have a new arena, consider it left behind.

already wants a new arena. They claim they can't compete economically at the 24,042-seat Charlotte Coliseum, which has a few luxury boxes and no club seats.

On Nov. 2, voters in San Antonio and Houston will decide on the fate of new arenas. The NBA champion Spurs play in the mammoth Alamodome, which opened just six years ago. The team wants a smaller facility, saying luxury boxes haven't sold well because they are too far from the court. In Houston, the Rockets are seeking a new downtown arena to replace the 24-year-old Compaq Center.

Meanwhile, the mayor of Newark is pushing a plan to build a new downtown coliseum for the New Jersey Nets, who want out of the 18-year-old

Continental Airlines Arena. "You cannot compete economically without a new building. It's not possible," said Stan Kasten, president of the Hawks. "We had the following choices: Continue to compete at a massive loss indefinitely, be OK economically but put an inferior product on the floor indefinitely, or get a new facility. There were no others."

That's progress, but at what cost? Has the league lost the character and the intimacy that oozed from rickety old buildings, like Boston Garden and Chicago Stadium? "We don't have those places (anymore)," lamented Chicago Bulls center Will Perdue, who fondly remembers the good old days before United Center replaced the Stadium in 1994.

"Everything now is all high tech. It kind of takes away the human touch."

Some players have noticed that fans don't seem quite as loud as they did in the older buildings. They also have noticed the high-priced seats that remain empty at the beginning of a half, populated by people who are willing to miss a few minutes on the court for the chance to linger in VIP lounges.

In addition, the atmosphere in most new buildings is generated by more than just a basketball game. It's part rock concert, part revival, part Armay convention.

"Now, it's all entertainment," Perdue said. "There's something going on during timeouts, during halftime. The marketing department is selling more than the game."

# Top-ranked McKiernan eyes fourth marathon win

Irish favorite will run her first U.S. marathon

CHICAGO (AP) — There's nothing fancy about what Catherine McKiernan does. She runs. A lot.

And she wins. A lot. McKiernan, the top-ranked female distance runner in the world last year, has won all three marathons she's run so far and is a favorite to win her fourth, today's LaSalle Banks Chicago Marathon.

"I am enjoying the success," she said. "But I didn't really think about it, to be honest. If it happens, great. If it doesn't, that's fine, too."

Like most of the top distance runners now, McKiernan got her start as a child, racing around the family farm and running back and forth whenever she wanted to go somewhere. But while many of the top runners now are Kenyan, McKiernan is from Ireland.

"It's a bit alike," she said. "When we had to go somewhere, I wasn't put into a car and brought there. We had to run or cycle or walk."

McKiernan, 29, was already winning local races when a family friend introduced her to Joe Doonan, Ireland's track coach at the 1993 Olympics. She ran shorter distances at first — she finished seventh in the 10-kilometer race at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 — but soon decided she was meant to race further.

She entered her first marathon, the Dublin Marathon, in 1997, and finished in 2:33:44, a women's world debut record. She ran the London and Amsterdam marathons the next year, winning Amsterdam with a personal best of 2:32:23, then the eighth-fastest time ever.

In winning London, she beat

Joyce Chepchumba, Chicago's defending champion and McKiernan's biggest competition Sunday.

In the men's field, 1997 champion Khalid Khannouchi is favored, as are world record holder Ronaldo da Costa, defending Chicago champion Ondrej Novak, and South Africa's Hendrik Ramaala.

The top Americans are Todd Williams, and Libbie Hickman and Kristy Johnson.

McKiernan was supposed to run London again this year, but she withdrew after injuring her Achilles tendon. Instead, she's run six road races, winning two of them.

Of the 103 races in her career, she's won 42 of them (41 percent). She also has 21 second-place finishes and eight third places.

Though McKiernan has run other races in the United States, this will be her first marathon here.

"No answer," she said with a smile when asked why she chose Chicago. "I believe this is a very fast and flat course. It's my fourth marathon, but first in America, so that's a little bit exciting."

And there will be plenty of people cheering her on, McKiernan, a star in Ireland, has been told there will be dozens of Irish and Irish-Americans lining the route. Some bars plan to play Irish music, and McKiernan said she expects to see plenty of Irish flags.

"Hopefully my supporters can all have a few Guinnesses after the race in celebration," she said, smiling.

If this marathon is anything like her last three, count on it.

# Olympic officials want pro athletes tested

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Proponents of an independent drug-testing agency for American Olympic athletes want baseball, NBA and NHL players to submit to random tests long before the games.

Those pro athletes currently escape scrutiny until 120 days before the games since their sports do not have a test for most of the performance-enhancing drugs, such as androstenedione, barred by the Olympics.

Not only would the pros be subject to earlier tests without warning, but the names of those who flunk the tests would be made public by their sport's international federations. In the pro sports, violators' names are kept secret.

"I think the players unions will have issues with all of this," said Frank Marshall, the Hollywood producer serving as a public sector member of the U.S. Olympic Committee and heading up a task force recommending a powerful and independent drug agency. "My opinion is if you want to go to the Olympics, you have to go along with the testing

program. We can't have exceptions." Marshall would have the athletes submit to the Olympic testing as soon as they are named to the Olympic athlete pool, which could be six months or more before the games.

Seeking to quell criticism of its drug-testing program, the USOC is expected to approve the independent agency to control everything from test samples to sanctions.

The new agency would take domestic drug testing entirely out of the USOC's hands and remove the USOC and its governing bodies from the hearing process.

The USOC board of directors, meeting for the final day of a weekend session today, will vote on whether to approve funding of up to \$24 million for four years for the new agency, double the amount the USOC now spends on drug testing.

"Hopefully, one of the byproducts of this would be to take us out of the glare of the kind of criticism that we get, particularly from European countries, that we do our own drug testing, therefore we're the fox guarding the henhouse," USOC spokesman Mike Morait said.

"This group would have a board of directors and employees that would be chosen by itself." The agency, which would still use IOC-accredited labs in Indianapolis and Los Angeles, would be responsible for the col-

lection of test samples, handling, processing, transportation, lab results, notification, sanctions and the appeals process.

"We can have scandals around the games like those we've experienced in Salt Lake City, but those involve administrators," USOC executive director Dick Schultz said after Friday's executive committee meeting. "But if we ever get to the point where the world thought every athlete that participated in the games was doping, the games would go away in a hurry. This will provide more credibility overall and a higher comfort level to all athletes."

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French scientists Yves Coppens, top, and Bernard Bulgues, right, along with Guenady Jarkev helped recover the tusks of what is thought to be a 23,000-year-old woolly mammoth. The beast's carcass was found preserved in ice on the Taimyr Peninsula in Siberia, Russia.

## French expedition recovers an intact woolly Mammoth carcass

PARIS (AP) — The pungent smell of elephant dung pierced the Siberian cold as scientists scurried away the last layers of frozen tundra that had entrapped a woolly mammoth for 20,000 years.

"It was like walking into the stall at the zoo where the elephants sleep — suddenly you could smell their breath, their dung and urine," recalled Dick Mol, a Dutch scientist who helped excavate the nearly perfectly preserved adult male mammoth.

Five days after airlifting the frozen hulk of the world's first intact mammoth carcass to the Siberian town of Khatanga, the team of paleontologists said Friday their find could lead to a breakthrough in cloning an animal that has been extinct for 10,000 years.

"It's a question of getting quality DNA," Yves Coppens, a French paleontologist, told a news conference at the College de France.

The French-led team — which also includes members from the United States, Netherlands and Russia — must now thaw the 23-ton carcass without destroying its soft tissue, skin and internal organs, Coppens said.

"I'm sure there will be some very exciting surprises," he said, adding that molecular biologists and parasitologists were on hand to take specimens from internal organs.

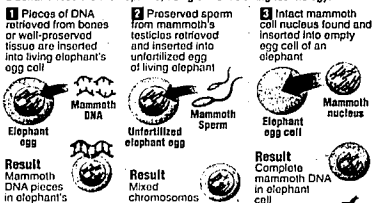
Studying the beast's teeth and tusks, the team determined that it was an 11-foot-tall male who died at age 47 near a watering hole on the remote Taimyr Peninsula. It has been named Jarkev for the family who discovered it while herding reindeer in 1997.

The project was partly funded by the Discovery Channel and the French magazine Paris Match, said French paleontologist Bernard Bulgues, who oversaw the airlift. Other private sources also contributed, but Bulgues declined to identify them or say how much the project cost.

Coppens said he thought the prospects for cloning were poor because the temperature in the ice cellar where scientists will gradually thaw the mammoth out for study are too warm to preserve the DNA needed for cloning. Team members say DNA

### Cloning a mammoth

Scientists hope to find a way to clone the mammoth recently found in Siberia. These are their options, using current cloning technology:



**Result:** Mammoth DNA pieces in elephant's chromosomes  
**Result:** Mixed chromosomes  
**Result:** Complete mammoth DNA in elephant cell

If the creature survives, it will have little resemblance to extinct mammoth  
If the creature survives and is fertile, mammoth chromosomes will be transmitted to next generations but the traits will become less and less dominant  
Problem: Intact cells have not been found in mammoth remains because dehydration destroys chains of DNA

can survive at temperatures of minus 22 degrees or lower, while the ice cellar temperature will be kept at between minus 14 degrees and 4 degrees.

Some scientists have suggested using frozen sperm from Jarkev to try to breed it with elephants — considered cousins of the mammoth. But some on the team remained cautious. "The mammoth could perhaps be cloned in 15 to 20 years, but I then hesitate about cloning because its natural environment has disappeared," Mol said. "If it were cloned, there's no place on Earth it could survive."

Last Sunday, workers using jackhammers chopped the still-frozen behemoth from the rock-hard permafrost. The carcass was then hoisted to a helicopter and flown about 150 miles south to an airstrip in Khatanga.

"My heart was in my mouth because at first, the helicopter just couldn't lift off, and it dragged the carcass across the snow for about 50 yards," Bulgues recalled, rubbing his fingers, still numb and swollen from working without gloves in minus

## Scientists say humidity will make heat even worse in coming decades

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — It's not just the heat, it's the humidity that's likely to cause much of the pain of global warming, meteorologists are just now realizing.

Across a broad swath of America, the heat index — a measure of discomfort that takes into account both heat and humidity — is likely to soar over the next 50 to 60 years, forecasters predict in the federal government's first study to take increased humidity into account.

That could significantly increase the yearly average number of heat-related deaths in America — from about 1,200 now to several thousand, one expert says.

Plugging humidity into their computer models of global warming, federal scientists determined that in the next half-century the average-summer heat index is going to be near 100 degrees for much of the country.

What is now the occasional super hot-and-sticky day will probably become the average summer day in the South and East, explained three scientists at the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory in Princeton, N.J.

"Things are going to be ... very hot and sticky and that's going to be a problem with global warming," said research meteorologist Thomas Knutson, one of the study's co-authors.

While the study concentrates on what the authors call the southeastern United States, its warning applies to a wide belt from Texas to New York City, said Thomas Delworth, the lead author of the study. That includes big Northern cities such as Philadelphia and New York. Cities such as Fort Worth, Texas, Detroit and Kansas City are likely to feel more discomfort, but to a slightly lesser degree, he said.

For years, almost all scientists have agreed that an increase in man-made carbon dioxide is making the world hotter.

Scientists are still squabbling about just how much hotter it will get, but the conventional wisdom is that average temperatures will rise somewhere between 3 and 8 degrees Fahrenheit as carbon dioxide levels double.

When humidity is factored in, that translates to a 7- to 10-degree increase in the heat

index, Knutson and Delworth said.

In the Southeast, the temperature on an average summer day now feels like it's about 87 degrees; on extreme days, about 100 degrees. In about 60 years, computer models say, the average day will feel more like 97 degrees and extreme days will be near 110, Delworth said.

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## Blessed be the ties that bind

I'm not a young woman. I've been married a long time, and I have grown children. I'm embarrassed to admit that I've never learned how to tie a tie.

Somewhat, it just never came up. Or it never came up with much urgency. Tying a tie is one task in life that my husband has always seemed quite capable of accomplishing on his own (putting down the toilet seat is another story), and he was always available when our son had to wear one.

On the few occasions when my husband wasn't around, our daughter came to the rescue. She learned to tie a tie when she was performing in a high school show choir.

So I never thought much about tying ties. There was always someone around.

Until last week. With my daughter away at college and my husband out of town at a conference, my son said to me - at 9 p.m.: "Oh by the way, the football team has to wear ties to school tomorrow."

"We practiced" for a half hour, and I almost choked my son to death twice. Then I called a friend, who suggested buying clip-ons.

When I called my husband, long distance, he tried to walk us through our task, but he only ended up confusing me.

"This is a casual conference," he said. "I don't even have a tie with me."

Next, I tried calling my daughter at college. She managed to give us instructions while tying a scarf on herself, but it just wasn't the same.

Finally, in total frustration, I cried out "How to tie a Windsor." "How to tie a four in hand" . . . I was amazed at the options. In the diagrams, the finished products all looked alike.

I chose the shortest instruction sheet - eight simple steps: "Situate the tie so that the end 'A' is longer than end 'B' and cross 'A' over 'B'." Bring 'A' up through loop between collar and tie; then back down. Pull 'A' underneath 'B' and to the left, and back through the loop again.

Halfway through the instructions, I was totally lost. And the tie around my son's neck looked like it had died a terrible death.

The next morning, my son and I managed to arrange his tie around his neck well enough to get him through the day - if you don't count the fact that he looked like he had been up plying all night.

I waved good-bye to my child that morning thinking, "There are lots of things my boys in school just don't learn from raising a girl."

Curling my daughter's hair had been such a breeze, and I already knew how to "go shopping" long before she was born.

When I had a son, I was amazed to see the differences, almost from the beginning. Say what you will about getting a boy's pants in the cabinet, but if you give a boy a Barbie doll and he pretends it's a gun . . .

My friend Joyce told me about watching her 4-year-old daughter pull out the bottom drawers in the kitchen and sit there playing with the pots and pans all day. Then, when her son came along, she took one look at the drawers and began climbing in them.

"It's best not to fight the inevitable, I think. I remember going to Harmon Park one day and seeing a Dad who needed a boy very badly. He had dragged his wife and daughters to a baseball diamond, but none of the females seemed remotely interested in the game watch."

"Now it's the ninth inning," Dad blared. "There are three runners on base. Jenny, your team could win the World Series. Hit the ball and RUN, RUN, RUN!"

The girl took a half swing at the ball while her sisters, at second and third base, were trading hair over. Her mom was checking out the crowd.

She probably had a roost in the oven. And she will probably never need to learn how to tie a tie.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



Mary Buersmeyer and Katharine, 4 months, spend a few moments playing on the bed. Experts disagree over the safety of parents sleeping with infants.

## Something to loose sleep over?

There's some disagreement over whether babies are safe in bed with their parents

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - Family time for Arnold and Amy Peterson means waking up with their kids.

"That's not the same thing as working up to their kids."

"Co-sleeping is just such a comfortable thing for us," said Amy, mother of a 2-year-old and a 4-year-old. "It's the special time they have to spend with their dad."

But adults sleeping in the same bed with young children is controversial at the moment. Earlier this month, federal officials warned parents that they should never allow babies under 2 to sleep in adult beds, leaving mothers and fathers to ponder the risks of a practice that many find appealing.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said the practice of parents sleeping with babies posed a significant risk of accidental death from smothering or strangling. A study over an eight-year period found that 515 infants and toddlers under 2 died as a result of sleeping in adult beds.

Rather than clarifying the issue, the warning prompted outrage and ridicule among parents, pediatricians and researchers who say that sharing a bed has many benefits for children and their parents.

"It's one of the scientifically less substantial papers that I've ever seen," said James J. McKenna, director of the University of Notre Dame's Mother-Baby Behavioral Sleep Laboratory. The study, he said, would be "very upsetting" to parents.

The study, released by the American Medical Association and published in the group's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, warned that parents or caregivers do not recognize the dangers of adult beds and called for an alert. The study's authors emphasized that many of the deaths were preventable.

"In many cases, the adult placing the child in the adult bed was unaware of or underestimated the danger posed by placing an infant to sleep in an adult bed," said Nakamura of the safety commission's division of epidemiology and health sciences told the Los Angeles Times.

Health experts have long thought that bed-sharing is a risk to infants only when a parent has been using alcohol or drugs

### What the study found

**Of the "structure deaths" examined by the Consumer Product Safety Commission's study of sleeping with infants, 42 percent were determined to be the result of the infant getting wedged between the mattress and a wall; 43 percent were due to wedging between the mattress and headboard or footboard. Eight percent were due to strangulation when the infant was entrapped at the neck between the railings of a headboard or foot board. And 7 percent were caused by entrapment between the mattress and an adjacent piece of furniture.**

**Of the analysis also found 79 deaths in water beds. Eight deaths occurred due to bed rails, the portable railings that can be installed on toddler or adult beds to keep occupants from falling out. Studies show an infant can become**

entraped between the rail and mattress.

**An infant is particularly at risk in an adult bed because its head represents 8 percent to 10 percent of its total body weight, and weak neck muscles make it difficult to move. Asphyxia can also occur if the infant's neck is pressed against a bed frame or railing. The blood vessels in the neck are very vulnerable to compression. The authors stated that as little as 4.4 pounds of pressure can arrest blood flow in an infant's neck.**

**The risk of co-sleeping is greatly reduced once a child is 2, the authors reported. Among the entrapment deaths, 69 percent occurred in infants younger than 6 months, and 77 percent of the overlying deaths were in infants 6 months or younger.**

- Source: Los Angeles Times

breast-fed about three times longer during the night than infants who routinely slept alone. Both bed-sharing and breast-feeding may help protect against SIDS, he argued, because the mother's proximity may help promote the baby's cardiac rhythm.

That said, parents shouldn't sleep with young children if the parents smoke, McKenna continued. They should make sure bedding is tight, that there are no loose pillows or loose blankets near the baby's face, and there should be no space between the bed and the adjoining wall in which the baby could become trapped.

Headboards are also a potential danger, he added. They should fit tightly to the bed.

And infants 2 months and younger, whether they sleep alone or with parents, should never be placed on the stomachs.

Good advice, Burkett said, but she's still skeptical that very young babies belong on the same mattress with a parent.

"There's danger that you could roll over on the child," she said.

Nakamura, co-author of the AMA studies, concurs.

"I counted only the incidents that stated the death was due to overlying or chest compression or that the baby was found under an adult. There was some evidence that overlying had occurred," she said.

"Yet there's other research that disputes that conclusion. A study from England to be published in an upcoming issue of the British Medical Journal found that infants taken in and out of their mothers' beds at night to breast-feed were less likely to die from SIDS than babies who slept alone, McKenna said.

"In cultures where bed sharing occurs, such as Japan, they have the lowest rates of SIDS in the world," he said.

Warnings against bed-sharing may erode gains that have been made in breast-feeding in the United States in recent years, McKenna fears.

Peterson and Crowe think that would be a shame.

"If a mother doesn't have to get up and down repeatedly in the night, she's more likely to breast-feed, and the baby is going to be healthier and happier," Crowe said. "That's what moms need to know."

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## Halloween fun highlights family events

**This week**  
\* KIMBERLY - Sievers' Spook Maze in a five-acre cornfield will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. at 3425 E. 3500 N., (two miles south and three-fourths mile west of Kimberly). Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 10-15 and \$2 for children under 10. For more information, call 424-3277.

\* RUPPERT - "A House of Horrors" walk through spook alley will be held from 5-11 p.m. at the Mini-Cassia American Red Cross, 707 E. St.

The event is sponsored by the Red Cross chapter and Rising Star Foundation, which enlisted teams, families and individuals from the community to design and produce the spook alley.

**To do for families**

The event marks the anniversary of the youth program and introduction of the youth community center at the Red Cross Chapter.

A \$100 prize will be awarded the scene that receives the most public votes during the event. Spook-alley tickets are \$4.

An outdoor "safe walk" will be offered for little children and the "faint at heart" at a lower price and a food court is available.

For more information, call 436-7339.

**Tuesday**  
TWIN FALLS - Auditions for the Twin Falls City Park Children's Choir, under the direction of Karen Goodrich and Todd Snow, will be held in the Robert Stuart Junior High School choir room.

All fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students are invited to audition.

Fourth-graders will audition at 6:30 a.m., fifth-graders at 7:15 p.m., and sixth-graders at 8 p.m.

The choir will perform for Christmas in City Park on Nov. 30 - the first official lighting of the city park trees, and again for Festival of Trees on Dec. 5.

Children will be required to lip-sing Rick Springfield's "Comfortable with who he is."

## Are you a true 'family man'?

Paula Nicholas, 30, is a beautiful single woman who lives in Mississippi. She sells pharmaceuticals. Often, when she is contemplating dating a gentleman, she will take him to a certain type of restaurant known as a "bar."

Once there, she will put money in a jukebox and play a song or songs by Bob Dylan and "General Hospital" star Rick Springfield.

Most men would wince at that. Rick Springfield, in generic male terms, is a "goober." The catch: Nicholas deemed a man worthy of her companionship only if he enjoyed the music of Mr. Springfield. Her theory.

"Any man who would admit to liking Rick Springfield is comfortable with who he is."

After four days of being alone in the house, you begin to wish your wife was back in town so that you'd have clean underwear again.

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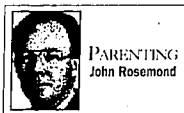
second place. All Americans should honor and respect our country every chance they get. For these reasons, I was surprised and excited by a passage I discovered a few months ago. The passage is entitled "The American's Creed." Its author is William Tyler Page, clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1917. It was accepted by the House on behalf of the American people on April 3, 1918.

I was so impressed by his creed that I wanted to introduce it to others who may have missed it. Patriotism seems to cling by its thin lifeline one day, and anything that can do to bolster it can only help. If you agree with my impression of the essay, please print William Tyler Page's creed in your column.

—WILLIAM D. LUALLE, LINDALE, GA.

Raise a responsible adult, not a perpetual child

Several weeks ago, I shared the results of a 1997 survey that was conducted under the auspices of the Dayton (Ohio) Chamber of Commerce. When asked what they were looking for in prospective employees, local employers overwhelmingly selected character over specific skills - even computer skills.



PARENTING John Rosemond

well-known technical university. Here's what she had to say: "No one denies that the students currently enrolling at this school are some of the brightest and most accomplished ever to enroll, but the lack of character and self-control is frightening. "A dear friend and colleague of my husband's summed it up best. This man is one of the gup-

tiest, even-tempered and optimistic persons you will ever meet. One day last May he came into the office, exhaled a ragged sigh and said: 'I have taught here for 37 years, but, you know, I have never seen such a bunch of lazy, self-serving whiners as I have encountered the past couple of semesters.' "Parenting isn't about today or tomorrow. It's about 25 years

from now. Keep that in the forefront of your thinking, and you'll hardly ever go wrong.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist in North Carolina. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 9247 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com>

Flirting with Albert

"I am only one, but still I am one; I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."



PARENTING Albert Einstein

'The Story of Us' is for mature audiences

Combined wire services • "The Story of Us" (R) - The Orphan of Twin Falls, Century Cinema of Barley, Liberty Theater of Halley. Best for: Adults who enjoy relationship movies. What it's about: Katie (Michelle Pfeiffer) is emotionally drained from her 15-year marriage to Ben (Bruce Willis). The two decide to separate (while their two kids are at camp) and eventually, they start to see plenty of reasons to stay together. The good: Bravo! It's realistic, touching portrayal of the

changes two people go through and who they become in a marriage. Wilson and Reiner are hilarious together and bring a funny perspective to the deeper issues... The not-so-good: Because this is a realistic story, there are numerous issues, language and situations that make the movie most suitable for adults, not children. There are issues about marriage, divorce, a dating relationship as well as lots of adult

dialogue about men, women, adultery, sex, etc. But, keep the story real and interesting but never gets too offensive. Offensive language: Lots of it. Sex: One scene is a quick, blunt reminder of the infamous sex scene in "Jury Mireque," only without the nudity. Another scene shows Willis nude from behind. Violence: None. Parental advisory: This is a movie for and about adults that will bore younger children. Teens may want to see it because of the star talent, but it's for mature teens and adults only. Entertainment value: A-

Chicken Soup for the Soul

Working in a hospital with recent stroke patients was an all-or-nothing proposition. They were usually so grateful to be alive, or they just wanted to die. A quick glance told all. Albert taught me a lot about strokes. One afternoon while making rounds, I'd met him. He was curd in a fetal position on a pallid man with the look of death, his head half-buried under a blanket. He didn't budge when I introduced myself. At the nurses' station, an attendant provided some history. He had no one. He'd lived too long. His wife of 30 years was dead, and his five sons were gone. Well, maybe I could help. I thought. A chunky but pretty divorced nurse avoiding the male population outside of work, I could satisfy a need. "To receive a catalog of all the 'Chicken Soup for the Soul' books and tapes, call (800) SOUP-BOOK. To submit a story for future publication, send it to P.O. Box 30880, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93139.

To do

Continued from F1. • "Happy Birthday to You." For further information, call Goodrich at 324-5950, or leave a message at Stuart, 733-4875. The entrance to the choir room at Stuart is on Robbins Avenue next to the rear gymnasium door.

Friday • TWIN FALLS - Annual Pumpkin Patch Party will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 1231 Washington St. N. The event will feature free game booths including dunk booth and the Alligator Jump, food and costume prizes, costumed in costume, no monster, devil or witch costumes, please.

• SHOSHONE - The Wood River Center Grange will host its first annual Halloween Party for kids from 6:30 p.m. at the Wood River Center Grange at 375 West Four Mile Road. To get to the Grange Hall, head north from Shoshone, turn left at Johnny's Country Store, and follow signs to the Grange Hall. Events include bobbing for apples, fishing for prizes, trick-or-treating with local businesses, and a visit from the Great Pumpkin. Children two and under are admitted free, and children three to 12 can attend the event for \$2. Most booths are free, and no booth fees over \$2. Adults are accompanied by a child are free; without a child, admission is \$5. For more information, call

Penny Kerner at 886-7562 or Karina Fitzgerald at 880-7068.

Saturday • TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Reformed Church will sponsor its annual Harvest Festival from 5-9 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center. No scary costumes, please. • TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Optimist Club will sponsor its annual Safe and Sweet Trick or Treat from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Magic Valley Mall. Children and their families are asked to

bring a can of soup for the food bank.

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# If you haven't got your Ooglies and Tuff Talking Wrestlers, you're late

The Washington Post

"Ah! You smashed my head!" whines one bratty voice. A loud, otherworldly laugh replies. Then a burp, followed by some sputters and muzzes that escalate into a fit of manic giggles.

"I'll slam you to the mat!" comes a grunted warning. Behold what could be the first sounds from toy store aisles for the upcoming holidays. Two new contenders have stepped into the ring to go battery-to-battery for multimillion-dollar stakes and the title that in holidays past was held by champs such as Beanie Babies, Tickle Me Elmo and Cabbage Patch Kids.

In one corner, trying to out-romp Furby with its own brand of frenzied wobbling, is Playmates' Ooglies, ticklish plastic aliens prone to interactive hysterics and wacky gibberish. In the other corner, Toy Biz's WCW Tuff Talkin' Wrestlers, large action figures modeled after trash-talking TV wrestlers that sport four more than 100 different ad hominem challenges.

"We feel they're going to be big just because they're such a wow," says Kathryn Acker, Toy Biz vice president of marketing of the first four 12-inch macho wrestlers - Goldberg, Kevin Nash, Diamond Dallas Page and Sting - that were shipped to toy stores at the end of August. Four more of the Tuff Talkin' Wrestlers (\$39.95 for a set of two) will be unveiled in time for Christmas.

"The prospective audience? Youngsters ages 4 and older who cling to every inch uttered on TV's boisterous World Championship Wrestling matches," Maccioli says. "We try to re-create the wrestling experience for



Two-year-old Mikala Wingate of Atlanta, Ga., looks over toys last week. Toy manufacturers are taking bets on what will be the hot-selling toys this holiday season.

Pin the Nash figure for the count of three and you'll hear the bell ding, and the wrestler lament his defeat: "Big sexy will get you next time!"

"It's all programmed in their chips," says Maccioli. "In and of themselves, Tuff Talkers are fantastic toys - and they also react to each other. They know what's going on. You can turn Goldberg around and the other one will say, 'Hey, Goldberg, face me like a man!' And you can play with them without the other figure. You twist one's arm and they talk back to you."

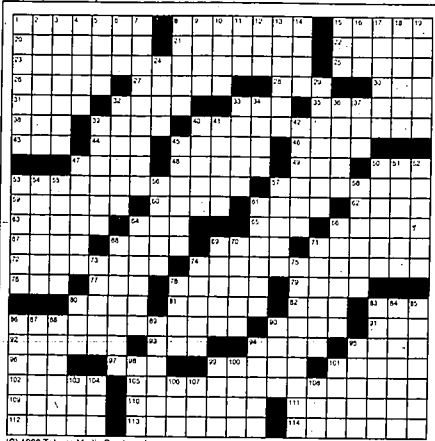
Maccioli's not expecting any backlash from parents over kids mimicking trash talk, however. "If kids are watching the shows, they're seeing far more," she says. "And WCW wrestling is not that edgy. There is definitely the good-guy-bad-guy story line going on, but it is not violent, no profanity. It's just a lot of bravado."

## ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY

By Tom Pruco, Chicago, Illinois

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## Nearly everybody's divorced on prime-time television

Knight Ridder News Service

Here in America, some 50 percent of marriages end in divorce. Over in the parallel universe that is TV Land, the statistics are so clear. Nearly four decades after divorcing Steve Douglas started bringing up "My Three Sons," daytime TV divorce still puts many a TV couple. Soap operas may be awash in sympathetic divorced characters - and evil twins - but until fairly recently, the prime-time recipients stood out: "The Odd Couple," "Maude" and the fighting Farrellos of "Hill Street Blues" all brought divorce into the open without really stemming the tide of dead mothers and fathers.

workday - is a recurring plot point on NBC's "Third Watch," while the WB's "Popstar" is, typically, trying to have it both ways, bringing its two main characters together because some's divorced dad is marrying the other's widowed mom.

And in a season where the adage "write what you know" seems to have been taken more seriously than usual, an ABC replacement series, an ABC feature a main character who moves into a hotel after leaving her husband and falls in love with a considerably younger room-service waiter.

That really happened to Betsy Thomas, the 33-year-old co-creator of "Then Came You," who earlier this year married the former writer, a still struggling actor whose name she won't disclose, but who's about seven years her junior.

"When we split up, my ex-husband would not leave our house," Thomas told TV critics. "He said, 'You want to separate. Then you need to go somewhere else. Not leaving.' He actually suggested that I could stay in the guest room, which I thought was maybe a bad idea, and so I had no choice" but to move into a hotel.

And yes, her ex has been "Then Came You," even if viewers won't until later in the season.

"He said he thought it was really funny," Thomas said. "And then I asked him, 'Did you laugh?' And he said, 'Oh, no. But if it weren't about me, I would

have laughed."

Situations like that may have been what Marshall Herskovitz hoped to avoid when he and writing partner Edward Zwick, "What ty something," "M to Call Life" set out to tell the story of how divorce affects two families in ABC's "Once and Again."

Herskovitz has been divorced, but "the issues of divorce and of relationships have so many different vicissitudes that you don't have to draw up on the particular details of your life," he told critics. "And also, I respect very much the privacy of my children, of my ex-wife, of my friends," he said.

Zwick, who describes himself as "the child of divorce," indicated he and Herskovitz were interested in mining the subject, not their personal lives.

"It's not about the facts of the thing; it's about the truth of the thing. And I think that's what we're trying to go for," he said.

"Family Law" co-creator Paul Higgins took a slightly different tack.

"I went through a very difficult divorce for a long time, as did my ex-wife and my kids," he said. "And I tried to look at it actually from her point of view as much as mine, and from the kids' point of view, and have empathy for everyone else who has gone through a divorce."

## Parents take time to be with kids

Knight Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Linda Lockman Brooks runs a consulting business in Charlotte. Monica Kilgo labors to get a teen center off the ground in nearby Gastonia, N.C. And Mel Cummings between her Fort Mill, S.C. home and a Charlotte bank, using a computer to link the two during the summer.

They're all on the mommy track - with a twist. They worked full time when their kids were small. But once the kids hit adolescence, the parents made major career changes to spend more time with them.

"I loved my job, but it was getting impossible with the choices Amber was beginning to make," said Kilgo, who quit work when her daughter was 13.

"She's my one and only child, and I've only got a few years with her."

Scaling back work during the preschool years has become a 30-year-old Virginia's career path just as kids become more independent is unusual enough

to intrigue national experts, who say it's unstudied territory.

Several Carolinas parents are blazing the way.

And while their actions are relatively rare, their reasons are likely to ring true for many families.

They saw their children's emotional and social needs exploding, even as physical dependence faded.

"They felt like their life had become an unrelenting blur of work, school, activities, meals grabbed on the run and words exchanged on the fly."

Often they feared the demands of adolescence while caring for their own aging parents.

And some moms who waited to have babies until careers were established now hear the ticking of another biological clock, this one telling them time with their children is running out.

"Maybe it's me. Maybe it's being in my 40s," said Lockman Brooks, who left her job as a senior-level bank executive to start her own business. She and husband Will Brooks have a sev-

enth-grade son and a daughter who's a senior. "I'm really interested in being there for her and hanging onto that time before college," Lockman-Brooks said.

Not every family can cut back income at a time when grocery bills soar and college loans just over the horizon.

But all parents can stay engaged with older kids, even when those kids try to push them away, says Leah Latimer, an author and Washington Post columnist who has written about taking "adolescent leave" with her 14 and 16-year-old sons.

Latimer, author of "Higher Ground: Preparing African American Children for College," writes about a friend who started scheduling more evening business and social events once her daughter turned 11. "She can stay home alone now. She has a room in her room," the mother announced.

"My point was about getting people to realize how much adolescents need to be parented full time," Latimer said in an e-mail interview.

## Doctors caution parents about peanut hazard

The Associated Press

Doctors are urging that peanut packets carry health warnings to stop toddlers from choking to death.

Up to 7 percent of all deaths of children under 4 years old are due to choking and almost half of those are caused by peanuts.

A report at the annual meeting of the European Respiratory Society said that peanuts, pen caps, tiny toys, pins and paper clips are among the most dangerous objects to have around young children, who tend to put everything in their mouths.

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## Women admit to shower-singing

The Associated Press

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only Web site (HerbalEssence.com), nine out of 10 women said they sometimes sing in the shower. And almost four out of five women admitted to being attracted to guys whose hair is longer than their own. Presumably making their hair sing in the shower.

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# ENGAGEMENTS

## MILLER-MANN

**RUPERT** Chuck and Shannon Miller of Nampa announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin A. Miller of Nampa, to John T. Mann, son of Tom and Alice Mann of Rupert. Miller graduated from Greenleaf Friends Academy and attended Boise State University. She is employed at Grand Teton-Natural History Association in Moose, Wyo. Mann graduated from Minico High School and the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed by Jacobsen Construction Co. in Jackson, Wyo. The wedding is planned for



Erin Miller and John Mann Saturday at River Run Lodge in Ketchum. The newlyweds will reside in Jackson, Wyo.

## BRUMBACH-ZEPEDA

**TWIN FALLS** - Charles and Jane Brumbach of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Katrina Lynn Brumbach, to Mark Alexander Zepeda, son of Henry and Elizabeth Zepeda of Forks, Wash. Brumbach is a 1997 graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio. Zepeda is a 1986 graduate of Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, Calif. He is employed as a pilot for Northwest Airlink in Memphis, Tenn. A betrothal ceremony was held Sept. 22 at Our Lady of



Mark Zepeda and Katrina Brumbach Guadalupe Church. The couple will be married at a Mass planned for Dec. 4 at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

## WILSON-BOWMAN

**RUPERT** - Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson of Rupert and Mrs. Sharon Dallofo of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Ranae Wilson, to Wayne Bowman, son of Janice Vaughn of Yakima, Wash., and Samuel Bowman of Butte, Mont. Wilson graduated from Minico High School in 1990. She is employed by McCain Foods USA Inc. and JB's Restaurant in Burley. Bowman is a 1981 graduate of Butte High School. He graduated from the University of Montana and from Montana Tech. He currently is working for Aware Inc. in Butte. The wedding is planned for 1 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Paul LDS Stake



Wayne Bowman and Ranae Wilson Center, 424 W. Ellis in Paul. A reception to honor the couple will be held at 1:30 p.m. following the wedding. The couple will reside in Butte.

## EDWARDS-HAMMOND

**TWIN FALLS** - Sharon and Gary Mullaley of Twin Falls and Kent Edwards of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Cher Edwards, to Justin Royer Hammond, son of Creel and Judy Hammond of Filer. Edwards is employed at the Deb Shop in Twin Falls. Hammond is employed by Arby's in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for



Justin Hammond and Jennifer Edwards Saturday.

## NEBEKER-ARRINGTON

**TWIN FALLS** - David Nebeker of Idaho Falls and Teresa Nebeker of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Nebeker, to Nicholas Gault Arrington, son of Norman and Helen Arrington of Twin Falls. Nebeker is attending the College of Southern Idaho. Arrington is attending CSI. The wedding is planned for Nov. 13 in the Salt Lake City Temple. A reception in their



Rebecca Nebeker and Nicholas Arrington honor will be held Nov. 20 at the Twin Falls Stake building.

## STANGER-McBRIDE

**HANSEN** - Marilyn and Morgan Stanger of Hansen announce the engagement of their daughter, Kiren Stanger, to Brent McBride of Mountlake Terrace, Wash. Stanger is a graduate of Hansen High School and will graduate in April from Brigham Young University in auditing. She received her Young Womanhood Award and served a mission to Bilbao, Spain. McBride will graduate in April from BYU in computer science. He is an Eagle Scout and served a mission to Quito, Ecuador. The wedding is planned for



Brent McBride and Kiren Stanger Friday in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. The couple will live in Provo, Utah, until April when he will be assigned to a base by the Air Force.

# ANNIVERSARIES



Clifford and Joan Harris

## THE HARRISES

**WENDELL** - Mr. and Mrs. Clifford V. Harris of Wendell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Harris and Jean Conard were married Oct. 29, 1949, at the bride's home in Castleford. They have lived in Buhl, Jerome and Wendell. He farmed and had a cow, calf and registered Charolais operation for 33 years. They moved



## THE HARTERS

**JEROME** - Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Harter of Jerome will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Family and friends are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at 531 S.100 W. in Jerome. They request no gifts. Harter and Helen De Hoog were married Nov. 1, 1949. They moved to Idaho in 1979. He was employed at Artesia Ready Mix in California and Darling Delaware in Twin Falls. She was employed at Arrowhead Products in California, Tupperware in Jerome and Lamb Weston in Twin Falls.



Harold and Helen Harter

The event is being given by their children, Carol Alonzo, Peggy Sima, Becky (HAI) Makorow, Barbara (Albert) Coonce and Nancy Hunt. The couple has 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

into Wendell in 1982, and he was credit manager for Valley Coop until he retired in 1994. She worked at the Wendell Western Auto, Farmers National Bank and Wendell Department Store. The couple has two children, Linda (Richard) of Kent, Wash., and Tom of Puyallup, Wash.; six grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters.



Lowell and Lorraine Wills

## THE WILLSIES

**TWIN FALLS** - Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Wills of Twin Falls were honored by their children for their 60th wedding anniversary. Wills and Lorraine Wendell were married July 15, 1939, in Papillon, Neb. They have lived in Twin Falls for 42 years after residing in Gooding for 18 years. He worked at Wills Motor as used car manager for 14 years and in real estate until 1997, when he retired due to health problems. She worked at City Hall and sold ladies wear until 1993, when she entered the real estate business. She retired in 1990. They have four children, Bobby (Shari) Wills of Twin Falls, Ron Wills of Burley, Carol (Vern) France of Gooding, and Jocelyn (Tom) Shew of Boise; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Friends may send cards to the couple at 1653 Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.



## THE HEELINGS

**TWIN FALLS** - Mr. and Mrs. Gradus Heeling will be honored at an open house Oct. 31 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 4 p.m. at 490 Sagebrush Drive in Twin Falls. They request no gifts. Heeling and Aatie (Alice) Hegen were married Oct. 28, 1949, at the Dutch Reformed



Church in Beilen, Drenthe, the Netherlands. They came with their two sons to the United States in 1950 and settled in Twin Falls. They started Heeling Construction in 1962. The event is hosted by their sons, Gradus Jr. (Arlin) of Soda Springs and Henk of Twin Falls, and their grandson, Hans of Twin Falls.

## Are you planning a wedding or anniversary? Please let us know

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## Parting is such sweet sorrow

Watch couples saying goodbye at the airport. The ones making the greatest show of not wanting to leave each other don't necessarily have the strongest relationships. Business Traveler magazine says University of California at Davis researchers found that "when couples cling to each other and wiped the tears from each other's faces, or when partners left behind wanted to watch the plane take off, it usually turned out that the couples had either only been involved for a

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# Remember the three R's and you will go far

A quote that a friend sent to me goes like this: "Remember the three R's - Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions."

The word respect as defined by the dictionary is "admiration for or a sense of the worth or excellence of a person."

Do you admire yourself? Do you feel that you have worth? Or do you constantly find fault with yourself and believe yourself unable to achieve?

The first step toward having a happy life is respecting yourself, and, if you respect yourself, you treat your body and mind with care. Do you try to stay within a certain weight limit? Do you exercise and continue to press your mind to learn new and interesting things? Do you like your personality, and, if not, are you working to improve those parts that you do not like?

Of course no one should constantly find fault with themselves. Loving yourself is the first step toward self-respect, but loving yourself should also include always working toward self-improvement. And so self-respect



**AFTER CLASS**  
Gay Petersen

is a constant struggle toward, not perfection perhaps, but as close as we, as human beings, have the ability to achieve.

If you begin with respect for yourself, then you can have respect for others. This can sometimes be even more difficult than self-respect because of our upbringing, our education or outside influences. Still, because we ARE imperfect, we must work to respect other races, other cultures and other opinions.

Obviously there are ideas and opinions that society in general rejects - those that are at odds with what is right, decent, ethical or moral, but outside of those objections, what gives us the right to judge others in the way they think or react? We do not necessarily need to always be in agreement with what goes on in other

cultures or with other people's opinions, but we must learn to respect the fact that we are not always right, and that others have as much right to the way they think as we do.

Finally, we must take responsibility for our actions. How often have we done things of which we are not particularly proud, things which embarrass or shame us, and how often have we looked around in order to try to place the blame elsewhere.

I used to tell my students that taking responsibility for our actions is a sign of maturity. Unfortunately we still all know adults who seem to be quite expert at placing blame on everyone but themselves. Taking responsibility, however, leads, almost always, to respect by others, and, ultimately, to respect for ourselves.

And so the three R's form a circle. One leads to another, and, altogether, they form a complete and wholesome person, someone that all respect and admire. May we all work toward that end.

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# Mother will remain liable for long-term care

Q. Some years after my father died, my mother, then age 67, married a man five years her senior. Because she had inherited everything my father left and was the beneficiary of his life insurance, everyone thought it would be a good idea when she and my stepfather signed a prenuptial agreement in which each agreed to waive all claims to division of the other's property.

Two years after they married, my stepfather was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. My mother cared for him at home for nearly three years until it was necessary to admit him to a nursing facility. By that time, since most of his assets had been spent on his care, my mother applied for Medicaid. Although my stepfather now receives only Social Security of about \$950 per month, his Medicaid application was turned down because of my mother's income and assets even though they had a prenuptial agreement. Because an economic rift has developed, his family got involved and his son stepped in, became his guardian, and sued my mother for support which was granted despite their prenuptial agreement.

This has caused a big crimp in my mother's finances, and I can't understand why my mother should be required to pay support which, in turn, goes to the nursing home when she and my stepfather had a prenuptial agreement.

A. There are at least two very serious problems here: 1) Based on the description you



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Jan Warner and Jan Collins

give, the prenuptial agreement dealt with "property division," not "support rights." Without addressing support specifically, the agreement would not appear to bar support. And even if it did, dependent upon where you live, a waiver of support might be a violation of public policy. 2) Even though your stepfather waived property rights in the prenuptial agreement, this is not binding upon the Medicaid people in your state who are not parties to that agreement.

Bottom Line: Depending on the totality of the circumstances and despite an agreement to the contrary between your mother and stepfather, your mother will probably remain liable for your stepfather's long-term care from her income and assets, subject to certain limits imposed in your state of residence.

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- 1 tsp. salt
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- 1 C. chopped raisins
- 1 C. skim milk
- 4 1/2 tsp. artificial liquid sweetener
- 1 egg
- 1/4 c. salad oil

DIRECTIONS:

Mix together flour, baking powder, and salt. Add bran and raisins; blend well. Combine remaining ingredients; add to flour mixture, stirring just to blend. Fill into greased loaf pan, 9" x 5" or greased 1 1/2-quart round casserole. Bake in 350°F oven about 1 hour. YIELD: 24 equal-sized slices



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**CSI offers training in farm management**

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho's Agricultural Department is offering a management and record-keeping course to area farmers, ranchers and agribusiness people starting in November.

Robert Lowder, one of the course instructors at CSI, said this will be an opportunity for managers of agricultural businesses to receive management training at a personal level.

"The training sessions were designed with the farm family in mind. Many times the husband-and-wife farm team attends the class together," Lowder said.

The course will be taught from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Tuesday from Nov. 9 through March 14. Participants will learn accounting principles using QuickBooks accounting software as well as financial statements and business management. Students also will be offered the opportunity to market their products on the Internet through the new CSI-supported agribusiness web page, Agession.com.

For more information or to register, call Blain Hope at 733-9554, Ext. 2415.

**Edward Jones schedules investment workshop**

**TWIN FALLS** - Edward Jones is hosting a financial workshop investment class beginning this week.

The class will be offered in two sessions - from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 26 through Nov. 16, and from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 28 through Nov. 18. Both classes will be held at Edward Jones, 834 Falls Ave., Suite 1010.

The free program is designed for beginning investors or individuals interested in learning more about investing.

For more information, call Bobbie or Donna at 733-4925.

**Get a free video rental by donating canned food**

**BOISE** - Southwest Idaho video store owners are collecting food for the Idaho Foodbank through a program called Fast Forward for Hunger.

The video stores are offering a free video rental for donation of two cans of food. No purchase is necessary, but personal identification is required to get the free movie rental.

Participating video retailers include Mountainland Video in Mountain Home, Video West in Ketchum, Kwik Service in Jerome and MovieLand Video in Shoshone.

**Insurance Women put on two business seminars**

**TWIN FALLS** - Insurance Women of Magic Valley will present "A Day of Continuing Education" from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Obenchain Community Room, 264 Main Ave. S.

Use the building's rear entrance. Two seminars are scheduled, and participants may attend one or both events.

"Business Liability - Solving Coverage Needs" will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. Larry E. Stumpf will be the instructor. Two hours of continuing education credit are available. Cost is \$20.

"Insurance Fraud Training for Insurance Professionals" is set for 11 to 2 p.m. Four hours of continuing education credit are available. Brina Olson, Idaho's chief insurance fraud investigator, is the instructor. The fee is \$40.

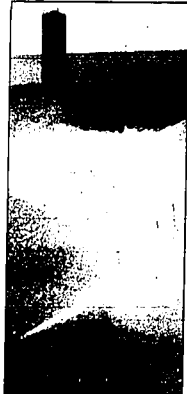
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Compiled from staff reports

*Magic Valley economy*

## Growth is hard-won

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer



**TWIN FALLS** - Filer Mutual Telephone Co. this year spent \$600,000 on equipment and cable additions. It also has ordered a new prefabricated building to house telephone-switching and fiber-optic terminal gear in Rogerson after the beginning of 2000.

The reason? People longing for rural life are flocking to the Rogerson, Hollister and Filer areas and to remote parts of Twin Falls County, said John Gunn, general manager for Filer Mutual. And Internet surfers these days want multiple phone lines into their homes.

"It's driving us crazy, trying to keep up with the growth," Gunn said.

It is growth that proved hard-won for Twin Falls in the third quarter, The Times-News' quarterly survey of economic indicators shows.

Positive economic signs persevered in the face of continued low farm prices, climbing interest rates and the slowed growth reflected in Idaho Power Co.'s new-customer numbers.

Under those conditions, harvest didn't bring its normal flurry of spending by farmers, and Twin Falls County saw fewer sales of automobiles and existing homes than a year ago. As the prime interest rate re-ascended to its year-ago level, Twin Falls city and county issued fewer permits for new homes, and the average estimated values of those homes continued to fall.

Throughout the third quarter, Magic Valley's unemployment rates were higher than for corresponding months in 1998.

But somehow the valley stayed magical.

Nonagricultural employees were able to create jobs, some the result of milk processors' expansions. People in Twin Falls County paid more for existing homes - the average sale topped the \$100,000 mark - and signed up for more telephone lines.

"It seems like all sectors of our employment are still going strong," said Greg Rogers, Job Service labor market analyst for the Magic Valley.

Economically, the Magic Valley is a good place to live and work, said Gunn.

The number of phone lines, which include fax, Internet and second-phone lines, is a clue to growth in business activity and disposable income.

In September alone, U.S. West added 218 lines in and around Twin Falls city, compared with

177 in September 1998. In 1999 to date, Twin Falls is up 924 telephone lines - 59 percent more than the 580 lines added in the first nine months of 1998, company spokesman Mike Reynolds said.

"You're continuing to see significant growth in the Twin Falls area," he said.

In Idaho as a whole, economic growth has remained solid during the past 18 months, though less robust than during the majority of the 1990s, Zions Bank consultant Jeff Thredgold said this month.

"Given our expectation of continued solid U.S. economic performance, the Idaho economy should continue to perform well in coming years," Thredgold said. "The Idaho outlook continues to rank with the nation's best."

The outlook Developments around the globe - especially in Asia - suggest improving global economic vitality starting the next few years, Thredgold said. A stronger world economy is a key ingredi-

ent in supporting prices and demand for Idaho exports, particularly high technology and agricultural products, he said.

Some in the Magic Valley are trying to broaden their way opportunity. A Twin Falls insulation manufacturer and a Rupert potato processor went to Asia this fall with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's trade mission, and several other companies with Magic Valley ties are on the governor's mission to Mexico and Costa Rica now.

## Third quarter economic indicators

**Interest rates**

The prevailing national interest rate during the past four quarters.

Source: First Security Bank.

**Auto sales**

Twin Falls County sales of new automobiles.

**Electrical customers**

Total electrical customers in Twin Falls County.

Source: Idaho Power Co.

**Jobs**

Unemployment rate in Twin Falls County by month.

Source: Idaho Department of Labor.

**Non-agricultural employment**

Average number of non-agricultural jobs per quarter, including permits for seasonal fluctuations.

Source: Idaho Department of Labor.

**Building permits, average value**

The average value of houses for which building permits were issued.

Source: City and county records.

**Home sales**

Twin Falls County sales of existing homes by month.

Source: Greater Twin Falls Multiple Listing Service.

**Home sales, average value**

Average value of homes sold by members of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Source: Greater Twin Falls Multiple Listing Service.

**Farm price index**

Average farm commodity price index compared with 1982 base level.

Source: Times-News files.

**Telephone customers**

Total number of telephone lines in Twin Falls County.

Source: Utilities.

## Shop 'til you drop out of your chair

**The Baltimore Sun**

More months ago, Internet retailing was dominated by companies that had never sold a product in a store, with the Amazon.coms of the world grabbing headlines and Wall Street's attention.

But now, the virtual retailers are bracing for an onslaught from the "bricks-and-mortar" chains, which have been galvanized into action by last year's phenomenally successful holiday season that raked up \$3 billion in online sales.

"Once consumers started shopping online, they stayed shopping online," said Seema Williams, an analyst with the consumer e-commerce group for Forrester Research Inc. "That was the wake-up call."

Traditional retailers have so far not been hurt by e-commerce, but eventually, Williams said, "the Internet will steal market share and retail dollars from traditional channels."

Among the heavy hitters gearing up to launch or drastically

improve Web selling: Home Depot and Amazon.com, the parent of Target, Marshall Field and other department stores. Circuit City and Crate & Barrel arrived online last summer. Toys "R" Us overhauled its site. Late arrivals Williams-Sonoma and Ethan Allen are also planning sites.

And Wal-Mart - the world's biggest retailer - is causing jitters in the virtual world with plans to open a vastly revamped and upgraded site by Jan. 1. The giant retailer isn't revealing details.

Rather than launching a limited test site this year, Home Depot will roll off one launch a more extensive site next spring.

"We want to be able to offer customers (a chance) to have Home Depot products on their own terms, whether that comes in the store, order online, have it delivered or pick it up-at the stores," said Carol Schumacher, a Home Depot spokeswoman.

"Our biggest asset is still our stores. We can use our stores to be part of the fulfillment process from the Internet."

Though Internet shopping now accounts for just 1 percent of all retail sales, land-based retailers want to get online now to be prepared to grab a share of the \$184 billion that Forrester projects shoppers will be spending online by 2004.

Only then will the true "clicks vs. bricks" standoff take place, some experts say. But some of the winners and losers in the fight for wallet share are likely to emerge after this holiday season - as expected to be the best gauge yet of online shopping.

It's also viewed as a test of whether retailers selling online have adequately fixed glitches that angered customers last season, said Matt Fry, a managing principal in retail consulting with IBM Global Services.

At this point, opinions differ on who is best poised for success - companies with an online or offline heritage.

The "pure plays," or Internet-only companies, "are going for

## Halloween raises spirits - and more retail sales

**Knight Ridder News Service**

**BOUNTIFUL, Utah** - Maccs Hobby & Craft has been selling Halloween decorations since July, when customers first began asking for brooms, stuffed witches and plastic pumpkins.

With three weeks to go before the holiday, some bare spots already are beginning to appear on store shelves as shoppers scramble for the best costumes and decorations.

"Halloween is becoming more popular every year," said Stacey Davis, a manager at Maccs. The store's sales of Halloween-related products have grown by 20 percent each of the past two years.

Consumers will spend an average of nearly \$100 this year on candy, decorations and costumes for themselves and their children, up from \$81 last year, according to American Express.

A survey done by the company shows Halloween is the second most expensive holiday after Christmas, on which consumers spend an average of about \$1,100 annually.

"Surprisingly, Halloween is higher up on the list, in terms of dollars spent, than Mother's and Father's Day and Valentine's Day," American Express spokesman Tom Schiavo said.

In addition to buying decorations and costumes, Utahns plunk down \$3 to more than \$6 each to make their way through cornfield mazes, haunted houses and pumpkin patches.

Amy and Jim Cowley of Centerville are spending about \$20 each for costumes for their children, Brady, 4, and Joshua, 2. They also spend about \$30 for candy.

The couple also plans to dress

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WORLD



Chechens look at the ruins of a market in Grozny, Russia, Friday. Russian officials gave contradictory accounts of whether their forces were responsible for the attack on Grozny. Political leaders denied any Russian role even after a military spokesman said it was a special operation aimed at an illegal arms bazaar.

# Top U.S. Army soldier faces sex charge hearing

BERLIN (AP) — The U.S. Army is expected to decide within a few weeks whether to prosecute its top noncommissioned officer in Europe after charging him with assault, sodomy and mistreatment of a subordinate, a military newspaper reported Saturday.

It proceedings go ahead, Sgt. Maj. Riley C. Miller faces hearings similar to a civilian grand jury in the United States and a possible court-martial, according to Stars and Stripes, an unofficial U.S. military newspaper.

The allegations, filed in the German town of Hanau, just east of Frankfurt, involve a woman who was under Miller's command, according to a Pentagon spokesman who spoke about the case this week on condition of anonymity.

It's the latest of several high-profile cases involving allegations of sexual misconduct in the Army in recent years.

Miller, who represents the interests of all enlisted Army soldiers in Europe, is a highly decorated infantryman and Vietnam veteran who has served in the Army for

more than 30 years. He has been the senior sergeant major for U.S. Army Europe for three years.

Miller was suspended last month and reassigned to other duties pending the outcome of the case, according to the Army.

Charges against Miller also include kidnapping. U.S. military officials have released few details on the case and could not be reached for comment Saturday.

Pentagon leaders have recently tried to crack down on fraternization between men and women in the U.S. military.

Last year, Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney, then the Army's highest-ranking enlisted man, was acquitted of 18 counts alleging sexual harassment of six military women. But he was convicted of obstruction of justice, demoted and reprimanded.

Last month, the U.S. Army took the highly unusual step of demoting a retired general, David Hale, who admitted during a court-martial last spring that he had adulterous affairs with the wives of four subordinates.

# Foreign criticism mounts after blast

Russian officials call it anti-terrorist strike

Combined wire reports

GROZNY, Russia — Chechen fighters claimed they shot down two Russian warplanes in separate incidents Saturday, and government forces bombed and fired rockets on rebel positions in the breakaway republic.

The clashes came amid growing foreign criticism of the Russian offensive. Russian officials defended the Chechnya operation, saying it was a war against terrorism. U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, on a visit to Kenya, said the Russian attacks were "deplorable and ominous." She said the events of the past two days — including the Thursday night bombing of a Grozny market that killed at least 143 people — were of "grave concern."

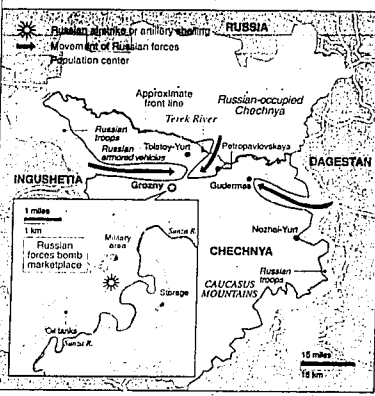
Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, contradicting comments by some Russian military officers, said Russian forces had "nothing to do with the explosion in Grozny." He also alleged that a Grozny open-air market which bore the brunt of the Thursday evening attack was a weapons bazaar. The explosions were probably the result of a battle between Chechen criminal gangs, he said.

Other Russian officials said their forces did indeed target the market because it was selling arms. Still others acknowledged that Russian special forces were carrying out an operation in the area.

As varied as the official theories

## Grozny on the brink

Russian missiles slammed into Grozny's central open air market, a maternity clinic and other places Thursday evening as its forces move to surround Grozny with tanks and troops.



AP/Wide World Photos

were, none of them coincided with the stories of survivors of the attack. The Chechens are convinced that it was Russian rockets that rained down on them.

Chechen fighters dug trenches in Grozny, the capital. Commanders here said they expected an assault by Russian troops that were missed less than eight

miles from the city. Russian media reported that some 10,000 more soldiers were being sent to Chechnya to bring the total troop strength to 150,000.

Some official Chechen agencies including the traffic police have been evacuated from their Grozny headquarters. Civilians continued to leave Grozny on

Saturday, fearing an attack by Russian troops.

The Chechen command said its troops shot down one fighter-bomber north of Grozny, and a second jet was downed southwest of the Chechen capital.

Russian air force said its planes had bombed rebel bases Saturday, but denied it had lost any planes. Chechen fighters have shot down three Russian warplanes in recent weeks.

Russia sent troops into Chechnya at the end of September, following weeks of airstrikes, with the declared aim of eliminating militants who invaded neighboring Dagestan this summer and were blamed for a series of apartment explosions in Russia that killed some 300 people.

But increasingly, the Russian offensive appears aimed at restoring control over Chechnya. In Berlin, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder condemned the "massacre on the Grozny marketplace" and German politicians urged sanctions against Russia.

Russian officials reacted angrily to the foreign criticism. Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov told European and Balkan policy makers in Mallorca that the only way to protect Russian security was through "war against the terrorist."

Gennady Seleznev, the speaker of the lower house of parliament, said neither the United States nor any other NATO country had "the moral right to tell Russia how to settle the acute conflict in the North Caucasus," since they had bombed Yugoslav forces during the Kosovo crisis this spring, Interfax reported.

# Sicily court rejects Mafia charge

PALERMO, Sicily (AP) — A court in Sicily on Saturday acquitted seven-time former Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti of consorting with the Mafia, abolishing in a case viewed as a trial of the political system that ran Italy for four decades after World War II.

Andreotti, who served in 34

governments and continuously in parliament since creation of the postwar Italian republic, was accused of doing favors for Sicily's Mafia in exchange for votes. A three-judge panel in the Sicilian capital of Palermo declared him innocent, sparing the 80-year-old the possibility of up to 15 years in prison.

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## Opening of dam threatens to worsen flooding

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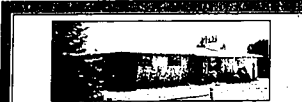
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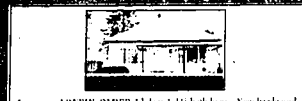
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- Jerome-**2.67 ACRES** northeast of town. Canal runs thru back of property. Good site for mfg. home. **\$22,700. LINDA MILLER** 324-8684 OR 324-3354. #99-02649
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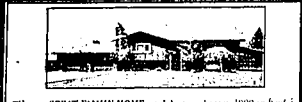
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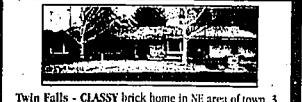
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# THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Partner deals and opens with a strong two-diamond bid. I hold  
♠ Q-10-9-8-7-5-3, ♥ 10-2, ♦ ...  
♣ Q-J-9-5. Am I strong enough to offer a positive response to two spades?

**ANSWER:** In the early days of the Stayman Convention, partner's repeated club calls promised a poor hand with long clubs — a sign-off. Today, most play that sequence as a game force, promising four hearts and at least five clubs.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
RHO opened one spade, and I doubled for takeout with ♠ J-5, ♥ 8-5-3, ♦ A-K-Q, ♣ A-J-10-8. LHO bid two spades, and partner bid three clubs. If RHO bids three spades, am I worth a raise to four clubs?

**ANSWER:** Yes, you are. Some might consider the raise even if your RHO did not push to three spades. Partner should have reasonable values for his voluntary entry into the auction.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
My LHO opens an artificial two-club bid promising either a strong, balanced hand (2 HCP and up) or a standard strong two-bid. If partner bids three clubs, is he asking me to bid, or is he showing a good club suit?

**ANSWER:** Yes, you are. Some might consider the raise even if your RHO did not push to three spades. Partner should have reasonable values for his voluntary entry into the auction.

**ANSWER:** When the opponents make an artificial bid, either a double or a bid in that suit should promise the suit. Given that opener has promised a strong hand, partner could hardly be bidding clubs to ask you to bid. A double would show good clubs and ask for the lead. The bid of three clubs does the same, but it also acts as a pre-empt — partner's clubs are very long.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
At duplicate, LHO opens one heart after two passes, and partner overcalls one no-trump. RHO passes, and I hold ♠ K-Q-7-2, ♥ 8-5-3, ♦ Q-7-4, ♣ 6-2. Should I try Stayman, or is a pass best?

**ANSWER:** A pass rates to be the best move. Even if partner has a spade fit, a no-trump contract may play better than a spade contract (too much danger of heart ruffs).

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
I open one no-trump, and partner responds two clubs (Stayman). I bid two spades, and partner bids three clubs. What does his sequence promise?

**ANSWER:** A pass rates to be the best move. Even if partner has a spade fit, a no-trump contract may play better than a spade contract (too much danger of heart ruffs).

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