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## GOOD MORNING

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## Bill has \$1M to save view

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**BOISE** - A federal spending bill would provide \$1 million to buy scenic-preservation easements in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area - if President Clinton signs it. The Interior Appropriations Bill for 2000 has passed the Senate. If Clinton signs it, a number of Idaho projects would receive money, grizzly bear reintroduction would be restricted and cabin fee increases would be limited.

The \$1 million for the SNRA helps, said Bob Hayes, executive director of the Sawtooth Society. He was disappointed because the Forest Service and the Idaho delegation had asked for \$2 million, "but \$1 million is certainly better than nothing," he said.

Added to money the Forest Service already has set aside to buy scenic easements on private land within the 756,000-acre recreation area, the new money will go a long way toward completing the purchases. "It keeps money in the pipeline," Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere said. And that allows the Forest Service to continue buying scenic easements as directed by the 1972 legislation that established the recreation area.

When the SNRA was established, the Forest Service initially spent \$29 million to purchase easements on 18,654 acres, but it ran out of money short of its goal. In 1997, as a member of the House of Representatives, U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo secured \$800,000 in federal money to begin again the process of purchasing conservation easements. He got another \$1.8 million in 1998 and \$1.5 million in 1999.

In the past five years, the Forest Service has bought five additional easements. The bill also provides for \$500,000 for the Beacon Hill Springs Snail Conservation project. The snail currently is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

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## Budget runs black

### Juvenile corrections looks at a \$1.5 million surplus

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The state's legislative budget committee doesn't hear this often: "We're going to return at least \$1.5 million if not more."

But that's what Department of Juvenile Corrections Director Brent Reinke plans to tell the panel of lawmakers this winter.

The state is handling most offending juveniles at the county level, hanging onto millions of dollars by saving the \$45,000 a year it costs for every child in the state system. Cooperating with

Newslink counties, school districts and state agencies has finally paid off, Reinke told the Twin Falls Republican Women Monday.

It wasn't long ago that Reinke was defending some hefty increases to his department's budget, which grew to more than \$35 million. And it wasn't long ago that some members of the budget committee were questioning the "black hole" of juvenile corrections.

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### Idaho juvenile justice by the numbers

- 163,000: Number of children aged 10 to 17 in Idaho.
- 15,000: Estimated number of Idaho children who need some form of mental health services.
- 7,500: Number of Idaho children on probation.
- 921: Number of juveniles in the Department of Juvenile Corrections system last year.
- 700: Number of additional children who legally could have been in the system, but were managed through county juvenile probation departments.
- \$45,000: Cost per year for every child in the Juvenile Corrections system.
- \$4: Reduction in the number of number of juveniles in the system, from \$3.78 million. Savings that decrease means to the state.
- 136: Number of juvenile probation officers in the state.
- 26: Percent of the Juvenile Corrections budget that goes directly to counties.
- 98: Percentage of state juvenile justice problem dealt with at the county level.
- Monday in the DJC - 421 people were incarcerated. 60 are aged 18 to 21, and most of these are sex offenders. 35 are in intensive mental health facilities. 170 need outpatient mental health care. 20 to 40 have no family or home to return to. 25 are sex offenders who can't go home. 10 to 15 have IQ's below 70.

## A GREAT PUMPKIN



Janae Leclair, 8, tries to lift up a prickly pumpkin at Kimberly Nurseries Monday afternoon.

LOCAL CAPTION/Photo News

## Jet flies out of control; golfer Stewart dies

The Associated Press

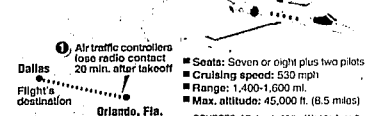
**MINA, S.D.** - A Learjet carrying champion golfer Payne Stewart flew a ghostly half-way across the country Monday, its windows iced over and its occupants apparently incapacitated, before nose-diving into a grassy field.

All five people aboard were killed. The chartered, twin-engine Lear 35 may have suddenly lost cabin pressure soon after taking off from Orlando, Fla., officials said. Air traffic controllers couldn't raise

### Five killed on runaway Learjet

With golfer Payne Stewart and four other people aboard Stewart's jet flew 1,000 miles and crashed in a rural area in South Dakota.

Crash kills all aboard Aberdeen, S.D.



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anyone by radio.

Fighter jets were sent after the plane and followed it for much of

### Learjet 35

- Seats: Seven or eight plus two pilots
- Cruising speed: 530 mph
- Range: 1,400-1,600 mi.
- Max. altitude: 45,000 ft. (8.5 miles)

SOURCES: AP, Jane's All the World's Aircraft

its flight but were unable to help. The pilots drew close and noticed no structural damage but were unable to see inside the Learjet because its windows were frosted over, indicating the temperature inside was well below freezing.

Set apparently on autopilot, the plane cruised steadily about 1,400 miles up the middle of the country, across half a dozen states, before it appeared to run out of fuel some four hours after it took off.

"The plane had pretty much nosed straight into the ground," said Lesley Braun, who lives two miles from the South Dakota crash site.

Stewart, 42, was one of the most recognizable players in golf because he wore traditional knickers and a tam-o'-shanter hat. He won 18 tournaments, including three major championships. In June, he won his second U.S. Open, prevailing over Phil Mickelson with an astonishing 15-foot putt on the last hole.

"This is a tremendous loss for the entire golfing community and

## US West insists service is improving

The Associated Press

**DENVER** - Hounded by complaints from customers who have waited too long to have their phone lines installed or repaired, US West said Monday that the worst is over and pledged significant service improvements across its 14-state region by the end of the year.

US West is Magic Valley's local phone service provider. The company has increased capital spending by 40 percent this year, hired thousands of new employees and revamped

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## Buchanan bolts from GOP, joins Reform Party

The Associated Press

**FALLS CHURCH, Va.** - Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan bolted the GOP on Monday to mount a third-party campaign and "rescue God's country" from a cultural and moral pit. "Only the Reform Party offers the hope of a real debate and a true choice," he said.

"Our vaunted two-party system is a snare and a delusion, a fraud upon the nation," said Buchanan, a three-failed GOP candidate whose anti-abortion conservatism and anti-trade populism could siphon votes from the Republican and Democratic nominees.

He first must win the Reform Party nomination, no small task if billionaire Donald Trump - who joined the party's New York affiliate Monday - Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura or party founder Ross Perot jump in the race.

Buchanan is a longshot for the presidency. National polls suggest that no more than one in 10 voters support him.

Starting down what he called "our Patriot's Road," the pugnacious conservative had harsh words for President Clinton, presidential front-runner

George W. Bush, the Supreme Court, the Education Department, leaders of both major parties, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and "the godless New World Order."

"Let me say to the money bags and the Beltway elites who think that, at long last, they have pulled up their drawbridge and locked us out forever: You don't know this peasant army. We have not yet begun to fight!" Buchanan said.

"Go Pat, go!" shouted more than 300 supporters from the

ranks of the Republican and Reform parties, gathered at a suburban Washington hotel.

His sound system repeatedly falling him, the former Nixon White House aide joked, "Who put G. Gordon Liddy in charge of the microphones?" Buchanan is the sixth person to quit the GOP nomination race, leaving Bush and five others. A compacted primary schedule and the Texas governor's record-slating fund-raising winnowed the field earlier than usual.

Buchanan criticized Bush's education plans and delivered a veiled slap at the GOP front-runner by saying both parties "seek out the hollow men, the malleable men" as candidates.



Pat Buchanan Must first win Reform Party nomination.

# THE REGION

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

## Camas Prairie

High: 61 Low: 21  
Mostly cloudy and cooler, with a slight chance of rain showers tonight. Mostly sunny on Wednesday.

## Treasure Valley

High: 63 Low: 36  
Mostly cloudy with light rain showers possible in the evening. Partly cloudy on Wednesday, with highs in the 60s.

## Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 61 Low: 29  
Mostly sunny in the morning, becoming partly cloudy this afternoon, partly sunny on Wednesday.

## Eastern Idaho

High: 66 Low: 33  
Mostly sunny in the morning, turning partly cloudy this afternoon. Partly cloudy with possible showers on Wednesday.

## Northern Idaho

High: 56 Low: 36  
Mostly cloudy with a chance of morning rain. Partly cloudy on Wednesday with highs near 60.

## Northern Utah

High: 74 Low: 27  
Mostly sunny today and partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy with a chance of showers on Wednesday.

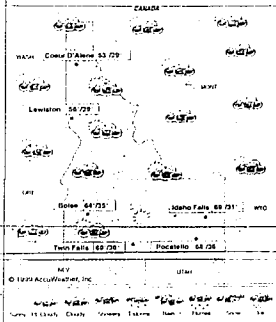
## Northern Nevada

High: 60 Low: 30  
Mostly cloudy, with winds at 10 mph. Partly cloudy on Wednesday.

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 60 Low: 36 Mostly cloudy, with winds at 10 mph. A chance of rain tonight.	High: 62 Low: 34 Partly cloudy, turning to mostly sunny.	High: 60 Low: 33 Mostly cloudy, breezy and cooler.	High: 60s Low: 30s Partly cloudy.	High: 60s Low: 30s Partly cloudy.

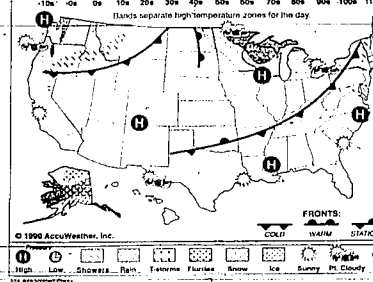
## Idaho weather

Tuesday, Oct. 26  
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



## National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, Oct. 26.



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Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 74/32	Yesterday in Twin Falls .02
Last year 61/36	Normal to date: .58
Normal 62/32	Water year to date: .42
	Normal year to date: .42

Idaho	Highs/Lows
Boise 74/39	Idaho: High: 75, Low: 18 degrees
Burley 76/37	Idaho: High: 75, Low: 18 degrees
Coeur d'Alene 55/18	Idaho: High: 90 at Thermal, Calif. Low: 12 at Camas, Colo.
Grangeville 37 m	
Luganman 75/28	
Idaho Falls 69/26	
LeVernia 75/28	
Malad 74 m	Comfort factors
Malta 75/28	Nwan humidity 20%
McCall 63/22	Nwan humidity 38.25
Pocastello 71/26	Nwan humidity 30%
Salmon 63/21	the pollen and mold (cannot report) has ended for the season.
Stanley 64/18	
Sun Valley 66/25	

## The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pep
Albuquerque	74	46	.....
Anchorage	53	28	.....
Atlanta	73	37	.....
Boston	50	30	.....
Chicago	65	35	.....
Dallas	74	49	.....
Denver	73	37	.....
Detroit	59	31	.....
Honolulu	85	74	.01
Los Angeles	77	41	.....
Indianapolis	62	31	.....
Kansas City	64	26	.....
Las Vegas	85	36	.....
Los Angeles	85	36	.....
Miami Beach	79	67	.....
Minneapolis	67	37	.....
Murphy	68	41	.....
New Orleans	68	47	.....
New York	59	46	.....
Oklahoma City	82	42	.....
Omaha	72	25	.....
Phoenix	72	61	.....
Pittsburgh	55	33	.04
Portland, Ore.	68	48	.....
Reno	78	37	.....
St. Louis	71	39	.....
Salt Lake City	68	48	.....
San Francisco	54	45	.14
Seattle	55	35	.....
Spokane	61	39	.....
Washington	65	41	.....
Yuma	95	71	.....

Canadian Cities	High	Low	Pep
Calgary	60	25	.....
Edmonton	60	25	.....
Toronto	46	28	.....
Vancouver	56	39	.....

# Clinton grudgingly signs \$268B defense bill

## President avers possible veto override

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton signed the \$268 billion defense spending bill Monday and averred that would have been a tough and risky Payne Stewart, who has had such a remarkable career and impact on his sport and a remarkable resurgence in the last couple of years.

Stewart lived in Orlando and had been expected in Houston on Tuesday in advance of the Tour Championship, a tournament for the top 30 players on the

Nevertheless, he said, "In good conscience I cannot allow our national security needs to be held hostage to this budget battle."

Clinton's decision leaves five battling Republicans over live spending bills to achieve his demand for \$5 billion to \$10 billion more for hiring teachers and police officers, buying park land, foreign aid and other programs.

These differences, plus administrative opposition to provisions helping the mining, ranching and oil industries, seem unlikely to be resolved until next month.

By signing the Pentagon measure, Clinton avoided escalating and prolonging the budget fight

further and intensifying bitter feelings between the parties.

"Although we'll continue to have some period of time of hard work, yes, I'm optimistic this makes it even that much easier" to resolve the budget battle, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, told reporters.

In recent days, Clinton had considered rejecting the measure to gain leverage in the budget fight by making it a bargaining chip in his push for more money.

In the end, the bill proved too hotly with popular spending for a veto to be politically feasible. Costing \$4.5 billion more than Clinton requested, the bill includ-

## Israel opens 'safe passage'

ERETZ CROSSING, Gaza Strip (AP) - Hundreds of eager Palestinians shouldering duffel bags and suitcases Tuesday miles across Israel on Monday - inaugurating a "safe passage" that for the first time links the areas under their control and takes them a step closer to statehood.

For some, the passage by bus or taxi between the Gaza Strip

and the West Bank was their first glimpse inside the country they had struggled against for years.

From the window of his taxi, Sami Ahmed, a 19-year-old who had never before left Gaza, intently observed the Israeli landscapes flying by: communal farms, pine forests and the occasional military jeep guarding the route.

## Stewart

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all of sports. He will always be remembered as a very special competitor and one who contributed enormously to the positive image of professional golf.

PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchen said:

President Clinton said: "I am profoundly sorry for the loss of a great player and a great man."

Professional Golfers' Association money list. He attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas and had friends in the area.

Also killed were Stewart's agents, Robert Frisley and Van Ardan, and the two pilots, identified as Michael Kling, 43, and Stephanie Bellegrazette, 27. The jet was operated by Sunjet Aviation Inc.

Two officials from the Federal Aviation Administration were sent to investigate the crash, along with a representative from the National Transportation Safety Board.

Planes that fly above 12,000 feet are pressurized, because the air is

too thin to breathe at that altitude. If a plane loses pressure, those aboard could slowly lose consciousness or, if an aircraft broke a door or window seal, perish in seconds from lack of oxygen.

Once reaching a cruising altitude, pilots often switch on the autopilot. If they pass out, the plane could continue on until it ran out of fuel.

Gov. Bill Janklow, who was at the crash site, said it appeared Stewart's Learjet ran out of fuel because there was no fire. He said the plane and the bodies were obliterated.

Instances in which a civilian jet lost pressure in flight are extremely rare.

However, the Stewart crash was similar to an accident nearly 20 years ago that took the life of Louisiana State University football coach Bo Rein. Rein left Shreveport, La., in 1980 in a private plane en route to Baton Rouge. Radio contact with the plane was lost, and the plane flew off course for hundreds of miles before going down in the Atlantic off Virginia. Investigators think the plane may have lost pressure.

The last communication from Stewart's jet was over Gainesville, Fla., said Tony Molinaro, an FAA spokesman in Chicago.

## Easements

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and it includes \$750,000 for continued construction of the Tafe Tunnel Bicycle Trail in northern Idaho.

In addition, the legislation includes language forbidding the federal government from relocating grizzly bears into Idaho or Montana during fiscal

year 2000, so officials can complete an environmental impact assessment. Another provision allows limited increases for recreational cabin owners, including those in the Sawtooth National Forest, for fiscal year 2000.

The bill now awaits the president's signature.

## Budget

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That has changed.

"If we had all of our departmental funding as efficiently as that one, we'd have a real big surplus," said Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, who oversees Judicial Corrections from both the budget and House Judiciary, Rules and Administration committees.

All but 5 percent of the state's juvenile crime problem is handled in the counties, Reinke said, allowing most of the children to stay in their communities.

"We want to help kids in their own homes," he said. "In our system, a representative from our system."

It's a system that makes sense,

him with broken ribs and two broken ankles.

He zipped around the meeting room, though, and said he should be out of the chair by Thanksgiving. He even joked about his wheels.

"I'm a lot safer on four (wheels) than I am on two," he said. "There's no question about that."

## US West

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its training programs as part of a "sweeping service initiative" its president said has begun to bear fruit.

"We have turned a corner," said Solomon Trujillo. "The numbers really do show that we're going to continue to improve, and we are committed."

He pointed to improvements measured by two key gauges of

service quality: help orders, or how long customers must wait to get service installed, and repair intervals, or how long they had to have broken phone lines fixed.

Installation time was at its worst in August, when nearly 4,500 customers waited more than a month for service, Trujillo said that number was down by about 10 percent in September and promised it will decrease by 30 percent, to about 3,100, by year's end.

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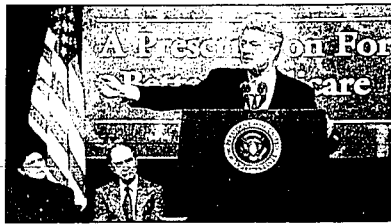
# Clinton orders drug-cost study

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton ordered a federal study of drug costs Monday, saying American senior citizens shouldn't have to "get on the bus to Canada" to buy medicine at lower prices.

He also accused the pharmaceutical industry of "flat-out falsehoods" in a multimillion-dollar advertising campaign aimed at killing his proposal to include voluntary prescription coverage in Medicare.

The president escalated an already bitter feud between the administration and the drug industry over the government's role in health care. His action also guaranteed an election-year fight between Democrats and Republicans over Medicare drug benefits, now that Clinton's prescription proposal has been shelved by the GOP.

Industry ads, featuring a character called Flo and her husband



President Clinton makes a series of announcements on the need to strengthen and modernize Medicare Monday as pharmacist Colon Kayden, left, and Medicare recipient Steven Callus, middle, look on.

Bill, claim that Clinton's Medicare plan would put "big government in our medicine cabinets" and force all seniors into a

government-run plan. The White House denies those charges and says seniors pay too much for drugs and need help.

# Millions click on Internet auction of models' eggs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Beautiful models offered their eggs for sale in an Internet auction Monday, touching off a fierce debate over the ethics of what is being called "Darwin at his very best."

Ronsangels.com, a Web site run by fashion photographer and Arabian horse breeder Roa Harris, is aimed at parents who want good-looking babies — and who would pay up to \$150,000 for the eggs.

"It is distasteful, but it can't be stopped and it shouldn't be stopped. If people want to spend \$150,000 for the eggs of a gorgeous woman who has an IQ of 68, let them," fertility expert Bill Jandiel said.

"Of the 5 million hits the site received by midday Monday, there were four or five bids for the three models featured, Harris said. At least one bid, for \$2,000, appeared legitimate, he said.

"The Web site contains glamorous photos of the women and boasts that the models are in excellent health. But no information about their intelligence, education or medical history was provided. Two of the models said they were single, one said she was married with a 5-year-old daughter.

Harris contends that being beautiful can lead to a successful life.

"This is Darwin at his very best. It's the butterfly that's the prettiest that gets the guys," said the 55-year-old father of three.

"Others took issue with the idea. "It's unethical and it's distasteful," said Sean Tipton of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine. "I think this Web site is mostly going to attract adolescent boys. It's not hard for 13-year-old boys to make bids on these eggs."

"It's a crashout anyway. Just



Ron Harris

because you have an egg from a beautiful woman, it doesn't mean you'll have a beautiful kid," said Harris, founder of the Beverly Hills-based Center for Surrogate Parenting Inc. and Egg Donation Inc. His firm has 350 women in its database and they get \$2,500 to \$3,000 for an egg.

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# GOP will set up spending bill showdown

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Republicans intend to pass a bill today requiring a 1.4 percent cut across the board in this year's federal spending. It might require real sacrifice from programs that serve people if it ever became law — but it won't.

President Clinton is going to veto it, and Congress lacks the votes to override him. This showdown between Congress and Clinton is really all about political posturing — Republicans argue the money can be found painlessly by eliminating wasteful spending and Democrats maintain such indiscriminate cuts would hurt needy services.

Independent analysts say the real impact of a 1.4 percent cut is difficult to pinpoint. But this GOP cut is an important symbolic step along the line to next year's elections. Republicans say their spending cuts would leave decisions on how to enforce the reductions up to federal agency heads, who they say could target nonessential spending without hurting services, the public really needs.

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MORNING BREAK

# Friend's advice may have come too late

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- Music chairs...
- Rhyme of CNY
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- Unnamed bad joke
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- Abandon faith
- Corner pipe
- Delimion
- Certain
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- Resounding defeat
- Mean fish
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- Make a pledge
- Iron monitor
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- Down the crowd
- Hostilities

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- Madama
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**DEAR ABBY:** I could not disagree with you more strongly regarding your advice to "Worried About My Friend," who doesn't want to be in her friend's wedding. She told you she thought her friend's fiancé was abusive, and the marriage would be the biggest mistake of her friend's life. You told her to be there for the bride on her big day and afterward, in case she had to help her pick up the pieces of her broken heart - that's what friends are for.



DEAR ABBY  
Abigail VanBuren

Abby, a friend should speak up when a friend is about to make a terrible mistake. Most of us need help when making important choices. We may not see ourselves - or people with whom we are in love - as others do. We lack objectivity.

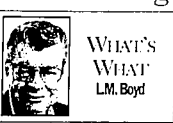
Anyone considering giving this kind of advice takes the risk of rejection, embarrassment or error. When making a decision to offer advice, one should ask: "Is my decision made to help my friend? Is it motivated by love?"

You may be right, Abby, that it's unlikely anyone with wedding plans will listen to such advice, but it's not impossible. Some may listen. For the sake of those, I hope you will publish my letter. Friends are not just for picking up the pieces of a broken heart. They are also for trying to catch that heart before it shatters on the hard pavement of a poor decision.

In my opinion, a true friend values the friend over the friendship. Risking the friendship for the sake of the friend can be an act of great love.

## The older you are, the more you have eyes for wool clothing

The human animal and every other kind that gazes from here to yonder "to see what's out there" is looking for the same thing: something that moves. The older you get, the more you're inclined to buy wool. That's known to all textile marketers.



WHAT'S WHAT  
LM Boyd

Our Love and War man reports the Italians have banned love making in moving automobiles, and are said to be especially strict about car nibbling.

Q. Where's Gun Barrel City?  
A. On Cedar Creek Lake south-east of Dallas in Texas.

A third of the spaghetti is eaten by youngsters.

That Albert Einstein didn't wear socks was no something thing. He didn't even wear socks at his induction for U.S. citizenship.

Q. Among amateur painters, which are in the majority - the men or the women?  
A. The women - about 65 percent.

Research indicates that 13 out of 17 new mothers - within two hours after first exposures to their infants - can identify their babies' clothing by scent. It takes about six weeks for the majority of babies to identify their mothers' clothing that way.

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## Here's a catchy response for ever-changing Libra

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** This could be your money day! You have had numerous opportunities, but they slipped away. Do permit that to occur. Cancer native involved.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Cycle high, you will have reason to celebrate. Highlight entertainment, relaxation of playing game that you win. Gemini, Sagittarius persons involved.

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**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Give attention to real estate, mystery

### HOROSCOPE

Sydney Ormer

and intrigue, hunch pays off. What you take for granted will amaze others. Know it, be aware, alert, act accordingly.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Passion dominates. People insist you are different. Respond: "I am different every day if only you would bother to look." Cancer natives involved.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Fame, fortune, distinct possibility if you press on. Accept challenges if they are more than mere provocations. Aries, Libra persons figure in scenario.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Make way for the new. Let the past go, imprint your style on the future. You will know once and for all you are loved. What a fascinating Tuesday.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Individual who reneged on promise attempts to make it up. Don't let that person off so easily. Write terms, insist on fulfillment. Another Capricorn involved.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Investigate, discover, enjoy. During social occasion you could be struck by Cupid's arrow. No need to feel guilty, proves only you are human. Sagittarius involved.

**PISCES (Feb. 18-March 20):** Tear down in order to rebuild. You will know where you are going to live, whether to buy or sell property. Scorpio individual wants plenty.

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## NBC honors Berle, Caesar

**NEW YORK (AP) -** Lights! Camera! And action for Milton Berle and Sid Caesar as they were honored Monday as the first inductees in NBC's walk of fame. The 91-year-old Uncle Moe told a crowd: "I think it was 1951, I signed a lifetime contract with NBC. It expired 20 years ago."

Berle dominated television in the 1950s with his "Texaco Star Theater" and "The Milton Berle Show."

"It's a wonderful, wonderful business, a terribly important business," Caesar said. "It sets the culture for the United States. It sets the culture for the world, television."

NBC plans to add several new names each year.

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Radiologist  
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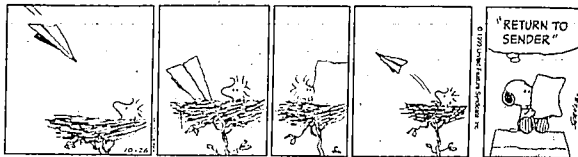
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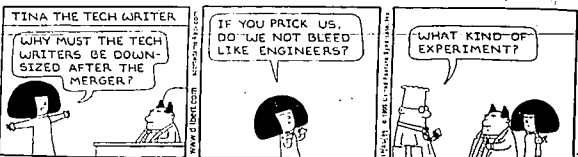
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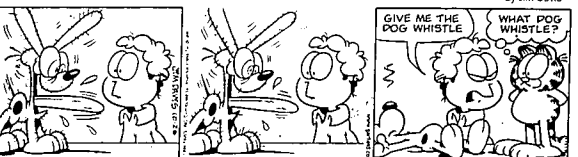
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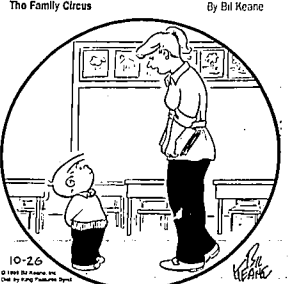
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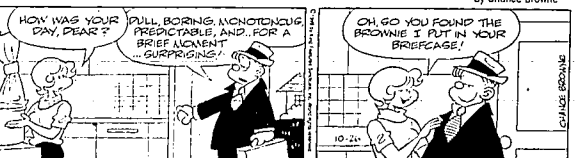
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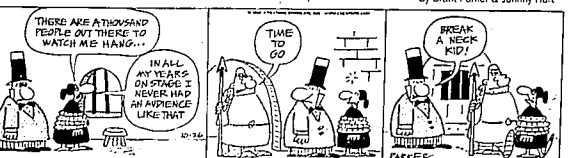
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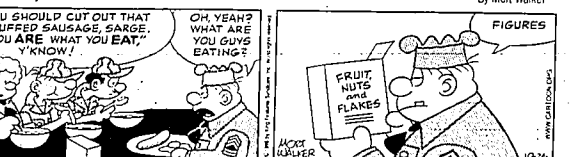
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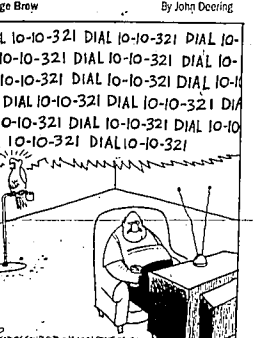
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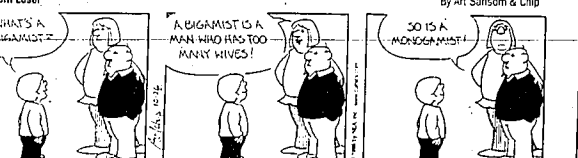
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### Microsoft's new OSes

The inner workings and features of Microsoft's future operating systems are anybody's guess, but the old 95 and 98 code is giving way to that of the NT operating system.



### Microsoft Windows 95, 98, NT, 2000?

- Windows 98 Second Edition  
This OS came out in June as an incremental upgrade to Windows 95. Though it is not a "must own," it has bug fixes, additional drivers and improved network support.
- Windows 2000  
This is Windows NT 5 with a different name. It will have a friendlier interface and greatly improved hardware support. Not likely to come out until 2000. See [www.microsoft.com/health/nt5.htm](http://www.microsoft.com/health/nt5.htm) for a hardware compatibility list (177 pages long). See [www.microsoft.com/windows/professionals/2000keynote/compatible\\_for\\_a\\_software\\_compatibility\\_list](http://www.microsoft.com/windows/professionals/2000keynote/compatible_for_a_software_compatibility_list).
- Millennium, aka Consumer Windows in 2000  
Though possibly confusing, this OS is based on the Windows 95 and 98 code and home networking. It is due in late 2000.
- Neptune, aka Windows 2000 for Consumers  
It is expected that the NT and OSes will come together into one OS (this one) sometime in 2001.

## Flipping photos between formats can be a snap

Jim Coates  
Chicago Tribune

### Computer Q&A

**QUESTION:** I have several photographs saved as .bmp files that I would like to export into a program I have that will only accept .jpg format. Is there any way to easily convert these .bmp files into .jpg?

**ANSWER:** There is a do-it-yourself solution using the Windows clipboard that is at least good enough for government work. Mr. C. The idea is to copy the picture into the computer's memory (also called the clipboard) from the program where it is a .bmp and then paste it into the program that accepts files in the .jpg format.

So call up that photo as a .bmp in the Paint program included in Windows under the Accessories menu. Once it is displayed in Paint, click on the Edit command at the top of the screen and then choose Select All and then Copy.

Now open your program that works in the .jpg format and then select the option New under the File command at the top of the screen. Next click on the Edit command in that program and choose Paste. Voila, the picture you copied from Paint as a .bmp will appear. Now save it as a .jpg and you'll be in business in

either format.

**Q:** I'm new at this computer business, and I read the questions and your answers regularly. My question at the moment concerns leaving the computer and monitor on in the sleep mode for extended periods of time (24-plus hours) or shutting it off at night when it won't be used for 8 to 10 hours.

**A:** This question of whether to leave one's computer snoozing or shutting it down completely overnight generates the same sort of heat for those of us in computer Q&A journalism as Ann Landers gets over whether to drop the toilet paper from the front of the roll or the back of the roll.

The answer, as Ann Landers found while squeezing the Charmin, is that there is no one correct answer, Mr. C. I keep my computers running around the clock because I am a heavy user and hate to wait for any machine to boot up in the morning. This also lets me schedule things like hard drive disk defragmentation and America's Online automatic e-mail downloads after I've gone beddy bye, but it does cost a bit of money.

## Encyclopaedia Britannica goes online

### Publisher won't charge for information

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Encyclopaedia Britannica, the longtime leader in information that has lost its way in the Internet era, is giving away its knowledge for free in a desperate bid to stay afloat.

The publisher's 32-volume set is available to anyone who surfs the Web. The only catch: You have to wade through advertisements — Britannica's source of revenue — for the risky move — to get your information.

### British Web surfers can tune into music

Knight Ridder News Service

Music while surfing the Internet is on the way from handheld computer maker Psion. It is to launch a device that will make it possible to listen to digital radio on a PC.

The PC radio device is expected to be available soon after the launch next month of Digital One, the national commercial digital radio broadcaster.

The device will make it possible for laptop users to get real-time entertainment and information while on the move without having to use a phone line.

Digital One says that 25 percent of surfers listen to the radio while on the net.

The Psion device, as yet unnamed, is expected to connect via a PC card into the back of a computer.

Apart from crystal-clear sound, digital radio also allows information to be transmitted alongside broadcasts that could be displayed on a PC screen.

The PC digital radio is part of Psion's policy of widening its product range, and will be its fourth new device this year.

ak (an ancient East Asian music) to Zoroastrianism (a Persian religion) — can be found at the Chicago company's retitled site, [www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com).

Hoping to emulate the success of Amazon, Yahoo and others, the site also offers current information from newspapers, news agencies and 70 magazines as well as community services such as e-mail, weather forecasts and financial market reports.

The head of the new company split off by the publishing company to house its digital properties, Britannica.com Inc., tried to put the best spin on the venture, calling this "a momentous day for knowledge seekers every-

where." "Purchasing the Encyclopaedia Britannica was once a major milestone in a family's life, but today we are fulfilling our promise to make it more accessible to more people worldwide," said Don Yannias, the new company's chief executive officer.

But giving up its prime asset for free — bound volumes still go for about \$1,250 a set — shows the straits into which the 231-year-old company has fallen.

Encyclopaedia Britannica had revenue of \$650 million and a sales force of 2,300 at its peak in 1989. Revenue estimates are no longer available from the privately held company, where the

work force is thought to number about 350.

The company lost ground badly when Microsoft, after being spurred by Britannica, teamed with discount market encyclopedia publisher Fink & Wagnalls to produce a colorful, multimedia encyclopedia on CD-ROM in 1993. Britannica's own CD-ROM version, released a year later, was low on graphics and did not fare well.

It also became the first encyclopedia available on the Web in 1994, but the reception was muted by the \$85-a-year subscription fee.

House calls by salesmen, once a company trademark, were dropped in 1996.

## Data-retrieving program saves day

Knight Ridder News Service

If you have valuable information you want to protect, then what I'm going to tell you should interest you to take some action.

If you're not afraid of losing your data, you should be. Stop and think about the information floating around your office PCs. Do you have stuff you can't afford to lose? If so, make a copy now to protect it and grab a copy of PowerQuest's Lost and Found, just in case.

This is a familiar story. Valuable information is kept on a PC without any backup. Oh, there was talk of making arrangements for some sort of backup, such as buying a Zip Drive or a tape drive, but nothing was ever done until it was too late.

Then came the big crash, and it came without warning. On a routine start-up of this computer, the hard drive lost its way. It was like it didn't exist, or it went back to its birth. No utility or program could see a single byte on this fairly new (and large) hard drive. Panic set in because of the value of the lost information.

This happened recently in one department at a local hospital.

Although it wasn't medical data, the lost information included a database that kept track of a long series of seminars and important financial and contact information amassed over several years. The department couldn't afford to lose the information.

The computer was brought into the computer department where the experts live. And all of us came away scratching our heads. It was out of the realm of our expertise. There are folks who make their living retrieving information from dead hard drives, but they're expensive. Quotes on this job ranged up to \$4,000, and this department was willing to pay it.

Then we discovered Lost & Found, a new program from PowerQuest that worked a miracle. Although all other utilities failed to find anything on the drive, Lost & Found's demonstration program predicted it could recover all the information. (For further information, visit [www.powerquest.com](http://www.powerquest.com).)

Information on the program to our hard drive and let it run for 24 hours. The cost was about \$70. Want to see a miracle? Then buy this program. Although it

runs on only one computer, the price is worth it. If the drive will still spin, you stand a chance of recovering your data.

Here are a few of the tasks it will perform:

- Recover and restore data after accidental (or even intentional) data loss.
- Recover from corrupted media caused by a disk crash or logical system failure.
- Recover data even if the partition has been reformatted or if the FAT tables have been destroyed.

Now that I've told you about the life raft, don't you think you should protect your valuable data so you don't lose sleep over it? Here are some things you might do:

- Don't worry about the programs on your computers, just the data you create.
- Talk with your computer support people about some sort of backup system.
- Then, use it. At the very least, buy a Zip Drive (a parallel port version fits on nearly any computer) and make copies of your key data. Since a Zip disk holds 100 megabytes, you can make a copy of just about anything.

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## EDITORIAL

### Cheese plant at Crossroads would foul everyone's nest

We've seen some ill-planned ideas in our time, but the recently-disclosed scheme to spread a proposed cheese plant's wastewater near the Crossroads Ranch is as shameful as they come.

It could pollute and plunder the primary source of drinking water for the city of Twin Falls. It also could foul the area around a major highway junction before it has time to develop properly.

Jermine County taxpayers had better hang onto their wallets if they let county Commissioner Roy Prescott embroil them in a proposal that's certain to wind up in court.

They should also be on guard lest they wind up paying for a new sewer plant to serve Crossroads.

The issue centers on WestFarm Foods Inc. - formerly known as Dairygold Inc. - and its desire to build a large cheese-processing plant. In this case, large equals more than 4 million pounds of cheese per day. The company is eyeing a site owned by Crossroads Ranch near the junction of Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93.

We support agricultural processing, which is a vital part of the Magic Valley's economy. But as processing plants must be built in the right places, and with appropriate disposal methods. The proposal from WestFarm Foods is so egregiously bad that it could plunge southern Idaho's dairy industry into complete public disrepute.

The fatal flaw is a scheme to spread wastewater from the plant onto land located nearby. Land application of dairy processing waste is simply not

appropriate in a high-traffic area of homes, highways and human activity. To even propose this is to show immense disregard for the citizens of Jerome County, whom Prescott purports to represent, and for the entire Magic Valley.

Spreading wastewater on the land is just a short-term plan, Prescott says, adding that it would be the most cost-effective solution. In this case, "cost-effective" is a euphemism for "cheap" - as in "too cheap to do the right thing."

Though nominally a public servant, Prescott appears to be blind to everything but the economics of Crossroads Ranch. Trouble is, Crossroads Ranch doesn't have a clear mission, which is why Prescott and Crossroads Manager Steve Thorson keep trying to create one. The cheese plant is their latest flawed idea.

Instead of dredging up an idea that would foul everyone's nest, the people behind Crossroads Ranch should focus on activities that are free of environmental concerns. A change of direction is needed. We urge Crossroads owner Arlen B. Crouch to explore uses that enhance, rather than degrade, the property and the surrounding area.

Also, WestFarm Foods should publicly withdraw this land-application idea as unworthy of its long-term, positive commitment to the Magic Valley and its quality of life. The land-application "idea" shows, yet again, that Prescott is little more than a mouthpiece for Crossroads. WestFarm Foods shouldn't take part in this charade.



### Society is poorer for the loss of John Chafee

The death of Sen. John H. Chafee, the veteran Republican from Rhode Island, is more than a personal loss to his countless friends, his state and the nation. In a time of rampant partisanship, it is a reminder of a tradition of public service that looked beyond narrow ideological and class lines to an inclusive view of the public interest.



Chafee was an embodiment of the Yankee Protestant commercial aristocracy - a scion of one of Rhode Island's first families, but a man of such engaging openness that he was cherished by the working class, Roman Catholic, immigrant and overwhelmingly Democratic constituents who repeatedly chose him as their governor and senator.

The archetype of that class in the previous generation was Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts, the red-faced governor and senator who always drew the biggest cheers at Billy Bulger's St. Patrick's Day breakfasts in South Boston.

Once, they were a familiar type in their native Northeast and in Midwestern and Western states, where their families settled in the great westward migration. A few remain - Bob Taft, the governor of Ohio, is one. But mostly they are either long out of office, like Bill Scrantom and Bill Milliken, the former governors of Pennsylvania and Michigan, or dead, like former New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Oregon Gov. Tom McCall.

They gave a distinctly human and politically progressive cast to the national Republican Party at a time when it was increasingly being seen as the instrument of a more hard-edged conservatism, rooted in the South. When the Senate Republican Conference in 1990 ousted Chafee from its chairmanship, the No. 3 position in the party leadership, on a 22-1 vote in favor of Sen.

Thad Cochran of Mississippi, it marked a shift in direction that was later confirmed by the election of Newt Gingrich of Georgia to the House speakership and Mississippi's Trent Lott to the Senate majority leadership.

By that time, Chafee had a long career of public service behind him. He had spent six years in the state legislature, six years as governor, almost four years as secretary of the Navy and had been in the Senate since 1977. Along with his perfect academic credentials - Yale University, Harvard Law School - Chafee also had unusually strong views of his personal courage. He was a Marine Corps veteran of Guadalcanal in World War II who was recalled to active duty as commander of a rifle company in Korea.

Such a man is not easily cast aside, and Chafee labored until his death to accomplish national goals in the Senate. His greatest success came in environmental law protecting the oceans. He loved against oil spills and trash dumping. And with Democrat George Mitchell of Maine, he helped achieve the legislative compromises that made possible passage of the 1990 Clean Air Act.

From his years as governor onward, Chafee had a passionate concern for health care. He had seen too often how the working families in Rhode Island's many low-wage industries struggled to pay their medical bills. During the health care debates in 1993-94, he worked tirelessly to fashion a compromise between the Clinton administration proposal, whose bureaucratic excesses he em-

demned, and the negativism that increasingly perturbed Republican ranks as they recognized the short-term political gains to be achieved by defeating the Clinton scheme.

Privately, he would lament the partisan forces that carried his friend and leader, Bob Dole, away from the camp of those seeking a sensible compromise and into the camp of implacable opponents. When all others had given up hope, Chafee, Mitchell and John Brents were still looking for a way out.

Just a few months ago, he attempted a similar role in the Senate debate on patients' protection in managed-care health organizations. And once again, his honorable compromise was rejected.

But Chafee never lost his buoyant confidence that people of good will could be brought together to do great things. And it is that spirit that will be missed most of all.

Years ago, when he was attending a National Governors' Association meeting in Cincinnati, Chafee decided that "I can't stand going to another self-congratulatory banquet" with his fellow governors. Someone had tipped him off to a good fish house, "not far out of town," on the Ohio River, so he filled up a car with reporters and headed out.

An hour later, we were still searching for the place. Most politicians by that time would have been chewing out the driver or blaming their staffs for failing to get better directions. But the longer we searched, the more Chafee laughed at our plight, and the more stories he dredged up about similar misadventures in his life. The trip proved to be more memorable than the meal. The man who made it so - and brought his special qualities to so many other occasions - was John Chafee.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

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## LETTERS

### A truly sad day, this one

It is truly a sad day when the bill for a person is born and people complain of overpopulation. We should rejoice for this is the first commandment the Lord gave to man, "Be fruitful and multiply." Does mankind have so little faith that the divine creator cannot thin human population as he does in the animal world? This earth can sustain many more people if we but use our earthly resources wisely.

Sadness is the greed of corporate mergers, when money and the possession of things become objects of worship.

Sadness is having Twin Falls High School football players gather in self-initiated prayer only to have the coaches use the Lord's name vainly to curse anything that everything they don't see is in their liking.

Sadness is greed justifying stores to remain open on Sunday and employers requiring employees to give up their day of worship, be it on Saturday or Sunday, or lose their job.

Sadness is parents being afraid to correct their children for fear that the parents will be jailed for child abuse, then having to pay the state when their children break the laws. "He that spares the rod hates his child; but he that loves his child chastens his child early" (Proverbs 13:24).

Sadness is murderers of children going free, children committing murders and the unborn being brought to the world but not having the opportunity to come

into the world. Sadness is Hollywood glorifying adultery, fornication and sodomy and forcing their ill behavior as acceptable or an alternative lifestyle.

Sadness is cheating on taxes because the government isn't considered to be our fellow man, although that is who the government sustains through various programs.

Sadness is all the tolerance one is to have for the evils that go on in the world, but another cannot show tolerance or respect while those seeking righteousness pray publicly. I thought we had the freedom of religion. Then why is it being oppressed? Is this a land of country reverting back to the ideals of the monarchy that we broke away from when our forefathers came on the Mayflower?

With the injustice that goes on today, I can only go on faith that each of us will receive our just reward in heaven.  
DEANA STEEL  
Twin Falls

### A simple request for hog owners

A residential request: Yes, it seems certain that Sawtooth Farms will have their way with their hog factory. We have just one request. Mr. Achs, his family and business associates - responsible for the foreseeable future at or near their facility. They must also use only local water sources.  
LEE AND BOBBIE KELLY  
Twin Falls

### Theft puts a damper on the fun

Halloween should always be a "fun" time of the year, especially for the young and young at heart. We have always enjoyed the "trick or treaters," and this year would have been no exception, except for a trick which was played on us that was anything but desirable and has left a bad aura around the meaning of "All Hallow's Eve." We, like so many others, decorate our home for the enjoyment of others as well as ourselves. This year, however, someone chose, on the morning of Oct. 18, to take our one-of-a-kind, hand-painted, smiling-face scarecrow, with his light blue pants and cap and dark blue jacket

and multi-colored patches, from our front porch. He had been there for the two previous years with no problem, and now he is gone! Our hope is that whoever took him will not destroy him but enjoy him and return him to our porch.

I'm not sure what makes this happen. The short adrenaline rush one would get from taking what does not belong to them is short-lived. If it is teen-agers, do they not have to explain to their parents where things came from? If it was adults, the shame on them! I guess we are just too old to understand the "I'll take it" attitude of some.

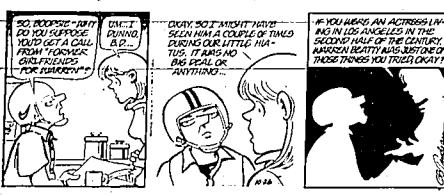
We would also like to comment on the piece written by Laurie Seamons in Sunday's paper. We appreciate her

views; however, we will have our lights on both nights. Also, in regard to Christmas and the stigma merchants have put on it written by Gayle Parish, we agree with her but have made a personal choice to first "give thanks" on Thanksgiving and then move on to the beautiful religious holiday of Christmas and appreciate its meaning.

We would like to wish all who enjoy life a Happy Halloween and hope that if anyone should see our happy face little scarecrow they might return it to its place on our porch.  
MR. AND MRS. GARY A. THOMPSON  
Twin Falls

## LETTER

### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley



# LETTERS NOW proves itself to be unabashedly sexist in its views

## Down with the devil's day

I'm writing this letter about Halloween. I think Halloween is wrong and evil. The reason I think Halloween is evil and wrong is the devil is in delight, and a lot of witchcraft is going on. I have the fall months because it is my birthday, and it is a nice time of the year. The reason I don't like it is Halloween.

I hope you make the right choice and have a fun and safe Halloween!

DANIEL THEIMAN  
Twin Falls

## Hotel would be beautiful

Aesthetics and facility abound in the original proposal for building two high-rise hotels at the canyon's edge. The project will add beauty to the skyline of the city and will counter the urban sprawl of the shopping centers in nearby locations. The approach to Twin Falls from the north with The Towers is a plus. It will enhance the beauty of the canyon rather than detract from it. You can't appreciate the canyon as you enter Twin Falls. It isn't visible within an eight-mile drive. Canyon beauty can only be appreciated if you stand on the edge and look in.

Think what a beautiful view of the canyon, the city and the valley there will be for the guests of the high-rise hotels. To this, add a convention center and several five-star restaurants. The project will do the same for Twin Falls as the Coeur d'Alene Hotel Resort did on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Who knows, we might even get a Cloud Seven restaurant in one of the high-rise hotels with a view of the whole valley.

We are indeed fortunate to have Craig Nielsen, a native of Twin Falls, willing and able to risk the kind of capital it takes to develop such a worthwhile project for the city and county of Twin Falls. His previous accomplishments should assure us of excellence.

The advantages to the city are numerous. Two beautiful high-rise hotels are a real tourist attraction. The convention center will attract all kinds of business conventions and meetings from in-state and out-of-state. They will meet the requirements of the rapidly growing tourist industry, a clean and lucrative economic plus for the area. The increased tax base is welcome.

Let's repeal the archaic ordinances that stand in the way and impede progress. We need this development as originally proposed. Please make your opinions known to the City Council and the planning and zoning board if you agree that the proposal be approved as submitted. It is time for the silent majority to speak.

JOHN M. CONOVER  
Buhl

## The end is near!

The deadline for letters related to the Nov. 2 election is 5 p.m. Wednesday. Though the deadline is fast approaching, we will publish election-related letters every day until the election.

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You no longer have to read between the lines to divine the National Organization for Women's agenda.

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That's the only conclusion one can draw upon reviewing NOW's objections to proposed federal legislation, popularly known as the "Fathers Count" bill (HR 3073). NOW really doesn't like the bill because, well, it seems helpful to men. The fact that helping men might result ultimately in helping women and children is irrelevant. Anything that purports to help men is suspect. In the case of the Father Counts bill, NOW claims that it's unconstitutional.

**KATHLEEN PARKER**

Martha F. Davis, legal director for NOW's Legal Defense and Education Fund, recently wrote the following to Rep. Nancy L. Johnson, chair of the subcommittee on Human Resources:

"Because they (the bill's authors) tie the federal benefits available under the Act to gender (i.e. "fatherhood"), these provisions violate the equal protection guarantee of the Fifth Amendment."  
 One could cast NOW's protest in a favorable light. They just want to advance equality, right?

But one would be wrong. When it comes to legislation aimed only at helping women, NOW forgets everything it knows about the equal protection guarantee of the Fifth Amendment.

Then, last week - NOW began protesting Vice President Gore's support of the "Fathers Count" bill, pointing out that the bill would fund \$150 million to "local and national organizations, many of them likely to be fathers' rights groups and right-wing (as opposed to left-wing) religious organizations."

In an e-mail alert, NOW urged its members to lobby Gore to oppose the bill because, get this, the act would give money to organizations that: "promote mar-

riage; enhance relationship skills; teach how to control aggressive behavior; promote successful parenting; train parents in money management; encourage regular visitation between fathers and children; help fathers and their families avoid or leave welfare; improve fathers' economic status" by providing work services

and education.  
 NOW's livelihood depends on the perception of women as victims. Strengthening families and reinstating fatherhood threatens that status and the organizations that thrive on it.

Kathleen Parker is an Orlando Sentinel columnist.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Festival returns to old Waremart building

**TWIN FALLS** - The Festival of Trees will be back at the old Waremart building this year. The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's 15th annual celebration of glitter and giving will be held Dec. 15 at 1708 Kimberly Road.

### Twin Falls planners to discuss parking lot

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission tonight will discuss a request from the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency to build a parking lot. The Urban Renewal Agency has requested a special use permit to construct a public parking lot on property at 111 Second St. E. The commission will meet at 7 p.m. tonight at Twin Falls City Hall meeting chambers.

### Crapo trade meetings come to the Magic Valley

**TWIN FALLS** - Sen. Mike Crapo will talk to Idahoans via the phone lines Wednesday about the upcoming World Trade Organization negotiations and their impact on agriculture. Crapo's staff has held meetings around the state, but Crapo's Senate schedule has kept him in Washington, D.C.

The two-hour "electronic town meeting" will be held at the College of Southern Idaho, where Crapo's staff members and Crapo - over cable television - will be on hand to answer questions and to listen to comments about the Nov. 30 trade meetings in Seattle.

The Twin Falls meeting will start at 5:45 p.m. at CSI's Taylor Building, Room 277. The meeting will be broadcast on local community access cable around the state. Idahoans wishing to participate from home can call 1-800-SEN-TALK between 6 and 8 p.m.

Crapo's staff will also hold meetings around the valley this week. Here's a schedule:

- Today
- 1 p.m. at the Manhattan Cafe in Shoshone
- 7 p.m. at the U.S. Forest Service office in Fairfield
- Wednesday
- 9 a.m. at Rupert City Hall
- 1 p.m. at Oakley City Hall
- 5:45 p.m. at CSI
- Friday
- 9 a.m. at Buhl City Hall Training Room
- 1 p.m. at Glenns Ferry City Hall

### Kemphorne announces local appointments

**TWIN FALLS** - Gov. Dirk Kemphorne announced Monday the recent appointments of several Magistrate Judges.

Carlos Meza of Twin Falls was named to the Children at Risk Task Force, Yolanda Lopez was named to the Idaho Women's Commission, Rena Wendy Jaquet of Keichum and Debora Chapman were named to the Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, and Hyong Pak of Twin Falls was named to the Commission on Human Rights. Some are re-appointments.

### 11 lucky ducks win race prizes after derby in creek

**TWIN FALLS** - Eleven lucky ducks won prizes in Saturday's rubber duck race in Rock Creek, including one person who won the grand prize.

The race, sponsored by radio station KSMI with help from KMYT television, raised an estimated \$2,000 for Twin Falls city and county Drug Abuse Resistance Education programs, said Leo Wagner, general manager at KMYT.

D.A.R.E. is a school drug prevention program provided by law enforcement agencies.

The winners were: Charlotte Howell, a new car; first place, Velida Mae Schoolcraft, a trip; second place, Rusty Brown, gas barbecue; third place, Janet Kootstra, vacation package; fourth place, Michael McClure, cellular phone; fifth place, Brad Greene, mall gift certificate; sixth place, Sharon Ross, spa package; seventh place, Ronald Elzing, Subaru gear; eighth place, Fred Kroll, dining package; ninth place, Brad Greene; massage and facial package; 10th place, Linda Peterson, leather jacket; and 11th place, Bob Jorgensen, costume package.

Compiled from staff reports



Sharon Bales, right, comforts her granddaughter after a fire damaged the Jerome house where Bales' daughter and granddaughter live.

## Skillet sparks house fire

### Nobody is hurt when kitchen blaze spreads in Jerome home

By Brian Haynes  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - An iron skillet left on a hot electric stove sparked a house fire Monday afternoon in Jerome.

Sharon Bales was one of the first people to spot the smoke coming from next door at 105 N. Davis St., where her daughter and 15-year-old granddaughter live, and she did she ran to the home's front door.

"I was so scared," she said. "I opened the door and smoke was in my face. I was calling my granddaughter's name. I was so

scared she was in there." But the burning house contained only the family dogs and cats. Most of the animals escaped, but as firefighters rolled up hoses and prepared to leave, a family kitten was still missing.

When Jerome firefighters arrived, flames and smoke poured from the back door that leads to the kitchen, and smoke filled the rest of the home, Fire Chief Jim AuClaire said.

Two engines and about a dozen firefighters quickly put out the fire, but not before the kitchen was left in ruin. The

blue-green cabinets and their contents were blackened, and the ceiling spewed chunks of charred insulation.

Firefighters traced the fire's beginning to the skillet, which was left on a stove-top burner, AuClaire said.

AuClaire estimated the damage at \$10,000 for the building and \$10,000 for contents damaged by the flames and smoke, he said. No one was hurt.

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## College students focus on voting issues

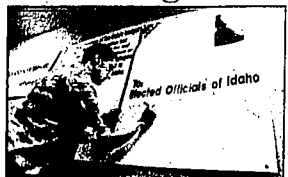
By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - College students this week will point to the increasing costs of an education alongside the shrinking proportion of the state budget that lawmakers have earmarked for higher education.

Student body governments at Idaho's colleges and universities will work this week to raise student awareness about higher education issues and to mobilize students to vote. Activities will conclude Friday with a rally at the state Capitol.

Today about a half-dozen local legislators are scheduled to meet with student government representatives at the College of Southern Idaho, said student body President AJ Buhler.

The Student Senate on Wednesday will hold a voting campaign with the help of local bands. It's easy for students to develop tunnel vision, focusing only on their studies, Buhler said, but adult habits are developed during college.



Local cartoonist Tom Cooney

College students throughout the state are campaigning against increasing costs of higher education: College of Southern Idaho freshman senator Adrian Butler signs a postcard that will be sent to the Legislature as part of a rally Friday at the Statehouse.

"If we can get them starting to vote now, then

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## Former House member, teacher run for council

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The race has a touch of irony.

Ron Black, 56, a former state representative and chairman of

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the House Education Committee, has been outspoken when it comes to education spending in Idaho. His opponent

for City Council is Gloria Galan, 53, a substitute teacher.

Black and Galan are vying for the council's Seat Two. Black is now the College of Southern Idaho's Refugee

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## United against the big stink

### Hollister residents join up over odor issue

By N.S. Nekkentved  
Times-News writer

**HOLLISTER** - Just about everyone in the community gathered in the elementary school gymnasium to talk about odor problems at a neighboring dairy. They spoke with a single voice - it stinks. From high school students to grandparents and many in between, they tried to explain their perception of the smell.

The odor-pitied the small community together Monday evening to try to do something, to get officials and the dairy owner to listen to their concerns. In response to ongoing odor problems with John Reitsma's 3,000-bow dairy south of town, local residents got together about two weeks ago and decided to call a town meeting to discuss the issue.

They invited state and local officials, elected officials, experts and Reitsma. Reitsma, who declined comment on the situation last week, didn't show up, but his recently hired waste water consultant, Jim Etherington of Twin Falls, was on hand.

He had come to listen, to hear the community concerns, and to come up with a solution. He heard a lot of complaints.

Brady Dickinson said his property rights were being violated. He can't sit on his back porch to enjoy a sunset.

"(The odor) knocks you off your feet," he said.

Other complaints were similar. People said the strong odor was not of cows, but of raw sewage, sulfur. At certain times of the day when the odor was notice-

able, they complained, they would close doors and windows, and still the odor seeped into their homes.

Most community members showed up for the meeting, as did several state and local elected officials and officials from state agencies charged with overseeing air quality and dairy operations.

"Everybody in the community is in this battle," Eric Webb said.

Etherington said he and his company, Enz-A-Bac, a dairy operations company, had been testing the waste water system at the dairy and were working on a solution.

That testing is expected to be completed about Nov. 1, and Reitsma would act on the company's recommendations, Etherington said.

But the problem would not be solved in a week or two weeks. Etherington and a state official agreed.

Etherington offered to attend the next City Council meeting, Nov. 2, to discuss with the council and talk about their recommendations to Reitsma.

"I don't think anything is going to be done until we have a meeting with Howard, regional administrator for the state Division of Environmental Quality.

But Etherington is working on developing a waste water operating plan for the dairy.

"Our intent is to make it work for everybody," he said.

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## Water system work lags in Twin Falls

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The city's \$7.9 million water system improvement is a little behind schedule, but it will be completed.

Representatives from J-U-B Engineers Inc. met with the City Council Monday to discuss the status of the city's water system improvements.

The system improvements, which include three new wells and two new reservoirs south of town, will likely provide residents on the south side of Twin Falls with more water and better filter than before.

But the improvements have fallen behind schedule.

The wells and reservoirs were scheduled to be ready by October. They won't be ready until November.

Engineers are still waiting on electrical and chlorination equipment.

The new wells, one on the southwest side of town and two on the southeast, will be able to operate at the beginning of November. But they will not be fully operational.

Completion of the wells is scheduled for December, said Tracy Ahrens, a manager at J-U-B in Twin Falls.

The reservoirs, one on the southwest side of town and another on the southeast, are also scheduled to be operational in the beginning of November, with completion also scheduled for December.

Water users on the south side of town will begin to see more water pressure and better flows immediately, said Bill Block, J-U-B's regional manager.

The overall water project also includes plans to replace more than 2,000 feet of the city's Snodgrass Canyon pipeline and to improve the water control system for the city.

The pipeline project phase should begin around Nov. 22, Ahrens said.

That project is scheduled for completion by March 2000.

### In other city business:

• A group of local residents asked the City Council to make Saturday the official date of

### Water 101.

The city has been working on a new water system for its residents. The improvements have fallen behind schedule by a month, but they will be completed.

What are the improvements?

The city has constructed three new wells and two new reservoirs south of town at a cost of more than \$7 million. The southeast wells, both 400 feet deep, will pump more water than the old wells on the north side of town. The southwest well, at 350 feet deep, will pump a total of 7 million gallons per day.

A 2-million-gallon reservoir is near completion on the southeast side of town, and a 5-million-gallon reservoir is being built on the southwest side of town.

Other water improvements help residents and the city's water system?

In 1997, the city was pumping 31 million gallons of water per day to residents. There was a 32-million-gallon demand. When the project is complete, the city should be pumping 48 million gallons per day, city manager Tom Cooney said.

The city's water system has been stretched to its limit. Without the new wells, a damaged line or debris could cause the system to limit residents' water use.

Who will benefit? The southside well projects will increase water pressure to residents living in the area near Addison Avenue East, Eastland Drive, Kimberly Road and Hankins Boulevard.

The southeast water project will increase the new residential area being developed on 120 acres near Kimberly Road.

Who will pick up the tab? The city's urban-renewal revenue and a state loan will pay for the project. The city has 20 years to pay-off the loan at 4 percent interest.

Are there any drawbacks? The city will increase its water rates. Power rates 5 percent this year to help pay off the loan.

Halloween this year, instead of Sunday. The council declined. Residents could face the city, Judy McCurdy, said a Sunday celebration would conflict with the day of worship, and could be a safety hazard.

Daylight savings time ends on

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# State surveys prison staff complaints, morale

BOISE (AP) — A legislative survey of state Correction Department employees finds more than seven of every 10 dissatisfied with their pay checks and six of every 10 fearing retaliation if they talk openly about agency problems.

"We heard repeatedly from employees that they considered their pay to be inadequate," leg-

islative performance evaluators said in the report they gave the Legislative Oversight Committee on Monday.

"Many went further to say they thought upper management had not worked to improve their base salaries, which caused frustration and anger," the report said.

But budget figures for the last

six years indicate the department diverted millions of dollars from salaries to other expenses in the prison system.

The report, prompted by legislative concern over high turnover rates in the department, cited worker concern over management and supervision as the major reason for low morale and annual turnover rate that has

risen from 16 percent to 20 percent in three years.

The Office of Performance Evaluation called for improved communications between managers and employees, increased training for supervisors, a study of compensation paid prison workers in neighboring states, re-evaluation of promotion policies and action to restore the credibil-

ity of the department's personnel office.

The report ranked pay concerns third in contributing to low morale. But the highest negative response on the survey of 450 employees was for the question about pay. Over 73 percent said it had a negative impact on morale and more than half of them said it was highly negative.

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## J.R. Simplot, state make agreement

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and The Associated Press

HEYBURN — J.R. Simplot Co. has reached an agreement with the state Division of Environmental Quality regarding penalties for air-quality violations at its potato processing plant in Heyburn.

The agreement was part of a larger settlement announced Monday in which Simplot and Darigold Inc. — two of southern Idaho's largest food-processing companies — are required to pay more than \$400,000 in penalties for air-quality violations.

Other operations involved are Simplot plants in Caldwell and Aberdeen, while Darigold was targeted for violations at its Caldwell milk plant.

Nine violations involving non-compliance with operational permits for a dryer and a bio-gas flare were found at Simplot's Heyburn facility, said Tim Trumbull, regional enforcement coordinator for the DEQ's state office.

The seven violations involving the dryer at the Heyburn plant included failure to develop operations and maintenance procedures for air pollution control equipment and failure to monitor and record a number of indicators related to the dryer's emissions.

Simplot also failed to notify DEQ of the dryer's completion, its first day of production and when the dryer reached its maximum production.

Violations involving the bio-gas flare — used to burn off mostly methane gas produced in the plant's waste water digestion process — included failure to perform tests to determine the flare's effectiveness and failure to notify the DEQ of completion of the flare's construction and resulting production.

For the three plants involved, Simplot will be required to pay \$215,200 in penalties and resolve allegations in state and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency complaints. From September 1998 and January and March 1999, under the consent order signed Oct. 7 by Division of Environmental Quality Administrator Stephen Allred, Trumbull said the penalties were not broken down and assigned to the individual plants.

Fred Zetza, Simplot's public relations director, was unavailable Monday, and his assistant said no one else could comment for the company.

Darigold's consent order,

signed by Allred on Sept. 30, required the company to pay a \$147,725 penalty and resolve state and federal air quality violations cited in August and October 1998.

The state's initial notices to Darigold cited seven violations of air pollution rules, including failure to obtain permits and both visible and particulate emissions violations. Similar problems were cited by the EPA two months later.

The Simplot penalties are the company's second set of environmental permits involving the Heyburn plant in the past two years.

The federal agency in September 1998 alleged a total of 16 air-quality violations at Simplot's Caldwell and Heyburn plants. Fourteen of the alleged violations involved failure to obtain permits for construction of air-pollution sources and two were for exceeding visible emission standards. Simplot's Heyburn plant accounted for eight of those violations and about \$80,000 in penalties.

Two months later, then-Division of Environmental Quality Administrator Wallace Cory signed a consent order with Simplot addressing the EPA's initial complaint. It required the company to pay \$151,500 in penalties.

But last January the EPA issued Simplot a second notice of violation at the two plants. It included three cases of the company allegedly failing to obtain permits for construction of air-polluting sources and 15 violations of permit terms and conditions.

Then in March, the Division of Environmental Quality issued still another notice of violation alleging two violations of permit terms and conditions at the Caldwell plant and one violation for failing to obtain a construction permit at Simplot's Aberdeen plant.

Besides the financial penalties, the new consent order requires

Simplot to: — Install and start using air pollution control equipment at the Caldwell plant by next May 30, the Aberdeen plant by July 9 and the Heyburn plant by Aug. 1, 2001. Performance tests must be performed at each site within 30 days of the equipment being started up.

— Conduct interim emissions testing at the Heyburn plant and additional monitoring of equipment operations at the Heyburn and Aberdeen plants, with progress reports to be submitted to the Division of Environmental Quality.

— Compile a comprehensive environmental health and safety management system manual that meets EPA guidelines and submit it to state officials by next March 1.

## Sides in dam breaching debate target residents, Gore with ads

BOISE (AP) — The two sides of the debate over salmon and the dams are aiming ad campaigns at different audiences.

The Pulp and Paperworkers Resource Council of Lewiston hopes to convince residents of Idaho, Oregon and Washington that salmon can be saved without breaching dams. Environmentalists are running ads in the New York Times with one man in mind. "These ads were designed to send a clear message to Al Gore," said Scott Bosse of Idaho Rivers United. "If you say you are pro-environment and you say you want to save Northwest salmon runs, you must do everything in your power to get these dams removed."

The latest ads of the paperworkers tout research that shows

98 percent of salmon survive the down-river trip in barges to below the last dam on the Columbia River.

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## Nine months

### 'Empathy Belly' gives the feel of pregnancy at hospital classes

By Kellee Gaston  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Fathers-to-be find out in a hurry what pregnancy is like when they strap on the Empathy Belly.

The Empathy Belly is a 35-pound vest-like contraption that makes the wearer look and feel like a pregnant woman. The pregnancy simulator is used by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in childbirth and teen pregnancy prevention classes.

First, a rib belt is wrapped around the wearer's midsection, simulating restricted breathing. A pregnant woman's uterus expands from 2 by 4 inches to 12 by 14 inches, crowding into the rib cage, and restricting lung capacity.

The canvas "belly," when filled with warm water, can weigh from 25 to 35 pounds, simulating normal weight gain during pregnancy. Two seven-pound lead balls move freely in a pocket in the Empathy Belly, simulating pressure points and kicking movements from the fetus. Then, a bag full of bird shot is attached to the underside of the belly and simulates bladder pressure from the fetus.

It is by no means a comfortable experience, and a real eye-opener for the partner of a pregnant woman.

"The guys in the childbirth classes aren't as interested in wearing the Empathy Belly," says Kristy Burkett, childbirth education coordinator, "But their wives and girlfriends want them to put it on."

Fatigue, irritability, lower back pain and an increase in cardio-

vascular workload, blood pressure, pulse, and body temperature are common in Empathy Belly wearers. They can't see their toes and often have trouble getting up or down from a chair. Changing positions in bed becomes a chore, all familiar problems for the soon-to-be mother.

"The belly shifts just like the baby shifts when you lay on your side," Burkett says. "So you have to sleep with about seven pillows supporting the head, baby, knees, and ankles."

First-time expectant parents Kimberly and Ryan Baumann of Jerome, are students in the class at Magic Valley Regional.

"I've learned a lot about what Kim is going through," says Ryan Baumann, wearing the simulator. "The Belly makes it a lot easier to understand where she's coming from."

"Ryan's really enjoyed the class," Kim adds. "To her husband, who leans back while wearing the 'Belly,' she warns, 'Do that for a while and you'll get a backache.'"

"I think my water's ready to break," Ryan jokes as he rubs his synthetic belly.

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary donated the funds for the Empathy Belly.

The belly seems most effective with teenagers, who can't wait to put it on, and after a few minutes, can't wait to take it off.

"The teenage boys usually say after they take the belly off, 'I absolutely do not want to get a girl pregnant,'" and the girls say, 'I absolutely do not want to want to get pregnant,'" Burkett says.

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Above, Kim and Ryan Baumann compare physiques as Ryan models the Empathy Belly, a realistic pregnancy simulator used by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in childbirth and teen pregnancy prevention classes. Right, Ryan Baumann attempts to get back up after a little rest while wearing the Empathy Belly.



## Book sale benefits Burley Library

By Coreen Hart  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** - Readers will find exceptional offerings at the Friends of the Library's semi-annual book sale, says Kathleen Hedberg, a sale coordinator.

### Want more info?

The sale will be held from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday at the Burley Public Library at 1200 Miller Ave., just two blocks north of O'Neil and Avenue. "Of course, we'll have our usual paperbacks and magazines at 30 cents each or 4 for \$1," Hedberg says. "And especially nice hardbacks will go for \$1 or \$2. But the bid items are the most popular."

Bid items include some old Edgar Rice Burroughs novels, a complete set of Childcraft books in condition Life Magazine from the 1960's, and a rebound 1884 "Complete Works of Elizabeth Barrett Browning."

"If someone really wants a particular book, they would need to come early, about 4 o'clock on Saturday, when we are about to close the bidding, and place their bid," advises Diane Stock, organization president.

All of the sale books have been donated or culled from library shelves because



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Nola Jackson, left, and Kathleen Hedberg discuss some of the latest contributions to The Bookseller's sale, which opens Saturday. The women are members of the Friends of the Library, which supports Burley's library through fund-raisers and volunteer efforts.

of age or condition. There are two complete sets of encyclopedias, Christmas books, and teaching aids.

Nola Jackson, a Friends of the Library member, says a complete teacher's set of "The Americans," a history teaching unit, contains a teacher's guide, video, tape, list of helpful outside sources, an assessment, scheduling manual, and Spanish language version.

Louis L'Amour fans will want to arrive early because there are only a few his paperbacks for sale. Amy Tan's "The Hundred Secret Senses," several James

Michener books, dozens of current best-sellers and even a stack of Arizona Highways magazines are also being offered, along with books on audio tape and sheet music.

All proceeds from the sale will go into Friends of the Library projects to aid the Burley Public Library. Past efforts have yielded computer desks, the summer reading program, and new books.

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## WENDELL FALL FUN



Coreen Hart/The Times-News

Above, Emily Kuka entertains the crowds at the Wendell Fall Oct. 1. Events included a fun/run walk, entertainment, downtown sidewalk sale, informational exhibits and games. The event was sponsored by the Wendell Chamber of Commerce, Wendell Family Health Center and St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. Below, Tara Hope pets a pony at the Wendell Fall Festival.



## CSI ROYALTY



BOB THOMPSON/The Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho crowns royalty at its Mr. and Mrs. CSI contest Oct. 22. Nicki Ross of Rupert, second from left, was crowned queen, and Michael Sites of Wendell, third from left, was crowned king. Doan DeMoore of Oak Harbor, Wash., left, took home the duke's crown, and Raini Yost of Bancroft, right, was crowned princess. The event raised \$800 for the United Way of Magic Valley.

## American Legion, Auxiliary work for vets

By B.J. Bryant  
Times-News correspondent

**FILER** - Although members of the Filer American Legion dressed in worn, mix-matched clothes displaying unshaved faces, and prop cigars at their annual Hobo Dinner Oct. 19, they take the issue of homeless veterans very seriously.

"Any vet that has put themselves in harms way to help the nation," says veteran Paul Brown, "should be helped in return. We have worked very hard through our units to provide food and clothing to the vet homes in Idaho."

Annually, the unit takes a "food convoy" to the Boise Veterans, shelter.

"We take about \$120,000 in food, clothing, and money," he says.

The colossal task of providing relief to homeless veterans is also aided by the American Legion's sister organization: The American Legion Auxiliary, an organization for female veterans and wives of veterans.

The relief convoy will be leaving for Boise on Nov. 15: a welcome present to veterans just four days after Veterans Day.

The Filer Legion and Auxiliary primarily raises money for the convoy through their popular Turkey Carnival. The groups also raise money by selling advertising space in their Filer Birthdays Calendar, selling programs at the rodeo, and by accepting donations from the charity of the public.

The Filer unit also takes care of its own after death by helping to maintain the Filer Cemetery and providing mili-



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Paul Brown, wearing red scarf, conducts a meeting while members dine on hobo stew at the American Legion's annual Hobo Dinner, a fund-raiser to assist veterans.

tary funerals for veterans.

The Legion, however, is not solely interested in veterans, issues. The Legion and Auxiliary also sponsor area students to travel to Boy's State and Girl's State, where they learn about government workings.

"One of the main things that we are trying to do is work with the youth," veteran Bob Briggs says. "We are trying to put ourselves out of business by preventing future wars."

### More Legion events...

The annual American Legion Turkey Convivial is always held on the Friday preceding Thanksgiving.

The American Legion also will accept donations of money, food or other items for its annual food convoy, Nov. 15. If you're interested in joining the Legion or Auxiliary, or in helping in any other capacity call Paul Brown at 326-4439.

COMMUNITY

COMBAT ENGINEERS REUNION



MARY LO POTTS/The Times-News

Members of the 116th Combat Engineers of World War II held a reunion banquet and picnic in late September at the Clear Lake Country Club. Riley Maxwell of Buhl organizes the reunion every two years. During the war, the combat engineers built roads, bridges and air strips. Those who attended are, from left to right, front row: Del Martin and Kenneth Gwin; second row: Tony Rohlfis, Jim King, Slim Allison, Pete Pearson of Buhl, Ray Mass, Bill Mass and Oscar Mass; third row: Lester Proehl, Charles Johnson, Clark West, Vic Swancara of Buhl, Ray Richardson, Dick Dooley and Emerson Adams; fourth row: Doug Preston, Lyle Sisson, Riley Maxwell, Ray Dohring and Don Prebbanov.

Buhl Library stocks up on new books

BUHL - The Buhl Public Library has added many new titles to its shelves. Junior Fiction: Frank L. Baum, "The Emerald City of Oz"; Jerry Spinelli, "Who Ran My Underwear up the Eggplant?"; Paul Paulsen, "Dunc Breaks the Record"; Laurence Yep, "The Star Fishers"; Comic Porters, "An American Girl No. 1: Meet Addy"; Paul Davis, "Star Wars: Book One"; Mallory Loehr, "Water Wings". Junior Non-Fiction: Pam Brown, "Father Damien"; Christopher Gibb, "The Dalai Lama"; Michael Pollard, "Maria Montessori"; Benjamin Pogrow, "Simon Mandel"; Susan Taylor Boyd, "Sojourner Truth"; Sam Wellman, "George Washington Carver: Inventor and Educator"; Julia Courtney, "Sir Peter Sent"; Paul M. A. Willis, "Dinosaurs"; David M. Schwartz, "Among the Flowers"; David M. Schwartz, "In the Forest"; David M. Schwartz, "In the Park"; David M. Schwartz, "At the Zoo"; David M. Schwartz, "In the Garden"; Rosemary Wells, "Mary on Horseback: Three Mountain Stories"; Michaela Miller, "Goldfish"; Michaela Miller, "Sierra Pigs"; Michaela Miller, "Hamsters"; James Bentley,

"Albert Schweitzer"; David M. Schwartz, "At the Farm"; Elton Christlow, "What do Illustrators Do?"; How to Draw Endangered Animals; David West Reynolds, "Star Wars: The Visual Dictionary"; Charles Gray, "Bob Geldof"; "The Rock Star Who Raised \$140 Million"; Pam Brown, "Charlie Chaplin"; Walter Dean Myers, "Harlem: A Poem"; Michael Nicholson, "Raid Walkenberry"; "Books on Tape - Marion Zimmer Bradley, "City of Sorcery"; Paul Anderson, "The Only Crime in Town"; Paul Anderson, "Time Patrol"; A. C. Crispin, "Star Trek: Time for Yesterday"; The Automatic Murders: Cape Cod Radio Mystery; Arthur Conan Doyle, "The Case of the Five Orange Pips"; Thomas Keneally, "Schindler's List"; Clive Cussler, "Blood Tide: A Dirk Pitt Novel"; Michael Chabon, "Airframe"; Michael Palmer, "Critical Judgment"; Don Pendleton, "The Executioner: Fire Lash"; Tom Clancy, "Without Remorse"; Philip Jose Farmer, "My Scattered Bodies Go"; Robert Ludlum, "The Scarlatti Inheritance"; W. E. B. Griffin, "Line of Fire"; Ben Mezrich, "Skin"; Clive Cussler, "Dragon";

K. W. Jeter, "Star Wars: The Mandalorian Armor"; Arthur Conan Doyle, "A Sherlock Holmes Mystery"; Arthur Conan Doyle, "A Study in Scarlet"; Frederick E. Smith, "633 Squadron"; Anthony Boucher, "The New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes"; Lester C. Thurrow, "Building Wealth"; Martin G. Smith, "Havana Bay"; Rachel Carson, "Silent Spring"; Lauren Belser, "City of Light"; Kathy Reichs, "Death of a Stranger"; Ralph Ellison, "Invisible Man". Videos: "Talking with the Animals"; "What's Up Down Under"; "Australian Animal Park"; "Anchorage to Fairbanks"; "NFL's 100 Greatest Football"; "Tom and Jerry: The Movie"; "Madame the Frog"; "The Adventures of Pinocchio"; "Freddie Blueberry"; "Where's God When I'm Scared?"; "Dave and the Giant Pickle"; "David Disciplines". The Merck Veterinary Manual; Priscilla Salant, "Guide to Rural Data"; Linda A. Gilson, "Rodeo, Rodeo and Disease Problem Solver"; The United States Government Manual, Idaho Reference - Idaho Business Directory.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Tuesday: Cook's choice.
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes with gravy, California vegetables, fruit salad, rolls, cake.
Thursday: Salad bar.
Friday: Beef stew, fruit salad, apple cider, corn bread, cupcakes.
Monday: Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy.
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Blood pressure check 10 a.m.
Trench club.
Wednesday
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thursday
Fishing at 1 p.m.
Friday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Basket bingo.
Saturday
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.
Wednesday: Liver and onions.
Wednesday: Cook's choice.
Thursday: Beef tips and noodles, smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Fish fry.
Monday: Pork chops, sauerkraut, buttered potatoes.
Activities
Thrift shop open every day.
Tuesday
Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m.
Wednesday
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Thursday
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Friday
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Saturday
Patchwork Halloween Party, 5:30 p.m., games and dancing.
Sunday
All-you-can-eat buffet at 1 p.m., pork roast.
Monday
Exercises from 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Tuesday
Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Friday
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Tuesday
Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer
Dinner served at noon Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Thursday: Baked meat loaf.
Thursday: Oven-fried chicken, birthday duty.
Friday: Sloppy Joe on a bun.
Activities
Tuesday
Exercise at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday
Exercise at 1 p.m.
Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Baked ham with pineapple ring, mashed potatoes, gravy, green peas, coleslaw, bread and butter, apple crisp, coffee, milk.
Friday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, pear salad, rolls and butter, brownie, coffee, milk.
Monday: Spaghetti, green beans, colcannon, french bread, pears, cookies, coffee, milk.
Activities
Wednesday
Blood pressure check.
Thursday
Patchwork.
Friday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Halloween costume contest.

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Christian Women's Club hosts brunch, speakers

TWIN FALLS - The Christian Women's Club of the Magic Valley will host a brunch from 10-11:30 a.m. Nov. 9, at the Weston Plaza at 205 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Christian Women's Club sets prayer coffee

TWIN FALLS - The Christian Women's Club of the Magic Valley will host a prayer coffee from 9:30-11 a.m. at the home of Amelia Mott.

Walker Center offering a free community education program

Walker Center are offering a free community education program, titled "Identifying Substance Abuse Problems and Options for Assessment, Intervention and Recovery," from 7-9 p.m. Thursday in the Doctors' Meeting Room in the basement at Magic Valley Regional.

American Red Cross plans standard first aid course

TWIN FALLS - The Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross will host a standard first aid class at 9 a.m. Saturday at 718 Shoshone St. in Twin Falls.

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Tyler completes Damage Control Assistant Course

Navy Hospital Apprentice James Tyler, son of Dianna A. Paredes of Twin Falls, has completed the Damage Control Assistant Course.

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Navy Seaman Triva L. Pino, daughter of Raymond Pino of Elko, Nev., has returned from a six-month deployment to the

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Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the combat support ship USS Arctic.
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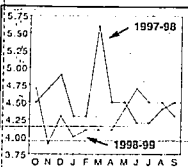
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Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties from October 1997 through September 1999.  
Source: Idaho Department of Labor.

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Magic Valley jobless rate falls in September

**TWIN FALLS** - In the Magic Valley labor market - Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties - the third quarter's employment picture ended on a high note.

Throughout most of the quarter, Magic Valley's unemployment rates were higher than for corresponding months in 1998 and 1997. But in September, the jobless rate fell to 4.3 percent, helped by milk processing, forestry farms and education in Gooding and Jerome counties. In each of the previous two Septembers, the rate was 4.5 percent.

In a report Sunday about third-quarter economic indicators, information about the valley's jobless rate was unclear. The Times-News regrets the error.

### New TF basket business, chamber celebrate opening

**TWIN FALLS** - A new Twin Falls business opens its doors today, offering personalized gift baskets, handmade quilts and other gifts.

Forget Me Not Baskets, at 606 Washington St., will have hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It can be reached at 732-8241 and takes plans orders.

Owner Jan Lee said she has baskets ready for Halloween, and for any holiday or gift occasion she'll sell both ready-made gift baskets and ones tailored to recipients' interests.

With the help of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, Lee will hold a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday, and she'll serve cake and coffee.

### Commercial giants look to future market in China

**SEATTLE** - Costco Wholesale may be heading for China as its next big market.

This summer, China further opened up its commercial sector to provide a better investment environment for overseas businesses. It approved a joint project in Beijing by China's Normat Enterprises and Costco, which has a Twin Falls store.

Commercial business plans from Costco to Wal-Mart - also with Magic Valley operations - have shown interest in applying for new projects since the introduction of new regulations.

Retail sales in China hit about \$178 billion in the first half of the year, up 6.4 percent from the same period in 1998, according to official statistics.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Got the picture?

CSI workshop speaker will teach how to visualize economic principles

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - They can identify football's most important quarterbacks, but most people don't know the names and positions of key people in the real-life game of economics, John Hurley said.

The game has just four playing positions, contends the College of Southern Idaho economics professor. But he won't elaborate until next week, when he speaks at the college's Nov. 4-5 "Economics and Personal Finance Workshop."

"What does economics look like? Could you see it on the street if it walked by?" Hurley said. "... Would you know a player if you saw one?"

In a three-hour presentation Nov. 5, the professor will speak

on "Economic Visions," or "the ability to be able to visualize economic concepts."

He'll use activities, graphics, hand-on exercises and discussion to teach participants how to draw "demand" or get their hands around "supply."

"Once you see it, then you can explain it in an effective way to someone else," Hurley said.

His session - just part of the two-day workshop - is best suited for economic educators, both secondary and post-secondary. But business people need skill at effective explanation, too, he said, "because if we're not economic educators in business, then we're not communicating our business."

His teaching will be a good chance for those employed in financial fields to back up for a look at the whole economic

machine and "kind of bring some clarity to it again," he added.

Next week's workshop at CSI is expected to have broad appeal.

"Economics is the study of how individuals make decisions between 'needs' and 'wants.' Because there is so much uncertainty in the financial market today, we also need to be trained to be better decision makers," CSI said in its event announcement.

So the program was designed to help educators, business people, parents and students be wise consumers, investors, savers and work-force members.

A speech by Wally Schirra, one of the original seven Mercury astronauts, begins the Nov. 4 schedule. Other presentations over the two days include

## Economics and Personal Finance Workshop

- Designed for: Educators and business people. Parents and students also encouraged to sign up.
- Nov. 4 schedule: 7 a.m. Success Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. Wally Schirra speech and 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. workshop.
- Nov. 5 schedule: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. workshop.
- Location: College of Southern Idaho.
- Cost: \$45 for noncredit, or \$105 for one college credit.
- Price includes: All sessions; a ticket to the 1999 Success Breakfast and Schirra presentation (\$35 if purchased separately); a keynote lunch Nov. 5; and resource materials.



John Hurley  
Investments.

Source: College of Southern Idaho and Idaho Small Business Development Center.

Hurley, a doctoral graduate from Gonzaga University who also teaches Boise State University classes, said his session will include talks about securities and markets and how they relate to the economic system.

Bill Lathan and Jody Hoff from Boise State University, Norman Wright from First Federal Savings Bank speaking on "Debt Can Be a Four-Letter Word"; and Rob Sturgill from Edward Jones Investments speaking on "Investments in a Risky World." CSI spokesmen said. Other presentations are planned throughout both days.

Topics include the stock market and investments, and handling and avoiding excessive debt.

# Innovation has company looking up

High-tech telescope producer's stock nearly doubles

The Associated Press

**IRVINE, Calif.** - Stargazers are generating a buzz rarely heard in the peaceful domain of amateur astronomy talking about new, high-tech telescopes that can find hundreds of objects in the sky at the push of a button.

The computer-controlled telescopes are the brainchild of telescope-maker Meade Instruments Corp. and its founder and chief executive, John C. Diebel.

Experts say the telescopes are expanding the ranks of amateur astronomers by selling for as little as \$299, bringing high-powered telescopes to the masses.

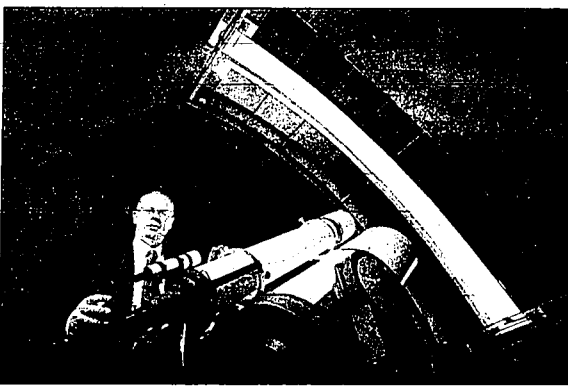
Retailers have gobbled up Meade's newest line of six low-cost telescopes, expected to be strong sellers during the holiday season at mass retailers like Target and Wal-Mart, which both have Magic Valley stores.

"A telescope that points at the push of a button is revolutionary," said Dennis Di Cenzo, an associate editor at Sky & Telescope, a magazine for amateur astronomers. "A year ago, a computer-pointed telescope would have cost \$3,000."

As a result of the company's stock has nearly doubled in the past six months to more than \$25 a share.

"Even I didn't think the stock was going to go this far this fast," said Bob DeLean, an analyst at Morgan Keegan & Co. in Memphis, who sees Meade trading in a range of \$32 to \$35 in the next six months.

Seth Feinstein, a senior analyst at the Crumell, Weedon & Co. stock brokerage in Los Angeles, sees further growth as Meade starts distributing products in Europe since its purchase last month of Bresser Optik, a



John Diebel, founder and chairman of Meade Instruments Corporation, stands with a telescope on the company's rooftop observatory in Irvine, Calif. Diebel's company is creating a huge buzz in the astronomy world with its new, high-tech telescopes that can find hundreds of objects in the sky at the push of a button.

German distributor.

Meade, like many entrepreneurial firms, is uniquely tied to its founder. The company even flirted with bankruptcy in 1991 a few years after Diebel sold a 90 percent stake in the firm. Its fortunes revived when Diebel returned to the company.

"It's been a long, steady climb," said Diebel, 56, who punctuates his conversations with upbeat maxims. "You can accomplish an unbelievable amount if you're absolutely determined to do it."

Diebel, an electrical engineer by training, started Meade on the kitchen table of a one-bedroom apartment in Pasadena when he was 29.

For years, Meade was solely an importer of telescopes from

Japan. But the company grew by designing its own telescopes and accessories.

In 1990 Meade put its name on the astronomical map, developing an eight-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope with a complex optical design.

New models and accessories turned Meade into the world's No. 1 telescope maker by 1985 eclipsing rival Celestron International, a Torrance-based unit of optics distributor Tacco Sales Inc., of Miramar, Fla.

But after years working nonstop to build the company, Diebel decided to cash out for \$65.5 million.

In 1986, he sold a 90 percent stake to Harbor Group, a St. Louis-based investment company. At the time, Meade had just

\$13.6 million in sales and \$2.5 million in operating profits.

Taken over by a larger firm, Meade called losses of \$2 million by 1991. Diebel had to loan the company \$65,000 just to meet payroll expenses.

Meade filed for bankruptcy and within weeks, Diebel assembled a group of original managers including Steven G. Murdock, Meade's current president to buy the company back for \$1,000, plus liabilities.

"I thought we could build the company back to its former glory," he said from the company's Irvine headquarters, which includes an observatory and 161,000-square-foot manufacturing plant.

# Exxon, Chevron, Arco beat forecasts

Texaco, Mobil fall below expectations

Bridge News

**OKLAHOMA CITY** - Exxon Corp., Chevron Corp. and Arco, boosted by higher crude oil prices, came in ahead of Wall Street expectations as the top five U.S. oil firms reported third-quarter results.

Yet Mobil Corp. and Texaco Inc. came in just short of views, largely due to disappointing refining and marketing operations. All five reported sharply higher profits than a year ago.

Exxon Monday reported third-quarter net income of \$1.5 billion, or 61 cents per diluted share, up from \$1.4 billion, or 58 cents per share in the year-ago period. The higher results were ahead of Wall Street estimates of 59 cents per share. Sales in the quarter rose to \$3.07 billion from \$28.5 billion a year ago.

Analysts said the nation's largest oil company, which has been sidetracked by numerous delays of its \$812 billion merger with Mobil Corp., should send positive shock waves throughout the oil sector.

"This is a big day, and a big week for U.S. (oil) majors," said Tyler Dunn, international oil analyst at Banc of America Securities.

Last week, many analysts predicted Exxon's third-quarter results would be weaker than its U.S.-based rivals. However, Lee Raymond, Exxon's chairman and

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Oil

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CEO, said crude oil prices, which were up about \$8 a barrel, resulted in the 7 percent improvement in profits.
Upstream earnings more than doubled compared to last year's third quarter and represented the highest third quarter upstream results in 15 years," Raymond said.
Soon after Exxon reported its routine results, Chevron announced it had met Wall Street expectations by nearly 6 percent.
Chevron Monday announced third-quarter net income before special items, \$1.07 per share, or \$702 million, up 82 percent from 59 cents per share, or \$386 million earned in last year's quarter and 6 cents better than Wall Street.

However, Mobil and Texaco, although they came in below analysts' views, were double last year's profits. Mobil missed Wall Street expectations of 80 cents per share, according to First Call, citing unclassified downturn in U.S. operations and pressure on international downstream margins.
Mobil reported third quarter 1993 adjusted operating earnings of 87 cents per share, or \$705 million, compared with 63 cents per share or \$509 million in 1998.
Peter Bijur, chairman and CEO of the White Plains, N.Y.-based Texaco, said its downstream operations were burdened by higher crude costs which could not be fully recovered in product prices.
Texaco reported Monday third-quarter

1999 income before special items of 83 cents per share, or \$453 million, compared with \$511 million, or \$208 million a year ago. Meanwhile, Atlantic Richfield Co. (Arco), which is expected to complete its \$30 billion merger with BP Amoco by the end of the year, beat Wall Street expectations by a whopping 20 percent.
The Los Angeles-based oil firm reported third-quarter earnings of \$1.55 per share, or \$511 million, compared with net income of 22 cents per share in the same quarter last year. Analysts surveyed by First Call had expected Arco to report third quarter earnings of \$1.23 per share.
"Stronger commodity prices made the headlines this quarter," said Arco CEO Mike Bowlin.

Up

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What surprised me was how dedicated we all were to the company," he said. "I found that if you have a reasonable level of talent, and you really want to work, you can accomplish anything."
For several years in the early 1990s, Meade just broke even. The company reinvested in technology. By 1994, it had developed the first fully computerized, observatory class telescope.
Meade's LX200 series of telescopes, and later its ETX series "set the standard for amateur astronomers," said Morgan Keegan's DeLena.
Driving the market is a hand-held computerized device called an Autostar Computer Controller, which Meade debuted in 1996.

The Autostar, which can be attached to different telescope models, can locate, find and track the sky from craters on the moon to the rings of Saturn.
"It's what a manufacturer dreams about," Diebel said.
And Meade is expected to post a 70 percent jump in earnings in the third quarter, which is typically its strongest of the year.
Sales are expected to top \$100 million this year, a 31 percent increase from sales of \$76.3 million for the fiscal year that ended Feb. 28.
"I had people tell me, 'Who wants to buy a telescope company?'" Diebel said. "But you can't put any limits on growth."

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, Asset, and other financial metrics. Includes categories like Bond Funds, Equity Funds, and Money Market Funds.

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"I'm the only player to ever win the (U.S.) Open as two different people — first as something of a jerk and then as a pretty good guy."

—Payne Stewart, describing his midlife maturation from a cocky, self-absorbed youth to a PGA Tour favorite

### IN BRIEF

#### Idaho, Fullerton end in 2-2 OT tie

MOSCOW — Idaho scored two late goals within less than a minute of each other, but Fullerton added two of its own in the final six minutes of the teams played to a 2-2 overtime tie.

Freshman **David Kiebel** scored off a direct kick from a 45-yard punt by **Tim Cummings** in the 64-minute mark, and less than a minute later Cummings passed to sophomore **Jennifer Frazier**, who rocketed a left-footed shot into the net for a 2-0 Idaho lead.

The Flames (1-1, 2-5-1 Big West) pulled to within one on a goal from **Kim Houg**, assisted by **Amy Barnes**. In the last minute of play Fullerton's **Lindsey Gluck** pushed the tie goal into the net.

Idaho (8-2, 2-6-1) wraps up the 1999 season at home Sunday in a non-conference match against Gonzaga University.

#### UM's Huntsberger, two Browns earn honors

OGDEN, Utah — Northern Arizona quarterback **Travis Brown** threw for six touchdowns in his team's 51-9 triple-overtime win over Cal State Sacramento to earn Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Montana's **Vince Huntsberger** won the defensive award and Cal State Northridge kicker **Brett Brown** was the special teams honoree. In addition to his touchdown passes, **Travis Brown**, a senior from Phenix, threw for 401 yards and engineered 11 plays, 65-yard drive late in the game to send it to overtime. In the game, Brown eclipsed the 100-yard passing mark, becoming just the 10th player in NCAA Division I-AA history to do so.

**Huntsberger**, from Libby, Mont., intercepted three passes and recorded 11 tackles as Montana held Eastern Washington to just one touchdown, 24 points below its scoring average, in the Grizzlies' 25-7 win. It was the third time **Huntsberger** has made 10 or more tackles in a game this season.

**Derek Brown**, a freshman from Palmdale, Calif., kicked field goals of 37, 29 and 37 yards as Cal State Northridge beat Montana State 24-21. Brown also kicked an extra point. He had one field goal attempt blocked.

### Correction

An article in Monday's section incorrectly listed the first-round matchups of the Class A-3 high school state tournament. The information was based on brackets posted on the HISA website, which has since corrected the print version. **Braire's** first-round opponent will be **Ririe**, not **DeLoe**. The **Hornets** were eliminated in the district championship, giving **Valley** the state berth. The Times-News regrets the errors.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



## Golf loses a gentleman

### Payne Stewart perishes when Learjet crashes

By **Doug Ferguson**  
Associated Press writer

His knickers and tan o'shanter cap made Payne Stewart one of the most recognizable players in golf. His game and his passion made him one of the most respected.

He was the essence of emotion at the Ryder Cup, playing

on three winning teams. He won 18 times around the world, but made his name at home with three major championships — the last on an unforgettable day in June when he thrust his fist into the air to celebrate his second U.S. Open victory.

Stewart was among at least five people killed Monday when a Learjet he was aboard flew

uncontrolled for hours and crashed in South Dakota.

**Arnold Palmer** called Stewart's death "one of the most terrible tragedies of modern-day golf."

Stewart was on his way to Texas, first for a meeting on a proposed golf course near Dallas, then on to the Tour Championship in Houston.

Also killed in the crash were Stewart's agents **Robert Fraley** and **Van Ardan**, two pilots, said **Bill Curry**, a spokesman for Stewart's family. **Fraley** was CEO of **Leader Enterprises Inc.** and **Ardan** was president of the sports management company.

"A true sportsman on the course and a gentleman off it," said **Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal**, choking back tears. "We have lost a precious man and someone who still had good years ahead of him."

Stewart often played practice rounds in regular pants and a hat, and not many people recognized him. Once the tournament started, however, his presence was unmistakable in traditional golfing garb that no one else considered wearing.

Stewart's finest moment in a 20-year professional career came on Father's Day at **Pinhurst No. 2**, the famed course in North Carolina that became a stage for remarkable drama in the final round.

A year after Stewart lost a four-stroke lead in the final round of the U.S. Open at The

Olympic Club, he trailed **Phil Mickelson** by one stroke with three holes to play, then one-putted the final three greens for a stunning victory.

His 15-foot par putt on the last hole was the longest ever to decide the Open in its 105-year history. Stewart thrust his fist in the air, an unforgettable image, let out a roar and later broke down in tears.

The U.S. Open secured a spot in the Ryder Cup for Stewart, who wore the Stars and Stripes as easily as his knickers. He never apologized for his patriotism, something he carried to all five of his Ryder Cup appearances.

The knickers were not misleading. Stewart really was a traditionalist. His father taught him to dance by having him stand on his shoes while he waltzed around the room, and instructed the son to be sure to dance with every woman at the table.

Stewart's most cherished memory was the 1982 Quada Cillos Open, because it was the only victory his father saw. **William Stewart** died in 1985, and when Stewart won the Bay Hill Invitational two years later he donated the winner's check to a hospital in his father's memory.

Stewart stood up for **Colin**



A note rests on a floral arrangement placed at Payne Stewart's reserved parking space at the Champions Club in Houston, where he was to compete in this week's PGA Championship.

**Montgomerie** as the boorish **Boston** crowd at The Ryder Cup hurled vicious insults at the Scotsman. With the cup already decided, Stewart conceded **Montgomerie's** final putt (See Analysis, same page).

"He had a real reverence for the game," **Peter Jacobsen** said. "As a golfer, his record speaks for itself. He was loved by many people."

Born Jan. 30, 1957 in Springfield, Mo., Stewart went to SMU in Dallas. He graduated with a business degree in 1979 and spent two years playing around the world. He met his wife, **Tracey**, while playing in Australia.

They had two children — **Chelsea**, 13, and **Aaron**, 10.

### Death of a champion

Professional golfer **Payne Stewart**, winner of the 1999 U.S. Open, was among the people killed Monday in a plane crash in South Dakota.

**Birthdate:** Jan. 30, 1957  
**Birthplace:** Springfield, Mo.  
**Age:** 42  
**Residence:** Orlando, Fla.  
**College:** Southern Methodist University  
**Family:** Wife, **Tracey Ferguson**; children, **Chelsea** and **Aaron**  
**Turned Professional:** 1979  
**Joined PGA Tour:** 1981  
**Career earnings:** \$11,737,008



- Major victories**
- 1999 Pebble Beach Pro-AM, U.S. Open
  - 1995 Houston Open
  - 1991 U.S. Open
  - 1990 MCI Classic, Byron Nelson Classic
  - 1989 MCI Classic, PGA Championship
  - 1987 Bay Hill Classic
  - 1993 Walt Disney World Classic
  - 1992 Quada Cillos Open
- International victories**
- 1993 Hassan II Trophy (Morocco)
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  - 1991 Heineken Dutch Open (Eur)
  - 1990 World Cup (Indiv.)
  - 1992 Coolangate Tweed Head Classic (Aus.)
  - 1981 Indonesian Open (Asia), Indian Open (Asia)
- Ryder Cup experience**
- 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1999

## Remembering a magnanimous act by Stewart

### COMMENTARY

Bill Lyon

He was a fierce, unrelenting competitor who so burned to win that for a time there was almost nothing he wouldn't do to achieve success.

So it is especially revealing, and memorable, that one of the very last things Payne Stewart did in public was to concede, to simply hand over certain victory.

In many ways, that act overshadows every difficult putt he ever made, every championship he ever won, because it reflected his estimable growth not so much as a golfer but as a man.

Stewart, on the 18th green on the final day of the Ryder Cup, on one of the most emotionally-charged days ever in sports, Payne Stewart was "all but" assured of joining the glorious American stampede to a most improbable comeback. The Yanks had overcome one of the more daunting deficits in any sport.

And now Stewart had come to the final hole even with his match-play opponent, the wonderfully skilled and combustible **Scott, Colin Montgomerie**. But

Stewart, with true grit, seemed to have the hole won. Montgomerie needed to make a treacherous sliding 20-footer to avoid losing the hole and the match.

Montgomerie never got a chance to pull back his putter. Payne Stewart conceded the putt. The match. The ego and bravado, conceded self-indulgence and personal gain.

Montgomerie was stunned. And, correctly so, touched by such a magnanimous act.

It was a grand gesture, one of compassion and graciousness and sportsmanship. It was a reminder of why golf, maddening and humbling though it may be, is our most civilized sport.

And it was a crossroads in the admirable transformation of Payne Stewart, from sometimes cocky and arrogant and self-absorbed semi-adolescent into an aware and mature and remarkably serene human.

In June, Payne Stewart won the Philadelphia Inquirer.

U.S. Open for the second time. After he had conceded that putt to Montgomerie, who is always an object of good-natured jeers by the morons in the gallery, Payne Stewart explained, "We had won. We had gone through enough."

When he had won the 1999 Open, at storied **Pinhurst No. 2**, Payne Stewart made a 15-foot, left-to-right-break putt for an eagle on a mound, on the hole. First he lost a punch and then a primal shriek. He embraced his caddy. And then he sought out **Phil Mickelson**, whom he had defeated by 1 stroke.

At a moment when he could have been forgiven for celebrating his triumph, Payne Stewart's thoughts instead were of the man he had defeated, a man who was due to become a first-time father at any second. And it was, ironically, Father's Day.

"He told me my time would come," said Mickelson. "And he told me I'd make a great father and to cherish that."

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# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Golf's minor league now a dot-com

The Nike Tour is no more — at least not by name, and certainly not by the amount of money that will be at stake on golf's developmental tour.

Buy.com, an Internet retailer and e-commerce portal to seven specialty stores, was announced Monday as the title sponsor for the tour that has produced such stars as David Duval, Tom Lehman and Jim Furyk.

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said the Buy.com Tour will begin next year with minimum purses of \$350,000 — a 55 percent increase over this year with the possibility of them going even higher.

"We think it's time for this tour to take its own position in golf, not as a qualifying tour for the PGA but a force in terms of bringing the best golf for fans," Finchem said.

Nike, meanwhile, is ending its association as title sponsor of the tour for the past seven years. Finchem said the company's other clients include Tiger Woods, which was involved in golf through television ads tied to the World Golf Championship events.

## Unseeded Schwartz ousts Likhovtseva

LINZ, Austria — Austrian Barbara Schwartz, who gained a wild-card entry into the tournament, upset seventh-seeded Elena Likhovtseva of Russia Monday to open the \$520,000 Generali Ladies tennis tournament.

After Schwartz was broken for 4-5 in the first set, Likhovtseva served for the set. But Schwartz won eight straight games to close the set and take a 5-0 lead in the second set.

Both players were mostly unopposed by the crowd of 10,000 fans until Schwartz urged a telephoning journalist to "get lost."

In other matches Monday, Irina Spirla of Romania overcame Anne Kremer of Luxembourg 7-6 (3-2), 6-2; Sarah Pitkowski of France advanced to the quarterfinals by defeating Silvia Farago 6-1, 1-0; and Silvija Tuliaga of Croatia downed Slovak Henrieta Nagyova 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

## Philippoussis, Chang advance

STUTTGART, Germany — Mark Philippoussis, playing only his fifth match since knee surgery in July, beat Gianluca Pozzi 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 Monday to advance to the second round of the Eurocard Open.

Philippoussis injured his knee in a quarterfinal match against Pete Sampras in Wimbledon. He tried to come back in August, losing in the first round in Indianapolis, and did not play again until earlier this month.

Philippoussis will find out just how ready he is in the next round, when he plays top-ranked Andre Agassi.

Agassi and all other seeded players had a bye into the second round. Apart from Sampras, Patrick Rafter and Carlos Moya, who are injured, all other top ranked players are at the \$2.45 million tournament, one of the so-called Super 9 series.

In other matches, Michael Chang beat Rainer Schuttler 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2; and Chris Woodruff defeated Francisco Clavier 6-1, 6-4.

## Mariners select Gillick as general manager

SEATTLE — Pat Gillick decided he really did want to get back into baseball, and on Monday he was appointed the new general manager of the Seattle Mariners.

Gillick, who served as general manager of the Toronto Blue Jays and Baltimore Orioles before retiring after last season, said Monday his first job was to work out deals with Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez, whose contracts both run out after next year.

Gillick, 62, led the Blue Jays to World Series titles in 1992 and 1993. He served as general manager of the Orioles from 1995 until his retirement, and twice has been named baseball's Executive of the Year.

## NBC reporter won't apologize for questions

NEW YORK — Despite an outpouring of sympathy for Pete Rose, the NBC correspondent who conducted a combative interview about gambling with the fallen baseball star said Monday he has nothing to apologize for.

NBC's Jim Gray said his questions during a prime-time show before Sunday's World Series game shouldn't have surprised Rose since other reporters had asked the same things at a news conference less than an hour earlier.

"I don't apologize," Gray told reporters on Monday. "I stand by it and I think it was absolutely a proper line of questioning."

The interview came moments after Rose was announced as a member of baseball's All-Century team. He received the longest ovation of any baseball hero introduced at Atlanta's Turner Field — longer even than Atlanta Braves legend Henry Aaron, baseball's all-time home run king.

Rose told Gray he was "surprised you're bombarding me like this" on a festive occasion.

Spectators at the stadium affiliates across the country were bombarded by phone calls from people angry at Gray — two hours non-stop at WLWT in Cincinnati, where Rose collected most of his Major League record 4,256 hits for the hometown Reds.

Gray won a Sports Emmy in 1998 for sideline reporting after his recent interview of Mike Tyson following the "Bite Fight" with Evander Holyfield.

## Tyson faces Friday hearing on latest antics

LAS VEGAS — Mike Tyson will have to wait a few more days to collect the \$8.7 million he made for his aborted fight with Orlin Norris. And when he finally gets his check, he could find a few dollars missing.

Nevada boxing regulators will meet Friday to discuss Tyson's latest antics in the ring, and decide whether to take any action against him for a late blow that prematurely ended his fight with Norris after the first round Saturday night.

Tyson could be fined for his actions, but the Nevada Athletic Commission is not expected to take any action to suspend Tyson from the ring or change the decision in the fight from a no contest to a disqualification.

## Strange mission: Win the Ryder Cup

The next Ryder Cup won't lack any intensity from the U.S. captain.

Curtis Strange pledged Monday to bring the same sense of purpose that carried him to consecutive U.S. Open victories in making sure the cup stays on American soil.

A month after the United States staged the greatest comeback in Ryder Cup history and infuriated Europe with on-course celebrations, Strange gave no indication that the matches were getting out of hand or that his primary responsibility will be diplomacy.

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# Steelers stop Atlanta twice in final minutes

PITTSBURGH (AP) — And Atlanta thought the Braves' offense had disappeared.

Pittsburgh's defense teed off on the Falcons' depleted offense, sacking Chris Chandler seven times and preserving a 13-9 victory with two goal-line stands in the final two minutes Monday night.

The Falcons trailed 13-0 and never threatened offensively until Chandler hit Terance Mathis on a 5-yard scoring pass with 3:39 to play, then found Mathis again on a 40-yard completion to the Steelers' 7 following Jerome Bettis' failure.

But after Ken Oxendine ran 6 yards to set up a second-and-goal at the 1, the Steelers' defense stacked up three consecutive runnings.

Fullback Bob Christian was stopped for no gain by Kevin Henry on second down, and Levon Kirkland blew through the left side of the Falcons' offensive line to dump Christian for a 1-yard loss on third down.

The Falcons eschewed the short pass to run again on fourth down, but Earl Holmes and Kirkland teamed to stop Oxendine inches short of the goal line on fourth down.

The Steelers (4-3), unable to get a first down that would run out the clock, then took a safety rather than punt out of the end zone, on fourth down to make it 13-9.

Chandler wasn't done, finding Tim Dwight for 27 yards to the Steelers' 5 with five seconds left. But, after spiking the ball to save time for one last play, Chandler couldn't find an open Dwight over the middle on the final play.

Chandler finished 20-of-34 for 233 yards, while Mathis had 12 catches for 168 yards.

The Steelers weren't much better offensively than Atlanta, scoring their only touchdown — and the first by their starters in three home games — only after Chad Scott's 16-yard interception return gave them a first down at the Atlanta 11 late in the first quarter.



Pittsburgh Steelers Earl Holmes (50) and Orpheus Royce (71) tackle Atlanta Falcons running back Ken Oxendine for a first-quarter loss Monday.

# Braves, Yankees both hope for history repeat

NEW YORK (AP) — No need to remind Chipper Jones, Andy Pettitte or anyone else at the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees.

Both teams know the World Series has looked this one-sided before.

Down 0-2 after a bumbling effort in a 7-2 loss, the Braves rallied to tie the series and history during Monday's workout at Yankee Stadium.

In particular, they're hoping for a repeat performance of the 1996 World Series. That October the Yankees dropped the first two games at home before rallying to beat Atlanta four straight.

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## Must-win situation

The Braves have their backs against the wall, losing the last two games of the World Series to the Yankees. Here's how Game 3 starts, Andy Pettitte and Tom Glavine had won when their teams have met.

4.18		Earned Run Average		1.47	
28.0	Innings pitched	30.2			
31	Hits	25			
2	Home runs	2			

Source: Elias Sports Bureau

of the past.

In 1996, the Braves pounded him in a 12-1 romp in the opener at Yankee Stadium. And when Greg Maddux defeated Jimmy Key 4-0 in Game 2, it capped an amazing five-game run in which the Braves had outscored opponents 48-2 in the postseason.

But in his next outing, Pettitte pitched the game of his life, outdueling John Smoltz 1-0 at Atlanta to give the Yankees a 3-2 edge.

"That was '96. The past doesn't mean much around here now," Pettitte said.

Here's another tidbit: Never in their postseason history have the Braves been eliminated in a best-of-7 series in under six games.

"Any team that has good pitching like we have, we can always reel off three in a row," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "We've

always been able to do something like that.

"It's no different now," he said. "But we've got to be hitting the ball a little better, too. They have great pitching."

The Braves won two of three at Yankee Stadium in July during interleague play. Of course, based on what everyone saw at Turner Field this weekend, it's hard to imagine Atlanta will last long unless it gets a lot better, a lot sooner in all areas.

Built on pitching throughout the decade, the Braves again hope to take control on the mound.

As it stands, Tom Glavine is scheduled to start Game 3. Scratched from pitching the opener because of the flu, he's lost 54-7 pounds since then and looked back Monday.

"I don't know how much weight you can gain back eating soup and eating crackers. But I feel OK," Glavine said.

"I don't know how my stamina's going to be, to be honest with you. I think if it was a summertime game and it was going to be 100 degrees, I'd be a whole lot more concerned about it than I would be tomorrow, where it's going to be cool," he said. "That obviously will help a whole lot."

If Glavine cannot pitch, Smoltz will take his place.

As if it did not have enough things already in its favor, New York also gets to use the designated hitter for the games at Yankee Stadium.

That means either Darryll Strawberry or Chili Davis will be in the lineup tonight, both swinging potent bats. The Braves plan on using Jose Hernandez as their DH and, with Pettitte pitching, probably will have Eddie Perez, Bret Boone and Walt Weiss back in the lineup after a one-game benching.

"The demeanor is still the same, the mindset is still the same," Jones said. "We've played well here in the past. Hopefully, we can draw on that and use it to our advantage."

"It's going to be tough. But we've still got life. We've still got some fight in us."

The Yankees are aware of that. And of history, too.

# Yankees pitching steps up again in postseason

NEW YORK (AP) — There's a strange coincidence that keeps happening to the New York Yankees in the postseason.

— First it was Texas' bats that went cold. Then Boston couldn't get a clutch hit. Now it's the Braves who can barely generate a rally.

Maybe it's not a coincidence after all. It might be time to give the Yankees' pitchers some credit.

"The last two years have just been one big pitching performance after another," David Cone said Monday, a day after allowing one hit over seven scoreless innings to give New York a 2-0 lead over Atlanta in the World Series.

"We've done it against Texas the last two years, San Diego last year and now against the Braves. It's not just the other guys not hitting. We have something to do with it."

The Yankees have given up just 25 runs in 10 postseason games, 13 of those when Roger Clemens and Hideki Irabu were hammered in Game 3 of the AL Championship Series by the Red Sox.

In the nine other games, the Yankees have held the opposition to three or fewer runs.

"Many times did we go through the rotation with the efficiency we had in the postseason," manager Joe Torre asked. "I don't think we went through a full time or two with the efficiency we've had lately."

The Braves have barely started a rally against the Yankees, hitting 121 and scoring three runs in 13 of those when Roger Hernandez and Cone, who each gave up one hit over seven innings.

In the few times Atlanta has put runners on, Cone and Hernandez have shut them down. New York held the Braves hitless in their first 22 at-bats with runners on, before Greg Myers' two-out single in the ninth inning of Game 2.

## Yankee starters

Starting Yankee pitchers David Cone and Orlando Hernandez have virtually shut down the Braves lineup for the first two games of the World Series. Here is a look at the numbers.

Hernandez		Cone	
7	Innings pitched	12.0	1.00
0	Home runs	0	0.0

The Braves have only two hits against Yankee starters

Source: MLB

"I don't care how good they are," Atlanta's Ryan Klesko said. "We shouldn't be doing this bad."

We looked Randy Johnson out twice and he has the best stuff in baseball."

That's the formula the Yankees has used all month. They might let runners on base, but they won't give in. Opposing batters are hitting .182 against New York with runners in scoring position in the playoffs and .140 with runners on base.

That the Yankees pitchers have been so successful in the playoffs shouldn't come as a surprise, given their track record the previous three seasons.

More than any other team, the Yankees are able to exploit the opposition's weaknesses. This year has been no different as they've silenced the free swingers on Texas, Boston and Atlanta.

"We have a lot of guys on our pitching staff who won't give in," Cone said. "We take advantage of guys who swing at pitches out of the strike zone and use their aggressiveness against them."

The Yankees' pitchers give much of the credit to the detailed advance reports prepared by scouting director Gene Michael. They go over every tendency and weakness in the opposing hitters' swing pitches they like and don't like, and what counts they swing on.

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The 49ers are now just part of the pack

In 1991, a baseball manager named Chuck Dressen proclaimed, "The Giants is dead. That was after his Brooklyn Dodgers opened a 13.5-game lead over the New York Giants.

Well, not dead really. Just not the 49ers other NFL teams have come to fear for nearly two decades.

This is a team that's won 10 or more games for the last 17 full NFL seasons, akin to a baseball team winning 100 or more games.

Well, not never. Just not since 1980, when the 49ers finished 6-10 in the second year of the Bill Walsh rebuilding program.

The long-term success is probably due to one move that allowed a trade — acquiring Young from Tampa Bay for second- and fourth-round picks in the 1987 draft.

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make San Francisco the only team in recent NFL history to go through a seamless on-field transition at the game's key position.

Jeff Garcia wasn't good Sunday in the 40-16 loss to the Vikings, but the defense was worse — it was the third time this year a team has scored 40 or more points against the 49ers.

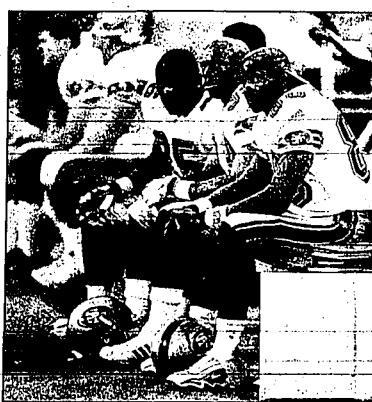
With Young and Montana at quarterback, the Niners rarely if ever botched a 2-minute drill. On Sunday, they trailed 21-13 and were backed up on their own 14 with 20 seconds left in the half when they called two timeouts instead of killing the clock.

San Francisco could still make the playoffs if Young comes back.

The 49ers also could win 10 games, which in the NFC this year, none more than once.

They're not THE 49ERS anymore, they're THE 49ERS. Teams that used to qualify on their own now regard them as just another mediocre team.

"We have to get our tradition back," Hinesclaw said. "We need to get our tradition back."



San Francisco 49ers, from right, Jerry Rice, Lawrence Phillips and Greg Clark watch as the clock runs out on their game against the Minnesota Vikings Sunday. The Vikings beat the 49ers 40-16.

fact fear back. We're going into other team's places and they're thinking they can beat us without even playing well.

Parity

The Patriots are 5-2 after their 24-23 win over the Broncos on

Former MSU standout: Coach was mentally abusive to players

The Associated Press

BOZEMAN, Mont. — Former Montana State basketball standout Alton Bach left the school because of abusive treatment by suspended women's basketball coach Tracy Sheehan, the former player told a newspaper here.

Bach, who left MSU after earning All-Big Sky Conference Tournament honors as a true freshman, said from his Conway, S.C., dorm room that she was not suspended when Sheehan was placed on leave by the school.

Bach, who is now playing Division I basketball at Coastal Carolina, said she left MSU because she could not get along with Sheehan, and that the coach was mentally abusive.

The two coaches were suspended Friday pending an investigation into NCAA rules violations and questions about player treatment. The rules violations probe is being headed by MSU athletic director Chuck Lindemann, who said he expects to have that probe finished early this week.

Formerly Sheehan, nor her assistant Jeff Malby, who was also suspended on Friday, returned calls for comment.

of Dr. Allen Yarnell, MSU's vice provost for student affairs.

Sheehan's record at MSU is 62-51 in four years, including a 12-10 record last season.

Bach was MSU's No. 5 scorer and top 3-point threat in 1997-98 but left the team because of her treatment by Sheehan, she said.

"Bach played last season at Western State Community College, where she was named the regional tournament's most valuable player and was selected to the all-tournament team. She led the Lady Scorpions to a 28-7 record and just their third NCAA Tournament appearance ever.

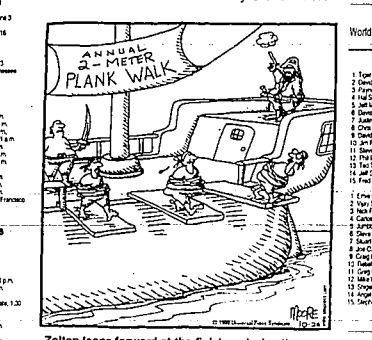
She was selected as a third-team junior college All-American. Lindemann said he was unaware of any rift between Bach and Sheehan.

"When Alton left the program it was my understanding that it was of her own volition," Lindemann said.

Bach said one particular practice incident clinched her decision to leave MSU. Bach said she threw a bad pass in practice, and Alton stepped the drill and ordered the team to run laps because of Bach's mistake. After quite a while, the other players were allowed to stop running, but Bach was forced to keep running. "Then she got up in my face and started shouting at me and all my fault that everybody had to run and that I was going to have to keep running," Bach said. "I got so mad that I ran right out the door."

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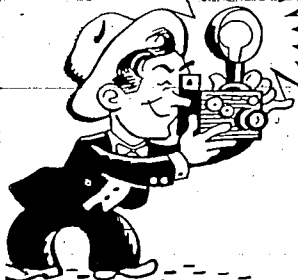
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