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## GOOD MORNING

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# Cougar country



WORTH HALL/The Times-News

**A leading world expert in cougar**—Maurice Hornocker of Bellevue, seen here at his Bellevue home with his dog Max—says cougars will likely be seen again in the Wood River Valley this winter.

## More cats in Idaho mean more contact with humans

"The cougar works a powerful magic on the human imagination. Perhaps it is easy. This majestic feline personifies strength, movement, grace, wildness, independence, and the wilderness spirit."

—Robert Roaldson, from the preface to *Cougar: The American Lion*, by Kevin Hansen.

By M.S. Subudhakar  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—Two local cougars were bad hunting in the South Hills in late September when they spotted a couple of mountain lions checking them out.

"They walked right up to us," said Jim Krutch of Twin Falls.

One lion was no more than 10 feet from his hunting partner. It was a female, more than 100 pounds.

"That was a little scary," Krutch said.

One of their two hunting dogs backed at the lion. But the two hunters started to walk away. Then, a little while later, they saw the other, smaller lion, maybe 45 pounds, probably a kitten of the female, Krutch said.

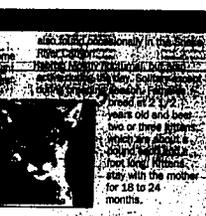
### Cougars at a glance

**Size in Idaho:**

- Males: 160 to 190 pounds—most with 200 pounds, some with as much as 250.
- Females: About 100 pounds. Most from 60 to 100. Males lighter than females are smaller.
- Diet: Primarily deer, but they eat everything from rabbits to elk.

**Habitat:** Highly adaptable. Once inhabited all 48 states, from tropical jungles to sub-arctic, from forests to deserts and from sea level to 10,000 feet. In short, they live anywhere they can find plentiful deer and adequate cover. Cover is the combination of terrain and vegetation that allows the cougar to stay out of sight while stalking prey.

The lion pair followed them for about a half mile, one lion leading, then the other. While they walked the hunters speculated about who was on the menu—the dogs or them.



Mountain lion numbers  
Number of lions killed by hunters:  
Year    In the Region    In the South Hills  
1995-96    42    11  
1996-97    47    14  
1997-98    38    14  
1998-99    24    6

The long-term average is in the mid-20s for the region and eight to 12 in the South Hills.

Source: Idaho Department of Fish and Game

lions and killed them with a shotgun. He did not have a lion permit, but the incident was ruled self-defense.

The incident is not uncommon. High-profile incidents involving mountain lions have drawn attention in Idaho and across the West. In recent years, reported sightings of lions in south central Idaho have increased, said Randy Smith, regional wildlife manager with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in Jerome.

But Fish and Game officials say cougars are no threat to humans.

### Cat of many names

The cat, *Felis concolor*, is known variously as cougar, puma, panther, catamount and mountain lion, and is the most widely distributed cat in North and South America. The tawny cat, with lighter chest and belly, has a small head, and its small, rounded ears are tipped in black as is the long tail.

All across the Western states, mountain lion numbers are higher now than at any time in the history of the West, said noted cougar researcher Maurice Hornocker of Hailey.

In the past they were considered vermin, bounties were

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# Random pattern

## Study fails to find predictability in school-district tax elections

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—A study looking for patterns in successful school district tax elections that raise money for new or improved schools came up empty.

Part of the \$200,000 state study updating school building needs across Idaho attempted to identify a common thread in districts successful in passing capital bond issues and plant facilities levies.

"We've always kind of felt there are certain things that have contributed to a successful election," said Tom Morley, education adviser to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

The study found no statistically significant correlation between success and community wealth—even though district market values per student in 1997-98 ranged from a low of \$82,456 to a high of \$235,000. The state average was \$250,000. Other factors such as voter participation and growth in enrollment also did not turn up a pattern.

Obviously, the clearest indicator of a bond issue's success turned out to be a district's proportion of students in private schools and the local public school tax rate. Districts where both were higher had more success.

Obviously other factors are at play that haven't been identified, Morley said. But at this point the Governor's School Facilities Committee charged with recommending what the state factors should be to fix school building problems put the demographic study to rest.

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# Nationalists had links to Cubans

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The Associated Press

**HARTFORD, Conn.**—The Puerto Rican nationalists offered currency by President Clinton were members of the group with ties to Cuban intelligence agents, The Hartford Courant reported.

Cuba's support in today's editions, the newspaper said FBI files on a Wells Fargo robbery in West Hartford document Cuba's support for the Puerto Rican independence movement. The contents of the files have not been disclosed until now, the Courant said.

The FBI monitored conversations and meetings between Cuban intelligence agents and members of the group Los Macheteros, Spanish for "The Cane Cutters."

"Numerous court-authorized interceptions of conversations have determined that the Cubans support and direct the Macheteros at a firsthand level," the FBI said in a confidential memo.

In addition to analyzing the FBI investigation of the 1983 armored car robbery, The Courant said it interviewed 50 sources, including former Cuban agents, FBI agents and congressional investigators.

In September, President Clinton freed 11 jailed nationalists, members of Los Macheteros or the FALN, the Spanish acronym for the Armed Forces of National Liberation.

The FALN has claimed responsibility for the 1983 armored car robbery. Please see CLEMENCY, Page A2



Eli Clinton

# FEEDING A GROWING POPULATION

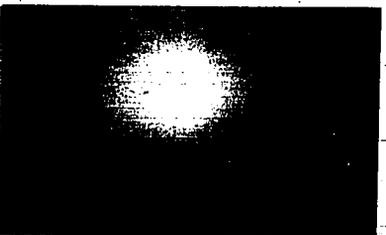
## Grain production must rise 40 percent by 2020

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON**—The world's farmers will have to increase grain production by 40 percent to meet global needs in 2020, according to a study offering hope for economies whose income has fallen as crop surpluses have driven down commodity prices.

The world's population is projected to grow by 73 million people a year, roughly the Philippines' current population—and demand for meat in developing countries should jump, too. That means stronger prices for the extra corn and other grains needed for livestock feed, according to the analysis by the International Food Policy Research Institute.

"If you're losing your farm now it doesn't do you any good—but for someone who wants to go into farming this year or next the prospects look very, very good," said Prof. Pinstrup-Andersen.



A farmer passes to check his tractor while harvesting corn near Circleville, Ohio, earlier this month. A recent study said the world's grain producers will need to dramatically increase production to feed a growing population.

director general of the Washington-based think tank. The institute is funded by the United Nations, the World Bank and various governments, including the United States. It analyzes world food needs and makes recommendations to policy-makers. The report cites what it calls a "livestock revolution" in East Asia and other parts of the developing world. It "mand for meat in developing countries has been growing three times faster than in industrialized nations and should double between 1995 and 2020, the analysis said. In the developed world, meat demand is expected to increase by 25 percent.

### Other findings

... demand for grain and 41 percent of the increased demand for meat. ... Best with improvements in crops and farming methods, production in developing countries will not keep pace with demand. U.S. grain exports are projected to rise by 34 percent between 1995 and 2020. Eastern Europe and the nations of the former Soviet Union also are likely to become major exporters, but the U.S. farmers probably will have to provide 60 percent of the developing world's needs by 2020.

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# THE REGION

## Comas Prairie



High: 64 Low: 33  
Sunny and warm. A slight breeze with a chance of rain. High clouds in the 50s.

## Treasure Valley



High: 70 Low: 46  
Mostly sunny, breezy and warm. Much cooler in the evening with a chance of rain. High in the 50s.

## Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley



High: 69 Low: 35  
Variable high clouds, and near record high temperatures. Much cooler in the evening with a chance of rain or snow.

## Eastern Idaho



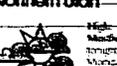
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Variable high clouds, with near record high temperatures. Much cooler in the evening with a chance of rain or snow.

## Northern Idaho



High: 62 Low: 43  
Partly sunny this morning, but after 10 a.m. and low clouds this morning. Mostly cloudy in the afternoon.

## Northern Utah



High: 62 Low: 43  
Mostly cloudy and warmer. Much cooler in the evening with a chance of rain.

## Northern Nevada



High: 69 Low: 41  
Partly cloudy and warm. Much cooler in the evening with a chance of rain.

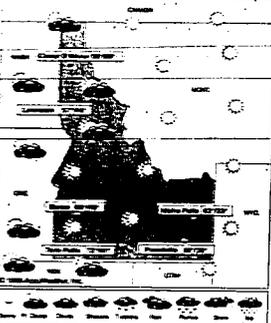
# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 72 Low: 41 Sunny, breezy, and warm.	High: 59 Low: 30s Increasing clouds, with a chance of showers.	High: 50s Low: 30s Morning rain showers likely.	High: 50s Low: 30s Partly cloudy and breezy.	High: 50s Low: 30s Mostly cloudy.

## Idaho weather

Sunday, Nov. 7

Accumulated forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

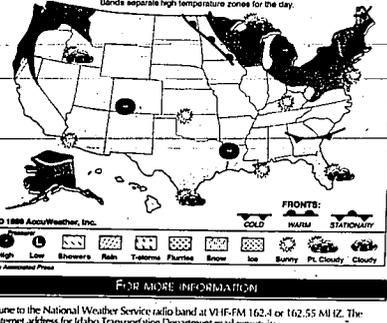


Legend: High, Low, Snow, Rain, Fog, Cloud, Wind

## National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Nov. 7.

The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department mail orders: <http://www.stateid.us/itd/itd-mail/index.html>



FOR MORE INFORMATION: Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department mail orders: <http://www.stateid.us/itd/itd-mail/index.html>

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 75 39	Yesterday in Twin Falls: 0.06
Last year: 44 26	Normal to date: 2.28
Normal: 51 28	Water volume to date: 68.68
	Normal year to date: 1.00

## Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High/Low
Boise	77	38	0.00	20 degrees at Idaho Falls and Pocatello.
Burley	78	30	0.00	Nation's High, 96 at Coalinga, Calif., Nov. 9 at Frisco, Colo.
Coeur d'Alene	41	26	0.00	
Grangeville	m	m	m	
Hagerman	m	m	m	
Idaho Falls	69	26	0.00	
Idaho	71	32	0.00	
Malad	m	m	m	Comfort factors
Malla	m	m	m	Neen humidity: 30%
McCall	62	31	0.16	Neen barometer: 30.21
Pocatello	75	26	0.00	
Salmon	55	24	0.00	Full-m and mold counts
Stanley	64	29	0.00	The meringue season has
Sun Valley	m	m	m	ended for the year. And a

## The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	43	42	0.00
Anchorage	32	27	0.00
Atlanta	57	43	0.00
Boston	62	53	0.00
Chicago	55	36	0.00
Dallas	80	60	0.00
Denver	74	30	0.00
Des Moines	64	34	0.00
Detroit	55	38	0.00
Honolulu	84	75	0.00
Kansas City	80	50	0.00
Indianapolis	68	47	0.00
Kansas City	74	37	0.00
Las Vegas	70	43	0.00
Los Angeles	70	54	0.00
Los Angeles	78	57	0.00
Miami Beach	83	74	0.00
Minneapolis	55	30	0.00
New York	54	30	0.00
New Orleans	75	48	0.00
New Orleans	84	30	0.00
Oklahoma City	79	57	0.00
Omaha	67	33	0.00
Pheonix	92	67	0.00
Pittsburgh	64	52	0.00
Portland, Ore.	57	37	0.00
Portland, Ore.	57	46	0.00
Reno	72	36	0.00
Reno	78	50	0.00
Salt Lake City	78	43	0.00
San Francisco	67	43	0.00
San Francisco	75	43	0.00
Spokane	51	36	0.00
Spokane	65	43	0.00
Yuma	86	63	0.00

## ACROSS THE NATION

**Idaho:** High pressure over the Intermountain west continued to be the dominating feature over the gem state during Saturday afternoon. This brought sunny skies to most of southern and central Idaho, while over northern Idaho skies were mostly cloudy with areas of patchy fog as an upper-level disturbance moved into Canada.

**Warm afternoon high temperatures** were reported over southern Idaho. The afternoon warm up at Pocatello where the mercury climbed to 75 degrees at 2 p.m. The cool spot was Mullain Pass with a 2 p.m. temperature of 48 degrees. Wind over

**the gem state** was generally light and variable, the exception was at Pocatello where 21 mph southerly winds were noted during the early afternoon.

**Elsewhere:** Rain spread across the Northwest on Saturday, and a few showers moved through the Great Lakes and the Northeast.

**A storm system** in the Pacific produced clouds across Washington, Oregon, Idaho and western Montana. Rain fell across the entire state of Washington during the night, with up to 1.37 inches on the northern coast at Quillayute.

—The Associated Press

# Cougars

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offered, and they could be killed any time. Mountain lion hunting now is regulated. As in recent years their primary prey — deer — has increased in number.

In 1995, there were not enough deer in Nevada to have a hunting season. Horrocker said. In the 1950s, Idaho had a week-long deer season. In those days, hunters packed cars to hunt deer where they now go to hunt deer.

In the 1960s hunters shot 3,000 to 4,000 elk. Now the number is 20,000 to 25,000, he said.

"This is the case all over the West," Horrocker said. "The current number of cougars is related to that increase in prey. But the predators don't have a significant effect on the deer — at least as the deer have good habitats."

"With good habitat, there is no need for predator control," he said.

In some isolated cases, where prey has been affected by other catastrophic conditions, predator control can help the population recover, but beyond that "predator control is a waste of money," Horrocker said.

It's the number of prey that determines the number of predators, not the other way around, Horrocker said.

Horrocker has studied big cats around the world — leopards in South Africa, jaguars in Mexico, tigers in India and Nepal and since 1990 he has been studying Siberian tigers.

He also worked on the snakes that helped establish the Snake River Birds of Prey area south of Boise. He has headed the University of Idaho's cooperative wildlife research and in 1985 founded the Idaho Wildlife Institute, affiliated with the U of I.

## Keeping safe

**Proper cougar behavior** is the key to staying safe. If you see a cougar, do not run. You should stay calm and do not make sudden movements. If you are with children, keep them close together. If you are alone, try to make yourself look as large as possible. Do not turn your back on the cougar. If you are in a vehicle, stay inside. If you are in a building, stay inside. If you are in a car, stay in the car. If you are in a house, stay in the house. If you are in a tent, stay in the tent. If you are in a cave, stay in the cave. If you are in a mine, stay in the mine. If you are in a tunnel, stay in the tunnel. If you are in a shaft, stay in the shaft. If you are in a well, stay in the well. If you are in a pit, stay in the pit. If you are in a hole, stay in the hole. If you are in a crevice, stay in the crevice. If you are in a crack, stay in the crack. If you are in a fissure, stay in the fissure. If you are in a gorge, stay in the gorge. If you are in a canyon, stay in the canyon. If you are in a valley, stay in the valley. If you are in a basin, stay in the basin. If you are in a plain, stay in the plain. If you are in a meadow, stay in the meadow. If you are in a field, stay in the field. If you are in a park, stay in the park. If you are in a forest, stay in the forest. If you are in a woods, stay in the woods. If you are in a brush, stay in the brush. If you are in a thicket, stay in the thicket. If you are in a scrub, stay in the scrub. If you are in a savanna, stay in the savanna. If you are in a tundra, stay in the tundra. If you are in a taiga, stay in the taiga. If you are in a steppe, stay in the steppe. If you are in a prairie, stay in the prairie. If you are in a grassland, stay in the grassland. If you are in a plain, stay in the plain. If you are in a valley, stay in the valley. If you are in a basin, stay in the basin. If you are in a meadow, stay in the meadow. If you are in a field, stay in the field. If you are in a park, stay in the park. If you are in a forest, stay in the forest. If you are in a woods, stay in the woods. If you are in a brush, stay in the brush. If you are in a thicket, stay in the thicket. If you are in a scrub, stay in the scrub. If you are in a savanna, stay in the savanna. If you are in a tundra, stay in the tundra. If you are in a taiga, stay in the taiga. If you are in a steppe, stay in the steppe. If you are in a prairie, stay in the prairie. If you are in a grassland, stay in the grassland.

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**Downward trend** But overall in the Magic Valley, deer numbers are down, and mountain lion numbers have been declining in the past couple of years. The deer population peaked in 1993, and the lion population peaked in 1997, Smith said.

Despite the declining numbers, reports of lion sightings are up, Smith says, and that with fewer deer, lions are having to look harder for other prey. They are out and about more, spending more time hunting in areas where they are more likely to be seen.

Fish and Game officials monitor cougars killed by hunters. The age, sex and general condition of the animals can tell a lot about the population, Smith said. And that has led to the conclusion that lion numbers are declining. But lion numbers are still higher than the average over the past 20 years.

That may not be so obvious in the Wood River Valley. When deer numbers have dropped there, the lions still have had elk to eat, Smith said. In the South Hills, deer numbers are down, but there are no reports of lion sightings there.

Reported sightings typically go up in the fall with the start

**of the hunting season.** And in winter, the tawny cats are more visible against the snow as they follow deer to winter range and closer to humans, Smith said.

**Encounters** High cougar numbers don't always mean trouble for ranchers with livestock grazing in cougar habitat.

State Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, also a sheep rancher, who runs sheep in the South Hills, reports he lost no sheep to cougars this year. He had lost sheep in each of the preceding four years on the Deer Creek Ranch north of Hailey.

But where there are cougars, and people in their habitat, there are encounters:

- One of Noh's herders killed a lion that got in among the sheep this summer. Guard dogs spooked the lion and chased it up a tree, where the herder shot it.
- Last winter, mountain lions were seen in Hailey and Ketchum. A Ketchum homeowner shot and killed a cougar after it killed a dog in his backyard. Another mountain lion killed a cattle dog on the Deer Creek Ranch north of Hailey.

Numerous cougar sightings were reported in the Hailey area and the Warm Springs area in Ketchum and other residential areas near the foothills.

• A recent letter to The Times-News reported sighting of a cougar along the Snake River Canyon rim north of Kimberly.

The sightings are not a sign of trouble, just a byproduct of a simple equation: more lions, and more people in lion habitat.

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# Clemency

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sibility for numerous bombings in the United States; his 1975 bombing of Francisco Tavern in New York killed four and injured 63. Los Macheretos, with the exception of the \$7.1 million U.S. Fargro robbery, attacked in Puerto Rico.

None of the prisoners offered clemency were directly involved in violent acts, Clinton said, and he acted on human rights activists' arguments that the prisoners had paid their debt by serving an average 19 years in jail.

In its Wells Fargo investigation, the FBI learned that Machereto leaders met regularly with their Cuban contacts in Mexico City, but sometimes also in Miami.

About a third of the stolen cash went to the Cubans, sources told the newspaper.

White House spokesman Jim Kennedy, who oversees Cuban support for the nationalists was considered during deliberations on the clemency offer, said decisions about clemency are confidential.

White House spokesman Mike Hammer, contacted by The Associated Press, said nobody was available Saturday to comment on the specifics of the report.

Filiberto Ojeda Rio, a wanted Macheretos leader who has been in hiding in Puerto Rico for years, angrily denied any ties to Cuba during an interview with Puerto Rican radio journalist Luis Penchi. "That is ridiculous," he said.

A spokesman for the Cuban Interests Section, which serves as Havana's de facto embassy in Washington, also dismissed the links to the U.S. "We closed Saturday," he said. "I have no information on that," said Luis M. Fernandez. "In my opinion, it is more science fiction than anything else."

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 NUMBERS



Joel Klein, assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Antitrust Division, center, celebrates the ruling Friday against Microsoft Corp. With him are Attorney General Janet Reno and U.S. Attorney General Richard Blumenthal.

# For consumers, Microsoft conflict has no easy solution

By **Bright Hilder** News Service

WASHINGTON — For the people who buy Microsoft's products, the marathon antitrust case could well wind up a confusing loss-lose situation, regardless of the legal outcome.

The company's supporters have argued that a win for the Redmond, Wash.-based computer software giant will guarantee consumers continued access to high-quality software from a company that's helping to drive the economy. They claim a loss, which now seems more likely, could spell disaster.

"I do not believe that any outcome crafted by opponents of Microsoft — Justice and consumers — has even a vague guarantee of serving the needs of the computer industry," said Paul Hoffman, director of the Internet Consortium, of which Microsoft is a member.

Microsoft's enemies, however, say a win for the government would put limits on a reckless corporation that's stifling innovation, trying to keep software prices artificially high and promising itself to control the distribution of information in the digital age.

A Microsoft victory, they argue, would make life worse for consumers by stifling competition and destroying any chance of future antitrust enforcement.

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"You never will see a case this strong again," said Ed Musick, president and CEO of the Computer & Communications Industry Association.

With his findings of fact in the case settled, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson seemed headed for the same conclusion. "The ultimate result in this case is that we have a product that would truly benefit consumers, never occur for the sole reason that they do not coincide with Microsoft's self-interest," Jackson wrote in his 307-page finding.

"The problem for consumers is that possible remedies in Microsoft's alleged abuses might make life worse rather than better."

David Fisher, a computer scientist at the University of Pennsylvania and a government witness in the trial, and others who believe a government victory would be better for the country agree there is a likely downside from their outcome. "Whichever side wins, there's going to be pain," said Fisher. "The question is the duration of the pain."

For instance, other companies might be allowed to sell their own versions of Microsoft's Windows computer operating system. Competition for a product that's now available only from Microsoft

would check the company's alleged power.

But the various versions of Windows are likely to be different enough to cause compatibility problems for software developers, and that could drive up prices and increase headaches for consumers. "A vendor who only follows a standard will never make any money. You have to do proprietary things to add value. If people are going to buy your product instead of the other product," said Hoffman. "That is when standardization falls apart."

Many analysts agree the urge to tinker will be irresistible. "Every vendor will ultimately seek proprietary advantage," said Clay Ryder, vice president and chief analyst for Zona Research Inc. "We're in a somewhat unique situation in that we've only got one supplier of the operating system now. There are some big prizes out."

In fact, any remedy that makes it harder for Microsoft to finance efficiently could cause problems for consumers.

The pain might be lessened if Microsoft and the government agreed to a negotiated settlement. The best chance for that probably was in May of 1997, when the Justice Department demanded what now seems a minimal concession.

# Microsoft Q & A

WASHINGTON (AP) — Common questions and answers about the Microsoft antitrust trial:

**Q: My computer uses Microsoft Windows. How does this trial affect me?**

**A:** The trial's outcome is unlikely to affect Microsoft customers immediately, since a product recall is not being considered. But the judge eventually could order Microsoft to change the way it designs Windows, such as requiring it to offer one version without an Internet browser, or requiring it to include rival software programs within Windows. In the most extreme case, which many experts consider unlikely, the judge could break up Microsoft into smaller companies that would compete against each other by selling different versions of software.

**Q: How did the judge issue his ruling?**

**A:** The judge decided on an unusual process. First, he issued his "factual findings," in which he decided some key questions. But he won't decide whether or how Microsoft should be punished until later, possibly in the spring.

**Q: Why did the judge split his ruling this way?**

**A:** Legal experts believe the judge wants to encourage the sides to negotiate a settlement and avoid the risks of imposing punishment on one of the world's most successful companies, which is helping drive the booming economy surrounding the high-tech industry. The sides have met at least three times since the trial started but remain far apart on some central issues.

**Q: Since the judge declared Microsoft a monopoly, does that mean the company has done something illegal?**

**A:** Federal laws don't prohibit a company from achieving monopoly power by selling popular products or making shrewd business decisions. Some major corporations — including IBM, Xerox and Eastman Kodak — all have been declared to be legal monopolies in certain markets. But it is illegal to achieve or sustain a monopoly through illegal practices.

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# Time crunches, not budgets, rub out schools' music programs

MELEAN, Va. (AP) — Band director J.D. Anderson just wants the tubas to get it right before Longfellow Middle School's fall concert.

"Somebody's coming in a measure early," Anderson says as he slumps in frustration at his music stand. Soon, he is punctuating the air with his conductor's baton.

"Precision, precision," he instructs the symphonic band class of seventh- and eighth-graders, the top performers among the 250 music participants in the school's music program.

Overall, a fifth of the 155,000 students in the suburban Washington school district are provided by professional musicians from the area who sit in at rehearsal.

"Parents will support you if you can show the program's value to their children," Anderson said. But, he adds, "a program should have established and measurable worth. You can't get anywhere by



Longfellow Middle School student Marle Chinworth, left, and Paga Sigman sit next to Sharon Lee, a member of the Fairfax Symphony, during a class at Longfellow Middle School in Falls Church, Va., last month.

just going out and winning a trophy.

Music education has wide spread support — from the president, movie stars, policy-makers, even brain researchers, who say

it helps with learning and problem-solving. Yet states focused on academic testing, particularly in math and science, are devoting fewer resources to the arts. That lowered commitment means less time for students to participate in extracurricular activities such as band.

Virginia is among 40 states that put music at par with reading, math, social studies and history when it comes to official learning standards, the degree of proficiency in a subject that students must show at certain grades.

But only Kentucky, Oklahoma, New Jersey and Washington test students on their music knowledge. Forty-five states offer tests in reading and math.

In Virginia, new tests given to public school pupils from third grade through high school eventually will decide whether a school meets state or district academic standards for providing quality education to children.

"You can say all you want about the intrinsic value of

music, but for principals who are very nervous about trying to raise test scores, their needs are more immediate," said Roger Tomhave, fine arts coordinator for the Fairfax County, Va., school district, which includes Longfellow.

"What we are trying to do now is push music education in the state of Virginia to have every bit of the same credence as language arts, math, science and social studies."

Mandated tests could elevate music's status, music educators say, if they ever rise to the level of math and reading assessments.

"If we had more tests of those skills and lessons that parents and administrators could understand and were legitimate, there would be better opportunities to move music education ahead," said John Mahlmann, executive director of the National Association for Music Education in Reston, Va.

Students are not so sure about the benefits of testing.

"Music gives you a freedom that other classes don't have," said Dasha Cooper, a 16-year-old senior in the chorus at Eastern High School in the District of Columbia. "You study for tests, so much already, most students wouldn't want to take music if it had a test, too."

Suzanne Westbrook, an eighth-grade clarinet player in the Longfellow band, said a simple test cannot measure the value of music education.

"It really can change a student's life forever," the 13-year-old said. "Even if you just quit after high school, you still have that part of you."

How best to test California's 6 million students is at issue now. So is the cost. California has doubled state arts grants, to \$6 million in the 2000 budget year, partly in response to worries that not enough students graduate with the skills to enter the music industry so vital to the state's economy.

## Airline could face charges over cargo

MIAMI (AP) — A federal grand jury reportedly is considering criminal charges against American Airlines following a two-year investigation into its acceptance of hazardous cargo.

The case stems from an incident in October 1997 when passengers had to evacuate from an American Airlines plane at Miami International Airport because an illegal shipment of 500 pounds of a toxic pesticide broke open while being loaded as cargo, The Miami Herald and The New Yorker reported.

American Airlines referred questions to its attorney, Rebekah Poston, who did not return a telephone call on Saturday.

The legal limit for such shipments is 2.2 pounds, The New Yorker reports in its Nov. 15 issue.

An indictment could come this week, the Herald said on Saturday's editions.

The incident came during a federal crackdown on dangerous cargo that followed the 1996 ValuJet crash, which was blamed on a fire produced by an illegal shipment of oxygen generators.

The airline has repeatedly said it was cooperating with federal authorities, even before 60 federal agents raided its Miami cargo terminal and offices for documents on hazardous materials three weeks after the pesticide spill.

The seized documents revealed almost a complete lack of control and security for excess baggage and unmarked cargo, the Herald said. "It's permissible to fly toxic materials. The problem with American is that it was not complying with the federal regulations," an investigator familiar with the probe told the Herald. "They were transporting toxic materials that were not labeled."

## Lawyers honor Unabomber's brother Saturday

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The Unabomber's brother, David Kaczynski, on Saturday received an award from the state bar association for turning in his relative and said he was moved to tears that Matthew Shepard's mother asked that her son's killer not face the death penalty.

"Maybe you can imagine what I was feeling: the report hit very close to home, touching memories that are never far removed," Kaczynski told members of the New York State Bar association.

The association had just given Kaczynski and his wife, Linda Patrik, its new justice award for making the difficult decision to turn in a loved one.

"We applaud their willingness to seek justice despite the personal costs and to do what is in the best interest of our country," said Gregory J. Heston, chairman of the association's Committee on Justice and the Community.

In 1996, the couple alerted authorities of suspicions that Ted Kaczynski was the Unabomber after they had read published versions of the Unabomber's manifesto. Kaczynski was apprehended, and in 1998 pleaded guilty to the mail bombing spree that killed three people and injured 23 others.

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# Gore presses Medicare, cancer issues

PLYMOUTH, N.H. — Working to make up ground lost to Bill Bradley, Vice President Al Gore took questions at a senior citizens center Saturday. He promised to be elected to protect Medicare and press the fight against cancer.

The Bradley threat was more than a passing thought for Gore, who said the former New Jersey senator is making him work harder in their contest for the Democratic nomination for president next year.

Recent polls have shown advances for Bradley in New Hampshire, where the first primary will be in 2000, and other parts of the Northeast. He remains largely unknown in other parts of the country.

"I'm thanks to Bill Bradley for the tough competition he's laid out. 'Don't get me wrong, I prefer to run unopposed. But it has been good for me, win or lose, to have the competition.'"

In response to questions on cancer, Gore compared tactics used against the disease to those that beat Japan in World War II.

"World War II was partially won because we broke the enemy's secret code," he said to an audience at a senior citizens center. "We are just as ready to break cancer's secret code, so we'll know how to fight-back effectively."

### Bradley responds to Gore's jobs at private sector life

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley responded to criticism about his years after leaving the Senate by calling it a "period of rejuvenation."



Vice President Al Gore tells senior citizens Saturday in Plymouth, N.H., medical researchers are close to breaking cancer's code.

"I'll tell you, quite frankly, had I not left the Senate, and gotten out of Washington, and been in the real world, and had an experience that I had, I don't think that I'd be running for president today." Bradley said in an interview broadcast Saturday on CNN's "Eunice, Norah, Huzar and Shields."

"It was a period of rejuvenation, and a period that was very refreshing to me, and it gave me a chance to think about where the country was and where I'd like to take the country," said Bradley,

who represented New Jersey for 13 years before leaving the Senate in 1997.

Vice President Al Gore's campaign has criticized Bradley for accepting millions of dollars in speaking fees, mostly from special interest groups, after he left Washington. Just last week, Bradley's income tax returns and financial disclosure statement showed he earned \$2.7 million for speeches given in 1997 and 1998 — much of it from those groups.

An Associated Press computer analysis of candidate contribu-

### Politics in brief

tions last month found that Bradley's biggest contributors were employees of Wall Street investment houses.

### Brown-Amiano matchup rattles San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — The flamboyant, wisecracking Mayor Willie Brown may have met his match in the charisma contest in Tom Amiano, an openly gay city supervisor who moonlights as a comedian and uses humor to great strategic effect.

Amiano launched a write-in campaign for mayor just 20 days before Tuesday's election, and shocked the experts by getting enough votes to force Brown, one of California's most powerful politicians — into a runoff Dec. 14. "It's nothing short of amazing," said Rich DeLeon, chairman of political science at San Francisco State University. "It's thrilled me, it's inspired me. It tells me not all politics is political science, it's political art."

If Amiano can beat Brown, he will become the first openly gay mayor of a major U.S. city.

Amiano, 58, has long been an openly gay, liberal activist, first on the school board and then in City Hall. But Brown, 65, has many IOUs he can call in from gay and liberal activists he fought for as a political powerbroker in Sacramento, where he was the longest-serving speaker of California's Assembly before becoming mayor four years ago.

— compiled from wire reports

### Reporter finds a lot to loathe on campaign trail

By David Daley  
The Hartford Courant

Modern political journalism began with Theodore H. White's "The Making of the President, 1960," his backstage portrait of John Kennedy's campaign. White practiced journalism as insider intimacy. He fell for Camelot, and when others less skillful than he tried to copy his style, he wrote much of the dull inside-politics horse-race journalism that dominates election coverage today. White was the first to make the "story" and the "strategy" — the strategies and the strategists and the cross-country barnstorming scene exciting. He made hitting the campaign trail something of an alluring for reporters every four years.

The best backstage books — Joe McGinness' "The Selling of the President, 1968," Hunter S. Thompson's "Fear and Loathing: On the Campaign Trail '72" and Michael Lewis' "Trail Fever" — continue to inspire these trail trawlers, including Jake Tapper, covering his first presidential race for the online magazine Salon.

On Nov. 20, a 1991 Dartmouth graduate, made headlines with his first professional article — a cover story for the alternative weekly the Washington CityPaper titled "Dated Monica Lewinsky." It was, indeed, a chronicle of his first date with Lewinsky just weeks before her affair with President Clinton became an embarrassing international sensation.

Tapper approaches the story with great sympathy and humanity — "How many college roommates could rattle off lists of my bizarre habits? How many ex-girlfriends? And is forthcoming about his self-interest both in dating her and in writing about it. He joined Salon in March and often has excelled, especially with his counterintuitive spins on Al Gore.

Tapper also has written for George, Entertainment Weekly, McSweeney's and the New York Times Magazine, drawn political cartoons for Roll Call, the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times; and is the author of the new unauthorized Jesse Ventura biography, "Body Slam" (St. Martin's, \$5.99).

Just back from covering the Iowa straw poll, Tapper took an hour to chat this past week about what happens when the presidential campaign meets online journalism.

"This is the first presidential campaign you've covered. What books did you read to remind you of the best way to cover a race like this? 'Trail Fever' and 'Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail'?"

A: Exactly. They are the gold standard of political journalism. Thompson in '72 for Rolling Stone, and Lewis in '96 for New Republic. When you read coverage like that, it inspires you to want to be more, whether you're

liberal, conservative or just contrarian.

Q: What do you like about covering the campaign for an online magazine? How does that give you more freedom than the daily beat writers? Do your Iowa straw-poll writings, now were able to call Elizabeth Dole the "ungraced Red Cross dummer," and it struck me as the most accurate and biting description of her I've ever read. Wasn't that a daily.

A: If we think someone's full of soup, we can say it. The national press can't. What's good about this is it's magazine writing with a daily timeline. It's better than a daily timeline. We can put it up on the site just as soon as my editors have read me in and the copy editors make it look like I'm familiar with punctuation and basic grammar.

Q: What's wrong with the way the daily press, the Beltway press, covers these campaigns.

A: I think the coverage is too dependent on personality, and inaccurately so. There's a way to get personality in a way that's also substantial. A lot of (Washington) D.C. reporting is based on what the chatter is at cocktail parties instead of actually going to New Hampshire and

Iowa to see these candidates.

Q: What has especially surprised you, seeing these candidates at such proximity for so long, that you haven't seen reported?

A: I'm surprised by how incredibly plummy Elizabeth Dole is, and how racist Pat Buchanan is. Q: That line in his stump speech, about how the Chinese better open up their markets for American products or they won't be able to sell their chopsticks here anymore is just unbelievable.

A: And it's not just that. He has lines about "New York bankers" and "Latino railroad killers." He's horrible. But he's a Washington insider who is friends with all of these reporters, and they protect him. They cover up for him. I don't know if he's just looking for ratings points when he goes back to CNN, but he's a horrible man. He's despicable, if he means it, and he's still despicable if he doesn't.

Q: What's your sense of Bush? Can he be stopped?

A: Go out among his people, and you get this sense — and I'm not in the tank for him, either — that he's capturing something Ronald Reagan caught in 1980,

and Clinton caught to a degree in 1992.

Q: Did you ever hear from Monica Lewinsky after your story about your date with her ran in CityPaper?

A: I did. She was grateful. The whole world was maligning her. She called to thank me and tell me she appreciated it. It was nice to hear from her. We all make mistakes, obviously.

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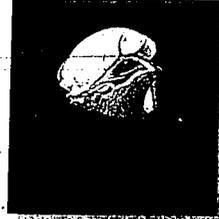
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## History of voter support of school board and plant facilities levies since 1992

Idaho law requires school districts to pass two-thirds voter approval to pass a bond issue.

### Failed bond issues

District	Year	Percentage approval
Hagerman	1995-96: 1996-97	44.7% 55.3%
Murtaugh	1992-93: 1993-94	64.2% 55%
Buhl	1994-95: 1995-96	52.5% 55.3%
Hagerman	1996-97	52.5%
Shoshone	Twice in 1995-96	52% 64.5%
Blaine	1992-93	61.5%
Jerome	1992-93: 1993-94	52% 55.3% 54.5% 54.5%
Mountain Home	1994-95	54.5%

### Passed bond issues

District	Year	Percentage approval
Murtaugh	1995-96	65.2%
Cassia County	1996-97	68.2%
Shoshone	1996-97	69.2%
Gooding	1995-96	70%
Valley	1995-94	71.5%
Harrison	1995-96	71.5%
Hagerman	1998-99	71.5%
Twin Falls	1992-93	71.5%
Filer	1994-95	74.7%
Richtfield	1997-98	75.4%
Jerome	1994-95	75.5%
Blaine	1994-95	76.5%
Camas	1993-94	76.5%
Castelford	1996-97	81.5%

The percentage of approval school districts need to pass a school plant facilities levy varies based on how much money they seek and their debt levels.

### Failed school plant facilities levies

District	Year	Percentage approval
Jerome	1992-93: 1993-94	48% 48.5%

### Passed school plant facilities levies

District	Year	Percentage approval
Cassia County	1993-94: 1994-95: 1995-96	70% 87% 72%
Blaine	1993-94	72%
Richtfield	1993-94	82%
Shoshone	1992-93	82%
Castelford	1994-95: 1995-96	84% 84%
Twin Falls	1998-99	84%
Mountain Home	1996-97	86%
Hagerman	1998-99	87%
Thomas Creek	1993-94	89%
Diernich	1994-95	100%
Jerome	1998-99	85%

### Demographics of Magic Valley School Districts

District	1997-98 enrollment	Enrollment growth 1993-1998	Students in private school	Students in poverty
Camas County	199	7%	15%	6%
Cassia County	5,270	-4%	19%	3%
Glenns Ferry	848	3%	24%	1%
Mountain Home	4,482	9%	14%	4%
Gooding	1,332	16%	20%	7%
Wendell	1,102	8%	24%	4%
Hagerman	434	10%	17%	5%
Bilas	180	-12%	33%	1%
Jerome	3,134	4%	20%	2%
Valley (Hazelton)	705	4%	17%	8%
Richtfield	1,472	9%	28%	5%
Diernich	217	2%	12%	2%
Richtfield	198	-14%	32%	0
Minkso County	5,035	-7%	17%	3%
Twin Falls	7,167	7%	16%	7%
Buhl	1,122	12%	17%	6%
Filer	1,332	12%	17%	6%
Himberly	1,273	16%	13%	2%
Hansen	384	-3%	20%	2%
Castelford	365	-18%	15%	9%
Murtaugh	278	-15%	10%	2%

Enrollment figures from 1993-1998 show an increase of 13 students in Camas County, Glenns Ferry, down 19 students; Hagerman, up 41 students; Bilas, down 22 students; Richtfield, down 32 students; Hansen, down nine students; Castelford; up 50 students; and Murtaugh, down 48 students.)

### Wealth of Magic Valley school districts listed in order of highest valued tax bases

District	Adjusted market value 1997-98	Adjusted market value growth 1993-98	Adjusted market value per student in 1997-98
Blaine County	\$4.2 billion*	62%	\$1.46 million
Twin Falls	\$1.4 billion	49%	\$122,000
Cassia County	\$807 million	35%	\$153,000
Minkola County	\$725 million	47%	\$144,000
Mountain Home	\$479 million	41%	\$107,000
Jerome	\$477 million	45%	\$152,000
Buhl	\$319 million	39%	\$217,000
Filer	\$201 million	48%	\$151,000
Gooding	\$192 million	57%	\$144,000
Glenns Ferry	\$181 million	36%	\$279,000
Wendell	\$150 million	56%	\$136,000
Valley	\$132 million	22%	\$187,000
Kimberly	\$126 million	47%	\$99,000
Hagerman	\$93.1 million	53%	\$215,000
Shoshone	\$81.4 million	36%	\$179,000
Hansen	\$74 million	33%	\$193,000
Castelford	\$73.5 million*	40%	\$201,000
Gooding	\$71.8 million†	36%	\$232,000
Richtfield	\$30.8 million	43%	\$201,000
Diernich	\$28 million	25%	\$111,000
Murtaugh	\$87.8 million	42%	\$244,000

\*Blaine County's market value is second only to Boise School District's - Idaho's largest. Boise schools had a tax base of \$9.4 billion supporting 27,000 students in 1997-98. Blaine's enrollment was about 2,800 that year.

Source: Augenblick & Myers study on capital revenue obtained by Idaho school districts and voter behavior on capital issues. Information on all Jerome bond issues and levies included by The Times-News.

## School

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That sounds fine with committee member Sen. Darrell Deard, R-Caldwell.

"I think that basically it revealed there is no single factor in the law that prohibits school districts from passing a bond," he said.

The biggest hurdle is the two-thirds majority approval, a district's wealth doesn't appear to play a factor, he said.

House Education Committee Chairman Rep. Fred Tillman, R-Boise, also on the facilities committee, isn't as convinced. He said

the study did not answer whether districts could raise enough money to fix building problems.

"Certainly that would indicate in my mind we have provisions in the system we have to improve," he said.

And the study didn't include the state's largest, Denver-based Augustana & Weyer, say the school capital spending has reduced limited attention from policy-makers and legislators. It's difficult to study and little is known about it. The National Center for Education Statistics once tracked voter behavior on

capital issues but stopped several years ago, the study says.

The governor's facilities committee of lawmakers, state officials and business people including Times-News publisher Stephen Hartgen, this week recommended it would take \$48 million to fix health and safety needs in Idaho schools. The committee proposed two concepts to help districts pay for the repairs. Both dined by narrow margins in 1999. One plan would let districts pass plant facilities levies for longer periods of time with a smaller

majority. The other would allow districts to ask for a court-ordered tax increase after other taxing avenues have been exhausted.

Meanwhile, as policy-makers continue to debate the issue, a trial is pending before 4th District Judge Daniel Eismann on whether the state is meeting its constitutional obligation to ensure public schools are providing safe learning environments.

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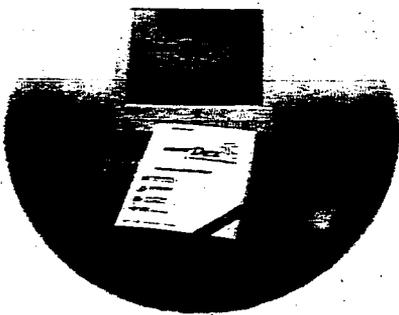
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# Teen's trial as adult follows trend

### Michigan youth was 11 when he was charged with murder

The Washington Post

PONTIAC, Mich. — When the police came for the 11-year-old Michigan boy from a neighborhood with three drug markets, he was sitting in his sixth-grade classroom, his face painted on a Hollywood sign. He was 11, and his feet didn't quite touch the floor when he sat on a defense chair at his arraignment.

Nathaniel is 4 inches taller now, and his mannerisms are childlike at 13. But he still looks like a child, disheveled with a bored, expressive look as if he were in a classroom instead of in a courtroom in Oakland County, facing a potential sentence of life without possibility of parole.

Nathaniel is the youngest child to be charged with murder in Michigan — perhaps the youngest in modern U.S. history to be tried as an adult for first-degree murder. He also has become a symbol in a campaign against a growing tendency in U.S. courts to prosecute and punish juveniles who commit serious crimes, as if they were adults.

Amnesty International USA, which put a picture of Nathaniel on the cover of a report critical of the juvenile justice system, says Nathaniel's trial here "violates a mockery of justice and constitutes a violation of international human rights standards for the protection of children."

Nathaniel is accused of firing a stolen .22-caliber rifle out of some trees on a steep hillside and killing a stranger, Ronnie Greene, 16, as he walked out of a store about 200 feet away. He also is being tried on a charge of assault with intent to murder for allegedly firing the same gun at a neighbor and missing, thereby threatening to hit the hillside.

Nathaniel contends the war just started at the trees and never intended to kill Greene. But prosecutors have pressed the charge of assault with intent to murder, which is a capital offense, as a retaliatory killer who targeted a girl at his school that he planned to kill someone — then did.

"Nathaniel's behavior did not occur when she was going to do, and Ronnie Greene paid with his life," Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Lisa Blalock said. "She said the case is not about age but is about accountability for a homicide."

At 11, Nathaniel already was well known to the police, who say they have linked him to at least 24 crimes, including burglaries, at home invasion, own apartment assaults with metal pipes, an arson case, snatching a woman's purse at gunpoint and using gun-



Laura Woodward, mother, center, of a victim of a 1998 shooting in Oregon, leaves the courtroom Friday in Eugene at the sentencing hearing of her 11-year-old son, Nathaniel, who is charged with killing his parents and two students at Thurston High School. Behind her, justice officials are being tried as adults for serious crimes.

in attendance at the elementary school students.

He heard this, police had charged him with multiple counts — a violation.

The 13-year-old says that Nathaniel is a deeply troubled and mentally distressed youth who at the time of the homicide had the necessary ability to form a premeditated intent to kill.

If convicted, Nathaniel could be sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole, or juvenile detention until he becomes an adult, or a conditional sentence in which his record would be reviewed within six months to determine whether he should be released.

"The case has turned the spotlight on Michigan's juvenile justice system — one of the toughest in the nation — which allows prosecutors to obtain judicial approval for trying any juvenile as an adult, no matter how young. There are 1,000 youths 17 or under in the state on adult criminal juveniles, or young as 14 — some are charged with a capital offense.

Twenty states recently have changed their laws to allow juveniles to be tried as adults at the discretion of a judge. 16 states have mandatory adult prosecution for some offenses, and 15 have a "preemptive" process that begins in juvenile court and has to move to the state's approval before moving to an offender to an adult court. Prosecutors initiate the demand with a "blame bill" in 15 states, according to Amnesty USA.

Some critics of the trial here have complained that the prosecution may be partly motivated by the case, even though Greene — like

Nathaniel — was black. They maintain that there is a tendency nationally toward leaving white children accused of serious crimes in the juvenile justice system for rehabilitation, while black children often are tried and sentenced as adults.

Amnesty USA reported last year that black children comprise only 15 percent of the population ages 10 to 17, but account for 50 percent of cases transferred by juvenile courts for trial in adult criminal courts.

"We are in a mean period in which there is no doubt race is playing a role in the prosecution of children in the adult system," said Sam Jordan, a program director at Amnesty. "Do we really want children walking into court crying because they haven't seen their mother in two weeks? That's what we're doing to our children."

Because Nathaniel confessed to the shooting of Greene, his supporters have linked him to an 11-year-old Chicago boy who was convicted as a juvenile of a 1993 slaying primarily on the basis of a confession to police. A federal judge reopened the case last month after it was disclosed that the detective who obtained the confession also testified last summer that two boys, ages 7 and 8, had admitted to killing and sexually molesting an 11-year-old girl, Ryan Harris. First-degree murder charges against the two boys were dropped after semen evidence showed it was impossible for them to have committed the crime.

National attention to the Ryan Harris case has prompted juvenile justice advocates to demand more safeguards against coerced confessions of children, including

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NATION

# Waves hamper black box recovery; relatives view wreckage

Newsday

**NEWPORT, R.I.**—Taking advantage of a break in rough seas, the Navy once again dropped a robot to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean Saturday afternoon in the hope of recovering Egyptian Flight 990's black boxes.

The Deep Drone on Friday detected two homing beacons that investigators hope will lead them to the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder, but it had to be pulled from the water later that day after waves got higher than 10 feet.

The remote-controlled robot tethered to a Navy salvage ship was submerged 250 to 270 feet — where the pinger signals were first detected — shortly after 11 a.m. Saturday, said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Joe Navratil.

"We're trying to pick up the pinger signals again," he said.

Investigators are not certain whether the homing beacons are still attached to the flight recorders because the Deep Drone's cameras could not see them Friday. The recorders may be buried in sand or silt at the bottom of the ocean floor more than 50 miles south of Nantuxet. The B-767 headed from New York to Cairo plummeted into the sea from 33,000 feet early last Sunday morning, killing all 217 people on board.

Saturday afternoon, 180 to 200 relatives of the victims gathered at the former Navy base in Quonset Point to view recovered wreckage for the first time. The family members boarded seven charter buses that took them from their Newport hotel to the base.

Members of the media were not allowed to accompany the group, but some family members spoke to reporters when they returned to the hotel.

"The plane was in a lot of pieces," said Amir Abdelmonem, of Cairo, whose parents were on the plane returning to Egypt after visiting Abdelmonem's brother. "... I can never express the bad feeling, the sadness (of what I saw). It was a very difficult thing."

A family friend, Walid Elmehry of Cairo, who accompanied Abdelmonem, said they saw 6,000 to 8,000 pieces of debris. "The logs of EgyptAir was in 12 to 15 pieces, very small pieces," Elmehry said. "I didn't see a single whole seat."

"As Muslims, some of us started praying," he said. "We accept the will of God. It was written, and it had to happen unfortunately... I hope they didn't have to feel that horrible crash. I hope they died before they hit the water."

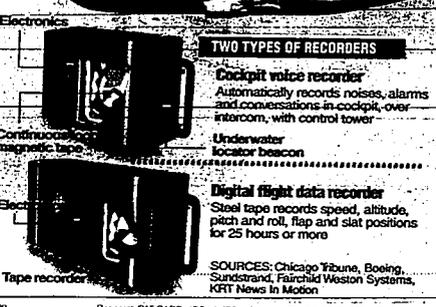
Rhode National Transportation Safety Board officials believe it is unlikely that intact bodies will be recovered. The Rhode Island medical examiner's office has been sending blood samples from relatives so DNA comparisons can be made with whatever remains are recovered.

Rhode Island Attorney General Sheldon Whitehouse said Friday he will petition state courts Sunday to allow him to issue a "Certificate of Presumption of Death" has anyone listed on the official flight manifest. The certificates would allow relatives to execute wills, collect insurance benefits and pursue legal claims without waiting until remains are identified.



A side scanning sonar device is lowered into the water Saturday in Newport Harbor, Mass. The ship will soon help in the search of the EgyptAir Flight 990 crash site.

## Inside the black box



# TWA 800 provides roadmap for EgyptAir probe

## National safety agency takes calmer approach to handling investigations

**NEWPORT, R.I. (AP)** — When EgyptAir Flight 990 plunged into the Atlantic last weekend, National Transportation Safety Board Chairman James Hall was on the investigation scene within hours.

Since then, he's been virtually alone in the public spotlight, presiding over news briefings and visiting grieving relatives while investigators from the FBI and other agencies play much less visible parts.

It's in stark contrast to the explosion of Flight 800 off the coast of New York's Long Island in July 1996, when the NTSB took a secondary role to the FBI's dogged search for evidence of a crime.

Within minutes of the explosion of Flight 800 off the coast of New York's Long Island in July 1996, FBI agents tracked leads in what became the biggest investigation in the agency's history.

Although a vice chairman of the 350-employee NTSB was on hand the day after Flight 800 went down, Hall was not.

"The biggest lesson needed to be who was in charge of the investigation from Day One," said Paul Marcone, aide to U.S. Rep. James Trafletti, senior ranking member of the aviation subcommittee which oversees the NTSB.

In addition to taking the lead in the investigation, the NTSB now counsels grieving relatives and keeps them abreast of the investigation — the result of congressional legislation spurred by anguished relatives of Flight 800 victims.

The NTSB's stance at the head of the investigation has changed the tone of what the public hears about the crash and the investigation.

The specter of terrorism is not being raised so swiftly or insistently this time, although it is being considered because the plane was headed to the Middle East and Egyptian military officers were on board.

There is also no initial evidence this time suggesting a crime as there was with Flight 800, when dozens of people "claimed to have seen a missile-like light streaking toward the plane before it exploded."

The Paris-bound TWA Flight 800 fell from 13,700 feet on July 17, 1996, shortly after leaving Kennedy International Airport. EgyptAir Flight 990 left the same airport and minutes later plunged from 33,000 feet to 16,000 feet, then rose to 24,000 feet before falling to the sea.

No evidence of a crime was ever found in the Flight 800 crash. Although the NTSB has not formally declared its cause, the crash apparently resulted from a center fuel tank explosion apparently set off by a combination of mechanical problems including damaged wiring.

Joseph Valiquette, a

spokesman for the New York FBI office, which has led the criminal investigation of both crashes, said Flight 800 is considered a "text-book case for us on plane crash investigations."

"It broke new ground and set new standards for the FBI and is being used as a model in this case," he said.

In 1996, the FBI was reluctant to share interviews of witnesses and people who touched the doomed plane with the NTSB.

This time, Hall said, "relations with the FBI are cooperative. I communicate daily with FBI director (Louis) Freeh and his agents here. They are going about their work, coordinating and communicating with us."

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# Scholars study long-lost Archimedes work

CHICAGO (AP) - Once thought to be lost forever, a 1,000-year-old parchment manuscript containing the works of Archimedes is being preserved and studied for insights into one of the greatest minds of the ancient world.

The book, which scholars believe was copied in the 10th century by a scribe from Archimedes' original scrolls, was bought anonymously at auction for \$2 million last year.

It is being displayed at the Field Museum in Chicago until Jan. 3, when it will be returned to the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore for restoration.

The manuscript is the only copy in the original Greek of Archimedes' theory of flotation of bodies. The text and diagrams also detail his mathematical treatises and mechanical theorems and contain the roots of modern calculus and gravitational theory.

"What this does is broaden the base of our understanding of the mainstream of Western mathematical historical tradition," said William Noel, the gallery's curator. "We can understand the tradition of thought."

Archimedes, born in Sicily in 287 B.C., is credited with discovering the principle of water displacement while sitting in his bath. He also invented the pulley and a planetarium that demonstrated the movement of the stars.

About 200 years after the book was written, the text and diagrams were erased by scraping the skin, and the leaves were cut and reused in a smaller book of Christian prayers. New words



The Archimedes Palimpsest sits under Plexiglas Wednesday at the Field Museum in Chicago. The palimpsest contains the mathematical treatises of Archimedes that were written over and made into a Christian prayer book in the 12th century.

were written across the original text, which still shows up faintly.

The book disappeared around 1922-24 from a monastery in Constantinople. It resurfaced in the possession of a French family in the 1930s and was sold by the family last year.

The manuscript survived a fire, which charred the edges, and has also been damaged by mold.

The manuscript is called the

Archimedes Palimpsest. Palimpsest is writing material that has been reused by erasing earlier writing. Restoration is expected to last four or five years. After the pages are carefully removed and cleaned, the text must be read to learn the original order of the pages.

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## 'Annie' enemy admits apprehension

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Alan Cumming says he was afraid of one thing when he accepted a role in the Disney remake of the musical "Annie" - terminally cute kids.

"I was a little apprehensive about going into a thing with so many singing children. I thought I was going to have to stop myself from slapping children," he joked. "But they were all lovely kids."

Cumming, who won a Tony award for playing the creepy host of Broadway's "Cabaret" revival, is on man Roster Hannigan in Disney's version of "Annie," airing Sunday on ABC.

The Scottish-born Cumming said he let his costar, Kathy Bates, know he was nervous about the show.

"I'm not American, and here I'm doing one of these famous American musicals, singing in a way I've never sung before, playing a character far away from anything I've done before," he told the Daily News of Los Angeles. "You just have to let people know you feel as scared as they do, and then you can have a laugh."

Cumming predicted the show will make a star of 12-year-old Alicia Morton in the title role. "Every little girl in America's going to want to be her."

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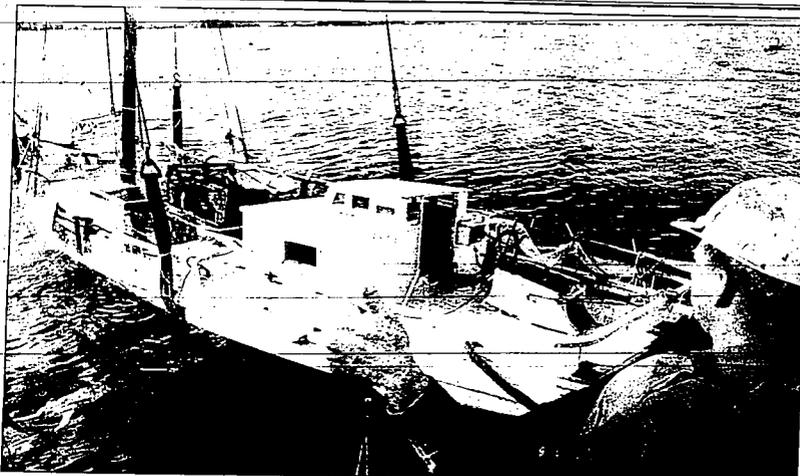
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Joe Yoash of Hissboro, Md., helps the crane operator with directions in lifting the 113-year-old skipjack Rebecca T. Ruark Friday from the bottom of the bay at the mouth of the Choptank River off Tilghman Island, Md. Below, the ship sank in a storm Tuesday.

# Crews return historic skipjack to surface

The Washington Post

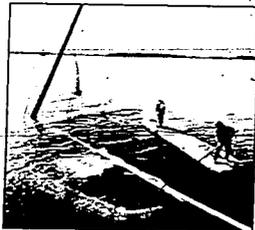
TILGHMAN ISLAND, Md. - A 113-year-old skipjack is floating again, up from the bottom of the Chesapeake tributary where it sank in a gale Tuesday, floated with financial help from state officials who have used its image to promote tourism.

The sloop-rigged oyster boat Rebecca T. Ruark was raised Friday from the Choptank River in an operation that involved a 55-by-140-foot barge, a tugboat, a 225-ton capacity crane and a crew of deckhands and a diver to operate the equipment.

Owner, Wade H. Murphy Jr., his two sons and scores of officials and reporters looked on as two slings were slid under the hull and attached to cables that led to the crane.

As the boat emerged from 14 to 20 feet of water about a mile off the tip of Tilghman shortly after 3 p.m., Murphy was asked "How's it look?"

"Beautiful, beautiful, so far," said Murphy, a



third generation skipjack captain on this Eastern Shore island. "This is my whole life here, and I thought I'd lost her."

The Rebecca is one of a dwindling number of commercial sailing vessels that still dredge for oysters on the Chesapeake, although Murphy said about three-quarters of his skipjack income now comes from taking tourists on weekend cruises during the warmer months.

After quick appeals from Eastern Shore politicians and friends of Murphy, the state offered Thursday to pay \$10,000 to a Baltimore company, Martin G. Imbach Inc., to raise the ship. The usual price would have been \$30,000, said the company president, Eamonn McCready.

But the investment by the state and any loss to Imbach seemed small compared with the public relations value of the salvage effort, which attracted more media to Tilghman than any event since President Reagan's visit in 1984.

"I ain't slept for three nights," Murphy, 58, said repeatedly as the cameras zoomed in on him. "It's like one of my babies being lost."

# Daughter: Parents spent money due her for care

RENO, Nev. (AP) - An 18-year-old woman who lost both legs and all her fingers to bacterial meningitis is suing her mother and stepfather, claiming they squandered more than \$100,000 in donations intended for her.

Jelena Hatfield accuses Denise and Martin Rehm of siphoning the money for their own use in the lawsuit filed Friday in Washoe District Court.

In some cases they cashed large checks at Nevada casinos, the suit says.

"We doubt any of this money will be recovered, but Jelena wants to let the public know they have been exploited," said her lawyer, Kelly Watson.

"Frankly, Jelena did not want to go public," Watson said. "But she heard through family members that her mother wanted to do another fund-raiser. She felt she had to go public."

The Rehms said they were saddened and hurt by their daughter's allegations and told KTVN-TV that all the money was spent on Hatfield's needs. "We might not have done everything right, but we did the best we could. We went through this too," a tearful Mrs. Rehm said.

"It makes me angry, it hurts and it defaces everything we did for her," said Martin Rehm. "That money went to her needs and her wants."

"What does she want from all of this ... was it just to humiliate

us?" asked her mother of the lawsuit. "I don't know what to say to Jelena except we love her."

Nevadans opened their hearts and their wallets when word of the teen-ager's plight were published.

Businesses, classmates and students at other schools held various fund-raising events - benefit concerts, auctions, even a casino showroom production - to help her. In all, more than \$108,000 was collected, Watson said.

Doctors said Hatfield was near death when she was admitted to Washoe Medical Center in April 1998. At 16, she was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis, an illness caused by a bacterium or a virus that inflames the lining of the brain and spinal cord or infects the blood.

Her body shut down, and an unconscious Hatfield went into shock.

Doctors helped get blood to her brain, heart and kidneys. But the lack of blood to her hands, feet and legs starved them of oxygen. Both legs had to be amputated, as well as all her fingers.

Hatfield went through months of medical treatment, physical therapy, and graduated from high school in June.

But shortly afterward, Watson said Hatfield left home after arguing with her mother. That's when the young woman discovered the bank account had been drained.

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# Rumors over first casualty of creationism are many

The Washington Post

LAWRENCE, Kan. — On the seventh day, Anna Harvey raised her hand.

High school biology teacher Stan Roth was just wrapping up his evolution unit. Students were gathering up their books. Harvey — a well-liked student athlete who had never before received any grade but an A — was sitting in the front row.

"Mr. Roth," she piped up. "When are we going to learn about creationism?"

By now there are several different versions of what happened next. Roth says he became exasperated by the bawling from the "non-converted" row and told the girl that "non-converted" had no place in his classroom. Anna Harvey says her bearded, eccentric instructor snapped. His eyes flashed.

"He went off on me," Harvey says. "He told me, 'When are you going to stop believing that crap your parents teach you?'"

Ultimately, Roth's outburst proved to be the triggering event that would lead, five months later, to his permanent removal from the classroom — possibly making him the first casualty of the creationist uprising. It was an ignominious end. His supporters say it is brilliant and strategic teaching career that spanned four decades.

Three months after Roth was forced to retire, the Kansas State Board of Education, spurred on by conservative Christians, voted 6 to 4 on new science standards that de-emphasized the teaching of evolution in the public schools. A decision that sparked national debate about science and religion and was dubbed "an embarrassment" by the state's own governor.

The timing of the two events was no coincidence, Roth's supporters say. They say Roth, an elder in his Presbyterian church, was a victim of the religious fervor sweeping this conservative Midwestern state.

"He was a controversial teacher, and in his last years, before retirement, (administrators) decided to make an example of him to appease the religious right," said Pamela McElwee, a Roth student turned Rhodes scholar who is now studying for a PhD at Yale.

But Roth's detractors, even the pro-evolutionists among them, say that this debate has nothing to do with politics and that Roth was merely a victim of his eccentric teaching style and eccentric ego.

Lawrence Free State High School Principal Joseph Snyder says Roth was transferred out of the classroom because of his treatment of students. "It has absolutely nothing to do with cre-

ationism," Snyder, who personally supports teaching evolution, said.

Snyder, it is clear the State Board of Education's decision is renegeing. Since August, a textbook company marketing a history of Kansas recently removed an early chapter about the state's geologic formations, fearing it would be offensive to creationists. At Kansas State University, the biology department has been struggling to fill its teaching slots because potential candidates are wary of the political climate.

Nowhere in the state have these developments caused more hand-wringing than in Roth's home town of Lawrence, the lower college town that fancies itself the Berkeley of the Midwest, where letters to the local newspaper are running 10 to 1 in favor of Roth.

"It's surprising to the point of embarrassing what's happening in this town," Roth said quietly about the outpouring of support he has received since he went public with his forced retirement in late September.

Roth, 64, had been teaching in Lawrence Unified School District #17 since 1953. By all accounts, he was an extraordinarily dedicated teacher. He routinely worked nights and weekends. He maintained a wide menagerie of animals in his ground-floor classroom: a python, a tank of rattlesnakes, frogs and lizards. He took his students on field trips to the high plains of western Kansas, to local wetlands for Friday night "Swamp Stomps," to the woods for "Owl Previews" and into the depths of nearby bat caves. On spring break he and his wife organized trips for cartography study to Florida and Hawaii.

"He is a legend in the state," said Steve Mechels, a Roth supporter and Emporia High School biology teacher. "To see the way he worked with kids, it was amazing. Parents fought to get their students in his class."

But Mechels adds, "just as many parents fought to keep their students out of his class."

He was a formidable presence in the classroom. Stern, Grumpy. — An equal-opportunity SOB," Roth said with a laugh. "I've been equal and fair and honestly gruff and candid my whole career."

Around Lawrence, Roth stories are legion: Roth threw chalkboard erasers at students who fell asleep in his class, or blasted them with a fire extinguisher. He gave his own daughter her first C. He was not shy about using middle or profanity in the classroom or the "G" word, as one Christian delicately described it.

# Parents say girl approached teacher on her own

The Washington Post

LAWRENCE, Kan. — In 1997, biology teacher Stan Roth was transferred from Lawrence High School, where he had spent the bulk of his career, to the new Lawrence Free State High School across town, to add his weighty worth of mammal skulls and other specimens, but he went.

Then, in 1998, sophomore Anna Harvey appeared in his class. Harvey, who is now 16, is a blond cross-country runner with a strong personality of her own. She once ate a worm on a dare.

Her father, Joseph Harvey, an oral surgeon, calls her the "most charismatic" of his nine children. The conflict began early. Roth said that Harvey's work, particularly in her classroom notebook, was sloppy. She said he was frowning, rude to his students and unhappy to be at the new high school. No one in the Harvey family could understand how Anna — who had never received any grade lower than an A before Roth's class and has not received one since — could be doing Cleveland work. "When I saw a C on her report card, at first I couldn't think what it was. I thought maybe she had an incomplete or something. Then my wife said, 'No, that's a C,'" Harvey said.

Roth Joseph and Anna Harvey said it was Anna's idea to

approach Roth in class about creationism, that she was not put up to it by anyone from her conservative Christian church, as has been suggested. Anna Harvey had seen a creationist film that detailed alleged flaws in evolutionary theory at a Bible study class and wanted to ask her teacher about it, she said.

However, Anna popped the question last December, at a time when some of her fellow students were carrying bibles to class to silently protest the teaching of evolution. When Roth responded harshly, she complained to her parents.

It was February before Joseph Harvey had time to officially protest and launch his letter-writing campaign.

About the same time, in February and March, the state board of education held a series of public forums on science standards, where audiences included an abundance of conservative Christians who protested the teaching of evolution. In Lawrence, concerned creationist parents formed a group called POSH (Parents for Objective Science and History) to campaign for local school board candidates and put pressure on the local school board to delete evolution sections of the sophomore biology textbook used by Roth and others.

Harvey says he is not a member of an organized creationist group. His letter-writing campaign, in

part responsible for Roth's downfall, was nothing more than a defense of his child's right to freedom of religion, he said.

He wrote his first letter to the administration outlining Roth's treatment of his daughter in February. ("(Roth) stated, 'It's time to quit believing what you were taught as little kids. Grow up and learn the truth.'") In addition he used the words "trap" to describe the Biblical gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John," Harvey wrote.

The semester wrote on. On April 15, Roth received notice from the local school district that he had been approved for rehire. Meanwhile, Roth said Anna

Harvey's work did not improve. He threw Joseph Harvey out of a parent-teacher conference. Harvey wrote another letter. A conference with Roth, the Harveys and Principal Joseph Snyder did not end in an apology to Anna, as Harvey had hoped. He wrote again.

Roth was summoned to Snyder's office on May 13 and told he would be transferred to a non-teaching position maintaining the district's science equipment. Snyder was unmoved. In despair, Roth felt he had no choice and decided to retire rather than continue to work at the school out side his beloved classroom.

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# Young people survive two weeks in jungle following plane crash

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The airplane was far over the Amazon jungle when its engine faltered and it began losing altitude. The bush pilot ordered his seven passengers to throw their belongings out the window to lighten the load.

In the last row, 31-year-old Noris Villarreal tossed out everything she had, except a knapsack with some bread, canned dehydrated ham and a Bible. She was returning home after summer vacation to start sixth grade in the jungle village of San Juan de Manapiare.

The Cessna 441 was dropping dangerously close to the forest and was still 10 minutes away from the village's dirt airstrip when the pilot decided to try for an emergency landing on a river. He missed, smashing into huge trees along the riverbank.

When Noris regained consciousness, a couple of hours later, four of those aboard the plane were dead, their bodies strewn amid the wreckage.

It was the start of a two-week odyssey in the jungle for Noris and another passenger, survivor and searching desperately for help that eventually — miraculously — came. "If it wasn't for God, I wouldn't be alive," Noris said from her bed at the Miguel Perez Cordero public hospital in Caracas, her body covered with hundreds of bug bites.

Her Amazona airlines flight had



Noris Villarreal, 11, and her mother, Maria Vasquez, spend some time together at a Caracas, Venezuela, hospital where Noris is recovering from injuries. She and Ismael Rodriguez, right, survived two weeks in the jungle eating plants, praying and searching for help.

taken off Oct. 12 from Puerto Ayacucho, the capital of Amazonas state in southeastern Venezuela. Her home in a village of 3,000 people was 45 minutes away by air — or a week by canoe.

The plane had mechanical problems in mid-flight, so the pilot returned to the airport and switched aircraft. Then that plane had trouble too.

When Noris woke after the crash, she saw a man's severed leg 15 feet from his body, and another man with the top of his head blood off. A woman groaned for Noris to push her toward the river to wash off. But the young girl had a broken wrist, and all she could do was rinse the woman's face.

The woman later rolled herself to the water, where she died and

was swept away by the current. Nearby lay another man, Carlos Arteaga, his lower right leg mangled. Noris fed him some bread and water, and tried to apply bandages she found in the plane's wreckage, now soggy from a downpour.

The only other passenger not gravely injured, a 19-year-old Yakuana Indian named Ismael Rodriguez, set off on his own to

look for help and for his suitcase, which held his prized high school diploma. He had been in Puerto Ayacucho applying to become a teacher.

That first night Noris stayed at the crash site and slept among the dead and dying.

"The dead people didn't make me afraid, because God was with me. I felt his close," Noris said.

The next day Ismael returned, and he and Noris decided to head out together to look for help. "We got lost," Ismael said from his bed at the Perez Cordero hospital.

For days Noris and Ismael ate plants, plucked fruits from trees and drank water from streams. Mosquitoes and flies attacked them ferociously. A few times they heard the buzz of search planes in the distance, but could do nothing to attract them.

At night, Noris cried herself to sleep, her broken wrist throbbing.

Rescue officials were flying over the missing plane's flight path each day, to no avail. Six days into the search, relatives and neighbors of the missing passengers persuaded authorities to drop them in the forest by helicopter so they could search on foot.

Nineteen villagers set off, armed with two shotguns to fend off possible attacks by jungle cats and other animals. Three days

later, Arteaga's uncle, Geronimo Colina, caught a whiff of something awful.

Soon he spotted the wrecked plane across a river. He dove in and rushed to the other side "to find out if my nephew was dead or alive," he said. It was 10 days after the crash.

He found Arteaga, the top of his skull exposed where worms had eaten away skin and hair. Arteaga pleaded with the rescuers to let him die in peace, but they carried him to the other side of the river, making a stretcher from their shirts. Rescue officials arrived the next day and rushed Arteaga to Caracas. The Indians returned home to recruit 50 more villagers to continue the hunt.

Noris and Ismael had kept up their spirits, but now Ismael was losing hope. They had been in the jungle nearly two weeks, and for the first time he thought he might die. "I couldn't take the hunger anymore," he recalled.

On Oct. 25, some 13 days after the plane crash, Noris and Ismael wound up back at the river where the plane went down, just a mile from the crash site. They waded out to a large rock, hoping to be spotted.

Four hours later a helicopter appeared overhead. They waded and screamed. Tears ran down Noris's cheeks.

Rescuers flew the pair to Caracas some 360 miles away.

## Australian voters reject referendum, decide to keep close ties to Britain

SYDNEY, Australia — Australians on Sunday refused to shake their colonial past, rejecting a referendum to make their nation the world's 147th republic and drop Britain's queen as their head of state.

Monarchs claimed the referendum result as a victory for a stable government. Republicans said it would be the starting point for a new campaign.

"Today is a very, very special day in the history of our great country, Australia," said Kerry Jones, who led the monarchist campaign, to cheering supporters at a victory party. "The Australian people have had their say, and they said 'No' to dumping the queen."

Voters were asked if they wanted to change Australia's 56-year-old constitution to establish Australia as a republic and reduce the queen as head of state with a parliament-appointed president.

With almost 80 percent of the vote counted by the official Australian Electoral Commission, 55 percent of Australians voted against the republic, compared to 45 percent in favor.

Settled as a British colony in 1788, Australia has been an independent nation since its six states federated in 1901. But like many Commonwealth countries, such as Canada and New Zealand, it still recognizes the British monarch as its head of state.

### World in brief

**NATO said** peacekeepers stopped the rain a safe distance from the damaged structure and prevented it from crossing the bridge.

Kosovska Mitrovica, located about 25 miles from Pristina, has been the site of repeated ethnic clashes since NATO-led peacekeepers arrived here in June. A bridge over the Ibar river that separated the two groups was destroyed off by Italian and French peacekeepers, said Maj. Catherine Luter, a NATO spokesman.

### Israel extends deadline for evacuating outposts

**JERUSALEM** — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has extended the deadline for Jewish settlers to evacuate illegal outposts in the West Bank, his spokesman said Saturday.

They are to be undertaken to move out voluntarily by mid-week, so they'll be given till mid-week," Gadi Baransky told The Associated Press.

Last week, Barak said the out-

posts must be removed by Friday. On Friday, he extended the deadline to today.

Balkanians would not say whether mid-week meant precisely Wednesday.

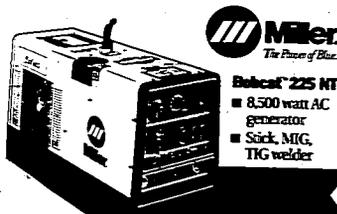
After Israel and the Palestinians signed an interim land-for-security agreement in October 1998, settlers moved trailers and water towers onto 42 hilltops around the West Bank, saying they intended to scuttle plans to turn the territory over to Palestinian control.

Barak's government studied the sites and determined that 15 of them had no basis of legal permission and should be removed.

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# Rural Cambodians get Internet access

ROBAP, Cambodia (AP) — Bun Ron is 13 years old and has never seen a computer in his life.

Plopped in front of a new Macintosh, he struggles to comprehend how the strange machine can do the amazing things that foreigners say it can do: grow better crops or help heal the sick.

The confused child is confronted by a horde of journalists flown by helicopter to this desolate poor corner of Cambodia to witness the genesis of an ambitious experiment by American philanthropist Bernard Krisher. "I don't know," is all he can muster.

Krisher's experiment: a solar-powered schoolhouse equipped with a computer that carries linked to the Internet via satellite. Bun Ron and 300 other children in Robap village will be the solar school's first students.

Two solar panels on the roof of the five-room school provide enough energy to run the computer for four to five hours a day. A satellite dish provides a link between the computer's modem and a communications satellite, also in orbit.

Krisher, a retired magazine journalist living in Tokyo, envisions these children accelerating past age-old hardships like growing enough rice and raising an income to modern dilemmas such as hard-disease crashes.

The school — the first of 200 planned to be constructed by the end of next year — follows other seemingly far-fetched projects by Krisher's Japan Relief for Cambodia. But his group has pulled some off. Earlier successes include the country's first English-language daily newspaper, the Cambodia Daily, and an orphanage in the capital, Phnom Penh, that teaches computer skills to abandoned youth.

Cambodia is still recovering from the mass murder of an estimated 1.7 million people — one person in five — under the Khmer Rouge regime in the late 1970s.

Krisher, 68, hopes Robap village will learn to use the Internet to curb disease by linking up to faraway hospitals and relief agencies. The schools could also obtain the latest crop growing techniques, he says, or construct a Web page to advertise village handicrafts to a worldwide market.

Maintaining the high-tech equipment almost 190 miles from the nearest computer shop is an issue. But donors — who shelled out thousands of dollars for the schools to go along with World Bank matching funds — did not appear concerned. They were



American philanthropist Bernard Krisher helps Bun Ron, a 13-year-old Cambodian boy, to use a computer for the first time in Robap, northern Cambodia, Tuesday. Krisher has started an ambitious project to supply schools with solar power and computers connected to the Internet via satellite.

convinced that bugs will eventually be worked out and that children never disappoint in their capacity to quickly pick up new concepts.

"These children are like fish. If you throw them into the water, they will swim," says Nicholas Negroponis, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who is one of 20 individuals or organizations signed up to fund a school so far.

During the trial, they admitted they smuggled the weapons — which they said they used for recreation — from their mission base in war-torn Congo across Zambia into Zimbabwe. They said they were worried about the consequences to church members and ministers in Congo if the government discovered the weapons.

Their release defused a battle in an ongoing struggle with the government over judicial inde-

pendence. Adam's light sentence was seen as a rebuke to the government's refusal to improve prison conditions, and provoked a scathing outburst from Attorney General Patrick Chinamasa, who declared he would appeal the sentence. His outburst drew a contempt-of-court charge from the judge.

Blanchard indicated a full statement would be issued Sunday by their lawyers.

# Zimbabwe drops case, releases three Americans

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Three American missionaries convicted of illegal weapons charges were expected to arrive home in the United States by Sunday thanks to their good behavior and a change in government attitude.

Zimbabwe could have held Gary George Blanchard, 36, Joseph Wendell Pertsjöhn, 34, and John Lamonte Dixon, 35, indefinitely while the attorney general appeals their year-long sentence for being too light, their defense lawyers said.

Instead, the government allowed them to leave prison Saturday and returned their passports, signaling the government's decision to drop the case. The three men, who said they were missionaries with Indianapolis-based Harvestfield Ministries Pentecostal Church, were found guilty of possessing 39 guns and other weapons. The men emerged from

Chikurubi Maximum Security Prison on Saturday morning, traveling in a white four-wheel drive vehicle and escorted by two vehicles filled with paramilitary troops. After being driven to the airport, the men were walked to the check-in counter by troops.

"We are healthy and we feel fine. We are happy about this," Blanchard told reporters at the airport. "We are alive."

Under Zimbabwe law, prisoners are automatically considered for parole after serving two-thirds of their sentence, and released for good behavior.

Judge Mohamed Adam, annoyed at the government's insistence on holding the men in harsh conditions — shackling them naked to their beds and bearing them — applied their pretrial jail time to their one-year sentence.

Blanchard, Pertsjöhn and Dixon were arrested in March at Harare's international airport.

# RESOLUTION NO. 1641

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, GIVING NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO CREATE A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN, AND TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS.

WHEREAS, There has been filed with the City a Petition signed by 60% of the resident owners or two-thirds of the owners of property subject to assessment in a proposed local improvement district in the downtown area, requesting the establishment of a local improvement district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO:

Section 1: That it is the intention of the City to create a local improvement district with a boundary surrounding the following described properties:

Block 86, Lots 1-2; Block 86, Lot 17; Block 102, Lot 1; Block 102, Lots 17-20; Block 85, Lots 1-5, 15-32; Block 101, Lots 1-18, A-E; Block 84, Lots 13-32; Block 100, Lots 1-16, 21-32, Twin Falls Township, Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Section 2: The improvements in the proposed local improvement district shall include removal and replacement of sidewalks, installation of pedestrian lighting, placement of trash receptacles, installation of landscaping and necessary irrigation system, and reconstruction of the 200 and 300 blocks of Main Avenue North/West. The total cost and expenses of the project is estimated at \$920,750.00. \$198,750.00 will be paid from a levy of assessments on the property included in the proposed district. \$102,000.00 will be paid by the City of Twin Falls. \$120,000.00 will be paid by the Urban Renewal Agency. \$500,000.00 will be paid through an Idaho Community Development Block Grant.

Section 3: The costs and expenses to be paid by assessments of property shall not exceed \$75.00/front foot on Main Avenue and shall not exceed \$35.00/front foot in the rest of the district.

Section 4: The City Council shall conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, November 16, 1999, at 5:00 p.m., at City Hall, 321 2nd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, at which time protests may be filed or heard.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL November 4, 1999  
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR November 4, 1999

ATTEST: Jody Hall,  
Deputy City Clerk

/s/ Vice-Mayor Howard L. Allen

# Russian jets kill civilians in Grozny

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — As Russian jets dropped bombs on Chechnya's capital Saturday, the government of the war-torn republic urged Moscow to end its attacks and begin peace talks.

At least 32 people were killed in air and artillery bombardments of Grozny on Saturday, including eight children and 12 women, Chechen officials said. Altogether, more than 4,100 civilians have been killed since the Russian military campaign began in early September, Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov claimed Saturday.

Chechen Deputy Prime Minister Kazbek Makhshabev quoted Maskhadov as saying that he was "ready for any form of negotiations (with Moscow) to stop the war and the deaths of civilians," the Interfax news agency reported.

Russia has consistently rejected calls for negotiations, saying that Islamic militants in Chechnya must be eliminated first. And it insists that its forces are trying to avoid civilian casualties.

Despite those claims, scores of wounded civilians, fleeing Chechnya, have arrived with bullet wounds in neighboring republics after Russian troops reopened border checkpoints a few days ago.

At one overcrowded hospital in Nazran, in the southern Russian region of Ingushetia, Chechen women and children with badly burned faces and missing limbs lay Saturday in makeshift beds in the corridors.

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## EDITORIAL

# Show fiscal restraint when making changes to PERSI

State lawmakers are tinkering with new ideas to make the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho more equitable with retirement plans offered in other states. It's a noble endeavor, but the Idaho Legislature should be wary of financial promises it can't keep during a prolonged economic recession.

Other states have been down this road, and it hasn't been pretty. First, they succumbed to the siren song of "Do more with less" and cut labor unions by sweetening the retirement pot during good times. Then, when the economy stumbled, they were hit with the double whammy of lower revenue and higher expenses.

We recognize that public employees, just like private workers, have a legitimate interest in maximizing their retirement benefits. It's one of the fundamental reasons why people work for 35 or 40 years.

In Fall, firefighter Randy Lammers wasn't being unreasonable when he vowed to revisit the issue after the 1999 Legislature killed several bills aimed at lowering the retirement age and boosting benefits. "We're not asking for a whole pie," Lammers said. "We'd just like a larger

share of it." The debate in Idaho mirrors a larger one in Washington, D.C., over Social Security. Nationwide, the ratio of workers to retirees is about 3:1, but that's expected to become 2:1 when the last of the Baby boom generation retires in 30 years. Unless Social Security benefits are reduced, or the retirement age is raised, Uncle Sam will be left with three distinctly unpleasant options: 1) Raise taxes; 2)

Reduce spending in other areas of the budget; or 3) Resume deficit spending. These are Idaho's own concerns writ large - except that the federal tactic of deficit spending is not an option for a state government.

The Legislature should fairly consider the recommendations made by an

interim committee that has been studying the issue. But if there's any room for error, state lawmakers and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne should take pains to err on the side of fiscal restraint.

Idaho is widely known for having the most conservative Legislature in the nation, and that quality will serve taxpayers well when the Legislature makes long-term promises to tens of thousands of public employees.

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# Neilsen's vision of a canyon-rim hotel

There has been great enthusiasm, and questions as well, about the Canyon Park Hotel and Convention Center. And, as others have been leading the discussions, I thought you should hear directly from me.

Throughout the last several weeks, I have followed the many newspaper and chamber discussions and the unsolicited praise extended to our offices. I've also been keenly aware that some residents are not supporting the development.

I view this project as a natural progression in the city's evolution as a place of commerce and expansion. It had been said lately that this particular site is an important community location - that is something I have long known and appreciated. I have, as you may know, maintained this land for more than 20 years.

Throughout that time, there have been numerous opportunities to develop this unique parcel, but I've waited until I felt the location had matured and realized its full potential.

The Canyon Park Hotel is the culmination of my lifelong dream to bring Twin Falls a landmark that serves as its centerpiece. As envisioned, this project will be important to the vitality and tourist appeal of the Magic Valley much as the Coeur d'Alene resort and other highly esteemed properties bring a desirable profile and enhanced revenue to other communities.

I recognize the value of the canyon and its importance to residents and am extremely sentimental about the area. Because of these feelings and convictions, I see the hotel as a true addition to Twin Falls. It will, in many ways, become a community center - with access to nature trails that provide an entirely new view of the valley and the Snake River Canyon rim. The trails are truly a unique part of the project as they are designed for everyone to enjoy and incorporate natural materials in their mind, I propose to build a vertical structure which will provide a green



**READER COMMENT**  
Craig Neilsen

## What's your opinion?

The Times-News is eager to know your opinion of Craig Neilsen's hotel proposal. Letters of no more than 400 words can be:

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belt and open space, as opposed to the construction of a series of low-rise buildings that will form a wall along the canyon rim which will greatly reduce public access. In addition to creating a spacious and more environmentally sensitive project, the smaller "foot print" of a taller building will also provide visitors with even more impressive views of the canyon.

Those of you who are acquainted with my work in the hospitality industry know that I strive to create projects that reflect a great attention to detail. While Canyon Park is an independent endeavor or of mine and will not be affiliated with Ameristar Casinos, this same philosophy and diligent consideration applies. My intimate involvement with every aspect - from conceptualization to construction - ensures that the facility will carry my personal signature. The emphasis will be on quality and ambiance throughout to provide a distinctive and highly memorable guest experience.

From an architectural perspective, Canyon Park will reflect the elements and color palette indigenous to the site and incorporate natural materials in its artistic, upscale treatment. Further, the

landscaping will soften the profile of the building and create continuity with the local terrain and complement the golf courses in the canyon below.

Canyon Park may be tied to a proposed new visitors center that will heighten interest as travelers come across the Perrine Bridge. The development will accent the area's existing attractions while enriching Twin Falls' beauty and prominence and strengthening the conveniences extended to the Magic Valley. Related to this point, the Canyon Park convention center will increase area commerce by bringing more regional travelers to the city and will be a cooperative partner in ongoing economic development activities. Long-term advantages of this project are likely to mean stronger airline connections and the creation of Twin Falls travel packages. Most immediately, Canyon Park will create flexible jobs and career opportunities for residents interested in lodging, property management and culinary positions.

Although I now reside in Las Vegas, my connections to Twin Falls are pronounced, and I am devoted to strengthening the community's economic development. When I relocated to Nevada because of other projects, it was an intentional decision on my part not to move the Neilsen & Co. offices - that business is an integral part of Twin Falls and a historic connection to my late parents. I am immensely proud of being a long-standing Twin Falls developer and employer.

While we've recently heard from a vocal minority, the project's strong economic benefits and the creation of a gateway to Twin Falls address many concerns that have been raised. I hope you will agree with the integrity of this proposal and will lend your support to the Canyon Park plan.

Craig H. Neilsen is president of Neilsen & Co., a Twin Falls construction firm, and the developer of the proposed Canyon Park Hotel and Convention Center.

# The Times-News

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## LETTERS

### Idaho Power employee shines

Obviously, Idaho Power is an organization that cares about people. On the evening of Oct. 15, a power outage in the Fremont-Alder Drive Twin Falls neighborhood caused me to inquire about the cause and the return of service. My mother lives alone in that neighborhood, and I was concerned about her since the power had been out nearby an hour. I called the Emergency Outage 800 number in the phone book, not really expecting to find out anything. I did make contact with a man named Doug Larson and explained my concern. At that particular time, he did know of the outage but not the cause nor was he able to tell me how long we could expect it to be out. However, after he heard of my concern for my mother, he did agree to take my phone number and call me back, which he did about 30 minutes later. He still did not know the cause but would keep me informed. My mother preferred to stay in her home as long as her heat was maintained. About 30-45 minutes later, he called to say they had located the cause and would hopefully have it fixed within an hour. Still another 45 minutes to an hour later, he called to say they had restored the connection. I did thank him profusely for being so considerate. He just said that he felt it important to take care of older citizens. I felt someone should know that an Idaho Power employee can still maintain personal concern when, all too often, large corporations find they have little time for such consideration. We appreciate the hard work of Doug Larson.

SONIA ALEXANDER  
Twin Falls

### Senate derails global trust-building

The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty is a long-evolved global effort intended to stop the spread of nuclear weapons by means of prohibiting the testing of such weapons worldwide. On Oct. 13, the U.S. Senate, by a vote of 51-48, failed to ratify the CTB Treaty. With this vote, the U.S. Senate, in effect, has put the nuclear arms race back into the starting blocks after 10 years of dormancy.

During the past 60 years, the United States has conducted more than 1,200 nuclear tests. This total exceeds the sum of tests conducted by all other nations of the world combined. Our nuclear deterrence and strategic capabilities are well established and regarded as being far superior to any other country's nuclear might.

Idaho Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo were two of the 51 Republicans who voted against the CTB Treaty. The Senate's failure to ratify it confused and angered our NATO allies, all of whom support the CTB Treaty, and derailed 10 years of global trust-building between nuclear and non-nuclear countries. Sens. Craig and Crapo have recklessly contributed to the defeat of one of the most important international treaties of this century.

I look forward to the day when our national politics are consistent and respectful to the health of our planet and when our government, because of its wise and honorable policies, becomes the model that other nations emulate.

JOHN CACCIA  
Ketchum

### Twin Falls can't rest on heritage

Since moving to Twin Falls several years ago, my family and I have found ourselves here to be justly proud of her heritage, those families and friends before them which created Twin Falls. Visionary people irrigated the desert. They built the canyon and, by doing so, created jobs and opportunities for themselves to enjoy a heritage of civility, safety, good schools and community involvement.

Does Twin Falls still have the vision which will permit the Class of 2000 to return home, find good work opportunities and raise a family here? I fear not if recent history speaks our vision. We've rejected the intermodal rail vision. We've missed the Boise Cascade call center's 500 jobs, and Heaven forbid any farm operator speak of growth here. If Mr. Perrine had arrived in Twin Falls with a massive plan to irrigate the desert in the 1990s, we'd have run him out of town. The prevailing attitude seems to be "I got mine already so, no developers wanted, graduates go elsewhere!"

Perhaps this is not our attitude, but the results are the same. Job growth is nonexistent. Aren't we growing enough jobs here to be justly proud of it? You ask? Not if you look at the numbers. Idaho Department of Labor (June) shows we lost more than 1,730 jobs in our area last year alone! Just ask any young person seeking better than a minimum-wage job; they'll need three of the jobs they do find to feed their family. Will Mr.

### Neilsen's hotel and convention center be the next sacrifice on the "all growth is bad" altar? Sure, the city should ask for a first-rate project, but to turn away a local hotel developer with world-class ability who would generate millions in job dollars would be, at a minimum, an insult to any student working hard at Twin Falls High who hopes stay and get a job.

Our town's heritage is its people more than anything else. If in our zeal to protect our "quality of life" we provide no work opportunities, we'll send our young people packing, and our town and its heritage will crumble. In the spirit of prior Twin Falls generations, let's have the vision which sees progress and work opportunity for our citizens as the key to keeping our greatest community heritage, our people, here.

BRENT WHITE  
General Manager  
Magic Valley Mall  
Twin Falls

### Fresh people bring fresh ideas

Congratulations to the average citizen of Twin Falls. You are the winners in Tuesday's election! You're the mouse that roared - you are the ones that stood up to the publisher of The Times-News and his fellow "sons of dollars" and turned your backs on each and every local candidate endorsed, pushed through his articles and generally pampered.

### LETTERS

But this is only the beginning if you are going to take back your city from all the money-making ideas these "sons of dollars" have for you.

The Times-News publisher is, to me, a very nice, very likable fellow and obviously a superb businessman. However, in my opinion, which is worth what you are paying for it, he crossed the line and has given up his right to be called a newspaper man and, obviously by Tuesday's election results, lost all credibility. When you first joined the board of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce several years ago and, I have been told, either chairs or is on the same chamber of commerce's Economic Development, examined and decided on by the citizens of this community to whom the canyon belongs and access to its rim rightfully belongs.

You have elected fresh people with fresh ideas to your City Council. The decision on this money-making project must be tabled until your newly elected officials take office so that they may be part of the decision-making process. SAM G. ADLER JR.  
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### Getting in touch

Want to make your feelings known to your representatives in Congress? Here's how:

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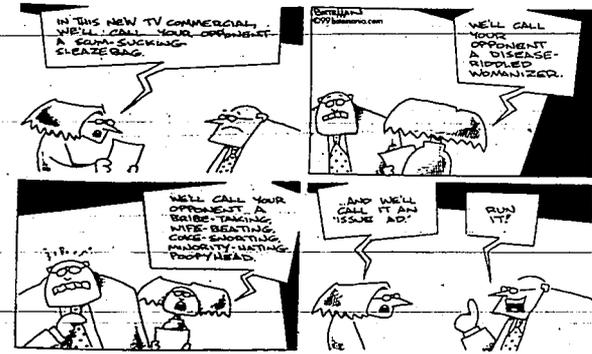
# Time is running out for Congress to accomplish something

**W**INGATE, N.C. — This small town east of Charlotte is the home of Sen. Jesse Helms, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and scourge of presidents. Last month, Helms burnished his reputation as "Senator No" by leading his fellow Republicans in rejecting the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, perhaps the greatest reputation President Clinton has suffered to his leadership since his massive health care reform measure was shelved back in 1994.

Wingate is also home to Barbara Moser, a pleasant grandmother and accounting firm employee who was practically the first person I encountered when I began a weekend of voter interviewing in this area recently. What Mrs. Moser had to say constitutes a clear warning to the leaders of both parties in Washington as they reach the final stage of their endless struggle for control of the White House and the direction of national policy.

The message from the soft-voiced Mrs. Moser, who voted in 1996 for Clinton but had looked forward to supporting North Carolina's favorite daughter, Elizabeth Hanford Dole, for president next year, is one I heard from many other voters. Stop "fooling around" with partisan warfare and get serious.

Like most people, she thinks things are "going pretty well" in the country, but she quickly adds that her next-door neighbor "is



having a rough time." A widow living on Social Security, the neighbor is struggling to afford her medicine, skipping on food to pay for it.

"If that drug bill passed," Mrs. Moser said, referring to legislation to add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare, "it would have helped her a lot. They said they didn't have time to consider it this year. Well, if they stopped fooling around, they would have had plenty of time."

What "fooling around" she was asked, "Stop some of this stupid spending," she replied. "Put the money where it needs to be." And then, with rising indignation, she added, "\$20 million to investigate the president? For what? Who cares who he slept with? All they do up there (in Washington) is run their mouths. All of them.

I'm sick of them."

Much is made of the fact that Clinton is struggling to carve out some sort of legacy for himself as his time runs out. It is certainly the case that the inevitable enforcement of a second-term, lame-duck president has been made worse by the scandal his reckless adventure with Monica Lewinsky created. Clinton avoided being removed from office, but the tactics that thwarted the final stage of impeachment deepened the partisan divide in Washington and left his political credibility in tatters.

As Republican Sen. Craig Thomas of Wyoming told his colleagues the other day, "This is the most controversial session" in his decade of service on Capitol Hill, "the most uncooperative in ... coming to

terms with the things we need to do."

The banking reform bill sent to the White House last week is one major piece of legislation that will become law this year. But the cupboard is almost bare of other significant domestic measures since the Lewinsky scandal broke in January 1998. And, on the foreign policy and trade fronts, the administration has been in retreat: Whether it is paying the debt to the United Nations or getting "fast-track" trade negotiating powers given to every other recent president, Clinton has been repeatedly rebuffed.

Dismal as the picture is for him and the Democrats, the risk to congressional Republicans from the gridlock and partisanship in Washington is even greater. The test ban treaty vote may or may

not become a big issue in itself. It came up rarely in my voter interviews. But it fits into a pattern of nay-saying that Democrats can easily convert into an indictment of congressional Republicans as the roadblocks to progress and reform.

The Republican effort to impeach and remove Clinton failed because it lacked public support. Since then, congressional Republicans have striven campaign finance laws (at a time when more and more people complain that elections are simply money games); they have dragged their feet on guaranteeing managed-care patients' protection; they have blocked gun safety measures; and they have rejected cigarette tax increases designed to reduce kids' smoking.

On some of these issues, they have blocked arguments to make. But for an electorate which gives cursory attention to the details of the Washington debate, the overall impression is profoundly negative. It does not help that the personalities who have been out front for congressional Republicans — be it Helms or Sen. Trent Lott or House Whip Tom DeLay — can be caustic in their comments.

The GOP badly needs to show

some accomplishments in the second session of this Congress. Clinton has his legacy to worry about — but it's the Republicans who face an election next year.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

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## LETTER

**Hansen city needs change**

It is time for a change in our fair city! The city of Hansen has been run by a dictator for the past four years. The people of Hansen are not being heard. Their questions are not being answered. They are not even being informed in *The Times-News*.

One of our City Council members also sits on the planning and zoning for Hansen. Our school was given a street by planning and zoning but 20 minutes later, this City Council member refused the street to the school. What changed their mind in 20 minutes?

The city clerk wanted a 200-foot, dead-end alley put in behind her home. When the citizens went before the City Council, the mayor overruled the citizens in favor of the city clerk; 200 signatures and 50 people showing up at the meeting meant nothing to the mayor. Now the matter is in the courts because the mayor wants to destroy personal property to let the city clerk have her way.

The candidates for this year's election were refused petitions until Sept. 13. That gave them six days to get the signatures they needed to get on the ballot.

Our City Hall isn't opened on Fridays to accommodate the pub-

lic. And at times, it's even closed when it could be opened with no notice to the citizens.

Our City Hall is used the first Monday night of every month by the city clerk to play cards with her friends at the cost of the taxpayer for utilities and no charge to the clerk.

The new city budget has a 1.5 percent tax increase on it when no public hearing was held, as well as an individual vote by the council. There were no public notices in three places to inform the public.

The mayor has made most of the decisions for this town without having public or council input.

I thought the government was voted in by the people, for the people, but in Hansen's case, it's been by the person, for the person.

Why is it the citizens have to stand in the weather while the City Council is in executive meetings? Why aren't they told what the meeting is going to be about? Why aren't they told when the council reconvenes and what decision they make?

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**MARYANN BELIEU**  
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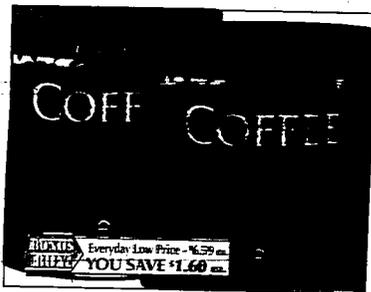
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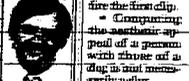
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Cities examine outcome of elections

By John T. Ruetty
TWIN FALLS — Thursday's Twin Falls-area elections left a burning question for residents and officials: How could three political winners lose out on three political victories?

Was it a deep-seated discontent towards some of the veterans that turned the elections' faces? Was it a desire for new faces on the council? Or was it intense campaigning by the winners?
Olson said it was probably all of the above.

"I asked people to get out and vote and many of them said, 'Oh, you're going to win anyway,'" Black said.
Craig knew his race with Frantz would be close - but not as close as it was.

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Thompson said her campaigning was probably the main factor.
"I went door-to-door in several areas of Twin Falls," she said. "It was very well-received."

The complacency factor

During the election rush, Black said he encouraged people to vote, but he found a lot of

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CRAFTING A CULTURE



Jerome crafts porcelain figurines he makes in Jerome and sells around the world.

Albion shows it values civic responsibility

By Ruth Streater
Times-News writer

ALBION — One-thirtieth the size of the nearest population center, Albion sits tranquilly along the highway any given time of day, save for a handful of folks on the Albion Cit-N-Go deli or fueling up for gas across the street. But beneath that quiet demeanor lies a sense of serious responsibility.

Great Scot

Jerome man crafts figurines from heritage
By Brian Higgins
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — With the midlife amount of happenings in the background and an array of like-minded supporters, Jerome Rathbun's latest artistic work is just as much on his mind as the ceramics at the weekend's Harvest Festival Craft Fair.

metal soldiers, and making them from scratch keeps the 81-year-old Jerome resident busy in his retirement.
"I do this and all the troubles of the world fade away," said Rathbun, whose wife is incapacitated because of a massive stroke.
Rathbun's figurines start as hand-carved wax models. From there he molds the porcelain and carefully hand-paints each figure with the pattern of a Scottish clan. Most take more than 20 colors to complete, and Rathbun makes them to his customers' specifications.

Day at the fair
The Harvest Festival Craft Fair continues today at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center. Doors are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person, and door prizes will be awarded throughout the day.
Rathbun and his Scottish figurines were among dozens of artisans at the annual craft fair at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center, where he'll find all kinds of arts and crafts line the aisles.

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Wildfire dumps smoke, hazy skies into MV

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — A brown haze hung over the Magic Valley Saturday afternoon as a wildfire in the South Hills spread smoke into the air.
Fuelled by dry brush and strong winds, the fire quickly moved north from its origin in northern Nevada to the South Hills. The fire is about 35 miles southeast of Twin Falls, a U.S. Forest Service news release said.

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# MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

## Skiers, farmers stay cool about snow - so far

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - It is warm; the sun is shining and most of the mountains are bare of snow.

With the lowest early winter snowfall recorded in the last 10 years, everyone from skiers to water managers hopes the weather takes a nasty turn soon.

"Nobody's in a panic because we've seen this happen before," said Jon Pretty with Grand Targhee Ski Resort near Alta,

Wyo. With the ski hill scheduled to open in two weeks, there is plenty of snow at the summit, but the slopes are mostly bare.

"There have been seasons where a week before opening they didn't have the snow, and then it all came at once," he said.

The snowfall in the Henry's Fork, Teton and Snake River basins is 80 to 90 percent below average for this time of year, according to the Natural

Resources Conservation Service's snow survey.

Those measure the amount of water in the snow this time of year, and its depth. But they're still the lowest numbers in a decade. But just a few months ago, hydrologists were talking about the snowpack well over 100 percent of average.

October is not a critical month in building the winter's snowpack. It only accumulates for about 5

percent of the winter's snowfall.

A few good storms later on could easily make up the difference. But everyone from ski resorts to water managers says they will be more concerned if the dry spell continues into late November.

On Oct. 28, the National Weather Service's station in Pocatello recorded 53 days in a row without rain - the fourth longest dry spell in a century.

## SERVICES

Lawrence J. Beeson, of Buhl, 11 a.m. Monday at the Buhl First Presbyterian Church; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

National Cemetery in San Diego, Calif. (Farmer's Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Donald E. Edmundo, of Baker, Calif., 2 p.m. Saturday at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Joseph T. Shelby, of Bountiful, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls and Rupert, 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call from 8 a.m. today and 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. before the service on Monday at the funeral chapel. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the chapel.

Nels E. Nelsen  
TWIN FALLS - Nels E. Nelsen, 74, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Nov. 4, 1999, at his home.

Willie E. Brinson  
GLENN'S FERRY - Willie E. Brinson, 87, of Glenn's Ferry, died Thursday, Nov. 4, 1999, at home of natural causes.

Anthony Earl Barnes, of Hansen, graveside service at p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Paul M. Edwards  
TWIN FALLS - Paul Matthew Edwards, 83, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and

will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Inez W. Taylor, of Buhl, 1:30 p.m. Monday at Fort Rosecrans

Arrangements are pending and

Glenn's Ferry. Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home.

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted Vincent Blume and Sharon Plowman, both of

Ronald Patrick of Kimberly; and Marjorie Reid of Gooding.

## DEATH NOTICES

## HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Twin Falls; Howard Dye of Elsieham; and Robert Ellison of Hansen.

## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

### TWIN FALLS

Contributions be given to the Agape Christian School, 181 Morrison St., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

### BUHL

Paul W. Kifer  
Paul William Kifer, 82, of Buhl, passed on November 3, 1999, from an extended illness.

### POCATELLO

Lela M. Harris  
Lela N. Harris, 75, of Pocatello, Idaho, passed away Friday, November 5, 1999, in her home of natural causes.

### GLENN'S FERRY

Glenn W. Dossett, 81, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, November 4, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

### ENGLEWOOD, COLO.

Clair D. Hess  
Clair D. Hess, 51, passed away at his residence on Wednesday, November 3, 1999.

### IDAHO

Surviving Glenn is his wife, Betty of Twin Falls; his children, Carl, Roy, and Judy; his daughter, Joanne; and his brothers, Myron, Carl, and Gary; Dossett, 6 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Christina Dossett.

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# Tribes use hatcheries to restore coho salmon

LEWISTON (AP) — That fish on the line this fall may not be a steelhead trout, but a coho salmon.

Nearly 200 of the fish have passed Lower Granite Dam, the last obstacle before reaching Idaho waters.

The fish were declared extinct from the Snake River Basin in 1984, but in recent years the Nez Perce Tribe has worked to restore the coho. The project began in 1994 when it received coho eggs from the Bonneville Dam hatchery.

The fish from those eggs were released in 1996 and 100 adults returned to the Clearwater River in 1997. Last year, just 12 coho were counted at the dam, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reported.

This year, the tribe says 199 coho have passed the dam. The tribe puts the number at 207.

The returns mark an initial success of the tribe's plan to use hatcheries to restore wild salmon and steelhead, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman Samuel Penney said. The tribe will continue to release up to 1

million coho smolts a year.

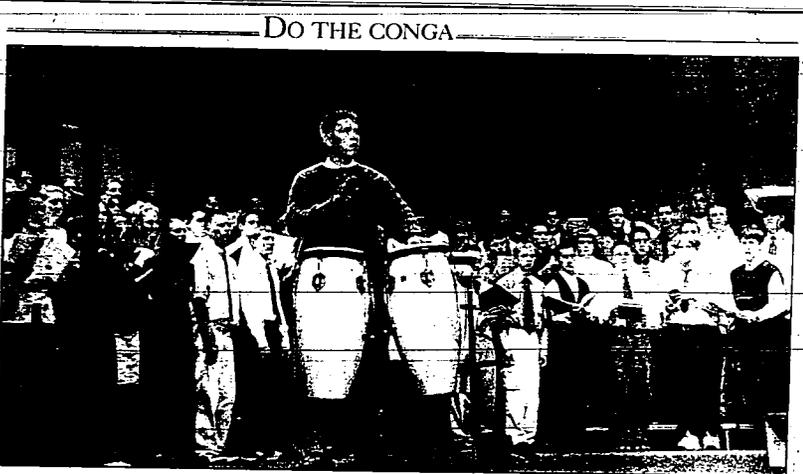
"The coho, a traditional food source for the Nez Perce people from time immemorial, is of critical importance to the Nez Perce culture and to the restoration of its homeland," said James Holt, a tribal committee member.

If the initial success of the coho program grows, the tribe hopes to expand releases to the Grand Ronde and Salmon rivers. The Nez Perce have instructed their own fishermen to release all coho incidentally caught while fishing for steelhead.

They expect the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to issue a similar warning to sport anglers.

"Protecting steelhead from incidental take in the steelhead fishery will help to ensure the survival of this restored stock which previously had been written off by state and federal fisheries managers," said Virgil Holt, chairman of the tribe's fish and wildlife commission.

Coho have black tongues, white gums and small irregular spots on the upper half of their tails.



Luke Pitzer of Burley, a member of the District IV Honor Choir, performs a conga solo Thursday at the John W. Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls. Pitzer is one of several Mini-Cassia students in the choir.

# Commission takes case to city council

By Michael Journe Times-News writer

HEYBURN — The progress of a community's economic development can be a very nebulous thing. Many factors, variables, personalities and ideas combine to make it that over a period of time can foster — or perhaps foster — an area's economic progress.

Recently the complexity of that process in Mini-Cassia came to the forefront as members of the Heyburn City Council questioned the value of the region's economic development coordination committee, that executive committee, Todd Christensen, along with other members of the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission, will take their case to the Heyburn City Council which has threatened to pull its \$4,500 per year funding of the commission and in particular Christensen, who has been the paid professional for the commission since the summer of 1998.

At the prodding of two council members — members who will not be sitting on the body after this term is complete — the council has asked the commission for what kind of evidence that Heyburn benefits from Christensen's efforts and its membership in the commission.

"After 11 years they're still asking me that over here," quipped Dave McAlindin, economic development director in Twin Falls.



Todd Christensen works at the executive director of the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission will be a subject of discussion at Monday's Heyburn City Council meeting.

It's an elusive combination of faith and confidence in a local economy that defers the success of an economic development program, McAlindin said. And two of his colleagues in the industry — Hank Hebert, of the Idaho Department of Commerce and Joe Herring of the Region IV Development Commission — said they're willing to invest in the community that is the most telling measurement of a business building program.

"It's tough to measure success in economic development," said Herring. "Anybody in the profession will tell you can look at activity, but it is very tough to gauge success of effort, especially over a short period of time. Those are things that take time to develop."

In Mini-Cassia, commission members include representatives from Cassia and Minidoka counties and the cities of Burley, Rupert and Heyburn. The commission's \$78,000 annual budget, Cassia County, Minidoka County

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Aside from Heyburn, the members of the commission seem to support Christensen's 18 months of effort. Joel Rogers, the chairman of the commission and one of Rupert's representatives on the body, said at the time of Christensen's questioning of Christensen's colleagues agree.

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# U of I's natural resources program to expand in fall

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho officials plan to offer the school's master of natural resources program to students at a Mexican university near fall.

The university's College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences currently is teaching a pair of natural resources courses in Washington, D.C. through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Graduate School and is considering opportunities to offer the entire program there.

In Mexico, the University of Idaho and the Universidad

Autonoma de Guadalajara will jointly teach the master of natural resources program. Roughly 20 students are expected to enroll in the program next fall, said Alton Campbell, the associate dean at the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences.

Many of those students will come from government entities in Central and South American countries who make policy decisions regarding issues that impact forest, range, fish, wildlife, parks and recreation.

# Lawyers: Father's rights were violated in infant death case

REXBURG (AP) — Attorneys for a 21-year-old man accused of beating his infant son to death contend the father's constitutional rights were violated.

Defense attorney Jim Archibald argued in court Friday a jury should not be told of statements Benjamin Genter made to city officers after his 2-month-old son's April 1998 death.

Archibald claims Sgt. Shane Duran should have told Genter he had the right to refuse to talk to him, even though another officer already notified Genter.

Turman testified in a 1998 hearing Genter admitted to him that he got angry and rough with his son when he would not stop crying.

Every time Mr. Genter is interviewed, he needs to be "MIRANDIZED" again, or informed of his rights, Archibald said.

Genter is set to go to trial Jan. 10, 2000, on charges of first-degree murder, injury to a child and aggravated battery for the death of his son, William. He has pleaded innocent. Prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty.

# Tumout

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Albion and have remained there all their lives have a good reason for it, said Chaburn. They don't have any colostal hopes on the horizon.

"I don't think anyone who lives here wants it to become a second Sun Valley or a second Ketchum," he said.

City Council member Brent Stauffer also attributes the high turnout at the polls to religious loyalties, as LDS, non-LDS and secular interests look for representation.

"In some cases I think it's strictly on religious lines,"

Stauffer said.

But on a whole, within small communities there is often a seemingly greater appreciation for democratic rights and a greater realization that each vote counts. It's on the local level that people can feel responsible for needed change — when a liquor-by-the-drink law comes down to six votes.

"People know they can change things," Stauffer said.

Times-News reporter Ruth Streeter can be reached in Burley at 677-4042, or by e-mail at rstreeter@magicvalley.com.

# Money matters

The Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission will be the subject of discussion at the next Heyburn City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at Heyburn City Hall.

and Burley each contribute \$15,000 a year, Rupert contributes \$8,850, and Heyburn contributes \$4,500 a year. The remainder of the money comes from business contributions. Christensen claims \$49,000 of that money in salary and benefits.

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# Organization to honor first disabled person to summit Mount Everest

POCATELLO (AP) — Tom Whitaker, the first disabled person to reach the top of Mount Everest and founder of Idaho State University's C.W. HOG program, will receive an award recognizing his sports.

ARETE awards are presented to men and women who refuse to accept limitations and reach the pinnacle of achievement. It is what the ancient Greeks termed the embodiment of valor.

Whitaker will receive this year's superlative performance

award on a Nov. 10 ESPN telecast. The same award was given to baseball greats Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa last year.

Four de France cycling champion Lance Armstrong, who overcame cancer, and the triumphant U.S. women's soccer team are among this year's winners.

On May 27, 1998, Whitaker, 51, whose right foot was amputated in an automobile accident, scaled the world's highest peak with a prosthetic leg.

Whitaker also founded C.W.

HOG, the Cooperative Wilderness Handicapped Outdoor Group, for disabled people wishing to take part in outdoor activities.

He recently led an expedition following the original route up Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary, carrying clothes and medicine for children in a very remote region of Nepal and Whittaker led the ultimate adopt-a-highway project, removing 89 empty oxygen cylinders and 1,000 pounds of garbage from Everest's high camp.

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# Racially motivated fights force out principal

NAMPA (AP) — Skyview High School Principal Ralph Kern has been transferred to a new job following racially motivated fights that occurred after a motivational speaker encouraged students to speak out on issues of prejudice.

Jawa — Elementary School Principal Kevin Stanger will take Kern's place, who has been assigned to an academic development position with the Nampa

School District.

Nearly a dozen law enforcement officers responded to a call for assistance at Skyview Tuesday to quell screaming, name-calling, threats and pushing among white and Hispanic students.

The incident followed an assembly with Portland talk show host and motivational speaker Raina Beavers.

More than 500 parents attended

a meeting on Wednesday about the incident, many of whom questioned why a plan was not in place to deal with possible repercussions.

In a statement from the Nampa School District, Kern said he took responsibility for the incident. District officials declined to comment apart from the statement Kern was given to Skyview since it opened in 1996.

Board Treasurer Bob Henry said

Kern's departure will allow the school to focus on healing, and teacher Gary Turley said he thinks the change of leadership will help.

"I really think this was a positive move for us as a school," Turley said.

Some students and parents, meanwhile, said they were not surprised by Tuesday's incident because racial tensions have long been brewing in Nampa.



Naomi Brisenden, wife of Russell James Brisenden, who was killed in a shooting Wednesday at the Northlake Shipyard in Seattle, says goodbye after her husband's funeral Saturday in Lynwood, Wash. Police are still searching for the gunman.

# Police to release sketch of shooter

SEATTLE (AP) — Police say they have a sketch, based on witness accounts, of a fugitive gunman who killed two men and wounded two others at a shipyard office building.

The shooter entered the gray, two-story Northlake Shipyard building through the front door on Wednesday. He went straight to the bookkeeper's office in the rear and opened fire. He left without a word.

Investigators say they believe the shooting was the result of a

grudge against one of the two men who died, according to unidentified law enforcement officials who spoke to The Seattle Times on Friday.

The conclusion was drawn from evidence at the scene and leads, said the sources, who spoke to the newspaper on condition of anonymity.

Peter Giles, 27, and Russell James Brisenden, 43, were killed in the shooting. Two others — a new employee and a fisherman — were wounded. The sources, who

are familiar with the investigation, did not say who was believed to be the target.

Police Chief Norm Stamper has described the attack as "a deliberate, calculated act," though he has not commented on a motive.

Police refused to comment on the newspaper report Friday.

The gunman was described as a man in his 30s with curly brown hair and a mustache. He wore a baseball cap, sunglasses and dark wetsuit over camouflage clothing.

# Speakers say land spat causes racial conflict

LEWISTON (AP) — Questions whether local governments' attempt to challenge jurisdiction over Nez Percé tribal land is racist stirred up a session at Lewis-Clark State College's International Exchange Conference Friday.

During a discussion on "Regional Perspectives on Ethnic and Racial Conflict," two members of the Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity presented the North Central Idaho Jurisdictional Alliance as being prejudicial.

Alliance director Daniel Johnson said the organization formed because of a tribal tax levied on the Kamiah School District.

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7:30-8:00 PM	Carl Hogue, Twin Falls Fire Dept.	Safety in the Home
8:00-8:30 PM	Mette Houk, Former County Coroner Deputy	County Coroner and Hospice
NOV 11 4:00-6:30 PM	Susan Courtney, MVRMC	Pain Management
NOV 13 9:00-11:00 AM	Mike Park, Park's MV Funeral Home	Tour of Funeral Home, Q & A

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 Advertisement-Nov. 11  
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# Family, friends remember wit of former mayor

CALDWELL (AP) — Idaho State Police trooper Pete Cowles will be remembered as a man who touched many lives with his police work, friendship and practical jokes.

Cowles, 40, died Oct. 30 of a rare disease, Guillain-Barre syndrome, days after returning from a golfing trip in Arizona.

Mourners Friday included 100 state troopers and 500 to 600 other police officers and public safety personnel from as far away as northern Idaho. They and others filled the Deer Flat Free Methodist Church to standing room only.

His flat-topped trooper's hat rested above his framed picture by his casket, which was draped with an American flag. Cowles became a state police officer after serving as Caldwell's youngest mayor.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who was elected mayor of Boise in 1985, the same year Cowles was chosen Caldwell mayor, said he had a zest for life.

"This was a man of courage and compassion and loyalty and great humor," Kempthorne said.

Kempthorne also noted that the reader boards at businesses in Caldwell that paid homage to Cowles are "clear evidence a community cares about people of integrity."

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# Mask workshop enhances performance of participants

By Karen Bostick  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** — Denise Delisser became a changed woman when she donned the mask, with its sharp snooty features.

She was transformed from a gracious, graceful woman who laughed a lot and enjoyed the camaraderie of those around her to a haughty, socialite-type who liked to preen, stick her snooty nose in the air, swing her hips and flaunt her slender waist.

"It was the effect mask master Kiefer Denning was looking for. 'Masks offer an actor transforming powers — the opportunity to shed their own image and leap immediately from who they think they are to something else,'" he said. "They discover aspects behind a mask they wouldn't find otherwise. But, oddly enough, this transformation comes from inside because they can't see their outside."

Denning, a professional actor, dancer and playwright from Orem, Utah, Wash., used masks and a variety of other techniques to tap the emotions of a few dozen high school students and adults during a day-long workshop Saturday at the Sun Valley Athletic Club.

The participants will give a free performance at 2 p.m. today at the Liberty Theater in Hallett.

Denning, who displayed his own improvisational prowess Friday in a free performance titled "Salmon Boy," started the workshop with small improvisational movements and gestures. Things like catching and throwing back and forth. Moving and reacting to sound effects made by a partner. Making eye contact with others

### Dance performance

**K**iefer Denning will lead his workshop students in a free dance and movement performance at 2 p.m. today at the Liberty Theater on Main Street in Hallett.

and moving accordingly. Saving one's name with a posture and repeating both, each time getting louder and more flamboyant. And imitating and exaggerating one another's way of walking.

"As dancers, many of you are trained to move a certain way, a way that's very beautiful," Denning said. "Now, buck the trend and move totally counter to dance movements."

"Pick up your mask and look at the mouth and eyes. Feel it, get a sense of it before you assume a relationship, before you assume the spirit of the mask," Denning told them.

Claudia McCain, of Ketchum, preens crawled along the floor after assuming a heavy mask with a sad countenance, big jowls and big nose. Fifteen-year-old Maria Peterson, of Hallett, lit and danced like a bird while sticking her back into everyone else's business, after donning a half mask with birdlike qualities. She ended her performance with a small angular mask with a Jay Leno chin and a Richard Nixon nose moved across the room chin and nose first.

"My mask had a very pointy face with a pointy chin that



Nicole Fox, front, and Leah Taylor become the personalities of their masks during a workshop Saturday in Ketchum. Masks offer actors 'transforming powers,' said workshop instructor Kiefer Denning, whose talents are known throughout the Northwest.

looked as if it were above everyone else," said Delisser, who lives west of Hallett. "It gave me a chance to be totally unlike myself. It was liberating, but at the same time inhibiting."

"I realized you become totally different when you see yourself in the mirror," Denning told Denisser. "You were shocked, and instantly your movement became more contained."

Denning said he began to use masks while working with some "very dimwitted eighth-graders" in a theater class years ago.

"It was like magic," he said. "With masks on, they were like little kids with their shivers over

their heads playing peekaboo. All the other techniques I'd tried with them had failed. But with masks they blossomed and became very creative."

"Sometimes we go for too much realism in theater today and that can be limiting. Masks have a magical quality. And I think that's why we see masks making a comeback — from dancers experimenting with them to actors and actresses using them in shows like 'The Lion King' and 'Cats' on Broadway."

Times-News correspondent Karen Bostick can be reached in Hallett at 578-2111.

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## Inmate shot during escape attempt sues prison

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A Utah State Prison inmate who was shot by a Weber County deputy during an attempted escape in February, is suing the county and the officer for over \$1.5 million.

In a lawsuit filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court, David Michael Younger says deputy Michael Howard used excessive force when he shot Younger in the back on the morning of Feb. 24.

Howard was driving Younger and another inmate to jail after a court appearance.

Younger convinced Howard to pull over and open the door in on I-15 so could vomit. But when he did, Younger pushed him away and fled.

As Younger ran alongside the fire-suited Howard, Howard shot him once in the back. Younger was taken to University Hospital for surgery to his kidney and colon.

DeWitt County prosecutors already have said that the shooting was not justified. Howard, an eight-year veteran officer, was fired by Weber County in May.

"Mr. Younger was completely unarmed and had done nothing whatsoever to indicate that he posed a threat to either the deputy or the community," the suit says.

According to the suit, Younger lost partial control of his truck because of the injuries. The suit also says the Weber County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Brad Slater failed to train employees on the constitutional limits on the use of force. The lawsuit seeks \$700,000 in general damages and \$901,000 in punitive damages.

"Deputy Howard's actions, in creating a serious danger to the public by shooting an unarmed man next to a heavily traveled freeway, alone demonstrates that the deputy was not afforded even the minimal training needed to perform the duties of his position," the suit says.

Younger is serving time on state charges. He also is sentenced to serve a two-year federal prison sentence once the state sentence is completed.

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**TWIN FALLS** — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included:

### Arraignments and appearances

Amos E.T. Amaro, 22, 715 Center St. E., No. 148, Kimberly; grand theft by receipt of stolen property; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed, \$1,000 bond.

Amos E.T. Amaro, 22, 715 Center St. E., No. 148, Kimberly; petit theft; warrant for failing to pay fines, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$463.50 cash bond.

Luke Alan Baird, 20, address unavailable; possession of methamphetamine; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed, \$2,500 bond.

Luke Alan Baird, 20, address unavailable; driving under the influence; carrying a concealed weapon; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$1,000 bond.

Syrene Bledsoe Brinkmeier, 48, 320 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls; battery on an officer; obstructing an officer; resisting an officer; warrant for failing to appear at pretrial hearing, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$2,500 bond.

Debra Gill Bunch, 32, 821 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls; fugitive warrant from Texas; hearing Friday; no bond.

Debra Gill Bunch, 32, 821 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls; petit theft; warrant for failing to pay fines, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$1,500 bond.

Gregory Edward Hahn, 36, 203 N. 200 E., Twin Falls; injury to a child, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance.

Karl Konrad Herber, 42, 303 Second Ave. W., No. 12, Twin Falls; possession with intent to conceal for domestic battery; warrant, pleaded innocent, \$10,000 bond.

Charles A. Hollis, 30, 146 Addison Ave., No. 41, Twin Falls; battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance.

Christine J. Howell, 18, 242 Madison St. W., Kimberly; driving under the influence; warrant for failing to appear at pretrial hearing, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance.

Morris E. Johnson, 43, 1974 E. 3950 N., Fire; probation violation on conviction for driving under the influence; warrant; private lawyer hired, \$1,000 bond.

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Danny T. Johnson, 46, 209 Clark Lakos Road, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance.

Gene Krenzel, 61, 503 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; warrant for failing to appear at pretrial hearing, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$1,500 bond.

Rajaj L. Caraban, 43, 500 Fernell Drive, Boise; petit theft; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$200 bond.

Randal Garcia Campos, 18, 520 Eighth Ave. E., Jerome; driving without privilege; warrant; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, \$2,000 cash bond.

Michael Garcia Campos, 18, 520 Eighth Ave. E., Jerome; driving without privilege; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed.

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Luiz Ernesto Guevara Ramirez, 36, 419 E. 1318 N., Twin Falls; failure to pay fines on conviction for driving without privilege; warrant, pleaded innocent, \$78,000 bond.

David J. Chan, 61, 420 Adams St., Twin Falls; driving under the influence, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance.

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Samuel Joe Mills, 26, 726 E. 4th St., Jerome; driving without privilege; reckless driving; pleaded innocent, \$78,000 bond.

David J. Chan, 61, 420 Adams St., Twin Falls; driving under the influence, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed, released on own recognizance.

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**BURLEY** - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

**Drunken-driving sentences:**  
William Patrick Revell, 31, 400 N Highway 30, Burley, misdemeanor, \$400 fine, 30 days jail with 20 suspended, one year's probation, one year's license suspended, time credited, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Mario Alberto Benavides, 27, 410 Alamo Ave, Burley, misdemeanor, \$400 fine, 30 days jail with 20 suspended, one year's probation, one year's license suspended, time credited, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Robert D. Morrison III, 27, P.O. Box 454, Ho, burley, misdemeanor, \$400 fine, 30 days jail with 20 suspended, one year's probation, one year's license suspended, time credited, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

**Felony dismissals:**  
Arnold Kimberlin Jr., 59, Route 2 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls, grand theft, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

**Felony sentences:**  
Mandi K. Bingham, 35, 724 Alton Ave, Burley, delivery of controlled substance, one year's probation, one year's license suspended, one year's probation, one year's license suspended, time credited, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

**Juvenile sentences:**  
Jameson Contreras, 16, 722 Center Ave, Burley, 51,100 fine with 5700 suspended, 175 court costs, one year's probation, one year's driver's license suspended, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

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St. Anthony acts after Forest Service losses

ST. ANTHONY (AP) - The city and Fremont County stand to lose a great deal with the downsizing of the Targhee National Forest office in town, so they intend to hire an economic development expert to fight back.

The county is eligible for a \$100,000 federal Subarea and Sewer Economic Distress grant, but must raise \$30,000 to qualify. The grant will pay for a full-time specialist, similar to one in Madison County.

St. Anthony could lose as much as \$2.7 million because of the downsizing of the office, City Council member David Loercher estimated.

He calculated the numbers by figuring in lost salaries and contracts to local businesses for things such as vehicle maintenance. In 1991, Targhee employed 63 people in St. Anthony. By 2001, it will employ 15 people, and six of those will be half-time.

The decision to apply for the grant was made at a Thursday hearing.

Fremont County has already devoted \$3,000 toward the \$30,000 goal. The local chambers of commerce promised \$1,800. Loercher

said local officials hope the remainder will come from Behind the new Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory contractor, and the U.S. Forest Service.

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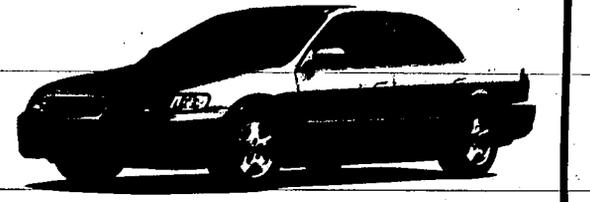
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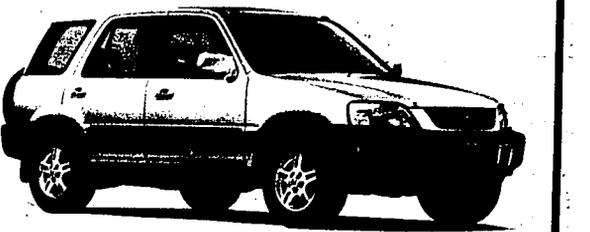
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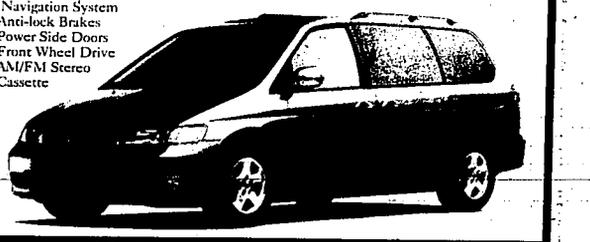
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# Killer bees head for southern Utah

In Vegas last year, they've recently been seen near Utah border

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Beehive State's founders didn't have killer bees in mind when they honored the insect for its industry.

Now the state's docile honeybees may soon be replaced by the Africanized variety, known more for defending their hives than for their work ethic.

Africanized Honeybees, sensationally dubbed "killer bees," are becoming a fixture in the Southwest.

The easily agitated insects are identical to their calmer cousins, except with an attitude. They moved into the Las Vegas area last year and were discovered last month near the Utah border.

A public works employee in Mesquite, Nev., was stung repeatedly on Oct. 20 after stumbling on a nest of the Africanized bees. Although he returned to work the same day, Utah officials went on alert.

Experts say the bees could reach southern Utah at any time.

Africanized bees sting with the same strength as normal European honeybees, which live everywhere across the United States. But the Africanized bees have earned a nasty reputation because they are extremely aggressive in protecting their hives.

Forty to 60 percent of a colony — which can range from 15,000 to 40,000 bees — may swarm to defend a hive, said Dr. Eric Erickson, director of the Carl Hayden Research Center for the U.S. Department of Agriculture based in Tucson, Ariz.

Their stings can cause illness and, in extreme cases, death.

For those not allergic to bee stings, about ten stings per pound can be lethal to the person under attack. In other words, 1,500 stings would kill a



Africanized honeybees are identical to their cousins, except with an attitude.

150-pound person.

In the past decade there have been eight confirmed deaths from Africanized bee stings in the United States, Erickson said.

The bees also have killed numerous horses and dogs, animals that were penned or chained into an area and unable to flee the insects.

Although individual hives can be destroyed, agricultural officials say they can't eradicate Africanized bees because they breed with local honeybees, passing on their aggressive tendencies.

Their best advice is to give the bees a wide berth. Anyone who is attacked should run, and if possible, get inside a house or car.

The insects' intent is to defend the colony and chase predators out of the area. They have been

known to chase a perceived threat up to a quarter mile.

There are no confirmed reports of the bees in southern Utah, said Kim Kaplan, spokeswoman for the Agriculture Research Service, the in-house research agency for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

So far, the bees are in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, California and Nevada. Utah has had years of warnings that the infestation — the result of an experiment gone wrong — may be on the way.

In the 1950s, a Brazilian scientist wanted to crossbreed the gentle, cold-weather honeybees brought to the Western Hemisphere by early European settlers with wild African honeybees.

The researcher hoped to develop a strain of bees suited to

tropical climates like the African bees, except with a milder temperament. Instead, the African bees were accidentally released and thrived.

They moved north from Brazil and entered the United States at the Texas border in 1990. They can cover up to 200 to 300 miles a year, but seem to be slowing the farther north they get.

Scientists don't know how far north the bees may travel, but it's believed they may be stopped by cold weather.

For the past five years, Utah has been waiting for the inevitable.

Dick Wilson, state director of the Division of Plant Industry, says the state has set up 100 bee traps throughout southern Utah to detect the first sign of Africanized bees.

The monitors — basically artificial nesting areas for the bees, baited with floral pollen that is smelted like floral perfume — are dotted from St. George to Bluff and as far north as Moab.

When the bees enter Utah, they most likely will follow riverbeds and head toward populated areas where they can find year-round food and water.

"In more arid areas, this is primarily an urban problem," Erickson said.

In fact, he said, it's usually residents, not scientific monitors, who detect the bees first.

Southern Utah residents need to behave as though bees are already here, said Larry Lewis, spokesman for the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

"The bees have the potential of not being the friendly kind of backyard bees we've used in southern Utah," Lewis said. "People will have to be cautious now of any bees."

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## The flu is in the news.

Getting vaccinated for the flu is far less costly and more effective than new pharmaceutical treatments

The flu season is here and Regence BlueShield of Idaho encourages you to get vaccinated now. The American Academy of Family Physicians recommends everyone over age 50 get an annual flu shot. In fact, getting vaccinated for the flu is a good idea for everyone unless you have a medical reason not to. It is particularly important to get a flu shot if you're at high risk for suffering complications from the disease. The Center for Disease Control indicates you're at high risk if:

- You're age 65 or older.
- You're pregnant.
- You're a resident of a nursing home or other health care facility.
- You're an adult or child with a chronic disorder of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including asthma.
- You're being treated for diabetes, kidney or other chronic metabolic diseases or have been treated for these diseases in the past year.

The cost of getting the flu shot is far less and more effective than that of prescription drugs now being advertised. Research has shown these new drugs may reduce the duration of the flu but only if taken within the first 24 - 48 hours of symptoms. In fact, some clinical trials have found these drugs have minimal impact on overall flu symptoms. The drugs also have no effect on the common cold, often misdiagnosed as the flu.

Your best defense against the flu is to receive a flu shot. Most Idaho clinics are now offering special prices on flu shots without the necessity of a doctor's appointment. Flu shots at most clinics and public health facilities cost \$10 or less and are a covered benefit for Medicare beneficiaries and many Regence BlueShield of Idaho members. Check your policy or plan booklet for actual benefits.

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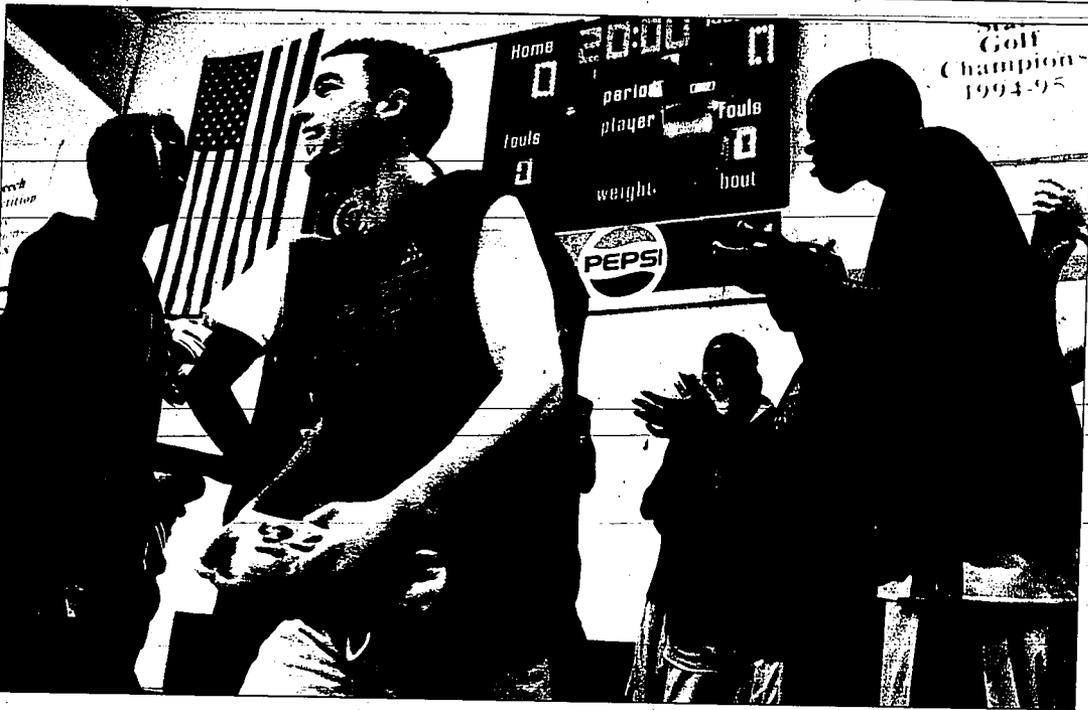
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Mike Hood emerges from a tunnel of CSI teammates last Wednesday as the Golden Eagles make their season debut against the Northwest All-Stars at Jerome High School. The team won its opener 106-80. Photo by LISA GAYTOR, The Times-News

## The New Order

CSI men's basketball team enters new millennium poised to retake respect

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — They're all smiles until Coach Z enters. Derek Zeck, the first-year court commander for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team, blasts those grins away with his whistle, halting the fast-paced action before him.

"Where you supposed to be when the ball's out point?" he barks to sophomore guard Mike Hood, who is caught red-handed in the paint. "You're going to have to learn this defense any way."

The drill is run a second time, and Hood moves to the outlet.

"That's better," Zeck says. Equally insistent with his praise as he is harsh, Zeck directs his troops through various matchup zone shifts, all the while scanning the half court for any signs that his lesson has not been assimilated. He will not stop until the drill has been executed to perfection.

From there, the team breaks into groups for complex passing, rebounding and shooting drills. The 18-, 19- and 20-year olds must weave, screen and pivot their way through multiple sets and looks, all the while under the watchful eye of their general.

The instruction doesn't end there. Off the floor, the student-athletes must adhere to a rigid and rigorous weekly schedule that is not unlike boot camp. Reveille rouses the players out of sleep by 6 a.m., 6:30 if they're lucky, after which it's team roll call/breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and on to study hall and class.

"No one can return to the dorm," Zeck said. Following lunch and more studying, the players practice daily from 2:30 to 5 p.m. It's not all court time though. Each day offers something different. Old school meets new school, as stretching and rope-skiing precede weight training, one day, game film is reviewed another and team meetings take place the next.

That the smiles melt away. And still it doesn't end. After the grueling session of Roundball I.D.I., it's 45 minutes for supper followed by two brain-draining



CSI men's basketball head coach Derek Zeck lays down the law during a timeout against the Northwest All-Stars.

hours of intensive study. Finally, after that, blessed bedtime harkens.

Sound exhausting? It is. Sound exhilarating? Sure. But it's all in the name of returning respect to one of the nation's premier junior college basketball programs.

### Plan of action

"I've just said that when I got the job, people were going to buy into our system," Zeck said. "My whole vision as a basketball coach is to have a team that plays hard, plays aggressive, and plays together. Pretty simple."

Simple indeed. Zeck led his staff of assistants — second-year coach Brian Hancock, who also assisted at Washington State University, and first-year coaches John Smith, who coached at UNLV, and Jay Cyriac, a New Jersey native with connections in the game ranging from the AAU all the way up to the NBA — are well on their way to revamping the program.

CSI's fourth head coach in six seasons, Zeck, a Kansas native and Kansas University graduate, was hired in March to resurrect a program that had fallen on hard times by Twin Falls standards. At 21-12 a year ago, the perennial powerhouse experienced its third-worst season

ever, failing to qualify for the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament for the fourth consecutive year.

Now, it is the 29-year-old's duty to see the Golden Eagles return to the promised land. Already an icon in the community, Zeck and his family (wife Ali, son Alec and daughter Emma) moved into their new home in September.

Understanding the microscope he's under, though, doesn't necessarily alter the fast-thinking, rapid speaker's primary goal: to help the young men he's overseeing develop diligent work habits and self-discipline.

"I'm hard on these guys, really hard. I also want them to understand that I care about them," he said. "I'm hard on them for a reason. I want to develop these kids so wherever they go on, they can be successful."

"Basketball is just a stepping stone for life. I live and breathe these kids, and the thing that most moves me is taking kids that come from all different backgrounds and developing them. They live together, and you make them care for each other, care for one another and to get along as a group."

The system Zeck has put in place at CSI is a paradigm of a couple of the most successful in

NCAA history; those of Kansas and North Carolina.

"That's what I know, that's what I grew up watching, that's what I played in," he said. "Offensively, we will be very, very uptempo. We will fast break all the time. We will fast break all the time."

Along with the transition game, Zeck has installed what he terms the "7 or 17 system." He explained: "I want to be attacking but disciplined. I want to score within the first seven seconds of offense or score after 17 seconds. So, if we get a great shot within the first seven seconds in our fast break, we take the shot. If we don't, we run some offense and make the defense work."

Attacking also fits within the Golden Eagles' defensive schemes.

"I want to be attacking," Zeck said. "We will change defenses up quite a bit; we will play the matchup zone, which (CSI) has played in the past under Boyd Grant (who brought home the school's first national title in 1976)."

"We'll play solid man-to-man defense. That'll be our base defense and we will run and jump, we will trap, we will play



Former UNLV player Matt Siebrandt dunks on the Northwest All-Stars while Kostas Avgerinos, right, and Kenny Brunner, left, look on.

### The road to Hutch

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team's schedule for the 1999-2000 season (date, opponent, site and time):

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 3	CSI def. Northwest All-Stars, 106-80	Jerome H.S.	8 p.m.
Nov. 9	Northwest Nazarene College JV's	CSI	TBA
Nov. 12-14	Lassen Invitational	Reno, NV	TBA
Nov. 18-20	K & T Steel Tournament	CSI	8 p.m.
Nov. 18	Mount San Antonio College (Watnut, Calif.)	CSI	8 p.m.
Nov. 19	Schoolcraft College (Livonia, Mich.)	CSI	8 p.m.
Nov. 20	Casper College (Casper, Wyo.)	CSI	8 p.m.
Nov. 23	Eastern Oregon JV's	CSI	8 p.m.
Dec. 3	Salt Lake Community College	Salt Lake City	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	Utah Valley State College	Orem, Utah	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	Snow College	CSI	8 p.m.
Dec. 11	Glau College	CSI	8 p.m.
Dec. 15-18	Arctic Circle Classic	CSI	8 p.m.
Dec. 16	Gage College (Ironwood, Mich.)	CSI	8 p.m.
Dec. 17	Northern Oklahoma (Tonkawa, Okla.)	CSI	8 p.m.
Dec. 18	Chipola Junior College (Marianna, Fla.)	CSI	8 p.m.
Jan. 6	Treasure Valley Community College	Price, Utah	8 p.m.
Jan. 12	College of Eastern Utah	Rangely, Colo.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	Colorado Northwest Community College	Price, Colo.	8 p.m.
Jan. 21	North Idaho College	CSI	8 p.m.
Jan. 22	Ricks College	St. George, Utah	8 p.m.
Jan. 28	Dixie College	Price, Utah	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Snow College	CSI	8 p.m.
Feb. 3	Treasure Valley Community College	Ontario, Ore.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Colorado Northwest Community College	CSI	8 p.m.
Feb. 12	College of Eastern Utah	Price, Utah	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Ricks College	CSI	8 p.m.
Feb. 19	North Idaho College	St. George, Utah	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	Utah Valley State College	CSI	8 p.m.
Feb. 28	CSI vs. Community College	Price, Utah	7:30 p.m.
March 24	Sceneic West Athletic Conference Regional Tournament	TBA	8 p.m.
March 14-18	NJCAA National Tournament	Hutchinson, Kan.	TBA

SPORTS

# Meet the 1999-2000 Golden Eagles



**Kostas Avgerinos**

**50**  
 Jr.: Freshman  
 Ht.: 7-2  
 Pos.: 5  
 Hometown: Athens, Greece  
**Coach Z says:** "Unbelievably skilled. Quick for his size. Very athletic. Great shooting touch. Once he comes out of his shell, he will be the chance to become one of the best centers in the country."



**Jason Brazier**

**10**  
 Jr.: Freshman  
 Redshirted last season  
 Ht.: 6-2  
 Pos.: 3  
 Hometown: Arroyo, West Indies  
**Coach Z says:** "An excellent student, a great person with great character, has a great shooter or ball handler, but an ambitious worker. His work ethic will allow him to play."



**Matt Brown**

**52**  
 Sr.: Sophomore  
 Ht.: 6-5  
 Pos.: 4-5  
 Hometown: Rossmore, Va.  
**Coach Z says:** "Played through the season. Does all the little things. Smart, good rebounder. Once the season back, he will be a positive contributor."



**Dean Browne**

**23**  
 Jr.: Freshman  
 Ht.: 6-9  
 Pos.: 4-5  
 Hometown: Bronx, N.Y.  
**Coach Z says:** "Sky's the limit here too. Has come a long way. Great kid. Friendly, a great personality, well-liked. Extremely athletic and well-gifted."



**Kenny Brunner**

**5**  
 Jr.: Sophomore  
 Ht.: 5-11  
 Pos.: 3  
 Hometown: Inglewood, Calif.  
**Coach Z says:** "Great skills, a leader and very experienced playing at the Division I level. Knows what it takes to win. Heart and soul of team."



**Keith Burton**

**3**  
 Jr.: Freshman  
 Ht.: 6-9  
 Pos.: 3-4  
 Hometown: Orange, N.J.  
**Coach Z says:** "Keith is very unique. In that he is a 6-9, maybe even a 6-10 (shooting) guard. He can stroke the heck out of it, is very athletic"



**Cardell Butler**

**15**  
 Jr.: Freshman  
 Ht.: 6-4  
 Pos.: 2-3  
 Hometown: San Francisco, Calif.  
**Coach Z says:** "Academically inclined. Cardell is probably our most fundamentally sound offensive play person. He can shoot it, he can score or. He can shoot it, he can score or the double, very quick and athletic. Has the capability of putting up 30 points in a game."



**Jerry Dupree**

**31**  
 Jr.: Freshman  
 Ht.: 6-7  
 Pos.: 3  
 Hometown: Riverside, Calif.  
**Coach Z says:** "Injured through December. Jerry is our most great athlete. Explosive athlete. Just by his presence, he can change a game. Worked hard over summer. Good college player. Great shooter."



**Elandon Ferguson**

**33**  
 Jr.: Sophomore  
 Ht.: 6-5  
 Pos.: 3-4  
 Hometown: Okaloosa, Fla.  
**Coach Z says:** "Playing really well. Playing really well. Cause a lot of problems because of his speed, persistence and athleticism and the strength."



**Mike Hood**

**24**  
 Jr.: Sophomore  
 Ht.: 6-3  
 Pos.: 1-2-3  
 Hometown: Beaverton, Ore.  
**Coach Z says:** "Playing very well right now. Confidence is really good. Shooting the ball well. Defense is unbelievable. Will play a lot of minutes and will contribute to this team."



**Kamron Leonard**

**44**  
 Jr.: Freshman  
 Ht.: 6-8  
 Pos.: 2-3  
 Hometown: Riverside, Calif.  
**Coach Z says:** "Huge, physical presence in the middle, very raw. Has progressed in his fundamentals, still learning. Keeps improving, a fun player to watch."



**Kendall Minor**

**4**  
 Jr.: Freshman  
 Ht.: 6-4  
 Pos.: 2-3  
 Hometown: Solina, Ala.  
**Coach Z says:** "I cannot imagine coaching this team without Kendall. A 3-8 to a 4-0 student in engineering. Great shooter, leader and a great, great kid."



**William Parker**

**21**  
 Jr.: Freshman  
 Ht.: 6-3  
 Pos.: 1-2  
 Hometown: New York, N.Y.  
**Coach Z says:** "Great passer, great court vision. Just needs to improve on his leadership material. Once he does that, she's the limit. Very talented, getting stronger."



**Matt Siebrandt**

**34**  
 Jr.: Freshman  
 Ht.: 6-5  
 Pos.: 2-5  
 Hometown: Reno, Nev.  
**Coach Z says:** "Great rebounder. Solid rebounder. Fits into the system. Will contribute with his athleticism and physical strength. Very, very impressive."



**Larz Stewart**

**32**  
 Jr.: Sophomore  
 Ht.: 6-5  
 Pos.: 2-3  
 Hometown: Eugene, Ore.  
**Coach Z says:** "Solid rebounder. Fits into the system. Will contribute with his athleticism and physical strength. Very, very impressive."



**Derek Zeck**  
Head coach

**Year 1st Coaching experience:** Assistant at Univ. of Idaho  
**Year 2nd Coaching experience:** Assistant at Washington State Univ.  
**Year 3rd Coaching experience:** Assistant at Univ. of Idaho  
**Year 4th Coaching experience:** Assistant at North Idaho College



**Brian Hancock**  
Assistant coach

**Year 1st Coaching experience:** Assistant at Washington State Univ.  
**Year 2nd Coaching experience:** Assistant at Univ. of Idaho  
**Year 3rd Coaching experience:** Assistant at North Idaho College



**John Smith**  
Assistant coach

**Year 1st Coaching experience:** Assistant at Duquesne University  
**Year 2nd Coaching experience:** AAU New Jersey Roadrunners

## Hoops

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 some 1-3-1 half court trap, and we will pick up in the full zone. Maybe not a full press, but we will run and jump."  
 Not much older than the players he's developing, Zeck's words exude love and passion for the game.  
 "I think I'm more than just a basketball coach," he said. "I mean these kids are away from home, their parents, and I try to be somewhat of a father figure. And you do that by your actions."  
 Zeck has coached in three other places, most recently as an assistant at the University of Idaho. He began his coaching career with stops at the AAU level, Butler County Community College and at the University of Texas-San Antonio.  
 He admits to living, breathing and bleeding basketball, as do his assistants.  
 "My assistants do an unbelievable job," Zeck said. "We all work unbelievable hours. They're involved with every aspect of the basketball program, from recruiting to academics, to coaching, to film breakdown, to hall monitoring."  
 A perk having Cyric in tow is

the East Coast-native's relationship with the athletic industry giant adidas. The team has received sneakers - four pairs apiece - from the company, in addition to gear bags, tennis socks, sweaters and other clothing.  
 This year's coaches are master recruiters. This season's roster stands testament. A windfall of talent - one of the strongest recruiting classes on any level - has arrived at CSI.  
**The captain**  
 A dozen players are new to the serene campus since summer, with only three returning to a team that saw seven veterans either quit or be asked to leave under the regime of former coach Kevin Jones.  
 At the top of the list stands sophomore point guard Kenny Brunner, arguably the nation's best TUCO point guard. Having asserted himself as a potential NBA product, at one time even declaring himself eligible for the draft, Brunner has already had an amazing whirlwind career in just two short years.  
 He began his college career at Big East power Georgetown University, where he led the

Hoops in scoring and the autumn in assists. In 1998, Brunner transferred to Washington D.C. for only part of his freshman season. So legendary coach John Thompson's personal problems and eventual resignation saw the program decline.  
 Brunner returned home to California in February of 1998, to replace the former State and coach Jerry Calcutt. Before playing a game, however, Brunner was arrested two different times for two separate incidents spanning a period of three months.  
 Eventually, all charges - including attempted murder and armed robbery - were dropped and his name cleared.  
 "I don't know, Zeck said. Brunner has shown nothing but positive leadership.  
 "It's not an issue with Kenny. He was never convicted of anything and he has a clean record, just like mine," said Zeck.  
 "There is no complaining that Brunner is the mvp and veteran captain of the team, almost like a fifth coach. He makes sure his teammates attend class and study hard and show up to practice."  
 "Kenny is a positive role model of the coach," Zeck said.

Brunner's experience shows as well. He calls the plays in the half court, takes the outlet and starts the fast break. His drives to the hole, demanding opposing defenses collapse on him before he dishes to an open teammate.  
 "He is the epitome of what makes Zeck's Kansas/North Carolina-based system tick."  
 "The system demands a point guard, and watching Kenny, you'll see what I expect of a point guard," Zeck said. "The Kansas philosophy, of which I'm a big believer, is that you have to have a point guard that will run the show. And right now, Kenny has done an unbelievable job running the show."  
 "Have unbelievable." In last Wednesday's season opener, Brunner scored 27 points, delivered 17 assists, had five rebounds and grabbed five steals.

Along with Brunner, the team's starters include sophomore Mike Hood at shooting guard, 6-4 freshman Kendall Minor at small forward, Brandon Ferguson, a 6-3 power forward, and 6-8 freshman UNLV transfer Matt Siebrandt at center.  
 Versatility is another bonus for Zeck's crew. Headlining the list of those set to contribute are top recruits William "Smooish" Parker, a 6-3 guard from New York City whose stature remains legendary on Big Apple playgrounds, and 6-9 small forward Keith Burton, a Cyric find from Orange, N.J.  
 Other role players include Stephen F. Austin transfer Matt Brown, who's currently nursing a stress fracture in his leg, 18-year-old Kamron Leonard, who brings a big body and huge potential, sophomore Larz Stewart, and assistant freshman Jerry Dupree, of the 1998 Dada Classic, a showcase tournament for high schoolers.  
 Rounding out the team are

Jason Brazier, who redshirted last season and returns to help at small forward, Dean Browne, who makes his season debut this week after sitting out the opener for violating team rules, and 7-2 Grecian import Kostas Avgerinos, whose size and agility should make teams shudder.  
 Cardell Butler, working on getting his GED at the school, will contribute as well, the coach noted.  
 With all the talent, Zeck said he has little doubt good things are in store for the program.  
 "I don't necessarily want to say I have a goal to win a national championship or the league," he said. "My goal, really, is to get my team to improve every game. If we keep getting better, the wins will take care of themselves. That's what I'm focusing on - for CSI to get better."  
 The Golden Eagles' season begins in earnest Tuesday night, when they host the Northwest Nazarene College junior-varsity squad at 8 p.m.  
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# SPORTS

## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“Everyone has some fear. A man who has no fear belongs in a mental institution. Or on special teams.”

—Former New York Jets coach Walt Michaels

### IN BRIEF

#### Maier leads Tacoma Sabercats past Idaho

**BOISE** — Kim Maier scored two goals and added an assist Friday night to lead the Tacoma Sabercats to a 6-3 win over the Idaho Steelheads at the Bank of America Centre.

Tacoma goalie Trevor Manner aided the visitors' cause with 30 saves. Idaho's scoring came on goals by Marc Genest, Andrei Lupandin and Bryan Randall, making his first start for Idaho. Tacoma improved to 5-3-0, while Idaho fell to 3-4-0.

#### Idaho men launch basketball season today

**MOSCOW** — The University of Idaho men's basketball team opens its 1999-2000 season today with an exhibition game against the California All-Stars in the Kibbie Dome.

The California squad features former NBA first-round draft choice Bo Kimble and ex-Washington State Cougar Leif Nelson. Tipoff is at 8 p.m. Mountain time.

Idaho, coming off a 16-11 season, welcomes back three seniors — All-Big West selection Gordon Scott and forwards Clifford Gray and Devon Ford. The Vandals' first regular-season contest is against Oral Roberts University Saturday at the America's Youth Classic Tournament in Stillwater, Okla.

#### Montana wins Big Sky soccer championship

**MISSOULA, Mont.** — Senior Heidi Melville scored on a rebound for Montana's first goal and her team-high 12th of the season Saturday as the Lady Griz defeated Northern Arizona 2-0 for the Big Sky Conference women's soccer tournament championship.

The victory puts Montana (12-5-1 overall) in the NCAA championships for the first time ever and gave the Lady Griz their second tournament title in three years.

Jodi Campbell broke free in the middle and raced to the left side of the goal before taking a shot. It glanced off the hands of NAU goalkeeper Erin Beckman into Melville's path and she tapped in the loose ball.

Freshman Erin Smith converted a pass for Montana's second goal at 59:32.

#### Boys' hoop coaches have until Nov. 18

Since practices cannot officially begin until later this month for high school boys basketball and wrestling, area coaches for those two sports have until Nov. 18 to return their Times-News winter sports questionnaires, rosters and season schedules.

Girls' basketball coaches, however, are urged to return their questionnaires, rosters and schedules no later than 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, to ensure inclusion in this week's winter sports previews. The girls' basketball previews will be published over three days — this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11-13.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# CSI women keep perfection intact

The Times-News

**MILES CITY, Mont.** — The tournament that sent them packing with a 1-2 record to begin play in 1998 was decidedly kinder to the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team in 1999.

Playing toward a better 3-0 record at the season-opening Lady Pioneer Invitational Tournament Saturday, Sara Cellan scored a team-high 13 points and Natalia Kartsova and Amanda McGrath each chipped in nine as the Golden Eagles coasted past Western Montana



College in Friday. The Golden Eagles rolled to a 55-25 lead at intermission despite wear-tearing what Bate indicated was a spate of poor free-throw shooting.

62-34. The victory followed wins over Western Wyoming on Thursday and host Miles City Community

“Our defensive pressure finally kicked in,” said CSI head coach Joel Bate. “We were able to control the tempo of the game.”

Western Montana raced to an early 8-2 lead, aided in no small part by CSI's two-odd-nine struggles from the stripe.

But the Golden Eagles regrouped within 17-17, 10 minutes remaining until the break, then went ahead for good with a deadly 14-1 run.

While watching his squad hammer out the win, Bate noticed a few things.

CSI finished the game a

respectable 13-of-23 from the line, but needs to work on its balance.

“Our defense is key ahead of our offense right now,” Bate said. “We need to step it up.”

But that's the beauty of early non-conference road trips.

“The whole weekend taught us a lot about how to sustain, not just for three games in a tournament, but through the season,” Bate said. “We saw a lot of things we need to fine-tune.”

“But that's why we travel,” he added. “It was a good trip.”

The Golden Eagle women next play Nov. 18-20 at the Lady

Thunderbird Pizza Hut Classic in Casper, Wyo., — leaving ample time for improvement.

“This tournament pointed out a lot of stuff,” Bate said. “We have a week to get ready for a tournament where the competition is probably going to be a lot tougher.”

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## GOT THE RECORD, BUT NOT THE WIN



Nevada wide receiver Trevor Bailey (87) is surrounded by Idaho's Brad Rice (18) as Chris Nofaliga (38) pursues during the third quarter Saturday at Mackay Stadium in Reno, Nev. Idaho broke the NCAA record for receiving yards during the game.

# Welsh leads Vandals past Wolfpack

The Associated Press

**RENO, Nev.** — When John Welsh suffered a broken tibia in Idaho's second game of the year, doctors thought it meant the end of the sophomore quarterback's season.

“But my goal all along was to be back for this game,” Welsh said Saturday after coming off the bench to throw two fourth-quarter touchdown passes as the Vandals held off Nevada 42-23 Saturday in the Big West Conference.

Welsh started five games as a

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freshman last year, including Idaho's 42-35 upset of Southern Mississippi in the HulaMannan Bowl, in which he passed for 241 yards and was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

Before Saturday, he had been sidelined after breaking his leg Sept. 12 against Auburn. But when Nevada held Idaho to 17 yards and no first downs in the third quarter and narrowed a 19-0 halftime deficit to 25-13, Idaho

coach Chris Turvey sent Welsh in to replace Greg Robertson.

Welsh completed 5 of 7 passes for 86 yards and touchdown plays of 10 yards to Trevor Stambaugh and 44 yards to Rossi Martin. He also ran for 39 yards — including a 35-yard gain on his second snap — and even threw a block on a reverse to free Chris Lacy for a 23-yard pickup.

“No way I could have figured he'd light it up like he did,” Turvey said.

“He's always been a slow starter and he showed that again today,” he said laughing. “But he's a leader who can change the momentum of the game, and he definitely did that. The only reason we would have put him in at that situation was to change the momentum. We didn't want to have to play him much.”

Welsh said he felt he would be able to play against Nevada after having the hard cast removed from his leg two weeks ago.

“It wasn't going anywhere anyway,” he said. “I've got two (soft) casts and a ton of tape on it, but it feels good right now.”

## Hagerman's season ends against Mackay

By Vin Cappiello Times-News writer

**WENDELL** — The long faces told the story. Huddled around coach Jason Warr, just seen their season end in a 34-0 whipping at the hands of defending Class A-4, 11-man football champion Mackay.

Hagerman's football players' cheeks were flushed and tear-streaked.

A 2-7 season over. And for seven seniors, their football careers over.

Still, Warr was able to find something positive on Friday night after losing to the Miners — who defeated the Pirates in the state title game the last two seasons — in the second time this year.

“I told our kids a football player is made between August and November,” Warr said. “A football player is made between December and July. It's sad to see (the seniors) go, but we have 25

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## SHOCKER



Montezuma placekicker Dan Mystrom, right, follows through on his game-winning field goal against Fern State Saturday, upsetting the second-ranked Wilfong Lions, 24-23. See story on page C-6.

## State playoff pictures clear

Five local football teams remain in postseason hunt

The Times-News

The 1999 high school football postseason picture became clearer Saturday as teams across the state completed elimination rounds of play within their respective Idaho High School Athletic Association geographic classifications.

At the Class A-1, Division I level, defending champion Hillland scraped past Twin Falls, and will play Capital, who beat Idaho Falls Friday night, at Holt Arena next weekend. In the other semifinal matchup, Pocatello, who defeated Borah handily, will meet Centennial, which crushed Lewiston.

Among Class A-1, Division I schools, Eagle beat Sandpoint, Valliuve eliminated Blackfoot, Rigby knocked off Hillcrest and Lake City beat Skyview. In next weekend's semifinals, defending A-1, Division II champ Eagle tackles Lake City in one semifinal, and Rigby and Valliuve meet in the other.

In the Class A-2 ranks, Bishop Kelly and Lakedale each advanced into one semifinal, with Sugar-Salem winning as well this

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weekend to meet defending champion Snake River on the other side later in the week.

—Declo and Glenns Ferry each emerged unscathed Saturday to advance among Class A-3 squads. The Hornets will play Teton next weekend, while the Pilots take on 1998 runner-up Homedale (see Declo story, this page).

Glenns Ferry moved into the next round with a 34-20 scorching of Lapwai at the Wildcats' home field.

Glenns Ferry's Korey Hall scored on runs of 48 and 9 yards, but it was Bernabe Ortiz's 35-yard dash that turned the momentum in the Pilots' favor. Ortiz's touchdown came in the second quarter, after the Wildcat answered the Pilots' Alex Crane-to-Cole Darrington touchdown to make it 8-6.

From there, Hall found the end zone on a

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SPORTS

# Brums fall to Highland in late finish

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

POCATELLO — A 21-0 Pontell lead after three quarters proved too much for Twin Falls Friday night, as the Bruins fell to the Rams 26-6 Friday in the Class A-1, State football quarterfinal in Holt Arena.

The Bruins' lone touchdown came with five minutes remaining in the game on a 16-yard pass from Jared Schaal.

Local sports  
 Hibbe: Rolling out to his right, Hibbe found a wide open hole in the back right corner of the end zone.

Banks: The Bruins' usual starting quarterback, opened the second half after backup Brandon Nielsen started the game but completed fewer than half his passes and led to two first-half interceptions.

The decision to go with Nielsen for the playoffs was made after last week's 21-14 home loss to Lewiston, said Bruin coach Mark Schaal.

"Last week, Jared had really struggled," Schaal said. "We put Brandon in and he did a good job for us... We just felt like we needed to make a change and maybe see if we could get a spark going with Brandon this week."

While the Twin Falls offense sputtered, the defense and special teams shined. When Highland last met Twin Falls on Sept. 3, the explosive Bruins hit the Bruins for 55 points. Friday, Highland got only

28 — all of which were hard-earned. "We played by far our best defensive game of the year," Schaal said. "Our kids just batted the whole night. That was a super effort by our defense."

The Twin Falls' pass rush proved especially potent, hitting Highland quarterback Tanner Hibbe nearly every time the 165-pound senior dropped back to pass. One of those impacts resulted in a fumble, which Casey Turner recovered for Twin Falls in the third quarter.

On special teams, the Bruins turned in an equally solid performance, recovering a fumble on a punt return, blocking a punt and converting an onside kick late in the game.

Nonetheless, the Bruins remained stunned by their inability to move the chains.

"Offensively, we just couldn't put anything together," Schaal said. "Like we have all year long, we just struggled offensively executing."

The loss marked the second time in as many seasons the Bruins have been eliminated from the playoffs by Highland. Last year, the Rams ousted Twin Falls with a 51-26 punishment in the semifinals. The Bruins finished the 1999 season with a 3-7 record.

## Raft River, 28, Murtaugh 0

MURTAUGH — Raft River blanked the Red Devils Friday night, getting a pair of touchdowns from Austin Udy and two

more on N'nam Eburae-to-Grain. Steed pass plays to advance in the Class A-1, 11-man playoffs.

Raft River will play Ouley this week in the state semifinals. "It's going to be a tough game," said Trojan coach Randy Spanish. "They played us really tough two weeks ago."

Friday night, the Trojans scored on Udy's first run in the opening quarter, then fell victim to the Red Devils' stingy defense until Raft River did not score again until the third quarter.

"Raft River is a good team, but I've got to give credit to my guys," said Murtaugh coach Brian Thompson. "They did a great job. It was a good ball game to watch — lots of good hits."

Murtaugh was hurt by the absence of running back Brent McFarland in the second half. The senior warrior carried his hand and left at intermission to seek medical attention.

Once Trojans got back on track, three quick Raft River touchdowns ended it.

## Los Angeles, 32, Los Angeles 0

MURTAUGH — Los Angeles' offense was stifled by the Bruins' defense. Los Angeles' quarterback, Matt Thompson, was held to 100 yards and three interceptions. Los Angeles' running game was also stifled by the Bruins' defense.

## Semi-Pro Playoffs

### Mini-Cassia 7, Idaho Falls 6

CSPERT — Quarterback Mike Manning hit Fernando Yala on a 15-yard second-quarter scoring pass and the Mini-Cassia defense held Idaho Falls scoreless for the final three quarters as the Bruins defeated the Mustangs 7-6 in the Rocky Mountain Football League semi-playoff.

The Bulldogs defense kept the first-round victory, sacking the Idaho Falls' quarterback five times and intercepting four passes. Chuck Jones had two sacks and Erik Carum had three picks in the Mini-Cassia victory.

"It was a hard-hitting game," said Mini-Cassia coach Ruben Saldaña. "It was really proud of our defense. It was a war in the trenches."

Offensively, Mini-Cassia racked up 253 yards total offense, 148 of those off the arm of Manning, who finished the game with eight-of-15 passing, a touchdown and an interception.

Salaña had the Bulldogs' receiving corps with four catches for 110 yards and a score. On the ground, Juan Lamba amassed 60 yards on eight carries to lead the Mini-Cassia running attack.

### Idaho Falls 14, Idaho Falls 14

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## Bar where players were stabbed loses license

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A bar where three Syracuse University football players were stabbed and stomped on in a brawl last weekend has had its liquor license suspended.

The state Liquor Authority voted Thursday to immediately suspend the liquor license of Sade's Pub, which is run by the wife of a sheriff's deputy who owns the building.

## Marathon runner seeks new life in America

NEW YORK — World champion runner Khalid Khannouchi will be working from the sidelines at today's New York City Marathon, but could be wearing U.S. colors at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney if he can break through a bureaucratic barrier in time.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., Rep. Sue Kelly, R-Westchester County, and 1972 Olympic gold medalist Frank Shorter joined Saturday in demanding that the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service grant the Moroccan-born athlete the American citizenship he needs to be eligible for the Olympics.

## Shots fired in stadium before Purdue game

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — The co-winner of an ABC camera-aimed contest won a gun and fired two shots at him inside Ross-Ade Stadium several hours before Purdue's football game with Wisconsin on Saturday, authorities said.

Samuel Tamer, 42, a freelance cameraman, was not injured.

## Chavez wins twice on Breeders' Cup Saturday

HALLANDALE, Fla. — Jorge Chavez poured two wins into what had been an empty Breeders' Cup at Gulfstream Park on Saturday. After going 0-for-19 in his previous Cup rides, Chavez opened the program by guiding Beautiful Pleasure to a front-running victory in the Distaff as trainer Bob Baffert's favored Silverbulletday lost a second straight race for the first time in his career.

Chavez's second win came when Artisan won the Sunlions Sprint, equating a Gulfstream Park track record of 1:07.45.

## Indians sign pitcher to \$14.5 million contract

CLEVELAND — Pitcher Danys Baez, who defected from the Cuban national team during the Pan American Games this summer, has signed a four-year, \$14.5 million contract with the Cleveland Indians.

Baez picked the Indians over the World Series champion New York Yankees, Atlanta and Tampa Bay. The 22-year-old right-hander throws a fastball in the mid-90s mph and is projected as a starter.

## Friends remember Sweetness at memorial

CHICAGO — In the stadium where Walter Payton starred as a football player, his family tonight, teammates and fans Saturday to celebrate his remarkable life.

A soulful choir filled the air with foot-tapping music, Payton highlights played on a large video scoreboard and signing-tout fans in all types of football gear filled one of the stadium's stands. The 30-year-old on each side of the ancient lakefront stadium was repainted into a '34' in the Chicago Bears colors of orange, blue and white. And the play clock was frozen on that same number Payton carried into the Hall of Fame.

## Bills' practice squad members arrested

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Three members of the Buffalo Bills' practice squad were arrested Friday night in a case accused of grabbing a female off-duty police officer in a tavern.

The incident led to a confrontation in which the officer was allegedly punched and suffered a bump on her head, said William Mulvaney of the Buffalo Police Department.

Marcus Spriggs, Brian Edwards and Mike Daniels were arrested on several charges, including sexual abuse and harassment. Police said Edwards grabbed the officer as she walked past him at a bar called Senatobia.

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# Penn State loses title hopes in a shocker

## The Associated Press

Oops, here goes the national championship for No. 2 Penn State.

A few hours later, No. 3 Virginia Tech nearly left its title slip away, too.

A wayward bounce, followed by a deflated ball, cost the Nittany Lions' 91-51 Big Ten chances of their first since 1986.

In Gettysburg, W.Va., Shayne Graham's 27-yard goal as time expired gave the Hokies a 22-20 win over West Virginia, which had taken the lead on Brad Lewis' 18-yard TD pass to Khori Iyford with 1:15 left.

At State College, Pa., Minnesota players celebrated on the field, while the Lions walked to the locker room, their heads bowed.

"We worked so stinking hard during the offseason," running back Mike Ciminale said. "You're back Mike Ciminale said, "You're sore, your body's absolutely shot, and it comes down to this — a field goal."

On the game-turning play, Billy Cockerham's 27-yard pass bounced off receiver Rocco Johnson's hands and was scooped up by diving teammate Arland Lewis' 18-yard TD pass to Khori Iyford with 1:15 left.

Three plays later, Nystrom's field goal split the uprights. "I see it hanging in the air, like, 'Come get me! Come get me!' I'm still thinking about it, like, 'I don't know how I did it.'"

Now, the Lions are thinking Rocco Johnson instead of Sugar Bowl. With wins over Michigan and Michigan State, Penn State will head to Pasadena, instead of playing for the national championship in New Orleans.

The Gophers (6-3, 3-3) clinched their first winning season since 1990 and became bowl eligible for the first time since 1986. It was Minnesota's first victory over Penn State since beating No. 2 Michigan 20-17 in 1986.

## No. 1 Florida State 23, No. 14 Georgia did not play Saturday.

Georgia did not play Saturday.

## Virginia Tech 22, West Virginia 20

Virginia Tech (8-0, 4-0 Big East) struggled all day against West Virginia (6-6, 2-3). The Hokies fell 19-7 with five minutes left, but nearly blew the game.

The Hokies got the ball back at their 11 with two minutes left, and freshman Michael Vick marched his team 58 yards in seven plays to set up the winning kick.

## No. 4 Tennessee 38, Notre Dame 14

In Knoxville, Tec Martin threw three touchdowns and ran for one and Travis Henry gained 132 yards and scored one to lead No. 4 Tennessee to a 38-14 victory over No. 24 Notre Dame Friday.

The Volunteers (7-1), aware that No. 2 Penn State had lost earlier in the day, took advantage of the opportunity to move up in the polls with big plays and a tenacious defense, ending a four-game winning streak for the Irish (5-4).

## No. 5 Florida 13, Vanderbilt 6

At Gainesville, Fla., Earnest Graham ran for 124 yards and a TD and the Gators (4-4, 1-1 SEC) had all they could handle against the Commodores (5-4, 2-4).

## No. 6 Kansas St. 20, Colorado 14

At Manhattan, Kan., the Wildcats (9-0, 6-0) nearly blew a 20-point lead in the first seven minutes before holding off the Buffaloes (5-4, 4-2) and remaining unbeaten heading to their Big 12 opener with a showdown at Nebraska next week.

## Virginia 45, No. 7 Georgia Tech 38

At Charlottesville, Va., David Rivers made his first start as a winning one, throwing for 228 yards and three touchdowns and running for Tech's Heisman candidate Joe Hamilton.

## No. 9 Nebraska 37, No. 21 Texas A&M 0

At Lincoln, Neb., Dan Alexander and Eric Grunich each ran for more than 100 yards and a TD and the Huskers (8-4, 5-1 Big 12) had seven sacks against the Aggies (6-3, 3-1). It was the first time in 11 years the Aggies were shut out.

## No. 10 Wisconsin 28, No. 17 Purdue 21

At West Lafayette, Ind., Ron Dayne ran for 222 yards, including a 41-yard TD, and James Elder recorded four interceptions, three interceptions 34 yards for the clinching score.

Dayne needs 99 yards more to break the record set by Barry Williams' 441-yard career rushing record of 6,279 yards. Purdue's Drew Brees threw for 350 yards and a TD and ran for two others.

## No. 11 Texas 34, Oklahoma St. 21

At Stillwater, Okla., Hodges Mitchell ran for 149 yards and scored three TDs, including an 80-yarder on the game's final play, to lead the Longhorns (6-2, 5-1 Big 12). Oklahoma State (3-5, 1-4) lost for the fifth time in six games.

## No. 12 Alabama 23, LSU 17

At Tuscaloosa, Ala., the Crimson Tide defense snatched up Josh Booty at the 1 on the final play of the game and survived the Tigers' upset bid. Tyler Warty, starting his second game, was injured and Andrew Zow, a two-time TD passer for "Bama" (7-2, 5-1 SEC), LSU fell to 2-7, 0-7.

## No. 13 Marshall 28, Kent 16

At Kent, Ohio, Chad Pennington threw three TD passes and ran for another at the Thundering Herd (9-0, 6-0 MAC) extended the nation's longest major-college winning streak to 13 games.

## No. 16 Michigan 37, Northwest 3

At Ann Arbor, Mich., Tom Brady threw for 185 yards and three TDs and Anthony Thomas threw for 172 yards and two scores to lead the Wolverines (7-2, 4-2 Big Ten).

## Alabama-Birmingham 36, No. 18 East Carolina 17

At Birmingham, Ala., freshman backup QB Thomas Cox ran for two second-half TDs and threw for another as the Blazers (4-5, 3-2 C-USA) upset the Pirates (7-2, 3-2).

## No. 19 Michigan St. 23, No. 20 Ohio St. 7

At East Lansing, Mich., Bill Burke passed for 174 yards and two TDs as the Spartans (7-3, 4-2 Big Ten) ended a two-game losing streak. The Buckeyes dropped to 6-4, 3-3.

## No. 22 Miami 33, Pittsburgh 3

At Pittsburgh, Kenny Kelly ran for one TD and threw for another as the Hurricanes (5-3, 0-4) beat the Panthers (1-9, 0-4 C-USA) and ended an easy time after two straight come-from-behind wins.

For the Panthers (4-5, 2-4), quarterback David Friedley left in the first quarter with a right shoulder injury and was replaced by John Tuaman.

## No. 23 Mississippi 38, Arkansas 16

OXFORD, Miss. — Inspired by the return of Walter Payton, Deuce McAllister had two touchdowns and a share of the league title. The Tigers fell to 3-6, 2-2.

## No. 25 Southern Miss 20, Memphis 5

At Memphis, Tenn., Jeff Kelly threw two TD passes and Derrick Nix rushed for 139 yards as the Golden Eagles (6-9, 5-0 C-USA) ended an 11-game losing streak to the league title. The Tigers fell to 3-6, 2-2.

# Hendricks, Boise State rout Arkansas State

## Regional College Football scores

Adams St. 28, Fort Lewis 25  
 Air Force 28, Army 0  
 Arizona St. 26, Southern Cal 16  
 Azusa Pacific 47, Lavalme 45  
 Boston 63, Adams 20, 10-0  
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# Pacers christen arena with win Timenez, Pery share AmEx lead

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Pacers opened their new home — Consens Fieldhouse — by beating the Boston Celtics 114-108 Saturday night behind 29 points by Reggie Miller.

Indiana's 10th consecutive victory over the Celtics was before a sellout crowd of 18,345.

Miller, honored at halftime as one of the 50 greatest players in NBA basketball history, had 15 points in the opening quarter when Indiana took the lead for good.

Boston, which led by its first three games, was held by Antoine Walker with 21 points, while Kenny Anderson had 20 and Paul Pierce 19.



Cleveland Cavalier guard Trajan Langdon is fouled by New York Knicks' Marcus Camby, left, in the second quarter Saturday in Cleveland.

SOTOGRADE, Spain (AP) — Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez and American Chris Perry shared a one-stroke lead after today's third round of the American Express Championship with five players just a stroke back.

Jimenez shot a 2 under 69 as he bids for his third victory this season — and his third near the home in southern Spain. Perry shot a 6 over 72 for a composite 4 under 293 through three rounds.

Fiber Woods, trying to become the first player in 46 years to win

four straight events, fired a 70 with long birdie putts on the last two holes, and heads up the group of five just a stroke back and in perfect position to strike.

Also one back were Tom Lehman (71), Hal Sutton (69), Nick Price (70) and Justin Leonard (72). Five others are just two strokes back.

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## Bucks 121, Pistons 111

MILWAUKEE — Sam Cassell scored 28 points as the Milwaukee Bucks stormed back from a 17-point deficit and defeated the Eastern Conference's only unbeaten team with a 121-111 victory over the winless Detroit Pistons on Saturday night.

After impressive road wins over Houston and Atlanta to open the season, Milwaukee won its third straight with a furious rally. The Bucks trailed 83-66 midway through the third quarter before making a blistering 18-3 run that cut Detroit's lead to 86-84 entering the fourth.

## Magic 107, Wizards 104

WASHINGTON — John Amaechi scored 12 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Magic, outlasting an 11-run over a 2-40 point that erased a 76-74 Washington lead.

Darrell Armstrong had 20 points and 11 assists for the Magic, while Tariq Abdul-Wahad

added 14 points and eight rebounds. The Wizards have lost two straight.

## Cavaliers 102, Knicks 93

CLEVELAND — Shawn Kemp scored 25 points and put New York's already depleted front line in foul trouble with a variety of inside moves to lead Cleveland.

Kemp made 17 of 18 free throws, including a team-record 13 in the first quarter, to help Cleveland to its third straight win after a season-opening loss in New York.

Allan Houston and Latrell Sprewell each scored 22 points for the Knicks and John Wallace had 18.

## Hawks 113, Bulls 97

ATLANTA — Dikembe Mutombo scored 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead seven Atlanta scorers in double figures.

Jason Rider came off the bench to score 18 points for the Hawks, who opened the season with two losses. Jim Christy added 15 points, including 5-for-8 on 3-pointers, while Chris Crawford had 14. Alan Henderson and Bimbo Coles had 12 each.

Atlanta broke it open in the second quarter with a 14-6 run as Terry, a rookie point guard, scored eight points and Rider came off the bench to score six to give the Hawks a 52-41 lead with 2:48 left in the half.

## Hagerman

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"War's coming back," Warr was frank in complimenting Mackay junior quarterback Kris Krosch, who burned Hagerman for 126 yards rushing on 17 carries and eight-of-15 passing for 179 yards.

"He's awesome," Warr said. But Warr's coaching counterpart Jack McKelvey said his squad's eighth win of the season was just a result of Krosch.

"I don't see individuals," McKelvey said. "I just don't notice it because it's what the team is doing right now."

Stre thing, but it was hard to miss Krosch, whose 6-foot-2, 190-pound frame bulled its way into the end zone for two rushing touchdowns and threw for another.

"He's a headsup player," McKelvey said. "He's also surrounded by a lot of good players."

Senior receiver Josh Peterson accounted for 67 receiving yards on five catches, including a 41-yard scoring strike from Krosch. Miner running back Brian Crawford scored twice and had 74 yards on 12 carries.

But it was Krosch who got things going early, leading an eight-play, 68-yard drive capped by his 2-yard scoring drive 8:51 into the first quarter. Krosch also added the conversion run for an 8-0 lead.

On the ensuing possession, the Pirates' first junior running back, Jason Durfee coughed up a junior quarterback Clayton Karrels' pitch for a 5-yard loss on first

down. It was one of just four times Hagerman put the ball on the turf Friday night, and two of those attempts resulted in turnovers.

The Pirate defense withstood a 13-play non-scoring drive by Mackay, as Hagerman junior safety James Taylor batted away a Krosch pass in the end zone on fourth-and-15. But the Pirates couldn't mount a drive of their own, as Durfee mishandled another Karrels pitch and senior Miner defensive end Chris Holt recovered the fumble on Hagerman's 39-yard drive.

Crawford bulled his way into the end zone nine plays later, and Mackay led 14-0 with 6:14 to play in the half, the key play of the drive a 24-yard rope from Krosch to Peterson.

The Pirate faithful had reason to celebrate in the minutes that followed, though, as senior running back Elijah Twitshell ran the half effectively and caught a fourth-and-six shovel pass for a first down on the Miner 14.

"On the next play, however, Karrels fumbled the snap, which Mackay sophomore Ryan Pearson recovered with 1:11 left in the half.

"The score should have been either 14-0 or 14-8 at that point," Warr said. "The fumble really hurt."

Things didn't improve in the second half as Hagerman went three-and-out on its first possession and junior back Levi Lemmon's pass attempt to Twitshell was picked off. The Miners converted five plays later

on a Krosch 7-yard run and conversion for a 22-0 edge.

The outcome was still in question as Hagerman moved to half from its 20 to the Mackay 25, with 30 of those yards coming on four Miner penalties.

"We've had them (penalties) all year," McKelvey said. "About all I can do is laugh."

The penalties didn't affect the drive after all, as Hagerman stalled on the Miner 29 when Karrels was unable to connect with Lemmon on fourth-and-six.

Krosch didn't waste any time on the change of possession. He ran 44 yards on the first down of a five-play, 71-yard scoring drive, capped by his scoring strike to Peterson, that took just 1:27. A 14-yard run by Crawford completed Mackay's scoring.

"The Miners now advance into next weekend's A-4, 11-man state semifinals, where they'll host Rimrock. In the other semifinal, Oakley meets Raft River. The Pirates, meanwhile, will be back next year.

"Maybe we'll be Mackay next year," Warr said.

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long burst and Ryan Simmons hauled in a 38-yard touchdown pass from Crane to make it 28-6. Two more Lapwai scores and Hall's second score made it final.

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SPORTS



Michael Chang of the United States reaches back before smashing the ball back to Rossia's Marat Safin during their semifinal match at the Paris Open indoor tennis tournament Saturday.

## Agassi and unseeded Safin square off today

PARIS (AP) — Andre Agassi endured some sparkling early play from Nicolas Pietrangeli before easing to a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win in the semifinals of the Paris Open Saturday.

The world No. 1 will play the unseeded Marat Safin in the final today. The Russian teenager outlasted Michael Chang, 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (9-8), 6-3 in the second semifinal.

Tennis

Safin has happy memories of matches against Agassi in Paris. He won a five-set thriller against the American in last year's French Open.

Agassi got stronger as the match went on as Pietrangeli withheld in the face of some clinical play from the world No. 1.

"We both played well in the first two sets, then it changed," Agassi said. "I got to move around the court better. I kept the pressure on and toward the end he wasn't able to get that extra shot necessary to create difficulty. He definitely wasn't moving around as well as the end."

Lapentini agreed that he struggled to match Agassi physically.

"I wasn't as fast around the court in the third set as I was in the first," the 23-year-old from Ecuador said. "Andre was moving me around the court and my legs were very tired at the end."

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# Bruins best expansion Thrashers 4-2

BOSTON (AP) — Byron Dufoe made 21 saves in his season debut, and Dave Andreychuk scored twice to lead the Boston Bruins to their sixth consecutive victory, a 4-2 win over the Atlanta Thrashers on Saturday.

Darren Van Impe broke a 1-1 tie when he rebounded a Steve Heinze shot on a power play and beat goaltender Damian Rhodes at 15:13 of the second period.

Andreychuk got his first goal of the game just 1:11 later when he slipped a shot through Rhodes' pads to put the Bruins ahead 3-1.

### Sabres 2, Islanders 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Martin Biron won his third straight game in place of Dominik Hasek, and Brian Holinger and Mirza Satanic scored to give Buffalo the win.

The Sabres have won five of their last six games and four straight at home after starting the season 0-5-2.

Mats Lindgren scored for the Islanders, who have won just one of their last six and entered the game with a league-low 23 goals. The 22-year-old Biron made 24 saves and improved to 5-1.

### National Hockey League

#### Devils 3, Maple Leafs 3

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Scott Gomez scored with 8:41 left in the third period to lift New Jersey to a tie with Toronto.

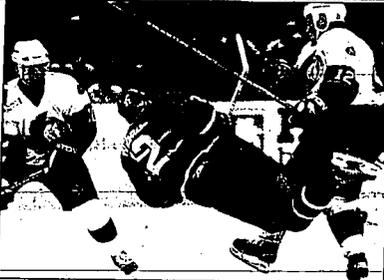
Gomez, who also assisted on the Devils' other two goals, tied the game for New Jersey when he pounced on a rebound off a Brendan Morrison shot and pushed the puck past Toronto goalie Curtis Joseph.

The Devils (7-5-2) dominated the overtime but were unable to convert. An apparent goal by Brian Rafalski was nullified by an offside call.

#### Lightning 7, Penguins 4

PITTSBURGH — Sergey Gusev, Vincent Lecavalier and Fredrik Modin scored in the third period as Tampa Bay scored six consecutive goals to beat Pittsburgh.

The Penguins are winless in their last eight games (0-6-2) and are 3-2 at home this season. The winless streak ties their worst stretch in Kevin



Andreas Daskell, left, of the Ottawa Senators watches as teammate Mike Fisher (12) takes out Montreal Canadiens' Eric Weinrich during first-period action in Kanata, Ontario, Saturday.

### Senators 2, Canadiens 1

KANATA, Ontario — Marian Hossa and rookie Mike Fisher

scored to give Ottawa the win and keep Montreal winless in its last eight games.

Martin Rucinsky scored for Montreal, which has scored just 11 goals over the winless streak.

## Poor weather postpones America's Cup races

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — Racing in the America's Cup challenger series was canceled Sunday because officials declared the winds were too strong.

But within a short time of officials postponing races for 24 hours the weather improved and syndicates missed a day of near-perfect conditions on Auckland's Hauraki Gulf.

Before midday, Vince Cooke, director of operations for the Louis Vuitton Cup, called off racing in round-robin 2 of the elimination series to decide which team will take on defender New Zealand for yachting's most prized trophy next year.

Under Louis Vuitton rules, races cannot start if winds blow consistently above 15 knots on the two race courses on Auckland's

### Hauraki Gulf.

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But within hours of Cooke's decision to postpone, winds had weakened to less than 18 knots and the swell had dropped.

Emil Mihur, spokeswoman for Japan's Nippon team, said Cooke was too quick to call the postponement.

"We believe it would be more appropriate to try and race if there's a slight possibility," she said. "We're very disappointed. The call may have been a little early."

### Tauziat, Huber to meet in Sparkassen Cup final

LEIPZIG, Germany — Second-seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France earned a return trip to the final of Sparkassen Cup on Saturday by outlasting Anke Huber over three sets.

Tauziat, the world's ninth-ranked player, blasted her 11th ace to close out the match against the German, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 at the \$530,000 event.

"It was a very, very tough match," Tauziat said. "The public was behind her — I had to play my best to win."

### Capiati hangs on in Canada, plays Rubin for championship

QUEBEC CITY — Jennifer Capiati squandered a huge third-set lead and four match points before beating Amy Frazier 2-6, 6-0, 7-5 Saturday in the semifinals of the Bell Challenge.

"I don't care if I was up 5-2. She's not just anybody," said Capiati, who is seeded fourth.

"I would have been surprised if I had won it 6-2 in the third."

Capiati's opponent in today's final will be fellow American and third-seeded Chania Rubin, who beat flustered defending champion Tara Snyder 6-1, 6-3 in a repeat of last year's final.

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# Even at 6-1, Titans are an unlikely marquee team

**The Associated Press**

**MIAMI** — What's the name of that 6-1 team the Miami Dolphins meet in prime time today night in a showdown between NFL powerhouses?

Just the Tennessee Titans, playing in their fourth stadium in four years, at a place called the Adelphi Coliseum in Nashville, the kind of team invented for bad football novels.

They're really the Houston Oilers, who once had the same theme song as the Dolphins (only the names were changed), so there's some tradition here.

Last week, the Titans became what passes in 1999 for an NFL power by handing another traveling road show, the St. Louis Rams (from Cleveland through Los Angeles through Anaheim, as they say in draft lingo) their first loss of the season. So confident are they that they don't even believe they're playing well.

"We're not putting a whole game together," tight end Frank Wycheck said after Tennessee took a quick 21-0 lead over the Rams, then had to hold on to win 24-21.

Five of Tennessee's wins are by a total of 11 points, the other was by 17 at Cleveland. The Dolphins (51) have three 3-point wins and another by a point.

But in the NFL this season, with nearly 40 percent of the games decided by three points or less, a win is a win is a win.

"That's certainly true for Miami, which has three good road victories in 15 last week in Oakland plus at New England and at Indianapolis, its two closest challengers in the AFC East."

"I think it says something about our team that we've been able to do that," says coach Jimmy Johnson. "And it's not like we've been beating losing teams on the road."

The challenge this week is to beat a winner at home.

In other games Friday, Arizona is at the New York Jets, Baltimore at Cleveland, Buffalo at Washington, Chicago at Green Bay, Jacksonville at Atlanta, Kansas City at Indianapolis, Philadelphia at Carolina, St. Louis at Detroit, Tampa Bay at New Orleans, Cincinnati at Seattle, Dallas at San Diego, and Pittsburgh at San Francisco.

Dallas is at Minnesota on Monday night.

New England, the New York Giants and Oakland are off.

**Baltimore (2-5)**  
at Cleveland (4-7)

Art Modell won't be in Cleveland to be booed as the old Browns meet the new Browns, coming off their first win on that improbable desperation pass from Tim Couch to Kevin Johnson in New Orleans.

But you can guarantee that the Dave Boyd will probably have a few more off days.

**St. Louis (6-1)**  
at Detroit (5-2)

Who'd have thought eight weeks ago this would be an attractive matchup, particularly with Barry Sanders retired? Now it might even decide home-field advantage in the NFC, where no one else seems ready to emerge.

The Rams' loss to Tennessee actually was impressive because they came back from three touchdowns down on the road and only missed overtime because Jeff Wilkins missed a 39-yard field goal.

**Kansas City (5-2)**  
at Indianapolis (5-2)

Jeff Janak thinks the Colts, who beat his Cowboys 34-24, are like the Cowboys, who finished 13-3, but in the playoffs, then went on to win three Super Bowls in four seasons.

Who's to argue? Peyton Manning, Ed McCaffrey, James and Marvin Harrison seem as dangerous now as Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin did then.

**Dallas (4-3)** at Minnesota (4-4) (Monday night)

The Vikings are 2-0 since Jeff George's departure under Cunningham of quarterback and Chris Carter, who remains the NFL's best check receiver, is making teams pay for doubling Randy Moss.

Dallas, meanwhile, misses Michael Irvin. Although he was the Iron of 500 yards ago, he was the only Cowboys receiver who could consistently gain 5 yards on third-and-5.

**Chicago (3-5)**  
at Green Bay (4-3)

Maybe the Bears, routed 48-17 in Washington last week, will drive disappearing from the life and death of Walter Payton, for whom a moment of silence will be observed before all 14 games this week.

After a nice start under Dick Jauron, the lack of talent has shown in three straight losses, and rookie back McNew is back at quarterback for the injured Shane Matthews.

**Buffalo (5-3)**  
at Washington (5-2)

When Dan Snyder yells, the Redskins seem to listen. His two trades came after losses to Dallas, and the week after, the Skins came out and scored 30 and 48 points.

This is the last of three straight games for the Bills. The best news is that Washington's defense is more explainable than the last two teams they played, Seattle and Baltimore.

**Pittsburgh (4-3)**  
at San Francisco (3-4)

Another matchup between struggling big game teams. The Steelers have given by on defense, but this could be the week that Kendall Stewart breaks out — the 49ers have allowed over 40 points three times and are next-to-last in the NFL against the pass.

**Denver (2-6)**  
at San Diego (4-3)

The Chargers are falling quickly. Not only did they get shut out 34-0 in Kansas City, but they're in the midst of their seventh Ryan Leaf crisis. Last year's first-round draft choice has been suspended for mouthing off at general manager Bobby Beathard.

The crisis for the Broncos is injury. The latest is Brian Griese's shoulder problem, meaning that Chris Miller may start.

**Jacksonville (6-1)**  
at Atlanta (2-6)

OK, it was only Carolina, but the Falcons took a step forward with their first home win last week. Their best shot now is repressing Dan Reeves' first season, 1997, when they finished 7-9 after a 1-7 start.

The Jaguars may be the NFL's best team on paper and finally took it to the field last week. The defense has been consistently good and the offense broke out against Cincinnati as Fred Taylor came back, gained 128 yards in the first half, and took the rest of the day off in a 41-10 rout.

**Cincinnati (1-7)**  
at Seattle (5-2)

In most instances, Seattle might let down after an emotional Monday night win in Mike Holmgren's return to Green Bay. But these are the Bengals.

**Tampa Bay (3-4)**  
at New Orleans (1-6)

Eric Zeier was no better against the Lions than Trent Dilfer had been against everyone else. The Bucs haven't scored a touchdown in nearly a month.

**Philadelphia (2-6)**  
at Carolina (2-6)

The Eagles already have won twice with little talent, almost took Miami to overtime in a 3-point loss and had to make four fourth-quarter mistakes to lose in overtime to the Giants last week.

That should be enough to make Andy Reid a candidate for coach of the year, but instead he gets bashed daily.

Did Philly fans expect a Super Bowl in Reid's rookie year?

**Arizona (2-5)**  
at New York Jets (1-6)

The bye week wasn't long enough to heal Ray Lucas, Bill

Farell's favorite option quarterback, so it will be Rick Mirer for New York and Dave Brown, returning to the scene of his early crimes. With Jake Plummer out, Brown was 12-of-33 for 107 yards with two interceptions against New England last week.

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SPORTS

# Winston is on the line today

AVONDALE, Ark. (AP) — Dale Jarrett doesn't deny he is feeling some pressure as the Winston Cup season winds to a close.

But Jarrett, who goes into today's Checker Auto Parts-Dura Lube 300K at Phoenix International Raceway with a seemingly insurmountable 246-point lead over Bobby Labonte and 334 over Mark Martin, likes his position.

He's far enough ahead that, if everything fell just right, Jarrett could be the champion when the checkered flag waves at the end of the 500-kilometer, 312-lap race.

To do that, he would have to gain 126

**Auto racing**

more points on Labonte. That's the difference between the two drivers.

Labonte has 45 points on the 68-car field. Leading at least one lap at several other five-point races, with five more going to the driver that leads the race.

"I think it's more up to Bobby Labonte whether we clinch the title here or not," Jarrett said. "But we just have to do what we can do."

"We realize that right now, in particular, everything is kind of in our own hands as

to how we want this to turn out. It doesn't matter how good Bobby runs or how good Mark runs, it's all dependent upon what we do and, if we do our job everything should be fine."

**Brabham of England wins pole for Vegas Le Mans Grand Prix**

LAS VEGAS — David Brabham of England drove a Panoz Roadster to a lap of 1:20.17 miles an hour Saturday to take the pole position for Sunday's American Le Mans Series Grand Prix of Las Vegas.

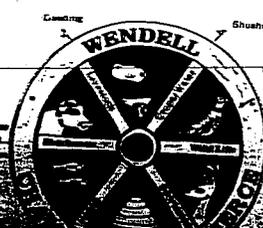
Brabham will be teamed with fellow Formula One veteran Eric Bernard of France in the sports car endurance race. He uncoupled his Panoz teammates, Johnny O'Connell of Flowery Branch, Ga., and Jan Magnussen of Denmark, for the No. 1 starting spot in the series' season closer.

The O'Connell-Magnussen car was second at 119.93, followed by a Riley & Scott driven by Eric van de Poele of San Diego and Mimmo Schiattarella of Monaco, who checked in at 119.24 on the 2.25-mile Las Vegas Motor Speedway road course.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### MVRMC lab hits procedure milestone

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Cardiac Catheterization Lab reached a milestone in the number of procedures it has performed. More than 1,000 procedures have been completed at the state-of-the-art facility since it opened in April 1997.

Cardiac catheterization, a nonsurgical procedure, helps a cardiologist determine whether blood vessels in the patient's heart are clogged, whether the heart is pumping normally and blood flowing correctly, or whether the patient was born with heart problems. Cardiac catheterization is also a key step in preparing a patient for heart surgery, Magic Valley Regional said.

"The 1,039 procedures we have performed over the past 2 1/2 years have saved hundreds of trips to other hospitals outside the Magic Valley for our patients who need diagnostic heart services," said Gary Andrews, administrative director for the Cath Lab. "And for patients who need angioplasty, open heart bypass surgery or initial cardiac work performed here saves them two separate trips to Boise."

A close working relationship between local cardiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons in Boise has eliminated the need for a "middle man" cardiologist in Boise, said Dr. Reed Harris, medical director for the Cath Lab.

"MVRMC's lab is also the first totally digital (filmless) cardiac cath service in the state of Idaho, which is a great advantage for the patient," Andrews said. "If the patient has to be transferred to another facility for additional cardiac care, the attending physician will receive the patient's complete cardiac study in digital format for the physician's review."

### Purely Idaho Potatoes wins honors for campaign

**BURLEY** - A commercial campaign for Purely Idaho Potatoes - the nationwide logo for product from Redi Foods Inc.'s fresh processing plant in Burley - recently was honored as a national finalist in the Silver Microphone Awards for 1999.

The competition selects the best local and regional radio commercials and audio programs created by ad agencies, production companies and radio stations in the United States, said an article in The Produce News.

The commercials, titled "1 Potato, 2 Potato, 3 Potato, 4," were produced by a California agency.

"This is another example of how everything we produce ... from our potato product to our packaging to our promotions is of the highest quality," said Dave Adams, vice president of sales and marketing for Purely Idaho, in the Produce News report. "We believe in strong retailer support every opportunity we can."

"That's why we designed this strong radio campaign and why we plan to continue offering it."

### ShopKo Stores reports large jump in retail sales

**GREEN BAY, Wis.** - ShopKo Stores said total retail sales for the four weeks ending Oct. 30 increased 38.5 percent to \$252.5 million from \$182.2 million during the same period last year.

Included in current results are \$12.2 million in sales from 13 new stores which opened this year and \$55.9 million in sales from the 155 retail stores acquired July 6 from Pamida Holdings Corp. of ShopKo (NYSE: SKO), which has a Twin Falls store.

### Magazine urges investors to do homework on funds

The steep falls and rises in mutual funds leave investors searching for yellow warning flags as to when to sell and when to hang on to their investments. Money magazine suggests you do your homework before cashing in. The investment magazine says in order to maximize performance, you have to understand its workings.

"It's not enough to track performance, you have to understand the behavior. Look at annual or semi-annual reports as a benchmark. Be wary of changes in management and shifts in company philosophies."



Electrician Bob Campbell works on underground wiring at the future Twin Falls location for Valley Brake Co., owned by Ray Alberdi, right.

## Funds lean toward service

The Washington Post

Low-load and no-load mutual funds, including many that have long prided themselves on offering rock-bottom costs for self-reliant investors, are hastening these days to provide a service that clientele wasn't supposed to need advice.

Vanguard, T. Rowe Price, Fidelity Investments and other fund families are marketing programs and software to help investors cope with an array of financial tasks, including fund selection, retirement and estate planning, and asset allocation, and they typically combine these services with others such as brokerage, annuities, insurance and the like.

"I definitely think it's a trend in the industry," said Sue Stevens, financial-planning specialist at Morningstar Inc., a fund-tracking and research firm that is itself busy getting into the advice business through employers that sponsor 401(k) retirement savings plans.

Many funds, of course, are sold through brokers and others who offer advice. That has been the selling point for "load" funds, which carry a sales charge that goes to compensate the selling broker. And some of the direct marketers such as Vanguard have been offering advice for some time.

But both the demand by investors and the marketing of the services have soared in the past year or so.

"It's certainly hopping at the moment. It's the result of people recognizing that there's some of it they can do on their own and then there are times when they need to get someone else involved," Stevens said.

"A lot of us are coming from people realizing that they've made a lot of money in this bull market and maybe they'd better get some help," she said.

In just the past few weeks, T. Rowe Price has sent out mailings to investors offering a free "one-on-one asset allocation review of your mutual fund portfolio." Investors with \$100,000 or more in Fidelity accounts have been offered Fidelity Preferred Services (and Premium Services to those with \$500,000 or more), while Vanguard has been pushing its Voyager Service to investors with \$250,000 to \$1 million, and its Flagship service for those with more than \$1 million with the firm.

The programs offer a variety of services, as well as perks, such as direct access to advisers, personalized statements and access to funds offered by other firms.

The programs themselves are generally free, though as Fidelity notes in the back of its brochure, "some underlying products and services may charge fees and expenses."

Vanguard, for example, offers ongoing "advice and guidance."

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# OCTOBER SLUMP

## Slow start starts city's building year on low note

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Twin Falls' slump in new commercial construction accounted for much of October's poor overall showing.

Estimated values fell by half from October 1998's numbers for total projects that received building permits from the city during the month. New commercial projects alone fell by 71 percent in value from year-ago totals.

That's after a home-improvement retailer's new store exploded Twin Falls construction values in September. Summer and autumn permit values have played a line widely different from last year's pattern, falling both above and below 1998 numbers.

But during good weather, the Magic Valley's number of construction jobs has stayed pretty steady, stabilized in part by road repair work, said Greg Rogers, Job Service's labor market analyst for the valley.

"We haven't seen any real changes in construction jobs," he said, adding that the numbers are about the same as last year's throughout the valley.

But if the Federal Reserve raises interest rates this month, that could hurt both new construction and jobs in the industry, Rogers said.

### Moving to better quarters

One of the month's larger commercial projects is a new location for Valley Brake Co.

The company's name will

### What's building

Estimated values for construction that received permits in September from Twin Falls:

Type	Oct. '99	Oct. '98
New single-family homes	\$1,539,495	\$7,525,445
New commercial projects	\$1,059,378	\$3,742,998
Total (including such things as mobile homes, alterations, additions and signs)	\$2,598,873	\$11,268,443

Source: City building department.

### Recent numbers at a glance

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in 1999 stacked up against the same months in 1998:

October	down 58 percent
September	up 29 percent
August	up 27 percent
July	down 38 percent
June	up 24 percent

Values of permits issued by city from October 1998 through September 1999 for 1999 totaled \$421.5 million - up just 1.4 percent from the \$421.095 million for October 1998 through September 1998.

change to Valley Brake and Truck Parts when it moves from Eastland Drive South to the building under construction on Deere Street - a move that's scheduled for late December or early January, owner Ray Alberdi said.

The operation will do recall and wholesale sales of brakes and heavy-duty semi-truck parts, including Pemfab truck parts, he said. His business doesn't do installing or service work. In the new building, Valley Brake will expand all at times but still focus on the area of expensive, heavy-duty brakes and suspension.

### Cleaning in comfort

A building project at Auto

Pride, at 808 Cheney Drive, is calculated to make employees more comfortable while cleaning customers' cars during bad weather.

A new detail shop will have five vehicle bays - including one for semi-trucks - a bathroom and a heating room for employees to warm up in during winter, Auto Pride manager Kevin Posthuma said. A tarp stretched between the walls will provide a ceiling.

"We've outgrown the detail shop that we're in," he said. The two existing bays weren't enough, so last winter employees detailed cars and semis outside. When the construction project is finished in about 30 days, customers will be able to enjoy the same quality of work they get in the summer, he added, because employees won't be hurrying to finish.

"They're not going to be mistaking this for a detail shop, but the business also is installing a better vacuum system."

The project's permit was for about \$146,390 of the work.

### Falls filling up

A new office building going up at 390 and 392 Falls Ave. will be home to professionals - 2,500 square feet owned by the Rolig and Peterson law firm, which will move to that location, and 2,500 square feet owned by former 5th District Judge Daniel Hurlburt, who will lease out spaces.

Commercial real estate agent

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## Experts foresee short-term impact on Microsoft stock after ruling

### Newsway

A judge's ruling against Microsoft Corp. Friday night is likely to cause shudders on Wall Street, but experts predicted investors will soon look past the decision and the stock will remain a high-flier.

Already, investors have reacted to the ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, sending shares of Microsoft down slightly in heavy trading on Friday as they braced for the fallout from the bad news.

The stock was down 75 cents, to about \$31, and topped the active trading list with more than 32 million shares changing hands, an increase of more than 24 per-

cent over Microsoft's daily average trading volume of 23.5 million shares. It fell 1.25 percent in after-hours trading, and Reuters reported it was trading as low as \$30.

Arnold Kaserman, editor of The Outlook, Standard & Poor Corp.'s investment advisory newsletter, said technology stocks in general are likely to be the hardest hit by the judge's ruling.

"I think it will have a negative influence," Kaserman said. "Microsoft is a spring for the tech group in general. It looks like this will depress the tech group Monday morning."

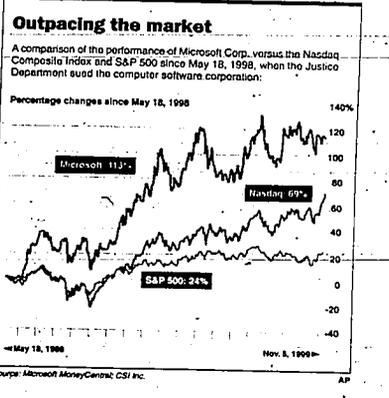
Technology stocks have been soaring of late, Kaserman noted. "You will have some opposing influences here," he said. "You

have the trend in technology stocks and the Microsoft decision. There's going to be a burning of the candle."

Jackson ruled that Microsoft wields monopoly power in personal computer operating systems and that the company has "demonstrated that it will use its prodigious market power and immense profits to harm any firm that insists on pursuing initiatives that could intensify competition against one of Microsoft's core products."

Heavy trading is expected in Microsoft stock on Monday. But the question is for how long. Earning found Microsoft was a monopoly, Jackson now must

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# YOUR BUSINESS

## MILESTONES

### Franchise Times lists RE/MAX among best

DENVER — Denver-based RE/MAX International is ranked 11th among all franchise and No. 1 among real estate organizations on the annual Franchise Times "Top 200 Franchise Chains" list.

A brand must meet two important qualifications, senior editor Nancy Weingartner said, according to a RE/MAX press release. First, at least 10 percent of the company's total units must be operated by franchisees.

RE/MAX franchise offices, such as the ones in Burley, Twin Falls and Ketchum are locally owned and operated. Secondly, the brand must have generated at least \$82 million in 1998 worldwide sales.

Ranked No. 1 in the "Franchise Times" survey was McDonald's, followed by Burger King, 7-Eleven Food Stores, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Holiday Inn, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Marriott Hotels and Blockbuster Video.

Franchising's retail sales, as a whole are expected to exceed \$1 trillion at the end of 2000, said Don DeBoli, president of the International Franchise Association.

"That number will continue to skyrocket," he said in the RE/MAX statement, "because not only are the already established franchise systems getting larger, there are new industries joining the franchising bandwagon that would never have considered franchising in the past."

**Shear Genius locates salon in Twin Falls**  
TWIN FALLS — Shear Genius has a new beauty salon on the corner of Addison Avenue and Van Buren Street in Twin Falls.

Though specializing in men's haircuts, the salon also offers full service for women.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. All late appointments are available by request. Call 737-1499.

**Melanie Shouse-Gonzales, in front, and Lynn Shouse.**

**Babysafe of Magic Valley will be jointly owned**  
TWIN FALLS — The new Babysafe of Magic Valley, LLC is owned jointly by Melanie L. Shouse-Gonzales and Lynn V. Shouse.

Shouse-Gonzales has a master's degree in health education and has worked in children's health and safety education for the past 11 years, with two years doing home safety inspections. Most recently she perfected skills in child passenger safety.

Shouse has been in the retail sector for 13 years and has experience in business management and pricing. She has 35 years' experience in child growth and development.

Babysafe's goal is to reduce the number of injuries to young children in the home and increase parental peace of mind. The education-based services will be offered initially through low-cost home safety inspections.

The walk-through inspection is done at the customer's convenience, noting potential hazards and solutions. The customer gets a cost estimate for products and services discussed in the inspection. Estimates include products and installation provided by Babysafe. Customers have the option of purchasing all or a portion of the products and service. Babysafe staff will install products requested or provide delivery.

Low-cost car seat inspection and individual training also will be offered for parents.

Babysafe said it carries hard-to-find and unique products to meet individual homes' needs.

Gift certificates are available. Contact BabySafe of Magic Valley at 423-4114 or e-mail at babysafe@light.com.net.

## CAREER MOVES

### TWIN FALLS — Vic Jaro, superintendent of the Avonmore Sugarcane Twin Falls factory, has been honored by the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy with its Outstanding Professional Achievement award.

The award is presented annually to a graduate who best exemplifies the "finest tradition of the academy" by attaining personal achievement in his or her professional field.

A native of Port Jefferson, N.Y., Jaro graduated from the academy in Kings Point, N.Y., in 1969. He began his career with Avonmore in 1973 as a mechanical engineer. Through a series of promotions, he became superintendent of the Twin Falls factory in 1987.

Under his leadership, the factory has increased its production of sugar-beets by 32 percent and has increased total production of sugar by 50 percent, a press release said.

"Vic is well deserving of this prestigious award for his professional achievement at Avonmore," said Allan M. Lipman Jr., chief executive officer of Avonmore. "His credit to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and to Avonmore is significant."

Jaro lives in Twin Falls.

**TWIN FALLS — Avonmore West Inc., a producer of cheese and whey products, announced the promotion of four employees.**

Barney Krueger was promoted to vice president, technical services, and will continue to work in the corporate offices in Twin Falls. He joined Avonmore West in 1988 as director of quality control and more recently was coordinator of the Phase III expansion in Gooding. Krueger has a master of science degree in microbiology from Idaho State University.

Mark Short was promoted to vice president, finance, and will continue to work in the corporate offices in Twin Falls. He joined Avonmore West in 1994 as financial controller. Short graduated with a bachelor of science and master's degree in food science from Utah State University.

Janet L. Neel, a certified public accountant, has moved to a new office at 1445 Fillmore St. Neel and her staff handle accounts for Russ Evans and Anita Bozic, offer complex tax and tax services for individuals and businesses.

Neel is a member of the QuickBooks Professional Advisers Program. Peachtree AccountCare. She can be reached at 734-8879.

### Heilig Meyers Furniture

contributed 2 percent of its sales from Avonmore. The sale was on Oct. 2 to the Drug Awareness and Resistance Education Program. As a result of the sale, \$783.98 was donated. Doug Kays, regional vice president of Heilig Meyers Furniture, presented the check to D.A.R.E. officer Jeff Sklar.

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## Job hunters don't care what boss knows

The Associated Press

Job hunters don't care if their current bosses find out they're looking for a new place to work. A new survey by research firm Cyber Dialogue found job seekers are comfortable advertising detailed information (93 percent), and relevant results to job

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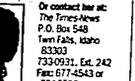
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# Sniffing out odor complaints in Hollister

**HOLLISTER**—Odor, specifically related to agricultural operations, is a subject being bandied about by city council members and city commission meetings all over the Magic Valley. But as community officials and the inquiring public are finding, it is an elusive issue.

By definition from an odorless semi-sponsor by the Division of Environmental Quality and Idaho Department of Agriculture in Boise last month, odor is simply "a conscious reaction to a chemical stimulus of our olfactory sense mechanisms." Humans smell an odor with olfactory organs that are connected to extremely sensitive nerves and it causes a reaction. The reaction is the perception of something physical—whether it is pleasant or unpleasant.

So if odor is primarily a perception, does it affect environment and quality of life—and is it a health issue?

According to Steve VanZandt, air quality science officer with IDEQ, there is no simple answer, but there is science.

As for health threats, the human nose reacts to smell at levels that are extremely low in relationship to toxicity. The OSHA industrial standards for the commonly complained-about hydrogen sulfide smell associated with wastewater and other farm operations is currently 20 parts per million.

"The human nose detects odors down to 1 part per billion," VanZandt explained, putting the standards in perspective. "And for hydrogen sulfide, the IDLH (Immediate Danger to Life & Health) value is 100 parts per million."

What this means, VanZandt said, is that the IDLH is 1,000

## Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

times higher than what the nose begins to detect as offensive. The OSHA standard of 20 parts per million is 20,000 times higher than what the nose detects as an odor. This leaves odor to fall into the public nuisance category, and in Idaho, it's difficult to accurately measure outdoors.

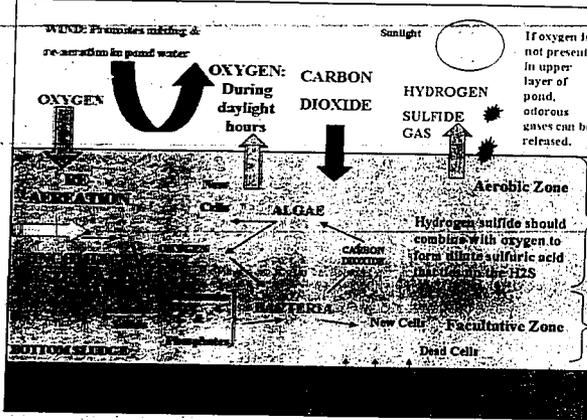
### Hearing on dairy rules receives low turnout

**TWIN FALLS**—Only a dozen folks showed up for what turned out to be a short public hearing on temporary and proposed dairy rules. The rules, which put changes in waste handling on the books, were adopted Sept. 1. Specifically, they incorporate nutrient management standards and guidelines into the state's dairy rules.

The Twin Falls hearing on Tuesday evening and another the following evening in Pocatello were scheduled in response to public request, said Julie Phipps, spokeswoman for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

The three opponents of the rules were a short public hearing in Falls hearing, however, said Phipps, wasn't enough time for the public to review the rules before the hearing.

Longtime social activist Bill Chisolm of Bull said, "The notification was too short. There was no time to have the public really study these documents." Chisolm added that when the process is



flowed, so goes the product and policy.

Much of the testimony, however, had nothing to do with the proposed changes.

Michael Mitchell, engineer manager of ISDA's technical services, said the proposal "just kind of closes up our rules." In addition, the nutrient management standards and also provides the Ag Department with regulatory authority over certain discharges, he said.

With exception to Chisolm's desire for a revised certified engineer to design the larger waste systems, opposition was not specific to the proposed rule. The main complaint was that there was not enough time to review the documents, and opponents questioned the legality of the hearings based on lack of public notice.

Pipal said the department received only five requests for the hearing, which was not enough to require the hearings. The agency

decided to hold the hearings anyway to make itself available to the public and did meet its legal requirements to publish the rule change, posing the changes at its website in early October.

The hearing was held since the beginning of October to review those," Pipal said.

**Crapo contends public left out of salmon debate**  
WASHINGTON — The

response is in, and Idaho Senator Mike Crapo says it confirms that a federal solution to saving salmon is being debated behind closed doors and away from public view.

In letters to several federal officials, including Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, Crapo repeated his demands for information regarding federal discussions on salmon recovery. Crapo, the chairman of the Senate subcommittee that oversees the Endangered Species Act, filed a Freedom of Information Act request last June to members of the "federal caucus" working on a strategy to save salmon.

After reviewing documents that would, in his words, "confuse the public" and "have a detrimental effect on our federal decision-making process," Crapo responded, "Allowing daylight to shine on this process would inform the public, not confuse them. Ultimately, any work product with the goal of recovering salmon will only be successful if citizens have been involved in its development."

# For the young investor, look for diversity in equity items

## The Oregon County Register

Q. I don't know how to allocate my 401(k) contributions. These are the options my company's 401(k) plan allows: Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation, PIMCO Total Return, Franklin Small Cap Growth, Merrill Lynch Equity Index Trust, Merrill Lynch Growth and Income International. I will be putting roughly \$200 a month into the plan.

A. I'm 25 and have no other retirement investments. I've only just begun to invest in mutual funds. How should I proceed?

A. We sent your question to Maureen Tsu, a certified financial planner with Professional Financial Advisors Inc. in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. Here's how she'd allocate your contributions based on the information you sent us:

Because you are about 40 years from retirement, you should consider a portfolio that allows for growth.

To reap the maximum growth over this time period, you'll need to concentrate on equity investments. Equity investments will be volatile—in any one year they could rise or fall substantially.

But over the long run, equity investments have outperformed fixed investments such as bonds, money-market funds and certificates of deposit. This is in line with a simple principle—the higher the risk, the higher the return.

To manage risk of this magnitude, the best to do is operate in "at least five years in this case"—and proper diversification of investments. Tsu suggests putting 25 percent in fixed assets, and 75 percent in equities. Diversify your equity investments into growth and income funds, pure-growth funds and international funds.

Here's a look at the breakdown based on the funds available through your plan:

- Fixed assets (25 percent): PIMCO Total Return and Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust. One strategy you'll want to consider: If you don't have a reserve to tap in the event of an emergency, keep 25 percent in

## Investing Q & A

fixed assets until you've built up a reserve that covers three to six months of expenses. Once you've built up the cash reserve, you might consider reducing fixed assets to 15 percent to 20 percent.

Between times, if an emergency does arise, you will have access to funds that are somewhat protected from swings in value.

Equity (75 percent): Allocate about 40 percent to 50 percent in a large-cap fund, such as Merrill Lynch Equity Index. Put about 10 percent to 15 percent into a small-cap fund, such as the Franklin Small Cap Growth.

Allocate about 10 percent to 20 percent in international markets through the fund in your plan—by International.

This mix should allow for long-term growth.

If your employer is matching contributions, make sure you're putting in as much as you can to take advantage of that match.

You may also want to invest in your 401(k) plan given some of its benefits. You pay no taxes on dividends and capital gains until you cash out at retirement. A more immediate tax benefit: You are setting aside pretax dollars, which means the money you put into your 401(k) plan is not reported as taxable income. You pay no current taxes on these earnings.

Congratulations on participating in your 401(k) plan. Be persistent and consistent in saving for your retirement and you will be pleasantly surprised.

Q. Where education tax credits fit into my tax return, how can I find out if I qualify?

A. Education tax credits can help some taxpayers defray the expense of higher education. Lois Manning, president of the California Society of Enrolled Agents, a taxpayer's income is key to determining eligibility.

The education tax credits begin

to phase-out for taxpayers whose modified adjusted gross income reaches a certain threshold. Married couples filing a joint return. The credits disappear entirely at \$100,000 for your joint filing. Blanning says. For single taxpayers, the comparable figures are \$50,000 and \$55,000.

"For people with incomes below those limits, the education tax credits can be a truly beneficial," she says.

Here are some basic facts about the tax credits from the California Society of Enrolled Agents.

For each student in each tax year, taxpayers can choose the Hope tax credit or a lifetime learning credit—but not both in the same tax year.

Taxpayers can also make tax-free withdrawals from an education individual retirement account.

The Hope tax credit can be claimed only for the first two years of post-secondary education—generally, freshman and sophomore years of college.

The amount of the Hope credit is 100 percent of the first \$1,000 and 25 percent of the next \$1,000 paid for each eligible student's qualified tuition and expenses.

The lifetime learning credit has no time limit.

The amount of the lifetime learning credit is 20 percent of the first \$5,000 paid for all qualified tuition. So, the maximum credit is \$1,000 (20 percent of \$5,000) per family per year.

If the lifetime credit is chosen, any balance of tuition paid cannot be listed as an itemized expense on the tax return.

Recently, the Internal Revenue Service announced regulations allowing taxpayers to claim the education tax credits on either an original or an amended return. This means eligible taxpayers who did not claim the education credits on their 1998 tax return can file an amended 1998 return including the credits.

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for a percentage of assets, or a one-time planning service for \$500 (discounted to \$400 for Voyager clients).

But several industry experts said the motivation behind these programs is often less to generate new revenue than it is to retain existing accounts. Large accounts are very cost-efficient for funds to manage—it costs no more to mail out a statement with six or seven digits or to that one with four or five—and their existence helps hold down expenses relative to assets.

Moreover, the tide of money flowing into mutual funds has slackened off this year, causing many funds to focus on retaining existing customers. One way to do that is with improved service.

"A lot of folks will move not necessarily for performance but for service. You don't have much control over the market... but you do have control over service," said Vanguard spokesman Brian Matres.

Matres said Vanguard has had its flagship programs since the 1980s and Voyager for six or seven years, but new record-keeping capacity at Vanguard has made it easier for the firm to identify households that qualify for the programs.

He said there's no effort to sell them additional funds or products. It's simply to let them know that "their assets are such that they should benefit from higher levels of service."

Matres likened it to flying in a coach "and they tap you on the shoulder and say, sir, you belong in business class, no cost."

The desire for advice has been

growing steadily, several fund officials said. In many cases it comes from investors new to the financial markets, but some is also generated by asset growth. Investors who were comfortably managing a six-digit portfolio last year are nervous when it climbs to seven digits.

Another factor in the growth is the huge business being generated by "rollovers." IRAs sums brought to mutual funds, brokers and banks by retirees who have accumulated them in 401(k) and similar savings plans.

While these institutions have long marketed themselves as vehicles for building up retirement nest eggs, they are now seeing clients who have done that part but now need help planning their finances while in retirement.

The rules governing IRAs are so complicated and the consequences of error so severe that many otherwise self-reliant retirees are driven to seek professional help.

A related issue is planning retirement withdrawals. Retirees want to know both what the legal requirements are and how much they can withdraw while still achieving their goals—whether they are retaining assets to pass along to their children or simply running out of money.

In response to that, T. Rowe Price recently unveiled its Retirement Income Manager program, a combination of software and individual counseling designed to help retirees figure out how much they can afford to spend each year without depleting their assets prematurely.

"This is a burden that's never been placed on people before,

but the widespread replacement of traditional pensions by 401(k) and similar plans has forced retirees to deal with it," said Joseph P. Healy, Price's manager of retirement and advisory services.

Truly wealthy retirees are willing and able to obtain professional planning services, but many of those with assets between \$200,000 and \$800,000 are left groping in the dark. This is the segment the program is aimed at.

Now, for \$500, Price will look at a retiree's assets, income desires, and other factors such as risk tolerance, and come up with one or more asset allocation plans that have a high likelihood of achieving those goals.

Professional financial planners say they don't feel threatened by the mutual funds' moves. The advice the funds give is often more limited than a planner's comprehensive services, and some of it is simply computer-generated asset-allocation recommendations. In fact, several planners said they may benefit from the funds' programs, which could raise awareness of the need for planning, eventually leading clients to want more complete and personalized services.

Cleanor Blayne of the McLean, Va., planning firm Sullivan, Bruyette, Sperry & Blayne Inc., who was involved in developing the Retirement Income Manager program, said the program will benefit a market segment not now using planning services.

While it does not do many of the things a planner would do for a client, at \$500 "it's a good value," she said.

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Plan NOW for kids' college fund Financial aid, tax relief: This is what's available

By Mary Nanc Knight Rider News Service

DeDe and Craig Gilbride put many of their friends to shame when it comes to saving money for their kids' college educations. The Gilbrides figure they have saved enough to pay for the first three years of tuition for both their son, Thomas, and their daughter, Katie. And the children are only 7 and 4 years old, respectively.

About three years ago, the Akron couple started buying "units" in the Ohio Prepaid Tuition program, DeDe Gilbride said. The program allows parents or grandparents to pay for tomorrow's tuition at today's prices.

"The Ohio Prepaid Tuition Authority guarantees that the units will keep pace with tuition inflation in Ohio, which has been averaging about 7 percent a year," said Maureen O'Brien, deputy director and marketing director for the trust authority.

"I'm thrilled about this program," said DeDe Gilbride, who cashed in some government bonds to buy the state's units. "I like guarantees. It's a no-love proposition."

Ohio tuition units aren't the only way to save for college. Mutual funds, federal and state governments, and insurance companies have come up with many ways to enable parents to save for their college-bound children.

The right ways for you depend on how much you need to save, how much risk you are willing to take and whether you expect to get financial aid.

Simply starting early makes it less painful to save a substantial sum for college. But most financial professionals urge parents to fully fund their tax-deferred retirement accounts, such as 401(k) and Keogh accounts, before funding education accounts.

In addition to offering substantial growth and tax benefits, these retirement accounts are excluded from federal calculations that determine financial need. They are, however, included in financial

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Table with columns: AGE, 5%, 7.5%, 10%. Rows for Infant, 9, 12, 15.

Already have children? Here's how much you need to save each month, beginning now, to pay for four years of college:

Table with columns: AGE, 5%, 7.5%, 10%. Rows for 15, 12, 9, 6, 3, Infant.

NOTE: Figures assume 10% rate of college saving \$10,000 the year with each saving, 5% annually and monthly deposits, and at the beginning of the school year for each college.

SOURCE: Savinette Trust.

while they are in their peak earning years.

"We're old parents. We'll be retired long before they go to college," said DeDe Gilbride, 44. She and Craig, 46, intend to retire early from their respective jobs.

But planning ahead is important for many reasons. Plans are considered after the fact for the purposes. Each parent can give another up to \$1,000 a year without paying annual gifts.

Also, prepaid tuition is considered part of your child's estate, not yours or your parents', if they are contributing to the program. So such gifts reduce your estate, making it less likely that it will ever be federal estate taxes.

Financial aid programs involving a state contract plan is likely to be less than your ability to pay financial aid because the investment is considered as an asset in financial need calculations.

Parents often have an interaction between state tuition programs and the new Education Individual Retirement Account. In any year, you can make contributions only to one of these accounts, not both. Many parents put their college savings in stocks or bonds.

Generally, the more time you have to invest, the greater you can expect the value to rise.

"I've not had just four years go with all growth stocks. You've got 25 years for them to perform," said Maureen O'Brien, deputy director and marketing director at Pennacore, Richmond, Lyons, Kern & Co. in Columbus, Ohio.

"If you've had six years from the time you start to invest, you can take a more aggressive approach to investments and equities."

State financial benefits are also available for parents because of their children's low cost and substantial returns. Preparing early

When your child turns 18, put your new investment dollars in "safe havens," such as Series EE savings bonds, long-term certificates of deposit, or money-market Treasury bonds, says financial columnist Jane Bryant Quinn.

Except for high-income earners, the interest on Series EE bonds is free from federal income tax if it's used for education.

Five years before your child's freshman year, start shifting your money out of stocks and into bonds, bond funds or CDs, many financial professionals say. During your child's senior year in high school, get out of stocks and into funds. "Ladder" your bonds so they mature just before you need them to pay each tuition bill.

Tax-planning tips: The new Education IRA allows you to put away \$500 a year after tax for each child. Growth on the savings isn't taxed if it is used for educational expenses.

Single parents who earn more than \$10,000 and married parents filing jointly who earn more than \$16,000 can contribute to these IRAs. However, their children could put money in their own Education IRAs.

Some parents put after-tax dollars in regular IRAs. Growth in these accounts isn't taxed until it's withdrawn. And new tax law suits may penalize (but not tax-free) withdrawals for educational expenses.

Remember, using retirement savings to pay for college means you're losing most money for retirement. You or your child can own your college investments.

If you put stocks, bonds or other assets in a custodial account for your child, then your child owns them.

Under the Uniform Gifts (or Transfers) to Minors Act, you can give up to \$10,000 of assets a year to your child without paying federal gift tax. By transferring the assets, you no longer pay income tax on their growth, your child does. However, you get no other tax benefits, such as a deduction.

Your child's account can earn \$700 of interest or dividends a year without paying income tax, says Mike Kalk, partner in the Akron, Ohio, office of regional accounting firm Cohen & Co.

\$140 is taxed as your child's rate, usually 15 percent. After \$140, all income is taxed at the parents' rate.

Works, loans and grants/Study:

Federal Pell Grants: Grants awarded based on need, to undergraduate students. Maximum per year is \$3,125.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG): Funded by the federal government and administered by schools. Available to students with exceptional financial need. With Pell Grant recipient's receiving highest priority. Limit of \$4,000 per year. Available to undergraduates only. Different from Pell Grant in that there is no guarantee that every eligible student will receive an FSEOG.

Perkins Loan: School contributes. Based on need, 5 percent interest, subsidized, meaning all interest is deferred until six months after the graduate or leave school. Undergraduate limit: \$5,000 per year, up to \$15,000 total. Graduate limit: \$8,000 per year up to \$30,000, including the amount borrowed as an undergraduate. May typically be repaid over 10 years.

Stafford Loan (subsidized): Based on need. Available directly through schools or from private lender (Family Education Loans). Interest capped at 8 percent. Undergraduate limit: \$2,625 per year for dependent students, higher for upperclassmen and graduate students. Note: Limits are for total Stafford loans, including unsubsidized.

Stafford Loan (unsubsidized): Available regardless of need. Available through schools or from private lender. For loan limits and caps on interest, see how to defer payments until six months after your graduate leave school, but interest accumulates in the meantime and is added to principal.

Parent Loans to Undergraduate Students (PLUS): Not based on need. Interest capped at 9 percent. Available to full-time students only. Amount limited

ed only by total cost of schooling, minus other aid received. Repayment schedule to begin 60 days after disbursement.

Tax credits:

Hope Scholarship Credit: Available during each of first two years in school, for students enrolled at least half time. Maximum credit is 100 percent of first \$1,000 paid in tuition and fees, and 50 percent of the second \$1,000, for a total of \$1,500. Can be taken for each student in the family.

Lifetime Learning Credit: Available for an unlimited number of years. No half-time requirement. Current maximum of 20 percent of first \$5,000 in tuition and fees. Limit of one credit per family regardless of how many members of the family are in school.

A tax credit would not be confused with a tax deduction. Whereas a deduction reduces the amount of income on which you must pay taxes, a credit directly reduces the tax liability itself. For someone in a 28 percent bracket, a \$200 credit equals a \$1,000 deduction.

The Hope and Lifetime may not be taken in the same year for the same student. Also, neither may be taken in the same year in which a deduction is made from an Education IRA.

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Where to start

Your son or daughter just turned 16, and the college dream is keeping you awake at night. You've never had an extra dime to put aside, or you did and chose not to. Adding to the fun, your 13-year-old is already talking pre-law, Ivy League style.

Don't scout the pawnshops just yet. Financial aid abounds, even if it increasingly comes with a price and goes to people who may not need it.

There are lots of options available to people in the form of scholarships, low-interest loans and work-study grants. Ellen Webster, a certified financial planner with George R. Pierce & Associates in Seattle.

"Most families I've seen have been able to come up with some package that works. I just tell them to stay reasonably optimistic and explore all avenues."

These days, the avenues are less and less often federal grants. Twenty years ago, federal grants based on financial need made up about 55 percent of financial aid. The figure now is about 40 percent.

The value of the average federal Pell Grant, relative to the cost of a year in college, has declined by a half to two thirds, according to the College Board.

That isn't to say financial aid has not gone up. According to another College Board report, over a 10-year period, ending in 1997, aid increased 70 percent even after adjusting for inflation.

Getting money for school begins with the FAFSA application. Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a document reimbursement of tax forms and standardized tests with its eight pages of bubbles, boxes and references to No. 2 pencils.

The FAFSA will determine how much your family can afford for college, if you're approximately how much aid you can expect to receive. You can find it at the Web site: http://www.fafsa.edu.gov or get it by calling 800-433-3243. The form should be filled out as soon as possible after Jan. 1 of the student's senior year in high school, but you don't need to wait to find out approximately how much aid you can obtain.

You will find something called the "expected family contribution" (EFC) calculator at the Web site: http://www.collegeboard.org. Feed in the numbers, and the calculator will give you the size of your "income protection allowance" and how much you'll be expected to pay in. If you're making about \$48,000, the household median for Washington, the expected contribution likely to be about \$4,500 a year, depending on a number of variables. If you're making double that, the expected contribution may well top \$20,000.

By far the fastest-growing area has been loans, largely unsubsidized loans available to anyone. Aid provided directly by colleges and universities tells the same story.

States offer more options for college savings

The Seattle Times

Paying for college is easier when you find a way to use other people's money.

Like the government's. Or your kids'.

More about the kids later. Let's talk about the government, the Internal Revenue Service in particular.

Changes in federal tax policy over the past few years and the state-sponsored savings plans they have encouraged, provide impressive opportunities for people saving for their children's college education.

The income-tax advantages of the state-sponsored plans are considerable, and the potential gift and estate tax benefits produced by one type is particularly eye-catching. That's all welcome news, considering cost of college—around \$12,000 a year at the University of Washington, up to three times that for a top private school, and likely to double over the next dozen years or so.

State plans vary primarily in two forms: prepaid and college savings plans.

The prepaid programs are designed to encourage residents to choose state schools by protect-

ing them against rising costs. Prepaid plans have been around since a decade. But the new ones today are being made by a different form of state plan, called college savings plans. New plans are being rolled out all the time. Old ones are investing more aggressively. And many are open to anyone, regardless of where you live.

You can open an account for your daughter in, say, New Hampshire, where Fidelity Investments, a privately run brokerage firm, will pool and invest the money in a variety of its own mutual funds, for a management fee.

When your child reaches college age, you can take the money out and use it for any accredited school anywhere in the country. There are no guarantees, however, if the investment goes sour along the way and the value of your account declines.

Both types of state-sponsored plans allow you to defer the taxes on earnings until the money is withdrawn, similar to a retirement plan.

Both tax the earnings as ordinary income at the student beneficiary's federal income-tax rate, which will presumably be lower

than that of the parent, grandparent or other donor.

One thing to keep in mind with the GED plan is that it is far more restrictive than the other two. It has a lower limit on the amount you can contribute—\$5,000.

Under many college savings plans, you can deposit up to \$10,000 a year, more than the limit for state and local banks and other academic expenses. As a result, the tax advantages are amplified. For higher-income people, it's particularly attractive if those plans are the dominant.

"The more you study that thing, and the more you read all the way through it, the more you believe it's a tremendous planning tool," said Ron Kozminski, president of Strategic Financial in Oregon, a financial-planning firm with an office in Medford, Mead.

"It's a very big estate-planning tool. When you die, in the advantages are significant. Your estate taxes are deferred until the child's age, it offers tremendous flexibility."

The beneficiary cannot, however, the IRS allows, if the beneficiary saves, plan the right to take their money back minus a 10 percent penalty on the earnings, un-

der the requirement that you relinquish control of assets in order to remove them from your estate. And the IRS also gives a tax-free, lump-sum gift of up to \$9,000, five times the normal limit.

"The \$29 is great for grandparents," Arens said, referring to the tax-code section that makes college savings plans so attractive. "They can get and build an education fund for their grandchildren's plans as well."

Because of the attractive tax breaks, some states that once offered only prepaid tuition programs are now offering college savings plans as well.

"Ultimately, a majority will probably offer both," says Susan Patrick, acting director of Washington's year-old GED program, who said Washington is more likely to consider the possibility after the prepaid program has been in effect three years.

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# Investment firms hone in on the minority market

By Andy Davis  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Minutes before speaking at an investment seminar at the DuSable Museum of African American History, John Rogers was swept up in memories. He saw himself in that very spot as a newly minted, 22-year-old stockbroker, nervously memorizing a speech, scrawled on a legal pad, that he would give at the museum, in churches and in people's basements. His mission: getting blacks to put their money in the market.

"One of my first ideas was to talk to African Americans about investing," said Rogers, president and founder of Ariel Capital Management Inc., a mutual fund company. "I wanted to get them excited about the stock market."

Nearly 20 years later, blacks remain underinvested, but Rogers' competitors have gotten the message.

One indication: at the DuSable Museum seminar, Ariel's humble symbol, a tortoise holding a trophy, was on a banner alongside a Merrill Lynch ball, and Roger's homespun advice on picking stocks shared the stage with a fancy PowerPoint presentation by Merrill financial consultants.

"The black community," a "domestic emerging market" in Wall Street lingo, is finally attracting the interest of big brokerage firms. The belated discovery of billions in untapped investment dollars is causing firms to change their strategy, shifting demographics and goading from activists like the Rev. Jesse Jackson, are causing firms to change to black organizations, host seminars in black communities and boost their ranks of black brokers and advisers.

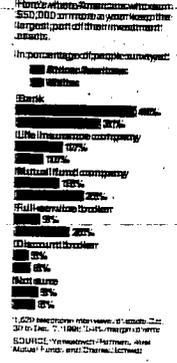
"It's very competitive," said Jerron Green, a financial planner at Merrill Lynch in Chicago. "A lot of people are seeing the spending power of the African American community."

Fueling the shift is mounting research showing blacks are underinvested in stocks, favoring instead more conservative investments such as real estate or life insurance. A 1998 survey by Ariel and Charles Schwab of blacks and whites with incomes above \$50,000, for instance, found that only 56 percent of blacks had money in stocks, compared to 71 percent of whites.

But blacks surveyed also showed more interest in getting started as stock investors, signs of this interest abound. The value of black-owned stocks grew to \$32 billion in 1997, from \$5 billion in 1995, outpacing the growth of white-owned stocks, according to Target Market News, a Chicago company that monitors black consumers and marketing. Books such as "Smart Money Moves for African Americans" and "The Black Man's Guide to Financial Independence" have sprung up on shelves. And Black Enterprise Magazine will expand its personal finance section, its most popular, from 6 to 8 pages in October.

"There's almost a hunger for information in the black community," said Carol Davis, president

## Black investors



of the Coalition of Black Investors, which has grown to \$2.1B since it was founded two years ago.

Firms like Ariel targeted investors and began marketing in black communities. State Street Bank's Boston mutual fund, began marketing prospectuses in Chinese and Spanish in July. A First Weather mutual fund set up in March in the mostly Korean and Chinese neighborhood of Flushing, N.Y., where several other firms have also opened offices, mostly through direct in-person management.

But curbing the black community, which represents about 6 percent of Chicago's population, isn't a special set of challenges, including providing education and counseling. That's why most financial firms are working with groups like 100 Black Men of America, the NAACP and the Black Women and Milling industries with seminars.

As competition heats up, black firms are stepping up in ads and brochures. Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. recently hired Merrill Communications, the nation's largest black-owned firm, for a campaign this fall. And Schwab's Smith Barney Inc. signed financial adviser J. Curtis & Co. for a campaign that starts in June. "This is a market that we haven't spoken to before, so we needed to create ads that speak to them directly," said Aubrey Blum, the vice president in charge of the marketing initiative.

The ad campaign includes Dorothy Rembert, 55, who says she was "green as grass" about the stock market until she quit her job as a legal secretary two years ago and had to figure out what to do with her 401(k) plan investments. "I've been up on a working class home in the Southwest, the market wasn't a topic of conversation. If you would have asked my parents about the stock market, they would have thought you were talking about livestock," Rembert said. A friend referred her to a bro-

ker at Smith Barney, who persuaded her to invest in stocks like Lucent Technologies, Microsoft Corp. and Sun Microsystems. Her \$40,000 portfolio grew to more than \$75,000 in a year, and now, every morning with her tea, she reads the stock tables and calculates how much she's made.

"While she carries her hair sitting under and looks like a model, she says, 'It's been like mental security to watch it grow and know that it's mine. That's under me.'"

Still, some complain that Wall Street, with its entrenched culture, is unresponsive.

"Generally speaking, I think it's been spotty," said Don Carron, personal finance editor for Black Enterprise. "Advertising and things like that are OK, but it's not that many people of color in the industry."

That may be changing as well, however, as firms discover that many blacks are more comfortable with black advisers. The number of blacks in the industry has nearly tripled since 1991, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, although they still represent only 6.5 percent. Firms say the supply is scarce. One of 250 interns in one summer program, "somebody if you can hire us, it would be because they're very much in demand," said Donna Perreault, the chairwoman of First Weather's diversity program.

But having them is essential, said Jesse Brown, president of the National Association of Securities Dealers, a black group, and author of an upcoming book, "Investing in the Dream: Wealth Building Strategies for African Americans."

"Money is personal," he said. "Somebody if you can hire us, it would be because they're very much in demand."

For instance, when John Lawrence, a young manager and stock broker, finally decided to invest and needed an adviser, "It was very important to me to have

someone who was African American," he said.

"We have a sense of common experiences and background," Kendall said. "He understands my limitations and some of the challenges I have to face as a black man in America, and we're all finding ourselves if we say that there aren't any."

Kendall, 36, was putting off investing while he built up a nest egg, until he realized that day would never come. After talking for a year to a financial adviser he met in the Chicago chapter of 100 Black Men, he decided a few months ago to make the plunge.

"I finally said, 'OK, here's my money,'" Kendall said. "I wanted to make sure I gave my money to someone I could trust."

Because many blacks are wary

of the market, Kendall's financial adviser, Michael Christmas with Smith Barney, said his job is as much about managing relationships as managing money. Many clients want something that "walks like a CD and talks like a CD," he said. Another financial adviser recalled spending more than two hours getting a client to invest \$38 in a mutual fund.

But at the Ariel/Merrill seminar at the DuSable Museum in June, which Merrill plans to hold quarterly, the stock market seemed to win over most of the dozen members of the audience.

Barbara Lee, a social worker in her 50s, jotted down the names as an Ariel executive listed the stocks the company is buying and explaining the choices. "One of the things I want to know more about

is how to pick companies, and this gives me some ideas about what to look for when I do my research," Lee said.

After the seminar, Ruth Madlock, 65, sat on a bench in the lobby and marveled at a world she had never been exposed to. "I wish they would have started it about 30 years ago, so I would have had a chance to invest before I retired," Madlock said.

## THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



The trouble with the younger generation is that most of us aren't fit to it. Profound is a great time saver. You can form an opinion without bothering to get the facts. Etiquette means behaving yourself a little better than is absolutely necessary.

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# Internet brings changes to real estate business

By Adam Hickey  
Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Imagine that you control a secret list of products, revealing how much they cost and where to go to get them. Everyone wants and needs the products but can't find them without going through you — and your list.

But what if that secret list suddenly appeared on the Internet, available to any buyer with a computer and a phone line, 24 hours a day?

That's what happened to real-estate agents in mid-1995 when exclusive access to the multiple-listing services that posted every house for sale by a Realtor in a region. That all changed with the Internet, where home buyers can surf their way into the home of their dreams.

"People were scared to death of it," said Greg Larson, president of Clarity Consulting, a Minnesota real-estate consulting firm.

Corporation Pratts, a broker who owns Miami's Pratts and Associates, remembers a meeting of the boards of local Realtor associations four years ago when a number of brokers were apprehensive.

"They were talking about the future of this thing that was making me go nuts," Pratts said. "Some of the Realtors were concerned people were not going to need us."

The fear of being replaced has changed into excitement. Multiple real-estate agents and brokers as the number of leads from Internet listings, though a trickle, doubles each year, and more brokers and agents launch Web pages and open e-mail accounts.

For the less Web savvy, however, comes a new fear of being left behind by the revolution that has destroyed their monopoly on information and is forcing them to improve customer service and the home buying process of one-stop shopping experience.

For those who adjust, there are financial rewards. Realtors who use a computer earn \$2,600 more than those who don't, and the cap could widen as home browsing becomes more tied to the Internet. A recent survey by the National Association of Realtors of its members showed that 23 percent of home shoppers use the Internet, up from 2 percent in 1995.

South Florida Realtors say that only 3 to 10 percent of their leads come from the Internet, but to remain competitive they must embrace technology in a career that has always been more about comfort with people, not computers. And that listings, and sometimes tours, are available online. Realtors must offer better service to remain relevant.

Home buyers who use the Internet visit one-third the number of homes as those who don't, leaving the Realtor more time for details, like helping the buyer understand and turn on utilities. As the process becomes more automated and simple information more accessible, the best Realtors do more than show you houses; they help you buy.

Sten Wigert didn't have a lot of time to spend house hunting. In January 1998, the sales executive with United Steel Inc. was working to expand the company's distribution channels in Japan. Then he learned he would be moving to Miami to oversee the company's Latin American expansion.

From his home in Hong Kong, Wigert browsed through area Realtors' Web sites before settling on Al and Janet Puig, the brokers who own RE/MAX Advance Realty in Kendall.

"I came across a few other ones, but the Web site was better," Wigert said. "Sitting at the computer for maybe 15, 20 minutes you could see a lot of properties in the Miami area."

He took a virtual tour of the city and its neighborhoods before e-mailing Janet Puig. During the next four months, Janet Puig would e-mail Wigert pictures and descriptions of houses he thought he would like, narrowing the list to those homes near good schools for his two daughters, ages 10 and 16.

"We did everything by e-mail. I felt like I knew him before I met him," Janet Puig said.

When he visited for three days later that spring, they met in the whirlwind tour of some 20 homes before signing the contract on a 3,000-square-foot house in South Bay.

But that wasn't the end of Puig's work. Wigert dined on the house from the American Embassy in Hong Kong in June, with Puig handling the local

details. She connected the utilities and checked on the house once or twice a week before he arrived in August. And she held onto the cell phone he ordered during his first visit.

Wigert's experience shows both the marketing power of the Internet and the added responsibility that falls on real-estate agents in an age when lists of houses for sale aren't the secret they once were.

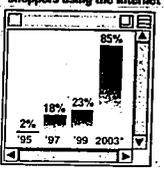
"They can just pull up any listing off the Internet and call that Realtor. If they're coming in from out of town, they have 10,000 things on their mind. They want somebody they can count on," Puig said.

## Sellers, lenders, buyers

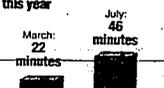
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### Percentage of home shoppers using the Internet



### Minutes the average user spends on realtor.com site this year



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Consumers and brokers shopping online for rates:	
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Web	
0.3-0.7%	1-10.2%
Loans closed electronically:	
8%	5-10%

\*Projected  
SOURCES: National Association of Realtors, Mortgage Stanley Dean Winter, Miami, Florida, NRI

To meet that need, Puig has done everything from help clients find child care and set up bank accounts, to letting movers in and arranging for workers to clean up details that sellers didn't have time for before leaving. They are services she has always provided, but they will become more important as the Internet intensifies competition among Realtors.

Coldwell Banker, one of the nation's largest residential real-estate companies, has tried to capitalize on this demand for improved service with its Concierge Program. Home buyers sign a form giving the company legal authority to connect utilities, arrange for a newspaper subscription, and update vehicle and voter registrations with their new address. If they wish, Coldwell will provide them with a list of businesses that provide related services, like moving and storage, carpet cleaning and pest control.

Agents agree with Puig that to draw a commission, real-estate agents need to do more now to add value to the transaction.

"Relationships are harder as the Internet as they make it not ones who are going to make it, not the wham-bam-thank-you-ma'ams," said Susie Lawson, a broker at Eagle Realty in Miami Shores.

This shift, increasing the importance of service and advice over data, is a common denominator across all industries the Internet has touched; according to James Punishill, an analyst with Forrester Research in Cambridge, Mass.

"Before, it was about control over information. That has been nearly completely shattered," he said. "For the best guys, it is never about the listings. It was

about holding the customer's hand and making them feel good about the house purchase. The best people already do that."

And the best people will have an ally in the Internet, which will save them a great deal of time in wasted visits to homes the buyer could have eliminated with a quick glance at the listing on the Internet.

Figures from the Corcoran Group, the largest privately held real-estate company in New York, show that home buyers who use the Web as part of their search visit an average of four homes, compared with 22 for others. On the other side of the deal it takes an average of just four weeks to set a house listed on the Internet, compared with three months otherwise.

"I have clients who do a lot of research themselves on the Internet. Instead of driving around, they tell me the information that they want," said Frank Markowitz, president of the South Broward Association of Realtors and the broker at ERA HomeTech Realty in Hollywood. "It saves both of us time."

At the July meeting of the Miami-Dade County Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors, about 60 Realtors — twice the usual number — gathered at Miami Beach's Luce Country Club to network over salmon or chicken, and to hear a presentation by Patricia "Pat" Dahne, regional president of Arvida Realty Services, on the Internet and real estate.

Dahne, a member of the board of the National and Florida associations of Realtors, gives talks like these to encourage Realtors to get up to date. It's not an easy task. As a group, Realtors have been "resistant and reluctant to change," she said.

Perhaps it's because their job has always been about people skills, closing the sale, making the sale — not technology. It was just in this decade that low-end computer terminals landed on Realtors' desks, connecting them to the listings in their markets. Before that, they relied on books published weekly by their local multiple listing service.

"A couple of years ago, you might be able to get a segment of the market," Dahne said of home buyers who use the Internet. "You can't anymore."

The women at the meeting understood that, but many also said they weren't ready for the change.

"It's the new wave of the future. It's going to be replacing our phone in a lot of ways," said Maria Lorenza, an agent at Eagle Realty. No, she didn't feel comfortable with the Internet yet, but to change that she's taking classes at Miami-Dade Community College.

Michael Bullman, executive vice president of the Realtor Association of Dade County, estimated that about 40 percent of the county's agents have e-mail addresses, up from 25 percent 18 months ago. "They can get by doing it the way they always have," Bullman said. "Little by little," agents are catching on, however.

While brokers might understand the value of Web pages and e-mail addresses — they're more likely to use both — convincing their agents, who are independent contractors, of the same takes some doing.

# What makes a house a home may be hindrance when it's time to sell

By Bill Kossien  
The Seattle Times

WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash. — The bedroom seemed OK. The floor was clean, the bed was made and there weren't any dirty clothes lying around.

But Windermere real-estate agent Barb Schwarz didn't like what she saw. This room had "clutter" and needed to be cleaned up before this house overlooking Puget Sound could be put up for sale. And Schwarz, an author, speaker and expert on "staging" homes (a term Schwarz has trademarked) knew exactly what to do: Grab a box and start filling it up.

"It's a no-no," said Schwarz, looking at a chest of drawers adorned with a doily, a dozen bottles of perfume, four candles, two figurines, a milk-glass dish, a small clock and a framed picture of the couple who own the house.

Within a couple of minutes, Schwarz and her real-estate partner, Helga Johnson, had cleared off everything but four perfume bottles, a candle, the figurines and small clock.

"I don't want to sell Oregon. We want to sell Washington," said Schwarz, who had been in the house for a week. "I don't want to sell Oregon. We want to sell Washington."

Getting a house cleaned before putting it up for sale seems like a logical thing to do, but Schwarz said many agents may be reluctant to say much to a homeowner, fearing they may offend them and lose their business.

And homeowners may be reluctant to do anything because they don't want to pack up their belongings until they're ready to leave. But Schwarz takes a tough stance: "You're not hiring us to sell your things, but to sell your house," she said. "If you're going to move, you have to pack. So you might as well start packing now."

Yes, a hot real-estate market may make it easier to sell your house regardless of its condition, but a "staged" house can help it sell more quickly and for "top dollar," she said.

On the other hand watching your prized possessions get tossed with abandon into a box and put into storage before even the first open house can be difficult.

"It was kind of hard," said Whidbey Island resident Joan Porter, but it worked.

Joan and Robert Porter had their 5,000-square-foot house on three acres on the market for about 15 years, with a lot of lookers, but no buyers. Then they heard about Schwarz, who did a move, they thought and told them to take down half of their paintings, remove the Oriental rugs and put away many of their knickknacks.

## Some tips

Here are some "Home Showing" instructions prepared for homeowners by Barb Schwarz and Helga Johnson:

- "Every day: Keep music playing morning to evening. You never know when a showing may occur." (They recommend several local easy-listening stations.)
- "Before all showings: Open all curtains and blinds. Turn on all lights and lamps. Put garbage doors down. Put all toilet lids down."
- "Please allow potential buyers privacy as they view your home. It's best to leave, work in the yard, or just take a nice, long walk."
- Schwarz and Johnson are Windermere Real Estate agents on Whidbey Island. Schwarz is a nationally known expert on "staging" a house and also has a video "How to Prepare Your Home for Sale — So It Sells" which is available through the King County Library System or by ordering one for \$49 at 800-392-7611.

"We had too many things. Nice things," said Joan Porter. "Within a month it sold (for \$580,000). It was amazing. It was amazing."

The trick is not to go overboard. Keep your house looking like your house, Schwarz said. In Southern California, some agents who took their staging class have resorted to replacing a homeowner's furniture with rental furniture. "They are going off the deep end," she said.

But having too much of your own stuff visible can distract potential buyers from seeing the house as something they would live in, she said. Dipping into her bag of sayings, Schwarz said: "Buyers and agents only know what they can see, not the way it's going to be."

Some homes can sell well as is, said Leland Davis, owner of Market Ready, a Seattle-based company that prepares homes for sale. But all can be improved by some cleaning up, he added.

White Schwarz said "staging" a home is something that all real-estate agents should do as part of their job, there are many things an agent can't do, she said Davis said.

That's where Market Ready and others come in. Davis, who charges \$150 to \$350 a consultation, said the most common things done to homes that he sees are replacing carpet, vinyl and painting and landscaping. He said his goal is to create "a clean, tight appearance." He also advises homeowners to cut back on belongings and rearrange things to maximize space.

Davis — who said he has worked on 600 homes over eight years, ranging in value from \$40,000 condos to multimillion houses — said in some cases, a house may be best left alone and sold as is. Remodeling one part of the house can make other parts appear shabby by comparison, he said.

Coldwell Banker Bain started a new service this year for its clients called Concierge Services, which links sellers with contractors who do minor and major repairs and remodels and clean up the yard and house.

"We know it's something that the consumer and agent need," said Sarah Waller, executive director of the program. The most common requests, Waller said, are for painting, landscaping, replacing linoleum floors and cleaning around the house — washing windows and

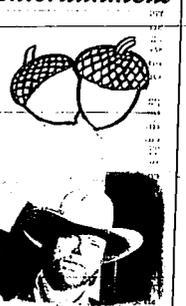
pressure washing sidewalks and driveways.

Other popular home-improvement services include www.improvenet.com and www.handymanonline.com and the Home Owners Club in Seattle. Clean up your room! It's the cheapest, simplest and most-effective way to get your house ready to sell is to employ the age-old adage: Clean up your room! And then clean up the yard.

Schwarz said she likes to take homeowners across the street so they can better see what their house looks like to potential buyers.

The Hamilton's house, which she staged recently, was overlooked by tall rhododendrons and other ornamental shrubs. The roof line and one window were about all that was visible.

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# Big uproar shakes the L.A. Times

## Feud at the newspaper signals growing pains in the industry

Chicago Tribune

In the latest twist in a drama that has held the media world spellbound, the man who once took what many regarded as a mediocre newspaper to journalistic heights has unleashed a scathing attack on its current management.

Otis Chandler, 71, former publisher of the Los Angeles Times, sent a faxed letter last week to what he described as "abused and misused" newsroom employees. The letter, read aloud to assembled staffers, was "like the cavalry arriving," said Russ Stanton, business editor of the Times' Orange County edition. Prompting Chandler's passionate, heartfelt letter was a series of events that some believe have called into question the Times' editorial integrity, and initiated a larger conversation about how newspapers balance the making of profit with the practice of journalism.

The last straw for Chandler, according to his note, was what he called an "unbelievably stupid and unprofessional" incident: Executives of the newspaper and the Staples Center, a new Los Angeles sports arena, agreed to share profits from a special Times section about the arena published Oct. 10. Times editorial employees said they were not told about the arrangement, until details were released last week by another news organization. Typically, journalists are forbidden from entering into financial partnerships with the subjects of news stories.

"I am sad to see what I think may be a serious decline of the Los Angeles Times as one of the great papers in the country," Chandler wrote. Kathryn M. Downing, publisher of the Times, responded with a written statement characterizing Chandler as "angry and bitter." A day after Chandler's letter arrived, Times Editor Michael Parks said the newspaper would assign David Shaw, its Pulitzer Prize-winning media writer, and retired managing editor George Collar to investigate the Staples Center arrangement and publish their findings in the paper. Earlier in the week, management had rejected a request by employees to launch such an inquiry.

Chandler retired from the biz of Times Mirror Co., the publicly traded company that owns the Times, last year. Still, he remains a beneficiary of a family trust that owns a majority of the stock in the company. And, he has considerable moral and historical clout. Chandler's great-grandfather, Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, bought the Times in 1882.

When Otis Chandler became publisher in 1960, he "transformed it from a mediocre rag into a great newspaper," said Times reporter Henry Weinstein. Under Chandler's leadership, it won nine Pulitzer Prizes. Chandler was profiled in David Halberstam's book "The Powers That Be," which painted a memorable portrait of a vigorous, sternly principled publisher determined to make the publication a legitimate competitor to The New York Times for the nation's best newspaper.

The feud between the Times' past and present leadership is, to many observers, the latest sign of growing pains at the newspaper industry continues to shift from largely paternalistic, locally owned enterprises to big media corporations that must answer to shareholders and Wall Street.

Indeed, neither Downing nor Mark Willes, Times Mirror's chief executive, has newsroom experience.

"One cannot successfully run a great newspaper like the Los Angeles Times with executives in the top two positions (who) have no newspaper experience at any level," Chandler wrote.

He also chided Willes and Downing for their pledges to produce huge circulation gains. Chandler called the goals "unrealistic and impossible," and added that many of Willes' marketing programs "appear to be unsuccessful."

Neither Willes nor Downing returned calls for comment. Willes was hired to run Times Mirror in 1995 from General Robert Jones, publisher of the Times after 18 months, having earned the enmity of many staffers by questioning the separation of the paper's business and editorial sides, a division held sacred by many journalists. The Staples Center incident was "devastating," Stanton said. "Up to that point, the concerns about Willes weren't well-founded. You could write it off as other papers just picking on us. They had nothing to hang us on. But with this, they have something to string us up with."

Reading stories about the alleged decline in ethical standards at his place of employment, Stanton said, has been "sickening."

Weinstein, too, called the Staples Center incident a watershed. "This is horrendous. I've been here 21 years and I've been involved in protests over management actions from time to time. But I've never seen something like this. The feeling of the staff was that top management had crossed the line."

Chandler's letter, Weinstein said, was a shot in the arm to the beleaguered staff.



Otis Chandler



L.A. Times Publisher Kathryn M. Downing, picture here with Times Mirror Co. Chairman and CEO Mark Willes, entered into a financial partnership with a news source, causing a ruckus at the paper.

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## Tabloid merge to form new hybrid giant of hype

Sun-Sentinel, South Florida

In the heyday of the national tabloids, the headline on this story might read: "ALIENS INVADE TABLOIDS"

Where once a merger between the fiercely competitive National Enquirer and Globe would have seemed out of this world, last week the gossip monster grew more heads.

American Media, Lantana, Fla.-based publisher of the National Enquirer, Star, Country Weekly and Weekly World News, announced it is acquiring Boca Raton, Fla.-based Globe Communications Corp. for \$105 million.

Besides The Globe, the company publishes the National Examiner, Sun, Mini Mags, Lifestyle Specials, Cracked and The Detective Series. David J. Pecker, chairman, president and chief executive of

American Media, said the National Enquirer is focused on celebrities today. He views the tabloids as different: The National Enquirer covers "the more investigative side of the Hollywood scandal. The Star would cover the impact on the celebrities careers and the Globe will cover the spice and controversy."

Pecker said there are no plans to divert any of the publications. The merger is of "proportional proportions in the tabloid market," said Bishop Cheen, analyst for First Union Capital Markets, an investment banking firm.

Pecker said the acquisition would result in a 60 percent to 70 percent market share for American Media in the tabloid market. "American Media is not a large publishing company compared with a Time Warner. To grow we have to grow in categories," Pecker said.

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# Tired of market gyrations? Savings bonds let you sleep at night

The Providence Journal

Should you still buy U.S. Savings Bonds? If so, which type? And are bonds still a good gift?

Daniel J. Pederson is the author of "Savings Bonds: When to Hold, When to Fold, and Everything in Between" (Sage Creek Press: 276 pages, \$19.95). He is also president of The Savings Bond Insider, a company in Detroit that calculates bond values and sells other services to bondholders.

On a visit to Warwick, R.I., recently, Pederson talked about bonds with a Journal staff writer. Excerpts follow:

Q. Is it a good idea to buy savings bonds nowadays?

A. I think savings bonds represent an attractive option for the conservative end of our investment portfolio.

Q. For money you don't want to suffer a loss on?

A. Yes... knowing that we can go to sleep at night and not have to worry about whether it's going up or down the next day. And, certainly, in that arena, I include certificates of deposit, money market funds, savings accounts, Treasury securities...

Q. Any other advantages of savings bonds?

A. When we look at that conservative pool of options, the other advantage is, I get total control of when I want to report the interest (for tax purposes). So I'm not locked into a product that I have to report the interest annually or...

With a CD or money market fund, I report (typically) have to report that interest annually.

Secondly, when I do report the interest (on savings bonds), it is subject to federal tax, but exempt from state and local (income) taxes. With a CD or money market fund and a savings account, the interest is going to be subject to that state tax.

So those are two other distinct advantages... they actually increase the return on that bond, when compared with another investment that would be subject to state tax, depending on what percentage your state tax is...

Q. People nowadays have choice, the Series EE bond or the new I bond (the inflation-indexed bond), to buy as a gift or as an investment. Which is better?

A. I give the edge to the I bond. And I like it for a couple of different reasons. Number one, you get 3.3 percent above inflation, guaranteed for the life of the bond.

Q. OK, so you get this 3.3 percent, plus you get something else?

A. Yes, 3.3 percent plus an inflation-adjusted amount that is based on changes in the Consumer Price Index...

Q. So how much are I bonds earning right now?

A. Right now, an I bond is getting 5.05 percent.

Q. How does that compare to the EE bond?

A. A Series EE bond is getting 4.31 percent.

Q. And what's the outlook for the rate that I bonds earn?

A. I project that the I bond rate will increase by half a percentage point to a full percentage point as of November 1, to a range of somewhere between 5.5 percent to 6 percent.

And that is because the six-month period that they will measure for changes in inflation has inflation running at an annual rate of about 2.8 percent.

The I bond will be earning 5.5 percent to 6 percent. For a conservative investment that is guaranteed by the U.S. government, that sounds great. Any drawbacks?

A. You do incur a three-month penalty if you don't hold it for at least five years. So, even though the bond is liquid any time after six months, Uncle Sam's going to nick you for three months of interest if you don't hold it for the five years.

Q. Why not just go out and buy a 5-year or 10-year Treasury note?

A. The Treasury is going to produce income every year, that you're going to have to report (for tax purposes). So you're not going to be able to (defer tax).

Second, if you have to sell (a Treasury security) prior to maturity, the Treasury could produce either a bonanza or a hardship depending on what interest rates have done since the time you bought it.

In other words, if interest rates have gone up since the time you bought it, you're going to have to sell your Treasury at a discount if you sell prior to maturity.

Q. You don't get that with savings bonds.

A. No. With savings bonds there's no secondary market, so you're going to hold along at this interest rate. ... And, to me, the savings bond gives you a little more flexibility, as far as choosing the timing of when you want to

cash. Because I'm not locked in to holding it until maturity, I can liquidate it early if I want to.

Q. What about fees and commissions?

A. If I sell a Treasury prior to maturity, I have fees and/or commissions. I can now sell Treasury directly through the government prior to maturity, but that's \$34.

So, if I want to get out prior to maturity, there's a fee with the Treasury; there's not a fee with the savings bond, except the sav-

ings bond could have that three-month (interest) penalty if I get out before five years.

Q. What about savings bonds as a gift? Sell a good idea?

A. I like savings bonds as a gift, because it's one of the few things you can give that will actually have value the day after the event. Most things we give depreciate to near zero the day after the event.

Secondly, one of the intangibles is that it's a nice remembrance of

the gift giver. I've had a lot of stories where people tell me, "My Aunt Betty gave me this bond. It means a lot to me because it's a remembrance of them."

Because there's still a certificate (issued for savings bonds), instead of book-entry, there's a remembrance of that person.

You can buy a stock mutual fund or other things, but you're getting book-entry, you know, just a statement, and there's not the

same sort of remembrance that you get with a bond.

Q. Any other reasons why savings bonds are good as a gift?

A. Because there's a certificate, it actually makes you think twice before you cash it in.

One of the problems I see in our culture is that we just spend money faster than we take it in. ... When we give savings bonds as a gift, what we're helping people to do is understand that saving means being a little bit more dis-

ciplined over time, and that saving also has its rewards of growing over time.

Q. Why have savings bonds been down in recent years?

A. The most significant factor we've had a booming stock market for the last 10 years. ... what is getting clouded is the whole idea of risk: because we've had such a great run in the stock market, people are assuming that all investments have the same risk level.



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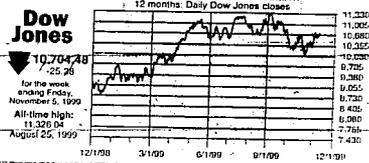
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# Investors spared a Red October

## Month's traditional Halloween horror tumble didn't appear

By Bill Canacol  
Knight Ridder News Service

Analysis and financial experts said they were not surprised by the volatility of the Dow Jones Industrial Average in October. The closely watched market gained more than 100 points five times - including a 227.64 gain - and lost at least 100 points four times - including a 266.90 decline. When the month was over, the Dow had gained 457 points to close at 10,729.86.

While the market gave investors quite a roller-coaster ride in October, the Dow did not suffer any catastrophic losses, as it has in the past.

The most infamous October, of course, was 1929, when the Dow dropped 38.33 points Oct. 28, cutting nearly 13 percent of the market's value and ushering in the Great Depression. Oct. 16, 1987, the market fell 100 points for the first time ever. Three days later was Black Monday, when the market dropped 508 points, a record decline of 22.6 percent. Two years ago, on Oct. 27, 1997, the Dow tumbled 554 points, a drop of 7.2 percent.

Jan Holman, vice president of investment services for American Express in Minneapolis, said she expects the turbulence experienced last month to continue, as it has for most of the year. The market has gone up or down 1 percent on 37 percent of trading days this year, she said.

"For people who have been investing for some time, that is significant," she said. "But the key for investors, she said, is to pick and choose the information they need."

"There's so much out there, there's so much to listen to and look at," she said. "Beyond that, investors need to have 'the presence of mind to be able to invest on a regular basis.'"

"On a day-to-day basis, it seems the market is driven by the emotion," she continued. "The emotion is a huge part of the equation. Since April or May of this year, hanging over all of our heads is the Fed. What will they do, or what won't they do. And I'm saying investors are suffering from something called indecision. We are reacting to new indicator data that comes out and we're taking some action

even if we don't know what they mean."

Holman compared this year to the late '70s, when investors reacted to inflation statistics and the money supply numbers.

"The future for long-term investors looks good, with decent earnings reports, government surpluses, and inflation seemingly under control."

"The potential of the future is enormous," she said. "Chuck Hill, director of research for First Call/Thomson Financial, an earnings research firm in Boston, said there are two ways to look at the third-quarter earnings for October. One is to say 'the glass is half full' as the quarter is up 22 percent from last year, the highest increase since the first quarter of 1995. The other is to say, 'the glass is half empty,' as analysts realize the percentages will not be as high in the future."

Third-quarter numbers are somewhat inflated, Hill said, because of the financial problems in Asia last year as well as the impact of the General Motors strike. The Fed's inaction last month also played a role in the numbers, Hill said.

"At the beginning of October, once the Fed came out and didn't raise interest rates, everybody kind of breathed a sigh of relief," Hill said. The thought was that if the Fed didn't raise the rates then, it wouldn't until after the new year because of Y2K concerns, Hill added.

But after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan recently said he is not worried about Y2K, Hill expects the Fed to raise the rates when the Fed meets Nov. 16.

"And I wouldn't be surprised to see more later on," he said. "If this happens, earnings projections will have to come down," he said.

"Not because earnings are really slowing, but because comparisons are getting back to normal," he said.

David Menlow, president of IPO Financial.com, a Millburn company that publishes a newsletter for the individual investor, said October was "very solid" for initial public offerings.

Considering "... jitters from interest rate fears and general cyclical October fears, it was a significant success," he said.

# Nasdaq grows up, shows maturing market

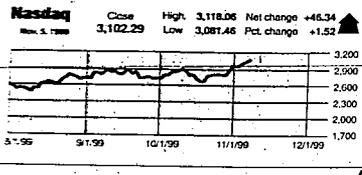
NEW YORK - Quietly, steadily, and without the hoopla that accompanied the Dow Jones industrial's first climb above 10,000, the Nasdaq composite index reached a milestone of its own this past week.

The index crossed above 3,000 for the first time on Wednesday, giving the 28-year-old index and the technology stocks that dominate its make-up a new sign of maturity.

From start to finish, the Nasdaq made news this past week. On Monday, Microsoft and Intel became the first Nasdaq stocks to be included in the Dow Jones industrial average.

On Friday, the Nasdaq's parent company, the National Association of Securities Dealers, announced plans for an Internet-based European stock market. Architects of the new market say it will help ease money for the region's high-growth firms and make it easier for Europeans to invest in U.S. and Asian companies.

And all week long, the Nasdaq composite marched higher and higher, extending a string of six record closes. On Wednesday, the Nasdaq rose 41.48 points to finish at 3,029.51, its first close above 3,000.



Much like the Dow, the Nasdaq has smashed thousand-point barriers with increasing frequency. It crossed 1,000 on July 17, 1995, and closed above 2,000 for the first time on July 16, 1998.

The rapid leap to 3,000 came as investors clamored for shares of computer makers, networking companies and any company tied to the Internet.

"Technology stocks are viewed as the fast-est way to take advantage of the growth in the Internet," said William Meehan, chief market analyst at Cantor Fitzgerald. "Anyone looking to

maintain or build their wealth has to have them."

Nasdaq stocks haven't always been in such demand. The index was launched in February 1971 as a way for small, startup companies that traded on the over-the-counter market to attract attention and build capital. Most companies that traded on Nasdaq did so because they were too small to meet requirements for listing on the New York Stock Exchange.

To many investors, "too small" signified "not good enough." "The Nasdaq was viewed as the reservoir of companies that simply didn't measure up," said

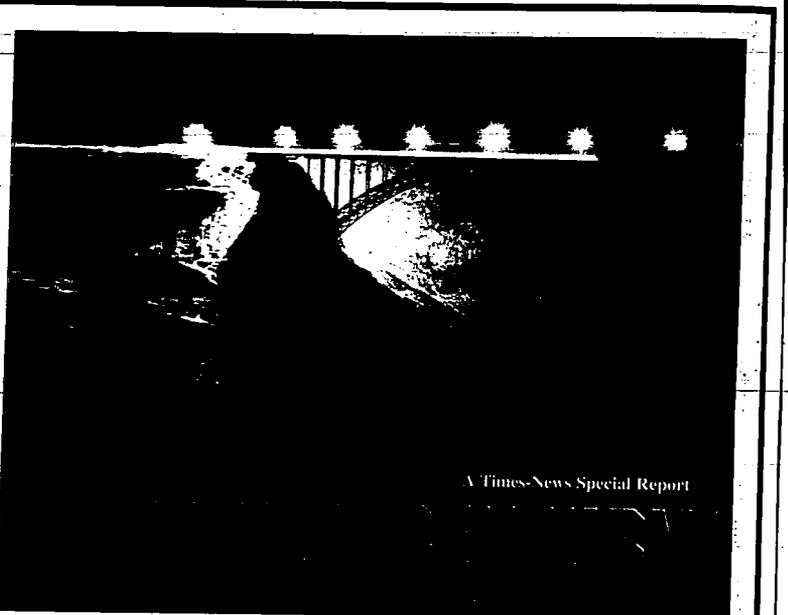
High Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Corp.

But by the 1980s, the fledgling companies that built computers and wrote the codes that ran them were driving the nation's economy. Investors soon began taking a chance on them, and many were richly rewarded.

As high-tech companies grew, so did the Nasdaq. It still remains a bastion for smaller stocks; its companies have a total market value of \$3.36 trillion, compared with \$11.7 trillion for NYSE-listed companies.

In the early days, many Nasdaq stocks moved to the NYSE once their market capitalization grew large enough to meet NYSE requirements. Some high-profile companies like America Online and Advanced Micro Devices have migrated in recent years. But big companies including Microsoft and Intel stayed put, despite NYSE officials' efforts to woo them.

"Twenty years ago, companies with that much prestige would not have stayed on the Nasdaq," said Johnson. "The NASD has done a good job of holding on to technology companies that are real winners."



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# Low inflation: A selective phenomenon

# 'Sidelines' look good as savings rates go up

By Gregg Fields  
The Miami Herald

So you heard how low inflation is, then you booked a flight to visit friends and you sure seemed considerably more expensive than a year ago.

You'd be right. Public transportation, including leisure airline tickets, is up about 4.6 percent over the past year, or more than double the increase in the official consumer price index.

Or perhaps you just wrote a check to your child's college, and the bill seemed much steeper than last year's. Right again. Tuition costs are up 5 percent from a year ago.

Examples like these belie a simple reality about inflation: For some people, maybe even most people, it's dormant. For others, it's much higher than the government's CPI estimate.

It depends on the demographic profile of your household, what goods and services you tend to favor, and what part of the country you live in.

There is no universally accepted measure of inflation, at least by economists," said Mark Vitner, an economist at First Union, the banking concern.

The one most commonly used is the CPI, but within that are several components. What we're seeing is,

some prices are very rapidly falling and others are beginning to pick up."

The complex job of determining the inflation rate belongs to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which compiles the Consumer Price Index each month.

The CPI is, simply, an attempt to measure the changes in prices for goods and services purchased by urban consumers.

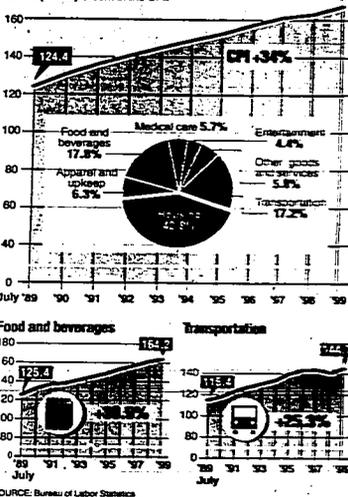
It's a mammoth effort, measuring everything from the price of getting a prescription filled (which is up) to the cost of getting a prescription filled (which is up), divided into seven categories: housing, food and beverages, apparel, transportation, medical care, entertainment and miscellaneous.

Each category is assigned a "weight" to reflect its relative importance to a household budget. For instance, housing is heavily weighted, reflecting the fact that a 5 percent rise in its cost would be much more serious to a family's budget than a similar increase in laundry detergent.

What we're trying to do is ascertain how that urban household is faring," said Don Rattner, an economist at Georgia State University and one of the

## Measuring inflation

The Consumer Price Index has risen 34 percent in the past 10 years, or an average of 2.97 percent per year. The pie chart below shows the weight given to household expenses in measuring the CPI. Rising prices for housing, for instance, make up 42.8 percent of the CPI.



## Major categories

In these categories, the numbers are relative to 1982 prices, in which 1982=100. Percentages show the increase during the past decade.



## Low inflation experts

Lately, inflation has been behaving in some bizarre ways. For example, inflation typically heats up during long, robust economic expansions. That's because shortages of labor and goods usually lead to higher wages and rising prices. Prices also tend to rise highest in the fastest-growing parts of the economy.

Today, the opposite is happening. Inflation has dropped more sharply as the economy has grown faster. The reasons: high immigration and more automated work forces have kept the labor pool from drying up, and rising imports have kept prices stable for many items.

Also, the hottest sector of the economy is technology — goods like personal computers. Prices have plunged as technology has advanced.

## Economists say that shoppers

may think there's more inflation than there really is. Cars and houses, for instance, are bought so infrequently that the new one will almost certainly cost much more than the old one. Today's relatively low 2.1 percent inflation rate will increase prices by nearly one-fourth over the course of a decade, for instance.

At the other end of the spectrum, many items bought frequently — like gasoline and food — bounce around a lot, subject to seasonal changes in demand, periodic bottlenecks in the supply pipeline, and even the weather. Gasoline, for instance, is up about 10 percent from a year ago. But it's slightly below where it was two years ago.

Furthermore, tobacco prices have been soaring, reflecting anti-smoking legal initiatives

## rather than a change in economic fundamentals.

To account for this, most economists annually focus less on the CPI and more on the so-called core rate, which excludes food, energy and cigarettes. It can make a substantial difference. The official CPI, for example, is increasing at about 2.1 percent annually, while the core rate is lower, at 1.6 percent.

If there's a divergence about the best way to measure inflation, and even differences of opinion about what the true level is, economists concur on one point: Inflation is unlikely to remain as a nemesis to the American economy anytime soon. "Despite robust growth, we expect inflation to remain absent," said Merrill Lynch, in a recent report. "Core inflation remains tranquilly tame."

By Vivian Marino  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Looking for a place to park some cash until the stock market becomes less volatile, inflation fears die down and Y2K is passed? The "sidelines" aren't so bad.

Yields on bank certificates of deposit, money market accounts and money funds — considered more on the sidelines — investing — have been on the rise, with some hitting 5 percent and beyond. Some short-term bond funds are also in that range.

While long-term stocks are going to be fine (and...) there's nothing to suggest a big spike in inflation, or any major problems for the financial markets because of a Year 2000 computer bug, said Jonathan Pond, a Boston-based financial consultant and author of personal investing books. "But right now, there's a lot of money sitting on the sidelines. I find myself slower to invest new money."

Andrew Horowitz, president of Horowitz & Co. in Weston, Fla., has even revamped his model asset allocation mix to include 25 percent in cash, cash equivalents or Treasuries through the end of the year. Earlier this year, it was virtually no cash exposure recommended.

CDs, MMAs and money funds offer the best parking spots for money that eventually will be invested, usually within six months.

CDs often have the highest yields, but you can't touch the money in them until the CDs mature without a substantial penalty. Money funds and MMAs provide the most liquidity, including check-writing privileges.

Those willing to shop around will find the best savings rates — and the Internet offers the widest selection of available products. Two comprehensive Web sites: www.bankquote.com, run by BankQuote Inc., a New York-based financial information technology company; and www.bankrate.com, by Bank Rate, a Florida-based financial information company.

More often, shoppers will find that the best yields won't be at large financial institutions but

small banks or out-of-town facilities that deal with customers by mail, telephone or online.

"As long as it's FDIC insured, you don't give a hoot where your money is going — if you want to send it to Timbuktu or Jersey you might as well take advantage of the banks that want to offer good rates," said Ponds.

Among them, little-known Bluebonnet Savings Bank in Dallas (800-892-6151) in early November offered money market accounts yielding 5.12 percent for CDs, CDs at 5.67 percent, six-month at 5.63 percent and one-year at 5.25 percent. The minimum deposit: \$5,000 for a MMA and \$25,000 for CDs.

That compares to national average yields in early November of 3.09 percent for MMAs, 4.24 percent for three-month CDs, 5.02 percent for six-month CDs and 5.41 percent for one-year CDs, according to Bank Rate Monitor, Jumbo CDs, which require a minimum deposit of \$100,000, range from 4.70 for a three-month CD to 5.26 percent for a one-year CD, it said.

Individuals also may consider buying Treasury bills or notes, which are purchased individually for \$1,000. The yield on a three-month Treasury note was a competitive 5.12 percent in early November. Ponds also recommends short-term municipal bond funds.

He noted, for example, that many are yielding around 5 percent. IBC Financial Data Inc., of Ashland, Mass., puts out a list of the highest-yielding government, non-government and tax-free money funds on its Web page (www.ibcdata.com). Money funds are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., like MMAs, but they are considered secure. They invest in short-term interest-bearing securities, like Treasury bills and commercial paper issued by corporations.

Among the funds recently listed: Zurich Valuewise Money Fund had a 5.46 percent yield. First Mutual U.S. Government Money Market Fund, 5.23 percent; Strong Investors Money Fund, 5.2 percent; and First Municipal Money Market Shares, 5.58 percent; Strong Municipal Money Market Fund, 3.67 percent; and Zurich Municipal Money Fund, 3.48 percent.

# Low unemployment causes concern that feds will raise inflation rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key gauge of inflation pressures — average hourly earnings — grew by a tiny 0.1 percent to \$13.37 in October, indicating that the tight labor market thus far isn't triggering wage inflation.

But Merrill Lynch's chief economist Bruce Steinberg said he believed the relatively low amount of unemployment in October depicted an economy growing too fast for the Fed's comfort and "pretty much guarantees that the Fed will tighten" in November.

Wages had jumped by a worrisome 0.5 percent in September,

but many analysts blamed that increase on statistical distortions caused by Hurricane Floyd, which hit the East Coast that month and shortened the work week for many.

Fed Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues meet Nov. 16 to decide whether a third interest rate is needed this year to keep inflation at bay.

Paul Kasriel, chief economist with The Northern Trust Co. and one of those on the side of a Nov. 16 rate increase, said he believed the dip in the unemployment rate to 4.1 percent is troubling to Greenspan, who has raised con-

cerns that employers trying to match up scarce workers will offer them higher wages, benefits or other incentives, costs which could boost consumer prices and spark inflation.

"In our view, the new low in the unemployment rate tugs the balance back toward a Fed tightening," said First Union's chief economist David Orr.

Just a few weeks ago, it appeared a sure thing that the Fed would raise rates again. But the odds of that happening have been on a steady decline given a host of economic data pointing to some slowing in the economy and

an troublesome signs of inflation. But other economists believe Friday's report makes it less likely that the Fed will nudge up rates this month because of the small rise in wages.

"I don't see anything in this report that will move the Fed to tightening. This is reasonably benign," said William Cheney, chief economist for John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. Kes Corp economist Ken Mayfield agreed. "I think they can afford to stay on the fence."

Financial markets have been lifted in recent sessions on the growing sense that inflation

remains under control.

The bond market rallied Friday after the report's release. With no new signs of sharp rises in wages, interest rates fell this morning on the inflation-sensitive market for government bonds, where yields

on 30-year Treasuries dropped to 6.04 percent from 6.10 percent last Thursday. As recently as last week, when inflation jitters were rampant, yields on long-term bonds were at a two-year high of 6.37 percent.

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# Fall of the Wall

## The wall changed, shaped the lives of all who saw it

By Knight Ridder News Service

**BERLIN** - Shortly after midnight on Aug. 13, 1961, a phone call summoned Kurt Andra to an East Berlin military base.

Initially, Andra thought it was a training exercise. But after he'd put on his gray militia uniform, donned his steel helmet and shouldered his Kalashnikov, an officer handed him a clip of live ammunition.

And when Andra's Humboldt University workers militia lined up for roll call, they heard astonishing news.

"A protection of the border should be created and everything should be done to safeguard the GDR," recalled Andra, now 71. The border between East and West Berlin would be sealed.

Many in the East felt imprisoned. Many had their lives and families severed. But for some, the wall meant new security and stability. Here, beginning with Andra's, are two of their stories.

### The militia man

A committed communist, Andra was thrilled. He owed his life, his education and his job as a university administrator to the regime. In no other society, he believed, could someone like him — the son of a Jewish woman and a plumber — have gone so far. In his youth, Nazi laws had barred him from seeking a formal education.

In the summer of '61, Andra's beloved German Democratic Republic — communist East Germany — was being destroyed. In his view by its open border with the West. Especially in Berlin, where the city was split into four sectors — Russian, American, French and British — the GDR was hemorrhaging talent and low-cost goods. As the GDR's economy deteriorated, tens of thousands of refugees fled to the West.

So on that clear summer night, thousands of GDR soldiers and police swarmed the Russian sector border, digging trenches and sniping barbed wire under the auspices of an elite unit, Andra deployed to a key crossing, at Bernauer Strasse, with a deep sense of mission.

Of 88 crossings between the two Berlins, Bernauer Strasse was one of a handful that would remain open. As Berlin woke and radio spread the news, East Germans streamed there.

Some pleaded with Andra to let them pass. "They had stories about wanting to visit sick mothers. For some people, it really did mean a deep cut in their lives." But Andra had no way to check their stories and, anyway, his orders were to stop them.

Across the city, there were riots. GDR police turned water cannon on thousands of angry East Berliners who stormed the gate, carrying signs declaring, "There is only one Germany."

Another crowd was blasted with



East and West Germans reunite Nov. 10, 1989, at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, one day after the wall began to come down.

tear gas. One man was shot, apparently trying to flee to the West.

Andra remembers none of that. In his mind, the construction of the wall was all smiles and thumbs-up signs; women bringing soup and children bringing crayon drawings. Eventually, there was a victory parade.

"There were other remarks, but they went in one ear and out the other," Andra said. "When you have a conviction, you can ignore lots of things."

For nearly two weeks, Andra stood guard while the wall rose, a 29-mile snake of concrete slabs nine to 12 feet tall. On Bernauer Strasse, apartment buildings often formed the border, and residents whose homes faced the West had their windows bricked up and were ordered to move.

Andra watched as some jumped from their windows, trying to reach the pavement, which was officially in the West. One old woman was badly hurt when she jumped; Andra

couldn't understand why anyone would do something so suicidal.

"The GDR clearly was not a bed of roses. People were living in modest conditions and, of course, they saw the lights and the glimmer of West Berlin. Many people were blinded by this," Andra said.

Today, Andra and his wife are pensioners living in a lovely new apartment building in the east Berlin neighborhood of Weissensee. In their living room, there is plush new furniture, a sophisticated stereo and a large white plate bearing a profile of Lenin.

They socialize with other communists and feel the sharp disapproval of their neighbors who consider communists no better than criminals. They no longer feel at home in Berlin. "My home was really the GDR," Andra said.

### The escapees' guide

Hartmut Richter was seduced



by the West, and it wasn't the lights and riches. Richter wanted freedom. After winning it for himself, he returned for others, smuggling a total of 33 East Berliners across the Berlin Wall.

"So many of my friends wanted to leave, and not because the cigarettes were better in West," said Richter, now 51. "They wanted out for reasons I could understand."

The day the wall went up, Richter, whose family's orchards in Potsdam, East Germany, had been seized and collectivized by the GDR, was visiting a cousin in West Berlin. They rushed to Bernauer Strasse and were shocked to see barbed wire, soldiers and militia.

"They were already bricking up ground-floor windows," Richter recalled. "People were jumping."

Within days, the German Red Cross collected Richter, then 13,

from his cousin's house and forced him to return to Potsdam.

At 17, he tried to escape on a Prague-bound train. His map, long hair and jeans gave him away. He was arrested and sent home through a network of prisoners, where he saw political prisoners being beaten. It shattered his last illusions about the regime.

In August 1966, Richter finally made it out. He swam through Berlin's Teltow Canal for four hours, ducking searchlights and trip wires and trying hard not to splash. He emerged exhausted in the American sector and made his way to the port city of Hamburg, where he took a job as a ship's steward. He was 19.

In the 1970s, detente began to thaw relations between the Soviet bloc and the West. For the

first time, the GDR allowed defectors to return as tourists. Richter went home — and noticed that the guards at Berlin Wall checkpoints had grown a little lax.

Richter decided to start smuggling people. The first was a friend from kindergarten who decided to flee after his marriage collapsed. Then the friend had a friend. And that friend had a friend. "It was so easy, I thought it could go on forever," Richter said.

His car, a yellow Ford Escort, with a big trunk and strong shocks, was perfect for smuggling. Others got caught, Richter said, by choosing cars that couldn't handle the weight of stowaways in their trunks. They drove up to the checkpoint with their headlights pointing at the sky.

Getting people into his car was a problem, though. GDR citizens were the most spied-upon people in history; he could not simply pick them up at home. Usually, he met them at a highway overpass and had them crawl into the trunk through the back seat. Others waited at a bus stop directly in front of a Soviet garrison, on the theory that no one would suspect anyone of defecting from there.

"Of course, this filled my life with meaning. For those people I helped, I was the Lord and Santa Claus and more," Richter said. "I participated." history."

It all came to a crashing end just before midnight on March 4, 1975, when Richter pulled up to the checkpoint with his last defector, his sister Elke, 21. A police dog smelled her and jumped on the trunk. Ten guns were leveled at Richter.

"They called this 'hostile human trafficking' and the act of doing damage to the GDR," Richter said. "They could prove 18 people. That was enough for the maximum penalty of 15 years."

Prisoners were taken away in a dark van, never certain where they were. They were stripped naked and addressed by number. Richter was 48. Each solitary cell contained a wooden bunk, a desk, a toilet and a slot in the door for meals.

For months, Richter saw no one but guards and interrogators. Prisoners communicated by rapping on the walls. For a while, he talked through the wall with a woman named Ericha. "I would have liked to see her face," he said.

Fred in 1980, Richter today is a tour guide at one of his former prisons, the infamous Hohenschonhausen, leading troops of schoolchildren into his nightmare. His knuckles are scarred and swollen. He can't hear knocking without trying to unravel the code.

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# East Germans confront past, find happiness 10 years later

BERLIN (AP) - Such euphoria could not last.

As East Germans danced on the Berlin Wall, stunned East German border guards watched helplessly as thousands crossed the border to experience long-forgotten freedoms and riches on one memorable night. West Germans pressed cash into the hands of their long-lost countrymen. Strangers embraced. Families reunited.

But in the 10 years since the Berlin Wall came down, stories are legion of east Germans confronting the betrayals of their past and looking to the future with disappointment.

Files compiled by the reluctant machinery of the East secret police revealed to many that people they trusted most - even their spouses - had spied on them. And money - once showered on them from strangers - has become the source of resentment among western Germans footing the bill for reunification.

The exaltation of 1989 has long ago given way to the culture shock of 17 million east Germans trying to create a new identity in a nation of 80 million where "evening sphere," influenced by media, the economy, politics - is dominated by westerners.

The post-unification illusion that all Germans were the same began to dissipate as the two Germanys began the process of fusing into one. Misunderstandings grew out of the vastly different histories, and out of things as little as eastern Germans' habit of shaking hands with co-workers as part of their daily greeting, said Hendrik Berth, a psychologist in Dresden.

The culture shock deepened as both sides focused on their perceived differences. East Germans were uncommunicative and servile; westerners were arrogant snobs.

"I think many west Germans said, 'We're reunited, they should fit in with us and that's it,'" Berth said. "But you cannot say as of Oct. 3, 1990, that the past is closed, that we are now different from what we were."

Indeed, media coverage of the state of intra-German relations 10 years after the demise of the communist East focuses on the enduring differences between the two German societies. Overwhelmingly, the stories represent a western point of view.

National magazines report on alienation felt by westerners who moved east.

Western author Gabriela Mendling has created a controversy with a book "Neuland," in which she writes that she has been insulted and threatened since moving with her husband to the eastern city of Frankfurt an der Oder.

A west German criminologist has stirred a new debate with a thesis that the communist system of sending children to collective day care is a cause of rising anti-foreigner attacks in the east, by creating a pack mentality in which individuals feel safe to act out in groups.

But the bottom line may just be that eastern Germans are retreating inward, and they may no longer care what the west thinks.

"Happiness in eastern German groups," read a recent headline in the Magdeburger Volksstimme. Nearly 60 percent of east Germans interviewed by

### Culture shock

I started with peaceful protests in cities across East Germany, challenging communist leaders with the unifying chant 'We are the people.' After the Berlin Wall fell on Nov. 9, 1989, the slogan became 'We are ONE people,' a plea for a reunited Germany that was fulfilled a year later. But the euphoria of revolution has long been replaced by disillusionment, summed up by an enormous banner in the heart of former East Berlin: 'We WERE the people.'



the Social Sciences Research Center for Berlin-Brandenburg said they were happy with their personal situation - an increase of more than 50 percent from 1990.

They cited the greatest source of happiness as their private lives.

"The personal happiness contradicts what one reads," said Paul-Josef Raue, a western German who took over as chief editor of the Magdeburger Volksstimme a year ago.

Germany may remain a nation internally divided: But east Germans, who subverted a regime that dictated their daily lives for 40 years, have adapted that experience to the disappointments of the new democratic Germany, and they are finding their satisfaction at home.

Few read western German media powerhouses - Der Spiegel, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung or the Süddeutsche Zeitung - turning instead to local and regional media.

Most activists who led the protests 10 years ago have returned to private life, their political ambitions thwarted by a speedy transition to democracy that saw western institutions take over.

Only a handful of easterners are prominent in national politics, and the absence of easterners in ceremonies marking the 10th anniversary of the Wall's fall on Tuesday has led to bickering. The lone leader from the east who will participate is parliament president Wolfgang Thierse.

Yet, Germany's federal system of government gives the easterners a voice through state politicians who represent their interests in Berlin.

An overwhelming 84 percent of easterners say life is better without the Wall, according to a poll of 1,245 Germans by the Forsa Institute for Stern magazine.

Signs of physical improvement abound. Chic gourmet shops, design stores and even upscale millinerie occupy the storefronts of once crumbling, decrepit buildings in central Berlin. More than 7,270 miles of highways and 3,355 miles of railway have been modernized or extended in the eastern states.

Deutsche Telekom has invested \$28 billion to make the east's phone network the most modern in the world. Before 1990, nine out of 10 easterners had no access to a phone, including 3,200 villages where there wasn't even a pay telephone. Now the entire system is digital.

There are still east-west gaps in all major economic indicators: unemployment, income, exports, economic growth, productivity. But they are narrowing.

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Residents of Berlin watch as a portion of the wall goes up in August 1961.

# Fall of Berlin Wall does not guarantee people will be free

By Edwin A. Locke

The destruction of the Berlin Wall's 10th anniversary is November 9. This event is widely taken to symbolize two things: the demise of Communism, and the global triumph of political freedom and capitalism. Unfortunately, the second belief is false.

The Soviet Union was certainly an evil empire, with mass slaughter, enslavement and poverty as its only legacy. But the destruction of the bad does not ensure the emergence of the good. When a tyrant is overthrown, he may simply be replaced by another one. In fact, much of world history, from ancient Egypt to modern China and Iran, has followed this very pattern, with rebellions leading only to the supplanting of an old system of despotism with a new one.

The United States of America was one of the rare exceptions to this pattern. British monarchy was replaced by a constitutional republic; from this sprang political and economic freedom that has endured for more than 200 years. What made us different?

The American Revolution was fought not simply against tyranny, but for freedom. It was a revolution in defense of a specific political philosophy that gave freedom its meaning and validation.

Three principles formed the core of that philosophy: 1) that reason - rather than the mysticism or superstition - is man's proper mode of knowledge and proper guide to action; thus leaving no room for rule by "divine right"; 2) that individual happiness - rather than sacrificial duty to the collective - is man's proper moral purpose; and 3) that the role of government is not to force the citizen to serve the state, but to protect the rights of each individual - rights which were then recognized by the Constitution.

Without these principles, the rule of King George III might have been replaced not by a constitutional republic but by an American monarchy. In fact, these were those who wanted George Washington to become a king, but Washington, true to American ideals, refused. The result was a country of unimagined freedom and unimagined wealth.

Compare America with, for example, the oppressive, Arab states. The philosophy of those countries is to enshrine religious dogma. Those who openly advocate secularism - i.e., reason and

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science - are routinely denounced, persecuted or killed. In those cases (government-enforced religion) when religion and reason conflict, it is reason that loses. In such countries, therefore, the death, or the ousting, of any particular ruler accomplishes nothing.

Compare America with Russia. Russia never went through the Enlightenment, proceeding instead from monarchy to Communism. An axiom of Communism was that man must not seek his own happiness but must sacrifice his life to the state (or party). Russia's current form of government almost defies description, but it is certainly not one that upholds freedom.

Rather, it is some corrupt amalgam of statism and gangsterism. Russia remains an authoritarian state, because it lacks a pro-individualist philosophy.

Finally, compare America with China. China endured centuries of tyranny but never discovered the concept of individual rights. Now, desperate to escape the mass poverty caused by socialist economies, the Communist bosses are trying to combine political dicta-

torship with quasi-capitalism. But their attempt to embrace some elements of capitalism has no principled foundation; it is strictly an expedient measure driven by the whim of the ruling elite.

Even the collapse of the Communist Party would not necessarily result in a free society.

Freedom can never be won simply by eliminating those who are against it. Demolishing the Berlin Wall does not build the Washington Monument or the Jefferson Memorial; it does not create the crucial values these latter symbolize. Many people pay lip service to liberty, but liberty can be gained only by espousing a philosophy that upholds the ideas on which freedom rests: reason, individualism, individual rights.

It is essential for Americans to defend these three pillars of freedom, particularly since they are under growing attack today by both conservatives and liberals. Conservatives increasingly want the individual citizen to be subordinated to the dictates of religion; liberals increasingly demand that the individual citizen be sacrificed to the needs of the collective. (And at the very forefront of these attacks are our mainstream academics, who teach that reason is an illusion and that the individual is merely a product of society.)

A genuine celebration of the dismantling of the Berlin Wall would call for a re-affirmation of Communism, but of the morality of capitalism. That we can help make the event a symbol, not just of Communism's fall, but of freedom's rise.



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# Many played key roles to bring down Berlin Wall

## Chronology of the Wall

Chronology of events leading to the Berlin Wall, and its collapse

- 1945: Nazi Germany surrenders. Germany and its capital, Berlin, each divided into four sectors by World War II Allies - United States, Russia, Britain, France.
- 1949: West Germany's Federal Republic of Germany is established. East Germany is established.
- 1953: East German uprising is crushed. Soviet tanks roll into Berlin.
- 1958: Nikita Khrushchev demands Western powers leave Berlin.
- 1961: East German leader Nikita Khrushchev orders construction of Berlin Wall.
- 1963: President Kennedy visits West Berlin, declares "I am a Berlin."
- 1963: East and West Germany establish formal diplomatic relations.
- 1989: The Wall Crumbles: 1989
  - Nov. 9: East German leader Erich Honecker orders the dismantling of the Berlin Wall.
  - Nov. 10: East German border guards are ordered to stop shooting.
  - Nov. 11: East German border guards open fire on West German protesters.
  - Nov. 12: East German border guards open fire on West German protesters.
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  - Nov. 30: East German border guards open fire on West German protesters.

The Associated Press  
Key figures in events leading to fall of Berlin Wall on Nov. 8, 1989.



West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, right, and East German Prime Minister Hans Modrow arrive Dec. 28, 1989, in Dresden for talks.

**MIKHAIL GORBACHEV:** After becoming leader of Soviet Union in 1985, he unleashed reforms in both domestic and foreign policy that ultimately led to collapse of Soviet Union. A month before Berlin Wall came down, he delivered speech in East Berlin saying that "it punishes those who fall behind." Eventually overtaken by own reforms, and resigned on Christmas Day 1991, an act that marked formal end of Soviet Union.

**ERICH HONECKER:** East Germany's last communist leader, 1976 until three weeks before Wall opened. Political prisoner during Nazi era, he emerged as prominent player in Soviet zone of postwar Germany, supervised construction of Wall in 1961 and became head of ruling Socialist Unity Party. Admittedly stunned Gorbachev's reforms in '80s and ultimately ousted by fellow Politburo members. Died in exile in Chile in May 1994.

**HELMUT KOHL:** Germany's longest-serving postwar chancellor, led reunification effort. In heavy days after fall of Wall, he promised East Germans "one-to-one" exchange rate with West Germany. Remains widely respected for commitment to "Europapolitik," in which he envisioned united Germany firmly anchored in integrated Europe as key to enduring peace. Lost chancellor's post in election last year; remains seat in parliament.

**RONALD REAGAN:** Early in presidency described Soviet Union as "the evil empire," pursuing strategy to roll back Soviet power with heavy spending on U.S. military forces. Good rapport between Reagan and Gorbachev, and Reagan's openness to arms-control talks, helped create atmosphere conducive to Soviet reforms. In June 1987, on a visit to Berlin Wall, Reagan challenged Gorbachev to come to

Berlin and "tear down this wall!"

**GEORGE BUSH:** As president, he offered unity and supported support for German reunification, stressing its importance over other Cold War issues. Support of Kohl made clear United States did not share fears of some of Western allies about continued Germany. When Wall fell, his administration sought to keep Soviets from feeling as Bush put it, "that we were sucking our thumb in their eye."

**MANFRED WOERNER:** Former West German defense minister was NATO secretary-general when Iron Curtain weakened. When word came Berlin Wall was falling, ordered chancellors to drive him 400 miles through night from Brussels to Berlin. Woerner, who remained NATO's chief until he died in 1994, worked to extend West's bond of friendship to Russia and former Soviet allies in eastern Europe.

**HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER:** West German foreign minister and vice-chancellor 1974-88, he helped ease worries among Germany's neighbors about reunification. Became something of a hero in amount leading to Wall's collapse, bringing agreements in East European capitals that allowed many westward-seeking East Germans to leave for West. Remains active as a

one of several Politburo members convicted of manslaughter for authorizing shooting of East Germans trying to cross border.

**GREGOR GYSE:** First leader of East Germany's reformed communist party, he had sometimes defended dissidents in East Germany. Elected to reunite Germany's parliament in 1990, remains party's leading politician and has kept it alive as organ of protest for eastern Germans disillusioned with reunification. Party has made few inroads among west Germans, and Gysi hasn't shaken stigma of former link with old communist regime.

**JAMES A. BAKER III:** U.S. secretary of state 1989-1992, was key player in both Reagan and Bush administrations as Cold War ended. In meetings with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, Baker's goal was to arrange "soft landing" to head off chaos as old order disintegrated. After fall of Wall, he was intimately involved in negotiations for German reunification.

**VERNON WALTERS:** Newly appointed U.S. ambassador to West Germany when Wall opened, he had predicted its col-

**FRANK REIBERDIE:** East German peace officer after fall of Wall, he was colloquially called "the man who tore down the wall." He was criticized for his role in the demolition of the wall. He was criticized for his role in the demolition of the wall. He was criticized for his role in the demolition of the wall.

**GUENTER SCHABOWSKI:** East German Politburo member who read historic statement on opening of Nov. 9, 1989, saying East Germans could apply for permission to travel to West. There was confusion, but statement sent East Germans streaming across Wall. By midnight, it was

lapse when he took up post six months earlier. Walters was embraced by West Germany and became one of strongest defenders of quick reunification of the two Germans. Newspapers dubbed him a "U.S. grizzly" and "diplomat for freedom." Resigned post in 1991.

**GYULA HORN:** As foreign minister of Hungary, he had barbed wire and other barriers removed along border with Austria beginning in May 1989, and East Germans began using it as escape route to West. Despite threats from East Germany, Horn stood firm. He later commented, "You cannot force anyone to live in a country that they don't want to live in."

**HAROLD JAEGER:** Guard at Bornholmer Bridge on Nov. 9, 1989, he allowed first East Germans to pass freely to West Berlin. Had called commander for clarification of announcement that East Germans would have freedom of travel "immediately." Told not to pass anyone without proper papers, but his concern grew over growing crowd and he informed superior: "I'm letting the people out." Now runs newspaper kiosk in Berlin.

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East German guards look through a section of the Berlin Wall at Brandenburg Gate Nov. 11, 1989, two days after it began to fall.

# Ten years later, wall is elusive in Berlin

## Where it is

**BERLIN (AP)** — The fall of the Berlin Wall started with the gentle breeze of autumn the night of Nov. 9, 1989.

The Wall couldn't fall fast enough for Berliners anxious to be rid of the concrete monstrosity, its jagged course cutting the city in two. Barricades gave way to bulldozers, then cranes, then bulldozers again, to erase the scar of division and clear the way for new buildings.

Pieces of the Wall were carried away in backpacks as souvenirs, taken to cities across the globe as Cold War trophies, or as gifts to remember a world divided.

Ten years after the Wall fell, there's a smattering of it left in Berlin.

If you're looking for the most pieces of the Wall in one city, you might try the capital of another country, the United States.

There are segments at CIA headquarters, the new Ronald Reagan building, Johns Hopkins University and the Freedom Forum's Newsroom in Washington. There are also Wall parts at Microsoft headquarters in Redmond, Wash., pieces in Phoenix, and chunks in Los Angeles and Japan, Colo.

There's a piece at a German communist center in Canberra, Australia, another in a museum in Ein Shih, Israel, and a piece at a school in Lundberg, Sweden.

In Moscow, a piece with graffiti reads "BER" — while its matching "LIN" is over in Riga, Latvia.

There are no wall segments near the landmark Brandenburg Gate in the center of Berlin. Visitors there have to be shown a small rare set in the street as a memento of meeting where the western side of the Wall once stood.

When our guide Aymone Scialoja shows youth groups around Berlin's most-recognized tourist sight, most have no idea the Wall was there.

"They just know the Brandenburg Gate is for the Love Parade," Berlin's annual techno music celebration that draws thousands of youths from across Europe, she says. "They don't know the Wall fell down here."

Much of the Wall ended up in the street. Literally. Pieces of the 1.32-mile high concrete segments were ground up and sold for \$180 a ton to be used for rebuilding roads in the former East Germany.

Official destruction of the Wall began June 12, 1990. The work was done by 300 East German border guards, along with 600 soldiers from the West German army, the Bundeswehr, using 18 bulldozers, 35 excavators, 65 cranes and 175 trucks. About 250 segments were accumulated in six anywhere from 55,275-504,551.

By Nov. 30, there wasn't much left except the six segments that

- Berlin Wall on display around the world
- Segments of Berlin Wall can be seen around the world. Among the sites:
  - Washington, D.C.'s Ronald Reagan building, CIA headquarters, State Department, Johns Hopkins University and the Freedom Forum's Newsroom in nearby Arlington, Va.
  - Microsoft Corp. headquarters, Redmond, Wash.
  - Waterfront in Cape Town, South Africa.
  - Moscow, a piece with graffiti reading "BER"
  - Riga, Latvia, a piece with graffiti reading "LIN"
  - German club's garden in Canberra, Australia.
  - School in Lundberg, Sweden.
  - Factory in Osaka, Japan.
  - Business center in Paris.
  - Vacation home of German executive in Denzville, France.
  - Four pieces in Jakarta, Indonesia, for planned Berlin Square project in Berlin sister city.
  - NATO headquarters, Mons, Belgium.
  - Pilgrimage city of Fatima, Portugal
  - "Parque de Berlin," Madrid, Spain.
  - Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., eight sections of Wall in sculpture by Winston Churchill's granddaughter.
  - Jacob-Dade-Museum, Ein Hod, Israel.
  - House of German History, Bonn, Germany.
  - Open-air exhibition in Sosnowka, Poland.
  - Integrated Sea-Air-Space Museum, New York.
  - Vatican City gardens.
  - South Korea, at border with North Korea.
  - Hotel Metropole Palace, Monaco.
  - Loyola University, Los Angeles.
  - Aspen Art Museum in Colorado.
  - German school in Mexico City.
  - George Bush Library, College Station, Texas.
  - Ronald Reagan Library, Simi Valley, Calif.
  - Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace, Yorba Linda, Calif.
  - John F. Kennedy Library, Boston.

# It all came tumbling down

## Blame for chaos at opening of Berlin Wall still a mystery

**BERLIN (AP)** — After 28 years, the Berlin Wall was brought down by a few halting words.

The end began with an offhand remark from a communist official, Guenter Schabowski, at the end of a plodding evening news conference on Nov. 9, 1989. East Germany was lifting restrictions on travel across its heavily fortified border with West Germany after 28 years of isolation.

Couched in bureaucratic language, the impact of the announcement was not immediately apparent. But then Schabowski was asked when the new regulation would take effect. The spokesman for the ruling Politburo looked down at his notes and stammered: "As far as I know, this enters into force... this is immediately, without delay."

Schabowski did not realize the resonance of the announcement and went home.

But spread by word of mouth and the evening news, that word — "immediately" — had thousands of East Berliners jamming the first crossing to West Berlin by about 9 p.m.

The border guards had no official orders from bureaucrats to let anyone cross. But, at a chaotic turning point of the Cold War, the men who had been drilled to defend the Wall left their weapons holstered and decided on their own to open the barriers. Other crossings opened, too, and the Wall was on its way into history.

East Germany's last communist

## Behind the Berlin Wall



SOURCES: Free University of Berlin, Berlin police, news reports

leader, Egon Krenz, insists the plan was to allow free travel only the next morning so all border posts would get orders and citizens could line up properly to get their exit visas.

"It was one of many foulups in those days," Schabowski said recently. "We were acting under the pressure of events. I'm just happy that it went off without bloodshed."

At the time, East German leaders saw opening the Wall as a relief valve amid huge pro-democracy protests and a flight of citizens to the West that had begun in the summer, mainly via reform-minded Hungarians.

"The point was not the scrapping of the Wall," Krenz said recently. "I thought we could calm the political situation."

Instead, his country collapsed

and merged with West Germany 11 months later.

Even now, Krenz and Schabowski dispute who was to blame for confusion the night the Wall fell.

Krenz insists he told Schabowski to tell reporters to withhold the news of the new travel regulation until 4 a.m. the next morning.

Schabowski, who had once edited the main communist party newspaper, says he never heard Krenz say that and asking the media to hold off would have been unrealistic anyway.

"I think Krenz doesn't want to admit he made a mistake, even now," Schabowski said.

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**\$42,000 BUY OF THE MONTH**  
Cute manufactured home on darling lot. Lots of trees w/ fenced yard. Great for kids & pets. Home has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath plus 1 terrific "bonus" room that could be 3rd bedroom or family room. CALL MEG CAROLYN CUTLER 733-9026 OR 737-3913. #9902540



**\$47,000 JUST REDUCED!**  
\$52,000! A great buy now awaits you on this cute cottage home. Features Elementary school district. Hurlston large master bedroom with fireplace. Extra large lot for lots of privacy. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3900 OR 420-2807. #9025416



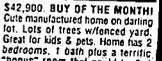
**\$50,000 PRICE REDUCED!**  
1998 manufactured home, can be moved or stay in park. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, cherrywood throughout. Beautiful, immaculate. Can take over payments. CALL DIANA WHITNE 737-3963. #9902547



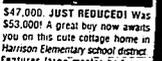
**\$54,900 CHARMER OFF WINDTIDE**  
Large open rooms, 2 bedrooms, single car with original carpeting, two laundry rooms, country kitchen close to downtown Twin Falls. DOLL DIANN DOHMAN 737-3916 OR 735-1428. #9902548



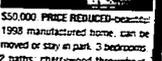
**\$68,000 LONE AT FIRST LIGHT!**  
Cute cottage home with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath & a basement to occupy. Single detached garage. All on corner lot. Unbeatable price of \$68,000. Don't wait to see. CALL DIANN DOHMAN 737-3916 OR 735-1428. #9902549



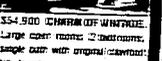
**\$57,000 NEW LISTING!** 2 bedroom w/ living room that could be 3rd bedroom. 1 1/2 bath w/ onite floor plan. Close to schools, 12x10 shop, 10x6 storage shed, large fenced back yard. While still available. CALL MARY DEPEW-FLYNN FOR YOUR PRIVATE SHOWING. 737-3910 OR 738-6132. #9902550



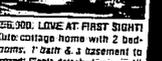
**\$57,900 Great square footage for the price.** Approx. 1300 sq. ft. w/ 2 1/2 bedrooms, 1 bath home. Large kitchen dining area. Basement has great storage. This home is on one and a half lots. Plenty of room for extra vehicle parking of truck. For more information CALL KATHY PARTRIDGE 737-3920 OR RON FREEMAN 737-3915. #9902551



**\$54,500 NEW LISTING!** Cute cottage home in Jerome. 1425 sq. ft. 1970 total sq. ft. Features 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, gas heat, metal siding & single garage plus work area. Also has screen in patio kitchen and built-in TV. CALL THE HESS TEAM. WALL 737-3938. #9902552



**\$69,900 Sweet home!** 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bathrooms w/ hardwood floors, extra large room for additional bath or whatever. Two car, auto wrap room, hardwood floors, auto sprinklers. Nest 4' deep driveway. 351-2nd Ave. & 4th. CALL TERRY WALL 737-3938. #9902553



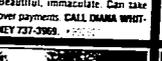
**\$69,900 - PRICE REDUCED TO \$64,900!** 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 1100 sq. ft. plus oak cabinets, tile entry, & one car garage. Owner says "Selling!" CALL JOHANNE TODAY! #9902554



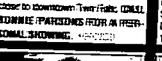
**\$97,000. Lovely family home.** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, covered patio, beautiful landscaping, 2 car attached garage, built in 1985. PLEASE CALL JOHN FORBES 737-3919 OR 734-4572. #9902546



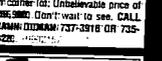
**\$99,900. Price reduced on this beautiful newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Kimberly.** Great landscaping. Gas heat w/ central air conditioning. Excellent neighborhood. Double car garage w/ opener. CALL DOROTHY TO SEE THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME. #9902545



**\$114,900 Just listed!** 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with over 2700 sq. ft. living room & family room & office. Extra wide gas heat & central A/C, brick exterior. 2 car garage, auto sprinklers system & more! CALL WALL FOR A SHOWING. 737-3938. #9902555



**WHAT A FIND! \$144,900!** (This one-level, 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home at the edge of Twin Falls, just across 345' of an acre lot, Gas heat, two car garage. CALL RON FREEMAN 737-3915 OR MORTY FREEMAN 737-3920 to see this great home. #9902556



**\$177,000 Very nice duplex in great area.** Separate outside entrances, decks, garages. Located on quiet cul-de-sac in Morningdale district. Large fenced yard w/ sprinklers. Property has been a good center. Moving to California. FOR MORE INFO CALL TERRY WALL 737-3938. #9902557



**\$119,900. A TOUCH OF CLASS** in this beautiful custom home in the North Pointe Subd. Beautiful home w/ many features. Looking for that special help in a custom built home? CALL DEANNA DALSGOLD 737-3905 OR DIANN DOHMAN 737-3916 OR 735-1428. #9902547



**\$134,900 Beautifully redone 3 bedroom, 2 bath home** on large northside lot. Emergencies delight w/ deck easily accessed from great room/kitchen. CALL KATHY SCHRAEDER 737-9216. #9902549



**\$149,500 IT'S ALL ABOUT THE AC!** In excellent location. Approx. 1550 w/ 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, w/ living room fireplace, large kitchen w/ oak cabinets. Separate laundry room, in done area, oversized lot, garage has lots of storage, covered patio, wood deck. See properties. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3900 OR 420-2807. #9902558



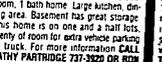
**\$155,000 BEHOLD THE NEW! REMODELED CONSTRUCTION IN THIS NEW NEIGHBORHOOD!** Home features on one acre. Features are 2 1/2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms, granite, oak floors, perfect lot, open floor plan, A/C, tile entry, oak flooring, hardwood floors. Call CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3900. #9902559



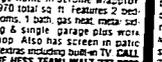
**\$155,000 NEW LISTING!** BEAUTIFUL 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Sawtooth District. This 1922 sq. ft. home features hardwood floors, gas heat, central air, dbl. garage, hardwood floors in kitchen, large deck, jetted tub in master! CALL WALL 737-3938. #9902560



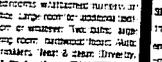
**\$169,900 DUPLEX!** Great investment or a wonderful situation for watching the in-laws. One side has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, double garage, RV parking, the other side has 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, double garage, fenced yard, auto sprinklers. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3900 OR 420-2807. #9902561



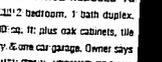
**\$189,900 You'll never leave home** within one of a kind in Kimberly. This 2 bedroom, 2000 sq. ft. ranch features a spa room, entertainment room (with equipment), basement rec room (w/ pool table), solarium style breakfast area, large master bedroom, hobby room. CONTACT THE HESS TEAM 734-0401. #9902562



**\$199,000 FANTASTIC BUSINESS LOCATION** available in Jerome. Approx 8000 sq. ft. plus loading dock. For years this has been a grocery store corner. Will also consider lease or possible investment option. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3900 OR 420-2807. #9902563



**\$225,000, BEAUTIFUL REMODELED 3 bedroom w/ 2 1/2 baths.** 2125 sq. ft. w/ 2 car garage. 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, granite counter tops, hardwood floors, auto sprinklers, 6' deep driveway & 2 car garage. JOHANNE 737-3916 OR 734-4572. #9902564



**\$268,000 NEW CONSTRUCTION** on the Mountain Valley golf course in Kimberly. This 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath 2-story home and features over 4000 sq. ft. of custom & vinyl siding, triple garage & tile on 1/2B areas. Golf membership for 1/2 is included! Estimated construction as Nov. 99. CALL WALL 737-3938. #9902565



**\$199,500 YOU FOUND IT!** Over 4600 sq. ft. in this classic beauty. Features large, entertaining-style living room. Kitchen with all oak on cabinets, 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, nice guest area, laundry room, family room in full basement. Dbl. garage & close to everything. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3900 OR 420-2807. #9902566



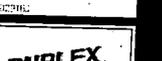
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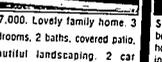
**\$257,500 Beautiful executive style home** in NE Twin Falls. Features 3000 sq. ft. of quality 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 bathrooms, large kitchen with beautiful oak cabinets, oak wood shelves, family room with gas log fireplace. Triple garage, covered deck, fenced yard. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN 737-3900 OR 420-2807. #9902568



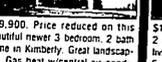
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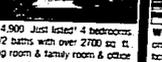
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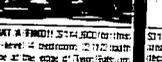
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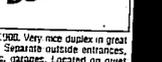
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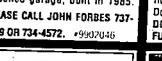
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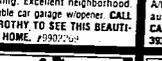
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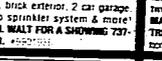
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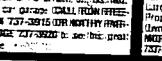
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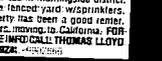
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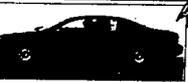
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Bad habits: Breaking wrong-headed beliefs can be a challenge, as today's Chicken Soup column explains.

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# FAMILY LIFE

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Section F

## How to survive parenting a seventh-grader

Denise Turner is on vacation this week. This column was first published on Nov. 30, 1997.

**Question:** What do you do with a workload of seventh-grade football players?  
**Answer:** You punt.  
That's a question I faced head-on a couple of weeks ago when I volunteered (silly me) to be born with my hand in the air) to pick up six members of the 31-member Twin Falls Lions Club seventh-grade football team that school district's Lions luncheon in the team's honor and return them to school afterwards.

As a member of the Lions Club, and also a parent of a Lions defensive tackle/offensive guard, it was duty-bound to fulfill my obligations well. Still, one does not volunteer to chaperone a group of pre-adolescent boys - especially if they outnumber the adults in attendance - without some measure of protection.

I mean, I know the rules: Never travel with two kids because one of them might touch the other (that's a tip from AAA). And never forget that the parents of teen-agers drink more than parents of kids in any other age groups.

But I told myself that these kids, most of them 12 years of age, are not teen-agers yet. And 12-year-olds, according to most psychological studies, are the calm before the storm.

Many of them are still strongly anti-girl, which means they still go to parties to eat and throw food, while 12-year-old girls often go "in search of romance."

On the other hand, 12-year-old boys are so rowdy that many of their parties end with a trip to the emergency room. And they are still at the age when they are likely to be carrying a hidden cache of Silly String to squirt on unsuspecting acquaintances.

I once saw a TV show where the mom said, "When my child turned 12, for the first time in her life, I looked into his eyes and didn't know what she was thinking."

At least I don't have to worry about that. I have avoided trying to figure out what my kids were thinking ever since they stopped making sense, about two weeks after they were born.

So I prepared for my chaperoning duties not really knowing what to expect - and the experience turned out to be a surprising amount of fun. The football players tackled their food with enthusiasm, but their table manners were not too bad. They laughed politely at our silly Lions roaring song, and they even managed to smile at our silly Lions jokes.

On the way to the Lions meeting, I discovered that the boys in my car actually spoke in full sentences: "That lineman really made some good hits." Or, "That kid couldn't sack a leather pillow."

The old joke about the football player who can do everything with a football but sign it doesn't apply to these kids.

The drive back to school was even more memorable. The boys decided to try and talk me into getting lost on the way so they could miss fourth-period class.

Little did they know that I got lost most of the time anyway.

I once read that the most creative people drive different routes to work each day while those who are not so creative always go the same way. I must be creative, because I never seem to turn down the same street twice. However, I often get lost going to work. So that probably cancels out the positive stuff.

At any rate, I left the Lions Club luncheon fully intending to deliver my little crew straight back to school.

I drove out of the restaurant parking lot to the tune of many chants: "Hey, I have to run by my house for a minute."  
"Turn here, Jayson knows the people in that driveway."  
The group cheered at every red light, and tried to convince me that you're not allowed to turn right on red in Idaho.

I played along, to some extent, and I think I ended up breaking a record as anyone else ever taken 20 minutes to drive home. And I came to a conclusion: Seventh-grade football players are OK ... at least until they get old enough to drive.

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

# Flying after those good deals

## With a little planning, a lot of money is saved

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — You may be surprised to learn that now, even as the frost creeps up the pumpkin, it's still possible to make a reservation to fly to Seattle and back in December for \$68.

But don't count on it. "This time a year, availability is more often a problem," said Mandy Gaskill, a travel consultant at Twin Falls' Desert Sun Travel. "If you're persistent, and flexible, you can often find a cheaper price."

But the airlines don't make money in December by selling super-saver discounts, and even when there are cut-rates available, they sell only a limited number of seats at the lowest fares.

"When those seats sell out, the price goes up. I think as a rule airline fares are higher this year, but around Christmas they don't discount," said Diane Rolig, who runs Carlson Wagonlit Four Ways Travel in Twin Falls. "When we sell tickets, there are weeks in November and December that are blacked out."

That means full fares, or very nearly so. Still, airline ticket prices are always a moving target, and you can save tens - sometimes hundreds - of dollars by making little changes like flying on a Wednesday instead of a Saturday or switching from an evening to an early-morning flight.

Why? Because the airlines leave out, but put bottoms in, their seats. "Sometimes, it's just knowing where to look for a cheaper fare," Gaskill said. "That's what travel agents do."

Still, if you wait until mid-November to make an airline reservation for the holidays, you're taking your chances.

"It depends on the destination and the date," Rolig said. "If you fly before Dec. 17 or after Jan. 2, you shouldn't have a problem if you're going on Dec. 24, that's another matter."

Although holiday reservations for this year are heavy because many people are going to faraway places to celebrate the turn of the millennium, neither Rolig nor Gaskill expect a lot of out-of-the-ordinary problems with airline over-booking.

But Y2K-related trouble with reservations and luggage may be a different matter.

"Who knows?" Rolig asked. "If I knew the answer to that, I'd be rich. One precaution we are taking this holiday season is giving our customers printed tickets, so if something goes wrong with their reservation, at least they've got proof they have one."

### Airline economies 101

Make your reservations early. Many discount fares require that you make a reservation seven, 14 or 21 days before you fly, depending on the fare. The best international fares often require a reservation 30 days in advance. Making a reservation as soon as you know the travel dates increases your chance of finding a fare you can live with.

Fly on a weekday usually costs less. Flights on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays usually offer the lowest fares. Fares are sometimes (but not always) higher on Mondays and Fridays than on other weekdays. Saturday flights occasionally have discount fares, but as a rule it's more expensive to fly on a weekend than a weekday.

Stay over a Saturday night. Most low fares require that you stay over at least one Saturday night before your return flight. However, some fares may only require you to stay a minimum of three to four days. One airline is better than two. It's almost always less expensive to use only one airline for a trip instead of two. Booking two airlines can, in some cases, cost hundreds of dollars more.

If you don't get first access, try an earlier or later flight. To get the lowest round-trip fare, that fare must be available on both the departing and return flights you select. If the fare is sold out on either leg of the trip, the price you end up with will be much higher. Try an earlier or a later flight if you can't find the one you want, or, if possible, consider flying another day.

Pick the second-biggest airport. If you're flying to Los Angeles, it may be easier to fly to Orange County, Burbank or Ontario and take a taxi to the Bay Area. Oakland is sometimes a cheaper fare than San Francisco.

Source: Travelocity

Gaskill said even that might not do much good if there are major Y2K problems. "If the computers are down, it won't matter if you have a ticket in your hand or not," Rolig advises adhering to the airlines' time-honored advice for holiday travel: Arrive at the airport early and make sure there's a prudent, legible tag on your luggage.

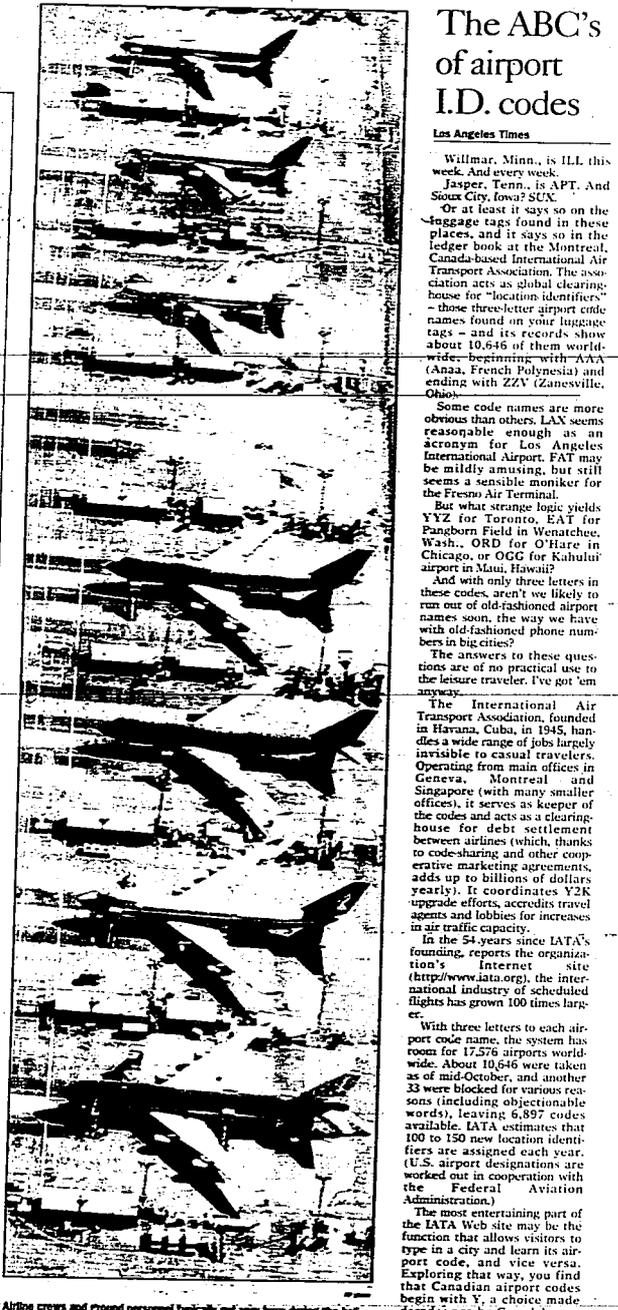
"If the computer sends you one place and your luggage somewhere else, you'll have a lot easier time finding it if it has your name on the outside."

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 223, or write to him at crump@magicalvalley.com

### Get a fair fare

Destination	Lowest available fare	Lowest holiday rush fare
Portland	\$78 (Alaska, Southwest, Delta)	\$176.75 (Southwest)
Los Angeles	\$168 (Alaska, United)	\$334.75 (Alaska)
San Francisco	\$168 (Alaska, Delta)	\$374.75 (Southwest)
Denver	\$198 (United)	\$375.00 (Frontier, United)
San Francisco	\$158 (Alaska, United)	\$404.75 (United)
Las Vegas	\$134 (United)	\$270.75 (Southwest)
Honolulu	\$172 (United)	\$356.25 (Southwest)

Prices based on lowest published fares as of Nov. 7. No Y2K rush fare. Ticket assumes a departure of Dec. 21 and a return on Jan. 2.



Airline crews and ground personnel typically get very busy during the holidays and the advent of a new century will make this year even worse.

## The ABC's of airport I.D. codes

Los Angeles Times

William, Minn., is ILL. This week. And every week.

Jasper, Tenn., is APT. And Sioux City, Iowa? SUX.

Or at least it says so in the baggage tags found in these places, and it says so in the ledger book at the Montreal, Canada-based International Air Transport Association. The association acts as global clearinghouse for "location identifiers" - those three-letter airport code found on all luggage tags - and its records show about 10,646 of them worldwide - beginning with "AAA" (Anaa, French Polynesia) and ending with ZZZ (Zanesville, Ohio).

Some code names are more obvious than others. LAX seems reasonable enough as an acronym for Los Angeles International Airport. FAT may be mildly amusing, but still seems a sensible marker for the Fresno Air Terminal.

But what strange logic yields YZT for Toronto, EAT for Pearson Field in Waukegan, Wash., ORD for O'Hare in Chicago, or OGG for Kahului airport in Maui, Hawaii?

And with only three letters in these codes, aren't we likely to run out of old-fashioned airport names soon, the way we have with old-fashioned phone numbers in big cities?

The answers to these questions are of no practical use to the leisure traveler. I've got 'em anyway.

The International Air Transport Association, founded in Havana, Cuba, in 1945, handles a wide range of jobs largely invisible to casual travelers. Operating from main offices in Geneva, Montreal and Singapore (with many smaller offices), it serves as keeper of the codes and acts as a clearinghouse for debt settlement between airlines (which, thanks to code-sharing and other cooperative marketing agreements, adds up to billions of dollars yearly). It coordinates Y2K upgrade efforts, accredits travel agents and lobbies for increases in air traffic capacity.

In the 54 years since IATA's founding, reports the organization's Internet site (<http://www.iata.org>), the international industry of scheduled flights has grown 100 times larger.

With three letters to each airport code name, the system has room for 17,576 airports worldwide. About 10,646 were taken as of mid-October, and another 33 were booked for various reasons (including objectionable words), leaving 6,897 codes available. IATA estimates that 100 to 150 new location identifiers are assigned each year. (U.S. airport designations are worked out in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration.)

The most interesting part of the IATA Web site may be the function that allows visitors to type in a city and learn its airport code, and vice versa. Exploring that way, you find that Canadian airport codes begin with Y, a choice made decades ago by Canada's gov-

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## Planning saves trouble in divorce

• Be certain you understand the state law on the valuation of assets as well as your pension plan (or your "spouse's" plan). Some examples: At what date is the valuation to be based upon? What projections are to be made on continuing increases? Is the retirement indexed to inflation? How is the ultimate retirement calculated? When is the earliest date the person can retire with an unreduced pension?

• Understanding tax codes will save you money. For instance, the 72(t)(2)(C) section of the tax code says that any monies coming to a non-employee spouse from a "qualified plan" of the employer spouse can be spent without incurring the 10 percent tax penalty, even if the person is younger than 59-1/2. Taxes, however, will be paid on it. (An IRA is not a qualified plan.) However, if the money is transferred from a qualified plan of the working spouse to an IRA for the non-working spouse, and a portion is withdrawn later, the 10 percent penalty will apply, as well as the taxes.

• Know your QDRO. The Qualified Domestic Relations Order is a legal document that informs a pension plan administrator of the amount to be paid to a non-employee spouse pursuant to a divorce. However, many plans do not allow for a QDRO, and the pension plan takes precedence over a court ruling. An expert should review the plan documents before a divorce is finalized.

## Valley School group hosts fun reading night program

**EDEN** - The Valley School SOS will host a Read For Fun night at 7 p.m. at Valley School in Hazelton, Room 112. There is no cost and everyone is welcome.

The Accelerated Reader Program will be reviewed along with ways to help children become better readers. Refreshments and child care will be provided. A Spanish interpreter will be available.

For more information call Valley School at 829-5561.

## Etc...

## To do for families

Every week, To Do for Families lists family-oriented events throughout south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83436. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.



A GIFT TO OTHERS



Electra Zliska, 12, of Seattle, helps deliver gifts at the Children's Heart Center Wednesday in the city. Zliska, a patient at the center, has been saving her toys to give to other patients.

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KIDS ONLINE Nicole Ridgeway

Each week Kids Online focuses on a new Internet site... This week's featured site is http://www.kidscam.com

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Nicole Ridgeway is a student at Burnsville Elementary School in Burnsville, Minn. You can send her e-mail at her address: nic@burnhigh.wa.net.

Raising boys: World of mixed messages

Worried that little girls were being overlooked in a world packed in modern life, sociologists spent the last 20 years focused on how to raise them to become successful men and women... Michael Gurian, author of 'The Gault Boy'

Boys who take their own initiative will find reason to rejoice in their lives... 'Big boys don't cry' is still heard across the United States... 'Boys who can't shed tears should get a good cry'

Pollock believes that 90 percent of the problem is nurture... 'Baby doesn't tell you that at birth, five babies are more emotive and more expressive... Pollock believes that 90 percent of the problem is nurture.

'Bats' goes heavy on the 'cheese'

Whenever you're doing horror films, it's even more. In this movie the bats looked fake and mechanical... 'Crazy in Alabama' (PG-13) - This is a tale of the South featuring a devil-may-care belle (Melanie Griffith) and a racist sheriff (Meat Loaf Aday)...

Movies and sex: A history lesson

- 1916: 'Fatty' - The first one-reeler to exploit female nudity in the name of art caused a sensation.
1933: 'Ecstasy' - This Czech import starred a statuesque Hedy Klammer, whose bare-breasted bathing scenes turned the film into a U.S. scandal...
1972: 'Last Tango in Paris' - Martin Scorsese's in this sensuous movie about sexual obsession, which, despite its lack of graphic scenes, was hailed into court in numerous cities.

'For the Love of the Game' (PG-13) - This could please older high-school students with its tale of troubled romance and a heroic triumph over adversity... 'Runaway Bride' (PG) - A movie with real people instead of cartoon figures.

'The Iron Giant' (PG) - He's big. He's tough. He shoots deadly rays from his eyes and fingers, and eats tractors and train tracks in one mighty crunch... 'The Sixth Sense' (PG-13) - Older teens may enjoy this chilling ghost story/psychological drama...

Colleagues play 'Let's Make a Deal' with some scholarship offerings

When George Washington University unveiled its freshman class this fall, there were 25 National Merit Scholars... 'I don't know if we would attract the same number without the scholarships,' says Michael J. O'Leary, senior associate admissions director for GWU.

him. But the University of Chicago decided to make a big play for him, too... 'I thought I'd have tuition for four years, worth about \$100,000. "I thought, wow, that's a lot of money."

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# COMMUNITY

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## Riders take gold medals at fall Special Olympics

**TWIN FALLS** - Young riders from the Magic Valley took home the gold in the equestrian competition at the Special Olympics Idaho Games held Sept. 26, in Boise.

Some 300 athletes from across Idaho participated in softball, floor hockey, golf and equestrian events.

The equestrian event boasted a field of 95 contestants, a record number for the Fall Games, organizers say.

Three athletes from the Magic Valley participated, including Julie Loomis of Twin Falls, who won a gold medal in barrel racing, and a bronze medal in western equitation; Seth Chadwick of Hollister, who won a gold medal in 12-15 barrel racing and a gold medal in 12-15 western equitation; and Savanna Benstock of Hollister, who won a gold medal in 12-15 female barrel racing and a gold medal in 12-15 female western equitation.

The Magic Valley has never had an equestrian team before, but thanks to the efforts of head coach Cathy Burke of Shoshone, the event was made available to Magic Valley Special Olympics, organizers say.

For more information about the Special Olympics, call Kathy Williams, Area 5 director, at 732-5476 or Burke at 886-2201.



Special Olympians, from left to right, Julie Loomis of Twin Falls, Seth Chadwick of Hollister, and Savanna Benstock of Hollister participated in the equestrian competition at the Special Olympics Idaho Games, held Sept. 26, in Boise.

## SCHOOL LUNCH

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Thursday: Sack lunches, ice cream, middle school only.  
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Monday: Hot dog on a bun, tater tots, pickle slices, carrot sticks, fruit, cookie.  
Tuesday: Enchilada, green salad, dressing, hot roll with butter, pear slices.  
Wednesday: Chicken burger, lettuce and pickles, french fries, veggies and dip, fruit.  
Thursday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, california blend veggies, hot roll with butter, fruit salad.  
Friday: No school.

### CASTLEFORD

**Breakfast** Milk served every day.  
**Lunch**  
Monday: Donuts.  
Tuesday: French toast.  
Wednesday: Scones.  
Thursday: Cinnamon roll.  
Friday: Muffins.  
**Lunch Self-serve salad bar every day.**  
Monday: Chicken burgers supreme.  
Tuesday: Hoagie sandwich.  
Wednesday: "Wolf" burgers.  
Thursday: Corn dogs.  
Friday: "Wolf" wings.

### FILER

Monday: Tacos.  
Tuesday: Hot dogs.  
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets.  
Thursday: Cook's choice.  
Friday: Ham and cheese sandwiches.

### HANSEN

**Breakfast** Milk served every day.  
Monday: English muffins, fruit.  
Tuesday: Cereal, toast, juice.  
Wednesday: Peanut butter sandwich, fruit.  
Thursday: Pancakes, sausage, juice.  
Friday: Cereal, long johns, juice.  
**Lunch**

Monday: Chicken nuggets, hot rolls, green beans, fruit.  
Tuesday: Pizz, green beans, fruit.  
Wednesday: Hot dogs, french fries, fruit.  
Thursday: Ham and potato soup, hot rolls, fruit.  
Friday: Finger steaks, tater tots, fruit.

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**Lunch**: Choice of white or chocolate milk each day.  
Monday: Hamburger or cheeseburger, potato planks, catsup, mustard, lettuce, pickle, cherries, muffin.  
Tuesday: Crispy taco, tater tots, fruit, cinnamon roll.  
Wednesday: Sliced ham, baked potato with ranch, soy applesauce, roll, jelly.  
Thursday: Hamburger nachos, green salad, assorted dressings, cinnamon bread sticks, fruit.  
Friday: Italian sausage pizza, veggies and dip, cookie bar.

### KIMBERLY SCHOOLS

Elementary school will be served main line each school day. Grade 5 will be offered salad bar on Tuesdays and grade 6 will be offered salad bar on Thursdays. Middle school and high school will be offered a choice of main line menu or chef salad each school day.  
**Lunch**: Milk served every day.  
Monday: Pizza, green salad, corn pears.

Tuesday: Baked ham, potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, whole wheat rolls, half orange.  
Wednesday: Chicken and noodles, potatoes, green beans, rolls, chocolate cake.  
Thursday: Corn dogs, middle and elementary; chicken wrap, high school, macaroni and cheese, fruit Jell-O.  
Friday: Potato bar, rolls, teddy grams, applesauce.

### MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

**Lunch**: Choice of milk offered every day.  
Monday: O' Cheese pizza, potato wedges, pineapple tidbits, rice krispie bar.  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, baked potatoes, strawberries and bananas, english muffin.  
Wednesday: Beef lasagna, seasoned green beans, applesauce, french bread.  
Thursday: Deli sandwich, mini pretzels, fresh grapes, chocolate pudding.  
Friday: Parent-teacher conferences, no school.

### MURTAUGH

**Lunch** Milk served every day.

Monday: Chicken and noodles, rolls, fruit.  
Tuesday: Soup and sandwich, potato chips, fruit.  
Wednesday: Tacos, corn, cinnamon applesauce, brownie.  
Thursday: Chili, crackers, celery, applesauce, cinnamon bread.  
Friday: Pizza, salad, fruit, graham crackers.

### ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Tacos.  
Tuesday: Soup and sandwich.  
Wednesday: Chef salad.  
Thursday: Turkey noodles.  
Friday: No school.

### TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

**Breakfast** menu  
Monday: Cereal, orange juice, cereal bar.  
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, pears.  
Wednesday: Cereal, strawberries and bananas, warm bread.  
Thursday: Pancake on a stick with syrup, applesauce.  
Friday: No school.  
**Lunch**: Junior highs have a choice of main line or second line menu. Salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, taco bar and potato bar available on alternate days.  
Monday: Pepperoni pizza, seasoned corn, chilled pears, bread sticks, pizza sauce dip.  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, fried rice, strawberries and bananas, fortune cookie.  
Wednesday: Italian spaghetti, green beans, applesauce, garlic bread, chocolate milk.  
Thursday: Ham and cheese hot pockets, tater tots, pineapple tidbits, snickerdoodle cookie, chocolate milk.  
Friday: No school.

**TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Breakfast** served every day.  
**Lunch**: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.  
*School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menus if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.*

## WORK AND PLAY



Key Bank employees Marie Sharp, Barbara Delmore, Gary Motzner, Suzanne Richardson, Barbara Reynolds, Bill Daniels and Mike Meade spent Sept. 28 cleaning and sprucing up the Boys & Girls Club in Twin Falls. They also played scatterball, video games, football and other games with the children. The Boys and Girls Club says it relies heavily on volunteers and without the dedication of these individuals the club would not be able to provide the quality and fun programs they do. For more information about the Boys & Girls Club, call 736-7011.

## Buhl Community Education offers classes

**BUHL** - The Buhl Community Education center will host a variety of classes in November.

A Children's Make It and Take It Christmas Ornaments class for grades 1-5 is from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Monday and Thursday, at Popplewell Elementary Library.

Students will create two keepsake ornaments, and pre-registration is required. Cost for the class is \$4, plus \$5 for materials, and will be taught by Jeanne Montgomery.

Old Fashioned Fun for Family and Friends will be from 3:15-4:10 p.m. Wednesday and Nov. 17, at Popplewell Elementary Library. Children can play games like Jenga, Monopoly, dominoes, checkers, Battleship, Mancala,

### Want more info?

For more information on the classes or to register call, Connie Glander at 543-6553

**Pictionary, Fish, Rummy and Old Maid.** There will also be puzzles to put together.

Cost for the course is \$4, and will be taught by Frida Sisson.

An Intermediate Hardanger class will be from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the high school home economics room.

Instructor Cheryl Kulik will teach students the art of Scandinavian cut work embroidery.

This is a four-session course, and will be \$15 plus materials. Class size is limited to six students.

goods, and many Christmas gifts. The cafe will be selling homemade soup, chili, pie, and oven-fresh bread.

For more information, call Marcia at 324-6865.

### Kitchen Magic in the Lynnwood Center hosts candy class

**TWIN FALLS** - Kitchen Magic in the Lynnwood Shopping Center will host a candy class from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 20.

Students will have a choice of making a mold, candy or candy funnel, and will be doing two kinds of rolled, filled, and molded chocolate. All supplies needed are included in the \$20 fee for the class, which must be pre-paid by Nov. 15.

For more information, call Kitchen Magic at 733-4285.

### Gooding Duplicate Bridge club announces match results

**GOODING** - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the results of its Oct. 29 match at the City Hall in Gooding.

In the north-south match, Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith won first place, Carol France and Mary Steele won second place, and Susan Faulkner and Sue Borden took third. Results from the east-west match were Mary Fitch and Jeanne McComb in first place, Ched Borkin and Lonnie Burns in second, and Adelaide Gerard and Julia Workman in third place.

All bridge players are welcome to attend the bridge club at 1 p.m. Fridays

at the City Hall in Gooding. Duplicate serves apply, and refreshments will be served.

### Ladies of Elks meet

#### Tuesday in Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** - The Ladies of Elks will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the home of President Ellen Delosy at 734 Quincy St. in Twin Falls.

This will be a social rather than a regular business meeting. All members are urged to attend.

### Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club announces dance

**JEROME** - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club is hosting a dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday for new dancers at the St. Jerome's Church Recreation Annex at 216 2nd Ave. E. in Jerome.

Finger foods and clean-up will be the responsibility of persons with last names starting A-J.

For more information, call 734-5689.

### Astronomical society hears about celestial navigation

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Astronomical Society is planning a meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday in room 117 of the Shields Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Featured speaker Tom Gilbertson will give a presentation on the importance of celestial navigation in furthering the science of astronomy. After the program the group will view Jupiter and Saturn

## SQUARE DANCING SERVICE



Willard and Carol Allison, left, of Jerome are honored for serving the Bottoms 'N' Blues and other square dancers from around the state for 25 years of continuous calling. They received a plaque made by Bill and Joan Sargent, right, of Murtaugh. More than 100 dancers and friends attended an event to celebrate Willard's years of dance calling.

Photo courtesy Bottoms 'N' Blues

p.m. Friday, at 211 S. Buchanan in Jerome.

Baked goods will also be available, and free will donations will be accepted for the luncheon.

For more information, call Joan Jones at 324-3785, or Peg Roberson at 324-3604.

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

## Methodist Church hosts stew and corn bread luncheon

**JEROME** - The United Methodist Church in Jerome is hosting a stew and corn bread luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30

p.m. Friday, at 211 S. Buchanan in Jerome.

Baked goods will also be available, and free will donations will be accepted for the luncheon.

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## We want your news

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E-mail: patm@magvalley.com

### Valley School SOS hosts Read For Fun night Monday

**HAZELTON** - The Valley School SOS will host a Read for Fun night at 7 p.m. Monday, in Room 110, Valley School, in Hazelton.

The Accelerated Reader Program will be reviewed, along with ways to help children become better readers.

Refreshments, door prizes, and child care will be provided. A Spanish-interpreter will be available.

There is charge to attend, and the public is invited to take part.

For more information call Valley School at 829-5961.

### Appleton Grange plans annual sit-down dinner

**JEROME** - The Appleton Grange is hosting its annual sit-down dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Grange Hall, four miles west of Filer.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children age 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance.  
For more information, call 324-2786, or 324-3451.

### Filer United Methodist Church holds Country Store and Cafe

**FILER** - The Filer United Methodist Church is holding its annual Country Store and Cafe from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the church at Fifth and Union streets in Filer.

The country store will be selling crafts, garden produce, baked and canned

ENGAGEMENTS

KERBS-LOVELAND

BURLEY - Jeff and Cindy Kerbs of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri Lou Kerbs...



Brian Loveland and Karl Kerbs house in their honor will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Loveland residence in Brigham City, Utah.

STEWART-SWENSEN

TWIN FALLS - Gary and Penelope Stewart of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, April Stewart...



April Stewart and Craig Swensen Friday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. The couple will reside in Salt Lake City.

DUMAS-SMITH

TWIN FALLS - Ronnie and Cathy Dumas of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth Dumas...



Amy Dumas and Tommie Smith from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive N.

BEVAN-TRAVELLER

TWIN FALLS - Bruce and Kathy Bevan of Draper, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Lynn Bevan...



Kara Bevan and Christopher Traveller degree-upon-completing his school in computer science.

MARTIN-MAGNELLI

GOODING - Robert and Teresa Martin of Nampa announce the engagement of their daughter, Angeli Martin...



Angeli Martin and Tony Magnelli Nov. 20 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Nampa. The couple will reside in Nampa.

BROWN-GREEN

RILER - Christi Brown and Ron Green were married Aug. 31 at a garden ceremony at the home of the bride's parents...



Christi Brown and Ron Green held following the ceremony.

WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY

THE ASSENDRUPS

BUHL - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Assendrup of Boise are honored by their children and grandchildren for their 65th wedding anniversary.



Ralph and Evelyn Assendrup Fremont, N.H., Bill (Carmen) Assendrup of Buhl, Gary Assendrup (deceased) and Jody Hall of Twin Falls. The couple has 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Housekeeping without the burden of obsession

Knight Ridder News Service

What's the point of keeping house, anyway? Cleaning? Wasting your precious life while you could be doing something more useful? Or is it about making a house a small, living society with the capacities to meet the needs of people in their private life?

how to cook - really cook - and to sew and clean. (More on that in the delightful first chapter, "My Secret Life.") But the devaluation of housekeeping seemed to her wrong and unwholesome.

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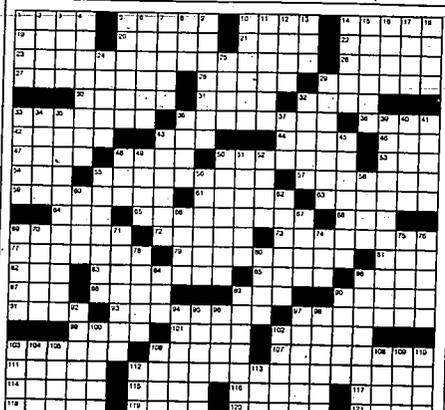
THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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# Let's clear up confusion on gifts and gift taxes



NEXT STEPS  
Ian Collins and Jan Warner

Q. I am my 79-year-old mother's child. Shortly after my father died three years ago, she transferred a half-interest in her home (valued at \$40,000) into my name, so we now own her home jointly. She has only \$1,500 in the bank, and her income from Social Security is only \$275 per month. Of late, she and I have been concerned that if she needs nursing home care in the future, she will lose her home because she will need Medicaid assistance. She is in good health now, and we hope this will not happen, but she has several wild friends who have put their homes in their children's names with the stipulation that they can live in and maintain the home so long as they live.

When my mother told her lawyer that she wanted to put the property totally in my name, he told her to talk with her tax accountant about the gift taxes I would have to pay. The accountant told us to avoid the gift tax, instead of giving me the house. Mother should "sell" it to me on some type of contract and then gift it to me by the end of the year. He said that this type of gift would be considered as part of her lifetime gift limit to me and that there would be no taxes due.

His sounds strange to me, and I would like to know if this is the best way to handle changing her home totally into my name without having to pay taxes that I certainly cannot afford. Also, what is the current time limit that Medicaid can go back to claim assets which were in my mother's name?

A. It seems like there is a lot of confusion here which is not necessary.

First, if your mother met the medical level of care requirements today, she would qualify financially for Medicaid long-term care. Because of the length

of time since she gifted you a half interest in her home, there would be no penalty for her to give away the home now. She would be required to live in and maintain the home so long as she lives. If she needs nursing home care, she will be able to recover against the residence after her death.

Second, if and when she gifts the house to you, you will be the person who makes the gift (there, your mother), never by the recipient of the gift. But before any gift tax would be due, your mother could give away during her lifetime an amount equal to her unified credit - which is \$500,000 in 1999. Therefore, in your situation, there should be no gift taxes due no matter how your mother makes the gift to you.

If the fair market value of the residence is \$40,000, then the value of the half interest would be \$20,000. While the residence is an exempt resource when it comes to qualifying for Medicaid, by giving her half interest to you, your mother would be presumed to have made a transfer for \$20,000 in value. This means that if she applies for Medicaid within five or six months after the date of the gift (depending on where

you live), she will suffer a disqualification penalty. The Medicaid program during this time, there will be no penalty, and the state will not be able to recover against the residence after her death.

Return Line: Your mother should have filed a gift tax return three years ago when she made the gift of a half interest and, if she makes another gift now, she should file another gift tax return by April 15 of next year. Either way, there will be no gift taxes due. Make sure to contact a qualified attorney when you begin this type of planning. All that's necessary here is a deed.

Q. I am an 84-year-old widow and would like to give some money to my four grandchildren. What is the maximum amount I can give to them, without them or myself paying any gift taxes? Do I have to list my gifts on my income tax forms?

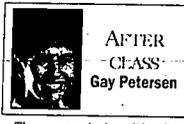
A. You can gift \$10,000 or less to an unlimited number of individuals in any calendar year without being required to file a gift tax return. If you give more than \$10,000 to any person during a calendar year, you are required to file a gift tax return. Unless you have gifted more than your \$10,000 unified credit during your lifetime, you will not be required to file a gift tax return. Your grandchildren will never be required to pay gift taxes on gifts they receive from you. You need not report gifts on your income tax returns. If, in any one year, you are required to file a gift tax return.

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## On hitting some home runs

When asked what he thought about when striking out Babe Ruth said, "I think about hitting home runs."

Babe Ruth struck out more times than he hit home runs, but he didn't concentrate on that fact, instead concentrating on the fact that he had the ability to hit home runs, and he looked forward to doing just that instead of thinking, "I may strike out," every time he came to the plate.



AFTER CLASS  
Gay Petersen

As you pass along the road of life, do you think of your successes or do you concentrate on your failures? Do you spend your time thinking about how you did it, or do you spend your time thinking about your accomplishments and what you might be able to accomplish in the future?

If you concentrate on your failures, do you get depressed, do you continue to fail, do you feel that you have done nothing worthwhile?

And if you concentrate on your successes do they lead you to believe that you can continue in this vein, that life is good, that you have contributions yet to make?

The way we look at life often determines many things - how others view us, how we think about ourselves, our mental attitude, even our physical appearance.

If we approach life as though we cannot do anything but fail, then surely we will be failures in all aspects of our lives. If, however, we approach life as though we will hit a home run every time we step up to the plate, then no matter whether the ball we strike out, we will still have the positive attitude which will get us through and on to the next success.

All of us at one time or another become depressed. If we think long enough and hard enough about the things that are bothering us we can sink into despair - a difficult downward spiral that

is hard to reverse. But if we face these times of depression with the idea that there is "light at the end of the tunnel," so to speak, then we will be able to climb back to the top and get ready for the next "home run."

What we need to do is, first of all, realize that we cannot change the past, but we do have the ability to put it where it belongs - in the past.

Secondly - we need to make changes in our lives that will help us to avoid the mistakes of the past.

At third - we should thankfully accept each day as it comes, treat it with the special joy each day deserves and believe that today and each of the days to come will give us many changes for success.

We cannot change what has been, but we CAN change our attitude and make what is to be the best it can be.

So pur your best face forward, smile and believe that today will be the first of many "home runs."

Gay Petersen is a retired school teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at [petersen@mqjlink.com](mailto:petersen@mqjlink.com)

## Beware of under-the-table wages

Q. My son is 20 years old. He works at a job where they pay him "under the table." I keep telling him that this is illegal, but it will affect his Social Security retirement benefits in the future. He says that he'll have plenty of time to pay into Social Security to make up for it. Do you have any information I can give him to stress the importance of paying into Social Security?

A. Young people often underestimate the importance of Social Security. Many young people, like you son, only think of Social Security as a retirement program. But, Social Security is

more than retirement. Social Security also provides survivors protection worth over \$35,000 in an average family and provides disability benefits worth almost \$233,000. Please call Social Security at 1-800-772-1233 and request the booklet, "Understanding the Benefits" (SSA Pub. No. 45-10024 and "Basic Facts" (SSA Pub. No. 45-10080), for detailed information to give your son.

Q. I am a teacher on the news about banks and other institu-

tions preparing for Y2K. Will Social Security be ready for the Year 2000?

A. Yes. The Social Security Administration completed testing its computer systems, and all critical systems are now Y2K compliant.

If you are Social Security and the benefits you are receiving have been making benefit payments using the updated software since October 1998.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For further answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1233.

## Nerve stimulation can relieve depression

WICHITA, Kan. - Expect big things from the vagus nerve. Last month, researchers announced that sending tiny electric shocks into the nerve could relieve depression that had been considered untreatable.

The same technique has been used to abort or minimize epileptic seizures.

But that's just the beginning of what might be possible.

Patrice Rawlins, a neuroscientist and neurologist at Wichita, says stimulating the vagus nerve with small amounts of electric current might prove useful for any number of neurological problems, including migraine headaches.

Other researchers talk about its possible connection to conditions ranging from obesity to memory impairment.

The vagus nerve is one of a dozen cranial nerves that con-

nect directly to the brain. It's called the 10th cranial nerve, and it is responsible for carrying the messages that govern swallowing and heart rate, among other functions. It's the longest of the cranial nerves, running from the brain through the neck to the heart and stomach, with branches going to the lungs, larynx and trachea.

Problems with the vagus nerve can cause everything from swallowing difficulties to a too much stomach acid. Yet stimulating it can relieve neurological disorders.

There are two vagus nerves, one right and one left, and vagus nerve stimulation almost always involves the left one. Rawlins says, because "80 percent of its fibers go up to the brain rather than down to other parts of the body."

To stimulate the nerve, "we implant a generator, just like a pacemaker, about the size of a 50-cent piece," under the skin of

the chest. A little incision on the neck allows wires from the generator to be coiled around the nerve.

Then, a computer is used to program a microchip in the generator, telling it when to fire up and at what level. "This kind of paces the electrical activity of the brain," Rawlins says.

Rawlins and others at Via Christi Regional Medical Center-S. Francis Campus were involved in some of the early work on vagus nerve stimulation for seizures. That procedure was approved for clinical use in 1997.

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ST. PAUL, Minn. - Pregnant with her first child, Elaine Ellison pondered the lessons she wanted to teach. She wrote them down in a deliberate way - in an ethical will.

Unlike a will that does out material possessions, an ethical will defines values, beliefs, opinions. Her lessons, dreams and blessings an individual wants to pass along to loved ones.

"What attracted me to an ethical will is it's about what's really important," says Stone, now mother to 2-month-old daughter Rachael. "It's passing on values you hope the next generation will follow."

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Rawlins and others at Via Christi Regional Medical Center-S. Francis Campus were involved in some of the early work on vagus nerve stimulation for seizures. That procedure was approved for clinical use in 1997.

At an international meeting she went to in 1994, Rawlins heard a researcher talk about how the mood of some of those treated for seizures also seemed to improve, and others said the same thing. "That kind of serendipitous finding and anecdotal notes" led to the experimental implant announced last week, she says.

Guide to ethical wills

D. Barry Thomas, author of "Ethical Wills: A Guide to Writing an Ethical Will," lists the following questions to consider an ethical will:

- Do you want your "signature" on beliefs and values.
- To pass your stories to future generations.
- To make friends with morality.
- To thank friends or family members.
- To open a door to forgiving and being forgiven.
- To determine principles that guide

life into the world and what I wanted to pass on to my child. I also thought, "What if I die in childbirth? I'd want her to know what I was thinking."

"Using a book on ethical wills as a guide, she sat down at her computer and began the process of putting her thoughts into words. The book's examples helped her to decide what she wanted to say. Then she decided to throw out the model and write her will as a letter to her child.

"I took one while to let it all down," says Stone, 36, a health care worker who works as a free-lance writer. "It was a really soulful exercise on the part of the writer."

Her letter to Rachael conveys her hopes that she will follow in her mother's Jewish faith. It relates the richness of Jewish holidays and customs and family stories of hardships Stone's ancestors endured. It conveys her values of human acceptance, knowledge, work, adventure, physical

ethical wills are not typically written as a one-time exercise. Some people write them several times throughout their lives and place them in keep-alike folders or photo albums.

"There wasn't a dry eye in the room," says Elaine Rawlins, the group's facilitator. "It was magnificent."