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Events of 1999 set stage for new year

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS -- To a large extent, 1999 minus 1 sets the stage for the new year.

The local debate over the Snake River Canyon rim, the statewide fight against methamphetamine, and the promise of expansive global markets were among 1999's top issues. And they figure to be continuing issues in the year 2000.

What follows is the "year in preview," as Times-News staff writers look back at the big issues of 1999, and look at what's likely to unfold in the new year.

1 Canyon rim debate presses to the end of 1999, beyond

Twin Falls' long debate over a canyon rim convention center is sure to continue in 2000 -- and the talk might not even be over for 1999.

Las Vegas hotel developer Craig Newell's Canyon Park project is scheduled to come before the city's planning and zoning commission Tuesday. A proposed zoning change for the property near the Porine Bridge is scheduled for discussion.

Don't expect too much on Tuesday, a city official said last week.

"I don't even know if they'll have a public hearing," city planning and zoning director LaMar Olson said. "It is still scheduled as of now, but that could change."

Worth watching in 2000 could be a newly formed citizens committee which will make recommendations to planning and zoning.

Wherever the canyon rim discussion continues in 2000, the debate so far has pitted economic interests against aesthetics, says Neilson, a former Twin Falls resident, is pushing a needed plan to draw convention and tourist business.

Critics question building a 10-story hotel and 15,000-square-foot convention center on the rim of the Snake River canyon.

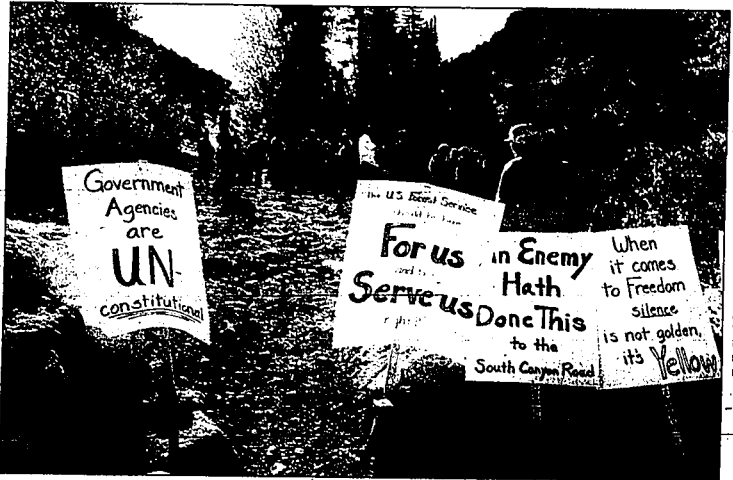
—John T. Huddy

2 Take two: Legislature to look again at rules for animal farms

Rules governing the construction and operation of large-scale swine and poultry farms — one of the biggest and most contentious issues before the 1999 Legislature — will again be a big issue in 2000.

In November, the state Division of Environmental Quality approved a set of temporary rules requiring a state permit for all new hog and chicken farms with a capacity of 2,000 animal units or more — around 5,000 pigs or around 200,000 chickens.

But these rules don't resolve the matter. They instead provide a starting point for the Legislature, which has the power



Supporters of reopening the South Canyon Road near Jarlidge, Nev., gather at the site in October. A restraining order kept the group from taking action to reopen the road.

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to approve or reject agency rules.

A group of lawmakers from House and Senate agriculture and environmental committees is expected to be at the forefront of the Legislature's debate over the issue. Legislators can adopt permanent rules or reject legislating the industry altogether.

—Michael Journee

3 Cassia County faces a 50,000-sow question

Cassia County residents have had plenty to say about Big Sky Farms' proposed 50,000-sow hog operation.

In 2000, county commissioners will get the final say. The county has extended a moratorium blocking new livestock operations. But that hasn't cooled a heated debate.

Some residents are hoping for lucrative grain contracts, a heightened tax base, employment opportunities, and the growth of commerce. Opponents are fearful of shrinking property values — and short-term benefits followed by long-term problems, such as irreversible air, water and soil contamination.

The decision ultimately will lie with the three county commissioners. An appeal is all but certain, either from Big Sky head Ron Actis, who already has contested the commissioners' justification for a county moratorium,



Three trucks, containing a total of 42 tons of waste, were shipped in April from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in southeast Nevada.

—Ruth Streeter

4 Local companies look to global markets

If Idaho trade efforts pay off in 2000, Shanghai housing developments could be greened up by a Twin Falls manufacturer's grass-seeding technology, and restored historical buildings there could be insulated with recycled editions of The Times-News.

Hamilton Manufacturing Inc. hopes, as well, to further discussions about a joint manufacturing venture with Shanghai-based construction giant Yonyue Group, which Hamilton has been courting all year as a potential major customer.

Already, Idaho has seen marked growth in exports to China. Increased foreign sales

could mean more revenue and jobs for other local business such as a Hailey-based engineering company, a whey-ingredients manufacturer with a Jerome plant, and a Rupert potato processor — that followed Idaho trade missions to Mexico, Costa Rica, Taiwan, China, Korea and Japan in 1999.

Minnesota-based Davisco Foods International also has been bringing European visitors to Jerome Cheese Co., using the area's impressive dairies to drum up new business for its Jerome plant.

—Virginia S. Hutchins

5 Pot of money floods state with myriad of spending proposals

With Idaho's portion of the \$206 billion tobacco settlement starting to come in, lawmakers will now have to decide how to

spend the windfall.

The Senate and the House voted in 1999 to store the first two tobacco payments in the state's "rainy day" budget reserve fund, with either body of the Legislature able to access it with a simple majority vote.

But how the remainder of the money will be spent will be an issue for the 2000 Legislature to sort out.

Idaho has already received more than \$8 million of the money, a down payment on the \$714 million due to come in. Another \$23 million is due in April 2000 with annual payments of \$30 million starting in 2001.

—Michael Journee

6 Water users wait for court decisions

The Idaho Supreme Court is expected to hear two cases of great interest to water users in all of Idaho. Both relate to a controversial ruling earlier this year on wilderness water rights claims in the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

The court in February is set to hear an appeal of an adjudication court decision that denied the U.S. Forest Service water rights to all unappropriated water in the Salmon River.

The Supreme Court also has set a date in February to rehear its earlier ruling on water right claims to all the water within three wilderness areas and one recreation area. Some people assert the court's ruling granted federal water rights in the Salmon River upstream of the Frank Church-River of No Return

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Cathello runs along a hymn during Christmas Midnight Mass Saturday in the Church of the Nativity in the West Bank city of Bethlehem.

Celebrations mark Christmas

The Associated Press

Counting their blessings and helping those less fortunate, reuniting with family and working essential jobs far from home, Americans celebrated the last Christmas of the millennium much

as they always do Christmas around the world — C7

One group of 100 men were 100 egrossed in their mission to celebrate the hol- Please see CHRISTMAS, Page A2

Flushing fish might cost more than breaching, studies show

By N.S. Norkentved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Breaching four lower Snake River dams might be the cheapest alternative to ensuring the survival and recovery of endangered Snake River salmon.

Federal officials estimate the net annual cost of breaching the four federal dams in southwestern Washington at about \$250 million. If the dams stay in place, however, federal officials say they would seek more water from the upper Snake River — an alternative that could cost as much as \$300 million annually.

At issue is the fate of four federal dams on the lower Snake River that some say have to be breached to restore once plentiful Idaho salmon — a proposal not considered seriously even five years ago.

The recently released five-year, \$10 million evaluation study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers did not include the

details or the costs of other alternatives.

"I don't think we've got numbers on that yet," said Janet Sears, spokeswoman for the National Marine Fisheries Service, which is charged with recovery of the endangered fish.

The study was completed for the Fisheries Service. And next spring people in the Northwest will be asked to comment on the study during public hearings.

Meanwhile, other Fisheries Service officials have said that if the dams stay in place, the agency would be looking for more water from the Upper Snake River region, which includes southern and eastern

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Want to participate?

The Corps of Engineers' draft environmental impact statement on salmon recovery and related activities can be found on the web. Internet: at: www.nw.usace.army.mil/ or by calling Dutch Hiller at 809-527-7015.

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The public comment period has begun, and all comments on this study are due by the close of business on March 31, 2000.

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Beyond a new suit

Dress for Success program works to help women get, keep jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Filling a niche in the welfare-to-work boom, Dress for Success has outfitted thousands of women in professional suits, pumping up their self-esteem and wardrobes as they set out for job interviews.

Now, like the women themselves, the nonprofit organization is looking beyond getting a job to keeping a job.

"I knew that our clients needed more," said Nancy Lublin, who founded Dress for Success in Manhattan nearly four years ago.

So Lublin decided to offer women who are new to the professional world a place to make new connections — a sort of Junior League for welfare-to-work.

"I had a father who always worked and I could call home and say, 'Dad this is what's frustrating to me.' The only difference between me and my clients is that I have friends and family to support me and they don't," she said.

With welfare rolls at a 30-year low, there is intense national interest in what comes next, including helping women keep and advance in the jobs they find.

Aided by a \$300,000 grant from



Lenora Benjamin, right, mother of Krystal Gordon, 5, went from welfare to work in Brooklyn New York. With welfare-to-work program's success, women's support groups have begun to help people keep their new jobs and adjust to their new life.

Citigroup, participants in 23 cities will meet once a month, starting in January, for advice on financial planning, child care arrange-

ments and workplace rules, both written and unwritten. The talks cover everything from choosing a mutual fund to choosing the right

fork at lunch with the boss.

Lenora Benjamin, who was in a pilot program in New York City this year, got some real help with a real problem: a coworker who was constantly screaming at her.

"Before, I would have blow up at her. I would have screamed back. Who knows what that could have led into," Benjamin said. "They said, 'Hold it in or talk to someone else about it.' Now I just don't pay any attention to her at all."

At the Professional Women's Group, she met other women like her, who have come off welfare and are trying to make it in the corporate world. "We're all trying to get ahead," she explained.

Prodded by tough new rules, many former recipients had little trouble finding a job in the booming economy. But keeping the job and moving up the ladder has always been tougher, requiring all sorts of adjustments, particularly for people who have been out of the labor force for years.

Many state welfare agencies and private programs have shifted their attention to job retention, often assigning caseworkers to follow up with former recipients after they have begun work.

White House issues \$900 million in grants for housing, social services

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is giving out \$900 million to cities, states and non-profit groups to help some 245,000 homeless people find their way off the streets and into productive lives.

"These grants will fund proven, successful programs that help homeless families, veterans and children and people looking for work," Clinton said Saturday in his weekly radio address.

The White House's announcement landed squarely in the middle of one of the nation's most competitive Senate races.

New York City is to receive about \$60.5 million of the \$900 million, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

But city agencies won't have much say in how it is spent because Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo announced this week that HUD would hand out

the money itself. Cuomo said he acted after a federal court ruled that city officials demonstrated a pattern of antagonism and acted with "retaliatory intent" against a non-profit group, costing the organization \$2.4 million in federal funds.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said the move was politically motivated and designed to help his likely Senate opponent, first lady

Hillary Rodham Clinton. The grants Clinton announced today will go to more than 350 states and communities, and more than 1,000 non-profit groups.

About \$750 million will be spent on long-term programs designed to keep homeless people off the streets by providing drug treatment, job training and other social services.

The remaining \$150 million

will go to provide shelter and food on a short-term basis to the needy.

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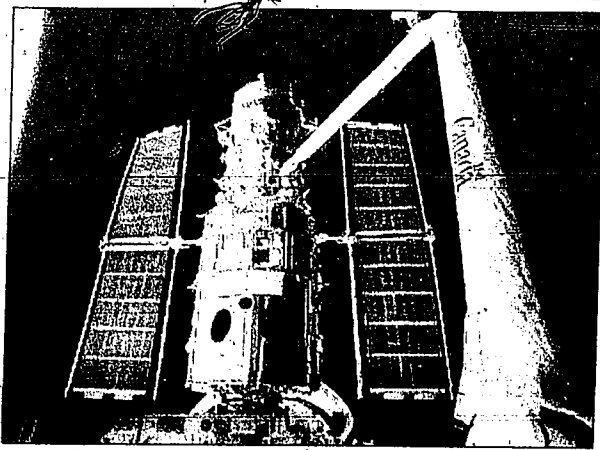
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Hubble returns to orbit



The crew of the shuttle Discovery grabs the Hubble Telescope Saturday using the robotic arm to return it to orbit.

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — After bestowing more than a dozen gifts on the Hubble Space Telescope, space shuttle Discovery's astronauts on Saturday accomplished the last big job of their holiday repair mission: releasing the world's finest observatory to resume its scientific quest.

Frenchman Jean-Francois Clervoy used Discovery's robot arm to lift Hubble from the shuttle cargo bay and, as the spacecraft sped more than 370 miles above the South Pacific, gently let it go.

Earlier in the day, shuttle commander Curtis Brown Jr. took pleasure in noting that Hubble would be home for Christmas.

"It is very special on Christmas Day that we're going to return Hubble back to the heavens and allow it to look at the stars like people did thousands and thousands of years ago," Brown said.

Refurbished inside and out, the \$3 billion telescope had been parked aboard the shuttle since Tuesday. Two teams of space-walking mechanics spent three straight days replacing broken and outdated instruments. In all, they put in 13 boxes of gear worth close to \$70 million.

"What a Christmas for Hubble," exclaimed program manager John Campbell. "Six gyros, new ones, not normally found under the tree. A new computer. Better batteries. Everybody needs batteries on

Christmas. More storage. New clothes. Better fine guidance, and everybody needs better guidance on Christmas. And a new radio transmitter."

Astronomers can't wait to begin using the Hubble again. The first observations are expected in two weeks, ending a two-month hiatus, the longest ever for the 9-year-old observatory.

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Cash hoarding due to Y2K fails to occur

Los Angeles Times

With only six days left in the millennium, the long-feared cash hoarding by Americans so far has failed to materialize and banks say most of their money is still in vaults, not in cookie jars or under mattresses.

"Anticipating a heightened demand for cash because of Year 2000 fears, U.S. banks have more than doubled the amount of currency in their vaults during the past three months, to a record \$214 billion. But most of it is still sitting there.

Withdrawals are up over the past month, but banks say the activity falls within the normal range they see during the year-end holiday season. When cash withdrawals typically increase between 10 percent and 30 percent.

"It's not turning out the way we feared," said Rob Haus, manager of Year 2000 compliance for Minneapolis-based U.S. Bancorp. "We would have worried if there was going to be a serious problem, it would have happened by now."

The Bank of America said that cash withdrawals—which typically rise at its branches by about 7 percent to 10 percent as consumers shop and travel during the holidays—are up about 10 percent through this week.

"It's on the high end of what we usually see, but within the norm," said Chuck Wolke, who heads the western branch operation for the Charlotte, N.C.-based bank.

But bank officials will be closely monitoring customer activity in the coming days, looking for signs of a last-minute stampede.

So, if Americans aren't hoarding cash, who is?
 Foreign governments, business- and citizens-likely account for much of the activity so far, experts say, as Y2K concerns in other countries spur a flight to the relative safety of U.S. dollars.

"Two-thirds of U.S. currency is used overseas," said Peter Baksmansky, senior vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

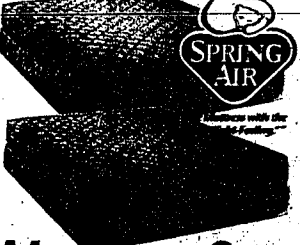
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Worn Christmas card stirs memories

The Dallas Morning News

ROCKWALL, Texas — There was something awfully familiar about the hand-delivered Christmas card that Lois Vance got last week.

She's been getting it, or sending it, for the last 42 years. And it shows, in everything from the attachments that she and her sister have added over the years — enough to make it a family history album of sorts — to the burn marks left by a fire.

"It's an antique, I guess," says Vance, 77.

After the holidays pass, "we put it in a lockbox," adds 84-year-old Ruby Jordan, whose ability to complete her sister's thoughts is matched only by her sister.

"We used to mail it but don't anymore," Vance says. "We're afraid it won't make it."

Such exchanges, part of a broader tradition of Christmas

card recycling, are born variously of thrift or just of a longing for ritual.

Indeed, the 1970 version of the sisters' card included a news clipping of a poem penned by similar practitioners:

"We hope that you'll be happy and not raise a fuss. About us sending back this card that last year you sent us.

It meant so very much to us — you must have liked it, too.

And so we just enclose our love — and send it back to you."

For the first few years, the women simply re-signed and re-sent the original, which bears the image of a holly bough and was printed with the names of Jordan and husband Dudley Jordan.

Then they started taping on fresh cards, sometimes decorated with tiny photographs, which now bring back a flood of memories. One black and white picture, for example, marks a beach vacation the Jordans took in 1967.

Playing in the surf at Galveston, "we liked to get sucked out to sea," Jordan says. "He realized it and got us back."

Other additions include pictures of strays taken in the years, along with the animals' forged signatures.

"My husband built an air-conditioned doghouse for them," Vance recalls. "They needed to be comfortable."

As the card outlived mates and pets alike, the sisters came to

rely ever more on each other. They drive almost identical Caprice Classics, visit daily and live a few miles apart in Rockwall County, where they grew up helping their tenant farmer parents.

"Picking cotton, chopping cotton," Vance says.

"Pulling bolls," Jordan continues. "You name it, I've been there."

During the Depression, she had to drop out of school and never finished; she went on to work in a civil service job and never had children. Vance graduated, became a secretary at Universal Film Exchange and has one son.

Twice they nearly lost their paper bond. Several years ago, while caring for her husband after his suffered a stroke, Jordan misplaced the card until well past Christmas.

"Hang in there," says that season's late greeting. "I found it."

Such exchanges, part of a broader tradition of Christmas card recycling, are born variously of thrift or just of a longing for ritual.

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E-shopping may spark many unhappy returns

Knight Ridder News Service

Welcome to Christmas Part II — The Return of the Merchandise.

This year consumers may be in for a real horror story. Taking back unwanted Christmas presents has never been pleasant — long lines and sometimes confusing return policies can try even the most patient shopper.

But this year, a large number of Americans will be returning gifts purchased for them over the Internet. And while buying on the Web can be a breeze, returning goods is not.

"Very few of these e-tailers will get it right this year," said Melinda Kavanaugh, spokesperson for the International Council of Shopping Centers. "It's not just a lot of trouble to return Internet gifts, it can be expensive for the gift recipient. I'm sure that's not what the giver intended."

Kavanaugh says this as a representative of shopping malls and strip centers across the country. But those on the other side of the Internet fence are bemoaning the problem as well.

Extrajitsu: Advisors, an Internet consulting firm in Boston, studied 50 well-known Web sites for their return policies. They examined 30 "click-and-mortar" sites (those with offline stores as well) and 20 "dot-coms," companies with no offline businesses or partnerships.

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They found many of the sites either don't include return policies or load them with fine print and caveats, said Allen Bonde, the consulting firm's research director.

"Last year there was some ignorance is bliss. People were just happy they could shop online," he said. "This year it's the morning after and people are saying, 'Wow, this should be a lot better.' We expect a lot of hiccups and bumps and bruises."

Holiday sales at traditional stores rose 6 percent to 7 percent this year to more than \$180 billion, while online sales look on target to double to \$6 billion.

In Extrajitsu's study, 13 of the 50 sites required a telephone call for returns, and 10 said fees "may" apply. Eight required an authorization number before a return could be made.

Of the click-and-mortars, 22 allow for either mail-back returns or offline store returns, but some for only those items actually sold in stores.

"It's a huge problem," said Britt Beemer, head of America's Research Group, a customer service consulting firm in Charleston, S.C. "People aren't going to put up with the cost and aggravation."

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 -N.S. Nokken

7 State fights to loosen meth's grip

Methamphetamine isn't likely to go away in 2000, but Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has no plans to give up his fight against the ravaging drug.
 Kempthorne's anti-meth message for the new year looks toward greater coordination between state and local authorities. The governor recently completed meetings throughout the state with local police, sheriffs and prosecutors to solidify the Combined Agency Methamphetamine Partnership.
 During the 1999 legislative session, Kempthorne got money for more drug-fighting personnel and equipment. He also pushed a bill that gave stiffer penalties to meth makers. Both houses easily passed the bill into law.
 In his first year in office, Kempthorne took a strong stance against meth producers and dealers, and he pledges to remain firm in his attempts to loosen the drug's hold.
 -Brian Hayes

8 Officials wonder how to save salmon

Federal officials are expected to make a decision in the spring on how to recover endangered Snake River salmon. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has studied four general alternatives - one of which is breaching four federal dams on the lower Snake River in southeastern Washington.
 Some say alternatives to breaching the dams would mean federal officials would seek more water from southern and eastern Idaho to help flush fish through four reservoirs, an alternative that could dry up 350,000 acres of cropland.
 -N.S. Nokken

The Corps has issued an environmental impact statement, which does not include a preferred alternative.
 Other federal officials, however, say recovering salmon will place additional restrictions on logging, mining, grazing and other land uses; force cuts in fishing; changes in hatchery operations; and require breaching the four dams.
 The National Marine Fisheries Service expects to issue a decision in early spring before the salmon starts running.
 -N.S. Nokken

9 Dust hasn't settled in Jarbidge rebellion

The shovels haven't been put down in Jarbidge, a small Nevada town on the Idaho border.
 And come spring, Elko County, Nev., commissioners plan to reopen a controversial road to Jarbidge. Commissioners recently declared the road under county jurisdiction, part of an escalating standoff with federal officials.
 The tension between residents and the federal government involves the South Canyon Road through the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The issue drew national attention in 1999 and led forest supervisor Gloria Flora to resign in protest.
 The South Canyon Road controversy began in 1995 after a flood washed out the road and the Forest Service, which had maintained it in recent years, decided not to rebuild because of the potentially negative impact on wild country.
 Volunteers mobilized by a Nevada assemblyman staged a work party in October, vowing to rebuild the road, but the group backed off after a federal judge issued a temporary restraining order.
 -The Times-News

10 Lawsuit pressures lawmakers on school construction

The long-running debate over whether the Legislature should modify Idaho's laws governing how schools pay for construction will be shadowed in 2000 by the threat of a lawsuit.
 Once the legislative session adjourns, a coalition of school districts is set to take the state to trial, forcing a judge to decide whether Idaho's system of school funding gives districts adequate resources to meet their legal obligations. But what legislators do during the session has the potential to make the lawsuit - on hold until after the session - disappear.
 Districts don't get state help for construction. And they must earn hard-won approval from two-thirds of voters to pass a bond issue.
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 Kimberly schools found overwhelming support for their proposal, but voters in Dietsch twice rejected a construction plan. Minidoka taxpayers said no to a \$20 million proposal and Jerome voters rejected a bond issue for a fourth time in the past several years. Jerome is considering a fifth proposal, but the other districts haven't decided whether to try again.
 -Jennifer Sandmann

11 New INEEL contractor tries to clean up Pit 9

A new contractor - the team headed by engineering giant Bechtel - will get its first full year on the job at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory in 2000.
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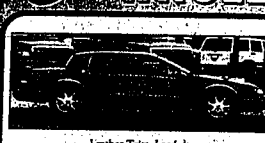
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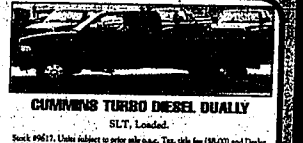
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Looking at a year of Idaho controversy

NOISE - What began with severe financial problems for management of Idaho's wildlife resources and quickly erupted into a political crisis in leadership of the Fish and Game Department was never far from the top of the news in 1999.

The controversy was intertwined with Idaho's halting efforts to deal with endangered salmon and the dam breaching debate as well as wolf recovery and prospects for reintroducing grizzly bears in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. For Associated Press member editors and news directors, it was the top of the year. The rest of their list:

2. Deteriorating school buildings.

3. Friction between Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the GOP legislative majority.

4. The Clinton administration's plan to expand wilderness by 9 million more acres.

5. The first shipments of radioactive waste out of Idaho.

6. Albertson's completes acquisition of American Stores.

7. Agricultural outlook through end of depression as the rest of Idaho thrives.

8. Gasoline prices soar to a new high.

9. Scott's Power takes over electric service in eastern Idaho.

10. Mountain Home Air Force Base training range expansion delayed.

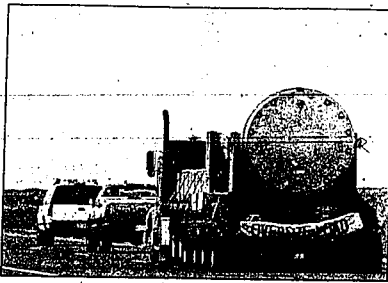
Money problems for wildlife managers had been building for three years as legislators and other policy makers on both sides of the predicament only at the margins.

When the Fish and Game Commission decided to spend the \$7.7 million annual problem with the unprecedented request for over a third of that cash from general taxes, it was met with grumbling silence. The move automatically reduced the amount of possible financial help it would receive.

Consideration of a compromise fee hike for sportsmen, which offered little more than a Band-aid to staunch gushing red ink, was at a crucial point just weeks before lawmakers adjourned last March when a bare commission majority fired Director Steve Mealey over vigorous legislative objections. Within hours, lawmakers killed the financial compromise, and Kempthorne promised to set the commission straight. Mealey's ouster, along with other commission actions - primarily its tacit endorsement of am breaching to save salmon, poured talk of curbing commission involvement in wilderness management matters. It lingered through the summer as debate over fish and dams, wolves and grizzlies persisted to the legislature, even after federal officials released a salmon recovery report that refused to adopt or reject breaching.

As a compromise on state handling of endangered species was being worked out, Kempthorne replaced four of the seven Fish and Game commissioners in July, and the new majority fashioned a new fiscal bailout plan that has been received to date with less vigor. The tale will be told in the new year when lawmakers get their hands on the \$4.4 million proposal and the few commission finally settles on a successor to Mealey.

Deteriorating public school buildings appeared to be another insoluble problem for policy makers who must act or face a spring trial on claims by dozens of school districts that the state is violating the Idaho Constitution



Waste from Three Mile Island leaves the INEEL March 30, 1999. Shipments of radioactive waste out of state made it one of the top ten stories in Idaho for 1999.

by not ensuring their facilities are adequate.

Efforts to give local districts some maneuvering room were narrowly killed in Legislature last winter. That led to a new analysis of the school facilities question last summer that refused the debate from \$700 million in maintenance and new construction needs statewide to over \$50 million in health and safety claims.

Still, resistance was strong at the state level to any direct financial aid to school districts for buildings. And there remained public opposition to Kempthorne's plan for making it easier for school districts to win approval of property tax hikes to pay for buildings. That antagonism toward a Kempthorne initiative offered a hint of the problems that began developing between the governor and the nation's most Republican Legislature within weeks of his taking office. High expectations for the party's new governor dissipated amid communications problems, lack of specifics, inattention to detail and Kempthorne's detached management style.

The perception among the majority that Kempthorne expected them to rubber stamp his proposals and do his bidding as needed increasingly aggravated lawmakers. But leaders managed to keep the lid on until the final week of the session when it boiled over with defeat of a prized Kempthorne children's initiative and widespread harsh words for the new chief executive.

The friction was tempered by some optimism that relations could improve, but the grouting about the Kempthorne style persisted despite the governor's declarations of comity. Attention was being focused on his legislative and budget messages next month for signs of clear leadership on key issues.

But while differences existed on many fronts, there was unanimity among state and local officials in their opposition to the Clinton administration's plan to put another 9 million acres of land into wilderness. The few supporters of the proposal to triple Idaho's wilderness setaside were drowned out repeatedly at hearings around the state on an issue that has eluded agreement for two decades. One truly historic development in 1999 was the shipment of radioactive waste out of Idaho. On April 27, three days before the deadline set in Idaho's 1995 nuclear waste deal with the federal government, 42 drums of plutonium-contaminated material left the Idaho.

National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory on a truck for permanent storage in New Mexico.

The shipment, set in motion more than a decade earlier when then-Gov. Cecil Andrus unilaterally closed Idaho's borders to new federal dumping, finally fulfilled 20 years of broken federal promises to begin removing the material that was being dumped at INEEL for over a generation.

There were three more shipments after that before more legal problems disrupted operations at the Energy Department's New Mexico dump. Over 300,000 more barrels must be shipped out by 2019. It was a banner year for one of Idaho's biggest corporations, Albertson's Inc. finalized its \$12-billion acquisition of Sprint Lake City-based American Stores, more than doubling its outlets to 2,500 in 38 states. But it came at some expense.

President Dick King resigned without public explanation after federal regulators approved the deal on condition that 145 existing stores be sold off - substantially more than analysts said Albertson's executives had originally been prepared to accept.

The deal also prompted settling eight multi-state employee complaints of wage and hour law violations for an estimated \$37 million. The result was Albertson's stock plunging to less than half its value a year ago amid earnings plummeting.

Idaho's beefpack farm community had a bumpy financial year as well. While the livestock market was beginning to turn upward, prices for newly mil other commodities remained, as Kempthorne recently said, "in the tank."

But the near depression in agriculture stood in stark contrast to the rest of the economy, where wages and business income rose substantially more than nationwide as unemployment seemed headed toward a new record low.

The financial activity was generating more cash for the state than conservative economists had expected, creating a windfall that typically creates problems for lawmakers writing the next state budget.

A major economic development of 1999 - one that touched nearly every Idaho resident - was the explosion in gasoline prices. The dollar or less a gallon that motorists paid when they greeted the new year last January soared to a record - and national high - \$1.49 a gallon in September and has barely retreated since.

Former Attorney General Jim Jones, who had success in forcing pump prices down in the 1980s,

was called in to head a task force investigation. But while suspecting collusion and price-gouging, the task force could not prove it.

Eastern Idaho electricity customers became part of a national first when ScottishPower of Glasgow, Scotland, bought out PacificCorp - with its 53,000 Utah Power & Light customers - in the first takeover of a United States utility by a foreign company. Idaho provided the smallest customer base and the loudest opposition in the deal that state regulators said they had no choice but to approve. That prompted some lawmakers to consider requiring any future utility mergers to result in permanent customer rate reductions, as they eyed the prospect of ScottishPower trying to buy Idaho Power Co., which has the nation's lowest rates, within the next decade.

And possibly the quietest development of significance in the past year was the resolution after nearly two decades of controversy over expansion of the training range for Mountain Home Air Force Base. What had once generated loud protests and debate was settled under a process that one-time environmental skeptics said signals a new era in relations between resource users and resource preservers.

The plan that in the 1980s involved some 3 million acres of southwestern Idaho high desert was trimmed to 12,000 in the final submission approved by the federal courts. It also includes restrictions to protect wildlife on the desert and assure serious consideration of any environmental concerns arising in the future.

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Jail time, fines face offenders of new salmon regulation proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new federal salmon proposal unveiled this month was supposed to be good news for loggers, developers and other industries in four states.

The plan offers exemptions from new federal salmon regulations, as long as the industries abide by certain state and local rules in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California.

But some business leaders see big problems instead of a great deal.

The same proposal that carves out exemptions also says people who kill, harm or harass 14 threatened salmon populations or their habitat could face one year in jail and a \$50,000 fine.

Business owners who have grown used to the idea of land restrictions because of salmon problems say the prospect of stiff penalties — even for indirectly harming the fish — is going too far.

Northwesterners are now at the mercy of federal officials, accountable to no one, and many northwesterners will dare not offend them," James Buchal, a Portland, Ore., attorney who represents businesses on salmon issues, wrote in a critique of the plan.

The proposal announced Dec. 14 will indeed result in more endangered species protections, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

But the prosecutions will be limited and targeted at the most egregious violators who destroy salmon habitat, dump toxic chemicals in rivers and apply pesticides so they harm streams, agency officials said.

The Fisheries Service has neither the staff nor desire to aggressively track down all violators across the 159,000 square miles the plan covers, they said.

But the new proposal signals that the agency is serious about protecting the fish, said Garth Griffin, a fisheries service biologist in Portland.

"If something is listed, it's serious," Griffin said. "It has the possibility of something going extinct."

Under the Endangered Species Act, people who harm any of the nation's 94 endangered species — plants and animals in danger of becoming extinct — could face jail time or fines.

Under most circumstances, people who do the damage are not exempt from possible penalties unless they get a federal permit allowing them to "take," or harm, the species.

But the ESA does not extend the penalties to 263 threatened species, including many of the listed salmon stocks in the Pacific Northwest. (Threatened species are defined as likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future.)

In Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California, 20 of the 26 salmon populations listed under the ESA are threatened. The other six are endangered.

The Fish and Wildlife Service, the federal agency primarily responsible for enforcing the ESA, wrote regulations that make penalties identical for threatened and endangered species. But the Fisheries Service, which enforces the ESA for salmon, has no such regulations.

Instead the agency decides when crafting rules for individual listings whether harming a threatened species should carry ESA penalties.

The Fisheries Service's announcement on Dec. 14 was the first indication that the agency intends to require penalties under new rules for 14 threatened salmon stocks.

"That's clearly a concern," said Laura Cleland of the Independent Forest Products Association in Portland, saying some landowners worry about being targeted by the agency.

But Griffin said the Fisheries Service's decision should not have been a surprise. The agency calls for penalties in most rules it promulgates for threatened species, he said.

If the newly proposed rules are adopted, harming 24 of the 26 salmon populations in the four states could result in a penalty.

The Fisheries Service has not yet drafted rules for the other two populations because they were listed in September.

Still, Fisheries Service prosecutions for ESA violations have been rare in the Pacific Northwest.

The agency brought just 19 cases against alleged endangered species violators in the region in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. That was down from 23 prosecutions in 1998.

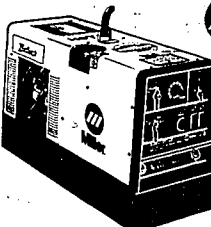
Environmentalists say landowners probably don't have much to worry about in terms of

Fisheries Service enforcement under the new rules.

While the rules call for penalties, the Fisheries Service has not specifically said which activities — such as logging too close to a stream, or dumping fertilizer into a stream — will most quickly draw prosecutions. That has caused confusion, said Daniel Hall, director of the forest biodiversity program at American Lands Alliance in Portland.

The agency "is telling landowners to be scared, but they're not telling them what to be scared of," Hall said.

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Agency says mine shipped deadly ore

Officials ignored danger for years, newspaper says

SEATTLE (AP) - Asbestos-tinged vermiculite was shipped from a Montana mine to at least 60 processing plants across North America, spreading the deadly material among workers for decades, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reports.

Federal regulators and company officials were aware of the dangers, but ignored them, the newspaper reported last week, citing government and court documents, and internal company memos and reports.

Because of the transient nature of the workforce, it might never be known how many processing plant workers died from inhaling tremolite asbestos, a rare and extremely toxic form of asbestos released by mining for vermiculite, the paper said.

Vermiculite, a mineral that expands when wet, is used for insulation and gardening. The Post-Intelligencer reported last month that asbestos-related illness linked to the now-closed vermiculite mine in Libby, Mont., killed at least 192 people in the past 40 years. Most developed asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma, a cancer of the lung lining.

At least 375 others were diagnosed with ailments that were likely caused by the asbestos, the paper said.

Mine owner W.R. Grace & Co., and previous owner Zonolite Co. ignored the dangers, the newspaper reported.

The mine was closed in 1990, but health officials say asbestos-related contamination continues to affect people.

Workers in the vermiculite processing plants likely inhaled "nuisance dust," as the company calls it, without understanding its potentially harmful effects.

"It was so thick that you couldn't see your hands at times," said Arland Blanton, 82, who managed a vermiculite plant in North Little Rock, Ark., from 1951 until 1963. "Nobody never told me nothing about this stuff being able to kill you," Blanton said. "There's a lot of people dead today who would still be alive if we were told the truth



North Skramsted and her husband, Les, pictured here recently at their home in Libby, Mont., face an uncertain future. Forty years after working in a vermiculite mine with asbestos-laced shipments, Les has developed asbestosis, a disease that attacks the lungs.

about that ore."

Grace's vice president of corporate communication, William Corcoran, did not respond to requests for information by the Post-Intelligencer, except to say that Grace personnel were too busy "helping the people of Libby" to address the questions.

In a 1991 deposition taken in a civil suit against the company, Robert Junker, treasurer and superintendent of the Grace processing plant in Dallas, said, "To tell the public about a potential hazard - that's what this is - a potential hazard - is kind of expensive... It's bad for business."

Sixty-seven of 187 asbestos-related lawsuits filed against Grace have been resolved with the company either settling out of court or found liable and ordered to pay damages.

Even though the company gave workers annual physicals and X-rays, Little Rock lawyer Edward Moody said none of the workers was ever given a report on what the tests indicated.

Respiratory problems among workers at The Scotts Co., one of Grace's largest customers - prompted the National Institute of Occupational Safety and

Health to lead a 1978 investigation into the impact of tremolite.

The study documented the hazards, but the agency did not inform workers there.

Grace, based in Columbia, Md.,

also was the focus of the book and movie "A Civil Action," about a lawsuit concerning acute lymphocytic leukemia cases in Massachusetts that were linked to chemicals in drinking water.

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WORLD

Released hostages relive tales of terror

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Punishment was swift for the man who disobeyed orders: The masked men with grenades and knives slashed Rippun Katyal in the neck and left him to die.

Katyal, who had been forced to stand with his hands tied behind his back, slumped onto his seat in the Indian Airlines Airbus 303 as the other terrified passengers dug their heads between their legs as ordered by the five men who had taken over their aircraft. Another man was punished in similar fashion, but survived with minor wounds.



This unidentified hostage was released from an Indian aircraft Saturday in the United Emirates.

Twenty-six Indian hostages released Saturday by the hijackers of a jetliner that took off from Katmandu, Nepal on Friday told their stories of terror to officials and doctors in New Delhi.

Police did not allow reporters to speak with the released passengers, who were whisked away in vans after they landed at New Delhi's airport. But police and doctors relayed some of the details the traumatized passengers had told them.

The passengers relief at reaching home after the 30-hour ordeal was tinged with shock and fear. Many still had family on the plane, which landed at the southern Afghanistan town of Kandahar after hopping across several airports in Asia and the Middle East.

Katyal, who was married on

Dec. 3, had been returning from a honeymoon in Nepal. His bride, Rachna, is still on board the plane. Some of the passengers told officials he had ignored the hijackers' warnings and removed his blindfold several times.

The captors first warned Katyal, then killed him. His body was taken off the plane in the United Arab Emirates.

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E. Timor bishop rips Indonesian official

DILI, East Timor (AP) — Nobel laureate Bishop Carlos Belo has accused Indonesia's former military chief, Gen. Wiranto, of lying about the army's involvement in the destruction of East Timor following its independence vote.

Wiranto said that the Indonesian military was an institution didn't kill or make bad things happen for us, but he lied," East Timor's spiritual leader said at a Christmas Mass late Friday.

Earlier in the day, during testimony in Jakarta before a state-appointed panel investigating human rights abuses, Wiranto denied that army commanders had instigated the destruction of East Timor after the Aug. 30 vote.

He said, "there was absolutely no such policy or planning process by (army) leaders."

Indonesia invaded the former Portuguese colony in 1975 and ruled it with an iron hand for 24 years. Days after East Timorese voted for independence in the U.N.-sponsored referendum, anti-independence militia — reportedly with army backing — went on a rampage, killing residents, burning and looting houses and driving hundreds of thousands of people from their homes.

Members of the Indonesia's Investigative Commission for Human Rights Abuses in East Timor have said that top generals should be held accountable because they knew about the violence but failed to stop it.

A U.N. team probing the atrocities has recommended that the Security Council establish an international war crimes tribunal to try the generals unless Jakarta acts quickly to bring them to justice.

Wiranto, who like many Indonesians uses only one name, "blamed the violence on groups labeled 'freedom fighters' by the ballot, saying the military leadership had been powerless to prevent it."

"The burning occurred after the referendum because there were some factions who lost," he said after the two-hour hearing. "They became emotional and disappointed and reacted with aggression."

In Dili, Bishop Belo urged a congregation of almost 2,000 people, who had crowded into the courtyard of his burned residence, to forgive Wiranto and others responsible for the violence.

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WORLD

Russians step up drive to take Chechen capital

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian forces launched a major operation Saturday to capture Grozny, trying to push deeper into the Chechen capital as tanks and artillery hammered the city in one of the fiercest bombardments yet.

Plumes of black and gray smoke rose over the devastated city as buildings burned out of control and explosions rocked the ground. Chechen fighters in bunkers amid the ruined buildings fired back at the Russians and clashes flared at several points on the city's outskirts.

Russian commanders denied that Saturday's attacks marked the start of an all-out frontal assault by massed infantry and tanks to capture Grozny in a single strike.

The Russian plan apparently calls for ground troops to probe until they hit major resistance and then pull back to let artillery and airstrikes clear the area.

"Nothing terrible is happening in Grozny. This is just a con-

tinuation of an operation to liberate the city from bandits," said Col. Gen. Viktor Kazantsev, commander of Russia's forces in Chechnya.

Russian commanders want to avoid the kind of heavy losses they suffered in street fighting in Grozny during the 1994-96 war, using their superiority in artillery and air power to offset the army's lack of trained infantry.

The military's aim appears to be to take the city methodically, sector by sector, in a strategy that could take days or weeks. If the plan works, the rebels eventually would be trapped in a small pocket and then wiped out by Russian firepower.

"There will be no storming of the city in the traditional sense of the word," Russian military spokesman Maj. Alexander Diodoridze said Saturday. "Everything will be done intelligently, to avoid unnecessary losses among Russian troops and civilians."



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Technology is impacting NCMEC's work every day and the effect is most evident through NCMEC's ability to better assist in the recovery of children. This is illustrated in the dramatic recovery of Crystal Anzaldi, a child abducted as an infant from California and found seven years later in Puerto Rico by an INTERPOL officer searching NCMEC's web site. There's also the case of Beau Arceneaux, a young boy who, with the help of online friends and NCMEC, found his own mother who had been searching for him for 12 years. NCMEC continues to witness successful endings to missing-child cases with the help of photographs, age-progressed images, and the web site.


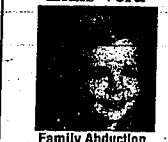






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and age-progressed photographs. Jacob was located by police, and the abductor was arrested.

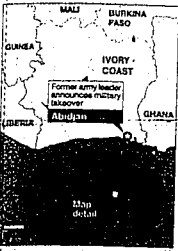
Sean and Michael Sweeney were abducted in October 1998 by their noncustodial mother. On February 15, 1999, a lead was called in to NCMEC's Hotline by an individual who had seen the boys' pictures on NCMEC's web site. The lead provided an address where the children could be located. Police found the boys and arrested the abductor.

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Following coup, president prepares to flee



ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — The former army chief who staged a largely bloodless coup in Ivory Coast took steps Saturday to consolidate his hold on power as the ousted president prepared to flee the West African country.

Junta leader Gen. Robert Guei appointed nine senior military officers to a Committee of National Salvation that will oversee the country for a transitional period and named himself president of the committee.

To ensure continuity, Guei said administrators and civil servants in charge of the various ministry offices will remain in their posts, Foreign Minister Amara Essy will also keep his position, he said. "The man changes but the nation remains," Guei said, quoting former President Felix Houphouët-

Boigny in a Christmas Day broadcast.

Guei also announced the arrest of Laurent Dona Fologo, secretary-general of ousted President Henri Konan Bédié's Democratic Party of the Ivory Coast, and Trade Minister Guy-Alain Gause. They were being held in barracks "for their own safety," he said.

Ivory Coast, a former colony of France and a nation of 19 million people, has long been considered a model of stability in West Africa. The unrest began Thursday, with troops rampaging and looting in the commercial capital of Abidjan in protest over unpaid salaries, poor living conditions.

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NATION

Nike co-founder Bill Bowerman dead at 88

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Bill Bowerman, the Oregon track coach who invented the modern running shoe and co-founded Nike, has died. He was 88. Bowerman died in his sleep Friday night or early Saturday in his home in Fossil, Nike spokesman Scott Reames said. Bowerman, who coached at the University of Oregon from 1949 to 1972, experimented with different cushions and layers of material to give his runners an



Bill Bowerman

one of his former runners, Phil Knight, about an offer he had to

begin selling Japanese-made running shoes in the United States. "I put up half the original money and it wasn't much," Bowerman said during a 1992 interview. "We put up \$500 a piece and we got these very good shoes." The operation evolved into Nike — named for the Greek goddess of victory — which became a multibillion-dollar shoe and

apparel company. Bowerman retired from the Nike board of directors this year. Knight, the Nike chairman, has called Bowerman on the biggest influence on his life after his parents. The company announced in October that a silhouette of Bowerman in his old Tyrolean hat would appear on Nike running shoes, along with a smaller "swoosh," the company's trademark symbol.

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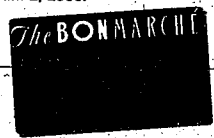
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Run in circles, scream, panic and shout

Just so we're all on the same page for the turn of the millennium Friday night, I've compiled a little checklist of all possible Y2K contingencies and the appropriate Idaho responses to them.

And please: If the power goes out after midnight, it's not necessary to rush outside and empty a clip of AK-47 ammunition into your neighbor's Haunted lawn ornaments. The lights going out is probably just a technical glitch, not a parabolic assault by Russian special forces.)

Scenario 1: Armageddon.

• If you hear real loud trumpets blow during "Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve" and the sound doesn't appear to be coming from Times Square, don't make any immediate plans.

• All the nice people you know suddenly disappear without a trace and you don't, it's probably too late to go to confession or start drinking.

• The sudden appearance of four tough-looking skeletons astride fire-breathing horses might - or might not - have something to do with the Y2K.

• If you drink earlier in the evening, CNN plans live coverage from Cheyenne Mountain in Colorado, the Air Force's top-secret command post for tracking intercontinental ballistic missiles. If your TV screen goes black, you'll know the Russians weren't altogether Y2K compliant.

Scenario 2: Technological.

• Just because you get your microwave working, it probably won't open your garage door.

• If just because you have a barrel cracked when stores in your basement doesn't mean you'll have muffins on New Year's morning.

• If eastern civilization collapses Saturday, don't bother to order firewood by cell phone.

• That new \$1,500 generator sitting in your back yard won't do you much good if you don't have the means stay-out-down at the filling station.

Scenario 3: Hysteria.

• If your neighbor dons animal skins and sneers himself with bear grease, the correct response is 911.

• The last run on a Magic Valley bank happened in the summer of 1981. Let's not do it again.

• There are five better reasons to keep candles handy Saturday morning than a lot of hung-over, disappointed millennium all-nighters respect the clocks on their VCRs at the same time.

• Stick up on toilet paper BEFORE Friday.

Scenario 4: Nothing happens.

• Buy Rock of Ages stock. There are millions of gravoesters marked 19 that suddenly aren't Y2K compliant.

• Fly to Honolulu. That's the last place in America where the new millennium will dawn, and you'll buy yourself five extra hours of 20th century to await Armageddon on the beach at Waikiki.

• Ponder what the world will be like on Jan. 1, 2000 - which, coincidentally, is just two years after your second mortgage matures.

• Think of fun things to call the "Sex of 2000/2009: The Naughties? Big Oh-Oh's?

Scenario 5: The sun comes out.

• Idaho sense of optimism gets out of hand on New Year's Day, just remember what was going on at the turn of the LAST century.

• Twenty-year-old Joseph Stalin was kicked out of the Tiflis Theological Seminary in his native Georgia for reading Marx during vespers.

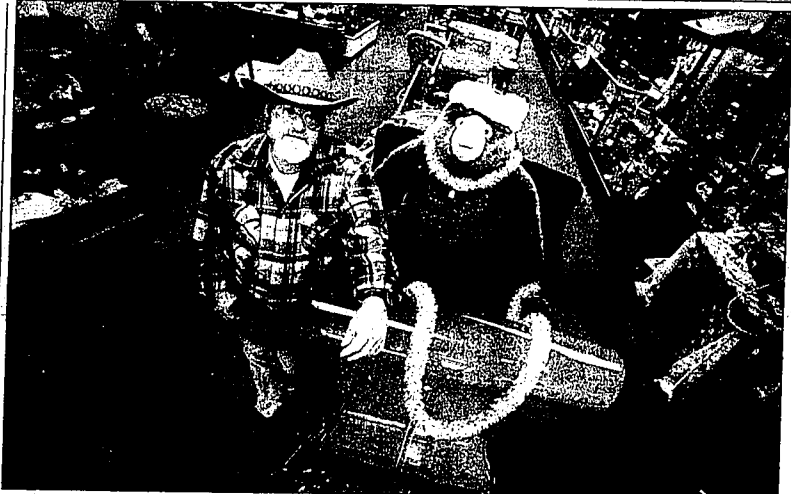
• Sixteen-year-old Benito Mussolini was expelled from the Giosue Carducci School in Forlimpopoli, Italy, for shoving a fellow student with a penknife.

• Seventeen-year-old Edsel Ford, inventor of the parking disc, went to work for his father, Henry.

• Fifty-two-year-old Alexander Graham Bell was granted a patent for the phonophone, a telephone signal carried on a beam of light. That invention led directly to fiber optic technology, and eventually to telemedicine.

• By 1900, the inventor of SPANX, was born in Austin, Minn.

Times-News features editor Steve Crumley sends you out technically, the new millennium dawn to start Jan. 1, 2001, so we go to do this all over again next year.



Gary Snow was born during World War II, but doesn't remember any of it. Instead, he remembers when the quiet, residential neighborhoods of southern California were little different from Twin Falls. Snow is the proprietor of Snows Antiques and Sleigh Works on Main Avenue.

Mickey Mouse and the A-bomb

Local man recalls his childhood during the landmark decade of the 1940s

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Both Disney and the Atomic Age defined growing up in the 1940s.

Gary Snow was born on May 23 the year the United States entered World War II - 1941.

American families were forced to live with rationed sugar, coffee and gasoline. Gary can recall images of simpler times when toys were a luxury and he grew up in a part of Los Angeles County about as populated as the outer limits of Twin Falls.

"It was quiet. Southern California was no different than any other state in the union in the 1940s. You knew who your neighbor was. You didn't have

to lock your house. You slept with the windows open in the summertime," Gary remembers.

A man in his neighborhood worked for Walt Disney making trinkets featuring Mickey Mouse and Pluto before the animated characters permeated - American culture. The friendly neighbor gave the

novelty to Gary and other children for free.

Family entertainment in the early years revolved around radio programs such as The Edger Bergen and Charlie McCarthy Show, featuring ventriloquist Edger Bergen.

A day at the theater and a stop at the pool hall for penny candy also were fun ways to pass the time.

"On Saturday afternoon, you could get into the show for a nickel. You saw two movies, two cartoons and two serials," Gary said.

Some of his favorite flicks featured heroes Superman, Boston Blackie and Bulldog Drummond. Children respected their parents and folks appreciated their neighbors, he said. Life didn't move as fast then, both socially and technologically. But Gary recalls early images

of modernization.

He remembers spotting the Flying Wing in the sky when he was about six-years-old - about the time the plane was first tested at what is now Edwards Air Force Base. The Flying Wing was a failed airplane design that resembled a boomerang.

Television was new when Gary was a boy, and neighbors flocked to homes that boasted the exciting invention.

"In grade school I remember that my entire class got out of school to go to my house to watch the testing of the atomic bomb," Gary recalls.

The Atomic Age had been born Dec. 2, 1942, when he was just a toddler. The same period Hollywood studios had their heyday.

Association guides Hispanics into the business world

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

RUPERT - In 1971 Dago Martinez's barber shop was the only Hispanic-run business in town. Then in 1989 he became his own neighbor when he launched an import store he runs with his wife.

In the last 10 years Hispanic businesses have grown considerably. Now more than 30 percent of businesses in downtown Rupert is Hispanic-owned, said Mini-Cassia economic specialist Todd Christensen.

And it is this large volume of business, which includes an authentic Mexican bakery, several restaurants, a recycling company, cash advancing business, law firm, and dress shop that have

inspired the creation of a Hispanic wing of the chamber of commerce.

The Hispanic Business Association was recently created to serve as a source of support and direction for Hispanics with entrepreneurial impulses but who find themselves facing barriers.

"Our goal is to help them be successful," said Chris Jackson, Rupert Renaissance coordinator who, in conjunction with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Commission, approached the Hispanic business population about the association.

Serving as an advisory body, the chamber and development commission first got the associa-

tion on track, and are helping it confront the issues they have set on their agenda, such as eliminating language and technical barriers, and marketing to target audiences.

"It's an opportunity for the chamber and the development commission to work with a strong part of our business base," Christensen said.

Although the growth of the business community has not been officially tracked, one needs only look around to see the boom in Hispanic-owned businesses, said Don Pena, interim executive director for the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs in Boise.

That growth only mirrors the



The Rev. Dago Martinez joins Jerry & Dago Barber Shop in Rupert and is a pioneer for local Hispanic business. Martinez is president of the recently created Hispanic Business Association, a chamber of commerce for Mini-Cassia's Hispanic community.

Program taps into the potential of Mini-Cassia's youth

By Loraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The youth of the Mini-Cassia community are one of the community's best assets.

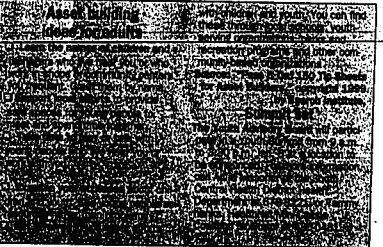
At a recent HealthNet Mini-Cassia Coalition meeting, Adria Masoner, asset coordinator for South Central Health District, said a new group is being formed so the community can keep that asset.

HealthNet is a coalition that addresses youth-related health issues. The group is working to recruit youth for a South Advisory Board to brainstorm strategies for asset building.

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Adria Masoner, youth asset survey administrator for the South Central Health Department, right, talks with Minico High School student Heather Koyte about a new committee forming to gather input from youth about assets.



The youth advisory board will utilize information from the Search Institute asset survey, which was given to close to 5,000 youth in Minidoka and Cassia Counties, Masoner said. The board will prioritize assets from results of the Minidoka and Cassia surveys and work to improve assets. Participating in the youth committee will give young people the opportunity to gain skills in leadership, long-term planning and decision-making, Masoner said.

Residents criticize roadless proposal

By N.S. Nokkervold
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Lots of people in Idaho participated in the first public comment period, which closed last week, on a proposal to protect roadless forest lands across the country.

A preliminary survey shows that in Idaho, an estimated 2,725 people attended 12 public meetings. Not all of those people spoke, but most of those who did, spoke out against the proposal.

At issue is President Clinton's October initiative directing the Forest Service to come up with rules for protecting the country's remaining

roadless lands. The Forest Service is conducting an environmental impact statement on management of those lands.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo have complained about the lack of public participation in the process.

Others say the Forest Service has thrown open the doors to public participation across the country.

The hearings in Idaho were among more than 170 hearings across the country. Another set of public hearings is planned next spring when a draft environmental impact statement is issued.

Earlier this year, about 2,210 people attended 10 hearings in cities across the country, of them about 523 spoke in favor of the proposal and 62 spoke against it, according to the Heritage Forests Campaign.

The campaign is a nationwide group promoting permanent protection for wild forest lands.

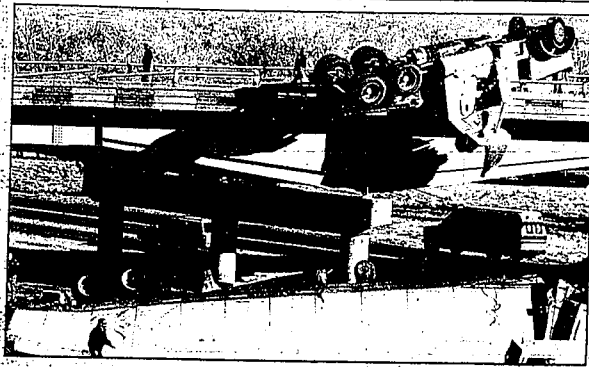
Recent results of later hearings show opponents edging out the supporters of the policy.

The Forest Service proposal is in two parts. The first part would cover management of areas already inventoried as roadless -

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YIKES!



A truck teeters on edge near Riverview, Utah, Friday in the aftermath of the third such truck accident on this Interstate 84-overpass. The truck's trailer fell onto Interstate 15 below and struck two vehicles, but nobody was seriously hurt.

Wrong-way driver held on DUI charge

The Times-Hews
JEROME - An Oregon man who drove the wrong way on Interstate 84 Thursday was arrested on a drunken-driving charge, the Idaho State

Police said.
 Gene Ellis, 73, of Redmond, Ore., crashed into an oncoming car around 6:30 p.m. after driving west in the eastbound lanes, the ISP said.
 The driver of the other car, 32-

year-old Mailin Miller of Hagerman, was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where she remained in fair condition Saturday.
 Ellis was being held in the Jerome County jail, the ISP said.

INEEL, Korea collaborate on testing

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory has signed a first-ever contract with the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute, the Republic of Korea's nuclear power research agency.
 The two-phase project will design the first instrumental capsule for testing a new nuclear reactor fuel. The capsule control and handling systems for a Korean research reactor.
 INEEL engineers will do preliminary design for an instrumental capsule to test the perfor-

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 mance of a new nuclear reactor fuel. They also will develop the control system for the experiment and the handling system to retrieve the capsule from the reactor and transfer it to a hot cell for examination.
 The Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute will use the capsule in a reactor to test new fuel designs for use in pressurized water reactors.
 Gary Smith, with the INEEL's

commercialization office, said the agreement fulfills the goal of a Department of Energy memorandum of understanding. The memorandum was between that agency and the Republic of Korea to promote peaceful and non-explosive uses of atomic energy.
 One of the project goals is completion, the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute will be capable of designing future fuel test capsules. Smith said the long-term aim of the project is to establish a successful relationship with the Korean agency that can lead to future projects.

Conservation league reaches ten-year goal

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Conservation League has put aside \$1 million in its permanent endowment fund, a goal the group set for the year 2000.
 League officials say a series of member-based contributions in the last weeks of 1999 added to accumulated assets and pledges.

Idaho businessman Walt Minnick in 1990 prompted the Conservation League to create a permanent endowment to foster financial stability. The endowment produces annual income to be used by the group on behalf of the state's water, wildlife and wildlife. League officials say

figures to not spend the principal.
 "Hundreds of members invested in the future of Idaho conservation, but this time, instead of investing energy, they opened their wallets," said Rick Johnson, the league's executive director.

Seattle's 2000 bash already sinks into bust

SEATTLE (AP) - Still reeling from the violence during the World Trade Organization conference and faced with a possible terrorist threat, Seattle has decided that setting huge fires is not the best way to mark the new millennium.

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um party - a fireworks display at the Space Needle - will go on. An estimated 50,000 people were expected.
 The figures to be burned included four dark horsemen. To the city's alarm, some people have associated the figures with the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.
 "There's the potential for a lot of interpretations of this," said Vivian Phillips, spokeswoman for Mayor Paul Schell. She would not elaborate.
 The fire ceremony project was six months in the making and cost about \$120,000.

Pro-life leader suffers heart attack Christmas Eve

BOISE (AP) - One of the leaders of the state's pro-life movement suffered a heart attack on Christmas Eve.
 David Ripley, executive director of Idaho-Ghostes Life,

remains in good spirits, according to Dennis Mansfield, a counselor for Idaho's First District Congressional seat.
 Ripley and Mansfield are friends.

"He told me that this heart attack has only confirmed his belief that every single person's life is valuable, in the womb or on a stretcher at 40 years old," Mansfield said.

Business

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 state's growing Hispanic population, which has grown nearly 67 percent since 1990, according to Census Bureau information compiled for 1998. And Minidoka County leads the state in percentage of Hispanics, at 25.8 percent, according to a 1998 Idaho His County survey.

The Hispanic population tends to be, by and large, a young population, and therefore, a growing one," Pena said.

able to be a part of the community," said Marizza Shoup, vice president of the association and owner of Minute Man Cash, a Rupert business that pays cash advances.

Hispanic business growth in Rupert has also been aided by the department of labor, which has provided training and opportunities to go up, Jackson said.
 The business association will refer people to language classes, offer guidance on issues such as business administration and small-interest loans, and "encour-

age them to be a part of the community," said Marizza Shoup, vice president of the association and owner of Minute Man Cash, a Rupert business that pays cash advances.
 "One of Martinez's goals for the association is to encourage Mexicans to become citizens, protect the rights of Mexicans in the county on work permits, as well as see that the county provide Spanish-language services for its constituents."
 "Because there's a skepticism among Hispanics about community involvement, just organizing the association was a feat in itself," Shoup said.

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halt any existing motorized access.
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Candidate snuggles up to animal rights

BOISE (AP) - Candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from Idaho's First Congressional District Linda Ball announced that her Ada County campaign committee adopted the Idaho Humane Society as its volunteer effort.
 Ball explained each of her campaign committees is taking on a volunteer project in their respective areas to "give back to the community as well as to ask for votes and campaign support."
 "It even matters to dogs and

cats who represent Idaho's First District in Congress," Pall said. "If I had been in Congress in 1999, Idaho's First District members would have voted in favor of banning animal 'cruelty videos.'" Pall said the House approved the ban 372-42 while the Senate unanimously approved it as well. President Clinton signed H.R. 1887 into law Dec. 9, prohibiting interstate commerce and commercial gain from distribution of videos in which animals are tortured and crushed to death for viewers' sexual gratification.

"Rep. Helen Chenoweth was one of only 42 members of the House who voted against stopping these horrific practices," said Pall. "Once again, Idaho's extremist representatives have generalized all of us Congress has people of both parties who supported this progressive legislation."
 Pall also voiced her support for H.R. 2776, the Safe Airline Travel for Animals Act, which seeks to ensure the health and safety of animals while being transported by airlines.

Government looks to curb aerosol pollution

BOISE (AP) - The Division of Environmental Quality will conduct a short-term, intensive sampling study for the next six weeks to determine local concentrations of aerosol particles.
 The test takes place in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration. It will examine secondary aerosol particles as well as their precursors: nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides

and ammonia.
 Computer models will simulate reductions of the different precursors to identify the most effective means of lowering secondary aerosol formation.
 Particulate matter can be inhaled deep into lung tissue, causing lung damage and aggravating cardiovascular and respiratory disease.
 The Environmental Protection Agency recently determined

that the smallest types of particulate matter - those 2.5 microns or less in diameter - cause the most damage to health. The matter can be produced by smoke or soot, but often forms during complex chemical reactions between gases in the air.
 An analysis of particulate matter from the air in the Treasure Valley shows secondary aerosols can contribute to pollution on stagnant winter days.

Youth

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 Opportunity for local youth to engage in positive adult and peer interactions," Masoner said. "It will allow them to make a positive difference in their communities."
 The committee will be something to help youth develop projects of their own, she said.
 "They are tired of adults saying here's a program for you," Masoner said.
 Heather Koyle, a Minico High School student, talked about the possibilities of a youth committee.
 "It's neat that they are involving youth," she said. "Adults sometimes throw programs at you and that's not where it's at."

Koyle believes in strong family values, which is an asset young people in Minidoka County scored high on. Better communication between parents and their children is necessary, she said.
 "It's important parents take time and kids take time to talk to each other to improve communication within families," she said.
 Being involved with the child's grades is something a parent can do to improve communication, she said.
 Knowing where their children are is another important communication tool, she said.
 "My dad has always encouraged me to have a curfew," she said. "He expects a phone call so

he would know if I was in trouble."
 If teens do not have a solid relationship with their parents they have a hard time communicating, she said.
 "My parents have always cared. They are easy to talk to," she said.
 But Koyle said she has observed other young people her age and sees many who are not as fortunate and believes a youth committee could benefit many in the community.
 Masoner and other members of the HealthNet organization said they hope to fill the youth committee with young people who want to be involved with decision-making and who have ideas for building assets for youth of the community.

Roadless

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 areas without maintained roads and larger than 5,000 acres. The second part would cover areas less than 5,000 acres.
 The Forest Service oversees about 40 million acres of lands identified as roadless. Another 20 million acres of areas less than 5,000 acres may be considered roadless. But management decisions for those smaller areas would be made locally under a set of impact criteria outlined in the impact statement, forest officials say.
 Idaho has more roadless land - 8

Idaho Falls	100
Meridian	125
Donor d'Alene	250
McCall	200
Shoshone	200
Sawtooth	200
Arco	40
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TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included:

Arrests and appearances

John Paul Baldwin Jr., 38, 200 E. 12 S., Jerome; driving under the influence; warrant for failing to appear at sentencing; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$40,000 cash bond.

Phillip Conrad Gleason, 22, 761 Main Ave., No. 17, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$10,000 bond.

Johny R. Hase, 31, 1419 Maple Ave., Twin Falls; felony domestic battery; preliminary hearing Thursday; public defender appointed; \$5,000 cash bond; no contact with victim ordered.

Charles Jim Jackson, 25, 475 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls; failure to pay fines on conviction for invalid license; warrant; public defender appointed; \$63.50 cash bond.

Thomas Ray Kehoe, 42, 346 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls; failure to pay fines on conviction for peccit that warrant; costs uncollectible; public defender appointed; \$1,000 bond.

Eric Jason Loman, 27, 3864 W. 2445 E., Filer; trespassing; resisting an officer; two counts of battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$4,600 bond.

Christopher Paul Loomis, 47, 4420 N. 1325 E., Buhl; probation violation on conviction for driving under the influence; waived counsel; \$3,000 cash bond.

Darwin Clay Malone, 33, 3575 N. 1900 E., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance.

Matthew Eugene Miller, 33, 227 Sixth Ave. W., Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$5,000 bond.

Travis Leo Presgraves, 20, 283 Sidney St., Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver; preliminary hearing Thursday; public defender appointed; \$25,000 bond.

Joseph Wayne Shera, 43, 831 Rieder Way, Marysville, Calif.; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$2,000 bond.

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DUBOIS, Wyo. (AP) - People who shot two grizzly bears in separate encounters near Bear Day weekend will not be prosecuted. Federal officials have determined both of the shootings in the Bridger-Teton National Forest near the Idaho border were justified. In one case, three men outside a bighorn sheep hunting camp shot a male grizzly as it charged from less than 20 feet away, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service investigator Roy Brown said. The same day, three other people encountered a grizzly a few miles west of the other camp. A man tried to scare the animal as it advanced down a trail toward him, then shot it. It was unclear whether the wound killed the bear, because a carcass was never found, Brown said.

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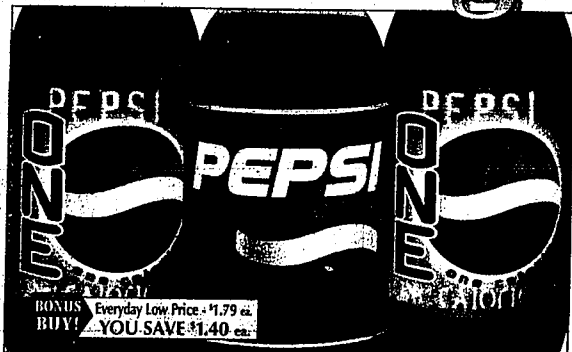
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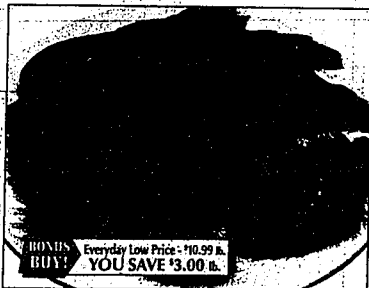
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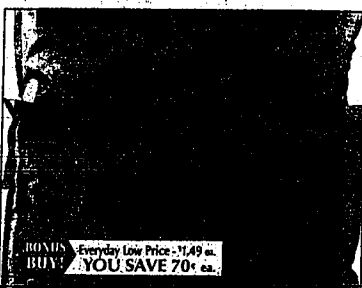


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INEEL uses microorganisms to remove contamination from ground

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory researchers have successfully demonstrated in two separate studies that naturally occurring microorganisms remove contaminants from the environment.

In one case, a lactate solution was pumped into the Snake River Plain aquifer beneath the site's Test Area North. The solution was to encourage microorganisms to "feed" on an industrial solvent called trichlorethene, which was pumped in sludge form into the aquifer until the 1970s.

Through metabolic processes, the "bugs" in the aquifer's fractured rock layers break down the solvent into nontoxic compounds. Sampling has shown trichlorethene's reduction in one case from 3,800 micrograms per liter to 10 micrograms per liter.

Scientists ran the test from spring of 1999 through November of 1999. They now are analyzing data to address two persisting issues: whether the trichlorethene in the groundwater can be reduced to harmless concentrations and toxic waste in the process can be used to break down the chemical remaining in the disposed sludge, not just in the groundwater.

Trichlorethene, an organic degreaser that was once widely used, now makes up the most common groundwater contaminant in the United States.

Untreated, it has an estimated half-life of 7,000 years in the aquifer.

Bannock County has approached the INEEL for technical assistance in the remediation of trichlorethene in groundwater at the Fort Hall Mine canyon landfill.

In another test, microorganisms were used to destroy chunks of trinitrotoluene and contaminated soils at the INEEL. Scientists maintained a compost pile at the site that held as much as 30 gallons of contaminated soil

with chunks of the explosive. They wanted to see if the microorganisms would feed on the trinitrotoluene and reduce the ingredients to nitrogen-rich soil.

Soil cleanup efficiency reached 99.9 percent as the final concentration of trinitrotoluene in the finished compost averaged .89

parts per million compared to an initial soil concentration of 7,440 parts per million.

Researchers say complete removal of the explosive was confirmed after 34 days, but data

suggest significant removal was accomplished in as little as five days.

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Nuke lab completes probe tube

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Crews have finished boring 20 metal tubes into the ground to determine the character of the radioactive and toxic waste in Pit 9 at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Pit 9, a one-acre patch of ground, contains radioactive debris, generated during the nation's Cold War production of nuclear bombs. It was dumped on the 68-acre site in the late 1950s and has been decaying underground ever since. Pit 9 is the pilot project to determine how to clean up the entire tract.

A sonic drill which employs sound waves was used to penetrate the ground. As anticipated, the tubes pushed through the waste and were stopped by the underlying soil or basalt rock.

Waste Management Federal Services Northwest, a subcontractor at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington, will calculate the waste concentrations surrounding the tubes.

The company will determine the best locations to take soil core samples as the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state decide where and how to excavate the waste.

Idaho Power: Don't blame Y2K for outage

BOISE (AP) - Idaho Power officials say if a power outage occurs New Year's Day, people should blame appliances and not the so-called Y2K bug.

The company's service record shows it historically has experienced an average of 19 power outages throughout its 21,000 square-mile service territory each New Year's Day.

"This number is inflated by a huge outage we had on New Year's Day 1997," said Idaho Power Y2K Program Manager Stan Turner. "That year, mudslides, floods and other storm damages wreaked havoc on our system and left nearly 27,000 customers without electricity."

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Foster parent case sparks demonstration

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - It was a lonely Christmas for Kaheku Kahaku with his 17-month-old son by his side.

But a day earlier, he got the support of about 60 protesters who gathered on the steps of the Scott M. Matheson Courthouse to say the court put Aaron in a foster home unnecessarily.

Aaron was placed in state-sponsored foster care after his mother was arrested while the boy was visiting her in late November. There are no charges against Kahaku, the biological father with whom Aaron has lived for the past year. The couple is not married, and they do not live together.

"It makes me sad," said Kahaku, who had bought presents for his son. "They (state officials) won't let me see him on Christmas. I begged and begged, but they denied me."

The court held an initial hearing on Nov. 24, within 72 hours of the child being removed from parental custody. Kahaku, 26, of Midvale, attended the hearing, but said it was postponed because he didn't have an attorney.

"Since there are no allegations against me, I thought I'd have my boy that day," he said.

Kahaku said his court-appointed attorney didn't show up for a Dec. 2 hearing, pushing the hearing to January.

Justice, Economic Dignity and Independence for Women held a rally Friday to call on the state Division of Child and Family Services to "free Aaron" and other "DCFS hostages."

"We don't fault the individuals," said Anne Sherry, an adjunct psychology professor at Salt Lake Community College, and former DCFS caseworker. "We fault the way the system is set up. There are no child abuse allegations against Kaheku. It's just legal delays."

Utah Department of Human Services spokesman Randy Ripplinger called the protest "nothing but a cheap shot." Staging the demonstration on a holiday, he said, gives officials no chance to respond.

"This is a very conviving tactic to attack a state agency when it's closed," Ripplinger said.

Human Services has no power over the courts and no authority to take the child out of foster care. The courts determine custody, Ripplinger said.

But Sherry said her group held the rally on Christmas Eve to keep from disrupting court business.

Judge Andrew Valdes will ultimately decide with whom Aaron will live. A hearing is scheduled Jan. 20.

Bonnie Macri, executive director of the women's group that held the rally, concedes the judge

will likely send the child home with his father.

But Aaron should never have been put in foster care to begin

with, she added.

"To take him away from his father at Christmas time is just too much," Macri said.

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BLM lets antelope loose in old habitat

KANAB, Utah (AP) - There hadn't been a reported antelope sighting in the Grand-Staircase-Escalante National Monument for the last 25 years.

The animals were reintroduced but mysteriously disappeared. Now, experts are trying again to bring the antelope back home.

Approximately 100 pronghorn antelope were captured last Thursday night on Parker Mountain.

The antelope, with their orange, white and black markings were taken to Kanab, about 310 miles south of Salt Lake City, where they were released just as morning broke.

"This is putting a native animal back into its historic habitat," said Harry Barber, wildlife biologist for the 200 million-acre monument. "This allows people that visit the monument to see another big game species, other than deer or bighorn sheep."

The Bureau of Land Management and the Division of Wildlife Resources have been working the last three years to restore antelope the population.

It's not clear why the previous reintroduction failed, but Barber isn't taking any chances this time.

"The reasons are uncertain," Barber said. "But we're going to be monitoring these animals more closely to see if they disappear again."

Experts decided to bring the

antelope to the Grand-Staircase because the vegetation and setting are close to the animal's historic habitat, said Barber.

Officials also looked into several archaeological sites in Kane County, adjacent to Kanab, where they found the bones of antelope, deer and bighorn sheep. In reviewing journal entries from 100 years ago, Barber said pioneers mention antelope on the Arizona Strip, but they had mistaken them as llamas.

"We suspect what they saw were antelope," said Barber.

The BLM plans on keeping a close watch on the animals, which have been marked with a numbered ear tag. More law enforcement has been assigned to patrol the area and wildlife officials plan to fly over the area to make sure the antelope survive, Barber said.

Antelope hunting will not be allowed in the area until the population increases and can sustain itself, Barber added. Until then, Barber will have his eyes on the previous animals.

"It's one of the ultimate career duties," said Barber.

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Fog bogs down holiday flights

BOISE (AP) — Persistent Pacific Coast fog disrupted air service west of the Cascades as Christmas approached, causing delays, turn-arounds and flight cancellations for many trying to fly between Boise and Portland or Seattle. The heavy coastal fog started to clear Friday morning, enabling a rush of travelers to head to their destinations from

the Boise Airport. "The last couple of days have been a zoo out here. Lots and lots of people," said Susie McGann, one of two travel consultants working Christmas Eve at Global Travel's Boise Airport travel office. Portland and Seattle are two of the major hub cities that passengers from Boise use to travel to

more distant points. The Boise Airport was swamped at times with travelers whose flights had been canceled or turned back from the two cities, McGann said. "It seems like most of the people trying to travel now are either out of here already or they've given up," she said Friday, after the airport's crowds had thinned.

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I'd probably feel different if I were younger. I'm at the point where if we win, it's because of mature leadership. If we lose, the game has passed us by.

— Brigham Young coach
Lovell Edwards, 68,
of having to play undefeated
Marshall in the Motor City
Bowl on Monday

IN BRIEF

Russians rule at Junior Worlds

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Evgeny Muratov had four goals and two assists as Russia routed Kazakhstan 14-1 Saturday in a World Junior Ice Hockey Championship opener for both teams.

Muratov, an 18-year-old left wing, scored his first goal on the power play halfway through the opening period to make the score 4-1.

He scored again halfway through the game, giving Russia a 7-1 lead. In the third, Muratov increased Russia's lead to 9-1 and 11-1.

In the other group B game, Flavien Comeau noched two goals and two assists to lead Switzerland to a 6-2 win over Ukraine.

In group A action at nearby Skelleftea, Milan Kraft scored three goals as the Czech Republic beat Slovakia 5-2 and Canada, last year's second place finisher, scored three unanswered goals in a 3-2 win against Finland.

Today, the United States plays its first game in the tournament against the Czech Republic while host Sweden, a co-favorite with Russia, starts against Switzerland.

New timing system will aid referees with clock

MILWAUKEE — National Basketball Association referees are getting some help from a new timing system that operates at the speed of light and is created by a referee whose hobby is amateur radio.

The league has been pleased with the new timing system that was lent for use in sports arenas in 1994 by Precision Time Systems of Hillsborough, N.C.

"It's another tool to get the time as close to perfect as possible," Thorn told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

The system is the creation of Mike Costabile, a former NBA referee and present NCAA Division I referee with an interest in amateur radio.

"The system doesn't eliminate the need for timekeepers," said Costabile. "That would take the human element out of the game. What it does is eliminate human error at the end of games."

The key to the system is a small computer belt pack, about the size of a pack of cigarettes, that is connected to the arena's clock. When the clock is to start, all three referees push a button on the belt pack and the signal registers on the one that actually trips the clock.

Ex-Mariner ilkes his chances in Boston

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox may have found a bargain in left-hander Jeff Fassero, whom they signed to a one-year contract worth \$1 million. Despite a 5-14 record last season, he was in as much demand as any free-agent pitcher.

"I don't believe he's not far away from regaining the form that allowed him to enter last year with a 3.40 career earned-run average."

Compiled from wire reports



Detroit Lions' receiver Desmond Howard (18) is brought down by Denver Broncos' linebacker Steve Rusca (58) and cornerback Chris Watson (21) during the first quarter Saturday at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich. Denver won the contest 17-7.

Lions' playoff hopes take hit Denver's Gary rushes for 185 yards as Broncos bruise Detroit

The Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — Olandis Gary, Rhymes with Barry. And on Christmas Day, the Denver rookie ran a little like the now-retired Barry Sanders, too.

Much to the chagrin of the sagging Detroit Lions, whose playoff hopes took another hit. Gary rushed for 185 yards, all but 11 in the second half, to lead the Broncos to a 17-7 victory, extending Detroit's losing streak to three games.

"In the first half, I think we were just warming up," said Gary, who switched to bigger shoes at halftime. "Our offensive line blocked well for me today. We came out in the second half and played Broncos football."

The Lions, meanwhile, came out flat, drawing the wrath of coach Bobby Ross.

"There's just not the competitive fire and spirit that I would want to see from our ballclub at this stage," Ross said. "We have some weaknesses, but that's not the point."

"You overcome those things with fire and intensity, and I just don't like it."

The Lions (8-7) might still earn a wild-card spot in the weak NFC if they win their final game next week at Minnesota. But that's a big if for this team, which has lost five of seven since a 6-2 start.

Gary, who rushed for 183 yards a week ago in an overtime victory over Seattle, scored on a nifty 45-yard run for the Broncos (6-9).

"He was awesome," tight end Byron Chamberlain said. "He kind of started off slow. He kept running hard, kept hitting the holes hard, and sooner or later, it seemed like those guys didn't even want to tackle him."

Just like a guy named Sanders used to do it for Detroit, right? "I don't know about that," Gary said. "Barry's a great guy. I'm just glad he didn't play today because things would have turned out a little different."

Batch, making his first start since fracturing his right thumb in a Nov. 7 game against St. Louis, looked rusty, completing 21 of 40 passes for 267 yards. There were some drops, but Batch was largely ineffective until late in the game, when he

capped an 80-yard drive with a 13-yard touchdown toss to Herman Moore with 1:56 remaining.

"It wasn't because of the injury," Batch said. "I have no answers." Detroit's rally was too little and far too late. The Broncos broke a scoreless tie by scoring on their first three possessions of the second half, building a lead the struggling Lions could do nothing about.

Jason Elm's 33-yard field goal gave Denver a 10-0 lead and Brian Griese, who completed 22 of 30 passes for 171 yards with one interception, threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Dwayne Carwell early in the fourth quarter.

Wake Forest squad rattles ailing Arizona State 23-3

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Matthew Burdick kicked three field goals and Jimmy Caldwell and Morgan Kane scored touchdowns Saturday, leading Wake Forest to a 23 victory over Arizona State in the Aloha Bowl.

Burdick converted from 22, 24 and 43 yards, while Caldwell made his only catch of the game a big one — a 56-yard hookup with Ben Sankey. Kane dived in from the 1 for the Demon Deacons' fourth points.

The Sun Devils, hampered by a food poisoning outbreak the night before the game, could only manage a 46-yard field goal by Mike Barth, the first field goal of his career.

Ten Arizona State players, including three starters — quarterback John Leonard, defensive

tackle Jowell Samitson and safety Alfred Williams — saw only limited action as a result of the outbreak. Prior to the game, ASU lost quarterback Ryan Kealy with a knee injury.

After starting slowly, Wake Forest (7-5) awoke in the second half, scoring 10 points in each of the final two periods.

The first half ended 3-3, with Burdick ending the Demon Deacons' first possession with a 22-yard field goal.

ASU's Barth matched it with his first career field goal.

In the third quarter, a partially blocked punt by Marvin Chalmers led to a 24-yard field goal by Burdick, which was followed by the Sankey-Caldwell hookup.

Caldwell caught the ball on a slant pattern, dodged two defenders and raced untouched into the end zone.

Knicks' thorn Miller leads Pacers

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller did it to the New York Knicks again Saturday night, and this time the Indiana veteran did it on both ends of the court.

Miller scored 26 points to lead the Pacers over New York 101-90 in the first meeting of the season between the Eastern Conference rivals, who battled through a six-game conference final last season when the Knicks upset the Central Division champions.

Miller also made significant defensive contributions against Allan Houston and Latrell Sprewell.

Indiana held New York scoreless for the first four minutes of the third quarter, breaking a 50-50 halftime tie, to take the lead for good. New York had three of its 17 turnovers during the run. The run also included the ejection of New York's Kurt Thomas

NBA

and Indiana's Jalen Rose, who swung at each other following a collision.

Sprewell led the Knicks with 23 points and Larry Johnson and Patrick Ewing added 18 each. Dale Davis and reserve Sam Perkins scored 14 apiece for Indiana, while reserve forward Austin Croshere contributed 15 points and 10 rebounds to the victory.

Miller was switched to Sprewell after the New York offensive star capitalized on his quickness and two-inch height advantage over Mark Jackson, to score New York's first nine points. Sprewell hit his first five shots and had 13 as the Knicks finished the first period leading 28-22.

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Indiana Pacer Austin Croshere (44) shoots over New York Knicks center Marcus Camby (23) during the second quarter Saturday in Indianapolis.

Women's soccer team gamers Story of the Year honors

World Cup became sporting phenomenon

The Associated Press

In a year marked by superstar retirements, courageous comebacks, tragedies and triumphs, a team of 20 women in a sport that doesn't get much attention in America stole the spotlight.

For three weeks during the summer, the Women's World Cup was a sporting phenomenon. What was expected to be a nice little soccer tournament turned into The Associated Press Story of the Year, a success beyond even what its participants imagined possible. And, to boot, the U.S. team was

voted Female Athletes of the Year, the first time a team has won the award, which is selected by member newspapers and broadcast outlets.

The male athlete of the year winner will be announced Monday.

"This is a great honor for us," said Mia Hamm, soccer's international career scoring leader. "One of the things we were most excited about with the World Cup was the media support that we had. There were so many positive things about the event, even in lieu of the fact that some people were a little nervous about either covering it or

how big it was going to be. ..."

"Everyone kind of really got excited about and appreciated the fact that it was such a wonderful event. Soccer's not covered that much, especially the women's side of the game. But they came out and took the time, and it gave us an opportunity to show them what we're all about. We're just so thankful for that, and we're so honored with this award."

The women's achievement, secured with a shootout victory over China at a sold-out Rose Bowl, was a runaway choice for top ratings. The tournament drew nearly 650,000 fans and its TV ratings.

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The United States soccer team celebrates its July 10 6-4 overtime win over China during the Women's World Cup championship in Pasadena, Calif.

AP Photo

SPORTS

What's wrong with this pitcher?

NHL's attendance woes affect broadcast coverage

Psychiatrist offers his analysis of John Rocker

The Chicago Tribune



John Rocker

CHICAGO — Christmas should have been a time for John Rocker to reflect on his breathtaking season with the Atlanta Braves and look ahead to a promising major-league career.

But after a few ill-chosen remarks to a manager reporter were published this week, Rocker's Christmas is likely to be anything but merry. His image has been blown to pieces, his future in Atlanta is uncertain and, almost overnight, Rocker has turned into the poster boy for American xenophobes, homophobes and racists.

Whether Rocker is as intolerant as his words seem to suggest, only he knows. But if Rocker indeed has serious dislike of foreigners, homosexuals and blacks, can he change his attitudes?

All it depends on Rocker, says Sheldon Greenberg, a psychiatrist who serves as medical director of the University of Chicago's Lifetime Clinical Dependency program. Greenberg often deals with individuals who voice anger for others with little or no remorse.

"People filled with vindictive behavior," Greenberg said. "I've

treated monsters who've done terrible things."

Rocker's written apology is intriguing to Greenberg in it Rocker stated, "I want everyone to understand my emotions and feelings and my competitive desire. I have let my emotions get the best of my judgment..."

In Rocker's mind, his success apparently was commensurate with his "hate-hate" relationship with the New York fans.

"He said he uses his aggression to fuel his competitive desires," Greenberg said. "He provoked (New York fans during the regular season) and then he took it further (in the playoffs) and really wanted to have them hateful toward him. When that happens, you can justify doing anything you want. It happens in a heartbeat in a big city... What the guy did was dehumanize everyone."

Because Rocker basically incited New Yorkers to hate him, he felt little remorse while hurling insults toward them during the playoffs, Greenberg said. And the more publicity he received with his anti-New York sentiments, the more emboldened Rocker became, Greenberg said.

subject nearly two months after the end of World Series.

New Major League Baseball and the Braves must decide how to proceed with Rocker based on his statements. There are few precedents to use outside of the incidents surrounding former Los Angeles General Manager Al Campanis in 1987 and Cincinnati owner Marge Schott in '83. Campanis was fired and Schott suspended for their remarks.

The players union has been strangely silent regarding Rocker's situation, perhaps realizing that to take up Rocker's cause might be construed as a slap in the face to many of its African American, Asian and Latin members. In the end, Rocker could be lumped in with Albert Belle, the former White Sox outfielder, who made headlines for throwing two baseballs at a photographer for snapping his picture in 1996 when Belle played for Cleveland.

Former American League President Gene Budig fined Belle \$50,000 for the incident and ordered him to undergo anger counseling and perform community service. Baseball insiders believe Rocker will receive a similar punishment, Cincinnati's Greenberg said that wouldn't necessarily change Rocker.

"Fining or suspending (Rocker) would be pointless," Greenberg said. "You'd have to hope for an epiphany in him, which seems unlikely. I would ask John Rocker

to love his fellow man, but would like to see the one thing he must have is sensitivity training."

Part of Rocker's punishment already has begun—he has become the butt of national jokes, mentioned frequently during the night talk-show monologues. Rocker was skewered in a comedy skit on "Comedy" last night with Conan O'Brien, in which an angry mob of New Yorkers pummels a Rocker look-alike with baseball bats while the audience cheered and laughed. How long will it be before the "Politically Incorrect" panel debates Rocker's politically incorrect remarks?

Controversy aside, what do Rocker's comments suggest? "Many people in the world can develop a case of Rockeritis," Greenberg said. "If you perceive things in one way to justify something, you can become hateful. Is he racist? I would hope in his heart of hearts, no. But frankly, you have to raise the question."

Greenberg believes that many professional athletes may feel the same way about underprivileged or disadvantaged of the world, and that Rocker's remarks may reflect that attitude. For Rocker to understand, Greenberg said, he first must admit to himself that his statements were offensive.

"He must say, 'I did it to get some attention, to show how superior I am,'" Greenberg said. "He must admit 'What I did is treat people badly.'"

disseminating the NFL logo. "Geez," NFL vice president George Young said, "(NFL Properties) doesn't think about obvious things, you know? Obviously, when you're in a corporation like this, it's hard to tie up all the loose strings. You have to keep working at it. When something comes up that's not tasteful, you have to talk about it."

The NFL's integrity, as well as that of Players Inc., the marketing arm of the NFL Players Association, appear on the game's box. Manufacturers pay to use team names and player likenesses. "It's obvious they don't want us doing it," said Giants Pro Bowl linebacker Jessie Armstead, who used the gesture earlier in the season.

before it was outlawed, "but they're willing to make money off it." The slash was outlawed in November after Jets receiver Keyshawn Johnson and Packers quarterback Brett Favre used it. With such high-profile players making a signal the league considers mimicking a violent act, it prompted a quick reaction from the league.

Computer game's throat slashing embarrasses NFL

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A computer game bearing the NFL logo has players doing the banned throat-slashing gesture, a source of embarrassment to the league.

The Newark Star Ledger reported Sunday that NFL Fever 2000 by Microsoft shows players from all 31 teams using the outlawed slashing move. NFL Properties sanctions merchant-

San Jose Mercury News had Fox as the network outlet, and ESPN as the national cable source.

But Fox, NBC and Turner will pay at least \$5 million over the next six years to televise NASCAR. That breaks down to about \$400 million a season, whereas the entire NHL package is worth \$600 million.

Notes: Monday features the first meeting between Washington and Chicago since the infamous punch-out incident during the exhibition season that cost Capitals GM George McPhee a one-month suspension.

Enraged by what he believed were Chicago's poor tactics, McPhee confronted Blackhawks Coach Lorne Molleken after the exhibition game in Columbus, Ohio, and ended up punching Molleken in the eye.

Molleken has since lost his title as head coach but continues to direct traffic behind the Blackhawks' bench as the associate coach. Sabres goalie Dominik Hasek reiterated to Buffalo media this week that he will not return for this season. Hasek's comments were in response to a report in a Czech newspaper that said Hasek was thinking about coming back for another season.

"I don't really know what was in the Czech paper," said Hasek, who has been out because of a groin injury since Oct. 22. "I didn't expect to be injured the whole season and finish my hockey career like that, so of course I'm not going to say anything. But I haven't changed my mind yet." Sharks goalie Steve Shields, a concave pickup to Hasek, said he would not be surprised if Hasek plays next season. "I know how competitive he is," Shields said.

SCORES AND STATS

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Table for ON THE AIR TELEVISION. It lists sports events being broadcast on various channels like FOX, ESPN, ABC, CBS, and NBC.

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Table for WCHL Standings. It lists Western Canadian Hockey League (WCHL) teams and their records.

SPORTS

1999's sports stars shined brightly An amazing year

The Associated Press

From the dramatic triumph of the U.S. Women's soccer team in capturing its third Women's World Cup to the heroics of cyclist Lance Armstrong in overcoming cancer to win the Tour de France...

Baseball

Pedro Martinez Fourth unanimous winner of American League Cy Young Award... Went 23-4 with 2.07 ERA, 313 strikeouts for Boston...

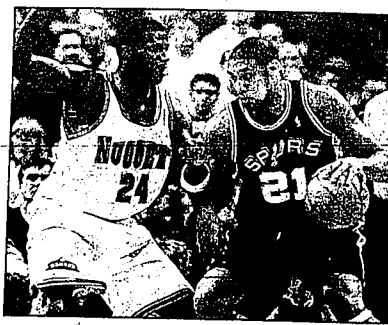
National League MVP with 29-32 first-place votes... Earned award by batting .319 with 41 home runs, 110 RBIs...

Football

John Elway Completed brilliant NFL career as MVP of Super Bowl... Denver to fifth Super Bowl and second straight championship...

Baseball

Karl Malone Won second regular-season...



San Antonio Spurs' forward Tim Duncan, right, works the ball inside against Denver Nuggets' forward Antonio McDyess Saturday. Duncan emerged as a major force in just his second NBA season.

MVP award, leading Jazz to a tie for league's best record at 37-13... Averaged 23.9 points and reached 28,000-point plateau for career... One of NBA's 50 greatest players.

Tim Duncan Emerged as a major force in just second NBA season, averaging 21.7 points, 11.4 rebounds... Joined David Robinson in twin towers' formation for San Antonio... MVP of Finals, leading Spurs to first championship.

Yolanda Griffith WNBA's regular-season MVP... Led league with 11.3 rebounds and 2.52 steals, second in scoring with 18.8 points per game for Sacramento Monarchs...

Joe Llewellyn Star to first Stanley Cup, earning Conn Smythe Trophy as MVP of finals... Scored 11 goals, tying Joe Baskie's record with six game-winners.

Jason Krog Winner of the Hobey Baker Award, college hockey's Heisman Trophy... Led New Hampshire to NCAA championship game...

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Karrie Webb Winner of six events... Had 22 top-10 finishes in 25 events... First season scoring average record at 69.43, more than a half-stroke better than old mark.

Justin Leonard's 45-foot putt on 17th hole... Won 8-7 in regular season, pushing career total to 425.

Andre Agassi First for first time in career... Finished No. 1 for first time in career, in 1999... Ranked No. 14 on the ATP Tour computer...

Lindsay Davenport Won second Grand Slam title, capturing Wimbledon... Then ended the season with back-to-back victories over No. 1 Martina Hingis at Advanta and Chase Championships...

Track and Field

Maurice Greene Swept 100 and 200 meters at U.S. Championships... Became first to sweep 100 and 200 in any World Championships, winning 100 in 9.80, only .01 off his own world record... Set world record of 9.79 for 100 at Athens.

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ESPN countdown narrows to Ruth, Jordan

NEW YORK (AP) - Babe Ruth vs. Michael Jordan, the man who won the first World Series and the man who sold basketball...



Babe Ruth and Michael Jordan... Ruth turned the country's attention from the Black Sox scandal and became baseball's first home run slugger...

Robinson was No. 24 in the ESPN list... The No. 2 athlete finished just one point ahead of Ali in the first of a panel of 48 sports journalists and experts...

Ruth's assault on baseball came during the Golden Age of sports in the 1920s and '30s... Jordan was a product of a far different time in the 1980s and '90s...

Included in the Ruth profile is a newly discovered archival film of the Called Shot home run in the 1932 World Series...

The history series has been a labor of love for Shapiro, 29, a graduate of the University of Iowa... "Who we are is who we were," he said...

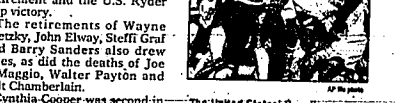
Patient Perez awaits Cooperstown results - again

MIAMI (AP) - Their last game as teammates was 13 years ago, and yet Tony Perez is finding himself overshadowed by Fred Rose...

They haven't been invited. But all the attention swirls around Rose - just like in the old days... "It was the ninth time I've got in the voting, and every year is the same..."

ineligible for the ballot, but Perez ranks among the top candidates after falling 71 votes short last year... "I'm close," he says. "I hope this is the year. It would be the greatest thing that happened in my career..."

Perez, who works in the Florida Mine's front office, can't explain why he hasn't made it yet to Cooperstown... "Nobody understands why. Me either," he says...



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SPORTS

Chastain, Checketts and chalupas Naming the Athlete of the Year in 1999 is no slam dunk

This was a year we tended to focus on who won on the playing field rather than who was...

COMMENTARY Tony Kornheiser

Rayford our Athlete of the Year. It was Rayford who became so enraged at a Taco Bell for failing to include a chalupa in his order...

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Former major-leaguer seeks drug dismissal

MIAMI - Former major league star Pedro Guerrero wants his cocaine trafficking charges thrown out. He says federal drug agents failed to tell him he could contact the Dominican Embassy before he was questioned.

Report: Hospital releases Orlando Brown

CLEVELAND - Cleveland Browns offensive tackle Orlando Brown was released from a hospital Friday...

Food poisoning hits Sun Devils football team

HONOLULU - Arizona State, already without its starting quarterback, was hit with a bout of food poisoning that struck 10 players before the Aloha Bowl.

Minnesota picks Puckett as all-time athlete

MINNEAPOLIS - Former Minnesota Twins outfielder Kirby Puckett beat out football's Bronko Nagurski and basketball's George Mikan as Minnesota's athlete of the century...

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1900: Slim pickings for fans a century ago

The Associated Press. Americans didn't open their sports sections on the morning of Jan. 1, 1900 - there weren't any.

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Yevgeny Plushchenko performs his free program during the Russia-Figure Skating Championships on Saturday in Moscow. The defending men's champion landed a quadruple and seven triples to win his second consecutive title.

Slutskevaya edges rival for Russian skating title

MOSCOW (AP) - Irina Slutskaya, in a free program set to music from "Carmen," beat world champion Marina Butyrskaya on Saturday and won the Russian Figure Skating Championships. Slutskaya landed five triple jumps including a clean triple-double combination to take the title.

Packers could face charges in accident

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - Green Bay Packers wide receivers Antonio Freeman and Charles Jordan could face charges Tuesday if a car accident in which a woman was injured, according to sheriff's officials.

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Yosabel Urbaneja, 6, eats 'halliceo,' a meat-filled corn cake, Venezuela's traditional Christmas dish, Saturday at a temporary Caracas shelter for victims of last week's flood. The painting in the background represents Jesus' last supper. Below left, John Paul II delivers the 'Urbi et Orbi' (to the City and to the World) blessing from the central balcony of the main facade of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Saturday.



The Associated Press

In church and chapels, the birth of Jesus was celebrated on Christmas Day with carols and a hope that the annual prayers for peace might be answered in the new millennium.

In Rome, Pope John Paul II was up in the early hours to open the bronze Holy Door at the back of the St. Peter's basilica to launch the Vatican's Jubilee, a year of forgiveness and self-reflection.

Describing himself and fellow believers as "pilgrims in time," John Paul spoke of "all the places of grief and of war" and urged people to "ban the senseless use of arms and the recourse to violence and hatred which have doomed individuals, peoples and continents."

Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah's Midnight Mass was the highlight of two joyous days of festivities in Bethlehem, although there appeared to be far fewer pilgrims than the 60,000 that Palestinian organizers had expected in the city where Christians believe Jesus was born.

Security fears apparently kept many away, but Bethlehem enjoyed a relaxed and peaceful holiday.

In Belgrade, the Roman Catholic bishop whose diocese covers most of Serbia urged that "forgiveness and reconciliation" is the only way to overcome the misery in the troubled Balkan region.

But in his Christmas interview in the Belgrade Daily Blic, Archbishop France Petko said that for now he sees "no sincere wish for reconciliation on any of the sides."

In Kosovo, several Serb homes were looted or set on fire early Saturday in the American-controlled town of Gnjilane in southeastern Kosovo, Yugoslavia's Tanjug news agency said. Two grenades were thrown at a house in the Serbian district of



Above, fire flashes from hand-held mortars as Bavarian highlanders in traditional dress fire a salute on Christmas Eve in the mountain village near Berchtesgaden, Germany. The hand-crafted mortars are used to usher in holidays. Above right, Trinidad Martinez, 58, presents a baby Jesus figurine to be blessed Saturday during early morning Christmas services in Otmbe, Mexico.



Nine British World War I enthusiasts were spent a chilly, muddy Christmas in a remnant of the Flanders Fields trenches Saturday to honor to the soldiers of the Western Front. Dressed in uniforms of the 1914-1918 war, the nine declined offers of shelter and hot food from local farmers. Whistling the wartime hit "Pack up your troubles," they passed much of Christmas Eve huddling out their trench after a stormy night in southwestern Belgium.

In Bucharest, Romania, a few dozen people honored Nicolae Ceausescu by going to the cemetery where the former dictator was believed to be buried after he was executed with his wife on Christmas Day ten years ago.

At first light, Dinel Staiuc, 43, arrived in a plush jeep at the Ghencea military cemetery. Staiuc, who described himself as a former police officer, said he used to go hunting with Ceausescu. He placed a "Communist Almanac" on what is thought to be Ceausescu's grave.

Although there has never been official notice of where Ceausescu and his wife are buried, most people believe it is in the Ghencea cemetery.

Orahovac on Christmas Eve, peacekeepers said.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa said in a sermon in Washington D.C., that the Christmas story of God's gift to the world reminded him of a Stevie Wonder song: "It's as if he called gently and silently to you and to me: 'I just called to say I love you.'" Tutu said.

Queen Elizabeth II commended a simple rule - love thy neighbor - to her people in her Christmas Day address.

"The future is not only about new gadgets, modern technology or the latest fashion, important as these may be," the queen said. "At the center of all our lives - today and tomorrow - must be the message of caring for others, the message at the heart of Christianity and all the great religions."

Earlier, the queen attended a Christmas Day service on her Sandringham estate in eastern England. The 99-year-old Queen Mother Elizabeth, Prince Philip and Prince Charles were part of a large royal party, but 17-year-old Prince William stayed at home because of illness.

In Istanbul, Turkey, the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, called the faithful "to the knowledge of Christ, to vigilance, repentance, prayer, ascetic striving and sobriety."

About 200 people from the dwindling Greek community in Istanbul attended the service at the Cathedral of St. George. The community in Istanbul follows the Western calendar, while most of the Orthodox world will mark Christmas in January.

Iraqi President Saddam

Hussein used his Christmas message to attack the United States, Britain and Israel.

In a letter published by the official Iraqi News Agency, Saddam congratulated Christians and other Iraqis "who have stood tall facing the aggression and the aggressors."

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NATION

Vermont decision shows ambiguity of traditional marriage

By William R. Macklin
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Last week, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that the state must provide same-sex couples all the rights and protections afforded straight married couples. Then, as if handing off a very hot pan, the justices left it up to Vermont lawmakers to decide the best way to implement the ruling.

The legislators have essentially two choices. They could pass domestic partnership laws granting gay couples the tax status, rights of inheritance, joint insurance coverage and other benefits now restricted to heterosexual couples. Or they could do the bold thing and legalize same-sex marriage.

With polls showing that most Americans support fair treatment of homosexuals but resist the idea of gay marriage, it's obvious why some Vermont lawmakers are already considering the path of lesser resistance.

"What I'm hearing from my colleagues is that they're saying that domestic partnership is a more politically attainable situation, and I think I'd have to agree with that analysis," House Speaker Michael O'Rourke told reporters last week.

O'Rourke, a Democrat who has said he supports same-sex marriage, has reasons to be reluctant about trying to make it the law of his land.

Conservative, usually religious, opposition would be fierce and could be politically punishing. And even if the legislature did make gay marriage legal, the law might not withstand the inevitable challenge. In Hawaii, opponents virtually stood in the doorway as that state prepared to approve same-sex marriage, launching a referendum that eventually led the Hawaiian Supreme Court to rule out such unions.

Still, the political ramifications of a bloody legislative fight in Vermont must seem a monstrous consideration to gay men and les-

bians who are in committed relationships, raising families and paying taxes while being denied the protections and responsibilities afforded any heterosexual couple with a marriage license.

Domestic partnership laws may provide the legal benefits associated with civil marriage, but it does not eradicate the fundamental disparity in status between same-sex and heterosexual couples.

"As long as civil marriage exists, I think we have to be a part of it; otherwise our basic rights are being denied," said Mary L. Bonauto, co-counsel on the Vermont case. Bonauto, an attorney with Boston-based Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, points out that while domestic partnership rights are limited to the state in which they were granted, "marriage as a right you take from state to state."

And for a compelling reason. In striking down laws against interracial marriage in the 1960s, the Supreme Court described matrimony as a vital element of a free society, an institution so essential that it could not be denied on the basis of race any more than the right to vote.

The seemingly inalienable right to love whom one chooses and to have the state recognize the social and economic obligations that arise out of such a commitment would, in any truly just society, be vital to all its citizens. Or as Bonauto put it, "if this institution is vital for some, it must be vital to all people."

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Return post to the North Pole

When gifts have got to go back

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If the sweater has too much cling or the alarm clock won't ring, some of your holiday gifts might have to go back today.

But the day after Christmas is nothing to be scared of, for busy retail clerks or their customers.

"We don't dread it, it's just like the day after Thanksgiving. We welcome business," said Tamí June, the new store adions manager for Sears Roebuck and Co. in Twin Falls. New to Sears, she typically worked Dec. 26 at past jobs in the industry.

"We're here to have fun ... make sure all the customers are taken care of," she said. "And I don't anticipate long lines."

Yet June and her counterparts around the nation will see a lot of returned merchandise. Shoppers take back one out of every five store-purchases this time of year and return nearly one out of every three catalogue purchases, Knight Ridder News Service reported.

The most frequently asked questions around the Better Business Bureau during the few days following Christmas are from people confused about store refund or exchange policies, the bureau's Boise office said.

If Santa's elves made mistakes this year, you have options in most cases.

Regardless of an individual store's policy, if purchases were misrepresented or are defective, you have every reason to expect the store to provide a suitable substitute or refund, or make proper repairs, the bureau said. Idaho laws require a store to make good in such cases.

But keep in mind that health regulations often forbid returns of such items as hats, bathing suits and other intimate apparel. And some stores charge a restocking fee for returns, the bureau said.

As many other retailers do, Sears will open early today — at 8 a.m., three hours earlier than usual for a Sunday at Sears, June said. And staffing will be almost at pre-Christmas levels.

Her experiences in the industry tells her to expect mostly returns of clothing that doesn't fit, plus some electronics with defects. Hardware doesn't often come back, June added.

Returns and exchanges aren't frequent at Kelley Garden Center in Twin Falls.

"We see a few, not a great deal," store manager Sandra Reichert said. Kelley Garden will be closed today and all week — but after the first of the year she typically gets returns of some home-decorating gifts that were duplicates "or didn't quite fit in with the decor."

The clothing industry, she acknowledged, could be more trying for a manager at this time of year.

Kelley Garden is happy to give either cash or returns or merchandise exchanges — with the original receipt, Reichert said.

Indeed, "keep the receipt" is the much-repeated advice of holiday gift-giving.

For returns not accompanied by a receipt, Sears will grant exchanges or cash back for items under \$25, June said. But anything more expensive is dealt with case by case.

With a receipt, it's easy. You get the money back the way you paid it, such as credit to a credit-card account.

Retailers also look for damage to potential returns, such as torn cloth. So be careful with the piles left scattered around the Christmas tree this morning. And don't wait months to bring it back.

"It needs to be returned in the original condition of purchase, in a salable condition," Reichert said.

Kelley Garden even will exchange Christmas-theme items, Reichert said, "but we don't see a whole lot of that." The shop has seen people use baskets for parties then bring the baskets back, but they don't seem to attempt that rise with Christmas items.

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Jim Dick of Jerome purchases a Christmas gift at Sears Roebuck and Co. in Twin Falls from sales associate Sara Anderson last week. Today is a popular day for customers to buy and return items.

Consumer tips on unwanted gifts

- Ask about the store's refund or exchange policies. Stores aren't obligated to accept returns unless the items are defective or misrepresented, the Better Business Bureau's Boise office said. Each store is free to establish its own policies, as long as they are posted and enforced consistently.
- Return policies are different from refund policies. "You should get your money back if you return the item," the bureau said. "But you may not get credit within the store or for a full refund."
- Refuse to pay special fees without an explanation. If you learn about a "restocking fee" while trying to return an item, calmly ask the manager how the fee was decided at the time of the sale. Don't pay the amount without an explanation.
- Most importantly, get the receipt. It will speed up refunds and exchanges and can make the difference between cash and store credit.
- Some stores issue a special gift receipt, coded so the recipient doesn't see how much Aunt Marjorie spent on your ankle-length sock.
- And if you have no receipt, at stores such as Sears, Roebuck and Co., you'll get the marked-down price offered on that day — which could be lower than the original purchase price, said Tamí June, operations manager for Sears in Twin Falls.
- Don't cut off tags or discard packaging until you are sure the item will be accepted.
- If it's a gift from a law of collectibles, return the box and paperwork with the item. The eventual purchaser, probably a collector, will want that stuff, said Sandra Reichert, store manager at Kelley Garden Center in Twin Falls.

- If the store you're at the right store.
- It might seem kind of rude to ask somebody whom you purchased something, but if you're going to take it back, it's important," Reichert said. Retailers do pay attention to whether they sold the product originally.
- Be persistent, even without a receipt. Stay calm and polite. If the clerk can't help, go to a manager. If that manager doesn't help you, try another manager on another day.
- But don't be unpleasant or too hurried.
- I guess the best thing is just have patience," Reichert said. Returns take more time than the initial purchase, she said, especially if there's no receipt and the store has to look up the price.
- If you're buying at post-Christmas sales, Boise's Better Business Bureau suggests, consider these questions:
 - May you exchange the item for another like it?
 - May you return it and buy something else?
 - Will the store give you money back?
 - Is this a final sale item?
 - If the purchase is made under a written contract, how the normally return privileges affected?
 - If the product has a separate written warranty, does the warranty affect the return process?

—Compiled from staff and wire reports.

BE FACTS

Christmas cards

Over 1 billion Christmas cards are sent each year. The average person sends 10 cards.

Costs: 10¢ per card, 1¢ per stamp.

WorkSmart classes are in-depth and personalized, have a small group atmosphere and are available for credit, Paula said.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Renewal agency, City Council plan meeting

TWIN FALLS — The city's Urban Renewal Agency plans a closed meeting with the City Council at 5 p.m. Tuesday in City Hall. The agency said it and the council will conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. Urban Renewal can't add anything to its Tuesday agenda — such as open-session decision making — without advance public notice.

New Directions course looks at adaptability

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a WorkSmart course to help people learn how to adapt with change. The center's Diana Pauls said resisting change seems to be a part of human nature, yet change is constant in today's work environment. She encourages people not to fear change but to welcome it.

WorkSmart classes are in-depth and personalized, have a small group atmosphere and are available for credit, Paula said.

An upcoming class — WorkSmart Skills for Lifelong Learning — is designed for those who want to increase their value and efficiency, learn to embrace challenges and recognize the benefits of changing with the times. Sessions will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 18 to Feb. 3, at the Center for New Directions on the CSI campus in Twin Falls, and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 24 to Feb. 7, at the Burley Outreach Center. One credit is offered. Cost is \$64. Financial aid and scholarships are available and Gold Cards are accepted.

The Center for New Directions is offering a two-for-one certificate to businesses on this class. Any business who sends one employee at the regular price can have a second employee attend for free. Registration deadline is Jan. 15. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or e-mail to dnpauls@csionline.edu.

Irrigation show includes training opportunities

IDAHO FALLS — The Idaho Irrigation and Equipment 2000 Winter Show will be held Jan. 11-13 at O'Callahan's Convention Center at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls. The show includes an Idaho Irrigation and Equipment Association dealer and employee training course, and several technical classes and dealer training, trade show, and chemigation-infrared and recertification exams. The event is sponsored by the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System. For more information, call Lance Eldridge of Rain for Rent at 522-4500, Trevor Walker of Idaho Irrigation at 522-7303, or Tondae and Paul Clark at 377-8188. The IIRA's fax number is 377-3877.

Deadline for submissions moves up during holidays

TWIN FALLS — This week, The Times-News will change its deadline for submission of news items to appear in the Sunday Money section's Your Business column. For the Jan. 2 edition, the deadline for Your Business submissions will be noon Tuesday. The first full week in January, the deadline will return to the customary noon on Thursday.

Nasdaq surprises many with rapid rise to new benchmark

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's hard to believe Wall Street could outdo itself after propelling the Dow Jones industrial average from 10,000 to 11,000 in just over a month this past spring. But the Nasdaq composite index turned in its own rapid, 1,000-point rise and this past week hurtled past 4,000 for the first time. It took the Nasdaq seven weeks to make the climb to its latest milestone, a little longer than the Dow required. But in that

time, the Nasdaq rose a phenomenal 33 percent, more than triple the 10 percent advance the Dow enjoyed in its last 1,000-point run. A confluence of factors is behind the surge in the technology-dominated Nasdaq. Most notorious is the investing public's hunger for Internet stocks, but technical factors such as a limited number of available shares for some Nasdaq companies also have a role. And underpinning it all are some fundamental shifts in the economy.

"The whole economy is moving from the manufacturing-extractive industries into information processing and delivery and most of these (Nasdaq) stocks lie in those growing sectors," said Robert Stovall, the president of Stovall/Twenty-First Advisors. Moreover, according to A.C. Moore, chief investment strategist at Dunavent Associates Inc. in Santa Barbara, Calif., technology companies have been critical to the increased levels of productivity that have sustained the economy's pronounced expansion. Those companies "basically

reside in the Nasdaq," he said. Moore noted that until the past decade, small companies that went public would start out on the Nasdaq — or the over-the-counter markets; as it was once known — and then move to the New York Stock Exchange when they grew larger. But many of the most prominent names in high-tech and Internet stocks — Microsoft, Intel, Cisco, Yahoo!, Amazon.com among many; many others — have remained on the Nasdaq which has helped the market grow in stature, and helped its index surge higher.

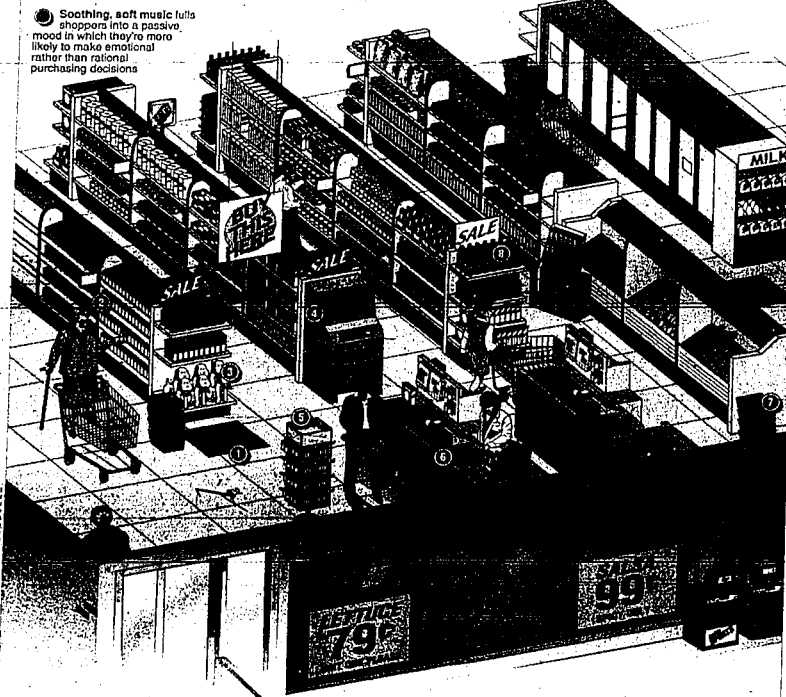
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Some ways retailers influence consumers

Examples that can be found at a typical grocery store:

- 1 Advertisements can be placed just about anywhere in the store, including on fruits and vegetables, shopping carts, purchase dividers, ceiling banners and on the floor itself!
- 2 Glazed aisles, more likely to be found in convenience and drug stores, expose more of the product to shoppers who are quickly scanning the aisles
- 3 Toys and other items that appeal to children, who influence much of the buying in grocery stores, are displayed at their eye level

4 Soothing, soft music lulls shoppers into a passive mood in which they're more likely to make emotional rather than rational purchasing decisions



5 Interactive kiosks act as silent sales clerks that can help shoppers find a particular item or offer special products not displayed in the store

6 Point-of-purchase displays, often located at the ends of aisles, serve as store commercials for promotional products or high-volume sellers, such as soda or cereal

7 Nearly silent cash registers encourage customers to forget they're actually shelling out cash for purchases

8 Baskets are scattered throughout the store to encourage shoppers to buy more

9 Products themselves are the most obvious examples of marketing, backed by a tremendous amount of innovative packaging and design

By the numbers

- 10 At least 70 percent of purchases are impulsive
- 11 When scanning aisles, shoppers spend 1/25th to 1/50th of a second looking at a particular product
- 12 Most purchasing decisions are made in about 5 seconds
- 13 A typical shopper's blink pattern slows from 28 to 14 beats per minute as they slip into a passive buying mood

SOURCES: I.Q. Design; P-O-P Times magazine; Phoenix Display; other industry sources

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Retailers wield wiles to lure customers

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - After decades of dissecting the American consumer, retailers know at least this much: When shoppers blink less they buy more.

The theory goes like this. As customers enter a typical retail environment, say a supermarket, they're bombarded with choices. In aisle after aisle, thousands of products shout for attention. With such an assault on the senses, the rational mind shuts down. The blink pattern slows, from 28 beats per minute to a mere 14. And the shopper slips into a subdued, passive mood and, hence, is vulnerable to all sorts of impulse buys - like that new Pokemon cereal that suddenly seems like a heck of a bargain.

"Our emotions while shopping have been hijacked," says Terry Goldstein, the co-founder of I.Q. Design Group, a brand and package consultancy in New York that studies consumer behavior and has done work for Nabisco Brands, Johnson & Johnson, Hilmel Nutrition and others. "Our minds become impaired, and we see less but feel more. We don't want to think we want to be better."

Call it psycho-babble or the science of shopping. But faced with stagnant sales from consumer goods, a diminishing effect of traditional advertising and a glut of new products and competing outlets, retailers are heartily embracing such newfangled approaches to persuade shoppers to buy, buy, buy.

Merchants are taking a hard look at how to best boost sales by using an interdisciplinary approach that borrows from anthropologists, art historians, design gurus, urban planners and even actors.

And the experts have come up with a funny bag of tricks, including dispatching in-store spies to shadow customers, record their buying habits and figure out ways

to manipulate the retail environment exactly to their needs - or consumers' weaknesses.

For instance, many retail specialists believe that roughly 70 percent of all purchase decisions are made impulsively in the store. Shoppers typically spend less than five seconds thinking over each buy, according to the folks at I.Q. Design. So smart retailers will find a way to trigger this purchase response - repeatedly throughout the shopping experience and at every turn in the store.

Some techniques are subliminal, like piping in soothing music or even employing aromatherapy to lure customers into that passive purchasing mood. Stores have installed silent cash registers to encourage shoppers to forget that they're actually shelling out money. Retailers such as clothing boutiques and bookstores have added lounge chairs, not so much for customers' comfort but to keep them in the store longer.

Much less subtle are the advertisements that grocery stores, in particular, seem intent on slapping onto virtually every surface, from the dividers at the checkout counter to the skins of fruits and vegetables to the very floor itself.

Supermarkets also do other things, like placing toy products at knee-high level to entice children, setting shopping baskets throughout the store to encourage high-volume sales and dispersing staples like meat and eggs so customers are forced to roam the entire store.

All of these efforts help to increase a store's "capture rates," the term retailers use to describe how often a product will attract the average consumer and result in a sale.

"Today, in some ways, every decision is a new one, and nothing can be taken for granted," writes Paco Underhill, author of "Why We Buy" and the director of "EnviroStyl" Inc., a New York

behavioral research firm that employs hidden cameras and ersatz customers wielding clipboards to study consumers in their natural habitat.

"If shoppers suddenly ceased to buy on impulse," he declares, "our entire economy would collapse."

When it comes to targeting consumers at their most compliant point, more and more retailers are realizing that their best selling tool is the store itself. This revelation dawned on the retail industry as the traditional channels of advertising - network television, cable, mass-market magazines and newspapers - became ever more fragmented, making it harder to reach a mass audience.

Brick-and-mortar spaces serve as the one place where marketers are guaranteed to make contact with their intended audience. In essence, the store becomes one giant billboard. For a blue-chip chain, the effect is repeated across the country.

"The leading retailers are using the store as a brand rather than shouting price and promotion," said Warren Guthrie, executive vice president at Leo Burnett, Chicago's advertising powerhouse.

Guthrie points out the huge success of Starbucks, which created a unique brand image by "dressing up" the experience of basically drinking water" with a hip-cafe atmosphere, complete with leather couches and poetry readings. Starbucks drinkers feel they get more than just a cup of joe; they're buying into an image too.

Chicago has seen its share of successors, with Nike Town, Sony Gallery and the Disney Store popping up along North Michigan Avenue in recent years. These blemish shops serve as high-profile advertisements for the brand, drawing the attention of the millions of shoppers who cruise the Magnificent Mile each

year.

Understanding how consumers physically use the store space is essential to driving sales. Just as shoppers may be swayed by music or smells, they're also incredibly influenced by how stores are laid out.

For instance, Hallmark Cards Inc. experienced in-luster sales with its Showcase gift stores, introduced in the early 1990s. The Kansas City, Mo., company hired E-Lab LLC, a Chicago consultancy that specializes in "video ethnography" to record how consumers interact with products, to investigate. The firm is now called Sapient.

After analyzing some 400 hours of videotape, the team of researchers, which includes industrial planners and behavior scientists, concluded that Hallmark's layout was too confusing. The researcher's could pinpoint the precise locations in the stores where potential customers became frustrated and walked away.

Using a vocabulary borrowed from urban planning, E-Lab recommended that Hallmark create "paths" for customers linking "districts" that were "landmarked" by high-profile products. "Retailers are starting to understand why and how people shop, and making the environment support the shopping," said Johanna Schuss, Sapient's research director.

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Stock options give workers vested interest in success

By Harold Brubaker
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Michael R. Walker, the founder and chief executive of Genesis Health Ventures, has bought nearly \$2 million worth of his company's stock during the last three years. He says there are a number of reasons in the way executives make decisions when they have a substantial personal investment at risk.

That is why Genesis, like a growing number of companies here and nationwide, now requires its senior executives to hold company stock worth three to five times their salary. If they do not already have it, they have to go out and buy it.

Three years ago, four of the area's largest companies required their top executives to own stock in their companies. Today, at least 16 have formal stock-ownership requirements.

But nearly two-thirds of the highest-ranking officers at the 50 largest Philadelphia-area companies have not bought their own company's stock on the open market during the last five years, according to an analysis of data on insider transactions from First Call, Thomson Financial of Boston.

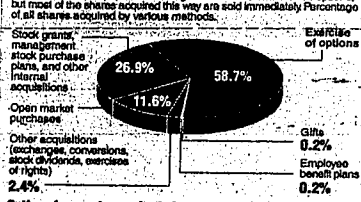
The fact that even a third have done so is indicative of new expectations faced by corporate executives in the 1990s. In the first half of this century, most companies were run by founders who owned the bulk of their company's stock. In many cases, subsequent generations were either incapable or uninterested in running the businesses, so they brought in professional managers. Usually the managers were not expected to be large shareholders.

But in the 1980s, large institutional investors began insisting that professional managers act more like owners. This led to the growth of stock-based compensation programs and to the development of ownership requirements. Some companies go so far as to limit executives money to buy stock.

The philosophy, with which executives increasingly agree, is simple: Executives who own stock in their companies, especially shares purchased on the open market at more than a discount, are more committed and strategically invested in the direction of their companies.

"When individuals dig into their pockets and put money in or take out a loan, so they have per-

Buying into the company



Options have not gone for to increase stock ownership. During the last five years, outstanding executives have sold 78 percent of the shares they acquired by exercising options.



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sonal capital at stake, the engagement or focus is much higher," said David Rhoads, a partner in the Chicago office of L.E.K. Consulting, a management consulting firm. "But companies differ on what counts as ownership. Some count a portion of vested stock options, and others count restricted stock grants and stock units, or phantom shares, that are awarded through long-term incentive programs.

Perhaps the main reason so few executives purchase stock in the companies they run is that they already receive so much of it through stock-based compensation programs that are supposed to link executives' financial interests with those of shareholders.

Dale Morrison of Campbell Soup Co. is an example of a chief executive whose deferred compensation that is redeemable as stock far exceeds the value of stock he has purchased at full value. Although he has bought 27,200 shares on the open market, they are worth less than a quarter of the value of the "phantom stock" that he has earned in long-

term incentive programs. This trend concerns many consultants, investors and some chief executives. They say executives must buy stock with their own money to achieve the most powerful alignment with shareholders. "You want management to have the same interests as the shareholders," Walker said. "And you want management to benefit from good decisions." Typically, when an executive joins a company at a senior level, this common interest is established through a significant purchase of common stock at the beginning of his tenure.

For example, when Lawrence A. Weinbach joined Unisys Corp. as chief executive officer in September 1997, his contract required him to buy \$1 million of Unisys stock, said Brian Daly, vice president of media relations. The contract provided a one-time bonus of \$1.5 million, in addition to his annual bonus.

When an executive works his way up through the ranks, he is more likely to have acquired holdings gradually through retirement plans and other programs

that allow employees to buy stock at a discount. "As long as companies are offering a discount, it makes more sense for them to acquire stock internally," said Anabel Pichler, who manages executive compensation for Hercules Inc., the Wilmington specialty chemicals manufacturer.

From an investor's standpoint, however, it is critical that executives are active in the open market with their own money, said Bruce Simon, the Greenwich Trust Co.'s chief investment officer. But for the most part, area executives who have been active on the open market either had to buy stock to meet ownership requirements set by their boards of directors or were founders who thought their company was undervalued.

Janine Dusossit, vice president for investor relations of Teleflex Inc., a diversified manufacturer based in Plymouth Meeting, said that was to be expected. "If you look at an executive's total portfolio, probably the largest piece of that portfolio is in the stock of his own company. That's probably why you don't see many of them going to the open market," she said.

Also, stock options allow most executives to benefit from strong stock performance without actually having to own many shares. The 80 executives in the analy-

sis received five times more in profits from exercising options than they spent purchasing stock at full value.

Some of the executives with the largest options profits have been small investors on the open market in their own companies during the last five years. Charles M. Cawley, for example, who has made \$76 million in profits by cashing in options, has not gone out and purchased MBNA stock since 1991, when he bought 1,500 shares for \$42,000.

Many companies argue that options achieve the same goal as the purchase of stock on the open market: They are an incentive for an executive to focus on the direction of the company. But undermining that argument, some experts say, is the fact that many executives sell their options as soon as they can. During the last five years, area executives, excluding founders, who already own large parts of their companies, have immediately sold 78 percent of the shares they gained by exercising options.

The heavy reliance on stock options allows executives to be big winners if the stock price goes up, but they have little to lose if it doesn't — or even falls sharply, Rhoads said. "When someone gives me a big pile of options, and then the stock goes down, I may feel like I've lost, but I really haven't because I never really had it."

Executives need to be in a posi-

tion where they can really lose, said Lon R. Greenberg, chairman, president and CEO of UGI Corp., a holding company in King of Prussia whose subsidiaries include AmeriGas Inc., a propane distributor.

"I felt that it was very important for top managers to have 'skin in the game.'" To make this happen, Greenberg instituted ownership requirements and established a loan program in the fall of 1997.

Greenberg said most long-term incentive plans have serious weaknesses. "They are plans that compensate you if you achieve the goal, but there is no penalty if you don't reach the goal other than that you don't get the reward."

Another problem is that many long-term incentive plans do not consistently lead to substantial ownership. "We found that, through our normal compensation procedures, some people had accumulated ownership, but it was not uniform," Greenberg said.

The loan program was established to enable executives to quickly achieve the required ownership positions because, according to Greenberg, few of the executives were wealthy enough to reach the required levels without adversely affecting their standard of living.

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Buhl - BEST BUY IN KANAKA! Wonderful custom home w/ great view. Vaulted ceiling, island in kitchen, neutral colors, wired sound & surround. 3 bdrm 2 bath, family rm downstairs. \$187,900. WANDA FOSTER 543-5843, 499-02068

- Residential:**
- Jerome - WELL CARED FOR 2 bdrm home w/ nice yard, fruit trees & garden spot. \$49,500. B.J. ROSS 324-4249 OR KITTY SPENCER 539-0501, 499-02900
 - Jerome - NEAT, clean & affordable! 1 1/2 bath mobile on corner lot. Located on the edge of town. \$29,900. BARRY BRACKETT 536-6764 OR B.J. ROSS 324-3354, 499-01758
 - Gooding - NICE 2 bdrm home at a reasonable price. Great for 1st time home buyers! \$47,500. GREG WOKERSIEN 934-5824 OR 934-4334, 492144
 - Twin Falls - TIRED OF YARD WORK? Nice 2 bdrm 2 bath mobile home in nice adult park. Over 1500 sq ft. Most sliding, heat pump, central air. Won't last \$22,900. MARIE TURPIN 735-2782, 499-02863
 - Twin Falls - PERFECT STARTER HOME w/ rental to off-set pymts. 3 bdrm cottage-style home w/ gas heat. 1 bdrm rental house w/ separate fenced yard space. New bike trail connecting parks & rim trail passes in front. \$68,500. KITTY SPENCER 539-0501 OR B.J. ROSS 324-4249, 499-02121
 - Twin Falls - GREAT INVESTMENT PROPERTY 2 bdrm cottage on President St. Most sliding, double-pane windows, wood stove. \$40,000. GENE OR ELLIS SHARP 735-5559 OR 735-0590, 499-01857
- Farms/Ranches/Dairies:**
- Jerome - INVESTORS UNIQUE PROPERTY! 76 acres w/ pivot irrigation, close to freeway exchange. \$245,000. DAVE SHUR 324-2019 OR 934-4334, 499-02942/02944/02945
 - Hagerman - INCREDIBLE VIEWS in the heart of Hagerman Valley. 30+/- acres of good soil & plenty of spring water. Great secluded home site w/ horse pasture. \$295,500. JAMIE MARTIN 837-6022 OR 539-0503, 499-02073
 - Mtn Home - 720+/- ACRES Intlg & 330+/- dry ground. Great potential dairy site w/ plenty of water for farm & commercial dairy use. \$1,575,000. JAMIE MARTIN 837-6022 OR 539-0503, 499-03207
 - ACRES & LOTS
 - Jerome - HIDDEN HORSE RANCH w/ a view! lg country home w/ 4 bdrm & 2 1/2 baths. Big country kitchen w/ new gas fl, cozy den w/ fr & c car garage. All needed in lg trees on 9.3 acres. ONLY \$155,000. BONNIE B. 324-7304 OR 324-3354, 492146
 - Jerome - BEAUTIFUL BLDG LOT for the discriminating buyer only! Incredible view of Shoshone Falls. Includes golf course membership. \$56,900. B.J. ROSS 324-4249 OR KITTY SPENCER 539-0501, 499-02913
 - Bliss - 3 BDRM 3 bath home w/ 3+/- acres. Country setting w/ great view. Could be 2 separate living units. \$130,000. JOYE JONES 837-6022 OR 934-4334, 499-01931/01933
 - Buhl - BIG LOT w/ one of the views in Malon Valley. Good neighborhood, fenced on 3 sides, & ok for mtg. homes. \$35,000. WANDA FOSTER 543-5843, 499-01135
 - Buhl - VIEW LOT on Malon Valley. Power is close to property. Ok for mtg homes/mobile. \$26,000. WANDA FOSTER 543-5843, 499-00771
 - Eden - 2/2 BTH SITS Doublewide needs a foundation. Singles ok too. \$13,900. SANDRA CAPPS 324-8752 OR 324-3354, 499-01135
 - Gooding - PRICE REDUCTION! Beautiful 3 bdrm 2 bath home on 1 1/2 acres northeast pt town. lg family rm w/ deck. Sprinklers & well landscaped. See to appreciate. \$150,000. BETSIE BECK 866-7585, 499-02638
 - Twin Falls - A BARGAIN! Quiet location for this lg lot, priced at \$19,900. BARRY BRACKETT 536-6764 OR 324-3354, 499-02488
- Commercial Property:**
- Jerome - PRIME Industrial development property w/ freeway visibility. 12.83 acres located in Jerome City limits area. \$245,600. DAN SHUR 324-2019 OR 839-2019, 499-02556/02555
 - Jerome - 9.6 ACRES zoned heavy industrial. Easy access to freeway. Double drive bays bring Mt responsibility. \$165,000. LINDA MILLER 324-8684 OR 324-3354, 499-01079
 - Hagerman - PRIME MAIN STREET CORNER. Sharpest commercial blk in town w/ potential parking. Currently housing 2 businesses w/ separate entrances. \$249,000. JAMIE MARTIN 837-6022 OR 539-0503, 499-01197

Jerome - GREAT RENTAL PROPERTY! 2 bdrm 2 bath w/ beam studded for 2 more bdrms. Low maintenance siding & GRG heat. Small workshop in back yard. \$64,500. KITTY SPENCER 539-0501 OR B.J. ROSS 324-4249, 499-02077

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Bliss - AWESOME CUSTOM BUILT home on 5+/- acres. Over 4300 sq ft w/ 3 bdrms 3 1/2 baths. Daylight walk-out basement. 1 1/2 car garage. Hardwood w/ built-in tile table. \$315,000. GENE OR ELLIS SHARP 735-5559 OR 735-0590, 499-01270



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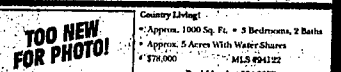








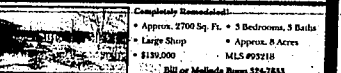
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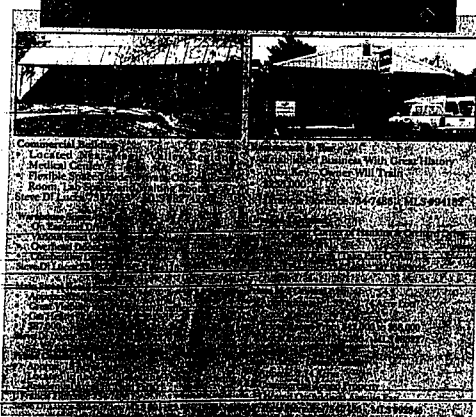
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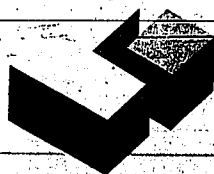
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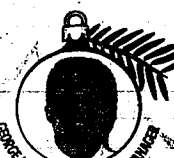
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1999: Life in the Magic Valley



Emory Warren uses a chainsaw to trim broken branches from a tree in the playground of Agape Christian School in Twin Falls. A violent storm in February spawned winds strong enough to tear part of the roof off the building.

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Right, Brian Ayers steers his team of horses out of the gate for the first time in preparation for the chariot racing season which begins in December. Ayers says his family races as a substitute for other winter sports.



ANDY ARDRE/The Times-News

Far right, a member of the Gooding County Sheriff SWAT team points the way for Hagerman High School students to leave the building after an October mock shooting. Fire and law enforcement agencies practiced their response to a simulated school shooting.



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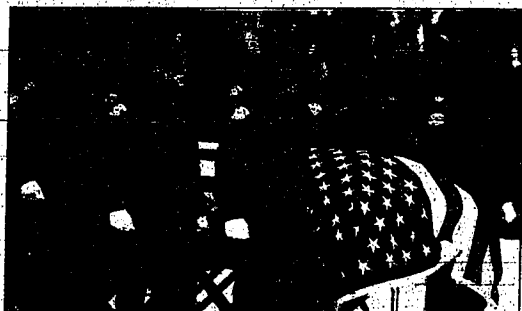
Scottie Vines of the College of Eastern Utah leaps over Golden Eagle Adrian McCullough in pursuit of a loose ball in January at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.



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Left, Larry Hill splashes his way through a gasoline slick to hook a cable onto a wrecked car in one of the Hidden Lakes, just above Dierkes Lake in April. Hill and a crew from Magic Valley Towing attempted to remove the vehicle.

Below, Jim Milden had been with the Twin Falls police department for 31 years; the last 21 was spent as sergeant. Hundreds of people attended his November funeral to pay final respects to the man many knew as 'Uncle Miltie.'



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FAMILY LIFE

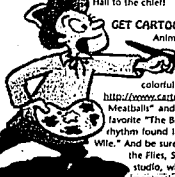


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Our 7-year-old, second-grade son has difficulty completing written assignments... We have experienced no "behavior problems"

There's more holiday tradition than the peas

When I was growing up, I thought everything in the world ate black-eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck.

Black-eyed peas on New Year's for coins, and collard greens for folding money.

A Christmas angel for Carol

"We are each of us angels with only one wing, to fly we need only embrace each other."

Chicken Soup for the Soul... When he finally made it all the way around the rink, he asked if I would skate with him.

call you Gerald?

He shrugged his shoulders, and I laughed to myself, figuring the anger things had happened to me

PARENTING John Rosemond

all too many of today's mental health and education professionals see a "disorder" behind every problem.

Luckily, I always liked the taste of black-eyed peas, because everyone had to eat "at least one bite."

Meanwhile, the Chinese celebrate their new year with "yue fish," which stands for more than enough.

At first, I had no intention of skating, but when I got there I changed my mind.

When he seemed tired, I asked if he would rest and we parted ways. The remainder of the afternoon, I was visited by Gerald, but without words.

Then it hit me like a brick wall. I had chills up my arms, my heart raced, and I screamed out to Jack.

Teachers no longer demand that children form letters precisely, any more than they demand proper spelling.

But there are other traditions, too. The Pennsylvania Dutch eat pork on New Year's Day.

I laughed at the photo-session tradition for years, much like the woman who once said, "I figure I'm ahead of the game if I can teach my kids that proper conversation at the holiday table doesn't include debating whether or not the turkey knew it was being eaten."

There are links to other Y2K sites made especially for kids. You can make homemade candies if you have the supplies.

KIDS ONLINE Nicole Ridgeway... Y2K Kids explains simply what Y2K is and what you can do to prepare for it.

Now, my equally simple message is self-better factor to teach your son the Palmer Method. If you can't afford a tutor, and feel competent to do the teaching yourself.

Put the cards up in your son's room, familiarize yourself with the workbook, and then, with patience, help your son to improve his penmanship.

Silent signals often speak much louder than words

"As I grow older, I pay less attention to what people say. I just watch what they do."

SOME COLUMN NAME Tim O'Brien

When you hear someone say, "I'm getting mixed signals," they mean what they hear and what they see don't match.

Society calls intentional discrepancies between words and deeds hypocrisy. "Do as I say, not as I do."

coworkers? Are we consistent? Can others make binding decisions based on what we tell them, without hesitation, caveats, or conditions?

Most people agree that balance in life is important. Do you show balance between work and relaxation? Do you show balance between money and sharing money?

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FAMILY LIFE

Teen's misery leads to substance abuse



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: When I read your column about "huffing" chemicals, I had to respond. I was a teen-age solvent abuser. For most of my early school days, I was an overachiever. I was not popular, but I had one or two good friends and was active in Scouting and volunteer activities. Because I was into books and getting good grades, by junior high I was teased and beaten up by my schoolmates. High school brought more of the same merciless harassment. I began to withdraw into solitary activities and discovered a model building. My descent into hell began innocently. I loved to build model cars, boats and planes. I discovered that the fumes from the glue gave me a buzz. Soon I was buying as much as a tube of model glue a day and huffing the fumes. I staggered around in a fog most of the time, couldn't remember things, and my grades slipped badly. I heard something on the news about kids who die as a result of sniffing Pam. I decided to try that as well, secretly hoping it would kill me. I huffed a number of other aerosol products, too. In my depression, I tried to kill myself by taking an overdose of aspirin. No luck. After the second overdose, a friend began dragging me along to activities and events and focused my attention on other things. My depression lifted, I

managed to pull myself together, and I finished high school near the top of my class. A couple of years later depression set in again. I dropped out of life and began huffing glue again. I huffed myself into unconsciousness and even a couple of seizures. Paranoia and hallucinations became the norm. I woke up one and found myself carrying on a conversation with a tree - yes, it was answering back! The police were called when I was found running around with a knife, sure someone was out to get me. I was hospitalized on at least three occasions. Fast-forward 20 years: What do I have to show for my stupidity today? I stutter, and confuse similar-sounding words in conversation. My hands shake. I frequently have problems remembering things for more than a few minutes. Worse yet, I'm now allergic to fragrances items including fabric softener, detergent, hand lotion, perfume, cologne, hair-spray and household cleaning items. Did you know that perfumes contain toxic chemicals such as toluene - the same stuff that's in model glue? Even though chemicals make me horribly ill, the craving to abuse them never quits! On a good day, I hate myself for the damage I've done to my brain and body. On a bad day, I wish I had succeeded in committing suicide years ago. Parents: Pay attention to your children and their behavior. Have your children taken an unusual interest in being alone? Does their breath, clothes or room smell funny? Do they have behavioral problems while walking across a room? Difficulty sleeping? No appetite? Paranoia? Grades falling? Apathetic? Personal hygiene lacking? Do you find plastic bags with strange-looking dried-up white stuff in them? Your children could be abusing glue or aerosol products! Get them help - and don't take "no" for an answer. Abusing household products is as dangerous as abusing illegal drugs. SENSELESS IN SEATTLE DEAR SENSELESS: You may never know how many people you have helped today by giving such a graphic warning to teens and their parents. Your letter is unmistakable proof that substance abuse may make an even deeper problem, and a caring, tuned-in parent should not minimize or ignore it.

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By Edgar Fontaine, Dighton, Massachusetts

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Experts agree: Parents say it best when telling children about sex

The Gazette Parents teach their children how to cross the street safely, how to eat right, how to drive and how to avoid strangers. But when it comes to sex, some parents seem to think their children will learn by osmosis. Or in school. Parents are the best source of information about sex - well, that's out of the question. Yet sexed experts say that's just what parents need to do. From Focus on the Family to Planned Parenthood, the experts all agree: Parents should be the primary sexuality educators for their children; not school, not books, not peers and not the media. "Parents need to recognize if you're not doing this education, someone else will," says Debra Bufford, president of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, or SIECUS, a New York-based, sex-ed think-tank. "It's better to teach your child about sexuality and relationships than you."

Women AND SEXUALITY
Sex education in public schools
A new survey looks at sex education in U.S. public school districts.
Who has a policy? Districts with policy to teach sex education: 69%
Districts where decision is left to school or teacher: 31%
Most likely to have policy: Schools in the Northeast
Least likely to have policy: Schools in the Midwest
What to teach? Percent of students in districts that have: Comprehensive sexuality education: 9%
Abstinence as the preferred option; birth control for sexual activity; people to prevent pregnancy, STDs: 45%
Abstinence as the only option outside of marriage (56% of Southern districts have abstinent-only policy): 32%
Source: Focus on the Family, Georgetown University

Colleges nationwide tell students to just say just no to buying on credit

The Washington Post Virginia Tech senior W. Dyer Vest owns two T-shirts that he says cost him \$2,500. The shirts were free, actually, as long as he signed up for two years of the Vista credit display in the campus center in Blacksburg, Va. He proceeded to update his wardrobe, outfit his girlfriend, eat well at restaurants and give generously at Christmas. A year later, he owed \$2,500 and couldn't afford the minimum payments. "I was not responsible," Vest, 22, said of his freshman-year binge. "I was immature."

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"It seems like they're just giving cards away like hotcakes," said Virginia state Sen. John S. Edwards, D-Roanoke. "Bad credit affects their education and their future. It's going to affect them getting jobs." "That is not a measure that would resolve a lack of money-management skills," argued Ray LaMurra, a lobbyist for the Virginia Bankers Association. Preventing students from applying at a campus building hurts the majority of students, who use credit cards wisely, and won't stop less responsible youths from applying elsewhere, LaMurra said. "It's nearly impossible for today's college students to avoid credit card pitches. Applications are found inside shopping bags at campus bookstores, hanging from bulletin boards in student centers, on the Web and in the mail. Many don't require a parental signature. And college adminis-

trators say the temptations can be overwhelming to youth taking their first taste of freedom and financial independence. "Some of them have not yet learned to curb their desire for things or delay their gratification," said Dana Burnett, dean of students at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. An estimated 430 colleges nationwide have banned credit card marketing on their campuses, said Dennis Meunier, vice president of United College Marketing Services, which offers low-rate credit cards to college students and free seminars in money management. Banks and credit card companies have started Web sites and CD-ROM programs to educate students about managing credit wisely. Others offer free campus workshops on creating a budget, learning to live within one's means and establishing good credit history.

vagina. "If you want a child to have a sense that all the parts of the body are good, you need to add them," she says. She also suggests giving youngsters between the ages of 5 and 8 a direct description of sexual intercourse, "or somebody else will." Parents can wait until the child asks, or they can bring up the subject. Her mantra is to use "teachable moments," in which a racy sitcom episode or a pregnant woman in the store can become fodder for discussions about sex. "Educate yourself - get help and resources. Most parents may think they know all about sex,

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CHRISTMAS GIVING



Volunteer Halley Hansen cleans in preparation for the "Sharing and Caring" Christmas tree display sponsored by the Organization of Rupture Businesses at the Mini-Casale Red Cross office.



Students from Kelth Owen's Martial Arts America and Dr. Jay Hartwell's Intermountain Martial Arts, both of Twin Falls, say they collected 1,800 cans of food from their canned food drive, "Can-Do 2009". The food was donated to The South Central Community Action Agency in Twin Falls. The students say they want help the less fortunate during the holiday season. For more information about Can-Do 2009, call 738-7100 or 738-9946.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Open house at D.L. Evans Bank honors retiree Thursday
BURLEY - Susan Glenette Brackenbury will be honored at a retirement open house from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday at the Albion D.L. Evans Bank. Brackenbury worked at the bank for 26 years.

Job's Daughters Bethel 14 sponsors dance Tuesday
JEROME - Job's Daughters, Bethel, 14, in Jerome is sponsoring a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday at the Jerome Middle School Gym. Music will be by Midnight Audio. Cost is \$5 per person and \$8 per couple. For more information, call 536-6561.

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

DeLo High School's Renaissance Excellence in Education Program's citizens of the month for October are, from left to right, front row: Chad Kidd, Bethanee Jackson, Amanda Blakeslee, Teresa Mossman, Heather Hunsaker, Chant Williams, Amber Nelson and Bobbie Anderson; and back row: Tyler Dechaak, Dillon Christensen, Wade Stoker, Mark Christensen, Jordan Bagwell, Katie Kidd, Sally Wrigley, Jessica Thompson and Ashley Powell. Not pictured are Matt Anderson, Justin Fries, Danielle West and Tiffany Baxter. The students were selected by the faculty for demonstrating exemplary citizenship in October. Each student received a certificate and a Taco Bell gift certificate.



Photo by Mary Lynn Deibel

Who's Who names area students

Lake Forest, Ill. - Who's Who Among American High School Students has named area high school students to the 1999-2000 yearbook. Students chosen for the 2000 yearbook are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations, based on the student's academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities, organizers say. The students are as follows by home town. **Albion -** Denise Bell, Lacy Bennett, and Amanda Nickford. **Twin Falls -** Ben Adlan, Carmel Adrian, Bree Ann Albrecht, Katie Allen, Paige Allen, Rachel Artoosh, Jess Arrington, Jillian Arrington, Laura Arrington, Jennifer Ashley, Kara Atkins, Rebecca Auth, Paul Bailey, Andrew Barja, Barbara Barnes, Matt Barnes, Geoffrey Barnum, Marc Beale, Kayla Beckley, Grant Bell, Kris Bell, Jodi Benson, Sean Bernson, Jenna Brehm, Kaitalina Berriehoa, Amber Bertochos, Mary Boutwin, Chad Bitner, Hannah Blizberg, Savannah Boggett, Johanna Borna, Tereza Botto, Chase Castro, Christen Borg, Brookley Burton, Whitney Bowman, Molly Boyajian, Brock Brady, Sarah Bruener, Jenna Braham, Kelli Brennan, Katie Brown, Jennifer Brown, Jennifer Bunnell, Matthew Call, Andrew Carroll, Jamie Carvajal, Courtney Cassillo, Phillip Castro, Joshua Chadd, Chanel Christensen, Nicole Christensen, Adam Christensen, Ryan Christensen, Shelley Christensen, Whitney Christensen, Monica Cox, Drew Critt, Amanda Cullen, Ryan Cox, Cutler, Marci Danielson, Cisco Davis, Francisco Davila, Rachel Dawson, Christie Deagle, Jennifer Dennis, Sarah DeLanne, Meloney Day, David Dodds, Danielle Doman, Amy Edger, Shelia Edwards, Amber Egbert, Timothy Eldredge, Stacie Emswiler, Nathan Evans, Tiffany Fouasbrun, Belinda Frakes, Tiffany Freeman, Rustin Fry,

Adrienne Fullmer, Ryan Gelman, Jenni Goodnight, Timothy Graham, Jerica Griff, Darce Grinstead, Jennifer Guman, Ruben Guzman, Kasey Hailey, Thomas Hamilton, Benjamin Hamlett, Paul Hamlett, Chelsea Hansen, Stephanie Harbeck, Abigail Harris, Ashley Harris, Vaughn Harris, Bryant Harris, Jeremy Hayes, Michelle Hazen, Jon B. Henry, Rorri Henstock, Miguel Hernandez, Jaralle Hobbs, Jeanette Hodje, Halley Hodges, Elizabeth Hogue, Holly Hollaway, Jennifer Hopperard, Jessica Horowitz, Bryan Howard, Jilliani Huber-Waldman, Ryan Hurlbutt, Jeremy Hyde, Ben Jennings, Erik Jensen, Lauren Jensen, Cassandra Johnson, Justin Johnson, Colt Jones, Curtis Jones, Matthew Jones, Erin Joslin, Adam Jussel, Emilia Kansaliev, Angela Katona, Lindsay Kavan, Sara King, Frances Kisse, Lyette Kinney, Katie Kohring, Kim Kral, Jennifer Kroll, Kathleen Lann, Rhina Labretter, Becca Lee, Anne Leonard, Benjamin Lewis, Andrea Lindberg, Eric Lively, Johnathan Lloyd, Danielle Long, Gustavo Lopez, Ivan Lopez, Katherine Loz, Jose Luis Lugo, Joseph Madhala, James McCallum, Kelly McDowell, Amy McGrew, Ben Massey, Alyssa Mejias, Marisela Messer, Lacie Miksell, Daniel Miller, Karl Milley, Justin Minner, Jeff Minter, Erin Mueller, Ben Mueller, Erin Nickson, Justin Nguyen, Chungo Nguyen, Cuong Nguyen, Maricela Nieto, Brock Nissen, Scott Salinas, Brian Olsen, Nicholas Olson, Adam Parker, Allison Patterson, Adam Perry, Jeff Peters, Tiff Peters, Pflaffin, Jennifer Pippa, Dawson Pitter, Danielle Plinther, Rustin Plinkain, Clara Pooock, Sallja Prutina, Erin Quinton, Diane Raach, Jason Reese, Tovin Reeves, Shannon Reich, Derek Reil, Jenni Robinson, Rihannon Rodriguez, Scott Rogers, Cristle Schouten, Michael Sanson, Herman Santana, Nathan Ess, Cristle Schouten, Taylor Schwerman, Brian Schwartzberger, Heather Seipel, Jennifer A. Sheng, Laura L. Stipester, Dylan Sindale, Shannon Slagel, Annelie Slagowski, Helen Smith, Molly Smith, Melissa Snow, Steven Somers, Nathan Sorenson, Jennifer Speicher, Mary Spooner, Megan Stallings, Kayla Steel, Stephanie Steel, Ashley Stevens, Erin Stock, Jane Strobel,

Alyssa Swafford, Jeremiah Theman, Zach Thompson, Amber Thorsen, Jesse Tillson, Elisabeth Toft, Veronica Torres, Megan Tostovelli, Stephanie Tubbs, Phillip T. Tucker, Colleen Underwood, Bridget Van Derwerker, Darren Van Halvezen, Christy Vandem Borch, Abriil Vargas, Arturo Vargas, Jacqueline Vargas, Kristina Vesley, Tracy Weiler, Monica Vents, Vanja Verburg, Anna Victor, Courtney Vollweiler, Nicole Vollweiler, Lindsey Wagner, Miranda Walden, Matt Walker, Stephanie Wallis, Rachel Webb, Rachel Welch, Ryan White, Owen Williams, Jesse Williams, Travis Woodland, Daniel Woodley, Ryan York, Nistel Young, and Clifton Mickey. **Buhl -** Araceli Aguilar, Heather Alexander, John Baker, Katherine Baughman, Todd Baughman, Janice Baxter, Ali Blanco, Ryan Blick, Dorelynn Bonhof, Kalinda Brown, Marie Brown, Richard Casner, Pari Chipman, Ali Clark, Nicole Cruser, Elena Dudley, Kaiti Dudley, Alyssa Easterday, Kerri Eggerston, Heather Ferguson, Angie Frey, Anselia Gidycz, Angie Guerrero, Carly Haley, Jenny Hansson, Megan Harter, Cayla Hedrick, Amanda Hoffman, Erin Howell, Shaylee O'Connor, Laynes Re Jones, Re Jones, Benjamin Kimball, Brandon Kobayashi, Jennie Larson, Heather MacEachron, Holly MacEachron, Laynee Matlashevsky, Anne McCauley, Kaiten McCallum, Shirley Meiers, Blair Messenger, Shay Messenger, Erin Miller, Shaylee O'Connor, Nicole Olmstead, Matthew Paulson, Rodney Paulson, Phiney, John Poppelwell, Jy Poppelwell, Crystal Robinson, Rebecca Rodig, Duch Rout, Teresa Ruffing, Katie Salior, Angela Sanderson, Amy Schofield, Anna Schofield, Tyler Smith, Macey Snelton, Holly Stevens, Rebecca Stutman, Michelle Thiem, Erin Twery, Sara Vanderwalker, Matt Vandewater, Tiffany Vanourney, Erica Voorhees, Rebecca Ward, Katie Williamson, Lyubov Zapolovella, and Jeff Zinn. **Castroville -** James Garrison, Mark Hatch, Noelle Graybeak, Carolyn Hurley, and Lisa Miller. **Deerleaf -** Laura Tanski. **Elkins -** Amanda Alkeman, Amy Anderson, Eloy Avila, Dopi Baka, Holly Black, Stephen Burrows, Stephen Cavender, Yessica Chelly Olsen, Chavez, Rebecca Chavez, Linda

Correa, Brandy Dankowski, Anna Elwood, Isabel Fagoaga, Cori Funderberg, Donette Gilbert, Dustin Gilbertson, Roger Hebert, Marista Herold, Colin Holloway, Briana Jones, Micah Jones, Elizabeth Lawson, Alicia Manning, Jose Martin, Kim Maynard, Michael Medtree, Melissa Mccrath, Joseph Merley, Krystal Oppenheim, Mark Pora, Andrea Powell, Robert Prall, Christine Quased, Felicity Kidling, Benjamin Salacho, Simon Smith, Hay Smith, Heidi Smeche, Melissa Tweid, Chad Ventres, Casio Vigil, Shaomeng Wang, and Harlen Woodson. **Filer -** Chadd Allen, Erin Allen, Haren Andrews, Adrienne Annis, Brad Barnes, Amanda Barnesis, Amy Bennett, Tami Bennett, Heather Black, Kristen Collins, Danielle Cover, Adriane Dekker, Lisa Dean, T'ville Eilenshauer, Jennifer Fou... **Idaho Falls -** Amanda Hays, Christina Inesene, Lindsey Johnson, Chad Jones, Lancaster, Bresh Lawley, Betty Leppert, Libbie Loughmiller, Alyson Mai, Michelle Marquardt, Rebecca Miller, Amanda Munn, Mark Nuttrett, Kamilla Peters, Matthew Reicherts, Doug Roche, Kimberlee Strong, Chad Sutzman, Lindsey Taylor, Victoria Talbot, Chris Thacie, Mandi Turner, and Bracie Walker. **Hansen -** Jovanna Delucia, Jaime Duke, Jeremy Eguavita, Ashley Engel, Ellen Freeston, Andrea Martin, Megan Richards, PJ Rouse, and Anthony Stevens. **Hamman -** Lynn Heinemann, Ann, Cindy Astler, Adamson, Lisa Ryan, Runkle, Kyle Bourner, Danton Bowshaw, Robbie Cain, Rebekah Campbell, Scott Clark, Almee Clayton, Christy Coleman, Michelle Davis, Amanda Feurer, Jamie Fuller, Mark Gibby, Matt Ginder, Jamie Hansen, Brianna Harshman, Lynn Heinemann, Maggie Hopwood, Wesley Hopwood, Robbie Hunt, Chad Johnson, Katelyna Johnson, Jennifer Jurek, Rene Kelly, King, Amy Klimes, Andi Knight, Rodney Kroyer, Luke Lindley, Cliff Luff, Kelli Lyle, Karissa Miller, Kenneth Mayfield, Stephanie McKeague, Miranda Melnyk, Megan Mulberry, Megan Mulberry, Altan O'donnell, Ariana Oebach, Shelby Olsen, Tyler Olsen, Daniel Pike.



Hansen Elementary principal Wes Remaley, who dressed as a clown because the students raised \$3,000 in a raffle, poses with Chelsey Steward, who won a bike for selling the most tickets in the raffle.

Students are recognized for fund-raising efforts

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent
HANSEN - Send in the clown. Because of the efforts of the Kimberly Elementary School students, principal Wes Remaley spent all day dressed as a clown on Nov. 30. The students had set a goal of raising \$3,000 from the sale of raffle tickets which were drawn during the craft fair Nov. 20. The students made a pact with Remaley that if they reached their goal, he would dress as a clown on the day of an awards ceremony for students who sold the most tickets.

The total amount of the fund-raiser hit \$3,700. Chelsey Steward sold the most tickets, a feat which won her a new bicycle donated by Dr. Sidney VanAschke. Chelsey also presided over the awards assembly and took over minor office tasks as Remaley took care of his job as a clown for the day. Other students selling more than 100 tickets were Randy Merritt, who received a television; Andy Olmstead with a boom box and Kassie Newberry with a walk-in cooler. Jennifer Jones' class sold the highest number of tickets.

We want your news

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ENGAGEMENTS

EGBERT-McQUEEN

TWIN FALLS — Merl and Kathryn Egbert of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Michelle Egbert, to Cody Nelson McQueen, son of L. Brent and Jennie McQueen of Twin Falls. Amber is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is currently attending Utah State University. She was a member of Chamber Singers and competed nationally in Gymnastics Club. She will be attending Brigham Young University, where she will compete on the BYU gymnastics team.

McQueen graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1995, where he was a member of Chamber Singers and Madrigals. He attended Ricks College before serving a two-year mission to Managua, Nicaragua, and is



Amber Egbert and Cody McQueen attending BYU. He is employed by Keith Jorgensen Music in Orem, Utah.

BERRY-BAKER

TWIN FALLS — Diana Berry and Legrand Baker announce their engagement.

Berry is the daughter of Joe and Cindy Berry of Twin Falls. She is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is a student at Ricks College.

Baker is the son of Henry and Diana Baker of Burley. He graduated from American Heritage Academy and served an LDS mission in the California Santa Rosa Mission. He is currently attending Ricks College, majoring in engineering technology. The wedding is planned for



Legrand Baker and Diana Berry Tuesday in the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah.

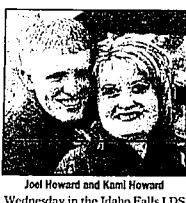
HOWARD-HEWARD

BURLEY — Scott and Patty Howard of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Kami Howard, to Joel Lynn Heward, son of Lynn and Anita Howard of Burley.

Howard graduated from Declo High School and lived and worked in Logan, Utah. She is employed at On Cue in Burley.

Heward graduated from Declo High School and served a two-year Johannesburg South Africa Mission. He is majoring in agriculture at the College of Southern Idaho and is employed by Ramseys in Burley.

The wedding is planned for



Joel Howard and Kami Heward Wednesday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple in Idaho Falls. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 7 at the Rupert 1st Ward Church, 806 G St.

HALVERSON-NALDER

RUPERT — Don and Renee Halverson of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Karma Halverson, to Jeremy Don Nalder, son of Dallan and Cindy Nalder of Holbrook.

Halverson graduated from Minico High School in 1998. She is a junior at Utah State University in Logan, Utah.

Nalder graduated from Malad High School in 1994 and served a two-year Recife South Brazil Mission. He is a senior at Utah State University.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday in the Logan LDS



Jeremy Nalder and Karma Halverson Temple in Logan. A reception to honor the couple will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Rupert Idaho Stake Center, 324 E. 18th.

WIGGINS-GUNN

FILER — Martha Richards of Burbank, Calif., announces the engagement of her daughter, Lorena Wiggins, to James Gunn, son of John and Ginny Gunn of Filer.

Wiggins is a graduate of Burbank High School in Burbank, Calif. She is employed at Magic Valley Realty in Twin Falls.

Gunn is a graduate of Apple Valley High School in California. He is employed by Filer Mutual Telephone in Filer.

An oceanside wedding is planned for April 22, 2000, in Malibu Beach, Calif.



James Gunn and Lorena Wiggins

RICE-SCHABOT

BUHL — Jennifer Rice and Chad Schabot announce their engagement.

Rice is the daughter of John Rice of Boise and the late Jeanne Rice. She is a graduate of Borah High School and Idaho State University. She is employed by Dr. Terry Gustav

as a dental hygienist.

Schabot is the son of Gayle Schabot of Buhl and the late Tom Schabot. He is a graduate of Buhl High School and Peppering University. He is currently attending Boise State University, completing his teaching credentials.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 12, 2000.

Singles must adapt to friends' marriages — or else feel left out

The Dallas Morning News

Until recently, Kurt Uglund had a cache of single friends whom he could call at a moment's notice to grab a drink after work or hit the clubs.

But in the past two years, Uglund, 45, has watched most of his friends head for the marriage altar. And once they've made that lifelong commitment, he says, they seem to drop off his social radar screen.

"I still do stuff with them, but you're cut off from a certain amount of the old scene," says Uglund, a producer for a cable TV channel. "With married friends, he says, 'you don't go to clubs and that kind of thing.'"

It's a common theme among single people whose friends are making the transition from singlehood to coupledom: Instead of spontaneous nights on the town, the married friends invite their spouses to get permission to spend the evening apart.

Or the once-dependable pleasures of a movie, dinner or drink with a friend become affairs for three. Long, meandering phone calls are suddenly cut short in deference to a new husband or wife. The single person might feel like the proverbial "third wheel."

It's a challenge that friendships don't always survive. To too many people, it feels as though

the friend has turned into somebody else," says Dr. Kenneth Alshuler, chairman of the department of psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Though most people make an attempt to keep their outside friendships alive, the spouse inevitably becomes the priority, Alshuler says. That can result in jealousy and resentment on the part of the single friend, who may feel abandoned by the married friend.

Single people need to understand that a married couple's focus on each other is natural and should be expected, Alshuler says. "You should not take it personally that the friend has found someone new and should try to be happy for them," he says.

Easier said than done. Especially for single people who may feel as though their newly married friends have dropped off the face of the earth.

That's what seems to have kept Evans, 32, a Dallas real estate investor. Over the years, Evans estimates that about 75 percent of his friends have gotten married, and neither he nor they have done a good job keeping in touch.

"What I've found is that usually married couples hang around with other married couples vs. single people," Evans says. "You

have different interests, and you do different things. I don't think it's all their fault or mine. You just kind of go different ways."

One who disagrees is Yager, he says, the chances of going out with them drops even more because that means they have to find a baby sitter. Also, he says, the conversation is likely to center on the couple's children. When a couple does invite him over, Evans says, he often declines.

But it isn't marriage that stifles friendships as much as a realization that two friends don't share as many interests as they had perhaps thought, says Yager, author of *Friendships: The Power of Friendship and How It Shapes Our Lives*.

"Shared interests are the best predictor of longevity in a relationship," Yager says. "Just because you're no longer exactly like each other doesn't mean the friendship can't survive."

Both friends have to be willing to make adjustments, whether that means including the new spouse in their activities or substituting phone calls for frequent get-togethers.

"When friendships tend to flounder because one friend gets married, it's largely because one or both friends weren't able to move it not just to a new level, but a new way of functioning," Yager says.

Wedding gift-giving becomes a science

The Associated Press

As the wedding goes, so go the gifts — both to and from the couple.

The prospective bride and groom need to consider those important subsidiary decisions, such as choosing the flatware they want listed on gift registries. Take a preliminary look at Reed & Barton patterns on the Internet, via reedbarton.com. Posted are patterns for sterling, silverplate and stainless, as well as the opportunity to buy sample teaspoons for a first-hand look.

If you are either the one of the couple or a gift-giver, check out formforn.com, where you can choose from over 350 china patterns, 350 flatware patterns, 200 stemware-glassware patterns and hundreds of other things for the newlyweds' nest. The site includes an online bridal registry. There's round-the-clock

customer service response, and you'll get free UPS ground shipping for Internet orders over \$100.

The holiday of the moment is the wedding, and there are ornaments to commemorate it. Hand-painted, glass-blown ornaments in the *Polonaise Collection* from Kurt Adler include The Wedding Couple (\$35) and The Just Married Car (\$22.50). They also are available as a set, with a hand-painted wooden keepsake box (\$100).

Use it as a cake topper at the wedding celebration, then save it as a permanent memento. Royal Doulton's bone china "Always & Forever" memento (\$85) depicts two white doves with wings intertwined and is mounted on a heart-shaped base.

Eye-stopping modern design characterizes the Eccentrica Decanters (\$495 each) from Bulgari. One is a sinuous clo-

gated globe, another is more like an inverted trumpet. Both have stoppers in an arrow-tip design.

For wedding party members, consider Eccentrica Pens (each \$385), also from Bulgari. These gold-plated pens have strong, architectural shapes and come in two sizes.

Use them as the centerpiece for a wedding or shower celebration, or just send them as a good-natured memento to the new couple. The Bride and Groom (\$155) from the Vermont Teddy Bear Company are decked out for the occasion, the bride wearing a white brocade and lace gown and the groom spiffy in top hat and tux jacket with a boutonniere. The bears are available separately (\$94 for the bride, \$76 for the groom), or as a same-sex partner set (\$155). Call 1 (800) 829-BEAR; Web site is Vermont TeddyBear.com.

Getting married: A rock chart for the ring

The 4Cs are a rock group. And the rock they sing about is the diamond.

Clarity — carat-weight, clarity, color and cut — are the essentials you need to know to select engagement or wedding jewelry.

Clarity — the amount of inclusions — is pointed out by the Gemological Institute of America; and a stone's rarity and cost are determined by its unique characteristics as measured by the 4Cs. Size alone doesn't make a diamond more valuable, GIA says; using

all four criteria, a smaller stone of exceptional quality can be more valuable than a larger diamond of lower quality.

Here's a 4C primer:

- Carat-weight. Diamonds are weighed in metric carats; a carat weighs the equivalent of a small paper clip. The carat is expressed in terms of points, and there are 100 points to a carat.
- Clarity. Formed naturally over millions of years, diamonds typically include small traces of non-crystallized carbon, the element

from which they were formed.

- Color. This is the most subjective of the 4Cs, says the DIC. Most diamonds appear white, but almost all have barely perceptible tints of color.
- Cut. It's not the shape but the skill of the jeweler that counts in the cut and is the most important of the 4Cs, says the DIC. A good cut releases the gem's "fire" or brilliance through the proportion of 57 or 58 facets (angled planes) that allow the most light to be reflected through the stone.

Magic Valley Wedding Planning Directory

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WEDDING

CLAAR-ROTH

TWIN FALLS — Led Lee Claar and James D. Roth were married Nov. 20 at the Ballroom in Twin Falls.

Officiating was Dale Metzger. Music was performed by Sweet Country Air and Music Magic.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Sandy Pitcher of Verona, Minn.

Parents of the bridegroom are MaryEllen Roth of Jerome and the late Simon Roth.

Stephnie Chan, daughter of the bride, served as the maid of honor.

"Kacy Claar, stepson of the groom, acted as best man."

"Ushers were Randy Pitcher, brother of the bride, and Mike Roth, brother of the groom."

A reception was held following the ceremony. Serving were family and friends of the bride and groom.

Lindi Mezes and Allison Roth, nieces of the groom, attended the



James and Ledee Roth guest book. Gift attendants were Bronnen Mezes and Taylor Pierce, nephews of the groom. The bride attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Gem State Realty Inc.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Battleground High School in Vancouver, Wash. He is employed at St-Ellen Farms in Jerome.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

Time to liquidate? Use The Times-News Marketplace classifieds to turn possessions into cash.

We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our family and friends who attended the reception for our 30th anniversary and for all the cards, calls, gifts, flowers and other kindnesses extended to us. It made our 30th such a memorable and cherished occasion and so very special. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
LARRY AND GINCH
Jerome, Idaho

SENIORS

In remembrance of a life well lived

Seniors can plan financial future

My Aunt Jane died last week, and she will be hard to replace in my life. There are few true heroes, but Aunt Jane was one of mine. Kind and caring to everyone, regardless of their status in life, concerned about other's difficulties while never mentioning her own and so very empathetic to anyone who was ill or in pain, though she was often in pain herself.

She suffered from fibromyalgia and osteoarthritis. Her hands were numb from a nerve problem in her neck. Her equilibrium was not the best, and she did occasionally, but she did not dwell on her own infirmities, instead concentrating on how she could be of service to those in need. She had a truly loving spirit, and all who knew her loved her.

Aunt Jane believed that God gave direction to her life. She gave Him all the credit for her ability to see the obstacles presented in their lives both physically and mentally, and she believed that He helped her find ways to help them through these obstacles.

People feel comfortable telling Aunt Jane their problems



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

because they knew she could be trusted to listen, empathize, pray with them and give good advice when asked to do so, without being judgmental in any way.

Her last years were spent as a volunteer chaplain at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and how she loved her job. Very often she did not physically feel like going to the hospital, but she always went because she said it renewed her spirit.

How much comfort she brought to those who were ill, and what a blessing she was to their families. Throughout her life Aunt Jane was shy, but you would never know it. She believed it a part of her destiny to help people, and she did not only do that as a chaplain, but outside of the hospital as well.

She seldom talked about her

self, but was always interested in what was going on in YOCUSA. She was quick to praise and was never critical.

It is difficult to write about her without tears, for, though she was my aunt, she was also my friend—someone in whom I could confide, someone to talk over the issues of the day, someone to commiserate with and someone who was always, without fail, in my corner. I will miss her more than I would have believed possible.

But then—Aunt Jane was a VERY SPECIAL person to her family, her friends and all who knew her. She not only had a strong faith, but she lived that faith every day of her life. "When she reached the gates of heaven, I'm sure the angels of God took her before him, and surely he said, 'Well done; well done and faithful servant; well done.'"

Would that could be said of all of us.

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@magicvalley.com

Q. Our parents, now nearly 72, raised and put three of us through college and, as a result, were able to save very little for their retirement years. While they did not involve us in their finances in the past because of pride, when Mom's health began to fail, Dad called me in and told me about his concerns about the future.

In addition to their modest home (\$65,000), their total assets are about \$100,000, and their only monthly income is from Social Security (about \$13,000 annually). Their return on investments—mostly CDs—has averaged about 4 percent per year, and they have been going into their assets to live for the last couple of years because of Mom's drug and medical bills. They have no debt. We realize that it's a little late for them to plan, but it is obvious to me that they will soon run out of money. They have a lot of pride and have not asked for help, but my brother and sister want to know how we can help them as, without their parents, we would not be the successes we are today.

Given the well-deserved pride generally attributable to those belonging to your parents' generation, the fact that your father even called you must be looked upon as a cry for help.

Like many elderly Americans, your parents spent a large portion of what would have been their early years raising and educating you and your siblings. Helping your parents plan for their financial future at this point in their lives is much different than you planning for yours because: (1) They don't have much time left to prepare; (2)



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

Their income will not increase to any appreciable extent; (3) They can't afford to take market risks with their investments; (4) With age comes the harsh reality that acute illness and long-term care can quickly deplete assets; and (5) Age, health, and money concerns may make them less capable of managing their money.

The first order of business is to help your parents to help create a realistic budget that should be projected out for at least three or

four years.

By taking their expenditures during the next 12 months and increasing these amounts by 7 percent per year for inflation and increased needs, you will get a rough estimate of what they will need in the future. Make sure to add in a sufficient amount to cover the potential cost of help and care at home.

Then tally up their income from all sources—Social Security, retirement, IRA distributions, interest, and dividends—and increase these amounts by 4 percent per year. And lastly, put together a bal-

ance sheet—assets less liabilities—to get a handle on your parents' net worth. Don't include their furniture or other personal property that is not marketable.

Once you have these figures, subtract your parents' expenses from their income to determine the shortfall which will be made up by spending assets. And when assets are spent, the income generated by those assets will likewise be reduced, thus putting your parents further in the hole each month. Simple arithmetic will tell you how long it will be before your folks are out of money. And should one of them need long-term care or higher-level assisted living, the lights may go out earlier than anyone could anticipate.

Taking the NextStep: How can you help? Find out about assistance programs that may be available to your parents to help reduce the shortfall such as Meals on Wheels, food stamps, SST, and the like; however, remember that since these and other local programs are "needs-based," your parents may not qualify because they have too much money.

That said, to help stem the shortfall, you and your siblings who can afford to do so may wish to supplement your parents' income—without gift tax considerations—each of you could give each of your parents \$10,000 per year. And what better way to spend your money.

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- I supervise my grandchildren at all times when they are in my care.
- I use car seats and buckle up my grandchildren correctly on every ride.
- I keep all medications, vitamins and household products in their original containers, locked up and out of sight and reach of my grandchildren.
- I have properly installed and maintained smoke alarms on every level and in every sleeping area of my home.
- I do not allow my grandchildren under age 10 to cross streets alone.
- I supervise my grandchildren around water at all times.
- I protect my grandchildren against falls from windows, stairs, furniture and playground equipment.
- I set my water heater thermostat to 120° F or below to prevent scald burns.
- I make sure my grandchildren always wear the right safety gear whenever riding bikes, skating and playing sports.
- If there are firearms in my home, I store them unloaded and locked up, with ammunition locked away separately, out of my grandchildren's reach.
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- 1 egg
- 1/2 C. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. cloves
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 C. artificially sweetened applesauce
- 1/3 C. raisins
- 1 C. whole bran cereal

DIRECTIONS:
Cream margarine, add sweetener and egg. Sift together dry ingredients of flour, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and baking soda. Add dry ingredients alternately with applesauce to margarine mixture. Add raisins and cereal to mixture. Drop on cookie sheet which has been sprayed with Pam. Bake at 350° F. for 10 to 12 minutes. YIELD: 6 dozen cookies

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