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Bang for the buck?

Hotel developers' study targets financial questions

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Las Vegas hotel developer's representatives are trying to find out how much money people will be willing to pay on a hotel and convention center along the canyon rim. The developer's study could decide the fate of a hotel and convention center on the canyon rim.

Ken Edmunds, a consultant to Craig H. Neilson and Co., said the firm is completing a market study to determine what Twin Falls residents and out-of-area people are likely to pay for their lodging and convention needs in Twin Falls.

"We want to find out if people are willing to pay for a four-star hotel and convention center or if they're only able to pay for a

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At a glance

What's next with Craig H. Neilson's Canyon Park project plans?
The City Council will have a public hearing on Feb. 7 on Neilson's rezoning request for a parcel of Canyon Park North.
Canyon Park North, 13 acres west of the Perrine Bridge, was recently split up by the council into two parcels, at the request of Neilson consultant Gerald Martens.

Parcel One: Covers a restaurant and a smaller hotel; the council will hold a public hearing on this property Feb. 7.
Parcel Two: Covers the 175-room hotel and 15,000-square-foot convention center. The zone change request on this parcel was sent back to the city planning and zoning commission by the City Council for a second hearing and review by a citizens' design review committee.

Values count

Voters increasingly look for someone they can trust

Knight Ridder News Service

DES MOINES, Iowa - It's honesty, stupidity, honesty. While presidential candidates huddle over health care and education, tax cuts and gays in the military, most voters are looking for something else. Someone else, actually. Someone they can trust. Americans are viewing Al Gore, Bill Bradley, George W. Bush, John McCain and the rest of today's candidates through a lens shaped to a great extent by the only president in their lifetime to be impeached, according to dozens of interviews with voters in Iowa and New Hampshire. Almost to a person, these voters in the two states that will launch the nomination contests said the attributes they most hope to find in a candidate are "honesty and integrity."

"I want my children to look up to the president morally and ethically."
- Laurie Lawrence, N.H. resident

"We're looking for a president with moral values," said Laurie Lawrence, of Manchester, N.H. "I'm a mother of four. I want my children to look up to the president morally and ethically."

After seven wearying years of Whitewater, the Lincoln Bedroom, Filegate, Travelgate and Monica Lewinsky, many voters are in effect searching for the anti-Clinton. In a time of unprecedented prosperity and peace, with crime down and employment up, no other issues loom larger.

The Angry White Man of the 1990s has followed.

"The candidate that seems to engender the greatest amount of excitement on either side is the candidate who tries to distinguish himself from Bill Clinton" on the question of honesty, said Ross K. Baker, a Rutgers University political scientist and adviser to Nebraska Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel.

For now, those candidates are the Republican McCain, an Arizona senator who dubbed his bus the "Straight Talk Express," and the Democrat Bradley, a former New Jersey senator with a down-home style.

Despite their different views on many issues, Bradley, the basketball Hall of Famer, and McCain, the Vietnam War hero, are selling themselves as authentic, as different kinds of candidates not afraid to clash with the hierarchies of their respective parties.

"This campaign is operating under the radical premise that you can tell people what you believe and win," Bradley said during a recent bus tour of central and western Iowa.

Character is a subjective standard, to be sure, and one that voters seem to judge with something of a sixth sense. In the end, each candidate's supporters insist that he's the most forthright man, though they often can't explain why.

Exit tests: An unproven process



Michelle Rehwalt compares her answer on a calculator with Larry Jones during a geometry class at Kimberly High School. Math is one subject that will be covered in an exit exam if the Legislature passes exiting standards legislation. Starting with the class of 2005, students would have to pass the test to graduate.

Idaho, other states consider raising education bar

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If Idaho decides to require students to pass state tests in basic subjects to earn high school diplomas, it won't be alone.

Idaho is one of many states looking to this type of reform to improve schools. Twenty-seven states have some form of exit exam, according to the Education Commission of the States, a Denver nonprofit group that provides information for

education policy-makers.

The Idaho proposal will come before the Legislature, which will open its session Monday after a one-week delay. It is accompanied by academic standards for grades nine through 12 that outline what students should know in math, language arts, social studies, science and health. Idaho aims to raise the bar in its public schools by changing the long-standing requirement that mere class attendance is enough to earn a diploma.

But even as Idaho looks at

what has been done elsewhere, critics point out that this is an unproven process.

New movement

Grass roots opponents - namely a network calling itself the Idaho Committee for Integrity and Excellence in Education - point to inconclusive results in other parts of the country. And they are correct, according to national organizations monitoring and supporting exiting standards.

Kathy Christie, director of the information clearinghouse at the Education Commission of the States, said most information available about the movement's effectiveness is lightweight. Leslye Arsh - co-founder of the nonprofit Washington, D.C., standards advocacy group, Standards Work Inc. - agrees conclusive results aren't available. States haven't been doing this long enough. But the movement is based on research that

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Albright gets firsthand look at Colombian drug war

The Associated Press

CARTAGENA, Colombia - Secretary of State Madeleine Albright got a firsthand look Saturday at Colombian efforts to intercept cocaine shipments at this steamy Caribbean port. She came away impressed with government sleuths' high-tech tools - and the methods drug lords use to circumvent them.

counterdrug campaign.

Albright's visit was further evidence of the growing alliance between Washington and Colombia, the source of 80 percent of all the cocaine used in the United States. Colombian drug lords also have emerged in the past decade as a major force in heroin trafficking

despite gains in interdiction, narcotics traders have been able to outpace the government's eradication efforts.

President Andres Pastrana, appearing with Albright at a news conference on the grounds of the seaside guest house where she stayed Friday night, cited the near-dismantling of cartels in Medellin and Cali as an indication of Colombia's progress in the drug war.

"We can and will do more," he said as three Coast Guard speed boats armed with M-60 rifles

deployed in waters just yards away. He said European donors will meet in June or July to make pledges to assist Colombia in fighting the drug trade.

The visit was marred by some of the worst fighting between leftist rebels and security forces in months.

Nearly 50 people were killed near Bogota on Saturday.

The fighting was hundreds of miles away from where Albright was visiting.

Fighting in the region continued throughout the day, and was still going on Saturday night.



Madeline Albright

SAVING HISTORY

Consultant works to preserve sites that shaped Idaho

By Adam Rush
The Associated Press

BOISE - Protecting those old dance halls and sites like the Oregon Trail from strip malls and suburbs has become a mission for Madeline Buckendorf.

The freelance consultant's work results in areas like Three Island Crossing being recognized as national historic landmarks, making it a little easier for them to escape development.

Buckendorf's interest in Idaho

history is personal. "My grandfather came out to Idaho through the Carey Act and claimed land in Filer," Buckendorf said. "His peers told me a lot about the history of the area."

Her work with the Arrowrock Group, a Boise-based consulting firm, takes her across the state. But it is in fast-growing Ada County where development has encroached the most on buildings with a worthy past.

"In Boise, I started documenting buildings in 1986," Buckendorf said. "Ninety percent of them have

been lost." Urban sprawl and the development pressure that precedes it are turning once-open prairies into subdivisions and congesting small-town streets.

"In rural states, you see a lot of farmland preservation," said Paul Lusignan, a historian for the National Register of Historic Places in Washington, D.C. "People are starting to realize these individual farms are becoming rare and are quite special."

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From left, Madeline Kelley Buckendorf, Elizabeth Jacox and Barbara Perry Bauer of the Arrowrock Group, Inc., help document the history of structures and sites throughout southern and eastern Idaho for government and private agencies.

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Return to Watergate, Nixon

New technology may provide clues

Watergate's missing minutes

New technology might provide clues as to what is on an 18 1/2 minute gap on a tape recorded by President Nixon days after the Watergate break-in. The National Archives is considering the possibility of re-testing the tape.

1972	1973	1974
<p>■ June 17, 1972 - Five burglars arrested at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate complex in Washington.</p> <p>■ June 20, 1972 - President Nixon chats with chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman in taped meeting at old Executive Office Building.</p>	<p>■ July 16, 1973 - Public learns that Nixon taped hours and hours of conversations.</p> <p>■ Nov. 21, 1973 - The White House discloses that an 18 1/2 minute gap exists in the June 20, 1972 tape. A federal judge asks audio experts to examine the tape.</p> <p>■ Nov. 26-27, 1973 - Rose Mary Woods, Nixon's personal secretary, testifies that she must have accidentally erased part of the tape while transcribing it.</p>	<p>■ Jan. 15, 1974 - Audio experts say the buzz sounds heard in the gap roll out erasing and re-recording of the tape.</p>



The original Nixon White House tape and recorder.



President Nixon, 1973, after he has delivered a nationwide television address dealing with Watergate.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The National Archives is exploring whether new technology could solve an enduring mystery of Watergate: What was said during the infamous 18.5-minute gap on one of President Nixon's tapes recorded three days after the break-in.

"We are interested in examining the possibility of retesting the 18 1/2-minute gap in the Watergate tapes to ascertain whether or not there is any recoverable conversation," an internal archives memo obtained by The Associated Press said. "All of us believe it is doubtful there is anything recoverable, but the last testing of the 'gap' occurred in the late '70s."

The memo was written Jan. 7 to schedule a meeting to review the idea and report back to John Carlin, archivist of the United States, on "whether or not it would be feasible and prudent to test again, and if so, how we should proceed."

As heard on the tape; the gap is a series of clicks, hisses and buzzes. It is part of a recording made June 20, 1972, in the old Executive Office Building as Nixon chatted with his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman.

Public disclosure of the erasure, late the following year, eroded Nixon's credibility at a time when his presidency was unraveling over the June 17, 1972, break-in at

the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate.

Nixon's secretary, Rose Mary Woods, testified that when a phone rang, she must have pushed the wrong button and left her foot on a pedal, accidentally recording over part of the original conversation. A panel of experts set up in the 1970s by federal judge John Sirica, who presided

over the Watergate criminal trials, concluded that the erasures were done in at least five - and perhaps as many as nine - separate and contiguous segments.

The panel never figured out what was erased.

Susan Cooper, a spokeswoman for the National Archives, said the archives would not make a quick decision on whether retesting should be done.

Contrast between Bush, McCain continues to develop in debate

Knight Ridder News Service

JOHNSTON, Iowa - Gov. George W. Bush of Texas accused Sen. John McCain of Arizona Saturday of financing his proposed tax cuts in part with a \$40 billion tax hike on employer-provided benefits, which Bush said would force working people to give up cherished perks like employer-paid tuition.

Bush revealed the charge against his chief rival for the Republican presidential nomination at a debate here, the last one before Iowa voters attend precinct caucuses on Monday Jan. 24 that will start a nationwide series of votes that will culminate in the election of a new president next November.

Bush's criticism, and a testy response from McCain, underscored the increasingly sharp contest between the two men for the votes of working-class Americans.

What would you tell a working single mother about why you would tax her benefits, Bush asked McCain.

"Well, the first thing I would say to that single mom is that I've got a tax cut for you and Gov. Bush doesn't," the Arizona senator replied.

"That's not true," interrupted Bush. Indeed, his tax-cut plan would cut income tax rates for low-income people as well as the better-off.

McCain responded that "the real issue here" is that the federal government is running a huge tax surplus, and "the question is what do we want to do with it."

The Arizona senator said he would give part of the surplus back to lower and middle-income people, but would devote much of it as well to buying down the \$5.6 trillion national debt in an effort to shore up future finances of Social Security.

"Gov. Bush's plan has not one penny for Social Security, not one penny for Medicare, and not one penny for paying down the national debt," McCain charged. Turning to face the Texas governor standing beside him, McCain

added: "And when you run ads saying you're going to take care of Social Security, my friend, that's all hat and no cattle."

The audience tittered with laughter. After a long pause, Bush, looking bemused, said: "That's cute."

"You know they are always cutest when they're true," McCain replied, grinning.

"It's not true," Bush protested.

Bush used the debate to go on the offensive against McCain, who has been arguing forcefully that his tax-cut proposal would do more to help working people, while Bush's would deliver the bulk of benefits to the wealthy.

Environmentalists predict doom for Mother Earth as economy booms

WASHINGTON (AP) - The rise of the Internet and soaring stock markets threaten to obscure "real-world" troubles such as crises in water supplies and other resources, an environmental group said Saturday.

"Global economic trends during the 1990s were remarkably bullish, but environmental trends were disastrous," Worldwatch Institute said in its State of the World 2000 report.

The report noted that the 20th century brought spectacular technological achievements, boosted employment and helped fuel America's longest, peace-time economic expansion.

But, it said, the expanding global economy is outgrowing Earth's ecosystems.

"As the Dow Jones goes up, the Earth's health goes down," said Lester R. Brown, the study's lead author and president of Worldwatch.

Since Worldwatch started its annual assessments in 1984, its list of troublesome trends - shrinking forests, falling water tables, disappearing plant and animal species - has lengthened to include rising temperatures, melting glaciers, more destructive storms, dying coral reefs.

"Caught up in the growth of

the Internet, we seem to have lost sight of the Earth's deteriorating health," Brown said. "It would be a mistake to confuse the vibrancy of the virtual world with the increasingly troubled state of the real world."

Failure to reverse environmental trends will lead to reversals in economic progress, the report warned in the 200-page report.

It said protests against the World Trade Organization last month in Seattle made "some progress" in challenging the idea of "economics at the expense of the environment and other issues."

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NATION

Dark past catches up with club owner

Caterer to rich and famous has history of violence, crime



Florida nightclub owner Chris Paciello accompanies Madonna as they leave a fashion show in New York in this Sept. 12, 1999, file photo. On Dec. 1, the Brooklyn native surrendered in Miami on murder and robbery charges after he was named in a New York indictment accusing him of being a former member of a violent goon squad.

sudden fall after his mercurial rise.

Gerry Kelly, an ex-Paciello employee and now a competing Miami Beach nightclub owner, was incredulous when told by authorities that his former boss once discussed having him "whacked."

"This is definitely a 'Jekyll and Hyde' situation," said Kelly, who recalled Paciello as a kind man. "I never, ever even heard him raise his voice. I thought he was my friend. ... It's scary as hell."

The South Beach glitterati

have rallied behind Paciello, putting up personal property to secure a \$15 million bail bond earlier this month. They say their friend is a legitimate entrepreneur who succeeded because of his shy charm.

Paciello's attorney, Roy Black, says his client from Brooklyn's tough Bensonhurst neighborhood is a "young man who's turned his life around." He notes that Paciello - despite growing up among criminals and being arrested several times - was never convicted of a felony. "Unfortunately, the way our

society works is when someone becomes successful ... they become a target," Black said.

Paciello himself has said of the mob rumors: "It doesn't make me a gangster because I hung out on the corner with people while I was growing up." He says he uses his mother's maiden name, Paciello, because his parents broke up - not to escape his past. But prosecutors call the portrait a sham, saying Paciello's move to Florida meant only a switch in allegiance to the Colombo crime family. They accuse him of settling scores with assaults and death threats and suspect he also laundered mob money through his clubs.

"It's a character trait of Mr. Ludwigen to resort to violent activity," said James Walden, an assistant U.S. attorney in Brooklyn.

Authorities allege Paciello first gravitated to the mob on Staten Island in the late 1980s. They say former accomplices have named Paciello as the mastermind of a \$300,000 bank robbery by an armed gang in 1992.

On Feb. 18, 1993, the crew struck again, this time ringing the doorbell at the Staten Island home of Sementov, 46, intending to rob \$200,000 supposedly stashed there. A gunman killed her; the robbers fled empty handed, and Paciello allegedly drove the getaway car.

Paciello then re-invented himself in South Beach, opening a club called Risk in 1994. It was later destroyed by a fire that authorities suspect was set, providing the insurance money to start his trendy dance spot Liquid.

ABC says it backed away from White House anti-drug program

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - ABC says it stopped trying to collect government financial credits for inserting anti-drug messages in its programs after President Clinton's drug advisers asked to see scripts before they were aired.

"It wasn't something that we were comfortable doing," ABC President Patricia Fili-Krushel said Saturday. Her comments indicated that the White House's efforts to advance anti-drug messages were perhaps more aggressive than previously believed.

Fili-Krushel also acknowledged that ABC's participation in the effort was more extensive than it had said before.

It was disclosed this past week that Clinton's Office of National Drug Control Policy, which has bought millions of dollars worth of commercial time on the networks, offered broadcasters financial credits if they could prove that their programs advanced anti-drug themes.

NEW YORK (AP) - Until last month, Chris Paciello confidently reigned over a South Beach nightclub regime catering to the see-and-be-seen set. Madonna, Donald Trump, Jennifer Lopez - all hung out at Paciello's Florida clubs, lounging in black-leather booths, sipping Dom Perignon and schmoozing with the beefy, dark-haired owner.

But authorities claim the true picture of Paciello can be found seven years ago in the more mundane setting of Staten Island. It was there that housewife Judith Sementov was shot in the head - part of what prosecutors say is a violent past that has finally caught up to Paciello.

On Dec. 1, the Brooklyn native surrendered in Miami on federal murder and robbery charges after he was named in a New York indictment accusing him of being a former member of the "Beach Avenue Crew."

The goon squad, authorities say, provided muscle for the Bonanno crime family, killing a half-dozen people. They claim Paciello, 28, whose legal name is Christian Ludwigen, was known as "the Binger" for his violent crime binges.

The case could put Paciello in jail for life and destroy his multi-million dollar earnings.

Friends of the man whom the Miami weekly New Times called South Beach's "dangerous darling" have been stunned by the

Special task force probes police corruption in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A special task force investigating corruption in the Los Angeles Police Department has asked prosecutors to charge three officers with crimes ranging from assault to perjury, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday.

Detectives on the task force presented District Attorney Gil Garcetti's office with evidence implicating Officer Prine Durden, Brian Hewitt and Michael Buchanan, the Times said, citing an unidentified source.

The LAPD's probe into the city's worst police corruption scandal in decades has uncovered

alleged unjustified shootings, beatings, drug dealing, evidence planting, false arrests, witness intimidation and perjury.

The criminal charges would be the first to grow out of the scandal since former officer-turned-informant Rafael Perez began cooperating with authorities and implicating officers in wrongdoing.

To date, 20 officers have resigned or been relieved of duty, suspended without pay or fired in connection with the scandal. In addition, 11 criminal convictions have been overturned and four inmates have been released from prison.

Major gun maker says no to selling firearms at shows

DENVER (AP) - The nation's largest gun manufacturer has begun instructing distributors not to sell its firearms at gun shows, apparently the first policy of its kind, The Denver Post reported Saturday.

In contracts with distributors this year, Sturm, Ruger & Co. states that its shotguns, rifles and handguns be supplied only "to federally licensed firearms dealers selling exclusively from their regular place of business," the newspaper said.

Millions of guns are sold or traded every year at an estimated 4,400 gun shows nationwide. Federally licensed gun dealers

must conduct background checks on gun-show customers, but unlicensed private dealers are not required to conduct the checks.

"This is a new policy that no other manufacturer has made. I think what they're doing is remarkable," said Tony DiCarlo, a Ruger distributor in Rochester, N.Y.

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Death ushers in year 2000

NEW YORK (AP) - A desire to see the year 2000 arrive may sit behind an unusually high number of deaths in New York City in the year's first seven days, experts say.

Preliminary numbers from New York's Department of Health show 1,791 people died in the city in the first week of 2000 - a 50.8 percent increase from the 1999 total of 1,187 deaths for the same period.

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Governor Dirk Kempthorne pays a final tribute to veteran state legislative leader Jerry Twigg, late president pro tem of the Idaho Senate, as pallbearers load the Senator's casket into a hearse for burial in Blackfoot Friday. Twigg, 66, died of a heart attack during his morning jog Monday, just hours before the Idaho Legislature's 2000 session was to convene.

Legislature gets back to work

After a sudden loss, lawmakers resume labor

By Bob Fick
The Associated Press

BOISE — State lawmakers go to work this week amid uncertainty created by the sudden death of Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg and against the backdrop of a new regional survey indicating their constituents may be increasingly concerned about the future.

It is the kind of attitude that could reinforce the Legislature's conservative approach to spending and intensify attention given to such issues as escalating health-care costs and development pressures in one of the nation's fastest-growing states.

"We have a tradition in Idaho of doing a lot with finite resources," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said as he was preparing the State of the State and budget messages he will deliver on Monday and Wednesday.

Kempthorne said his program is still conservative, despite the likelihood of a cash surplus exceeding \$50 million and revenue for the 2000-2001 budget year that begins July 1 hitting the \$1.8 billion he already has said he will propose spending.

Boy takes a dare, gets hit by a train

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — An 13-year-old boy, injured while apparently trying to touch a moving train, was in serious condition Saturday at Deaconess Medical Center, a hospital official said.

Spokane County sheriff's officials said the boy and two friends were walking home from school Friday when one boy dared the victim to touch a moving train.

"He stepped forward, touched the train, and caught his hand on something," sheriff's spokesman Dave Reagan said. "It pulled him under the train."

The key issues remain — deteriorated public school buildings, parental consent for abortion, the state policy on Indian gambling, endangered species policy, term limits and the escalating impact of the 1995 property tax relief plan on the state treasury.

But the first order of business will be for the 30 Senate Republicans to fill the chamber's top leadership job. Floor Leader James Risch, the Boise attorney who held the job for six years in the 1980s, was considered the frontrunner to succeed Twigg, who was buried on Friday in Blackfoot.

The session likely to run at least to the end of March, will lead lawmakers into a campaign season before an electorate that the new poll conducted for Newwestpolitics.com suggests is feeling a little edgy about the potential price it may have to pay for the dramatic growth of the 1990s.

"There is an important segment of the New West which is particularly apprehensive with the future of the region — namely, native and older Westerners, rural residents and non-college educated Westerners who are either not comfortable with growth or are not experiencing the growth of the urban and sub-

urban West," the Internet site report said.

The polling firms of Public Opinion Strategies and Lake, Snell, Perry & Associates surveyed 800 registered voters in Idaho and nine other western states on Jan. 4-6. California was not included.

The responses have a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

In the cases of both rural residents and older people, nearly six of every 10 were pessimistic about the future, and there seems to be no consensus on the quality of western life in the years to come.

Thirty percent believe it will get better, 30 percent believe it will get worse, and 37 percent say it will stay the same.

While the polling results were not state specific, Idaho's demog-

raphy offers some hint at the application.

Half the population of more than 1.2 million lives in rural or relatively rural-thinking counties, and the population over 45 is increasing.

Those 45 and older accounted for 30 percent of the population a decade ago.

They make up 33 percent today.

Economic circumstances also suggest a more pessimistic view, if the polling results are a guide.

Experts say that while the overall state economy is churning with employment at a record low and income and sales tax revenues rising at a respectable clip, the benefit has been uneven across the state.

Economist John Church believes 70 percent of the more recent growth has occurred within 50 miles of Boise, leaving out over 60 percent of Idaho's population.



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Treasure Valley students are less likely to drop out

BOISE (AP) — Figures released by the Idaho Department of Education indicate high school students in the Treasure Valley are more likely to stay in school and graduate than students elsewhere in the state.

More alternative schools, increased vocational training and intervention programs starting as early as elementary school may have kept the valley's average dropout rates below the statewide average of about 9 percent, as reported in the 1999 Kids Count report. Nationally, the rate stands at 10 percent.

Locally, dropout rates have shown the most dramatic decrease in the Meridian School District, where this past school year's figures were almost half those of three years earlier, 3.51 percent compared to 6.82 percent.

Part of that decrease has been attributed to the opening of two new alternative schools in the district.

Rev Bradford, the district's secondary education director, said that when she took over the job a few years ago she issued a challenge to each of the high schools to examine what could be done to retain more students.

A former middle school principal, she was concerned the transition into high school was affecting students who might otherwise have stayed in school. The majority of students who drop out do so in the ninth grade.

She also credited the state's 1996 law that prevents students under 18 who drop out of school from driving. She believes it gives students incentive to stay in school.

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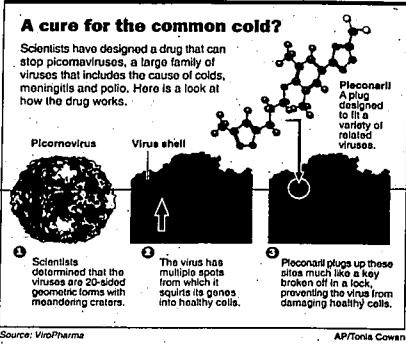
EXTON, Pa. (AP) — Certainly a cure for the common cold would be a big story all by itself. But how about a medicine that also stops viral meningitis? The summer flu? Densely newborn infections? Even polio?

One drug that does all this is surprisingly close. It is called pleconaril, and if large-scale testing turns out well, it could be in drug stores within a year.

Pleconaril (pronounced plah-CONN-ah-riil) is the latest in a short list of medicines that kill viruses. This drug, in fact, blocks an entire category of them, a collection of 169 distinctly different nasties that together cause more human disease than any other.

It is remarkable as what pleconaril does, however, is how it came to be. This drug was not so much discovered as designed.

Once drug development was a kind of organized serendipity, screening thousands of random compounds to see what happens. But over the past decade, a quiet series of breakthroughs has transformed the way drugs are developed. Now scientists explore the shape and innards of their target right down to the last molecule.



Source: ViroPharma

AP/Tonia Cowan

Then they fashion chemical monkey wrenches to throw into the works.

Pleconaril is the latest, and one of the most impressive, examples of this new way of creating medicines. It is an exquisitely precise sort of monkey wrench. The drug fits neatly into a groove on the surface of the virus, gumming up the machinery it needs to infect the body's cells.

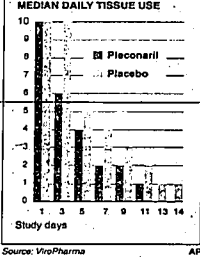
Experts believe the same research techniques will lead to

treatments for many other kinds of viruses, predators that are still mostly beyond the powers of modern medicine.

"Pleconaril represents a class of drugs that were designed with the knowledge of the three-dimensional structure of the virus," says Dr. Catherine Laughlin, chief of virology at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "It provides a lot of hope for the eventual design of drugs for virtually

The misery index

In clinical trials people used 40 percent fewer tissues by day three of taking pleconaril.



Source: ViroPharma

cold — the most prosaic of infections — that is likely to be the medicine's biggest market.

"Everyone talks about the cure for the common cold," says Dr. Jose Romero of Creighton University in Nebraska, who has tested the drug on patients. "This is the cure for the common cold." Some might quibble over that word. "Cure," after all, implies that pleconaril will make the sniffles evaporate instantly, which it won't. Still, the medicine can shorten a bad cold by three or four days and help people feel considerably less miserable along the way.

Pleconaril does this by disabling the rhinovirus, the most common human virus. But that's just the start.

It also neutralizes the second most common human virus, the enterovirus. Various versions of enteroviruses cause an amazingly broad range of illnesses: lingering summer colds, head-splitting meningitis, childhood fevers, inflammation of the heart, polio, plus overwhelming infections that sometimes kill newborns.

One drug can stop both rhinoviruses and enteroviruses because they are close cousins, members of a large family called the picornaviruses.

"There have been a number of anti-picornavirus agents over the past 25 years, but they've had all sorts of problems," notes Dr.

Mark Pallansar, an enterovirus expert at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Pleconaril is the first treatable product that is potentially licensable." ViroPharma estimates that every year, Americans get between 400 million and 500 million picornavirus infections that are serious enough to make them feel bad. It plans to charge between \$50 and \$100 for each medicine to cure one infection.

Clearly other drug makers have. However, only one other company appears to be close to ViroPharma for now. Agouron Pharmaceuticals, a part of Warner-Lambert Co., is experimenting this fall on 900 cold victims to see if its nasal spray, code-named AG7088, will speed their recovery.

However, colds is the least of the reasons why many doctors are so enthusiastic about pleconaril.

Enterovirus infections are occasionally medical emergencies. Over the past two years, the FDA has allowed the company to dispense pleconaril outside of organized experiments for infections that are life-threatening or especially gruesome. So far, nearly 100 people have been treated this way, often with seemingly spectacular results.

Improved U.S., Syrian relations benefit peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — While Syria remains on a U.S. list of states that sponsor terrorism, its crucial role in Middle East peace talks is improving a long-frosted and difficult relationship with the United States.

Syria's government-controlled press was full of praise last week for the U.S. role in the Israeli-Syrian talks, crediting Washington with placing the process on the right track.

"The American role is desired," said the Syrian Tishreen daily. "It's honest and objective. ... It would be impossible to push the peace process forward without U.S. help. The United States also is getting to know Syria better as a result of the negotiations, which

are set to resume Wednesday, most likely returning to Shepherdstown, W.Va. American officials and military personnel had talks with Syrian counterparts on the sidelines of the Syrian-Israeli negotiations, "in a more informal way, a little bit more as people, and what their histories and hopes are for the future," State Department spokesman James Rubin said.

"There has been an opportunity to talk more, to understand each other better," he said. A State Department official said Syria's participation in the week-long talks that recessed Jan. 10 was a hopeful sign that relations between Washington and Damascus can improve.

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NATION

Principal bans the banned-book list; teacher fights

The Washington Post

Rockingham County, Va. English teacher Jeff Newton has been fighting censorship for years, by posting a list of off-banned books on his classroom door "to inform students about that touchy area between art and government."
Now the rural Virginia teacher says he is caught in that vice himself.
This fall, a parent walking by Newton's classroom saw the list - contained in an

American Library Association pamphlet called "Read a Banned Book" - thumbed through it and lodged a complaint with school officials. The high school principal then ordered Newton to take the list down.
Last week, Newton, four high school students and five groups representing libraries, booksellers and authors filed suit in U.S. District Court in Harrisonburg, Va., alleging that banning the banned-books list violated their First Amendment rights.
Teachers routinely post all sorts of things

on their doors, but only this pamphlet: was singled out for removal, said Kent Willis, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, which is representing Newton. "They've given him this space, and they can't then selectively remove things from it without a process," Willis said.
Spotswood High School Principal C. James Slye declined to comment on the case, but according to a letter he wrote to Newton in the fall, he objected to three

titles on the list of more than 80 books: "The Joy of Gay Sex," "Understanding Sexual Identity: A Source for Gay Teens and their Friends" and "Women on Top: How Real Life Has Changed Women's Fantasies."
"Any posting or display on a teacher's classroom door is considered an extension of a approved curriculum," Slye wrote. "A teacher's door... is not a billboard or a vehicle for the promotion of the reading of such books."



Letterman on the road to recovery

NEW YORK (AP) - Television funnyman David Letterman was cracking jokes in his hospital room Saturday as he recovered from emergency quintuple bypass surgery the day before.
"I feel fantastic. In addition to rerouting the arteries, they also installed an E-Z Pass," Letterman, 52, said, joking about the commuter toll passes.
Among the cards from well-wishers were flowers from President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton, who appeared on his show Wednesday.
Doctors ordered the surgery Friday after an angiogram showed one of Letterman's arteries was severely constricted. He had the test because of high cholesterol and a history of heart disease in his family.
"Dave's doing great," said Dr. O. Wayne Isom, chairman of cardiovascular surgery at the Weill Cornell Center of New York-Presbyterian Hospital. "He's making jokes and feels terrific. He's on his way to a full recovery."

Letterman's physician and cardiologist have said it is too soon to say how long the comedian will need to recuperate.
CBS plans to air reruns of the "Late Show" until he recovers.

Lawyer claims that his client is retarded

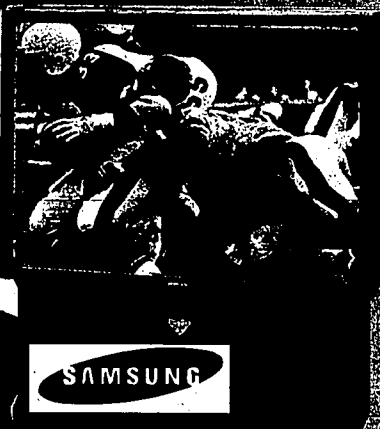
MILWAUKEE (AP) - A man suspected of sending more than a dozen letters to clinics with a gritty substance purporting it to be anthrax is retarded and "extremely simple," his lawyer says.
Micky A. Sauer, 23, of Kenosha was arrested after a letter carrier discovered another suspicious envelope in a street corner mailbox in Kenosha on Thursday.
On Friday morning, FBI agents said they saw Sauer mail a letter in the same box. According to a federal affidavit, the handwriting on the only envelope in the box was similar to that on all the threatening letters, which read: "This is anthrax and you will die."

The envelope was addressed to the Kenosha high school Sauer had attended.
Authorities said none of the 14 envelopes received at various locations in eastern Wisconsin this week contained the deadly livestock disease, which can be transmitted to humans. But in each case, people who came in contact with the envelope were put through decontamination.
Sauer was charged Friday in U.S. District Court with mailing a threatening communication, which carries a penalty of up to 5 years in prison.

Cardinal parties on 80th birthday

NEW YORK (AP) - Cardinal John O'Connor's birthday party Saturday turned into a major fund-raiser for the New York Archdiocese - as well as a gathering for some of his possible successors.
The dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in honor of the cardinal's 80th birthday raised \$4 million for Catholic charities, including support for parochial schools in the archdiocese and funding for a seminary position named for the cardinal.
Included among the 1,500 people invited were several men whose names have been mentioned as O'Connor's possible successors: Archbishop Justin Rigali of St. Louis; Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, who heads the archdiocese for the U.S. Military; and Bishop Henry Mansell of Buffalo, a former top aide to O'Connor.

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Source: Chandra X-ray Observatory Center

Space telescope reveals the 'real fountain of life'

Knight Ridder News Service

ATLANTA — A new space telescope has revealed the inner workings of a stellar factory that produces enormous quantities of oxygen — what one astronomer called "the real fountain of life."

Scientists believe that most of the oxygen we breathe was generated initially by a relatively small number of massive exploding stars known as "supernovae." Along with other elements — the raw materials of new stars and planets — this precious gas eventually spread throughout the universe, including our own solar system.

"Such massive stars create lots of oxygen in their nuclear furnaces," Massachusetts Institute of Technology astronomer Claude Canizares explained Friday at the annual meeting of the American Astronomical Society here. "It was explosions of such supernovae that permitted life on Earth."

Once life evolved on this planet, oxygen generation by bacteria and plants became self-sustaining. Thus humans today are not dependent upon supernovae for oxygen, although such explosions continue to spread it through the cosmos.

The ring-shaped remnants of one such supernova — labeled E010272 — were studied on two occasions last fall by NASA's powerful new Chandra X-ray Observatory.

When it blew up, the giant

star, 15 to 25 times more massive than our sun, was 200,000 light-years from Earth in the Small Magellanic Cloud, one of the galaxies closest to our own Milky Way. (A light-year is about 6 trillion miles.)

The brilliant light from the starburst reached Earth about 1,000 years ago, and could have been visible to the naked eyes of people in Australia or South America, Canizares said.

Chandra, launched last July, carries an instrument called a high-energy spectrometer that spreads out X-rays, much as a prism breaks up a beam of light into a rainbow of different wavelengths. It recognizes each element, such as carbon, oxygen or iron, by its unique wavelength.

The Chandra images showed that about half the gas expelled by the exploding star was oxygen — an unexpectedly high amount. Elements such as iron and magnesium also were manufactured, but in lesser amounts.

The oxygen from this supernova alone would weigh as much as 10 of our suns, and would be enough to supply 1,000 solar systems like our own, Canizares said. The gas formed inside the star, where nuclear fusion of primordial hydrogen gradually built up heavier elements, such as carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, sulfur and iron.

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WORLD

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Albanians mourn on massacre's anniversary

RACAK, Yugoslavia (AP) - Laying wreaths and reading poems, thousands of Kosovo Albanians gathered on a snowy hillside Saturday for the first anniversary of the mass killing that shocked the world and set in motion NATO's campaign against Yugoslavia.

Hundreds of ethnic Albanians were killed by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's forces before the Racak massacre, and thousands of others lost their lives later.

But the killings of 45 men, women and children in Racak carry a special significance in Kosovo.

Racak "galvanized the pain we had been feeling at the time with an understanding of the international community that the only way to stop Milosevic was to show teeth," said Veton Surroi, an independent Albanian politician.

In another case of ethnic violence, Serbs and ethnic Albanians tangled in a northern town Friday. Two ethnic Albanians sustained head injuries in what began as a fist fight in Kosovska Mitrovica, 20 miles north of Pristina, said U.N. police spokesman Philippe Paucot.

Shortly afterward, an ethnic Albanian opened fire with a machine gun on Serbs. No one was



Ethnic Albanian Emine Beqa, who lost two children and her husband, weeps in front of their graves in Racak, Kosovo Saturday. The day marked the first anniversary of the mass killing of 45 men, women and children that shocked the world and set the ball in motion for NATO air strikes against Yugoslavia.

reported wounded, but NATO troops and U.N. police had to separate the angry crowds that formed on the two sides of a bridge separating the Serb and ethnic Albanian halves of the town.

In Racak, relatives of some of those killed in the massacre laid wreaths at the graves marked with slabs of red-painted wood, as mourners looked on from the hillside. During the two-hour ceremony, local officials recited poems commemorating the dead and for-

mer leaders of the officially disbanded Kosovo Liberation Army gave speeches.

"The Racak massacre marked a turning point in the new history of Kosovo," said Hashim Thaci, the former KLA political leader. "We now should build a new, free and democratic order that will be an example not only for Kosovars, but for all the region."

One year ago, the discovery of a bloody trail of bodies in the hills around Racak in the wake of a Serb crackdown on ethnic Alban-

ian rebels prompted William Walker - the American who was then the top international official in Kosovo - to condemn the atrocity as a "massacre" of civilians.

Walker's statement, and the pictures of the bodies - their belongings scattered on the ground, their faces bloodied and disfigured, many shot at close range - sparked international uproar that led to the first steps toward the 78-day bombing campaign against Yugoslavia launched in March.

Feared paramilitary leader shot and killed in Serbia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - Masked gunmen shot and killed a notorious Serb paramilitary leader on Saturday in the lobby of the Belgrade Intercontinental Hotel. Zeljko Razuvajic, better known as Arkan, had been indicted for war crimes in Bosnia, and his paramilitary forces have been accused of involvement in atrocities during Serbia's war with Croatia.



Arkan

Reputedly one of Serbia's wealthiest individuals, Arkan was a longtime ally of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

After the shooting, Arkan, 47, was taken to a hospital for emergency surgery, police at the scene said on condition of anonymity.

A doctor at Belgrade's emergency hospital said he had seen Arkan and that "all vital functions had stopped." A police offi-

cer also said that Arkan had died, either en route or after arrival at the hospital. The doctor and the police officer both asked their names not be used.

Two independent news outlets, Studio B television and the Beta news agency, also said he was dead, but there was no confirmation "from official sources."

Momcil Mandic, one of Arkan's bodyguards, also was killed and another person was seriously wounded, said a source in the hotel who also asked not be identified.

Space

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processes that formed chemical elements like those which are found on Earth and are necessary for life," said Kathryn Flanagan, another MIT astronomer.

"We have just seen a star rip its belly open and show us what's inside," Canizares told reporters. After the oxygen was "baked in the oven," he added, it was "made available to those of us who like to take a breath."

The manufacture of oxygen and other elements in stars continues to this day. An enormous supernova exploded in 1987, and more are expected every 25 to 100 years. The last in our own galaxy was in 1602.

However, a huge southern star called Eta Carinae, 9,000 light-years away in the Milky Way, may have already blown up during the time it takes its light to reach Earth, according to Steven Marin, an astronomer at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

In another report at the astronomy conference, a team of scientists said they had found the closest black hole to Earth yet discovered.

Located 1,600 light-years away toward the center of the Milky Way, it is one of a class of relatively small black holes, formed when a star collapses into a core so dense that its gravity pulls everything nearby into itself.

Even light can't escape - hence the label of black hole.

"It's gulping down material greedily in our own back yard," said Lynn Cominsky, an astronomer at Sonoma State University, in Sonoma, Calif. The new object, labeled V4641 Sagittarius, may weigh as little as three suns. Three others, each weighing no more than 10 suns, have been found much farther away in our galaxy.

Unlike their enormous cousins that weigh billions of times more than the sun and lie at the centers of many distant galaxies, these mini-black holes are only a few times more massive than the sun.

Robert Hjellming (Eds. CO), of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Socorro, N.M., said the new black hole is spinning rapidly and shooting out jets of radio waves at 90 percent the speed of light.

The object was detected last September when it suddenly erupted, sending out four intense flashes of X-rays over a two-day period. The discovery was confirmed by optical and radio telescopes.

More eruptions are expected in coming months, but MIT astronomer Ronald Remillard said there is no cause for alarm.

"These things are not free to roam on their own and gobble up things, Pac-Man style," he said. "Don't worry."

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Cold War mystery haunts Grenada

Los Angeles Times

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada - Where is the body of Maurice Bishop?

That is Grenada's most haunting and enduring Cold War mystery - and has been since the legendary leftist prime minister was executed brutally, along with about a dozen supporters, in a 1983 government upheaval that triggered the Reagan administration's invasion of this remote

Caribbean isle.

The invading American troops rounded up and jailed 17 soldiers and insurrection leaders for the killings. But to this day, U.S. officials have not acknowledged that Bishop's body or the remains of those gunned down beside him were ever found.

On New Year's Eve, however, along came undertaker Clinton Bailey and half a dozen teenagers from a local boys college. At a year-end news conference that inflamed a long-exposed

national nerve, Bailey announced that a gravedigger at St. George's cemetery, a burly, bearded Grenadian named Michael Macintosh, had unearthed three U.S. military body bags that might contain the remains of the late prime minister and some of his missing aides.

If anyone is in a position to say that, it's the 39-year-old Bailey. His father, Leslie, who ran the Orway/Bailey Funeral Home until his death in 1998, was consigned by the U.S. invasion force to bury

several body bags in an unmarked grave 16 years ago, Bailey told the Los Angeles Times earlier this month. His father never revealed the location of that site, he added - not even when Bishop's daughter, Nadia, searched the cemetery with several U.S. forensic specialists a few years ago.

Last summer, students from Grenada's Presentation Brothers' College approached Bailey for help with their class project: tracking down Bishop's body as an exercise in "nurturing a cul-

ture of peace." Documents, the students said, had led them to Bailey's door.

A few months later, Bailey said, Macintosh independently stumbled on the body bags while digging a fresh grave. And in December, Bailey said, after seeing the contents of one bag when Macintosh dug down to it, he decided to hold the news conference in hopes of clearing his family name after 16 years of suspi-

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More rebels surrender as Algeria offers amnesty to end fighting

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - More than 1,100 members of an Algerian rebel group have surrendered in recent days in eastern Algeria, a state prosecutor said Saturday. It was unclear how many rebels have surrendered overall and how many were still holding out Saturday, two days after a government-imposed deadline for militants to lay down their arms. Newspaper reports before the deadline said 1,700 rebels had surrendered since July. President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who is trying to end a bloody eight-year Islamic insurgency, set Jan. 13 as the deadline for insurgents to surrender and receive partial amnesty. The deal applied to all rebels except those guilty of rapes, murders or bombings. Bouteflika has warned that any militants who failed to comply with the deadline will be eradicated. Algerian soldiers have deployed in rebel strongholds for a threatened offensive to annihilate rebel hold-outs. As the deadline approached, a rebel group called the Islamic Salvation Army,

or AIS, was granted full amnesty by the government. The group, which called a cease-fire in 1997, dissolved itself soon afterward. In the last few days, 1,166 AIS members have surrendered in the Jijel region, about 220 miles east of Algiers, said Bachir Chaib, the region's state prosecutor. Chaib told state radio that 137 members of the Armed Islamic Group have laid down their arms in the same region. The radical group is blamed for some of Algeria's most brutal massacres and had rejected Bouteflika's drive for peace. On Saturday, Algerian newspapers said a local AIS leader in western Algeria also had complied with the deadline despite initial misgivings. Ahmed Benaicha surrendered Thursday with about 450 of his men, the newspapers said. The surrender deadline was part of Bouteflika's plan for "civil concord," which passed parliament in July and was ratified in a national referendum in September.

Russian soldiers grow tired of ongoing conflict

GROZNY, Russia (AP) - By a tumbledown wooden shack flanked by elm trees, a scraggy 20-year-old Russian conscript clutches a cigarette between his fingers and stares at the snow around his feet. A deafening burst of artillery cracks nearby, knocking clumps of snow from the trees and sending them to the ground with a low thud. The soldier, Dima Labazov, doesn't even look up. "We are tired of this war already," Labazov said, his voice low and expressionless. He said his platoon was promised it would be out of Chechnya by Jan. 26, but all mention of a plane trip home has stopped.

deployed around the war-torn republic share none of the optimism, and say they feel they are regarded as cannon fodder, betrayed or abandoned by their commanders. The soldiers' sentiments contrast with the combative, nationalist statements voiced by many servicemen earlier in the offensive, when the Russians were sweeping easily through the republic's northern lowlands. Many still talk ardently of finishing off the Chechen "vermin" and restoring the motherland, but among other Russian soldiers morale is souring as the campaign - especially the fight for Grozny - drags on.

"It seems they have written off our regiment." The frontline is right here, cutting through a neighborhood thick with trees and badly damaged brick buildings in the Chechen capital, Grozny. Rebel fighters are positioned just a few hundred yards away. The men in Labazov's unit have held the 1,500-yard stretch of ground since Sept. 18, at times inching forward, toward the center of the city, then ordered to retreat again - in a series of movements the soldiers cannot explain or understand. Labazov's unit had 115 men when it was deployed in the Grozny neighborhood of Chernorechye on Sept. 18, but only 58 were left by mid-January. Some were wounded, but most were killed, soldiers said. Alexander Kvashnev, an Emergency Situations Ministry officer who travels to the war zone nearly daily to deliver aid to Chechen civilians or pick up refugees, said another 115-strong company was stationed in Chernorechye on Dec. 11. When it was redeployed on Jan. 2, only 17 men were left. "Sometimes you talk with somebody, then come back in a day and ask about the guy - but he's already been killed," Kvashnev said. The Russian military command issues upbeat reports of the Chechnya offensive. But soldiers

"They set us up every step of the way. Or sell us off," said a soldier who gave his name as Mikhail Kasanov, after his unit had come out of a battle in the Argun Gorge, in Chechnya's restive southern mountains.

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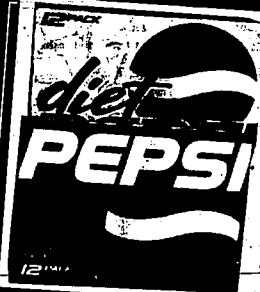


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EDITORIAL

Legislature must pick its leaders and get to work

The untimely death of Senate Pro Tem Jerry Twigg has thrown the Idaho Legislature off balance for a week, but it has not derailed the session completely.

On Monday, lawmakers will return to Boise to begin doing the state's business.

Twigg's successor, whomever it is, will shift the dynamics of the Statehouse. It's much the same as when a person steps off a crowded elevator: Everyone inside shifts positions before a newcomer steps on board.

Some big issues, and a host of lesser ones, are facing this year's Legislature. Without question, the hot-button issue will be parental consent for minor girls seeking an abortion. Given the emotional nature of the issue and the composition of the Legislature, it's likely that some form of parental consent will be approved. Though it's a conservative idea, even J.D. Williams - the state's leading Democrat - supports it.

But anything involving abortion is red meat for members of the extreme right. We suspect they will want more than the lawmakers are willing to give, and if they don't get it, they will try to make life difficult for everyone.

Twigg was a centrist who kept the extreme right at bay. The question is whether a new Senate leader can fend these people off. Whoever fills Twigg's seat would be wise to get the parental consent issue out of the way quickly - lest it hold everyone hostage in the session's waning days.

Another big issue is school renovation and repair. The Idaho Supreme Court has signaled that lawmakers must give beleaguered school districts better tools to improve unsafe classrooms and buildings.

Lawmakers shouldn't appropriate more state money to troubled school districts. A state bailout would kill the incentive for local districts to maintain their schools. It also would

thrust the Legislature's nose into a local issue that should be locally decided.

Indeed, the answer lies in allowing a limited amount of tinkering on the financing for school bond elections while still requiring two-thirds voter approval.

Twigg moved toward that idea last year; his successor should do the same.

In addition to these, there are a host of other issues that deserve attention and action - in the 2000 legislative session.

• An employer liability bill from the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry deserves to pass. The association floated a bill last year, but it lost momentum after Republican Rep. Leon Smith, a Twin Falls lawyer, opposed it. The business group has been working with Smith to craft a compromise.

• A push to make driving without seat belts a primary offense should be rejected. We'll be the first to say it: Everyone who rides in a motor vehicle should wear a seat belt. But law officers shouldn't be able to stop motorists for that offense alone. Cops have enough reasons to pull people over, and they don't need one that applies this broadly. A law allowing officers to pull people over for seat belt offenses could too easily be abused.

• As the state budget surplus continues to mount, special interest groups are sharpening their knives in hopes of a fiscal feast. When spending that money, lawmakers should avoid creating long-term budget obligations that would keep soaking taxpayers long after this temporary surplus is gone. That means no new long-term programs, nor any permanent new jobs.

These and other issues will soon emerge. State lawmakers have some tough sledding ahead now that Jerry Twigg is gone, but they'll get moving and will soon build momentum.

Whoever fills Jerry Twigg's seat in the Idaho Legislature would be wise to get the parental consent issue out of the way quickly - lest it hold everyone hostage in the session's waning days.



Ordinary people produce extraordinary results

We learn much from how we present our heroes. A few years ago, an Martin Luther King Day, I was interviewed on CNN. So was Rosa Parks, by phone from Los Angeles. "We're very honored to have her," the host said. "Rosa Parks was the woman who wouldn't go to the back of the bus. She wouldn't get up and give her seat in the white section to a white person. That set in motion the yearlong bus boycott in Montgomery. I learned Rosa Parks the title of 'mother of the civil rights movement.'"

I was excited to be part of the same show. Then it occurred to me that the host's familiar rendition of her story had stripped the Montgomery, Ala., boycott of its most important context. Before refusing to give up her bus seat Parks had spent 12 years helping lead the local NAACP chapter. The summer before, Parks had attended a 10-day training session at Tennessee's labor and civil rights organizing school, the Highlander Center, where she met an older generation of civil rights activists and discussed the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision banning "separate but equal" schools.

In other words, Parks didn't come out of nowhere. She didn't single-handedly give birth to the civil rights efforts. Instead, she was part of an existing movement for change at a time when success was far from certain. This in no way diminishes the power and historical importance of her refusal to give up her seat. Yet it does remind us that this tremendously consequential act might never have taken place without the humble and frustrating work that she and others did earlier on. It reminds us that her initial step of getting involved was just as courageous and critical as the

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abled moment when she refused to move to the back of the bus. People like Parks shape our models of social commitment. Yet the conventional retelling of her story creates a standard so impossible to meet that it may actually make it harder for the rest of us to get involved. It reinforces a notion that anyone who takes a committed public stand - has to be a larger-than-life figure, someone with more time, energy, courage, vision or knowledge than any normal person could ever possess.

This belief pervades our society, in part because the media rarely represent historical change as the work of ordinary human beings who learn to take extraordinary actions. And once we enshrine our heroes on pedestals, it becomes hard for mere mortals to measure up in our eyes. We go even further, dismissing most people's motives, knowledge and tactics as insufficiently grand or heroic, faulting them for not being in command of every fact and figure or not being able to answer every question put to them. We fault ourselves as well for not knowing every detail or for harboring uncertainties and doubts.

I think it does us all a disservice, a young African American activist from Atlanta said, "when people who work for social change are presented as saints, so much more noble than the rest of us. We get a false sense that from the moment we were born they were called to act, never had doubts, were bathed in a circle of light."

Our culture's misreading of the Rosa Parks story speaks to a more general collective amnesia by which we forget the

examples that might most inspire our courage and conscience. Most of us know next to nothing of the grass-roots movements in which ordinary men and women fought to preserve freedom, expand the sphere of democracy and create a more just society: the abolitionists, the populists, the women's suffragists, the union activists who spurred the end of 80-hour work weeks at near-starvation wages.

These activists teach us how to shift public sentiment, challenge entrenched institutional power and find the strength to persevere despite odds. Yet their stories, like the real story of Parks, are erased in an Orwellian memory hole. Parks' actual story conveys an empowering moral that is lost in her public myth. She began modestly, by attending one meeting and then another. Hesitant at first, she gained confidence as she spoke out. She kept on despite a profoundly uncertain context as she and others acted as best they could to challenge deeply entrenched injustices with little certainty of results.

Parks' journey suggests that social change is the product of deliberate, incremental action whereby we join together to try to shape a better world. Sometimes our struggles will fail, as did many earlier Congresses, Martin Luther King and her predecessors. Other times, they may bear modest fruit. And at times, they will trigger a miraculous outpouring of courage and heart, as happened in the wake of Parks' arrest. For only when we act, despite all our uncertainties and doubts, do we have the chance to shape history.

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We must care for the earth

Your editorial of Jan. 4, "Local farmers prove they are stewards of the land," leaves us wondering who you are referring to as the fringe group of "rabid environmentalists" who have pointed accusatory fingers at farmers for polluting our water and land.

Were you thinking of the director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, who recently affirmed the inevitable contamination of groundwater in southern Idaho? Or maybe it was the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Council, who has been trucking water to Fort Hall residents whose wells are contaminated by chemicals used by potato growers?

Or was it the Middle Snake Watershed Advisory Group that has studied the pollution of the Snake River from Shoshone Falls to Bliss and documented the impacts of agriculture? Or maybe you were referring to the neighbors of dairyman Jake Bosma, who discovered dead cows in the spring above their property? Or the Cassia County commissioners who have instituted a moratorium on confined animal feeding operations?

Or perhaps the 1998 Federal Western Water Policy Review Board, which cited irrigated cropland and drainage districts as "among the most serious unregulated forms of water pollution" accounting for "89 percent of quality impaired river mileage" and "the most common source of pollution in wildlife refuges." Agriculture is not the sole contributor, but agriculture is the largest industry in southern Idaho and has been shielded from responsibility by state and local governments far too long.

As you note, change is in process. We applaud shareholders of the Twin Falls Canal Co. for approving tougher water-quality standards on return flows because it was the right thing to do.

But there are other growers who are being good stewards of the land and who

READER COMMENT Florence and Tom Blanchard

should be recognized and supported. Especially noteworthy is Harvest From Harmony, an organization which serves to coordinate organic growers in and around the Magic Valley for local marketing projects. Kathy Hanson and Diane Wormshaker skillfully coordinate such projects as a Community Supported Agriculture Program in the Wood River Valley that puts more than \$50,000 into local growers' pockets each year.

Members include farmers like Mike and Marie Heath, Fred and Judy Bressy, Camas Grain, Carol and Jeff Rast, Mike Moudy, Nathan Jones and many smaller growers like Matthew Niska and Theresa Stolberg. These growers are making a concerted attempt to grow safe, nutritious food using sustainable organic methods and marketing the produce locally, a significant point since most of the food we eat travels an average of 1,200 miles to our dining tables. Farmers' markets managed by Mark Cook in Hialeah and Steve Tanguy and Ross Garber in Twin Falls are also providing an important outlet for local growers and the people who are satisfied with our current system of industrial agriculture.

If a "rabid environmentalist" is someone who notices an unsatisfactory situation and becomes dedicated to changing the way our food is grown and distributed, and to protecting our water supply, then all of the above mentioned are in good company.

Belleve residents Florence and Tom Blanchard are the directors of the Sawtooth Community Gardens, a public garden and environmental education center south of Ketchum. Tom Blanchard also is a former Blaine County commissioner.

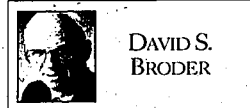
'Real' political reforms still a long way off.

Even here in New Hampshire, where presidential politics rivals skiing as the favorite winter sport every four years, some people have to be convinced that it matters who wins the White House. Steve Hampl is one man who remains unpersuaded.

The head of his own two-year-old, four-person high-tech company and a political independent, Hampl sees a huge contrast between Washington and "my world, where things change on a weekly basis, where the industry runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and when a customer calls, I'm on the next plane."

Hampl says he will vote in the Feb. 1 primary, but quickly tells you that, "I don't think things in Washington are going to change. Politicians promise this and that, but nothing ever happens. Take the tax code. Everyone knows there's something wrong with this complicated tax structure. But it never gets straightened out." Every one of the eight Republicans and Democrats stumping New Hampshire would argue that he would change all that. Bill Bradley says he has "big ideas"; George W. Bush says he's accomplished wonders in Texas. Every one of them has a reason why it would be different with him in the White House.

But the skepticism is powerfully reinforced by a series of essays published last week by scholars and journalists who know Washington very well indeed. The Brookings Review and National Journal, they make the case that the infirmities and distortions in our national government and political system may well thwart any president's ambitions to achieve large-scale reform. The Brookings Institute's Thomas Mann, in the lead article in the winter issue of its publication, says the "poisonous atmosphere" of partisanship in Congress has deeper roots than the aftermath of impeachment. "The parties are



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more evenly balanced and ideologically polarized than at any time in contemporary history. After decades of minority status, Republicans are pleased to be in the majority, but their margins are razor-thin and their leadership weak. While holding the White House for seven years, the Democrats have seen their position erode at every other level of elective office. "Changes in the coalitional bases of the parties in the electorate have sharply reduced the ranks of centrists in Congress and shifted the median position in each party toward its ideological pole. And both parties have suffered declining defeats on major policy initiatives (national health care reform for the Democrats, cutting government and reducing taxes for the Republicans), which has spawned a very cautious approach to policy-making and put a premium on defensive tactics and symbolic position-taking."

His colleague, Paul C. Light, says the next president may have as much trouble in the executive branch as he encounters in dealing with Congress. "The federal government," he writes in a separate article, "is now on the cusp of the brain drain as the baby boomers who entered government-centered service during the 1960s and 1970s begin to retire... When young Americans are asked to picture themselves in government careers... they envision dead-end jobs where seniority, not performance, rules. And when more seasoned Americans are asked to picture themselves in appointive office, they see a nomination and confirmation process

characterized by endless inspection, overdisclosure and delays at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue."

There is more: Sarah A. Binder documents the growing intractability of Congress; Martin Durbick, the muddle of conflicting impulses in the courts and the two elective branches on the pro-division of power between the states and Washington; and Stephen Hess, the decline in media coverage of government and the consequent loss of public understanding.

This analysis by sympathetic observers - not government-bashers - is leavened slightly by the characteristic optimism of E.J. Dionne Jr., who argues that "wedge issues" are out of fashion and a post-Clinton president "may have the opportunity to move on from simply waving shirts bloodied from past battles."

But over in the Jan. 8 issue of National Journal, Jonathan Rauch updates his argument that waves of reformers, ably led by Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich, have shown that whatever their agenda, it can and likely will be thwarted by the blocking power of constituency-based interest groups that mobilize to protect their particular program, agency, subsidy or privilege.

The result, he says, is "perpetual stalemate," in which efforts to shrink government or basically reorder its priorities are blocked by these interest groups while taxpayer resistance makes it impossible to add new tasks to the governmental agenda.

Perhaps these analysts are too gloomy. But their cautions are a useful contrast to the too-glib promises of "revolutionary change" from the candidates. And the Steve Hampls of New Hampshire know that what they've seen in Washington bears out these warnings.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

Hypercapitalism fuels new Time Warner Internet merger

The mega-merger between America Online and Time Warner, the largest in history, is far more than the joining of two giant media companies. What we are seeing is a great transformation occurring in the nature of capitalism. After hundreds of years of converting physical resources into property goods, the primary means of generating wealth now involves transforming cultural resources into paid-for personal experiences and entertainments.

The announcement of this merger underscores the extent to which a capitalist system based on manufacturing goods, performing services and even generating information is giving way to a new form of hypercapitalism based on commodifying human beings. Steve Case and Gerald Levin, the new heads of AOL-Time Warner, understand that the business of business is no longer about exchanging property but, rather, about buying access to one's daily existence in a commercial online segments.

AOL-Time Warner, Disney, Viacom and Sony Corp. are not just media companies. They are global arbiters of access to a vast array of cultural experiences, including global travel and tourism, theme cities and parks, destination entertainment centers, wellness, fashion and cuisine, professional sports and games, music, film, television, book publishing and magazines. The capitalist journey, which began with the commodification of goods and the ownership of property, is ending with the commodification of human culture itself.

Transnational media companies with communications networks that span the globe are mining local cultural resources in every part of the world and repackaging them as cultural commodities and entertainments. The top 20 percent of the world's population now spends almost as much of its income accessing cultural experiences as on buying manufactured goods and basic services. Social critics are beginning to ask what will happen to the rich cultural diversity that makes up the ecology of human existence, when a handful of information, entertainment and telecommunications companies control much of the cultural content of our daily lives. Cultural production, after all, relies on the raw resources of the cultural sphere in the same way industrial production relies on the raw resources of nature. The culture, like nature, can be mined to exhaustion. If not tempered, the new forces of cultural capitalism could end up devouring our remaining cultural resources — from traditional music and dance, to local festivals and sporting events, to native food and cuisine — by repackaging them into short-lived commercial entertainments, paid amusements and purchased spectacles. Losing access to the rich cultural diversity of thousands of years of human experience could be as devastating to our future ability to survive and flourish as losing our remain-

JEREMY RIFKIN

ing biological diversity.

When the culture itself is absorbed into the economy, only commercial bonds will be left to hold society together. The critical question in this new Age of Access is whether civilization can even exist when more and more of our relationships outside the family increasingly become a paid-for experience.

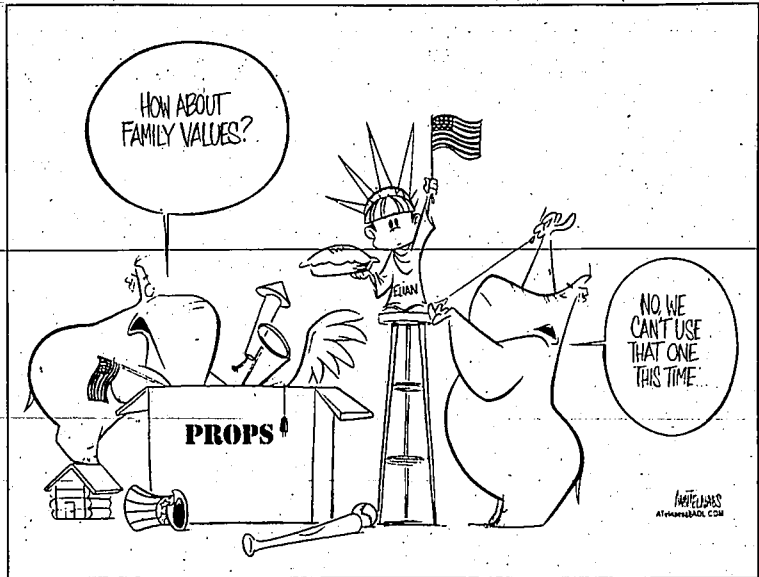
While Wall Street is celebrating the new merger, and 20 percent of the world's population is migrating to cyberspace, we need to remember that the rest of humanity still is caught up in the world of physical scarcity. For the poor, life remains a daily struggle for survival. Their world is far removed from fiber-optic cables, satellite uplinks, cellular phones, computer screens and cyberspace networks. Although difficult for many of us to comprehend, more than half of the human race has never made a phone call.

The gap between the possessed and the dispossessed is wide, but the gap between the connected and the disconnected is even wider. The world is fast developing into two distinct civilizations: those living inside the electronic gates of cyberspace, and those living on the outside. The new, global digital-communications networks, because they are so all-encompassing and comprehensive, have the effect of creating a new and widening social space, a second earthly sphere above the terra maris. The great schism, in the coming age, is between those whose lives are increasingly taken up in cyberspace and those who will never have access to this new realm of human existence.

In the industrial era, the geopolitical struggle centered on the question of control over local natural resources and labor pools. The issue of ownership and property rights defined the nature of the contest between peoples and countries. In the new era, the geopolitical struggle is increasingly fought over the question of access to local and global culture and the channels of communications that carry cultural content in commercial form.

More than 20 years ago, Harvard sociologist Daniel Bell made the observation that in the coming era, control over communication services would be a source of power, and access to communication would be a condition of freedom. The AOL-Time Warner merger brings us one step closer to a world where access to powerful global networks will define our social dynamics as fundamentally as property and markets did at the dawn of the industrial era.

Jeremy Rifkin is the author of "The Age of Access: The New Culture of Hypercapitalism Where All of Life is a Paid-For Experience." He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.



LETTER

Teachers should wear uniforms, too

There has been much talk lately of uniforms in schools.

I am 14 years old and attend East Minico Junior High as an eighth-grader. From my experiences in school, I can easily say that not wearing uniforms is not the problem. However, the discipline system is. Right now, the ability of a kid to get away with something such as cheating, fighting and swearing is great.

Uniforms are not going to help us when a kid says, "I don't like you," and throws you down the hall. What will uniforms do when a kid is cheating on a test? Nothing.

If you are so eager to enforce uniforms upon us, the students, then why have you not given them to teachers? Do we not learn by example?

Some say that clothes would not be stolen if we had uniforms. My thinking, however, is if it means that much to you and you don't have a place to lock it up, don't bring it to school.

My opinion is shared by many people, and we all ask the same question: Are our rights being stepped on? We have the right to be who we are and not somebody who wears a uniform.

I do not agree with anyone who is pro-uniforms in schools. And you have heard my reasons why. Now, it is your choice.

RENEE JESSE
Rupert

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System favors the criminal

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The court dates were set twice, dropped twice and once again, the criminal got away with it! I don't know about you, Twin Falls, but this is wrong. They wasted taxpayers' money for nothing; they had no intention of going after the criminal. They make you think something is going to get done, set appointments for you to go talk to the prosecutor only to find out they dropped it. So make sure if you break someone's arm or trespass, you are the criminal not the victim, because Twin Falls only cares about the criminal not the victim.

DARLA MARTIN
Twin Falls

Thrush will be judged again

I'm writing this letter in response to all of those so-called human beings that say don't judge Jesse Thrush.

I am Hailey Williams' great aunt, and it makes me sick to think there are people out there that must think the same way Thrush and that joke of a judge does to try to make excuses and want to show him mercy. Where was Hailey's mercy when she was crying for her life? It's almost like some people are saying just because he was tired and probably worked long hours this is forgivable. What is wrong with you people? A real man would have walked away. A real judge would have seen to it that society was protected from this animal. The only thing Jesse Thrush has ever been worried about is losing his house, car and badge. What about what Hailey lost? Why don't you people think about that? All I can really say is he escaped real justice but someday he will be judged by someone who is worthy of the robe, and I hope he burns!

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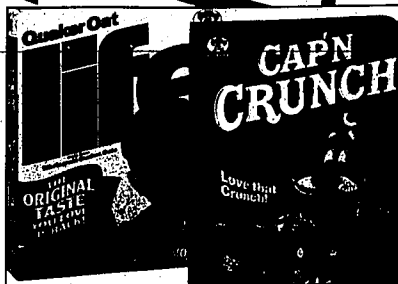
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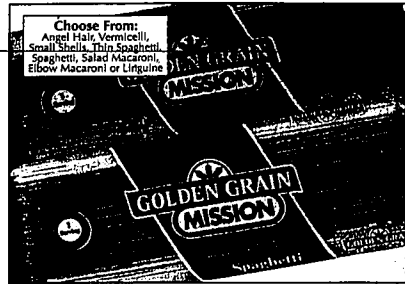
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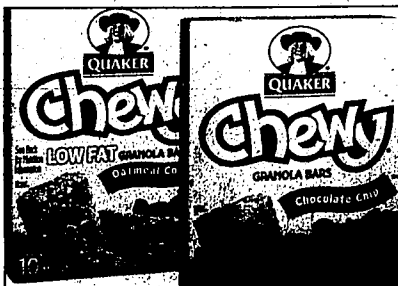
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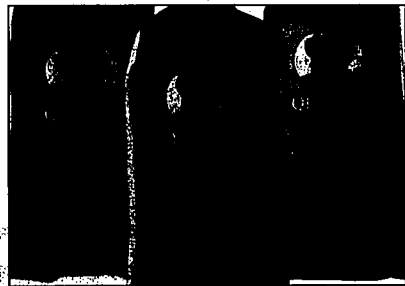
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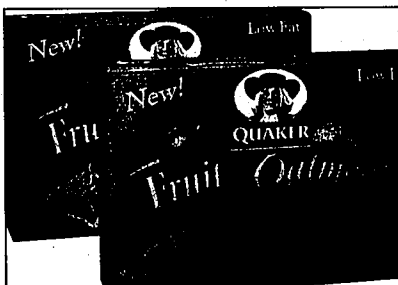
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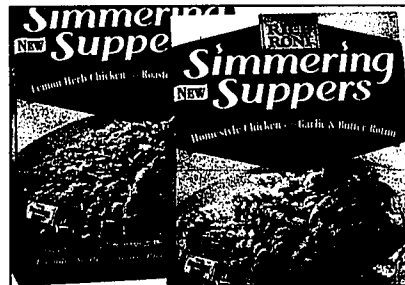
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Tell me that quiz shows aren't back

My grandmother was a big fan of Herb Stempel.

Charles Van Doren, on the other hand, looked to her like a pony with his prep-school manner and Oxbridge pedigree - a big-shot college professor with a hollow moral core.

And of course, she was right. When Stempel - a horn-rimmed nebbish who actually sweat when he was asked tough questions - blew the lid on the fixed NBC game show "Twenty One" in 1959, it confirmed to Grandma everything that was rotten about television and much that was wrong with America.

The prime-time game shows of the '50s were metaphor enough for a popular culture that was running on fumes. It blew up in Van Doren's face with the "Quiz Show" scandal, leaving America with a hard-edged lesson in 30-minute miracles a little too good to be true.

I wonder, then, what Grandma would have made of the return of "Twenty One," after two generations in the electronic wilderness, last Sunday night on NBC?

Probably, she would have been floored. Grandma was a big believer in progress, and she would have reckoned that we all should have learned something in 42 years.

She figured wrong: "Twenty One," starring sometime talk-show host Maury Povich, is NBC's answer to "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," a game show on which Regis Philbin gets to ask dumb questions of jaw-droppingly dense contestants.

"Think not? Try these: "What is your power source if you use solar energy?" "What two colors make up an amoeba cookie?" "What substance is poured on rotes to make ice and snow melt?"

"Is that your FINAL answer?" "Millionaire," "Twenty One" and its clones, "Greed" and "Winning Lines" don't have to be fixed. A reasonably coherent orangutan could go home in the banana chips.

And yet last week's return of "Millionaire" on ABC attracted 34 million viewers, while the premiere of "Twenty One" drew 20 million. If you take into account "Winning Lines" and Fox's three showings of "Greed" last week, then 95 million of our countrymen felt challenged by some stranger being asked, "The Empire State Building is located in what state?"

The show's appeal, of course, is that any Gomer can be smart. "I could have answered that I could be a millionaire!" Herb Stempel, 71, was born as smart and a Gomer, knew better.

The question that knocked him off "Twenty One" back in 1957 was about the name of '20s Kansas newspaper publisher William Allen White's hometown.

Just guessing here, but could a plurality of the folks I've met on "Millionaire" even find Kansas on a map?

Grandma always said that the trouble with most people is that they're too willing to put their ignorance on a leash and walk it around the block.

For her generation, not knowing was a shame, and ignorance was humiliating. And that's the same thing, as I learned sitting on the couch in her living room the night of Herb Stempel's last appearance on "Twenty One."

Herb Stempel, sitting in a sweltering, sound-proof booth 2,000 miles away, agreed.

"And what, Mr. Stempel, was the name of the newspaper column he wrote?"

Grandma was stumped. Herb Stempel was stumped. Charlie Van Doren was again.

"She was quiet for a long time. The important thing in life is to get an education," she finally said as the credits across the TV screen.

"When you get to be my age, it's not how much you've learned that's important; it's the questions you don't know enough to ask."

I wish Regis Philbin had such a grandmother.

Steve Crump is The Times-News' features editor.

Feds release proposed waste plans

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

TWIN FALLS - Federal officials have released proposed plans for dealing with highly radioactive waste stored in eastern Idaho.

About 1.4 million gallons of liquid radioactive waste contaminated by sodium is stored in underground tanks at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The tanks don't meet earthquake standards and pose a risk to the Snake River Plain Aquifer. Idaho and federal Energy Department officials have

Want to be heard?

What: Public hearing.

When: Jan. 17.

Where: College of Southern Idaho.

Why: Public comment on proposed plans for managing high-level radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

released for public comment a draft environmental impact statement on the alternatives for handling the liquid and about 150,000 cubic feet of solidified high-level radioactive waste. The liquid and solidified waste is stored at the Idaho Nuclear

Technology and Engineering Center - formerly known as the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant.

From 1952 to 1992, the facility chemically processed spent reactor fuel to recover usable uranium. Highly radioactive and corrosive liquid waste from that process was stored in 11 underground tanks.

In 1993 government officials decided to convert the liquid waste into a granular solid - a process known as calcining.

The resulting material, which resembles laundry detergent, was more easily handled and less dangerous than the liquid stored in underground tanks. The gran-

ules are stored in stainless steel bins inside concrete vaults.

Since 1963 the plant has calcined more than 6 million gallons of waste. In the early 1990s, after the end of the Cold War, the government stopped reprocessing spent fuel, and most of the liquid has been calcined. About 1.4 million gallons of the liquid is left.

The impact statement looks at the alternatives for managing this waste. It will cover operations of the plant that solidifies the liquid waste; how to treat that waste and what to do with the tanks when they're empty; and what to do with the stored granular waste.

For example, one alternative calls for turning some of the waste into ceramic logs for disposal at an undetermined site.

To get a copy of the impact statement or for information on submitting comments, call 1-888-918-5100; or write Thomas L. Wichmann, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, MS 1108, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401-4563.

The 60-day public comment period ends March 20.

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ROASTING ON AN OPEN FIRE



People disposed of their Christmas trees and enjoyed hot dogs and hot chocolate Saturday at the annual bonfire and weenie roast in Paul.

Warm holiday memories

**By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer**

PAUL - It's the stuff legends are made of - the last that his fellow West End firefighters and Paul about West End Assistant Fire Chief Randy Sutton at the fire department's annual bonfire and weenie roast in Paul on Saturday.

"He's kind of a legend around here," said Rich Rau, a West

Paul residents fire up Christmas trees at their bonfire, weenie roast

End firefighter and Paul's public works director.

Rau and other West End firefighters claimed that Sutton consumed 18 hot dogs at last year's city bonfire.

The bonfire and weenie roast is held every year in Paul as a

"He eats two-fisted," Rau said. Sutton wasn't the only one enjoying the hot dogs and the hot chocolate. There was a fairly large crowd, but Rau said the numbers have been higher in previous years when the weather was colder.

"On some bad years there were a lot more people," Rau said. "They just stand closer to the fire."

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Irrigation district battles nitrates with wildlife areas

**By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer**

RUPERT - In an effort to combat rising nitrate levels in groundwater, irrigation officials are creating wildlife habitat that helps filter pollutants from runoff.

About four years ago A & B Irrigation District officials learned from government studies that nitrate levels in the groundwater was rising and could rise above drinking water standards throughout the district over the next 10 years.

Working with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the irrigation district began to look for ways to slow the pollution trend.

"We are finding other alternatives for our return flows," said Dan Temple, manager of the irrigation district.

A & B has built a series of ponds on each of three areas of undeveloped land owned by the Bureau of Reclamation, he said. Instead of using injection wells, common in the district four years ago, runoff now is allowed to percolate through the soil in these drainage areas.

Bull rushes, willows and sedges have been planted in there, said Jena Hickey, natural resource specialist for the Bureau of Reclamation.

"Cattails come in on their own," she said.

The plants not only take up nitrates and other nutrients but their roots hold sediment, keeping it out of the water. Once plant life is established, wildlife

begins to gather.

"There are waterfowl, geese, swans, ducks of all sorts and a lot of other critters," Hickey said. Deer have been spotted in the uplands nearby.

Fish and Game recently released a large number of pheasants into the drainage areas, which is open to the public during regular hunting seasons, Temple said.

About half of the district's 78 injection wells have been closed over the past four years, and more will be closed in the coming years, he said.

"We all understand we have to change the way we did things four years ago," Temple said.

During the fall, he often checked the wildlife ponds.

"This fall there was probably 100 geese on it every morning, and I've seen all kinds of ducks and pheasants," he said.

Meanwhile, the irrigation district continues to monitor injection wells, Temple said. A & B takes water samples, and tests are conducted by the Bureau.

"Nitrate levels going into injection wells are the same as the water being pumped," he said. "Our levels are way below drinking standards."

He is happy with the results of efforts to reduce nitrate levels.

"We're proud of it," he said. "It's the way to go."

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Delegates attempt to curb Clinton's monument efforts

**By Bamey McManigal
States News Service**

WASHINGTON - Idaho lawmakers this week objected to President Clinton's move to designate new national monuments in Arizona and California.

But a bill that would curtail the president's authority to do so under the 1906 Antiquities Act remains stalled in a Senate committee.

"President Clinton is taking unilateral actions without the involvement of local residents," said Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho. "Protecting public lands for all to use is a good idea, but this is not the way to make these changes."

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said the law allowing the president to create new public lands without first seeking approval from local communities should be changed.

Craig introduced a bill last year to amend the 1906 Antiquities Act to require full public participation. Crapo is a cosponsor of the bill.

"Clinton's misguided actions today prove the critical need for my bill to be passed soon so that another unsuspecting state does not suffer the same abuse and disrespect," Craig said Tuesday.

Following a hearing in the Senate Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands last July, the bill has made no further progress in reaching the Senate floor.

But Idaho conservationists Friday criticized attempts to prevent Clinton from making similar orders.

Lynne Stone, executive director of the Boulder-White Clouds Council in Ketchum, Idaho, said the bill often do not act in the best interest of the land.

"Idaho politicians are in the hands of the natural resource-extracting industries ... If they don't like what Clinton is doing, why don't they offer an option?"

- Lynne Stone, executive director of the Boulder-White Clouds Council

ties of the nation's ancient lands.

Tuesday, Clinton instructed the Bureau of Land Management to create the Grand Canyon-Parashant and Agua Fria National Monuments in Arizona and the Pinnacles expansion and Coastal National Monuments in California.

"We applaud President Clinton," Stone said. "If this is what it takes to preserve our lands, then more power to him."

Finding solutions through sharing

Recreation district, schools may have to combine resources

**By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent**

HAYLEY - Wood River High School could house a fitness center and gym if the Blaine County Recreational District accepts an offer by the Blaine County School District.

School Superintendent Jim Lewis offered the recreation district the use of the high school, after the School Board decided it would be too costly to remodel the high school. Part of the building might also be used for College-of-Southern-Idaho programs and as a technology center.

The school district then would be able to build a new high school.

The building sits near the community swimming pool. And having the recreational district use part of the building could save taxpayers money, Lewis said.

Voters have encouraged the recreation district and school district to share buildings, or at least building walls, to save money.

"Our patrons have said we should do everything we can to save the taxpayers money," Lewis said. "In a brushstroke, this would save taxpayers money."

Keith Perry, recreation district executive director

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Forecast: Utahns will spend more to eat out

Knight Ridder News Service

Fueled by healthy growth in population, job production and personal income, Utah's appetite for the culinary splendid will bring the fourth largest increase in restaurant spending in the country this year.

The National Restaurant Association, in its 2000 annual report, forecasts Utahns will spend nearly \$2.4 billion at eating establishments, a 6.4 percent increase over 1999. Nationally, consumers will spend nearly \$253 billion.

Nevada is projected to post the largest increase in restaurant spending with 7.7 percent growth, followed by Arizona, at 6.6 percent, and Georgia, at 6.5 percent.

Chief among the factors driving the state's spending is increased income, said Bruce Grindy, the restaurant association spokesman.

"Growth in the restaurant industry essentially is driven by cash on hand," Grindy said. "In Utah, we're expecting to see real

personal income increase 3.6 percent.

That increase places Utah at the No. 5 spot in the country for income growth, according to Regional Financial Associates, the Pennsylvania economic forecasting firm that

supplies the association its numbers. Utah's population and job growth also rank near the top in the country and contribute to restaurant spending. The state's population is expected to grow 1.6 percent this year, eclipsed only by Nevada and Arizona.

In addition, Utah ranks second in projected job growth, with a rate of 2.8 percent expected this year.

Nevada's job growth rate of 3.4 percent is expected to lead the country.

Reflecting the strong economy

of the past several years, the Mountain States Region — Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico and Wyoming — is expected to produce the largest increase in restaurant spending in the country.

Although the numbers project spending at Utah restaurants will go up, that does not necessarily mean operators are set to rake in more money, said restaurant owner Stan Knoles. New restaurants being thousands of seats to fill, meaning restaurants face tougher competition for consumer dollars, said Knoles, who owns three Chevy's Freshmex restaurants along the Wasatch Front.

Still, he recently opened a Chevy's at 400 S. 700 East in Salt Lake City. So far, business has met his mid-level projections, and is increasing weekly. Utah dining habits differ from the rest of the country in that the people here dine out a little less, their typical meal check is smaller and alcohol consumption is much lower than other states, Knoles said.

Cunningham, a partner in Salt Lake City's Le Parisien, has seen the growth firsthand. She said the average check size at her restaurant increased in the last half of 1999. But the free spenders at Le Parisien still tend to be out-of-towners, she said.

The legendary size of Utah's favorite pastimes to play a role in the types of restaurants people frequent, Cunningham said.

"It's still not a fancy town," she said. "We still love the all-you-can-eat."

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SERVICES

Kenneth V. Shew, of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. today at the Church of the Ascension; friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Cloverdale Memorial Park in Boise.

Domingo Arredondo Jr., of Burnet, Texas, and formerly of Rupert, vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley; a funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Little Flower Catholic Church. Friends may call from 6 to

7 p.m. Monday and one hour before the Mass on Tuesday at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Marjorie Tweed Eldredge of Phoenix, and formerly of Shoshone and Carey, memorial service at 4 p.m. Monday at the Shoshone Baptist Church (Demaray's Funeral Chapel in Shoshone).

Gerard T. "Bud" Newcomb of Hagerman, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Valley Baptist Church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

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DEATH NOTICE

Hunter Trinity Hagan
HAZELTON — Hunter Trinity Hagan, infant daughter of Craig and Carla Hagan, was stillborn Thursday, Jan. 13, 2000, at St.

Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

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

TWIN FALLS

Pauline E. Alastra

Pauline E. Alastra, 85, of Prescott, Arizona, a longtime Magic Valley resident, died Thursday, January 13, 2000, at Prescott.
Pauline was born December 4, 1914, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Charles and Ivy McIntyre Dopson. She grew up in Kimberly, Idaho, graduating from Kimberly High School in 1932. She then went on to attend Idaho State University in Pocatello. It was at the university that she met and later married James Alastra. The couple moved to Penitence and then to Kimberly, Idaho. They later moved to Gooding. Upon James' retirement, they moved to Arizona to be near their daughter.

Surviving are her husband of 65 years, James Alastra of Prescott, Arizona, a daughter, Donna Leopold, also of Prescott; a son, Donald Alastra of Gig Harbor, Washington, sisters, Naomi Dopson of Hansen, Idaho, Louella Anderson of Portland, Oregon, and Alma Brown of Forest Grove, Oregon, two half sisters, Juanita Gilmore of Twin Falls and Lavon Jenks of Lower Lake, Calif.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 19, 2000, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Jerry Steele of Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly officiating. Viewing will take place on Wednesday at White Mortuary Chapel from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

RUPERT



Earl O. White

Earl O. White, an 83-year-old Rupert resident, died Thursday, January 13, 2000, at his home in Rupert.
He was born September 13, 1916, in Milwaukie, Oregon, to Guy and Bertha McIlwain White. The family moved to Idaho when Earl was a young boy. He grew up and attended school in Wanda, Idaho. He met Louise Crafton in Filer, Idaho, and they were married September 21, 1940. They had one daughter, Judy, who was born in Richmond, California, while Earl was working in the shipyards. He graduated from ship-fitting school while living there. Earl served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, serving in the South Pacific. He, Louise and Judy returned home to Idaho after the war. Together, he and Louise, and Earl's parents, started their business, "White's Service," in North Shoshone. Here, they provided many services for the sur-

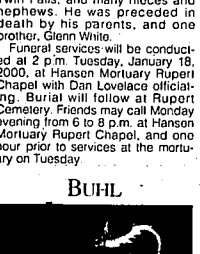
ROUNDING AREA

rounding area, including a grocery-hardware store, wholesale and retail gas and oil, shop repair business, and meat cutting and locker plant. Earl had many talents and would tackle any job. They remained in North Shoshone for 13 years, where they raised their daughter, worked hard and had lots of fun. They sold the business in 1959, and Earl began his career in the road construction business. He worked as a crusher operator for several companies. This is how Earl really began his career and was the happiest. These jobs took him to many parts of Idaho, Montana and Nevada. He enjoyed these projects, and he had the challenge of the big jobs on interstate highways, but also loved building roads in many rural and isolated mountain areas. He continued in construction for many years and retired to Rupert, Idaho, in 1980, where he resided since. Earl loved his grandchildren. Not only "watching" Gooding, but being active with them in their childhood, whether it be fishing, hunting or horsing around! The Goodies liked to go on jobs with him during their summer vacations. Earl enjoyed the outdoors and loved to hunt and fish with his many good friends. He lived life to its fullest. Nothing was left undone or half-done.

Earl is survived by his wife, Louise; daughter Judy (Steve) Gerard, Shoshone, Id.; grandchildren, Tami (Kevin) Meyer, Jana (Kally) Pennington and Darren (Karey) all of Boise, Id.; great grandchildren, Kamas and Kote Pennington, Kendall Meyer and Chase Hall. He is also survived by one brother, Homer (Vera) White, Twin Falls; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Glenn White.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 18, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel with Dan Lovelace officiating. Burial will follow at Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, and one hour prior to services at the mortuary on Tuesday.

BUHL



Velma B. Ussery

Velma B. Ussery, 73, of Buhl, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2000, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
She was born Sept. 12, 1926, at Bloomfield, Iowa, the daughter of Paul and Clara Cooper Dorson. She married Junior Ussery in Bloomfield on Aug. 11, 1946. They moved to

HEYBURN

Heyburn in 1977 from Iowa. Velma loved her gardening and she also loved to go camping. She was a member of the Buhl Free Will Baptist Church.
She is survived by her husband, Junior, son, Wanda and daughter, Wanda Bird, all of Buhl; son, Wayne of Hallsville, Missouri; and daughter, Wilma Marberry of Pharr, Texas; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Kelly J. Rasmussen

Kelly J. Rasmussen, 44-year-old Heyburn resident, passed away Friday, January 14, 2000, in London, Utah.
He was born in Rupert, Idaho, on November 22, 1955, to Blaine J. Rasmussen and Lois Hunsaker Rasmussen. Kelly received his education in Rupert, where he graduated from Mirco High School in 1974. He married Maria Jo Virgin on June 14, 1974, in Burley. To this union was born six children: Jeddry, Kerston, Kryn, Niklaus, Heath and Maritisa. They were later divorced. Kelly married Shirley Joan Hollowell on March 27, 1996, in the Bountiful LDS Temple, and they had one daughter, Allison. They lived in Rupert and Nampa, recently returning to live in Heyburn. Kelly was an outgoing and hard-working man. He did custom farming, was a salesman at Goode Motors as well as being a piano technician. He loved restoring antique pianos and woodworking. He loved the outdoors; hunting, fishing and gardening. Kelly was also a talented musician; writing, composing and performing his own music. He was a member of the LDS Church, having served as ward clerk, in the Elders Quorum presidency and in the ward music. At the time of his death he was a high priest.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; his children, Joddy (Kathy) Rasmussen of Provo, UT, Kerston (Isaac) Dahl of Pocatello; Kyn (Jim) Tracy of Sun Valley; Niklaus Rasmussen of Rupert; Heath Rasmussen of Rupert; Maritisa Rasmussen of Twin Falls; and Alison Rasmussen of Heyburn; three grandchildren; his parents; two brothers and two sisters, Michael B. (Cosette) Rasmussen of Marsa, Jeffrey H. (Amy) Rasmussen of Burley, Bonnie (James) Jensen of Preston and Janie (Vearle) Payne of Deming, NM.

BOISE

Gladys Kleaffer Cope Ferris

Gladys Kleaffer Cope Ferris, 81, died of an extended illness on January 13, 2000, at her home in Boise.
Funeral services will be held Monday, January 17, 2000, at 10 a.m. at the LDS Church, 8620 Goodard Road in Boise, with Bishop Jell G. Hoesung conducting. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. Monday in the Shoshone Cemetery, Shoshone, Idaho. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 16, 2000, from 5-8 p.m. at Riverside Funeral Home, 9603 W. Chinden Blvd., Garden City, and Monday from 9 a.m. until service time at the church.
Gladys was born June 11, 1918 to Frederick J. Kleaffer and Margaret Schaefer in Logan, Utah, and was the oldest of 11 children. She graduated from high school in Logan and attended Utah State College for two years, where she met Cecil Campbell Cope. They were married September 14, 1938, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple and raised seven children together. During their 30-year marriage, they lived in several western states and settled in Shoshone in 1959. Earl Cope's death in 1968, Gladys moved to Boise, where she later met Joseph D. Ferris. They were married March 16, 1988, and moved to Boise. Gladys was an active member of the LDS Church and served an LDS mission in North Carolina in 1960. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and a wonderful, caring friend to many people. She was also a talented artist, quilter and "green thumb" gardener who enjoyed being outdoors hunting, fishing, and camping and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; one sister; her first husband, Cecil; her son, Marvin Cope; her grandson, Steven Cope; and her granddaughter, Angela Hurley. Survivors include her husband, Joseph Ferris; son, Cecil (Patricia) Cope; daughter, Geanine (Greg) Davis, all of Boise; daughter, Geanail Hurley of Middleton; daughter-in-law, Sherilee Cope of Brigham City, Utah; son, Mark (Betty) Cope of Wilmington, North Carolina; son, Leon (Linda) Cope of Liberty Lake, Washington; and daughter, Julie (John) Haux of Livermore, California. She was the proud grandmother of 23 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The family gratefully acknowledges the help of Life's Doors Hospice, kind neighbors and friends during Gladys' illness and suggests memorial donations be made to Life's Doors Hospice, 1111 S. Orchard, Boise, ID 83705 or to breast cancer research.

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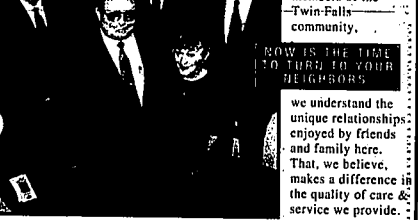


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Scientist-musician digs the rock beat of planet's earthquakes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The hills are alive with the sound of music - and so are the Earth's valleys, mid-ocean ridges and volcanoes.

Earthquake waves that topple buildings, raise mountains and split the ground have long been used to study tremors and the structure of the Earth. Now they're being turned into sound to make truly hard-rock music that can help teach seismology.

Though seismic waves make no noise on their own, their motions as recorded by seismometers can be sped up to produce sounds, says Andrew Michael, a trombone-playing seismologist at the U.S. Geological Survey and composer of a quake quartet.

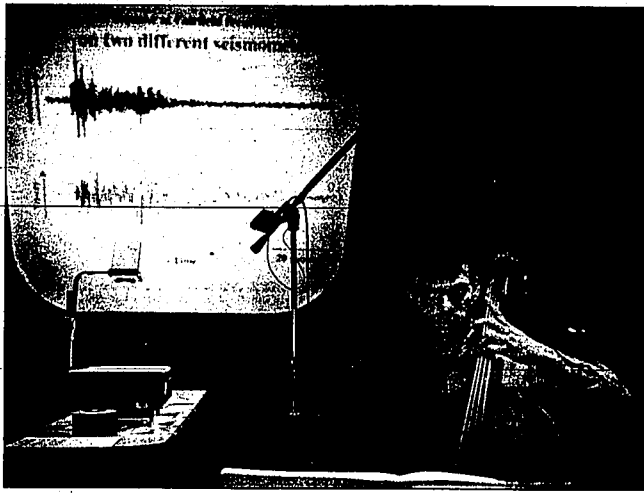
"The music came from a concept of how the Earth strains to create earthquakes and earthquakes providing a backdrop to civilization," he said. "The general population is almost completely unaware until there's a very large earthquake."

Michael's piece for trombone, cello, vocalist and earthquake is about the strain that leads to quakes as well as their impact on society. It premiered in December at the annual meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

The two-minute quartet begins with a trombone and cello glissando punctuated by the thundering roars generated from the 1992 Landers, Calif., earthquakes. The sliding noise represents the buildup in the Earth before a quake strikes.

A jazzy movement, which quotes from a Bach cello sonata, is interrupted by the quakes' thunder-like rumbling. The glissando then returns and the piece ends with the thud of a big quake.

"It made a good percussion track," said Stephanie Ross,



Michael's wife who sings the quartet's vocal line. She's also a researcher at the USGS in Menlo Park.

Michael's interest in music and earthquakes began in 1997, when he was preparing a lecture on earthquake waves trapped in fault zones. It struck him that the situation was similar to sound waves trapped and vibrating inside a trumpet.

"The parallels didn't work for that lecture because of the fleeting nature of earthquake waves in a small area. But I started

thinking more about the comparisons and decided to do a whole lecture on the analogy," he said.

Seismic waves are more complex than sound waves, but both transmit energy from a source through a path like the ripples from a pebble dropped in a pond or a spring compressing or decompressing.

Earthquake waves move too slowly to make audible sound, though many people hear the rumbling of objects being shaken. To actually hear a quake, Michael speeds up recordings of

their waves.

Seismograms - the squiggly line graphs that show ground motion - measure several types of waves. To become sound, the entire range of a quake's motion is reduced to the in-out motion of a speaker, which vibrates to make sound.

"We are playing fast and loose by taking the whole seismogram and turning it all into compression and non-compressions," he said. "But it works well enough." And it has scientific value. "It puts us in the position of



Left, David Schaff plays the cello during a concert titled 'The Music of Earthquakes,' at the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco Thursday. Above, musicians accompany the seismic sound of earthquakes during the concert, which is about the strain on the earth leading up to a quake.

To hear more

Sounds generated from earthquakes are available on the World Wide Web at <http://quake.usgs.gov/more/listen/>

being the music critic to the Earth," said Michael, a trombonist since childhood.

By listening, scientists can tell how much a fault slipped. Smaller faults, like small musical instruments such as trumpets, produce higher frequency waves than longer faults, or big instruments like tubas.

So a magnitude-6.3 quake from a small fault has a higher pitch than a magnitude-6.5 quake generated along a larger fault. Quakes recorded from a dis-

tance have a much deeper sound resembling thunder. Closer quakes, on the other hand, sound more like a gunshot.

The reason? High frequency waves dissipate more quickly over distance, leaving only a low rumble. It's not unlike the boom heard through the wall from a neighbor's stereo. The higher-pitch lyrics and melodies don't travel as far.

Michael so far has presented his lecture less than a dozen times at universities and scientific conferences. He hopes someday to make it available on video.

"There's actually been a good reaction from the general public," he said. "It's spoken to different people in different ways. People are actually learning some seismology and music."

Off-road groups join suit against feds

BOISE (AP) - Three advocacy groups have asked to join a state-filed lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service over proposed wilderness areas.

The Idaho State Snowmobile Association, the Blue Ribbon Coalition and the American Council of Snowmobile Asso-

ciations on Friday petitioned the U.S. District Court to join the suit.

Idaho officials filed the lawsuit over President Clinton's plan to create approximately eight million acres of roadless areas.

The initiative would cut

down access to 40 to 60 million acres of National Forest nationwide.

The groups' petition contains objections to the definition of roadless as well as to the proposed scheduling of draft Environmental Impact Statements.

Couple ensures preservation of estate

Knight Ridder News Service

Ron and Jean Cutler love their 350-acre spread so much they've spent years "jumping through hoops" to preserve it.

The Cutlers have put a conservation easement on the deed for their Triangle C/Wet Mountain Ranch, which means the land can never be further developed. They granted the easement to Colorado Open Lands, a Lakewood-based land trust.

The Cutlers can continue to raise quarter horses and hay on the Triangle C. They can romp with their four dogs in the snow, and marvel at the breathtaking beauty around them. They can watch sunrises that seem to stretch to Kansas, and stand on the lip of Gleson Canyon and see the wild world go by beneath them.

They even can sell the property - but the conservation easement will remain on the deed. A new owner couldn't divide the 350 acres into smaller parcels and couldn't develop them.

"It was something I needed to do. I love this ranch. I love the open space that surrounds us."

"I love this ranch. I love the open space that surrounds us. I love the wildlife. I would hate to think my grandchildren or great-grandchildren would have to sell this and break it up for housing developments."

"There's so much beautiful country here that the developers are dying to get," he added, ges-

bureaucratic nightmare - you have to jump through hoops.

"When you look at all the time, effort and money that goes into it, you can see why there aren't more conservation easements (granted) by individuals."

Cutler said he spent \$20,000 and hundreds of hours on paperwork and talking on the phone doing what was required for the easement. He had to hire an attorney, have appraisals done, have a baseline survey done to determine what wildlife is on the ranch now, and hire a geologist to be sure there aren't valuable minerals, the rights to which could complicate matters in the future.

"Then the banks with mortgages have to sign off to Colorado Open Lands, and that costs money," Cutler said. "And when you finish the whole thing and have a signed document, and you take it into Pueblo to register it, they want \$5 a page!"

- Ron Cutler, Colorado resident

Buildings

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president, said the rec board would be open to considering the idea. But, he added, labor costs would be higher if the recreation district needs to man entryways at two different locations - the proposed recreation center and the swimming pool - than if the district has one controlled entrance.

Lewis said it would cost the school district 1.4 to 1.6 times more per square foot to remodel the high school to bring its sprinkler and electrical system up to code than it would cost to build a new building.

"One thing nobody can deny -

Figuring out what went wrong

The Blaine County Recreation District will hold a Saturday retreat on Jan. 27 to discuss what to do about its failed bond issue.

The bond issue, which would have included a community recreation center, state-of-the-art exercise center and Ketchum pool and hot springs, was voted down in November. The idea of the retreat is to make sure board members are of one mind before presenting a new proposal to the public. Open to the public, the

session will begin at 3 p.m. at a place that's yet to be determined. The district also is exploring the idea of bringing local business and community leaders and elected representatives together in a meeting to explore ways to build consensus for another recreation bond.

"I don't think we have to start over with a new master plan," said Mary Austin Crofts, the district's executive director. "We had a list of 75 projects that are needed, and we haven't checked off very many."

It's a good building, a brick-building, a quality building," he said.

"It's just expensive to bring it up to code."

Roast

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Molly Kloer is a regular at the annual bonfire. She has special memories from 15 years ago when her daughter had her picture taken.

"Her picture was on the Middleboro County News front page when she was three," Kloer said. "She was standing there with a little hot dog."

Kloer attended this year's event with three grand children and three daughters, including daughter Sarah Kloer, now 18.

"It's a generational thing," Molly Kloer said. She still has that picture from 15 years ago, but this year she watched as her daughters took pictures of their daughters.

The Kloers live across the street from the Paul City Park, Sarah Kloer said.

While some people were enjoying the event for the umpteenth time, others were not as steeped in the wienie roast tradition.

"This is the first time I've ever come," said Heather Spencer. "It's a good community event."

Judy Miller, state director of Academic Year in America, brought a group of 11 Mini-Cassia area exchange students from all over the world.

"We are celebrating an American hot dog experience," Miller said.

It was also the first time for Lucille Sampson, who moved to Burley from California last year. Sampson's daughter lives in Burley and the two women came to the wienie roast because they

wanted to see what was going on, Sampson said.

"If there's something going on and it's in the paper, I'll be there," she said.

While Sampson watched from the sidelines, her daughter roasted a hot dog.

"It gets pretty warm when you're standing here," said Sampson's daughter, Diane Stockdale.

Those who had been coming to the bonfire for years enjoyed it just as much as those who were new to the event.

Otto Riedlinger, who has helped out at the event for 47 years, served hot chocolate and coffee.

"There's always a 'pretty good turnout,'" Riedlinger said. Medina Wilson has lived in Paul since 1953 and has been coming to the event for as long

as she can remember with her children and grandchildren in tow.

"That's one reason we moved to Paul," she said. "Everything is geared to the kids."

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Teachers, Utah fund new video on how to influence legislation

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - On the eve of the 2000 Legislature, a new video about how a bill becomes a law and a filter listing ways to get involved in the legislative process are going to Utah schools.

The State Office of Education said the materials' release wasn't timed, but it comes at a critical year for public schools. Education funding is expected to be the session's great debate.

"If we can help people become knowledgeable about the process, we think the process will work better," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Steve Lutz.

The Utah Education Association helped fund the \$4,800 in video production costs and paid to have one given to every public school around the state.

"Our legislators are allocating and appropriating a (multi-bil-

lion-dollar budget and people don't know they need to be involved in that," said UEA President Phyllis Sorensen.

About 1,500 videos were produced through the Utah Public Education Coalition. Production and 300 tapes cost \$4,800, another 1,200 tapes cost 68 cents each.

The State Office of Education, Utah School Boards Association and Utah State Office of Education contributed \$1,000 each and UEA added \$2,000, said state office spokeswoman Eileen Rencher.

The materials are politically neutral. Educators say the video can be used in classrooms to help teach government or civics. The video replaces one sent to schools 10 years ago.

The conservative Utah Eagle Forum has two copies of the tape and plans to use them for training, said president Gayle

Ruzicka. She expects other groups, such as political parties and candidates, to do the same.

"The video itself is done well. I guess we'll just use it," Ruzicka said.

However, Ruzicka said she hopes the State Office of Education doesn't use it for lobbying efforts on the backs of taxpayers. Laing said that wasn't the intent.

Rep. Lloyd Frandsen, R-West Jordan and co-chairman of the Education Standing Committee, said he believes the video encourages public involvement.

Sen. Howard Stephenson, R-Draper and co-chairman of the subcommittee that recommends funding for schools, agreed.

"I think anything that helps citizens to understand how to access their government is a good thing, and it sounds like that's what this is," Stephenson said.

Group finds use for old theater

MOSCOW (AP) - The newly formed Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre, Inc. plans to use the old single-screen Kenworthy Theatre for concerts, theatrical productions and foreign and art house films.

Brian Kenworthy gave the theater to the group Friday. His grandfather, Milburn Kenworthy, built it in 1926.

The group hopes to raise \$300,000 to renovate the theater.

"People are extremely sentimental about the movie theater they grew up going to," said Colette Pace, executive director of the Idaho Heritage Trust.

The organization helps groups

fund the renovation of historic buildings. It has chipped in on five theaters in Idaho and is planning on helping with the renovation of downtown theaters in Idaho started in the 1980s. Cost depends on a theater's size and state of disrepair.

And it is a price tag many communities are willing to pay as the buildings play a key role in downtown renovation and cultural tourism. In Sandpoint, the cost of purchasing and patching up The Panida came to about \$100 for every resident.

The cost of renovating The Paramount in Idaho Falls was

\$4.2 million, Pace said. Rattled The Colonial Theatre, the complex includes several surrounding buildings and contains an art gallery, classrooms and a conference area.

Pace said Moscow residents are lucky because the Kenworthy is a small theater in good repair. And according to survey information from the Idaho Historic Preservation Office in Boise, the site where the Kenworthy stands has long been a place where the community gathered.

The Crystal Theatre, which had an ornately tiled Spanish appearance, stood on the site in 1909 before it became a garage.

Love of cars transcends racial barriers

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Phil Wilson said his favorite car is a white supremacist years ago after the two men discovered a mutual love for Alfa Romeos.

"I've been in his house. We sat in my car for two hours one night talking cars," Wilson said. "We've developed a friendship over the past 15, 16 years."

The big deal is Phil is unmistakably black.

If a passion for cars transcends the difference between an Aryan Nations diehard and a black man, then cultivating similar projects among diverse groups may help bridge the cultural gap.

That is the premise behind WALKING'S Dream - Wake and Live King's Dream - a new human rights organization in Coeur d'Alene. It is the brainchild of Phil and his wife, Suzanne, who is white.

The group will pair adult mentors with youths on specific, long-term projects. For example, Phil plans to encourage them to restore vintage motor-

cycles and to race them. Ideally, the project's fun will supersede any racial issues and teach children that everyone has something to offer.

Phil is the only volunteer mentor so far. The Wilsons are well-aware that northern Idaho has little racial diversity to draw upon.

The couple was so taken with Coeur d'Alene's beauty in 1979 that they moved there from California without asking about the area's atmosphere. Phil quickly noticed that his skin color stuck out.

Phil is not self-conscious, but he didn't really bother me," he said. "I never thought about prejudice."

He opened WilTrek Automotive, where he repairs and restores cars and motorcycles, and the couple began a family.

The Wilsons ignored any prejudice they felt in the community until it reached their two children. They hint at tough times in school their children had, but would not elaborate. Even

though the children are grown, their parents stay protective.

"I've seen the friends my kids have. Most are lost, have no direction, no guidance, no pride in what they do," Phil said. "They fill themselves with garbage and no one says, 'Hey, this is the wrong path.'"

Those observations led to WALKING'S Dream. Suzanne hopes other adults will volunteer to lead a troop of youngsters in a project, then spotlight the work for the community. Phil is donating the money he raises Monday from oil changes and brake inspections on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and encourages people to make an appointment for their vehicles.

"It's very encouraging to have people working in human rights," said Tony Stewart of the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations. "Our plate is very full and this doesn't duplicate anything that's already being done."

Yellowstone could influence wolves' reintroduction into Colorado

DENVER (AP) - The federal appeals court ruling that allowed hundreds of wolves to remain in Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho "may have some positive influence" on efforts to reintroduce wolves in Colorado, a proponent says.

Meanwhile, federal biologists have quantified the amount of livestock killed by wolves in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana.

The ruling Thursday by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, "clears the present political climate" of some legal definitions about extirpated populations, said Rob Edward, program director of Boulder-based Sinapu, which is the Ute word for "wolves."

A report issued in June 1994 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded that western Colorado has the biological capacity to support several hundred gray wolves, and the service is examining the status of all wolves in the lower 48 states.

Meanwhile, Rick Krause, who led the legal opposition to the Yellowstone and central Idaho wolf reintroduction program on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said no decision has been made yet about

whether to appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Larry Bourret of the Wyoming Farm Bureau also said he did not know whether his group would ask the Supreme Court to look into the 5-year-old legal case.

Sixty-five wolves were imported into Yellowstone and central Idaho in 1995 and 1996, nearly 60 years after the U.S. government helped eradicate wolves from the lower 48 states. There now are 150 or more in Idaho.

Federal regulations declared the wolves imported from Canada and their offspring to be "experimental," rather than endangered. That meant that a wolf could be shot by a rancher if it attacked livestock.

The reintroduction's opponents sued to force the removal of the wolves, claiming that the reintroduction program violated the Endangered Species Act by placing an experimental population in an area already populated by wolves and reducing those native wolves' protections by putting them at risk of being shot.

The appeals court rejected their arguments, saying that risking individual wolves for the sake of overall recovery of the species does not constitute a violation of

the Endangered Species Act. It also said that individual wolves already in the reintroduction areas did not constitute a population, meaning that the overlap of reintroduced and native wolves was also legal.

As of Thursday, since reintroduction, wolves had killed 31 cattle, 129 sheep and seven dogs in Idaho. They also killed 12 cattle, 93 sheep and eight dogs around Yellowstone, said Ed Bangs, who oversees the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wolf program.

Responding to reports of wolf attacks, federal agents have moved 22 wolves and killed seven in Idaho; around Yellowstone, they have moved 28 and killed 20 that were killing livestock.

The goal of the reintroduction program is to have 10 breeding pairs in each of those states for three consecutive years before the wolf is declared a recovered species and taken off the endangered species list.

That goal may be reached for the first time this year, Bangs said. There are about 260 wolves in Idaho and Yellowstone and 64 in northwestern Montana. Canine parvo virus killed 60 wolf pups last fall.

Pawn shop racketeering case to go to trial

LEWISTON (AP) - The criminal case against three pawn shop owners charged with racketeering will not be dismissed despite a flawed indictment process, a judge has ruled.

Steven Taulbee and his sons, Jason and Matthew Taulbee, will go to trial on racketeering and money laundering. They were accused of selling items they knew to be stolen from Lewiston-area stores by a ring of heroin addicts.

The Taulbees' attorney, Scott Chapman, filed a motion in November asking 2nd District

Judge Ron Schilling to dismiss the case because of prosecutorial misconduct. Nez Perce County Prosecutor Jamie Shropshire made several mistakes during the grand jury process, so the Taulbees are unfairly indicted, Chapman charged.

In his ruling, Schilling acknowledged problems with the grand jury, but added the prosecution provided enough evidence to support the indictment that a crime probably occurred.

He reviewed three Idaho cases dealing with troubled grand jury

indictments. In each, the state Supreme Court held that when there was enough evidence to sustain an indictment, improperly admitted hearsay evidence cannot overturn it.

In his motion to dismiss, Chapman contended Shropshire improperly allowed a police officer to testify about the effect a racketeering ring would have on the community, and another officer to state that two of the Taulbees had invoked their right to silence when questioned by police.

Expert: Wind wouldn't blow emissions into Jackson

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) - Winds are unlikely to blow any emissions from a proposed nuclear waste incinerator in Idaho into Jackson, a meteorologist says.

Kirk Clawson spoke recently at a meeting arranged by the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, which wants to build the incinerator in southeastern Idaho.

Residents fear the incinerator will emit toxic particles that would blow into northern Wyoming. Clawson said emissions, if any, would probably be blown north of the facility, not east toward Jackson.

North of the proposed incinerator are Ashton, St. Anthony and Spencer, Wyo. Directly beyond Ashton is Yellowstone National Park.

Jackson meteorologist Jim Woodmency said there still may be a concern about emissions that rise above surface winds, which is what Clawson

was addressing. "Up higher, waste "gets carried our way," he said.

A group of citizens and environmental groups has sued the Energy Department to stop the \$1.2 billion incinerator. A Jan. 25 public hearing is scheduled in Jackson on a permit to build the burner.

Report: Some cigarette buyers still face California tax

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) - California residents who have bought cigarettes via the Internet, mail order or from American Indian tribes are being told to pay the state's tax on smokes retroactively, according to a new report.

California's Board of Equalization is sending letters to 3,200 residents demanding they pay an average \$112 each for cigarettes purchased out of state since Jan. 1, 1999. The Orange County Register reported today.

The state charges an 87-cent excise tax per pack, plus sales tax.

Those who escape sales taxes when they buy online or by mail order are supposed to pay the tax to the state themselves. But few smokers pay it voluntarily, and until recently, the state has not attempted to collect.

Brand-name cigarettes purchased in California cost about \$34 per carton, but Internet companies charge as little as \$24 before shipping. Local retailers had complained to the state they were losing business to Internet sellers.

But if state buyers who ship cigarettes to California are required under federal law to report the name and address of the buyer, as well as the amount sold, said Vic Day, supervisor with the Board of Equalization's excise-tax division.

"If you do go (online) and buy your product, you will be taxed the same as if you bought the cigarettes in state," Day said.


The state, which began notifying online cigarette buyers at the end of 1999, has collected about \$100,000 so far.

Officials say they expect to collect about \$384,000 total for pur-

chases made in 1999 - a fraction of the \$1.3 billion the state expects to collect from cigarette taxes in the fiscal year ending in June.

The state said those who don't pay promptly will be charged interest and penalties.

The federal Bureau of Indian Affairs said cigarettes purchased on reservations are tax-free.



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White House goes on an environmental law frenzy

Clinton is using regulations to plant his legacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — When it comes to President Clinton and the environment, rules rule, with plans to protect forests, limit runoff and create monuments — to name just a few.

Conservation proposals are falling from the White House like rain as the president tries to create an environmental legacy without the help of Congress.

And with just a year left in Clinton's presidency, agencies are working fast to try to get the rules — more than a dozen major ones — done this year.

Wary federal bureaucrats are holding hundreds of public meetings on the rules proposals. Outside groups are scrolling through thousands of pages of documents written in legal jargon. And an irritated opposition is being forced to play defense to try to slow down the regulatory juggernaut.

People inside and outside government cannot remember when there have been so many major rule-making under way at one time.

President Clinton in October called for regulations to place up to 50 million acres of already roadless national forests off-limits to development. Environmentalists said the move was Teddy Roosevelt — one of the great conservation acts of the century.

Two months earlier, Clinton announced an ambitious rules proposal from the Environmental Protection Agency to clamp down on loggers, farmers and other landowners who may indirectly foul waterways with runoff from their property.

And last Tuesday, Clinton acted unilaterally to designate three new monuments in Arizona and California, protecting hundreds of square miles of federal land from development.

Other regulatory actions would put forest health above all other priorities in managing national forests, encourage state and local officials to help threatened salmon in the Pacific Northwest, and broadly dictate land use on 64 million acres of public land in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and on 10 million acres of national forests in California's Sierra Nevada mountain range.

Dale Riddle, who tracks regulatory proposals for Seneca Sawmill Co. in Eugene, Ore., compares the blizzard of proposals to the New Deal years of the Franklin Roosevelt administration.

"We've never seen anything like this," Riddle said. "There's so many, it's hard to keep up with all of them."

Bureaucrats are stretched thin as they hold hearings, collect hundreds of thousands of public comments and jump through other legal hoops that would make the proposed rules a reality.

The 29 meetings the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain region has held on Clinton initiatives in recent months — combined with other local efforts — have overburdened employees and made the public weary and confused, said Lyle Laverty, regional forester for the area.

"Dialogue conducted under these conditions is not likely to produce the quality of feedback that you are looking for," he told his boss, Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck, in a



President Clinton announces the dedication of three national monuments at Hopi Point in the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona Tuesday.

memo last month.

Critics say Laverty's memo is a clarification of what Clinton is trying to do too much in too little time. Rules crafted in such haste will only heighten public cynicism and prompt lawsuits, they warn.

The active rule-making is "absolutely unprecedented, literally in the history of the United States," said Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash. "Overwhelmingly the new rules and regulations are aimed at rural America."

Clinton knows many of his proposals would die in Congress, so he is using rules instead, said Gorton, who chairs the interior subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

But White House officials say Clinton has had little choice but to use his executive clout.

"Where Congress has been unable or unwilling to act, this administration has not hesitated to use its full executive authority to protect public health and the environment," said Elliot Dinger, spokesman for the president's Council on Environmental Quality. "This is all fully within his authority."

The GOP-controlled Congress as a result has been left in a defensive mode — criticizing administration officials, threatening legislation and urging agencies to improve regulatory processes.

The advantage is that Clinton won't get all the rules done before he leaves office, Gorton said. And the next president — perhaps a Republican — can undo many of Clinton's actions, he added.

Environmentalists say it is clear Clinton officials have a sense of urgency to get the proposals done this year — before a Bush or McCain administration might take over.

"The administration is in its two-minute offense," said Andy Stahl of the environmental group Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics.

Clinton is not entirely avoiding Congress, though. He is working with key lawmakers, for instance, to craft legislation that would secure billions of dollars of addi-

tional federal revenue for land acquisition.

And many of the regulatory proposals the administration has made — like forest planning and land-use rules — are not overnight sensations; they have been bubbling up from local and regional officials for years, agency officials say.

While the blitz to finish the rules may be at times messy, awkward, and demanding, "This is nothing short of democracy in action," said Chris Wood, a top aide to the Forest Service's Dombeck.

He noted that 500,000 people submitted comments on Clinton's roadless initiative.

Ted Zukoski, a Boulder, Colo., attorney who tracks rule-making for a handful of environmental groups, acknowledged the thousands of pages of proposed regulations can be cumbersome, confusing and overwhelming.

But the environmental protections that will result from many of the efforts make the clumsy processes worthwhile, he said.

"We're excited about the opportunity to see this administration end with a bang and not a whimper," he said. "It's the kind of work we're happy to have."

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

Misdemeanor sentencing

City of Twin Falls

Michael A. Thomas, 21, 804 East 10th St., Jerome: driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$250 fine; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time, suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Amanda L. Kettle, 22, 645 Fawnbrook No. 169, Twin Falls; petty theft; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time, suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Harland Leon Tilson, 41, P. O. Box 1891, Twin Falls; failure to notify upon striking unattended accident; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Timothy James Gray, 28, 530 Blue Lake, Twin Falls; count 1, driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time, suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; count 3, battery; pleaded guilty; 180 days' jail time, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Thomas Lee Miller, 40, 560 Fifth Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; amended to use or possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine; \$500 court costs; 180 days' jail time, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Carrie A. White, 29, 598 Jefferson No. B, Twin Falls; driving with expired license; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

David Alvarez Oviedo, 21, 205 Stockton, Parma; disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Timothy D. Leitch, 19, 312 Oak St., Castleford; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

John Christopher Camarillo, 25, 259 Pheasant Ave. W. No. 77, Twin Falls; count 1, driving with expired license; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 30 days' jail time with 20 days' probation; 24 months' probation; count 2, failure to appear for misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Danny Ivan Winkler, 47, 164 Blue Lakes S., Twin Falls; domestic battery; amended to

battery; pleaded guilty; 63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Misty Darlene Welsh, 23, 301 Hankins Road S., Kimberly; petty theft; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Tammy Marie Williams, 38, 1122 South Washington No. 69B, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

James R. Hirsch, 17, 380 Polk St., Twin Falls; violation of restricted license; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Timothy M. Andra, 20, 698 Monroe Ave. E., Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Francisco M. Soto, 38, 117 Sixth Ave. S., Buhl; inattentive/careless driving; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$78.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Aquino L. Anta, 24, 7150 Fir St., Jerome; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Clare N. Armstrong, 43, 3611 N. 2900 E., Hansen; failure to provide motorbike/ATV off-highway registration sticker; pleaded guilty; \$25 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Anthony Dustin Gough, 21, 417 1/2 Ave. N., Buhl; possession of controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine, with \$250 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Edward Eugene Proctor, 57, 188 Alexander, Twin Falls; count 1, battery; amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded

guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; count 2, malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Robert J. Horton, 21, 3613 N. 2700 E., No. 3, Twin Falls; use or possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine, with \$200 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, suspended; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Jason Warren Miller, 30, 439 11th St. N., Twin Falls; use or possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, suspended; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

John J. Eter, 57, 137 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$250 fine; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time, suspended; 10 months' probation; 30 days' driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Juvenile appearances

Mary Johans, 13, 1140 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls; possession of a legend drug without a prescription; public defender appointed; pretrial January 18; in custody of juvenile detention center.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, child support services vs. Michelle Lea Cheney. Seeking \$450 prior period; \$140 monthly support, plus 36 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, child support services vs. Samuel Jacob Corona. Seeking \$383 monthly support; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child support services vs. Brian Neal Constable. Seeking \$520 monthly support; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child support services vs. Joseph Edwin Cheney. Seeking \$463.50 prior period; \$250 monthly support, plus 64 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

Divorces

Richard Lloyd Clayton vs. Bonnie June Clayton.

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Showman studies stealing systems

Vegas couple writes book on pickpocketing

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Bob Arno is the sultan of swipes. You probably wouldn't believe unless you saw it, but Arno is deft. He can, with a bump of the shoulder and a flick of the wrist, take the tie from around your neck before you know it's gone.

It's hard to believe, but it's true. He does it regularly. Arno is so good he can brush up against you with the most innocent of smiles on his face, or an expression of concern, rub up against your shoulder, then walk away.

He strolls off, of course, with your wallet.

And, with a mere shake of Arno's hand, that high-priced Rolex is long gone, vanished into Arno's world.

These are learned skills. For the past 40 years, the Las Vegas has traveled the globe, visiting more than 120 countries to observe the planet's best pickpockets.

At first, he studied to improve his craft as an onstage pickpocket performer, which is how he has made his living for most of his life. He started as a stage pickpocket in his native Sweden, then entertained troops in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. He became so dexterous, the trade eventually led him to a career performing at



Professional pickpocket Bob Arno talks about his trade Dec. 4, at his Las Vegas home. Arno and his wife are touring the world, studying the techniques of various pickpockets to gather information for an upcoming book.

nearly every major Strip hotel as an entertainer. But now, he studies with the goal of documenting the artistic form of thievery that dates back almost to the beginning of time. He and his wife, Bambi, are in the process of putting together a

book on all of the different pickpocket skills. About once a month, the pair travel across the world to tourist destinations, where they spend days videotaping streetwalkers and pickpockets conning tourists and stealing their money.

To entertain as well as inform, Arno talked recently about his favorite ruses and pickpocket schemes.

—**Georgian Razor Swipe:** This successful form of pickpocketing was documented by Arno and his wife in the former Soviet republic. Thief Archil Zantardze hid a razor blade in his mouth, then at just the right moment, reached up to his lips and slipped the razor into his fingers to cut the lining of a stranger's pocket to gain easy access to a wallet. Sometimes, a razor is used to slice purse straps.

—**Classic Bump and Lift:** This technique is probably the most common throughout the world. As one pickpocket from Morocco explained, pulling off the bump and lift is like riding a camel. Once you learn how, you never forget.

Carrying out the bump and lift is simple. Find a tourist who looks wealthy, then simply bump into them by accident. As the bump is made, the wallet is plucked, either from a front or rear pocket. Sometimes the bump and lift is carried out by teams ranging from two to seven pickpockets.

Arno said he hopes that through his studies and the book's upcoming book, he can inform others on how to avoid becoming victims.

The simplest advice he offers is to be aware and to keep a wallet in a safe place, preferably in a pouch underneath clothing. It's common sense, but he says you would be surprised how vulnerable people become when they are on vacation.

Arco teen ranks among the nation's top archers

ARCO (AP) — After an 80-mile drive to shoot a roll of film on Burgandy Bronson, Arco's 16-year-old Ladies Compound Junior United States Archery Team member, the camera didn't work. Lip gloss in her hip pocket and a quiver of arrows belted around her waist, Burgandy shot a few arrows outdoors for the camera at 20 yards from the target. But inside, at the basement archery range her dad had fashioned from layers of corrugated cardboard, it was time to change the roll of film. The camera was having none of that.

The other hitch was that the indoor range ran the entire length of the basement, and the desired shot was over Burgandy's shoulder and down the length of the range. There wasn't room to stand behind her, so she had to move forward about six feet. She missed. Then her dad jumped forward, spun a dial or two on her compound bow, and stepped back. Burgandy took aim again. She nailed it. Dead center. Again.

Burgandy got her first bow for Christmas 1986, a month before her fourth birthday. Her dad took her along to the local South Fork Archers meets and she shot with all the other little kids for candy bars and ribbons.

But Burgandy was different than the other archers' children. She never just shot off the arrows. She didn't let go of the release until after taking careful aim at the target. Other archers marveled that she was so focused at such a young age.

To become a member of the Ladies Compound Junior United States Archery Team, which will compete at the Junior Olympic Archery Development national competition in Georgia later this

year, Burgandy competed in three required national competitions, one indoor and two outdoor meets. Burgandy attended the Salt Lake City meet in March. On the first day, she shot 30 arrows, followed by another 30 on the second day of the competition. When combined with her placement in the outdoor shoots, her score of 572 out of a possible 600 points ranked her second in the nation among women compound bow archers in her age category.

Burgandy has met many people in her travels to various competitions and become friends with some of them. In Ohio, she competed against approximately 25 other archers.

Although she will train with the Olympic team, she won't compete in the Olympics later this year. The Olympic Games only have competitions for the traditional one such as Robin Hood.

For Burgandy, archery is more than ribbons and travel. She started hunting with her dad as soon as she turned 12. To date she's shot five antelope, all with her bow. At 14, she shot her mountain lion.

Now a junior at Butte County High School, she tries to practice one or two hours a day, but with school, cheerleading and her job, sometimes it doesn't all fit.

As Burgandy searched for some extra archery photos, she flipped through pictures of senior Ball, cheer captain and the dog's Mountain lion photo in hand, she left the box of photos in the basement and started upstairs to look through her dad's supply.

By the way, the camera was just fine. The film didn't get lost. Right. So much for hunting for the perfect shot — at least with a camera.

Vegas hosts convention for Internet sex industry

By Angelo Wagner The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Retired school teacher Jean Winslow looked a bit out of place amid the scantily clad women at a convention devoted to Internet sex. But she is as much a part of the industry as anyone else.

The 67-year-old Winslow and Mike Price, a longtime friend, sell adult videos and marital "education" shows on the Internet.

"There's money to be made," Winslow said Tuesday as she and Price walked the aisles of the ia2000 show.

Young women who barely fit into their shirts and some who didn't roam the show floor promoting their Web sites. Nude pictures of women were plastered virtually everywhere. "Internet

fulfillment," one booth advertised. "Cheap sex" boasted another.

This industry has drawn the attention of Congress, which has had difficulty trying to regulate the Internet. The Supreme Court two years ago ruled that a 1996 law intended to keep pornography off the Internet violated the First Amendment. The law sought to make it a crime to put "indecent" or "patently offensive" words or pictures online where they could be found by children.

The Justice Department has appealed a ruling barring a 1998 law that requires commercial Web sites to collect a credit card number or an access code as proof of age before allowing Internet users to view online material deemed "harmful to minors."

second thoughts about selling sex online.

"To us it's a business. It's a business of buying and selling. It's just that we have unique products," said Hal Tupter, owner of Action USA, a Las Vegas company that sells CD-ROMs with links to 500 adult Web sites.

"I don't gamble. I don't drink. This keeps my mind active," he said. Peddling adult videos is a far cry from teaching music in San Diego, but Winslow and Price, a former attorney, knew they could make money doing something their friends don't even know they do.

"Sex sells," Price said. "There were more than 5,000 people here looking to strike deals, by the latest technology or link domain names and Web sites.

This was definitely an industry affair, with tickets to seminars and the booths costing \$275 each.

Not everything was about sex — one booth offered tips on how to avoid online credit-card fraud — but it was by far the dominant issue.

"Sometimes we even forget the camera's there," explained Avian, 25, one of five strippers who have their every move broadcast over the Internet.

The young women live in a house and have their rent, bills and food paid for. They make money by going into chat rooms with paying customers. It's \$4 a minute for a private chat and \$16.95 a month for access to the Web site.

"It's good money and we meet a lot of nice guys out there," Avian said.

Latest Indian casino legalization efforts are costing less

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The latest battle over California Indians' efforts to legalize tribal casinos is starting to take shape, and it's looking nothing like the costly, contentious campaign waged in 1998 over a record-setting \$88 million ballot initiative.

With less than two months until the March 7 election, a fledgling opposition campaign has next to nothing in its coffers and the tribes have anted up just a little over \$7 million. Those figures are a far cry from the tens of millions of dollars raised by the tribes and Nevada casinos in their 1998 campaign.

"There may be little or no opposition at this point, but the situation now facing the tribes is critical," said Waltona Manion, spokeswoman for Californians for Indian Self-Reliance. "Passage of Prop 1A still represents their eco-

nomical survival. I don't think that the tribes are taking this effort for granted."

The Pechanga Band of Mission Indians has donated \$2 million, as has the Rumsey Rancheria in Yolo County. The Viejas tribal government and the Morongo Band-of-Mission Indians have each put \$1 million into the pool. The Yes on 1A team already has spent \$5.8 million of its \$7.3 million take, most of it on TV and radio ads.

Proposition 1A seeks to reinstate Proposition 5, a ballot initiative voters approved in 1998 allowing gambling machines and certain card games at Indian casinos, by amending the California Constitution instead of making a statute change as the old measure did.

Though voters approved Proposition 5, the state Supreme

Court overturned it, saying it violated the California Constitution's bans on Las Vegas-style gambling. Gov. Gray Davis recently reached agreements with the tribes, as required under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, that will be ratified if voters approve Proposition 1A.

Nevada casinos and other opponents of the initiative turned out in full force during the 1998 campaign, spending some \$22 million, but are not involved this time.

Nevada gambling interests are expected to try to go into business with California tribes if Proposition 1A is passed now that Indian gambling has the state's approval. Nevada casinos were prohibited previously from working with California tribal casinos because they were operating illegally.

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Colorado man's view of the future: 'Global worming'

Recycling advocate gives back to nature more than he takes

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — John Anderson's two-person household has produced a mere 12 bags of trash in the past two years.

Anderson recycles glass, plastic, aluminum, tin cans and newspaper, among other things.

And the rest of his garbage — stuff like table scraps, egg shells, banana peels, coffee grounds, broccoli stalks, cardboard, dead leaves and garden waste?

He feeds it to his worms. Anderson, 45, is better known in Fort Collins as the "Worm Man." In the past several years, he has become the community's best-known advocate of worm composting, or vermiculture.

The recent recipient of an environmental stewardship award from Larimer County, Anderson annually gives about three dozen composting lessons to adults and schoolchildren. He maintains about 40 worm composting bins and beds on public and private property around Fort Collins.

He does almost all the worm work on a volunteer basis, not just to share his passion for creepy-crawly composting, a process he calls "alchemy" — but to champion an earth-friendly lifestyle.

"I believe in giving back to nature more than you take," said Anderson, who wears a handlebar mustache and graying ponytail. "I just hate throwing stuff away — waste not, want not."

Anderson drives to all his appointments in his "Worm Mobile," aka "Wormulance" — an aging ambulance painted with slogans to trumpet the value of vermiculture.

"Visualize global worming,"



John Anderson, of Fort Collins, Colo., digs in his compost heap recently at The Farm, an exhibit of agriculture at Lee Martinez Park in the city. Anderson, right, says worms are the engines of soil biology.



urges one slogan. "Efficiently deodorizing, converting and diverting wasted resources," a worm character says of his work. The ambulance symbolizes what could be this master composter's rallying cry: Worms to the rescue!

"Worms are the engines of soil biology, the intestines of the earth," said Anderson, who makes a living as a handyman and carpenter. "They've been fixing our organics a lot longer than we have, and plants know it, too.

Worm compost is amazing; it's better than Miracle-Gro." The concept of worm composting is pretty simple: Build a pile of organic, or biodegradable, matter and add some worms, preferably a species called Eisenia fetida. Over time, the worms will multiply, chow down all the material and convert it into castings, or worm manure.

There are a few steps that ensure success, including monitoring temperature and moisture levels.

But even those tasks aren't difficult and don't require special equipment, Anderson said. The practice intrigues children and adults because it's like magic, and it doesn't smell. "Worms are nature's deodorizers. They take the smelliest garbage — I mean stinky — and it will be deodorized within a day or so," Anderson said.

The finished compost is a nutrient-dense fertilizer for houseplants, the yard, garden, even large-scale crops and livestock

pastures. It works better than traditional compost and is safer for the environment than chemical fertilizers, Anderson said. When he began composting several years ago, Anderson started the traditional way, in which microbes alone — no worms — convert organic waste into a soil amendment. Then he got hooked on vermiculture, "an easier process."

Under the right conditions, worms can convert a pile of waste into usable compost in about a

month, Anderson said. He maintains his largest worm bed at the Fort Collins compost demonstration site at The Farm, a popular city attraction where kids interact with farm animals. This and several other beds handle about one-third of the waste produced by animals at The Farm, chiefly straw and manure. This summer, Anderson expects to expand his vermiculture operation so his worm beds are recycling all of The Farm's waste into compost.

Idaho woman brings expertise with big family to substitute classes

MERIDIAN (AP) — Substitute teacher Bev Tanner greets the roomful of juniors at Meridian High School with her trademark cheery "Hello!" and proceeds to tell them how much she loves them.

After encouraging them to love themselves, she finishes her recital with a poem about hugs: "It's wondrous what a hug can do," then moves about the room sweeping first one then another adolescent into a warm bear hug.

Most teens would laugh or feel self-conscious, but these happily return her smile and get down to work. The white-haired lady in the bright red coat expects nothing less. After almost 30 years as a substitute teacher, she's come to appreciate the support and encouragement of her students in a job better known for its frustration.

"When I teach young people, I let them know I love them, and I fibeasily and sincerely do," she said. "When they look in the door and see me, they don't say 'Look at the old woman we got for a sub,' but, 'Look, we got the Letterman lady.'"

That nickname stems from her numerous appearances on David Letterman's late night talk show — 10 to date — where she shares baking tips. As an incentive for good work, she brings tapes of those appearances, as well as two

from the "Donny and Marie Show," to show after assignments are completed.

But it's not her fame that endears her to the kids. Instead, it's her high energy and the unconditional love she extends to all students.

"Her hugs are strange, but that doesn't bother me," said J.R. Peikola, 17, while sitting in his United States history class. "She

cares about kids. She's just totally different than most people."

Tiffany Mortensen, also 17, agreed.

"She's always giving everyone hugs all the time; even guys will hug her, and you don't expect that."

Classmate Craig McCoy, 18, said Tanner's cheery attitude and high energy make class more fun. "She takes away the stress of

working in class all day. It's the energy she has — most of us don't have that kind of energy."

Tanner started substitute teaching when her youngest

child, Matt, started first grade at Juniper Grove Elementary School in 1972. She moved with him to junior high, and realized she loved working with teen-agers.

"I love teen-agers because not too many other people like them, and because I had so many," she said. Tanner has 14 children and 56 grandchildren.

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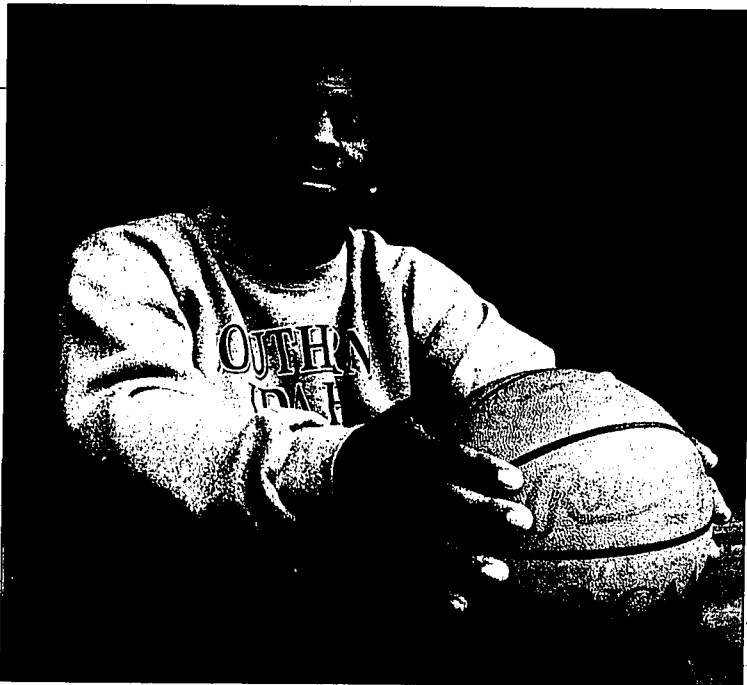
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THE LITTLE RED HEN

'I'm never going to let any bad situation happen to me again.'



Sophomore point guard Kenny Brunner is trying to rebuild his basketball career at the College of Southern Idaho.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“
Even as a kid, I've never had a game like this.”
—Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino, whose 17-year NFL career may have ended Saturday with a 62-7 playoff loss to Jacksonville

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Women's college basketball
Idaho at UC-Santa Barbara

IN BRIEF

Bowladrome league starts Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Bowladrome's junior league begins this week, with the junior and high school leagues' both meeting on Monday. The high school league meets Mondays at 3:45 p.m., the junior high league bowls Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m. and the 12-and-under league rolls into action Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

Filer Rec plans sign-up for youth hoops session

FILER - The Filer Community Recreation District will hold a registration session for the Filer Youth Basketball League from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Filer Fire Station (located at the corner of Yakima and Main). The program is offered to grades 3-6, and will be co-ed. Cost is \$20, plus \$8.50 for insurance, if needed. For more information, call Kaye Anne Edwards at 326-5441, or Steve Arnsworth at 326-4258.

Majers collects No. 350 against BYU

PROVO, Utah - Hanno Mottola scored four of his 18 points in the final minute and took beat, instate rival BYU 56-50 on Saturday, the 350th victory for coach Rick Majers. Mottola completed a 3-point lay and Alex Jensen hit a 3-pointer to help the Utes (13-3, 2-0 Mountain West) break a 34-34 tie with 16 minutes remaining. BYU led 23-13 shooting within 1:49 when Mikell Wesley hit 1-2 free throws with 7:04 left, but the Cougars didn't score again. BYU missed five free throws and numerous field goal attempts down the stretch.

UC Santa Barbara pounds Boise State

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. - Erin Buescher scored 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Friday night as No. 19 UC Santa Barbara opened a Big West Conference play with a 99-72 victory over Boise State. Stacy Cline-Smith added 12 points and 12 assists for the Gauchos (12-3, 0-1). Stephanie Block scored 24 points on 10-of-15 shooting for Boise State (7-7, 0-1). UCSB scored six straight points to open the game and were in front the rest of the way. The Gauchos increased their lead to 34-14 on a jumper by Cline-Smith with 6:03 left in the first half. However, Boise State outscored UCSB 16-6 over the last 4:24 of the half to cut the Gauchos' lead to 42-34 at halftime. UCSB dominated the Broncos in the second half, helped by the 3-point shooting of freshman Jess Hansen, who hit four three-pointers and scored all of her 14 points in the second half. The Gauchos pulled away with a 16-4 run to lead 79-52 with 6:33 remaining.

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Compiled from staff and wire reports

As a standout Georgetown freshman, Kenny Brunner seemed to be on track to the NBA. But a pair of bizarre criminal cases put Brunner in jail and put his dreams on hold. Now, with his name cleared, he's counting on Twin Falls to give him ...

A NEW START

Excuse Kenny Brunner if he can't quit smiling. He has a lot of catching up to do for the tears he has shed. Problem is, he can't stop crying, either. "There's always a time where I have a moment every day when I cry," the College of Southern Idaho sophomore said. "It might be when I wake up, it might be tonight. But there's going to be some time every day." 1998 was a year for the wet stuff.

It began with the talented point guard dropping out of Georgetown University. Before it ended, Brunner had twice been implicated in felony cases.

The first case found Brunner accused of threatening a man with a samurai sword in Fresno. Brunner was charged with four felony counts. Then, just two months later, allegations of robbery and attempted murder put him behind bars in Los Angeles. He spent four months in jail awaiting trial.

All charges eventually were dropped, but the two episodes left Brunner's reputation and basketball career in tatters. Playing for CSI coach Derek Zeck is a cherished opportunity—perhaps Brunner's last—to rebuild his dream of an NBA career.

"I just think coming to Twin Falls really has helped shape my



Brunner penetrates the lane against a Northwest Nazarene University defender before dishing off for an assist. The point guard leads the team in assists, averaging 8.5 a game.

idea of life," he said. "I've been trying to make the most of my chance, and the decision coach Zeck made to bring me in to prove all of the doubters wrong, who thought that I would never be anything, and thought that maybe Kenny Brunner was a bad kid. I'm just trying to turn my whole life around."

A golden guard

Brunner's past might have scared off some recruiters. But as a first-year head coach looking to

return the Twin Falls junior college to national championship competition, Zeck needed a player who could help produce victories. "Everybody knew who Kenny Brunner was," Zeck said. "He was a Top 10 player in the country coming out of high school. I was sitting at the Salt Lake City airport when I got a call from USC that said Kenny needed a junior college."

He hasn't regretted bringing

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Brunner, center, celebrates on a happy CSI sideline with teammates (left to right) Matt Siebrandt, Blandon Ferguson, Jerry Dupree, Jason Brazler and Matt Brown. Head coach Derek Zeck joins in the applause at the far right.

Fin-ished!

Jaguars show Marino the door

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The Jacksonville Jaguars can sing it loud. They are a legitimate Super Bowl threat.

In the second-most overpowering playoff performance ever, the Jaguars routed the Miami Dolphins 62-7 Saturday to move one win away from the Super Bowl they've been pointing toward all season and singing about the past week.

With Dan Marino and Jimmy Johnson stumbling through, possibly their last game, the Dolphins (10-8) didn't offer much of a challenge. Still, for at least one day, those who doubted the Jaguars (15-2) because of their soft schedule and ridiculed them for their Super Bowl rap song can give it a rest.

Among the stars were Fred Taylor, who had two highlight-reel touchdowns, and defensive lineman Tony Brackens, who recovered a fumble and literally danced his way into the end zone. "This was one of those games where things are going well, you get confidence, you get it rolling and you start making a lot of plays," said offensive lineman Ben Coleman. "Then we didn't let up. We made play after play after play and all of the sudden, we're running away."

To say the least, Only the 1940 Chicago Bears, who beat the Washington Redskins 73-0 for the NFL title, have scored more points in the playoffs. The 55-point margin also is the second-largest in playoff history. The 62 points were the most the Dolphins have allowed - ever.

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Bucs flay Redskins

Tampa Bay rallies from 13-point deficit

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - So much for the notion you can't win in the playoffs with a rookie quarterback.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have insisted all along that Shaun King is not a typical high-year player, and with one of the NFL's best defenses behind him.

King is not a typical high-year player, and with one of the NFL's best defenses behind him.

After beating the Washington Redskins 14-13 in Saturday's NFC divisional game, that's exactly what the 22-year-old native of neighboring St. Petersburg will get a chance to do.

"I don't know about destiny. But I know this is a team of desire and heart," NFL Defensive Player of the Year Warren Sapp said. "With those two things working for us, you can't go wrong too many times." The Bucs wiped out a 13-point second-half deficit with a pair of touchdowns set up by Washington turnovers, then held on to win when the Redskins botched a 52-yard field goal attempt with 1:08 remaining.

Mike Alstott scored on a 1-yard run late in the third quarter as King threw a 1-yard TD pass to

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AFC schedule



Saturday
Jacksonville 62,
Miami 7

Today
Indianapolis at
Tennessee

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NFC schedule



Saturday
Tampa Bay 14,
Washington 13

Today
Minnesota
at St. Louis

Eagle men complete SWAC road sweep

The Times-News
RANGELY, Colo. — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team returned home to a proud owner of a coveted scenic West Athletic Conference road sweep — the first of first-year head coach Derek Zeck's regime — having beaten Eastern Utah on Friday and Colorado Northwestern on Saturday.

Cardell Butler scored 19 points to lead five Golden Eagles in double figures as CSI (4-3) hammered out, 16-3 overall) in conference on a flashy 96-83 win over the Spartans in Rangely.

"The rest of the SWAC can take notice: the Golden Eagles are coming together," said Zeck. "We just have to concentrate on our team and just keep getting better," Zeck said. "If we do that, we won't want to play in a tournament. It is just take care of ourselves, we're pretty dang good."

Butler's number stood out: he made seven of ten attempts from three-point range. He scored 19 points on 7-of-11 shooting to a meager 11 points on 3-of-12 shooting. He also punctuated CSI's dominating performance with a team-high 10 rebounds in the game and came up with several key free throws.

"That was beautiful," Zeck said. "I was really proud of Cardell tonight."

It was the second night in a row Butler ended up high man — he led the way with 27 against CEU the night before. As exciting as Butler's play was, however, Zeck was mostly taken with his usefulness.

"I've been on him a little bit," Zeck said. "The first thing he asked after the game was, 'How many assists did I get?'"

Zeck was also assisted with the play of Dupree. The freshman forward from Riverside, Calif., added five rebounds to his double-digit scoring night.

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"I thought we played well as far as focus goes," Zeck said. "Overall, I thought our concentration was really good for a difficult situation."

Ahead comfortably late in the game, most of the Golden Eagles' roster saw playing time — something Zeck hopes will benefit his squad come tournament time.

"I need to get Jerry Dupree, Matt Brown and Cardell Butler minutes," he said. "I need them to get some reputations so they don't get on the bench when the going gets tough."

Bottom line? That eight-hour bus ride back to Twin Falls no doubt felt a lot shorter with his first SWAC road sweep as a CSI coach.

"I'm not complaining," he said. "Not at all."

The Golden Eagle men host Colorado Northwestern on Friday and Ricks College on Saturday.

CSI women fall

The Times-News
RANGELY, Colo. — The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team came within two points and three seconds of their own two-game road sweep Saturday night.

Instead, they dropped below 500 losing 62-60 to Colorado Northwestern in the scenic West Athletic Conference's latest squad to strike it rich.

As time wound down, CNC's Mel Atkinson drew the contest even and Alicia Uresk put the hosts over the top with a well-timed put-back off a teammate's miss.

The Lady Spartans also beat Golden Eagle travel partner Treasure Valley Community College on Friday night to improve to 3-5 in conference and an even 9-9 overall.

The Golden Eagles, meanwhile, who collected their first SWAC road win of the season against Eastern Utah in Price the night before, dropped to 3-4 in conference and 10-9 overall with the loss.

CSI's press defense proved instrumental in breaking open what had been a one-point game at intermission, and the visitors held an 11-point lead midway through the second half.

But the Eagles missed several free throws after the break that later proved the difference in the game. And while the Lady Spartans shot an atrocious 32 percent from the floor, they may make up for it with the free-throw line, hitting a solid 70 percent to CSI's 47.

The hosts' comeback began in earnest at the 3:15 mark. CNC freshman Heidi Palmer nailed a



Spartan foul.
Her foul-shot split was a microcosm of CSI's late free throw struggles — the Golden Eagles made just 10 of 20 attempts from the stripe in the second half.

A pair of CSI turnovers and Lady Spartan buckets later, CNC had cut the Golden Eagles' lead to 60-58 with one minute left. Then, when Palmer came up short on another three-point try, Atkinson was there to tap it in and tie the contest at 60.

A Cellan pass after the subsequent inbound sailed into the seats, and Uresk completed the scoring with a drive to the hoop with three seconds left.

After a lengthy timeout, Cellan inbounded the ball to Jingle Goschalk for the bucket court. Goschalk dished back to Cellan, but the 5-8 sophomore's final attempt fell short.

Cellan led all scorers with 19 points and Kim Wegner added 15. The Lady Spartans entered double figures, led by Palmer with 18 points.

CSI returns to action Friday hosting North Idaho (12:5- over 11:30 in conference) before heading into Saturday night's game against Dixie. Ricks (3-3, 14-3) entering this weekend's game against Snow) to town the following night.

SPORTS

Tiger girls maul visiting Bruins

**By John Derr
Times-News writer**

JEROME — Brandi Escover tossed in 22 points as the Jerome Tigers broke open a close game in the second quarter and won going away, defeating the Twin Falls Bruins 66-37 in girls' A-1 Region III conference basketball Saturday night.

The game was tied after one period, but Jerome went on a run early in the second quarter and never looked back. Team play was one of the keys as the unselfish Tigers finished with a total of 22 assists.

The victory clinches the top seed in the conference tournament for the Tigers (10-0, 15-1) and marks the 15th straight win for Jerome. Twin Falls dropped to 3-7 in league play (8-8 overall).

"When it was close I knew I really needed to step it up. I went full out this game," said Escover, who earned a career high scoring mark while grabbing five steals.

The scary thing for the rest of the conference is that Jerome did it without two senior starters. Becky Thibault didn't dress for the game as she is still recovering from a stress fracture. Cyrra Warner, who didn't play Thursday against Burley due to a minor knee injury, caught an elbow on her check bone after being on the floor just over three minutes and did not return to the game.

For the Tigers, who have a steady rotation of 12 players, it didn't have an effect.

Escover hit a pair of buckets early as Jerome jumped out to a 7-4 advantage. The Bruins came right back as Brianna Allen and Amanda Pierce, both scoring inside and Kim Strunk grabbed a steal and converted the fast break laying giving Twin Falls a 10-7 lead.

Kendra West connected inside and Escover nailed a jumper at the buzzer as the first period ended all even at 11.

Escover's three-pointer to open the second quarter put the Tigers up for good. Jerome would go on a 11-0 run with Escover added to more baskets. Camille Brittain and Nicole Paulos chipped in two points while Dusty Schvanefeldt supplied four assists.

"It's fun. I am enthusiastic and have a lot of emotion on the floor," said Schvanefeldt, who

played 26 minutes due to the injuries and finished with 10 points, six assists and a pair of steals.

The Bruins could manage just one basket in the period, a three pointer by Strunk with less than a minute remaining before half-time. Twin Falls went 4-for-6 from the free throw during the quarter to stay within striking distance.

Schvanefeldt hit three three-pointers in the third period as Jerome started to pull away. The Bruins converted a pair of shots inside and Strunk added another long range bucket.

The Tigers, with mostly reserves on the floor, scored 22 in the final period to take the victory going away. Foul trouble caught up with both teams in the final period with three players, two for Twin Falls and one from Jerome, going to the bench. The physical game saw the teams combine for 43 fouls and 47 free throw attempts.

"I take a chance and play people early because you can't take away that floor time. When you need them they go in confident and do a good job," said Jerome coach Michelle Skyles.

Twin Falls struggled with their shooting, connecting on just 26 percent from the field (10-39) and 47 percent from the free throw line (15-32). Strunk, a sophomore guard, paced the Bruins with 13 points and four steals while Kerri Coats added six. Sarah Wilkin grabbed eight rebounds for the Bruins.

"We had confidence early. We were attacking, scoring and things were going well. Once we started having turnovers, our confidence wavered and the intensity went with it," said Twin Falls coach Lawrence Pfeiffer. "Kim (Strunk) did a good job and we handled their press better. We just missed way to many shots."

Jerome hits the road for their final two conference games, traveling to Pocatello on Wednesday and Minico on Friday. The Bruins hosts Century on Wednesday and travels to Burley on Friday.

Glenns Ferry edges Wood River in OT

The Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY — Corey Hall hit three free throws in overtime and Troy Douglas got the rebound and won the game as Glenn's Ferry defeated Wood River 54-53 in a non-conference boys' basketball game Saturday night.

It was the third game this week for both teams to meet, so evenly matched that the statistics practically mirror each other throughout the game.

"I told my assistant coach, 'No matter who wins, this was a great game,'" Glenn's Ferry coach John Tucker.

The Pilots led at the end of the third quarter, but the Wolverines took the lead back in the fourth, with Glenn's Ferry had to battle to tie the game at the end of regulation play.

Ryan Skinner scored 19 points for Wood River, sinking four three-pointers. Alex Crane led the scoring for Glenn's Ferry with 14 points and three free-throw goals. Both Skinner and Crane fouled out of the game.

Mark Black, the Pilots' leading rebounder, played the last two minutes in a strained ankle, but still scored 11 points Saturday.

Glenn's Ferry (7-5 overall, 0-1 conference) hosts Rimrock Tuesday. Wood River (4-8 overall, 2-2 conference) hosts Wendell Tuesday.

High school sports

Coach added 1-1
Dietrich (5-1 in conference) hosts Ketchum on Tuesday.

HAZELTON, Blis 38
The Vikings continued their winning season, improving to 13-1 overall by defeating Filer in a non-conference game.

"From the second quarter on we did a great job on our post kids and took away their inside game," said Valley coach Roger Carson.

The Vikings (13-1 overall, 10 conference) host Wendell Tuesday.

Declo 64, Kimberly 59
KIMBERLY — The Declo Hornets jumped out to an early lead and hit their free throws down the stretch as the Bulldogs could not get over the hump.

John Smith led all scorers with 15 for the Hornets. Robbie Cain had 12 and Matt Lee recorded 13 for Kimberly. The Bruins drop to 5-7 on the year (3-0 in conference) and travel to Gooding Friday.

Girls' basketball
Dietrich 53, Carey 50
DIETRICH — As time grew slim in Dietrich, the story was free throws: the Blue Devils hit 7-of-10 in the fourth quarter, while visiting Carey shot just 1-of-10.

Dietrich was down three points with 3:40 to go, but the Blue Devils got a steal and made a basket, then made the most of their trips to the line, to beat the Panthers at their Astlewood in 19 points to lead all scorers, while Kami Peck scored 15 for Carey.

Valley 43, Gooding 37
GOODING — Gooding was ahead by six in the second but couldn't make their 4-8 fall to keep the lead throughout.

Shoshone 57, Richfield 17

RICHFIELD — Anna Cox went 9-of-16 from the field to score 19 points for the Indians as they defeated the Tigers in Northside Conference basketball and maintained their first-place status in the league.

"Shoshone is an excellent team," said Richfield coach De Lewis. Their defense held Cox to 7-of-46 (shooting from the field) and forced 27 turnovers.

The Tigers (5-11 overall, 0-8 conference) host Bliss Wednesday.

Camas County 36, Bliss 20
BLISS — Camas County jumped out to a 15-10 halftime lead and Bliss got into foul trouble in the third quarter, playing the end of the game with only four players.

"The girls that were still in the game played really hard and hustled; they didn't want to make any shots," said Bliss coach Linda Dutschik.

Becky Schlemmer led the scoring for Camas County with 16 points. The Bruins (2-13 overall, 2-7 conference) play Tuesday at Richfield.

Buhl 36, Wood River 30
HAILEY — The Buhl Indians collected their second win of the season defeating conference-leading Wood River 36-30.

Wood River came within two at 30-28, but junior Katie Williamson of Buhl hit a three-pointer and a two down the stretch to put the Wolverines away for good. Buhl travels to Twin Falls to face the Bruins on Monday.

Wrestling
Ephrata, Wash. 53, Twin Falls 25
Lakeland 48, Twin Falls 28
Mount Spokane, Wash. 36, Twin Falls 32
POST FALLS — At the River City Duals, two Buhl wrestlers went undefeated this weekend, but Twin Falls came up short as a team in three dual matches.

Friday's results

Girls' Basketball
Raft River 56, Oakley 33
MALTA — The Trojans held Oakley to one field goal in a tight defensive game Friday night.

Trisha Hitt of Raft River led all scorers with 16 points. Hannah Johnson added 11, including the game's only three-pointer.

The Trojans (10-6 overall, 7-1 in conference) host Valley Wednesday.

Filer 69, Spring Creek 61
FILER — The Wildcats shot 72 percent from the line as they defeated Spring Creek Friday night.

Mandi Turner led all scorers with 22 points for Filer, while teammates Libbie Suggmiller and Adrienne Finner added 15 and 13, respectively.

The Wildcats (8 overall, 4-3 in conference) travel to Wood River Tuesday.

Camas County 66, Richfield 43
FAIRFIELD — Seniors Bridget Dalin and Maggi Bennett played their last home game for the Meters Friday night, ending up being two of the high scorers.

Camas County honored its seniors before a rough game with their Richfield and Camas combined for 48 fouls.

Boys' Basketball
Pocatello 64, Twin Falls 50
POCATELLO — Down by ten in the first quarter, the Bruins fought back to win in three with 1:10 left on the clock, but could not pull out the win in Pocatello.

Raft River rolls over Conquerors

**By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer**

MALTA — Raft River used a smothering pressure defense to create numerous transition baskets and the Trojans rolled to an easy 75-33 victory over Magic Valley Christian Saturday in Malta.

Ten Raft River players scored in the victory. The Trojans' Tony Erickson led all scorers with 17 points.

Teammates Nolan Harper and Jacob Nelson each added 11.

"I thought all our kids played good defense tonight," said Raft River head coach Gary Elsensohn.

After opening the game with a 16-1 run, Raft River never looked back. Leading 18-7 after one quarter, the Trojans outscored the Conquerors 22-11 in the second period to take a 40-11 halftime lead.

Magi Valley Christian head coach Jon Wester. "So we're going to have nice lights like this."

The Raft River win marked the Trojans' second victory in two weeks over the Conquerors. On Jan. 3, Raft River went on the road to defeat Magic Valley Christian, 66-39.

Gabe Hurt's 11 points led the Conquerors.

In losing, Wester praised his team's no-quit attitude and the play of 5-foot-5-inch guard Jared Blot.

"He's just a great competitor," Wester said. "He's just a small guy, but he really sacrifices for the team."

Raft River (7-5 overall, 1-1 conference) has now won four of its last five games. The Trojans returns to conference action Tuesday against Hagerman.

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Azinger widens lead at Sony Open to five strokes

HONOLULU (AP) — Paul Azinger, bidding for his first victory since the 1993 PGA Championship, shot a 2-under 68 Saturday and held a five-stroke lead over Jesper Parnevik and Stuart Appley after three rounds of the \$2.9 million Sony Open.

Azinger distinguished himself with lymphoma in December 1993 and missed most of the next season. Azinger, a three-time runner-up who had five top 10 finishes when this tournament was known as the Hawaii Open, bogeyed two of the first four holes. His slip allowed John Huston to narrow the margin to two strokes through the first seven holes.

Widely considered the defending champion, shot a 2-under 70 Saturday on the 63.234-yard Legend course to finish three rounds at a 6-under 210. Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez, who shot 74, and Cindy McCurdy, who has won five titles on the LPGA tour, were at 217. McCurdy, 41, of Lorine Kane, still looking for her first victory in four seasons, had a 71 and was at 218.



Paul Azinger leads after three rounds of play at the Sony Open.

Azinger ran off birdies on the par-3 eighth and 11th, as well as the 510-yard 10th, which was the lead of the field. At the 54-hole mark, he was at 14-under 196.

Parnevik, who started the day seven strokes behind Azinger, closed with birdies on the last two holes for a 4-under 66. He's at 201 with Appley, who shot a 68.

Parnevik, who missed the day sharing second with Huston and Jim Furyk, birdied the final two holes.

Huston, meanwhile, faded to finish with a 70. He is tied with Jerry Kelly, who carded a 71, at 203.

Azinger ran off birdies on the par-3

Webb in position to claim title

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — No one was willing to concede The Office Depot title to Kurtie Webb

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Michigan's Knight stars in Shrine

STANFORD, Calif. — The six touchdown passes Mattus Knight caught for Michigan this season earned him a place in the East-West Shrine Bowl. The four he caught Saturday made him the star of the nation's oldest college all-star game.

Knight had scoring receptions of 10, eight, eight and six yards as he defeated the West 35-21 in the 75th edition of the Shrine game. Three of those TD passes came from Florida's Doug Johnson, the fourth from Michigan teammate Tom Brady.

America, Iran clash on soccer field

PASADENA, Calif. — When the U.S. soccer team played Iran two years ago, it was in the World Cup, soccer's most important stage.

When the teams meet in a rematch today in the Rose Bowl, it will be only an exhibition game, but it will be the first match between the teams on U.S. soil.

"I think we're treating it as an important game, but the implications come from the public," said Eric Wynalda, the American scoring leader with 33 goals in 102 games. "I do think it was a brutal loss that suffered in the World Cup, and it would be nice to redeem ourselves for that."

On a warm summer night, the Iranians upset the

Americans 2-1 on June 21, 1998, at Lyon, France. That loss shocked the U.S. team, which wound up going 0-3 and finishing last in the 32-nation field.

It also led to the resignation of coach Steve Sampson, who was replaced by Bruce Arena.

"We could be playing anybody on Sunday. The importance is that we're playing our first match of 2000, and it's an important year for us," Arena said.

IOC members were paid \$43,000

SALT LAKE CITY — Newly disclosed records from Salt Lake City's tainted bid for the 2002 Winter Games show more than \$43,000 was paid to 15 International Olympic Committee members or their relatives.

The checks were cut between July 1991 and January 1992, the Deseret News reported Saturday.

NBA fines Blazers' Wallace \$7,500

NEW YORK — Portland forward Rasheed Wallace was fined \$7,500 Saturday by the NBA for yelling at the officials and failing to leave the court quickly following an ejection.

Wallace was tossed with 9:17 left in the third quarter Friday night during the Trail Blazers' 105-83 victory at Phoenix.

Slutskaaya upsets Kwan in final

LYON, France — A year ago, Irina Slutskaya could not get on the ice without feeling depressed. She lacked motivation, and practice sessions often ended in tears.

On Saturday, the Russian shrugged off last year's emotions and upset Michelle Kwan in the International Skating Union's Grand Prix final. Kwan, the Olympic silver medalist and two-time world champion, also put in a good performance, but she had to be content with second in the face of Slutskaya's audacious jumping and rare 6.0 mark for technical merit.

2002 Olympic trails see action

MIDWAY, Utah — Carl Swenson of Boulder, Colo., and Nina Kempel of Anchorage, Alaska skied to victories by different routes Saturday in the final day of the U.S. cross-country ski championships of the 2002 Olympic trails.

Kempel breezed to her 13th national title — one short of the record shared by Martha Rockwell and Nancy Fiddler — in the 30-kilometer race. Her victory was in sharp contrast to the near photo finish of the men's 50K, which Swenson won in 1:59.55.0. He held off Marcus Nash of Fryeburg, Maine by .2 seconds,

barely a half-stride after 31 miles. Justin Wadsworth of Bend, Ore., was another .3 back.

Lindros suffers third concussion

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Flyers captain Eric Lindros is expected to be out of action for about a week after suffering the third concussion of his career.

Dr. Gary Dorshimer, the Flyers team physician, said on Saturday that Lindros sustained a mild, grade-two concussion during Philadelphia's 1-0 loss at Atlanta a night earlier.

West-downs East in Snow Bowl

FARGO, N.D. — Corte McGuffey of Northern Colorado threw two touchdown passes in a 31-second span to spark a third-quarter comeback and lead the West over the East 24-22 in the Snow Bowl on Saturday.

The Division II All-Star game was played inside North Dakota State's domed stadium.

McGuffey, the Harlon Hill winner, was 10-of-23 for 109 yards. He earned offensive player of the game honors.

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Brunner to CSI.

"I can't tell you how invaluable Kenny is to this team," Zeck has said numerous times. "He's my floor coach and a leader, both on and off the court."

Brunner, 21, unquestionably brings star power to the Golden Eagles. As a Georgetown freshman two years ago, the 5-foot-11 guard led the nation in assists and topped the Hoyas in scoring and steals.

"His game combines the flash and playmaking in the open court of the Phoenix Suns' Jason Kidd with the in-your-face pickup jumper strength of Philadelphia's Dana Barros.

At times a blur of dribble drives, rebounds and no-look passes, Brunner is also a tenacious defender who can guard the floor with NBA skill. Going into this weekend, he was third on the CSI team with 36 steals, and is second in the Scenic West Athletic Conference in assists, averaging 8 1/2 a game.

Although he has averaged more than 17 points a game this season, his scoring hasn't been as strong as he would like in recent weeks.

"I'm working on that, to getting the love back as far as basketball," he said.

As he works, Brunner says his faith in God and love for his family are guiding him. He speaks fondly of the grandmother who raised him, Mary White, and of his 10-year-old brother, Napree.

"It's my grandmother who gives me everything, along with my little brother, Brunner said. "Without them, life is really nothing."

He says he's pleased with how things are going at CSI.

"I'm happy with the way the team is starting to come together now," he said. "We have to take pride and do the things we need to do: that's focusing on defense and getting people the ball in the right situations."

Times of trouble

"The right situation hasn't always been easy for Brunner to find."

"In high school, he led his Compton, Calif., team to back-to-back state championships. He signed a letter of intent with Western State University, to play for coach Jerry Tamm. But when point-shaving allegations cropped up — at the school; Brunner changed his mind.

"I figured they were going to be put on probation because (the NCAA) likes to mess with Tamm," he said. "So I changed my mind and decided to get out of my letter of intent. I was looking back on my recruiting options, and my high school coach decided that Georgetown was my best option. I didn't really have a say-so."

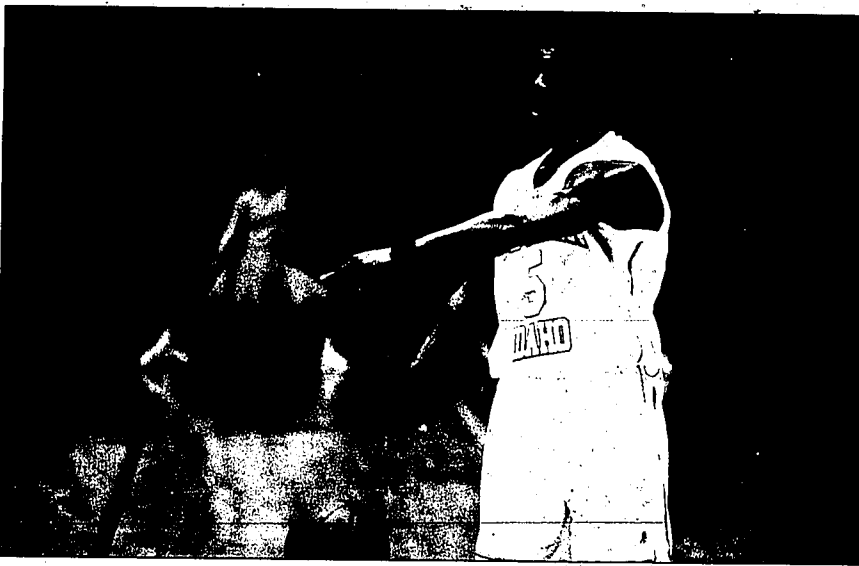
After 19 games with the Hoyas, where Brunner led the nation in assists with 139 and the team in scoring, a scandal erupted when the unhappy player left the nation's capital.

"I just felt like a lot of pressure was on me," he said. "All of the love was on my shoulders and being a freshman, I just didn't know how to handle that."

Brunner returned to Fresno State, which hadn't gone on probation after all. But trouble struck before he could play a single game for "The Shark." Brunner and another Fresno State player, Avondre Jones, were charged with assaulting and threatening an acquaintance of Jones with guns and samurai swords.

Brunner eventually would be cleared of all charges in the case — but not before being suspended indefinitely from the trouble-sprone Fresno State team.

"It you got into any trouble,



Team captain and floor leader Brunner directs traffic setting up a play earlier this year. Brunner can also score, averaging 17.3 points per game while shooting 48 percent from the floor.

CSI excludes athletes who commit crimes

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho officials say they're determined to recruit only athletes who are also good citizens — though the college has no written policy on the issue.

"I feel very responsible for bringing in the kind of people that we want to have here," President Gerald Meyerhoeffer said.

An Idaho State Board of Education rule forbids the state's four-year colleges from recruiting any athlete who has been convicted of a felony. Though community colleges aren't bound by that rule, Meyerhoeffer said CSI tries to keep the standard in mind.

But he and the CSI board of trustees haven't given coaches a written policy, he said.

"The fact is I tell them what I expect and what the board expects and I think that's enough of a

hard, written policy as far as they're concerned," he said. "If they bring in a person here who does not have the proper background, and there's a problem, that's a responsibility I place directly on them."

Athletic Director Jeff-Duggan said all student-athletes must sign a release that states they've never been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony.

CSI officials say they investigated Kenny Brunner thoroughly and decided he was clean.

"I met with our legal representation and asked them to do kind of a background check, which they did," Meyerhoeffer said. "They ran a check and basically I got a letter back ... through another office in California. It basically, in fact, said that in review of the circumstances, a lot of this stuff is probably not a legitimate issue."



you were gone," he said.

Fresno County Judge Michael Feinberg characterized the case this way in a Los Angeles Times story: "I think this started out as a bunch of horsing around by people who were doing a lot of drinking. It turned into something where the parties were acting very foolish, and it got out of hand."

While the Fresno case was still pending, Brunner enrolled in summer school at Santa Monica College.

"I was just working out, getting ready for school, when all this crazy stuff happened again," he said.

The "crazy stuff" was an alleged robbery and assault of a coach at rival Los Angeles City College on May 22, 1998.

As recounted in the LA Times three days later, LACC coach Mike Miller told police a man had come into his office, pointed a chrome semiautomatic handgun at his chest and demanded money.

When Miller refused, the man pulled the trigger, but the gun jammed. Miller said he eventually handed over \$1,500, and the robber fled. Miller followed the suspect outside to a waiting white sedan, where the coach saw LACC student LaDale

Lunnie drive the gunman away. Lunnie was later arrested and confessed to police, giving them Brunner's name and the street where Brunner lived.

Four months in jail

Miller and three other witnesses picked Brunner's mug shot from a six-picture lineup, according to Andrew Bassis, the deputy prosecutor in charge of the case.

But at the preliminary hearing on June 30, Miller and the other eyewitnesses couldn't positively identify Brunner.

"Many of the statements by witnesses at the preliminary hearing were materially different from statements given to police," Bassis said.

"Mr. Miller is looking at Mr. Brunner and he said he couldn't be 100 percent sure that Kenny Brunner was the person who robbed him," Bassis added. "He also testified that he didn't know Mr. Brunner."

Brunner produced five witnesses who placed him elsewhere at the time of the robbery.

"I was never in the gym. I was at the barber shop," Brunner said. The prosecutor asked for a dismissal.

"There was no way to prove the case in going to trial," Bassis

Brunner's name.

Bradford also criticized the photo lineup, because most of the men pictured were considerably older than Brunner — and older than the witnesses' description of the gunman.

"It was ludicrous," he said. "It was not fair. The police, right then and there, showed by that lineup, that they weren't being fair in the investigation of this case."

Bassis conceded that the photo lineup was flawed.

"I would argue that the other people in the lineup look older than Kenny Brunner," Bassis said.

An Eagle lands

Finally free, but with no apparent prospects for a future in basketball, Brunner happened to speak to Silvey Dominguez, the University of Southern California basketball assistant had assisted former CSI coach Boyd Grant back in the '70s, and he told Brunner to call CSI.

For Brunner, it was a call of desperation.

"I didn't want to be in California, and at the time, I needed to get away," he said. "I needed to get away from my friends, I needed to get some stability, and being at home, I never would've went to school. I wanted to finally do things the right way."

Brunner visited Twin Falls in April 1999. Zeck's no-nonsense coaching approach and energy appealed to him.

"He wanted me for me," Brunner said. "Everywhere I'd been, coaches always told me what I wanted to hear. With Coach, he treated me like every-one else."

Zeck knew that bringing in one of the West Coast's premier players would help kick-start his fledgling program. The 29-year-old Kansan planned to run an up-tempo, motion offense that begins at the point, and he figured Brunner's natural leadership and ability to read the floor would make him the perfect floor captain.

But it was a risk. Brunner

"I just wanted to be in a situation where I could finally trust somebody and not worry about them just wanting me here for basketball. I've got that here with Coach."

— Kenny Brunner, speaking of CSI coach Derek Zeck

hadn't played in an organized game in a year and a half, and Zeck would have to make a hard sell to his CSI bosses — Athletic Director Jeff Duggan and President Gerald Meyerhoeffer.

Brunner knew their verdict could revive his dream of an NBA career. After Zeck called him back to tell him that CSI had accepted him, Brunner told his grandmother.

"She started crying," he said. "She just wanted me to play basketball again. Since I was little, I had a basketball in my hand. She wanted me live out my dream of playing professionally. Now I have that chance again."

Bradford said the most important thing for Brunner to do is get a degree.

"The best statement Kenny Brunner can make is to graduate," the lawyer said. "He's traumatized, no doubt. It's going to take time for this young man to trust his teammates, to put his guard down, there's no doubt, whether guilty or innocent, there's a big question mark by Kenny now, whether it's right or wrong."

Under Zeck, Brunner is renewing his NBA dream. Only West Coast universities already are recruiting him.

"I just wanted to be in a situation where I could finally trust somebody and not worry about them just wanting me here for basketball. I've got that here with Coach."

Brunner is finding success off the court as well as on. He helps his teammates with homework, checks up on them in the classroom and makes sure everybody attends study hall, Zeck said.

"He's a real personable guy that gets along with people," said Tim Simpkins, an environmental science professor. "He showed interest and participated in labs and was always in class."

From Joel Bate, his English professor and coach of the CSI women's team, Brunner brought some real experiential topics to his papers. He writes of what he knows, and he brings some real diversity to the classroom, growing up in the inner city.

Brunner has had one small disciplinary lapse. Five minutes late to a pregame shoot-around last month, he was deprived of starting against Chipola Junior College. He had forgotten to set an alarm clock, Zeck said.

Aside from that oversight, Brunner has settled in at CSI, with the intent of rebuilding the game-winning talent that was forced away two years ago.

"I'm still getting a feel to where I was when I was at Georgetown," he said. "I'm getting that basketball feeling back again. People probably say I'm playing good, but I'm only at 60 percent of what I'm capable of. If that's good for them, then wait until I'm 100 percent of what I know. Once there, the sky's the limit for me and for this team."

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Baseball Calendar

- Tuesday** - Salary arbitration figures exchanged
- Wednesday, Thursday** - Owners meeting, Phoenix
- Feb. 1-21** - Salary arbitration hearings
- Feb. 13** - Spring training starts for Cubs and Mets
- Feb. 18** - Spring training starts for other teams
- March 1** - Mandatory reporting date
- March 14-15** - Owners meeting, Florida
- March 29-30** - Mets vs. Cubs, in Tokyo
- April 3** - Opening day for other teams
- July 11** - All-Star game, Atlanta
- July 23** - Hall of Fame induction ceremonies
- Oct. 3** - Playoffs begin
- Oct. 21** - World Series begins

Tying Rocker to the Constitution is off base

By Steve Kelley

Commentary

SEATTLE - The letter writers have spoken out against me and in defense of the First Amendment.

A veritable landslide of letters, e-mails and voice mails have been sent responding to my column a week ago that said Atlanta reliever John Rocker should be suspended for a year for his racist remarks made last month in Sports Illustrated.

The majority of letter writers believe Rocker was within his First Amendment rights to defame African-Americans and gays and Asians and women and Latinos and everyone who is different from him.

They are wrong. The First Amendment protects Rocker from government intervention. It means a squad of secret police can't knock down his door and arrest him for his thoughts.

It doesn't mean Major League Baseball can't severely punish him for what he said. Let me say that I understand that without the First Amendment I wouldn't have this job. I understand how precious freedom of speech is.

I know it is the bedrock of democracy.

I know thousands of Americans have given their lives in defense of freedoms that include freedom of speech.

But that doesn't mean The Seattle Times should allow me to write out whatever I want, whenever I want.

If, let's say, I was a guest on Fox Sports and I complained on air in "language" similar to Rocker's, that, on the way over to the station, I had to sit on the bus with a person who had AIDS, or said I was appalled at all the foreigners I saw in Pioneer Square, The Times would severely punish me, maybe even fire me.

If I were a radio guest on KJR and expressed my disapproval of the driving habits of Asian women or called one of my co-workers "a fat monkey," I'd be in the managing editor's office quicker than you could say David Duke.

Any column I wrote that was filled with the racist sewage Rocker spilled in Sports Illustrated would be killed before it could be printed.

I don't consider that censorship. I consider it common sense and common decency. It's not politically correct. It's correct.

There are laws and there are rules. Rocker broke the rules and Major League Baseball should punish him, knock him down and make sure he knows it won't tolerate such hate.

And while I'm dealing with Rocker in the game, should take this time to think about its hiring policies. Where are the African-American and Latino managers and general managers? Eventually the game could

turn Rocker's negative into a positive by committing itself to an era of increased hiring of qualified minorities to front-office positions.

I appreciate the letter writers who exercised their free-speech rights to express their disappointment with me.

Even the one who wrote, "Kelley's own hate is cold, calculated and uncompromising."

And the one who said, "Steve Kelley, like John Rocker, may wish to seek counseling because he also seems to slip very easily into hate talk."

(Rocker, by the way, didn't seek counseling. Baseball made him undergo a psychiatric evaluation.)

Hate? You bet I hate the things Rocker said.

I was in Kosovo last summer and saw the tangible results of racism. I saw what can happen when people hate each other just because they're different from one another.

I saw the graves and the burned-out shells of homes. I heard the anger that makes peace in the Balkans seem like an impossible dream.

You bet I hate it when someone like Rocker glibly makes comments about people suffering from AIDS. Has he ever sat at the bedside of someone dying from the disease? Does he know anything about it?

You bet I hated reading some of the letters that said there was nothing wrong with what Rocker said. And he merely was exercising his "Constitutional right."

Those letters reminded me of former Alabama governor George Wallace wrapping himself around the notion of "states' rights" to promote his discriminatory politics.

In Peter Gammons' interview with Rocker on ESPN this week, the Atlanta pitcher didn't seem remorseful. He said his remarks in SI were "grossly misrepresented."

He fell back on the old standard - that some of his best friends are black, Hispanic and Asian.

He didn't seem stupid. He didn't appear mentally unbalanced. He seemed angry that he was forced to defend himself.

Rocker needed to spend a day with Hank Aaron (which he did yesterday), learning about the hate Aaron endured on the way to breaking Babe Ruth's record. He needs to spend a day at an AIDS hospice and maybe he should read the Declaration of Independence.

Hate? You bet I hate what Rocker said. And you bet I believe baseball can't let his remarks go unpunished.

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Relief pitchers Gossage, Sutter and Reardon had hoped for more

The Associated Press

Jeff Reardon hoped for a better count.

Fourth on baseball's career saves list, the relief pitcher figured he'd make a respectable showing in the Hall of Fame voting.

"I'm not crazy, I knew I wouldn't make it on the first ballot," Reardon said. "I thought I'd be in the middle somewhere."

So imagine his surprise when he checked the totals on his computer Tuesday. He got so few votes he was kicked off the ballot forever.

"I thought it was a misprint when I saw it, that 'x' next to my name saying I was excluded," Reardon said from his home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. "I don't want to sound like a crybaby. I'm not saying I belong in the Hall. Not at all. All I wanted was a chance to be on the ballot awhile."

"I had a pretty good career, but up some pretty good numbers," he said. "And now it's like, 'Did I ever play?' Honestly, it was one of the most disappointing days in my life."

During their careers, they closed the door. But when it comes to Cooperstown, closers get no relief: The door slams in their faces.

Bruce Sutter, a six-time All-Star who brought the split-fingered fastball to prominence, has never gotten nearly enough support in his seven years on the ballot.

Goose Gossage, whose high heat frightened hitters, fell short of the halfway point for election as a rookie candidate.

In all, only two relief pitchers are among the 246 members of Cooperstown: Hoyt Wilhelm and Rollie Fingers.

"It's always been hard for relievers to get into the Hall," said slugger Tony Perez, elected this week along with Carlton Fisk. "Gossage and Sutter have great numbers, they were great pitchers and had great careers. I don't know."

Those numbers, however, might be part of the problem. For hitters, there are these totals: 500 home runs or 3,000 hits. For starting pitchers, there's this mark: 300 wins.

But what about relief pitchers? What's the standard?

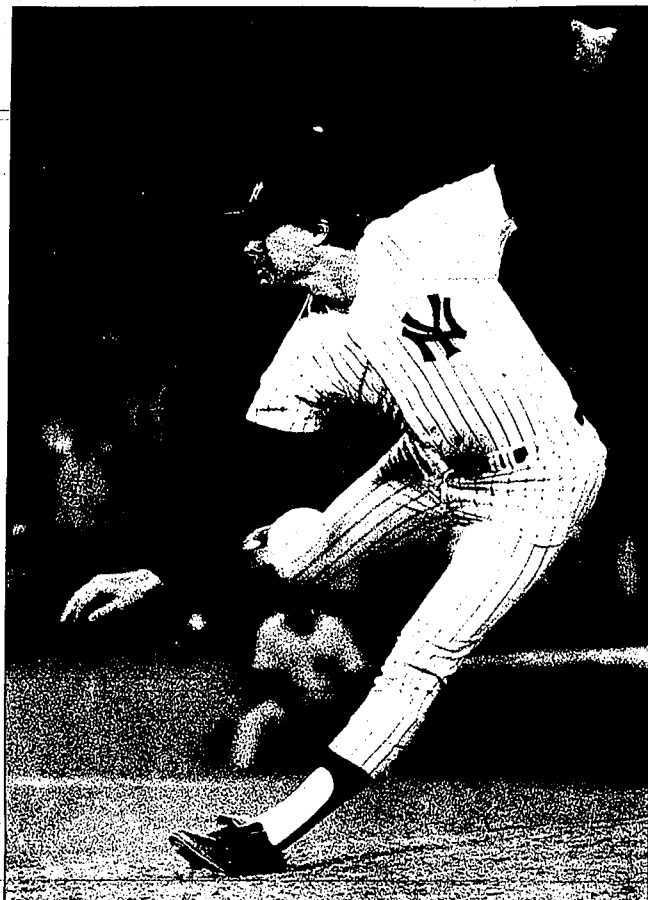
Lee Smith is the career saves leader with 478 and John Franco is next with 416, yet neither is considered a sure-fire candidate.

Dennis Eckersley (390) will likely make it when he becomes eligible in January 2004, helped by his dozen-year career as a starter. Reardon (367) is gone while Fingers (341) and Wilhelm (227) are old.

Gossage (310) and Sutter (300), who both pitched at a time when closers often got five or six outs, are still waiting.

"In this era of ninth-inning specialists, saves totals are climbing. Think about this: Fingers led the majors with a career-high 37 in 1978; eight relievers topped that mark last season."

"With relievers, the numbers don't really tell the story," said Hartford Courant writer Jack O'Connell, who put Gossage and



Rich 'Goose' Gossage follows through as he strikes out Andre Thornton of the Cleveland Indians in the ninth inning in this Sept. 30, 1978, photo at Yankee Stadium.

Sutter on his ballot. "Saves don't do it and neither does the ERA."

"When their careers are over and their numbers are all put up there. They don't really jump off the page, not like with hitters and starters," he said. As secretary-treasurer of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, the organization that votes for the Hall, O'Connell has the pleasant task to call players to tell them they've been elected.

He had hoped to call Sutter by now. It took 375 votes to make it to the Hall this year and Sutter got 192.

Longtime Chicago Tribune writer Jerome Holtzman thought Gossage would fare better. Instead, he was far back with 166 votes.

"My most disappointing thing about the voting was that Goose Gossage did not get in," Holtzman said.

Holtzman, in fact, wrote baseball's first-save-rule-about-40 years ago. Like many fans, he frowns on the cheapening of the stat - as in, relievers brought in to protect three-run leads in the ninth.

"The number of saves is not indicative of their effectiveness," he said.

For now, there is only one number on Reardon's mind. He got 24 votes in the Hall election, and it took 25 to remain on the ballot.

"I looked for Sutter and Gossage on the list, and I figured I'd be behind them, in the 150-range," Reardon said. "I even checked another Web site, to make sure there wasn't a mistake."

"When I passed Fingers and became the all-time saves leader, some people said I'd be a lock. I didn't necessarily think that, but I thought I'd do OK," he said. "And then to be knocked off after only one try, that was the biggest blow."

Braves' fielder gets mixed reviews

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) - Standing all alone in left field, John Rocker heard it from every direction.

Shunned by some of his teammates, the Atlanta Braves reliever received a mix of boos and cheers Saturday in his first public appearance since making inflammatory comments toward minorities, homosexuals and foreigners.

Rocker, playing in Dennis Martinez's second annual charity baseball game at the University of Miami, signed autographs for fans. Later, he stood by himself during warmups.

"He spoke bad of everybody except for white people and that's not right," New York Mets shortstop Rey Ordonez said. "I know this is a free country, but immigrants should be respected."

The charity teams - which included baseball stars Alex Fernandez, Andres Galarraga, Livan Hernandez, Alex Rodriguez and Ivan Rodriguez as well as several others and many Hispanic celebrities - were split into two squads: the black team and the white team.

Rocker was on the black team. "This is great," Rocker said before the game. "It's been like

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This everywhere I've gone: Miami is one of my favorite towns. I come down here a lot. I hope people don't believe everything they read in the media. The community down here are true baseball fans and I enjoy being a part of all this.

Rocker's appearance was another step in an attempt to redeem his image after his comments in a December issue of Sports Illustrated.

"One of the biggest reasons we came here was to boo this guy," said Jose Pichardo, 24, a student at Miami-Dade Community College. "He has to understand that most of us in this country are immigrants. Baseball has to do something. He should be suspended at least one year for what he said."

Rocker issued a brief written apology following his remarks, then dropped out of sight until his interview Wednesday with ESPN in Rocker's hometown of Macon, Ga. Rocker met the next day with home-run king Hank Aaron and former U.N. ambassador Andrew Young. Not all fans were willing to for-

give and forget.

"He's horrible," said Kenyatta Walker, an offensive tackle at the University of Florida. "I couldn't even watch his apology on ESPN. It was a joke."

Braves shortstop Ozzie Guillen said Rocker needed support during these difficult times. "You have to give him a lot of credit for showing up here in Miami, where he could have been in a very hostile situation," Guillen said. "He's going to have to carry this cross the rest of his life."

Country singer will trade boots for cleats again

LAS VEGAS - Garth Brooks wants to go to spring training, just like he did with the San Diego Padres last year. The Philadelphia Phillies, Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees were mentioned as possibilities by Brooks on Saturday.

TESLIN, a country music star used his love of the game and his association with baseball stars to launch his Touch 'em All Foundation. The money is contributed by players based on the home runs they hit, the bases they steal or the strikeouts they pitch.

He said his foundation raised \$1.8 million in its first year, thanks to donations from 67 baseball players, including Kevin Brown, Tony Gwynn, Robin Ventura, Larry Walker and Andy Ashby.

Reed, Sweeney sign short deals with Mets, Royals

NEW YORK - Settling quickly in one of their six arbitration cases, the New York Mets agreed Saturday to a one-year contract with pitcher Rick Reed worth \$4,375,000, while first baseman Mike Sweeney agreed Saturday to a \$2.5 million, one-year contract with the Kansas City Royals.

Reed, a right-hander who joined the Mets after he was a replacement player during the 1994-95 strike, was 11-5 with a 4.58 ERA in 26 starts last season. He made \$1,687,500 in the second season of a two-year deal.

Sweeney, who earned \$265,000 last year, hit a team-high .322 last year with 22 homer and 102 RBIs. He began the season as the team's third catcher but was switched to first base after the unexpected retirement of Jeff King.

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TRANS WORLD THUNDER

Noise could play a role today

ST. LOUIS (AP) — I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
 That's what the Minnesota Vikings are saying today at the Trans World Dome, they are in the trouble. The home of the St. Louis Rams can be one of the noisiest buildings in the NFL — or anywhere else in the world — when the Rams are doing their thing.

That thing this season has been scoring lots of points, going 9-0 in the dome and getting the fans whipped into a frenzy.

"When we played New York a few weeks ago," defensive end Grant Wistrom said, "I was three feet away from (linebacker) London Fletcher in the huddle, and I couldn't hear the call coming from him."

So imagine how Minnesota's receivers, running backs and linemen might feel when quarterback Jeff George is barking signals, trying to change a play at the line. Communication can be a problem, a big enough problem that it could become decisive.

"You're playing in a loud place," said George, who will resort to hand signals to call audibles at the line. "We know when teams come to our place,

MINNESOTA VIKINGS VS. ST. LOUIS RAMS
 11-6 vs. 13-3

Jeff George, QB vs. Kurt Warner, QB

1999 regular season	
329 Pass Attempts	499
181 Completions	325
58.1 Completion percent	65.1
2,816 Passing yards	4,353
23 Touchdowns	41
12 Interceptions	13
84.2	109.2

Source: National Football League

it's to our advantage.

"But we've played in hostile crowds before, going into Denver, Kansas City, Tampa Bay. No matter where, when you're on the road it's going to be loud. You make adjustments."

With a veteran offense such as

Minnesota's, the players are experienced enough to recognize what defensive scheme they're facing. Just a look or a nod can be enough experience to result in an audible.

And the coaching staff is good enough to coach call the right plays in the first place.

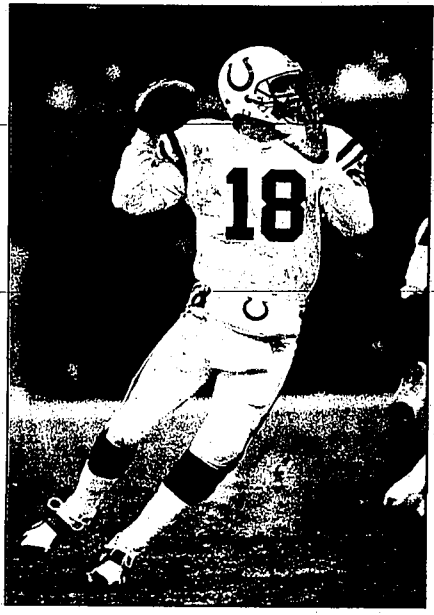
"We're not changing plays a lot anyway, so that's the kind of thing that bothers you only if you let it," running back Robert Smith said. "I don't think it's going to have an effect on the way we call plays or even plays. Because we didn't even change a whole lot of plays (against Dallas) to give the things that we do change can be changed with visual signals. So, I don't think it's that big a deal."

Ah, but the Rams do. They recognize that the Vikings (11-6) are a dome team, too, but the Metrodome doesn't have the same overwhelming acoustics. And the Minnesota fans don't distract their favorites by screaming when the Vikings are trying to move the ball.

St. Louis fans also are eager for a home playoff victory, never having seen one.

In fact, until this season, they hadn't seen many Rams wins at all, and certainly nothing close to a postseason berth. Now, the Rams (13-3) have home-field advantage for the NFC playoffs.

"They were waiting for us to do something to give them the right to cheer for us," receiver Isaac Bruce said. "The last couple of years, you never saw any Rams hats or T-shirts. Now, everywhere you go, you've got people wearing them. It was the right time, right now, right here, this year."



The Indianapolis Colts, led by quarterback Peyton Manning, face the Tennessee Titans in an AFC divisional playoff game today.

Vermeil lands AP Coach of the Year award

The Associated Press

By displaying his adaptability, Dick Vermeil inspired the St. Louis Rams to one of the NFL's greatest turnarounds. For leading them to the NFC's best record, Vermeil was chosen Saturday as The Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year.

At 62, Vermeil might not have been the ideal candidate for change. But his ability to do just that, when his bosses and his players demanded it made him an easy choice by a nationwide panel of 50 media members.

"I might not be as intense or insistent as I have been in the



Dick Vermeil

past," Vermeil said, "but I still believe deeply in what I am doing. And I believe deeply in this team."

Well, he should. The Rams went 13-3 this season after 5-11 and 4-12 records in the first two seasons of his return. They were 8-0 at home, using a devastating offense and an underrated defense.

Quarterback Kurt Warner, in whom Vermeil showed unmitigat-

ed faith after first-stringer Trent Green wrecked a knee in the opening preseason game, wound up as the NFL's Most Valuable Player.

Marshall Faulk, for whom Vermeil traded only second-round and fifth-round draft picks, was the Offensive Player of the Year.

Warner, Faulk, tackle Orlando Pace and defensive end Kevin Carter were All-Pro.

And now Vermeil is the third Rams coach to be selected as coach of the year, joining George Allen (1967) and Chuck Knox (1973). He beat out Indianapolis' Jim Mora, whose Colts went from 3-13 to 13-3 for

the biggest turnaround in NFL history.

Vermeil received 27.5 votes, while his close friend Mora had 18.5. Tennessee's Jeff Fisher got 2.5, with Jacksonville's Tom Coughlin getting one and the New York Jets' Bill Parcells receiving one-half vote.

"Seasons like this make it all worthwhile," said Vermeil, who coached the 1980 Philadelphia Eagles to the Super Bowl, but two years later, was burned out and quit coaching for 14 years. "It's recognition for what the fine players on this team and the fine coaches on this team accomplished."

Jaguars

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It may have been the most embarrassing loss for Johnson and Marino in their storied careers. It was punctuated by a cold blast of water from the sprinkler system in the south end some soon after a Jaguars touchdown made it 55-7.

"I've never experienced a game like this in my life," said Marino, 38, who deflected questions about his retirement. "Even as a kid, I've never had a game like this."

Marino was 11-for-25 for 95 yards before Johnson cut him early in the third quarter. More telling: By the time gimpy Jaguars' quarterback Mark Brunell was lifted with a 38-0 lead, Marino had thrown two interceptions, no completions and lost a fumble that was returned for a touchdown.

It was all part of a stunning 20-minute period in which the Jaguars pulled off enough spectacular plays to stake their claim as not only a Super Bowl favorite, but an exhilarating one at that.

It should bring an end to the



Jacksonville fans bid adieu to Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino (13) in the second quarter of an AFC divisional playoff game against the Jaguars Saturday in Jacksonville, Fla.

issue of the soft schedule. And the Super Bowl run.

"We knew if we lost, that would be hanging over our heads," said one of the singers,

defensive lineman Gary Walker. "That got taken out of proportion. I guess they can take it to the team that wins tomorrow and get it started again."

Postseason punishment

Biggest margins of victory in NFL postseason games

- 73 — Chicago 73, Washington 0, 1950, NFL Championship
- 65 — Jacksonville 62, Miami 7, 2000, AFC Divisional Playoff
- 49 — Oakland 56, Houston 7, 1969, AFL Divisional Playoff
- 48 — Buffalo 51, LA Raiders 3, 1981, AFC Championship
- 46 — Cleveland 56, vs. Detroit 10, 1954, NFL Championship
- 46 — N.Y. Giants 49, San Francisco 3, 1987, NFC Divisional Playoff
- 45 — San Francisco 55, Denver 10, 1990, Super Bowl

The Jaguars will play host to the winner of today's game between Indianapolis and Tennessee next week for the AFC championship. They'll have trouble topping this.

"When you look at who we've got — Brunell, Taylor, McCordell, Smith — you know you're going to put points on the board," Walker said. "But I can't say we expected that many."

Will Titans need another miracle?

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Tennessee Titans reached the AFC semifinals by way of a miracle — a lateral turned into a kick-off return in the waning seconds to beat the Buffalo Bills.

The Indianapolis Colts are a miracle in themselves, a 3-13 team a year ago metamorphosed into a 13-3 team, the best single-season turnaround in NFL history, forged largely by a second-year quarterback who's a legend in ... Tennessee.

Welcome to perhaps the most attractive matchup of the second round of the playoffs — two of the four best teams (record-wise) in the NFL for a chance to move on to the AFC title game, a matchup of contrasting strengths and weaknesses and a matchup of teams with little playoff experience. The winner goes to Jacksonville to play the Jaguars, who throttled Miami 62-7 Saturday.

The Colts have been one of the NFL's most pleasant surprises. Led by Peyton Manning, whose statue adorns the campus of the University of Tennessee, they won the NFL's toughest division, the AFC East, and made it to the playoffs as the conference's second seed. So big a hero is Manning in Tennessee that some fans in the state have divided loyalties about today's game.

"Nobody expected a lot out of us," said tight end Ken Dilger, 27, the oldest starter on the Colts' offense. "Then we got into mid-season and knew what kind of team we were and the expectations rose. Now we're expected to win."

The Titans (13-3) finally found a home in Adelphi Coliseum, their fourth stadium in four seasons after wandering from Houston to Memphis to Nashville.

They handed Jacksonville their only two losses, made the playoffs for the first time since 1993, when they were the Houston Oilers and Warren Moon was the quarterback. They beat Buffalo in last week's wild-card game on Frank Wycheck's lateral that Kevin Dyson returned for a touchdown.

"It's been a new thing this year, the name change and the Colts," coach Jeff Fisher said. "It was a difficult set of circumstances this team endured for four years."

That's not the only thing that helped the revival. "Look first at the player called 'The Freak' — rookie defensive end Jevon Kearse, who was defen-

sive rookie of the year and runner-up to Tampa Bay's Warren Sapp for defensive player.

"He may be the best in the history of this business," Floyd Reese, the Titans' general manager, said.

Thus the contrast. Manning, whose quick release rivals Dan Marino's, was sacked only 14 times this season. Kearse set a rookie record with 14.5 sacks and forced 10 fumbles, one reason why the Titans led the league with 24 fumble recoveries.

On the other hand, the Colts gave up an average of 141 yards on the ground in their past three games — one of them an ugly 29-28 win over 2-

14 Cleveland, and another 31-6 loss at Buffalo in a meaningless final game. Now, absence of linebacker Cornelius Bennett, the leader of the defense, who is out with a knee injury.

Fisher doesn't think so. "If you do that," he said, "you play a 10-9 game." The Colts don't play 10-9 games.

Indeed they don't. With Manning throwing to Marvin Harrison, and rookie Edgerlin James running for 1,553 yards and catching 62 passes, Indianapolis was held to fewer than 20 points only three times — twice in tight wins over the New York Jets and in the finale against Buffalo.

James, the offensive rookie of the year, presents another intriguing angle to this game.

He grew up only 25 miles from Kearse, the defensive rookie, in southwest Florida, has known Kearse since childhood and shares the same agent, Leigh Steinberg.

But the two never have played against each other, even when James was at Miami and Kearse at All Florida.

"All our lives, something happened to prevent it," James said. "It's going to be nice."

Finally, there's Colts coach Jim Mora, who won two of the three championships in the old USFL but is 0-4 in NFL playoff games after 10.5 years with New Orleans and two with the Colts.

"I don't think about it," Mora said. "If I were 40 instead of 94, I'd still be concentrating on this game and just this one."

Bucs

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Third-stringer John Davis that put Tampa Bay (12-5) ahead with 42-9 going.

Brad Johnson moved the Redskins into field goal range for Brett Conway on their last possession. But the snap was bounced back to holder Johnson, and the quarterback scrambled to throw an incomplection that ended Washington's hopes.

"The ball looked like it rolled. Brad never had a chance — the timing was gone," Redskins coach Mike Shanahan said. "Brad did the right thing. One guy didn't get the job done, not the whole special teams unit."

The victory sent the Bucs, who have won nine of their last 10, into

the NFC championship game for the first time since 1979. They will either travel to St. Louis or be home for Minnesota, depending on the outcome of today's game.

"I don't care if I have to go to Russia to win this thing," Sapp said. "I've got my bags packed. I'll go anywhere to play this game."

Washington (11-7) built a 13-0 lead on Brian Mitchell's playoff-record, 100-yard kickoff return and two field goals by Conway. The Redskins were 20-0 when leading playoff games after three quarters, but then began making mistakes.

"The way the game began, it was tough to lose," Redskins receiver Michael Westbrook said. "We didn't finish them off when

we had a chance."

Johnson was 20-for-30 for 149 yards and one interception. He was sacked four times — twice by Steve White, who also forced a fumble that Sapp recovered at the Washington 32 to set up the winning score.

King completed 15 of 32 passes for 157 yards and one interception. He was sacked twice, and avoided a third when he hurried a throw as Washington's Ndokuwe Kalu leveled him on the go-ahead TD pass to Davis.

"I saw an NFL quarterback," Redskins cornerback Darrell Green said of the first rookie quarterback to win since Pat Haden in 1976. "I didn't see a rookie."

Washington scored on its first

four possessions en route to their 27-13 wild-card victory over Detroit. But it was a lot tougher to get the ball into the end zone on a Tampa Bay defense that held opponents to 17 points or less 12 times during the season.

The 13 points were a season low for the Redskins, 0-3 when held to 17 or fewer. The Bucs limited Stephen Davis, who had been doubtful after spraining his right knee against the Lions, to 37 yards on 17 rushes.

King became the first rookie quarterback to start a playoff game since Todd Manhart fumbled twice and threw four interceptions in the Los Angeles Raiders' 10-6 AFC wild-card loss to the Kansas City Chiefs in 1991.

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'Lucky' Strobl shuts down the Hermannator

WENGEN, Switzerland (AP) — Austrian Josef Strobl had a simple explanation for winning the demanding Luibichorn World Cup downhill, and teammate Hermann Maier had an equally easy one for his failure in the race Saturday.

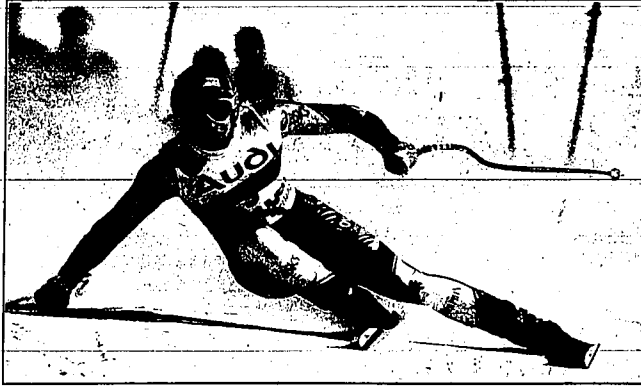
"It's always a stroke of luck when you win on this course," said Strobl, who tamed one of the world's toughest layouts with a run of 2 minutes, 29.17 seconds.

Maier, the World Cup overall leader and double Olympic and world champion who finished 16 seconds behind, blamed the defeat on caution.

"I didn't take the ultimate risk, and that cost me the victory," he said. "When I reviewed the video, I saw Josef had taken a tighter line than me in a few key places. "That only shaves off a few meters. But that means a few valuable hundredths of a second."

Maier, favored to win, had been leading the race with a 2:29.33, holding a massive 1.29 lead over his nearest challenger, Italian Kristian Ghedina. But Strobl, the ninth skier out of the start hut, relegated Maier to second place.

But Maier padded his lead in the overall standings. He has 1,100 points to 646 for Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodt. Maier also leads the downhill standings with 462 points. Ghedina is second with 372 and Strobl third with 332.



Austrian ski racer Josef Strobl clears a gate on his way to victory during the men's downhill race at the Ski World Cup in Wengen, Switzerland Saturday. He finished the race with a time of 2:29.17, edging out teammate Hermann Maier.

Canadian Ed Podivinsky made the podium with a run of 2:30.56. Ghedina was fourth at 2:30.62.

"I never expected to do so well on a classic course like this," said Podivinsky, also third in a downhill in Val Gardena in December. "I surprised myself today."

It was the first win this season for Strobl, one he'll certainly cherish.

"To finish ahead of Hermann is a real plus and makes it special," he said after getting sixth career World Cup win and his third in the downhill.

Swiss woman claims third win of her career

ALTENMARKT-ZAUCHENSEE, Austria — Halfway down the slope, Corinne Rey Beller realized she had some work to do if she was to

Skiling

have any chance to win a World Cup downhill race Saturday.

So, she dug in, skied hard and wound up with her first victory of the season.

"Today, I proved I'm a fighter," the Swiss skier said. "And I have to thank my serviceman who did a miracle with my skis."

A speed-discipline specialist whose previous season-best result was third in the downhill at Lake Louise, Alberta, blizzed down the hard, icy Kaerberloch course in 1 minute, 34.47 seconds. It was the third victory of her career.

Competing in ideal weather conditions under bright sunlight, Beller Rey had only the fourth-best intermediate time. But she was by far the fastest on the bottom, technical portion of the course.

Germany's Regina Haeussl finished second in 1:34.62, followed by her teammate, Martina Ertl, in 1:35.11.

Ertl, who won a Super-G here two years ago, was among the favorites. She started slowly, but worked her way up on the bottom part of the slope for her first podium finish of the season.

"After the training, I knew I could finish pretty high up today," the German said. "I'm happy to be among the top three again."

Accident paralyzes Indy driver

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indy Racing League driver Sam Schmidt is a quadriplegic who will not drive or walk again, his car owner says.

"It's a lot worse than we first thought," Fred Treadway said. "Sam has the same injury as Christopher Reeve. His spinal cord got pinched between the third and fourth vertebrae."

The 35-year-old Schmidt, who got his only career victory last year in his hometown of Las Vegas, was injured Jan. 6 when his Treadway Racing G-Force-Aurora spun and hit the retaining wall at Walt Disney World Speedway in Buena Vista, Fla.

He was preparing for the season, opening Indy 200 on Jan. 29.

"The impact left Schmidt unconscious and not breathing. IRL safety crews revived him before transporting him to Orlando's Regional Medical Center, where he underwent a three-hour spinal surgery. Doctors placed pins in his upper spine to fuse the damaged vertebra and relieve pressure, said medical center spokesman Joe Brown."

Treadway said Schmidt is now on a ventilator.

"But doctors say he's almost breathing on his own, and that's almost a miracle," Treadway said.

Sampras chases history

Pete Sampras needs a victory at the Australian Open to set a record career mark of 13 Grand Slam titles.

- Pete Sampras, United States**
- 12 Australian Open, 2 Wimbledon, 6; U.S. Open, 4
 - Roy Emerson, Australia
 - 12 Australian Open, 8; French Open, 2; Wimbledon, 2; U.S. Open, 2
 - Rod Laver, Australia
 - 11 Australian Open, 3; French Open, 2; Wimbledon, 4; U.S. Open, 2
 - Bjorn Borg, Sweden
 - 11 French Open, 6; Wimbledon, 5



Source: United States Tennis Association

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Sampras stifles Spadea in impromptu match

Tennis

Kooyong Stadium, but "unfortunately it didn't happen."

Clijsters wins Tasmanian International tournament

HOBART, Australia — Kim Clijsters, a 16-year-old Belgian, upset defending champion Chanda Rubin 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 Saturday to win the Tasmanian International tennis tournament.

Clijsters, ranked 43rd, went through the qualifiers to the fourth round of Wimbledon last year before losing to Steffi Graf. She advanced to the third round

of the U.S. Open before losing in three sets to eventual champion Serena Williams.

Mauresmo downs champion Davenport for Sydney title

SYDNEY, Australia — In her second straight big upset, Amelie Mauresmo beat defending champion Lindsay Davenport 7-6 (7-2), 6-4 Saturday in the Wymca International final.

The sixth-seeded Mauresmo, who defeated top-ranked Martina Hingis on Friday, fought back from a break down to force a tiebreaker in the first set against the tournament's No. 2 seed, Mauresmo, last year's Aus-

Change loses to Norman in Auckland Open final

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Magnus Norman outlasted Michael Chang 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 Saturday to win the Auckland Open.

At 55 in the third set, Norman came from 0-40 and took the game to four deuce points before breaking Chang for a third time. Chang, trailing 0-40 in the 12th game, saved two match points but his return at 30-40 wasn't good enough to keep him in the match.

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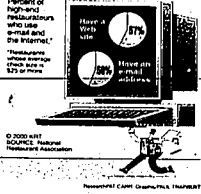
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Turf Club to host banquet for TF Area Chamber of Commerce

TWIN FALLS - The 80th Annual Banquet of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday at the Turf Club.

Cocktails will be available at 6 p.m. A special gourmet meal prepared by Soran's will be served at 7 p.m., and awards and nonboring speeches begin at 8 p.m., the chamber said.

Cost is \$35 per person. Seating is very limited. For tickets, call 733-3974 or fax 733-9216.

Nonprofit corporation aims to prove Idaho can produce home

BOISE - An all-Idaho-home will be built in Boise in 2000 to emphasize that Idaho has nearly all the resources, manufacturers and craftsmen to develop, build and furnish the finest of homes and landscaping for the 21st century, Buy Idaho said.

The home will be built, furnished and marketed by members of Buy Idaho, a nonprofit Idaho corporation designed to keep jobs, profits and tax revenues in Idaho.

All Idaho manufacturers, suppliers, craftsmen, installers and specialty contractors are invited to join the process, coordinated by general contractor developer Homco Development Co. Inc., whose president is Bryce Peterson.

Buy Idaho member craftsmen and manufacturers will work together to build and furnish the home with as many Idaho products as possible to emphasize the state's quality and diversity.

Idaho companies may join the Buy Idaho marketing association by calling Barbara Dorsey at 343-2582.

"This quality 'Buy Idaho' meal home" in the \$250,000 range will be built in Millcreek in southwest Boise," Peterson said. "All Idaho craftsmen, contractors and companies are welcome to bid on their part of this project to prove again the quality and cost-effective opportunities we have right here in Idaho."

Coordinators of the project are Stephanie Yates for Homco, 375-1900, and Dorsey for Buy Idaho.

USDA receives authority to accept applications for grant

TWIN FALLS - Larry Stachler, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development manager in Twin Falls, announced USDA has been granted authority to receive Housing Preservation Grant applications.

Applications may be filed through March 22.

An eligible organization can be a public or private nonprofit corporation authorized to receive and administer HPG funds; an American Indian tribe, band, group or nation; or a consortium of units of government.

The Housing Preservation Grant program is designed to assist individual homeowners, rental properties or cooperative housing projects. Any combination application will not be accepted.

The money is to assist very low- and low-income rural residents. It will be used to reduce the cost of repair and rehabilitation, to remove or correct health or safety hazards or to make needed repairs to improve the general living conditions of the residents, including improved accessibility by people with disabilities.

Due to an insufficient Idaho state allocation to fund two grants or more, USDA Rural Development in Idaho will be able to fund one \$40,000 grant from the national office pool.

The application package may be picked up at the Twin Falls USDA Rural Development office in the USDA Service Center, 1441 Fillmore St., Suite C.

Submit completed applications to the same address. For information, call Beverly Aslett at 733-5380, Ext. 117.

Compiled from staff reports.

Changing assessments downtown

BID director would work for property owners more

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - A change in assessments downtown would enable Twin Falls' downtown and Old Towne groups to merge, but some property and business owners plan to fight the proposed change.

It's a proposal that not many business people understand thoroughly, and some are angry. But it has the potential to be more than a cash-flow change, shifting the weight of the redeveloping area's leadership.

The Historic Downtown Business Improvement District now assesses the BID membership fee to occupants of the buildings downtown; the Old Towne BID assesses its own property owners.

Under downtown's occupant-based assessment, the fee is determined based on square feet of usage by individual businesses. But the organization's director wants to change assessments so that property owners - not their tenants - would pay a three-mill to four-mill levy on the valuation of their properties, whether or not businesses are operating there.

That change would increase the downtown BID assessment income anywhere from 28 percent to 72 percent. Now, the BID brings in \$60,827 per year from business owners. With a three-mill levy, property owners would pay a total of \$78,000. A four-mill levy would bring their total bill to \$104,697, according to data supplied by downtown BID Executive Director Randy Bombardier.

Bombardier also likes the idea because it would stabilize his budget. There is less turnover among property owners than among business tenants, so fewer payers would use the one-year grace period on payments for new members. The proposal also would be an incentive for owners to find and keep viable businesses on their properties, he said.

His proposed assessment change would be the first step in working closely with property owners, which is important for a number of reasons, Bombardier said.

"Owners need to re-invest in their properties," he said. "Property owners are the ones who have it within their power to determine if this is going to be a low-rent district or not."

"I think when we're working for the property owners they're more interested in improving their property value," he added.

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Some critics of a proposed assessment change for the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District say the change would shift control of the Twin Falls organization from retailers who operate businesses to the owners of downtown buildings. The current assessment is based on square footage used.

Upcoming meeting

What: Meeting on proposed BID assessments change in downtown Twin Falls.
When: 7 p.m. Thursday.
Where: Obenchain Insurance building.

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Facts and figures: What it all means

Here are a few cases studies to illustrate how assessments would change for members of the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District.

A proposal calls for something between a three-mill levy and a four-mill levy. The proposed property-owner-based assessments shown here are for the maximum proposal - a four-mill levy on property value. Existing assessments are based on individual businesses' square-foot usage:

For a large building occupied by its owner:
First Security Bank now pays

\$1,485.60/quarter; proposed is \$2,204.46/quarter.

For a large building not occupied by its owner:
Banner Furniture now pays \$353.73/quarter; proposed for the property owner is \$202/quarter.

For a small building occupied by its owner:
Skinner's Sewing Shoppe now pays \$191.40/quarter; proposed is \$143.25/quarter.

For a small building not occupied by property owner:

Sav-Mor Drug now pays \$94.70/quarter; proposed for the property owner is \$144.88/quarter.

For a large building with several tenants:
Occupants within the Rogerson mall now pay a total of \$153.92/quarter; proposed for the property owner is \$265/quarter.

For a vacant property:
The vacant Roper's property pays just \$15/quarter. When it was the Roper's clothing store, the store paid \$502.82/quarter; proposed, with tenants or not, is \$207.75/quarter.

board would consist of property owners, Bombardier said.

That's no insignificant shift of power.

Some merchants downtown say a property-owners-only board would do more than juggle priorities, it would harm their livelihood.

"That would mean the property owners are the ones who decide the direction of downtown," said new BID board member Lillis Anderson, a drug-store employee. "That's a little bit scary. They could make it (the board) into a tool for their own function; that's a little unnerving

and upsetting."

Most landowners in the area are less interested and invested in the success of individual businesses than the businesses themselves are, Anderson said.

On the other hand, Bombardier contends leadership by property owners is needed.

Local firms pay a bit more for chamber membership

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Local businesses are paying a little more to belong to the chamber of commerce this year, but the dues still are comparable to their counterparts' dues in similar Idaho cities.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce hiked its base-rate fee for membership by 2 percent this year - the third of five planned 2 percent increases - to bring the annual base rate to \$182. The increases will stop at a base rate of \$190 in 2003, said Kent Just, the chamber's executive vice president.

Normal business members each year pay \$5 on top of that for every full-time employee - or for every group of part-timers whose hours total about 40 per week. The business itself decides how many full-time equivalents it has.

That's a change from a few years ago, when the chamber asked members for \$3 per full-time worker and \$1 per part-timer in addition to the base rate. The chamber first hiked the base rate by \$10 when it kicked off the 2 percent increases and changed the per-employee surcharge to \$5.

The reaction from members? "Very little negative response," Just said.

Members understand the "cost of doing business goes up, it's that simple," he said.

The per-employee surcharge change hit bigger companies hard this year.

"That initial shock that year was pretty big for the bigger firms," Just said.

And the Twin Falls group -

Annual dues

Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's annual dues are as follows:

• General business - base of \$182, plus \$5 per full-time-employee equivalent.

• Nonprofit - \$98.50; or \$120 instead, if 10 or more employees.

• Business professional - \$178.50 base, plus \$50 per additional professional.

• Financial (such as banks) - \$218.50 base, plus \$25 per million dollars of deposits.

• Utilities - \$403.50.

(All new members also pay a one-time \$25 setup fee.)

unlike some chambers - doesn't set a top limit on dues. Several local companies pay more than \$2,000 each year.

Just suspects many businesses are underreporting their employee numbers, especially for a few years after adding workers, but he said he doesn't worry about that.

Banks, whose dues depend on their deposits, also report that information themselves. "We don't even call every year," Just said.

"We know what it costs us to service a member," Just said. Annual expenses divided by the member total equals \$230 to \$240, he said. But before the dues changes, a lot of members were paying less than \$200.

This year, 700 Twin Falls chamber members are paying \$178,000 in total dues, and that total has been rising slightly. Just and other budget crunchers would like to get that number to \$200,000, he said.

The chamber's half-a-million-dollar budget includes grants, visitor-center income and special-event revenues. The organization is trying to position itself to depend less on income from events - which can succeed or falter at the whim of the weather, for example - and more on a stable, growing membership base.

In 2003, a new chamber board will revisit the dues schedule.

"That's something you have to constantly review," Just said.

Around the region

A little to the east, typical business pay \$185, plus \$3 per part-timer, each year to belong to the Greater Pocatello Chamber of Commerce, said Tim Anderson, membership director. The base rate was increased \$10 in the mid-1990s.

The Pocatello organization has 889 members and last year collected \$190,000 in dues from new and current members, Anderson said.

Its counterpart in Nampa uses a graduated scale instead.

The basic business-membership rate is \$195 for companies with one to three employees, \$210 for those with four to eight workers, \$245 for those with nine to 15 employees, and so on, said Amy Brough, information and member services coordinator for the Nampa Chamber of Commerce.

When it raised dues within the past two years, that chamber got some feedback from its members - "not anything that was really terrible," Brough said.

The Nampa chamber, with 539 paying members, collects \$135,000 to \$140,000 each year in

dues, said Georgia Bowman, its president and chief executive officer. Its total budget - including all sources, such as grants and special events - is about \$250,000, with about \$100,000 for salaries, Bowman said.

The Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce has a more complicated dues schedule. Most members pay a base rate of \$175, but the additional charges vary according to business type.

A few examples: Idaho Falls services with more than an owner and three employees pay an extra \$6 for each employee beyond three. Restaurants pay an extra \$6-for-each-worker beyond the owner and first six employees. Retailers and wholesalers with five or fewer employees pay \$175, those with six to 10 pay \$200, those with 11 to 20 pay \$265, and so on.

That chamber had a rate increase about four years ago, said Fred Sica, president and chief executive officer. Its 4,028 members' dues account for 85 to 90 percent - or more - of the budget.

"We don't have a whole lot of nondues income," Sica said.

Return on investment

Some Magic Valley businesses belong to a chamber simply because it's the "thing to do."

Others might be looking for representation to state and local governments on business issues. Or they might want to contribute to job and community development or a more aggressive business climate.

Here is Just's rundown of what a Twin Falls-area business gets for its chamber-dues bucks:

• Marketing and networking opportunities.

• An information center for the business community and the traveling public.

• "We're the front door, and we answer the community mail," Just said.

• Leadership on business-related issues.

This year, the Twin Falls chamber's big push is getting telecommunications companies to upgrade local offerings. An agrivusiness group is very involved in water issues and in agricultural-student scholarships.

A transportation committee - a chamber partnership with local governments and highway districts - has been successful in snagging transportation-project funding for the area.

• An aggressive leadership training program, now in its 15th year, plus a student leadership program for high school juniors.

• Career fairs for youngsters.

This year, the focus will move from high schoolers to eighth- and ninth-graders, to be invited to a career fair in March at the College of Southern Idaho.

Something else Twin Falls businesses get for their money is a respected leader, Sica said.

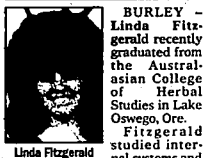
Sica praises Just as one of most "well-thought-of directors in the state" - a good manager, a mentor for his counterparts around the state, and a communicator who puts out excellent newsletters.

"You've got a very, very good staff there headed by Kent," Sica said.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES



BURLEY - Linda Fitzgerald recently graduated from the Australasian College of Herbal Studies in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Fitzgerald studied internal systems and the effects of herbs for six years. An herbal medicine consultant, she is accepting patients at 459 E. 550 S.

Fitzgerald said she uses herbs from a company based in Provo, Utah, Nature Sunshine Products. She begins treatment with a checklist that determines body type based on glandular systems, adrenal, thyroid, pituitary and gonad. She said she starts patients on a detoxification program for 30 days before balancing and rebuilding the endocrine gland system.

For more information, call 678-0506.



JACKPOT, Nev. - Cactus Petes Resort Casino and the Horseshu Hotel and Casino in Jackpot, Nev., recently named David Albrecht general manager of both locations.

Albrecht will lead the two facilities' day-to-day operations and long-term management development. He brings with him more than 20 years' resort and management experience, having worked in a general manager position of Western Golf Management for the past 10 years, in addition to managing and holding the position of golf professional at the Jackpot Golf Course. Before that, he was director of golf operations for 10 years at Tamarisk Country Club in Palm Springs, Calif., Cactus Petes said.

A native of North Dakota,

Albrecht has lived in Twin Falls for the past six years with his wife, Connie, and their son.



JACKPOT, Nev. - Patrick Leadsens was appointed director of human resources at Cactus Petes Resort Casino and the Horseshu Hotel and Casino.

Leadsens will assist in employee career development and guide training efforts stressing contemporary methods of customer service, the casino said. Leadsens' goal is to make Cactus Petes the "employer of choice" in the region.

Leadsens is a graduate of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis with a bachelor's degree in business administration and communications. He has more than 20 years' experience in human resources, most recently as director of human resources for Shooting Star Casino & Hotel in Mahanomet, Minn.

He and his wife, Diane, live in Twin Falls and are the parents of five children.



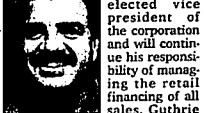
JACKPOT, Nev. - Robin Bamert has been promoted to risk manager at Cactus Petes Resort Casino and the Horseshu Hotel and Casino.

Bamert previously was senior benefits coordinator for the property and now will be responsible for customer liability, employee safety training and the worker's compensation program.

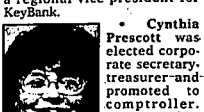
She has an associate's degree from South Puget Sound Community College and has been with Cactus Petes for six years. She has lived in Twin Falls for the past seven years with her husband and two children.

TWIN FALLS - Agri-Service, a regional farm equipment dealer with headquarters in Twin Falls,

announced management changes: Kevin Guthrie was elected vice president of the corporation and will continue his responsibility of managing the retail financing of all sales. Guthrie has been with Agri-Service for seven years and was formerly a regional vice president for KeyBank.



Cynthia Prescott was elected corporate secretary and promoted to comptroller. Prescott has worked for Agri-Service for nine years as office manager.



Doug Ottersberg was promoted to general manager. He has been employed at Agri-Service for nine years as a parts clerk, salesman and, most recently, sales manager.

Also announced was the pending sale of two Agri-Service locations - in Nyssa, Ore., and Etopia, Wash. - to Monte Butters, former minority partner in these businesses. The stores will be known as Agri-Service Northwest and will be headquartered in Etopia.

Agri-Service said it recently marked its 10th year of business and has been the largest Agco brand dealer in North America for five years. Agri-Service employs more than 80 people in its six current locations, and 1999 sales were about \$30 million.

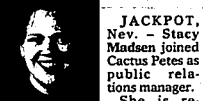
JEROME - ABC Seamless Siding's president honored Dennis Schmidt, a salesman from ABC Seamless Siding of the Magic Valley, for achieving \$50,000 worth of siding and gutters sales.

The award was presented at ABC Seamless Siding's 21st National Franchise Meeting in Fargo, N.D.

JEROME - Bob Colbaugh and Brandon Taylor, applicants for ABC Seamless Siding's 21st National Franchise Meeting in Fargo, N.D.

ABC Seamless President Jerry Beyers presented the award to each for installing more than \$300,000 worth of seamless siding.

Beyers said: "Our applicants put in long hours to ensure that each home is done right and in a timely manner."



JACKPOT, Nev. - Stacy Madsen joined Cactus Petes as public relations manager. She is responsible for media relations, philanthropic giving and various public relations activities.

A graduate of Idaho State University with a bachelor's degree in mass communications, Madsen worked in advertising and graphic design for the past 10 years at the Times-News. A native of Utah, Madsen lives in Twin Falls with her husband, Mark, and their daughter.

Cactus Petes Resort Casino is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ameristar Casinos Inc.

JACKPOT, Nev. - Cactus Petes Resort Casino and the Horseshu Hotel and Casino hired Bill Davis as hotel manager at Cactus Petes, a Triple A Four Diamond hotel. He joins the property from First American Equities in Las Vegas, Nev.

Davis will be responsible for the daily operations of the hotel front office, housekeeping and environmental services and sales. A native of Oklahoma, Davis has a history of management, including more than 30 years' resort experience working in Nevada, the Pacific Northwest and Texas, Cactus Petes said.

U of I sponsors symposium, classes on agriculture in MV

The Times-News

HAILEY - The University of Idaho College of Agriculture invited Magic Valley grain growers to cereal management schools Jan. 24 in Rupert and Jan. 25 in Hailey.

The Mini-Cassia Cereal Symposium will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 100 S. 200 W. in Rupert.

U of I agricultural scientists and extension educators will present updates on varieties, diseases, weeds and herbicides and will discuss early- and late-season irrigation management, rodent and grasshopper control, enhancing protein content in hard wheat, and managing for wheat quality.

Representatives of Fisher Mills will describe their buying plans and preferences, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture will cover loan deficiency payments and federal crop insurance. The Idaho Barley and Wheat Commission and the Idaho Grain Producers Association will present organizational updates over lunch.

The Rupert symposium is co-sponsored by the Minidoka County Grain Growers, Cassia County Wheat Growers, Western Seed and Simplot Agri-Source.

The Cereal Crop Management Workshop in Blaine County will begin with registration at 8 a.m. Jan. 25 in the Old County Courthouse Meeting Room, 200 First Ave. S. in Hailey, and conclude at about 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by the university and Simplot Inc., it requires preregistration by Friday for refreshments and lunch. Speakers include U of I agricultural scientists and extension educators and representatives of Simplot, Coors, Budweiser and the IGPA.

Participants will learn about irrigation water management, fertilizer efficiency, cereal diseases, voles, grasshopper control, new varieties, the influence of plant population and soil nitrogen on maturing barley yield and quality, and wild oats and other weeds. Two pesticide recertification credits will be awarded.

To preregister for the Hailey meeting, call U of I's Blaine County extension office at 788-5555.

Agency issues deadline reminder

The Times-News

SPOKANE, Wash. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency reminded Northwest producers who wish to purchase a crop insurance policy of these sales closing dates:

- Spring-type onions - Feb. 1
- Spring seeded crops (excluding wheat and onions and Canola in counties with fall- and spring-planted types) - March 15

"For most producers, obtaining crop insurance is essential to building a comprehensive risk-management plan. The insurance decisions producers make today will strengthen their ability to make sound marketing decisions in the future, and crop insurance may be particularly important while the farm is exposed to more financial risk," said Dave Paul, director of the Spokane Regional Office, a division of RMA serving Idaho.

Recent disaster legislation requires that producers who receive a disaster payment on uninsured crops - from the U.S. Farm Service Agency - must purchase a crop insurance policy for their 2000 and 2001 crops.

MILESTONES

Entrepreneur magazine puts RE/MAX at top of the list

TWIN FALLS - RE/MAX International - with affiliates in Burley, Twin Falls and Ketchum - recently received high rankings from a business publication and an on-line real estate news service.

In its 21st Annual Franchise 500 survey, Entrepreneur magazine ranked RE/MAX No. 1 among all real estate franchises, 17th among the Top 100 Franchises and 18th among the Top 30 Fastest Growing Franchises, said a press release from RE/MAX.

Factors considered by the publication included financial strength, stability, growth rate, size, start-up costs, litigation history and percentage of terminations. The 17th-place finish for RE/MAX among franchises was 12 notches above its 1998 ranking, the press release said.

Realty Times, in its just-released "Best of the Web" (June 1999), rated www.remax.com as the Best Franchise Site. The news service said the RE/MAX International web site "incorporates both public areas as well as a private 'extranet' for associates and franchise information," the press release said.

ABC Seamless Siding honors Jerome franchise at meeting

JEROME - ABC Seamless Siding of the Magic Valley was honored for being an outstanding national seamless siding franchise at ABC Seamless Siding's 21st National Franchise Meeting in Fargo, N.D.

ABC Seamless Siding President Jerry Beyers presented the award to owner Rick Featherston.

This award is given to a franchise because of its overall production of ABC Seamless Siding, its use of ABC Seamless products and its utilization of the company's system.

"I couldn't ask for better partners in my business," Beyers said. "They represent ABC Seamless Siding in a positive way, and I am grateful for all they do." ABC Seamless Siding manufactures seamless siding and gutters on the job site.

Welcome to the wild, wired West

Computer may be a cowboy's very best friend

DENVER (AP) - While hooves thunder across the dirt floor of the Denver Coliseum, Sunni Deb Backstrom sits in an office near the livestock chutes, tapping rodeo results into a computer.

In an arena nearby, Brian Stark explains how his company's software lets farmers and ranchers use desktop computers, palm-size PCs and satellite data to work their fields and better manage their herds.

And Robert Funk Jr., a tall man in a cowboy hat, has a cell phone wedged between his ear and his shoulder, chucking in his voice mail back in Oklahoma while making notes on his palm PC.

Welcome to the Wild, Wired West.

Technology is everywhere at the 94th annual National Western Stock Show, from the sophisticated business computer used by Ms. Backstrom, the rodeo's secretary, to the tiny "model" in Funk's hand.

"People that aren't involved think we're still the Wild West," said Cheryl Stephens, national secretary for Team Pen America, which sanctions team corraling competitions. "They think we're pretty primitive, and we're not."

Team Pen America, like other rodeo and stock show organizations, uses its own proprietary software to keep track of members, results and finances. The software even handles the stock



Rancher Mary Strang of Meeker, Colo., takes a break from tending to her Horned Hereford bulls in the Denver Stockyards at the 94th National Western Stock Show and Rodeo, Friday. Technology has become part of the stockgrowers' scene as ranchers and rodeo organizers depend on cellular phones and computers to keep the event rolling along.

draw, choosing the animals for each team to corral.

Team penning is a timed event in which a group of cowboys separates three calves out of a herd and shoes them into a pen.

The most impressive computer operation in rodeo may belong to the Colorado Springs-based Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Using its own software, called Procom, the association schedules rodeos, registers competitors, tracks competitors who haven't paid entry fees and compiles daily results. It also tallies each cowboy's

point total, which determines who qualifies for the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

"Twenty years ago, a cowboy spent 60 percent of his time on the telephone, trying to find out where he was supposed to be," said Guy Elliott, the stock show's rodeo manager.

Today, a cowboy has to make only a single call to get all the information he needs, said Kay Bleakly of the PRCA.

Meanwhile, at ranches and farms across America, computers are making it easier to manage cattle, crops and cash.

Farm Works Software, based in Hamilton, Ill., sells programs that do everything from balancing a checkbook to producing sophisticated maps that show crop yields, soil type and other vital information.

Brian Stark of Farm Works said business is good at his show booth, where he sold about 20 software packages in four days.

But no matter how much technology changes what goes on in the office, it won't change the basics of life on the range or in the rodeo, many said.

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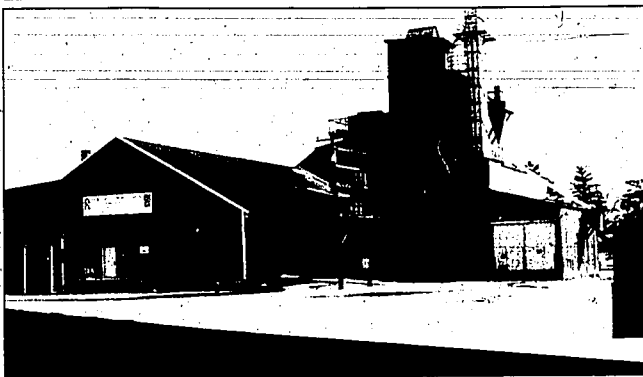
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The sign is still up, but the doors are closed at six ConAgra bean warehouses in the Magic Valley. The warehouses continued to operate under the Haney Seed name after coming under the ConAgra umbrella in 1992.

ConAgra tightens up bean belt by closing down local operations

TWIN FALLS - For several years now, players in the bean market have known that sooner or later something would have to give. Pintos, the most commonly grown dry bean in Southern Idaho, have averaged \$16 per hundredweight over the last two years - break-even is close to \$20.

Farmers' worry, warehouse owners get anxious, brokers second-guess their futures - and finally something moves, if only to cinch it all up even tighter.

That something may be ConAgra's decision to close down operations at its Burley, Jerome, Kimberly, Buhl, Milner and Bell Rapids facilities and downsize its Eden-Hazleton operation, all of which operated under a Haney Seed Co. sign. In all, it represents nearly a 30 percent cut-back in Haney's bean operations in the Magic Valley, leaving only the Twin Falls, Filer and diminished Eden-Hazleton operations intact.

It's an occurrence that is "very painful," said H.L. Pringle, Idaho regional manager for ConAgra's Haney Seed Co. But, it's a reality of the times.

"The bottom line is (the situation in) agriculture is bad right now, and the bean business is worse," he said. "I can't read anyone else's play card, but I just feel like the bean business is bad for everybody right now. From what I can see ... all the bean businesses in Idaho are struggling."

To survive, companies have to come up with a new game plan, and that's what Haney's parent company, KBC Trading & Processing - which operates ConAgra's bean business - has done.

"The business is changing so much, commercial beans are getting to be less and less viable," Pringle said. "Basically, we'll be concentrating on our seed business and coming contracts."

Joe Lucas, spokesman for ConAgra in Denver, said "KBC is still very much in the bean business. We're restructuring so we can do that better."

Wheat sale presents 'tough situation' for grain growers

BOISE - For the second time in less than two months one of the Pacific Northwest's best wheat customers has chosen to buy grain from one of the region's toughest competitors.

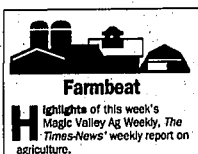
"It's a tough situation," said Dave Sparrow, referring to the announcement last week that Pakistan had purchased another 500,000 metric tons (about 18.4 million bushels) of wheat from Australia. Pakistan had purchased a similar amount of soft white wheat on Nov. 22. Sparrow is the administrator for the Idaho Wheat Commission.

U.S. marketers, stung by the November sale, had hoped to cinch this deal. But even though the price offered by the United States was competitive with the Australian price, transportation costs from Australia were cheaper.

Turmoil in Pakistan from the recent military takeover of the country has made money dear right now. That may have provided the opening that Australia has been looking for to cut into America's dominance in the Pakistani market.

Pakistan bought 37 percent of the Northwest's wheat crop in 1997, making it the region's top customer. Pakistan slipped to No. 2 in 1998, behind Egypt.

"Pakistan is an important mar-



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ket for us. We'll hope to get other tenders and get our foot back in the door," Sparrow said. "This is pretty disappointing."

Government outlines sheep subsidies over next 3 years

WASHINGTON - Sheep producers will get \$100 million in government subsidies, loans and other aid over the next three years to help them cope with imports from Australia and New Zealand, the Agriculture Department said Thursday.

Some \$20 million will go for direct cash payments tied to production practices and other steps producers take to improve their competitiveness.

"This administration is committed to helping American sheep and lamb farmers who are threatened by a surge of low-priced, imported lamb meat," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

President Clinton pledged the assistance in July at the same time he announced he was imposing tariffs ranging from 5 percent to 40 percent on imported lamb in an effort to protect American producers.

In the past five months of 1999, imports dropped 38 percent and prices for live lambs have risen 10 cents to 15 cents a pound.

In addition to the direct payments, USDA will provide:

- \$35 million to guarantee loans for improving farms and processing facilities and to cover ranchers' operating expenses.
- \$15 million to eradicate scrapie a brain disease in sheep.
- \$15 million to purchase lamb for government nutrition programs.
- \$5 million for marketing programs.

Idaho misses out on cheese plant ... this time around

In a long-anticipated decision on where to build its newest cheese plant, Leprino Foods dashed Idaho dairymen's dreams in its announcement that the facility would be located in California, not Idaho. Talk of the processing plant and its possible location in Idaho has been circulating in Gem state dairy parlors for more than a year.

But there's also good news. Idaho isn't out of the game yet, according to Leprino's Mike Reidy, senior vice president of administration. Leprino has added another prospective cheese plant to its roster and will seriously be considering Idaho as a place to suit up.

"Idaho is certainly one of the

possibilities," Reidy said on Thursday.

The other candidates are Kansas and Nebraska, and a decision is expected by summer. Reidy said the winning location will be based on available milk supply, land and water availability, and waste water options.

That is probably one of the biggest issues that drive the decision," he said of waste water management.

Beyond those necessities, state and local incentives will also play into the final choice.

Twin Falls Canal Company's bylaw passes convincingly

TWIN FALLS - When the votes were tallied at the end of the day, a proposed water quality bylaw garnered an overwhelming majority of votes cast. But no one would have expected that result at the end of the Twin Falls Canal Company's annual meeting on Tuesday.

Questions and concerns swirled around the proposed change, which requires Twin Falls Canal Company stockholders to ensure return flows from surface irrigated fields meet a certain water quality standards, during the annual meeting and among clusters of farmers after the meeting. The actual standards and the consequences for not meeting the standards are to be determined by a committee of 10 stockholders named by the TFCC board of directors.

Over 100 stockholders attended the meeting, some expressing concern about the lack of public participation before the bylaw was proposed, others suggested that the committee hold public meetings. A few questions were by the bylaw was even needed.

But most of the ire was directed at a provision of the bylaw that says the canal company can turn off a stockholder's irrigation water if the water quality standards are not met.

Attorney John Rosholt told the larger-than-average-for-an-annual meeting crowd that his reading of the canal company's articles of incorporation give the company that authority. The TFCC bylaw is patterned after one adopted by the Patterson (Calif.) Irrigation District several years ago.

After the Patterson District adopted the bylaw stockholders began cooperating more, with the end result that no enforcement action has been taken on the project to date. In fact, Rosholt said, none of the irrigation projects of the canal company or other bylaws have had to take enforcement action.

Chuck Coiner admitted that the bylaw may sound more heavy handed than the board intended.

"Ninety-nine percent of you are doing an excellent job," the TFCC board chairman said. "But there are some individuals who are doing next to nothing and are causing havoc in their neighborhoods, and we have no way to approach them now."

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Western business: Magazine uncovers brand new old West

DRIGGS (AP) - Living in the Tetons is an experience of extremes, Powder Mountain Press publishers Karen Russell and Deb Barracato believe.

Their new publication, "Teton Home," is the result of a \$32 capital investment, the cost of mailing a letter to the business community outlining the idea.

But Barracato said their largest capital asset was their "reputation and integrity," which they partly owe to their successful "Teton Valley Top to Bottom," a magazine they debuted two years ago.

Russell and Barracato stepped into magazine publishing with a little cash and a lot of enthusiasm. They cemented their business agreement with a high five in Barracato's front yard in 1997.

The women sum up the premise for the new magazine in an introduction: "In this land of extremes - extreme geography, extreme climate, extreme beauty - people respond to the intensity of nature with a passion for life. And their homes reflect this vitality. From refurbished frontier cabins to spacious hillside estates, Teton homes express the unbounded spirit of the people who live in them."

It is, they say, "the magazine for the new Old West." It can be seen in the story subjects on both sides of the Tetons.

- Grant Gollither, a cowboy who inspires a Zen-like communion with horses.
- Bob Dornan, a scion of Wyoming's first family of wine.
- Composer George Hufsmith, who chose to remain close to his Wyoming roots despite the disadvantage to his musical career.

"The Tetons are so specific, from the climate, the land, growth and home design trends," Russell said.

The magazine, Barracato said, can also bring attention to the area's large number of talented landscape and artists, who produce beautiful work from the home itself to its furnishings.

The women describe themselves as being of the "most recent migration to the West, traveling on Interstate 80 instead of the Oregon Trail, in cars instead of wagons, to find a better life - to satisfy a sense-of-



'Teton Home' publishers Karen Russell, left, and Deb Barracato, shown here in this 1997 file photo taken in Driggs, have expanded extremes from living in the Tetons as well as publishing their magazine, which started with a \$32 capital investment.

adventure, to get close to nature."

Russell came from Minnesota about 12 years ago "as a ski bum," she says, and has pursued her love of writing, eventually writing for local newspapers.

Barracato, who has a journalism degree, came to eastern Idaho from the East to visit some eight years ago and never left. She has worked many jobs from waitressing to working for the local newspapers.

Two years ago, the women published "Teton Valley Top to Bottom." They had hoped to sell enough ads to publish a 32-page magazine. They ended up selling enough for a 48-page premiere issue.

"The magazine has grown since, hitting 92 pages recently. Russell said they publish 12,000 copies twice a year for distribution in 37 states. Barracato calls it a community magazine containing essays, poetry and illustrations to feature articles and fiction from local writers, photographers and artists.

"One couple from Australia came here specifically because of 'Top to Bottom,'" Russell said, having met the couple while working part-time at the neighboring Grand Targhee ski area.



'Teton Home' The premiere issue

The women said that between "Top to Bottom" and now "Teton Home," which has a run of 22,000 issues, they have moved from a very small office to a much larger three-room office and have the help of an ad salesman.

"In the beginning, Karen and I had to do every single job that you would see on a magazine's mast head," Barracato said. "It was a hands-on necessity at first. Now we know everyone. If we have an idea we can think of just the right writer" for the assignment.

Assessment

Continued from D1. owners is what downtown needs today.

"Downtown's current need is for an organization committed to recruiting retail, building up of property values through marketing, incentive programs for property owners, an efficient maintenance organization for the care of landscaping, sidewalks and parking lots, while stimulating private and public reinvestment," Bombardier wrote in a letter inviting the area's property owners to a meeting Thursday about the proposal.

But the downtown BID's new board chairman, Cain's Home Furnishings owner Nor Thompson, agrees with Anderson.

Although Thompson - also a major property owner in the area - said downtown and Old Town should work as one and become stronger, he will not support changing assessments to resemble Old Town's.

"I will vehemently oppose the

transition or change," Thompson said. "You could have people make up a board that didn't even live in Twin Falls and didn't know the downtown area."

Property owners "are not the heart and soul of the retail business. We need people that want to be involved, people whose livelihood and income are derived from their retail store," he said.

The BID was created by city ordinance in 1982 at the request of petitioners within the downtown area. It started for the purpose of stabilizing the downtown economy by using promotions to benefit retailers.

If the focus of the board changes, the BID won't do what it was originally intended for.

"When the BID was created several years ago we liked the idea because it created an organization which we all had to belong to and gave us a means to have downtown pro-

motions," Sav-Mor Drug owner Dave Nelson said. "I think that idea was the spirit of the BID in the first place; my perspective is I would like that to be preserved in some fashion."

If downtown assessments remain as they are, that BID will need to look at raising rates and the two BIDs would not join, Bombardier said. Although the two boards could join with separate bookkeeping, Bombardier would not recommend or support unification.

"I don't think it would be a good idea to look at unifying the boards unless downtown property owners embrace the idea of being responsible and redeveloping," he said. "That is the only way (the Old Town BID) wants to see it happen."

He's also the executive for the Old Town group.

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

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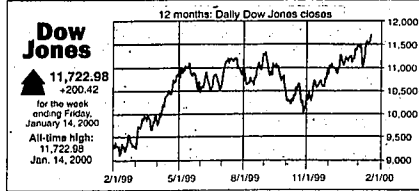
Reports of strong earnings in the fourth quarter should set the course for the market

NEW YORK (AP) — In the first two weeks of 2000, the U.S. stock market has alternately stumbled and soared as investors anguished over rising interest rates and inflation, yet couldn't resist putting their money into the market that rewarded them so richly in 1999.

In the next few weeks, analysts say, the market may find a true direction as America's corporations report their earnings for the fourth quarter of 1999. And if analysts are right in expecting that companies had another quarter of robust profit growth, the market's direction is likely to be straight up.

As reports flow in during the coming two weeks, "the market's attention will shift from interest rates and earnings preannouncements to the powerful earnings growth story of 2000," said Edward Keenan, director of quantitative research at Prudential Securities in New York.

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said this past week that companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 should see profits rise an average of 17.6 percent from the fourth quarter of 1999.

But in a twist that mirrors the latest developments in the stock market, hot-shot technology companies are likely to be outdone by old-fashioned industrial businesses. Keon expects technology companies to post average earnings

growth of 11.2 percent. Meanwhile, the basic industry sector is expected to report 39.0 percent growth, utility companies are likely to post 21.5 percent growth, and energy companies may see earnings double from the final quarter of 1999.

That reversal of fortunes could be temporary. Many technology companies cited Y2K computer worries for slumping sales in the

second half of 1999. Meanwhile, the basic industry sector is facing easy comparisons to the fourth quarter of 1998, when many companies were hammered by the Asian financial crisis.

"Many of the tech companies will come right back in the first quarter as the businesses that deferred spending last year go ahead and buy," said Joseph Abbott, senior equity strategist at AB&S International Inc., another firm that tracks earnings.

Nonetheless, analysts say technology companies will face especially tough scrutiny from investors. With many tech company stocks at or near all-time highs, investors may prefer unwilling to tolerate even mild disappointment.

If you are a growth investor who has opted to buy stocks at these valuations, you've already heard the positives," Johnson said. "Your scanner should now be tuned to the negatives."

Expense fees are falling, not climbing, study finds

By Dunstan Prial - The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Contrary to the claims of many mutual fund industry critics, expense fees are declining for most investors.

That's because most of the money flowing into the industry is earmarked for the huge multi-billion dollar funds, and a new study shows that the larger the fund, the lower the fees.

But there still is criticism, and it comes from the reality that many new and exotic funds charge higher expense fees because they require more management.

Certainly a fund that focuses on small-capitalization technology companies or Latin American emerging growth companies needs more oversight than one that merely tracks the performance of the S&P 500 index. Consequently, the management fees are greater for the former than they are for the latter.

Still, the critics' allegations that industry fees haven't reflected economies of scale as fund assets have ballooned in recent years are apparently false.

The Investment Company Institute, a Washington, D.C., research group, recently found that operating expenses generally decline as a fund gets bigger, and that large funds generally have much lower operating expenses than small funds.

Indeed, the study found that 74 percent of the funds analyzed by the ICI lowered their expense fees after surpassing \$500 million in assets.

That's significant because most investors prefer big funds. Consider that the 497 funds with assets of \$500 million or more examined for the ICI study represent just 18 percent of all stock mutual funds. But they account for 71 percent of assets held in stock funds, according to the ICI.

"This shows that the public is pretty sophisticated about fees in that the funds that are attracting assets tend to have lower fees," said Bart Greenberg, a mutual fund consultant in Philadelphia.

It's no coincidence that Vanguard Group's \$104 billion 500 index fund, which tracks the S&P 500, was the largest selling fund in 1999. Greenwald noted that the fund's expense ratio of 0.18 percent, or 18 basis points, is far lower than the industry average of between 0.5 percent and 0.75 percent, or 50 to 75 basis points.

A fund's expense ratio refers primarily to the fees paid to the fund's managers. For example, a small \$100 million fund with an expense ratio of 1 percent equates to management fees of around \$1 million.

The expense fees are paid by investors since they are taken directly out of the fund's assets.

As more and more funds have expanded past the \$500 million figure, it seemed a given that expense ratios would decline to reflect economies of scale. The ICI study is a concrete way of validating that assumption," said Brian Reid, a senior ICI economist. The ICI study found that the average of 497 funds analyzed had fallen an average of 26 basis points to 0.91 percent from 1.17 percent.

The study also determined that 74 percent of the 497 funds examined had lowered their fees as they grew larger. And the reductions were generally significant, according to the ICI. The average operating expense ratio for the funds that had lowered their fees went down by 40 basis points to 0.90 percent from 1.30 percent.

In addition, the study found that average expense fees for funds with assets of \$5 billion or more was 70 percent in 1998 vs. 139 percent for funds with \$250 million in assets or less.

That's an important distinction because more than half — or 51 percent — of all mutual fund investors had accounts in funds with assets of \$5 billion or more. Meanwhile, funds with assets of \$250 million or less account for just 6 percent of all fund accounts.

"So it appears that the market works reasonably well," said fund consultant Greenberg.

Online retailers won't stop hemorrhaging money

By Rachel Beck - The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street is sounding a loud cry to e-retailers: Stop the money bleeding.

Investors seem to be losing patience with online companies like Amazon.com and eToys that have no immediate plans for profitability.

Internet retailing stocks have been on a freefall recently, and analysts are steering clients away from the sector until there are signs of a trend toward profitability to reduce their losses.

That's a big change from earlier this year, when it seemed the stock market couldn't get enough of the money-losing cybershops.

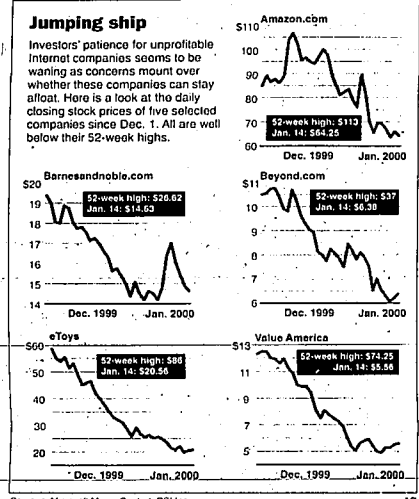
Amazon.com's stock is down more than 40 percent from its high of \$113 in early December due in part to its announcement earlier this month that it would pursue a wider fourth-quarter loss than expected.

Value America, an online department store, spent heavily on advertising last year, but continued to bleed money and decided in late December to chop half its 600 jobs and cut back substantially on its product line. Its shares, which peaked at about \$20 in April, now sit at about \$5.

Many other stocks, including toy shop eToys, music retailer CDnow and software merchant Beyond.com, have lost more than 60 percent of their value in recent months.

"People are starting to look at these online retailers a lot more critically, trying to assess whether their business models will really ever work," said John Sivokla, vice chairman at Diamond Technology Partners, a Chicago-based consulting firm.

E-retailing stocks began soaring



ing after a surprisingly strong holiday season in 1999, when it became clear that consumers were interested in buying on the Web.

For most of 1999, investors ignored the fact that these companies weren't earning a dime. They believed it was a critical time for them to spend heavily to build their businesses and develop a customer base.

Eventually, investors hoped, profits would come.

"We went crazy last year as we watched the mouse-and-click world take off," said Alfred E. Goldman, chief market strategist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis. "If there was a dot-com in its name, people wanted to get in on it, regardless of what the balance sheet looked like."

But wary investors now ques-

tion whether the businesses can stay afloat if they keep losing money.

A big concern is increasing price competition online. Since consumers look for cheap deals on the Web, many cybershops are discounting heavily, regardless of what it does to the bottom line, increasing the sites are offering free shipping, another curb on profits.

Many Web merchants are also pouring millions of dollars into advertising, some spending as much to promote their sites as they bring in annually in sales.

Moreover, Web-only merchants like Amazon.com are no longer alone on the Internet playing field. Many traditional chains, including deep-pocketed corporations like Wal-Mart and Sears, have aggressive plans for a dominant place on the Internet.

E-retailers "are finding new competition on the Web from merchants who have had their brand name in front of consumers for many years," said Alan Sherman, chief market strategist at Edward Jones, an investment firm in St. Louis.

With few companies that do business solely online giving a clear blueprint of when profits might come, many analysts are encouraging their clients to buy other stocks for now.

They are recommending profitable e-commerce models such as auction sites such as eBay, Internet service providers and portals such as Yahoo!, which are news and information sites that act as gateways to the Web. Also in favor are companies that provide computer software and systems for the Internet and those that handle business-to-business services, such as purchasing of supplies.

Internet gambling is about to hit the jackpot

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Internet gambling is "on the verge of exploding" with revenues expected to triple in the next years, but the growth will hurt Las Vegas and other casino cities, according to a new industry report.

A total of 650 Internet sites now offer gambling and that number is growing daily, according to Jason Ader, senior managing director and gaming analyst for Bear Stearns & Co.

The industry recorded \$1.2 billion in revenue last year and that could jump to \$3 billion by 2002, Ader said in the report.

The growth could be hampered, however, by concerns of credit card companies that Internet gambling poses a legal quagmire.

Ader cited the case of a California man who refused to pay \$70,000 in gambling debts he incurred on his MasterCard, a court

absolved him of the debt.

In another case last year, a Marin County, Calif. woman had \$115,000 in online gambling debts wiped out after suing Visa, Mastercard and the companies that had issued her 12 credit cards. In a telephone interview Friday, Ader said he did not see Internet gambling as a threat to the casino industry.

"You've got \$50 billion in infrastructure in Las Vegas alone," he

said. "And there are too many gray areas in Internet gambling. There's no regulation, and many questions about the integrity of the games. Consumers have no confidence in the odds, the payoffs." Some people are "a bit skeptical betting on cards and slots that they cannot feel and touch."

And the Internet cannot duplicate "the incredible atmosphere you find at any of the traditional casinos," Ader said.

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By Douglas D. Emery

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Answer: In pursuing compensation arising from an injury sustained in the course and scope of one's employment, the injured worker must comply with the following deadlines:

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B. **WORKER'S COMPENSATION COMPLAINT.** To be filed with its state (1 year) if the injured worker received no benefits. Idaho Code §72-706 (1) provides that an injured worker must file a complaint with the Idaho Industrial Commission if no benefits or compensation have been paid within one year. The failure to file a complaint within the one year statutory period, will bar the injured worker's claim.

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If you think that networking is a dirty word, think again

By Amy Lindgren
Saint Paul Pioneer Press

Here's a job-search term you've heard before: networking. Did you just feel the urge to roll up your eyes and pretend to throw up? That's a common reaction. There's something about the word "networking" that conjures up images of smarmy "friends" who corner you at your kids' recitals and try to exchange phone numbers.

If that's your impression, beware. You may be letting bad stereotypes keep you from using the most powerful job-search tool available. It's true that bad networking is usually very bad. But likewise, effective networking is very effective, indeed.

This is a good place to insert a definition of the word networking. Here's what effective networking is not: It is not taking advantage of other people. It is not meeting people for the sole purpose of getting what you can from them. It is not using other people like rungs as you climb the ladder of contacts to get to the person at the top. And it is most definitely not one-sided.

So what is effective networking? Perhaps the most encompassing definition is the simplest: Good networking is about building relationships.

Does relationship building with complete strangers strike you as phony and self-serving? Remember that networking relationships are more like the give-and-take relationships of colleagues and professional acquaintances than the intimacy of a close friend. Some of the relationships you build may develop into friendships, but most won't. That's fine. The purpose isn't to gain a whole new set of friends to have over for dinner every weekend.

Why build a relationship with people you don't know? The more people you know, the more connected you will be in your field. And connected people learn about job openings earlier, meet more people at a high level, and know more about their industries. Not coincidentally, connected people are more valuable to their future employers, because they know more about the developments and players in their field.

How do you build those relationships? It's not difficult, but it takes some imagination. Suppose you are a graphic artist working for a medium-size print shop. You want to work for a daily newspaper instead. You could simply apply at the paper, but you have heard that they have plenty of applicants for the job you want. How will you stand out? Wouldn't it be great if someone at the paper presented your resume to the head of the department and arranged an introduction? Unfortunately, you don't know anyone at the paper. Now what?

The first step might be to poll your friends and family and other people you already know. Does anyone know someone at the newspaper? Could they introduce you?

If this pans out, your next step is to contact this person by phone or letter, explain that your friend/family member provided his name and invite this person for a cup of coffee or lunch (your treat) in the next week or two. Be clear that you want to learn more about working at the paper and want advice. It's a nice touch if

your friend or family member can call the person first and explain that you'll be in contact. This "warms up" the contact you make.

If no one in your circle knows someone at the paper, you will need to create a link. Is the paper a client of the shop? Can you work on one of the projects and get to know someone at the paper through your work relationship? Do your ink and paper

How to network

- Choose a goal or a target industry or company. People can't help you if you can't tell them what you need.
- Develop a long-term, career-building approach. Who would you like to know during the course of your career?

- Keep track of the people you meet and stay in touch with them.
- Think of others without being asked. Is there a project someone may want to know about, or a newspaper article he or she may not have seen?
- Always thank others for their help.

suppliers also supply the newspaper? Can you talk to these ven-

dors about your desire to meet someone at the paper? Is there a

professional association you can join that might also be attended by people from the paper?

So far, this sounds pretty one-sided. What will your contacts get out of the situation? If you are polite and earnest, their short-term rewards will be the satisfaction of helping someone else.

Believe it or not, this is a powerful motivator. Most people do enjoy helping others.

But the real relationship is built on long-term rewards for both people.

As you talk with your contacts you will learn more about their problems and goals. Your chance to reciprocate may come immediately, or it may take weeks or months before they need your help. In fact, you may find yourself helping them or their friends as they make their own career changes.



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Crude oil prices at nine-year high

The Associated Press

Oil prices roared 5 percent higher to a new nine-year high Friday, topping \$28 a barrel for the first time since 1991 and the Gulf War. The gain came after OPEC removed virtually all doubt it will extend its agreement on lowered production for several more months.

Frigid weather in the northeastern United States also contributed to a sharp rise in crude as well as gasoline, heating oil and natural gas futures.

In other markets, coffee prices sank to a six-week low and soybeans moved significantly higher for a third consecutive day.

Crude climbed as high as \$28.10 a barrel, the highest since Jan. 16, 1991, before the Allied military strikes on Iraq that brought about an end to the Gulf War.

Intermediate crude for February delivery oil settled up \$1.33 at \$28.02 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange—jumping 16 percent for the week and surpassing the previous nine-year high reached in November.

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Microsoft, AOL proceed on collision course

By Ted Bridis
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Did Bill Gates underestimate Steve Case? Weeks after the last time America Online Inc. surprised the technology industry by purchasing Internet pioneer Netscape, Gates confirmed he wasn't worried the \$10 billion deal among his biggest rivals might pose serious risks for Microsoft's future.

"AOL," Gates said, according to handwritten notes from Microsoft's own files, "doesn't have it in their genes to attack us."

Now, a year later, America Online's appetite has grown, fueled by the market's unfaithful surges in technology stocks, toward its \$145 billion merger with Time Warner Inc. Case, one of the world's few executives to already beat Gates head-to-head, will become the new chairman of the combined company.

The stunning deal gives Case's AOL Time Warner Inc. the ideal weapon to challenge Microsoft where it considers itself most vulnerable: a vast network of high-speed Internet lines that can deliver to consumers a promising new generation of software and information that don't require Windows, Microsoft's lucrative

The ripple effect

Monday's deal between AOL and Time Warner puts pressure on other media and technology companies to make similar mergers. Some of the players:

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Company	Revenue (1999)	Company	Revenue (1999)	Company	Revenue (1999)
Microsoft	\$19.7 billion	Yahoo!	\$290 million	Excite@Home	\$48 million
AT&T	\$53.2 billion	GeoCities	\$1.1 billion	Lycos	\$135 million
AT&T Worldnet Services, MediaOne	\$161.8 billion	FreeWorld	\$7.7 billion	HotBot	\$621 million
Walt Disney Co.	\$23.4 billion	Comcast	\$5.1 billion	Viacom/CBS	\$18.9 billion
NBC	\$5.3 billion	PRIMEDIA	\$1.6 billion	NBC	Not available
ABC, Buena Vista, Miramax, Home Box Office, ESPN, publishing companies	\$43.7 billion	QVC, EI Entertainment TV	\$22.3 billion	180 consumer, trade magazines, Channel One	\$3.0 billion
				Blockbuster, MTV, Nickelodeon, UPN, Showtime, Comedy Central, CMT, Infinity, World Prom., TNN, Paramount	\$45.0 billion

NOTE: 1998 fiscal year ends in December; 1999 ends in June

flagship operating system that runs most of the world's computers.

This fledgling category of software, which already includes word processors, games and digital calendars — isn't installed on a PC using Windows like today's programs.

Instead, these programs are

delivered and run across high-speed Internet connections, appropriate for almost any device that can connect to the Web. The ultimate promise for many is to remove the industry's intense reliance on Windows, which has earned billions for Gates & Co.

Until his recent shopping spree, Case struggled with no "fat

pipes" to deliver to his 20 million AOL subscribers this new generation of bandwidth-hungry software. By comparison, Microsoft's own online service, MSN, has about 2.5 million subscribers. Case, who once wrote e-mail comparing Microsoft to Hitler, is increasingly ready to attack.

Microsoft last year invested \$5

billions in AT&T, which alone has more than 1 million high-speed Internet customers.

"The really important thing about the Time Warner-AOL deal is, it gives AOL the cable outlet," said David Smith, an Internet analyst at the Gartner Group. "It means you have both sides that are armed."

The breadth of the AOL Time Warner combination "will be forcing Microsoft out as they grow," said Rob Enderle, a technology analyst for the Giga Information Group. "Tomorrow, they could do a fairly good job of removing Microsoft as a vendor in the space."

Microsoft, under close scrutiny in Washington as part of the government's ongoing antitrust lawsuit, can't react as aggressively or swiftly as it might prefer, but it isn't sitting still.

In a shot across the bow, Gates announced Thursday that Microsoft will refocus its efforts on what he said was the "next generation of Internet services" being developed during the next two or three years.

He compared the revelation to Microsoft's dramatic shift in strategy in 1995, when the company suddenly embraced the Internet. "We see ourselves today at that same type of inflection point," he said.

"You haven't seen anything yet," Gates predicted as he announced his new role as chief software architect. "The nature of software will be changing. Software will be delivered in many cases as a service across the Internet instead of a software product."

For more than two decades, the technology industry has thrived on the theory that the power of computers increases exponentially over short periods.

"We're going to bet on the equivalent law for broadband," promised Yusuf Mehdi, director of marketing for MSN.

"We're going to suck up the cycles that you can get on a fast connection into really interesting things — video and audio and interactive television."

Like Case, who surrendered his title as chief executive officer in his new company to be chairman, Gates also elevated his longtime friend, Steve Ballmer, to become CEO at Microsoft but also remains chairman. Tit for tat.

And for anyone wondering about the future of Windows, Gates dubbed the new software "Next Generation Windows Services."

It's shaping up to be quite a battle.

Do behind-the-scenes payments hurt investors?

By Ianthe Jeanne Dugan
The Washington Post

BOCA RATON, Fla. — An E-Trade marketing message assures, "Be not afraid, your order has been placed."

But that is precisely the moment when investors should be paying close attention. Once at E-Trade Group Inc. or any other stock brokerage, an order to buy or sell shares is shipped around before a trade is made. Theoretically, it fetches the best deal with the most speed.

That "best execution" does not always happen. Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Arthur Levitt Jr. said during a speech that federal examiners recently reviewed how firms are executing trades and came up with many "troubling" preliminary findings.

"Some firms appear to be allowing payments for order flow or other inducements to affect which markets they send their orders to — at the expense of the quality of executions," said Levitt, speaking at the Securities Industry Association's annual meeting last week.

Levitt was shining light on a routine payment stockbrokers get for their orders by "market makers," the major firms that buy the

shares investors want to sell and sell the shares investors want to buy.

The speech was part of a broader push by Levitt to control the fairness of trading as technology creates new Wall Street competitors and individual investors go it alone. His comments complemented an earlier speech by Henry M. Paulson Jr., chief executive of Goldman Sachs Group Inc., who lamented that a severe lack of coordination among all the new markets was making it difficult to keep track of what is selling and for how much.

"There's a fine line between competition and chaos," Paulson said. "The lack of linkages between these new markets make it more difficult for brokers to find the best price for investors."

Charles Schwab & Co.'s co-chief executive, David S. Pottruck, called this "fragmentation" a myth, saying a central structure through which all orders should pass is unnecessary. "The fact that our markets have never been more integrated than they are today — the best prices are accessible to all," Pottruck said.

But Levitt said investors are

not aware of what happens once their orders are placed. When brokerages receive orders from individual investors, they quickly search for the best matching bid and offer on that stock. Often, the huge buyers and sellers, in an

"Few investors know about these ... arrangements that can cause them to pay too much when they buy a stock and get too little when they sell."

— Bradney Skolnik, market securities official

effort to grab the deal, shell out extra money for the order.

Typically, these market makers pay half a cent per share to the broker who has an "order" for a heavily traded stock — those that trade in increments of one-sixteenth of a dollar, according to sources in the industry.

They pay 1 1/2 cents for less-liquid stocks that trade in increments of one-eighth or at a wider range. The market makers then turn around and attempt to make more money on the stock by selling it for a slightly higher

price or buying it for a slightly lower one.

"Few investors know about these behind-the-scenes arrangements that can cause them to pay too much when they buy a stock and get too little when they sell," said Bradney Skolnik, Indiana securities commissioner and president of the North American Securities Administrators Association.

This "payment for order flow" is not illegal. But Levitt questioned whether it motivates brokers to funnel orders to buyers and sellers rather than to those offering the best deal to investors, thereby creating a conflict between brokers and their customers.

"Payment for order flow is acceptable if the quality of execution is not sacrificed," Levitt said. "But it's becoming increasingly clear that's not always the case."

Several leading brokers say their decision about where to route an order is not swayed by this payment.

"We only route it to the company that is paying for the order if it also provides the best execution for our customer," said Jack R. McDonnell, president and chief executive of Ameritrade Inc., one

of the nation's biggest online brokers.

On average, Ameritrade earns less than \$2 per trade from payments they receive for their order flow from market makers. "This offsets our operating costs and allows us to give our customers lower fees," McDonnell said.

Levitt said many brokers the SEC reviewed reported that speed was the most important factor in their order-routing decisions. If a stock is trading in increments of one-sixteenth, they rationalize, "what's the difference?"

Levitt answers with a dramatic illustration. A broker who receives 1 cent a share for a 1,000-share order gives up the possibility of a one-sixteenth improvement in price somewhere else. Even if a broker passes along the rebate — "unheard of," according to Levitt — the customer has overpaid by \$52.50. "To an investor," he said, "That's real money."

In 1995, the SEC began requiring disclosure of payment for order flow so customers understood how a broker was making money. Much of today's disclosure, though, he said, was factually accurate, is unclear to investors. "They aren't aware of this price problem," Levitt said.

You've got snail mail - and you should read it

NEW YORK (AP) — January is arguably the most critical month when it comes to mail — the kind delivered to your home by the U.S. Postal Service. For this is the month when you'll receive much of the information needed for this year's financial planning and income tax filing.

You might also get a rebate check or two.

Accountants and financial planners urge clients to keep a close eye on what comes in the mail this time of year and not to lose track of it once it arrives.

"You're far better off being diligent now as this information is coming in," said Walt Moore, a certified public accountant and partner with Andrews, Hooper & Pavlik PLC in Bay City, Mich. "Put it in a spot where you'll know where it is."

Many tax guides contain a list of records you'll need and should be alert for. Among the most common are Internal Revenue Service form 1099s for:

- Interest and dividend payments
- Refunds of state and local taxes
- Capital gains and losses
- IRA, pension plan and annuity distributions.

This might all sound obvious. But if you have different accounts with different institutions, you'll need forms for each of them. And if any of the forms are lost in the mail and you fail to include the information on your tax return, you could delay your refund because the IRS will question the omission. Worse, if you owe taxes, you'll find yourself paying penalties.

Another form some taxpayers will need are K-1 forms issued for income from partnerships, trusts, estates, and investments in what are known as S corporations. But Larry Elkin, an accountant and financial planner based in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., warns that K-1 forms tend to arrive later in the tax season, and sometimes not until after the April 15 filing deadline.

He suggests taxpayers expecting K-1 forms consider requesting an extension of the deadline for filing their returns.

And Debra Sawyer, a senior national tax manager with the accounting firm Deloitte & Touche, reminds parents who have paid for child care that they should receive statements of what they paid for their provider.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



Be like a duck — keep calm and unruffled on the surface, but paddle like mad underneath. People with open minds must be careful these days. There are a lot of others around intent on throwing rubbish into them.

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Small businesses have alternatives to traditional bank loans

Knight Ridder News Service

More than a year ago, Bill and Beverly Yacaparano decided to buy an East of Chicago Pizza franchise in Akron, Ohio.

The Yacaparanos tried to get a bank loan to buy the franchise, but bank after bank turned them down, Bill Yacaparano said.

The problem: Banks see restaurants as risky business because of their high failure rate.

The couple finally got a bank loan by putting down 75 percent of their loan total.

Left with little extra cash, they decided to refinance the loan early this year. That's when they met Edward C. Hopson, owner of Enterprise Capital Business Advisors, a business loan broker who recently opened in downtown Akron.

Within weeks, Hopson had found the Yacaparanos financing from a commercial finance company. The Yacaparanos hoped to close on the new financing soon.

"It's going to put us in a much stronger financial position," Bill Yacaparano said.

It also will enable the couple to buy a second pizza franchise, something they didn't expect to be able to afford for several years, he said.

The Yacaparanos discovered some of the differences between traditional bank financing and what many consider alternative financing - loans from nonbanks that are as likely to be secured by future cash flow as by traditional collateral, such as equipment or real estate.

Many of these alternatives, which include commercial finance companies, factoring companies, pension funds, venture capital funds, insurance companies, even credit-card companies, have become serious competitors for loans in recent years.

These alternative lenders can take more risk than banks. Banks are held to strict credit standards by federal and state regulators; finance companies are not regulated in this way.

For the additional risk they take, alternative lenders usually charge higher interest rates. They also often give borrowers more time to pay. This helps cash flow by reducing periodic loan repayments. But it also means businesses pay more for their loan over time.

Often the alternatives look to secure their loans with one financial source, often cash flow. Banks look to secure their loans with two or three financial sources, often cash flow, business assets and personal assets (such as your house).

Some of the alternatives are popular merely because they offer almost immediate cash. Credit- or charge-card companies such as American Express fall into this category.

As a result, loan competition has greatly increased in recent years, making traditional banking much harder, National City Corp. Chief Executive Officer Dave Dabekro said recently.

Although the alternatives offer some loans and lending terms that banks can't, banks often are the low-cost lenders to small business, said Hopson, who was a commercial banker for National City Bank and then Bank One from 1996 to 1998.

A few possibilities

- **Commercial financing:** Commercial finance companies make loans based on cash flow or secured by accounts receivable or other assets. Examples: GE Capital, the Money Store, Newcourt Financial.
- **Asset-backed financing:** Finance companies or real estate lenders will make loans backed by assets, such as equipment or property.
- **Factoring:** Finance companies buy accounts receivable at a discount, then collect the accounts. Example: Access Capital Inc.
- **Insurance policies:** You can borrow against the surrender value of your life insurance policy.
- **Leasing:** Banks, leasing companies

and suppliers rent equipment to small businesses.

There are many alternatives to bank lending to start or fund businesses. Here are some of the most common:

Government programs: The U.S. Small Business Administration offers several programs that compensate lenders for credit risk or collateral risk. State and local programs include small loan funds in which banks participate.

Credit cards: Banks and credit-card companies offer business lines of credit, some as high as \$100,000.

Trade credit: Suppliers allow retailers to make installment payments for purchases, pay for purchases after goods are sold to customers, or sell goods on consignment.

Leasing: Banks, leasing companies

of this, not as permanent financing," Hopson said.

Such financing can help start a business or "fill that gap during the growth cycle," Hopson said. And when you get strong, the banks will be calling you."

Government loan programs that started the decade as alternative financing have joined the financing mainstream, said Scott Shields, a certified public accountant and owner of Shields & Associates in Akron.

For instance, the U.S. Small Business Administration has several loan programs that help make up for cash, collateral or credit shortfalls that keep small businesses from getting bank loans. The SBA does this by guaranteeing portions of small-business loans - thus reducing the risk for banks.

An SBA loan guarantee is part of the Yacaparanos' present and future pizza shop financing, Hopson said.

State and local loan programs also help business owners, espe-

cially minority and women owners, said Jean Carter Ryan, deputy director for economic development at the Ohio Department of Development.

"For a company that has difficulty getting bank financing, it's not always necessary to step away from the bank. It's a matter of getting the bank comfortable" with making the loan, Ryan said.

Counselors at federal- and state-funded Small Business Development Centers can help business owners look for government programs that fit their needs, Ryan said.

It's harder to find some of the other alternative lenders because they aren't always well-publicized or organized.

Also, they often prefer using brokers to get borrowers, Hopson said. The brokers often help with paperwork, credit repair, identifying collateral and other financial issues business owners are unfamiliar with.

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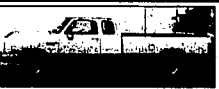
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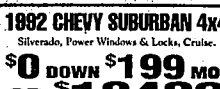
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Women are from Venus, men from ozone

Have you ever wished that your partner came with an instruction booklet? That's the kind of question authors Allan and Barbara Pease are asking - and answering - in their new book, "Why Men Don't Listen and Women Can't Read Minds." Great title.

A recent news release says the Peases spent three years traveling around the world, "collating the dramatic findings of new research on the brain, investigating evolutionary biology, analyzing psychologists, studying social changes and annoying the locals."

All of this to explain why men really can't do more than one thing at a time - or why women hate parallel parking and can't find North.

I guess it's worth the trouble. I know it is if it helps me figure out why my husband seems to have no interest in remembering to pick up bread and eggs, and plenty of interest in eating them.

During the past few years, there has been so much research being conducted on the sex-wiring of the human brain. All of a sudden, everyone seems to have realized that men and women think and act differently. Most of us suspected it all along. My husband often accuses me of



LIFE AND TIMES Denise Turner

making no sense. Sometimes, I don't make sense on purpose, which actually makes me a lot smarter than my husband may think I am. But if I tried to explain that to him, he wouldn't understand.

It's sort of like that day when one of his daughters, then in first grade, came home from school and announced that a classmate had asked her to be his girlfriend. "What did you say?" I asked. "I said yes," she replied, "but I lied."

I understood her explanation, no questions asked. My husband looked at her as if he didn't know what she was talking about. When he looked over at me, I simply said, "It makes perfect sense to me."

On the other hand, the males around me never make any sense.

A case in point: The softball game when my husband slid into third base and slashed open his knee. I was extremely concerned about the gash. Our son was playing catch behind the bleachers and missed the whole thing.

"Dad just slid into third and cut his knee open, and he's bleeding all over the place," I yelled to my boy. "The reply? 'Was he safe or out?'"

Then there are those days when I wonder if I have lived among the men too long.

One of these days happened last football season, when my son got on a school bus to go play in an out-of-town football game. As I waved goodbye to him, I caught myself saying, "Find somebody to hit."

I have no idea how those words found their way into my mouth, and I'm not even completely sure what they mean.

I think it's a guy thing.

Robert Van de Castle, author of "Our Dreaming Mind," has concluded that men and women even dream differently. Men typically have action-oriented dreams in outdoor settings, for example, while women dream of emotional one-on-one struggles with loved ones.

Indoors, I suspect.

And what about communication techniques?

According to Deborah Tannen, a linguistics professor at Georgetown University, talk is the glue that holds relationships together for women. But for men, activities/sports hold relationships together, and talk is used to negotiate one's position in a group.

The danger with all this, of course, is that men and women so frequently misunderstand each other, that the misunderstandings sometimes translate into a form of mistrust.

A couple of years ago, when I was serving on the board of my son's baseball league, the mother of a prospective player called to ask some questions about our sports clinics.

"I just wanted to make sure there were some women involved," she said, "because it won't be run right if there aren't."

Maybe new generations of men and women in the new millennium will learn how to understand each other perfectly ...

Yeah, right.

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

The game of the name

Any way you spell it, there are lots of choices among baby names

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

FILER - In the brave new world of naming babies, the Dotsons have one foot in the future and the other planted firmly in tradition.

Their 4-year-old daughter is Billye, a new-age spelling coined to honor her great uncle.

Billye's baby brother is Bradley, same as his dad. Formally, he's "the 2nd." Around the house, he's "Buddy."

"We thought a lot about it before we named our kids," said Donna Dotson, 36. "I couldn't be happier with the way they turned out, but there are so many choices."

Enough to make a very pregnant mom's head spin, says Laura Hoyem, a baby names researcher who is days away from giving birth to her own child.

"There are no rules anymore about names," said Hoyem, who is a spokesman for Baby Center.com, a San Francisco-based website targeted at new and expecting moms and dads. "Parents, let's be creative. Let's spell names all over the place."

And they're not the names you grew up with.

In 100 years, 28 different girls' names have been among the three most popular at one time or another, Hoyem said in a telephone interview from her California office. And among the current top 10, fully half - Britney, Hayley, Ashley, Kaitlyn and Madison - were rare, among girls at least, a generation ago.

Boys' names are more stable, Hoyem said: In 100 years, only 13 different names have appeared among the top three boys' names each year.

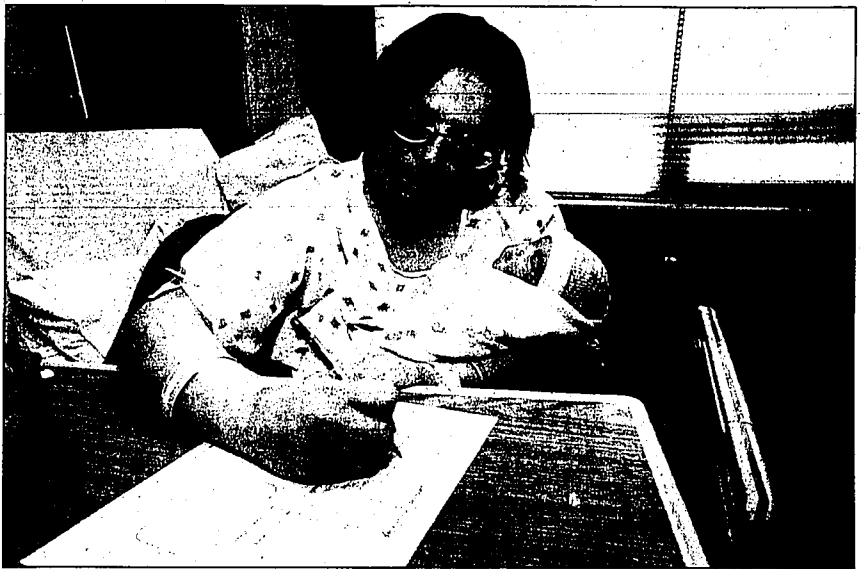
"Parents are less likely to take liberties with boys' names," Hoyem said. "They're more concerned with what it will look like on the resume."

But not all parents. Cari Bilyeu Clark is a Springfield, Va., freelance journalist who with her husband Brian and Madison - were rare, among girls at least, a generation ago.

Those names are unusual, to be sure - lots of coined monikers that combine syllables of the mother's and father's names.

And the practice, which has lasted as long as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has existed, is not going away, she said in a telephone interview.

"It's the generally larger-than-average family, often saddled with the very ordinary surnames Smith, Johnson or Young, it's not surprising that many Utah parents look for unique gifts for their children," said Clark, a Brigham Young University graduate and the mother of "three ordinarily named children."



Maria Ayala fills out a birth announcement for her daughter, Ruby Emeralda, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center on Wednesday. Ruby was born Tuesday.

Idaho's favorites

Most popular names of newborns in Idaho, 1998:

BOYS	GIRLS	13. Brandon	13. Alexis
1. Jacob	1. Emily	14. Tie, Alexander	14. Sierra
2. Austin	2. Madison	15. Justin	15. Emma
3. Michael	3. Hannah	16. Nicholas	16. Abigail
4. Tyler	4. Samantha	17. Jordan	17. Rachel
5. Joshua	5. Ashley	18. Hunter	18. Morgan
6. Andrew	6. Jessica	19. Tie, Cody	19. Brianna
7. Matthew	7. Andrew	Dylan	20. Brooke
8. Ryan	8. Ryan	Kyle	21. Kayla
9. Zachary	9. Zachary	22. James	22. Makayla
10. Nathan	10. Sarah	23. Tie, John	23. Tie, Olivia
11. Ethan	11. Hailey	Christopher	Victoria
12. Samuel	12. Elizabeth	25. Tie, Joseph	25. Tie, Brittany
		Tanner	Maria

Source: Center for Vital Statistics and Health Policy, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

"When you throw in the reverence for family and ancestors forwarded by the LDS Church, it seems inevitable that someone would end up with LaEarl, KDell, Arnolene or Haricella," she said.

"Years ago in Italian families, the first son was named after the baby's grandfather on the father's side," said Margaret Rose Holley of Filer, mother of two. "The second son was named after the grandfather on the mother's side. The first daughter was named after the grandmother on the father's side. The second daughter was named after the grandmother on the mother's side. My moth-

er had lots of cousins named Rose and Vinnie on her mother's side of the family and lots of cousins named Marguerite and Vito on her father's side of the family."

"The trend is away from naming babies by the first names of immediate relatives," Hoyem said. "But children still often get a relative as a middle name."

That may be because new parents are becoming more resistant to often intense pressure from THEIR parents, siblings and in-laws. When Baby Center.com surveyed its readers last year, only 21 percent said they went to their kinfolks for

Things to consider

• **Sound and compatibility:** How your baby's name sounds when it's said aloud is one of the most essential things to think about. Is it melodious? Harsh? Doesn't go well with your last name? Often, longer first names work better with shorter last names, and vice versa. Combining a first name that ends in a vowel with a last name that starts with a vowel is usually a mistake - the names tend to run together ("Eva Anderson"). Avoid first names that rhyme with your last name, and resist puns: "Holy Wood" and "Bud Weiser" will be cute for about five minutes.

• **Uniqueness:** An unusual name has the advantage of making the bearer stand out from the crowd. On the other hand, a name no one can pronounce can bring attention a child would rather avoid. One way of striking a balance is to choose a familiar first name if the child's last name is unusual, and vice versa. If your son's last name will be Smith, you might want to consider something with more pizzazz than Joe for his

first name. But if his last name is Ayrthosson, then Joe might be preferable to, say, Archimedes.

• **Meaning:** No one is likely to treat your daughter's name differently because her name means "hero's daughter" - but the derivation of your baby's name is something you may want to think about. After all, if little Stockard finds out some day that her name means "from the yard of tree stumps," she may not be pleased.

• **Initials and nicknames:** People, especially kids, can be cruel when it comes to nicknames, so try to anticipate any potentially embarrassing ones. Of course, just because you don't think of something doesn't mean some clever second-grader down the line won't - and he'll probably find it utterly hilarious. But at least you can rule out obvious problems. Also, be aware of what your child's initial spell. Zachary Ian Thomas will more than likely get a lot of teasing; Zachary Edward Thomas probably won't.

Source: BabyCenter.com (http://www.babycenter.com)

advice about naming the baby. And only 3 percent found counsel from that source helpful.

That said, fully 88 percent claimed to have named the child after a parent or family member. "I think it's only natural to

consider names that you like and are familiar with," Hoyem said. "Especially if you're fond of the person whose name you are considering using."

Holley said she named her

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Pageant comes to Wood River High

Helping parents when they lose ability to drive

HAILEY - The Miss Blaine County Pageant, sponsored by the Miss Idaho Scholarship program, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at Wood River High School at 1050 Fox Acres Road.

The newly formed pageant is open to women between the ages of 17-24, residing in the Wood River Valley, who are unmarried and attending college or who will graduate from high school in 2000. The winner of Miss Blaine County will earn scholarship money for college and compete for the title of Miss Idaho on June 17 in Boise. The deadline for contestants is Jan. 20.

For more information, call Lance Eloy, Blaine County director, at 788-3489 or Brenda Tanabe, Miss Idaho executive director, at 853-6721.

TF sponsors ice skating day trips

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will host ice skating day trips to Sun Valley Resort on Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26, meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Barnes & Noble parking lot at 1239 Pole Line Rd., near the Magic Valley Mall.

Cost is \$55 per person, and includes skate rental, transportation, instruction and ice time on all four Saturdays. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch and wear appropriate mittens or gloves, and spending money if

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one wants to visit the rink candy store. Instructor Lori Head show participants the basics of ice skating. The bus will leave the Barnes & Noble parking lot at 8:45 a.m., arriving in Sun Valley at 11 a.m. Skaters will return to the Barnes & Noble parking lot at 3 p.m.

Organizers must have 32 participants signed up by Jan. 28 to hold the skating days, and skaters must have registration forms in the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28.

For more information, call the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office at 736-2265.

Residents can be in 'Wonderland'

TWIN FALLS - Auditions will be held for the Missoula, Mont., Children's Theater production of "Alice in Wonderland" on Feb. 7 at St. Edward's Catholic School.

Those who wish to audition for the Feb. 12 performance should arrive at 4 p.m. on the 7th and plan to stay for two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the auditions.

Among the roles to be cast are the

three Alices of varying size, the Mad Hatter, the March Hare, the King of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat, Tweedleum and Tweedledee, the Flower Band, Cards and Lobsters. Students in kindergarten through 12th are welcome to audition.

No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant directors also will be cast to aid in rehearsals through the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

Missoula Children's Theater touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and make-up. The MCT Tour actor/directors will doncut rehearsals throughout the week from 4-8:30 p.m.

The production is scheduled for 3 and 7 p.m. on the 12th.

The MCT's week here is sponsored by the Magic Valley Arts Council, Farmers' National Bank, Independent Meat and radio station MDX 103.

For further information, call 734-2787.

Every Sunday, To Do for Families lists family oriented events in south-central Idaho. If you'd like your event listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

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When a parent starts to lose his vision or his ability to react, it may be time for the grown children to step in and help him accept that he can no longer drive safely.

This can be an especially punishing blow, say authors Grace Lebow and Barbara Kane in their book, "Coping With Your Difficult Older Parent: A Guide for Stressed-Out Children."

To handle it well, they say, the grown child should first empathize with the aging parent's situation. "Recall how you felt when you got your own license," they write. "It was a rite of transition into adulthood. Removing this privilege is traumatic for your father."

Don't yell at him that he has to get off the road, they advise. Talk to him in calm tones about how his vision isn't what it once was.

If more drastic action is called for, writing your state motor vehicles department may come next. "If the state takes your parent's license away, then they are the bad guys, not you," the authors write.

Source: Knight Ridder News Service

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STARS AND STRIPES

Take a virtual voyage to Washington, D.C., and feast your eyes on the flag that inspired the national anthem at The Star-Spangled Banner Web site. The original masterpiece, located at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, can now be enjoyed online at <http://americanhistory.si.edu/bs>. Once there, you'll enjoy the incredible story of the flag, from its place in military battles to Francis Scott Key's famous poem written in 1814. In addition to the rich history of the anthem, you'll find stories about the flag's design and its role as a patriotic symbol. Over time, the Star-Spangled Banner has enjoyed many cool looks, incorporating stars, stripes, a pine tree and even a rattlesnake. Be sure to try "You Solve The Mystery," and join historians in trying to determine the true creator of the flag as well as how the flag has been altered over time. You'll also meet the professionals who have worked hard to preserve and restore the flag's condition. Long may it wave!

Be a 4Kids Detective

Visit these Web sites to find the answers, then go to <http://www.4kids.org/detective/>. Which flag design had a rattlesnake on it? Which states are at high risk for tornadoes? What crucial species is food in the Antarctic ecology?

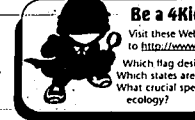
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Pull on a parka, a pair of rubber boots and a spirit of adventure. It's time for a cyber voyage to Antarctica. Ok, it's not the kind of trip with sunny beaches and amusement parks, but it's an amazingly icy adventure you won't forget. You'll soon understand why people have been magnetically drawn to the South Pole. Haul your gear to <http://www.antarcticquest.com/antarctic> and let the journey begin. Your virtual guides are really friendly, and they'll help you make the daily voyages through the rough seas and into the eye of the storm. Try to spot some whales along the way, too. Learn about old-time explorers in the great race to find the South Pole, and discover why Antarctica is so important for keeping track of the Earth's environment today. (And find out why you must wear rubber boots to go to Antarctica.) It's a harsh but wonderful journey, and you'll join in the celebration when you finally get to shore with hundreds of penguins to greet you.

FORCES OF NATURE

From forest fires to floods, it's important to be prepared for any force of nature. At the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Web site for kids, you'll get the lowdown on hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes and other devastating events. Bring your survival gear to <http://www.fema.gov/kids/index.htm> at the Disaster Area, you'll witness erupting volcanoes and harsh blizzards. Or catch a 100-foot wave from a tsunami. Learn what not to do when lightning starts touching down in your neighborhood. Join up with Julia and Robbie, the Disaster Twins, as they make their escape from a scary hurricane. You'll learn how to deal with any disaster, as well as how to keep your pets safe. You won't want to escape from this site, but be warned: Danger this way lies.

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Susan's magic carpet: Ordinary gift takes on a new dimension

"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature."
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

By Karen Taylor

A simple gift from the heart means more than all the money in the world. In this story by Karen Taylor, an unusual birthday present from her best friend comes to mean everything to a young girl.

Wrinkles of confusion rippled across Holly's forehead as she unwrapped the gift from her best friend, Susan. "I thought you could use it for something," Susan's stammered explanation did nothing to help us understand why a 12-by-18-inch, dark-blue carpet remnant was being presented as a birthday gift.

My heart went out to our daughter. Starting out at a new school during her freshman year had been a difficult adjustment. Until she met Susan, Holly had experienced little success making new friends.

The murmured "thanks" was barely audible as Holly tried valiantly not to allow her disappointment to show. She laid the piece of carpet on the kitchen counter, and the two girls headed outside to play with the family dogs.

The extent of Holly's disappointment over the incident didn't become evident until the following evening when she came downstairs to say good night. "Well, I guess we know how much my best friend thinks of me, huh, Mom?" Her attempt at a breezy tone failed miserably.

Still bewildered by the situation myself, I didn't have much to offer in the way of enlightenment. "In so sorry, honey," was all I could manage to say.

The next morning, I carried a bulging kitchen sack outside. My heart wrenched as I lifted the lid of the trash can and saw Susan's carpet lying among the other discarded items. Hesitating only a moment, I reached in and plucked it from amid the debris. After giving it a light brushing, I brought it into the house and tucked it away in the hall closet.

Every day, as I engaged in my daily living, the carpet was soon forgotten. Before Holly's birthday, Susan had been a regular visitor in our house. On several occasions, she rode the bus home with Holly and was one of the few friends

Chicken Soup for the Soul

ever permitted to stay over on a school night. The girls did their homework together and went to bed at a reasonable hour.

Now, as I slid the evening meal into the oven, I realized it had been nearly three weeks since we'd even heard mention of Susan's name. I missed her warm smile and eager-to-please ways.

A rustle at the front door told me Holly had arrived home from school. Susan invited me to come over to her house after school tomorrow," she announced as she plunked her books down on the kitchen table. Although her voice carried a "so what" attitude, I sensed she was pleased by my invitation. In spite of the number of times Susan had visited with us, our invitations were never returned. "She wants you to come, too, so you can meet her foster mom," she said, her eyes twinkling.

"Dangled in the air like a spent birthday balloon. Susan never talked about her home life, and we didn't find it necessary to pry. Arrangements were made, and the girls rode home together on the school bus the following day. As I negotiated the winding country road that led to her house, Susan babbled nervously about her foster mom and the 17 cats she had taken in and cared for with Susan's help. Several of these foster kitties scattered as we pulled into the rutted gravel driveway.

A tall, angular woman who wore a shapeless, tan sweater over navy-blue pants stood in the screened doorway to greet us as we approached the small farmhouse. "Excuse the mess," she apologized, holding the door open while we threaded our way through stuff that seemed to be everywhere. Knowing my reputation for neatness, Holly's eyes darted in my direction to quickly assess my reaction to such chaos. Susan's foster mom waved a hand toward the kitchen counter, which was barely visible through the assortment of cat medicines. "This is my medicine cabinet," she explained.

Susan ushered us through the house. It seemed to be alive with

four-legged fur balls roaming underfoot and sprawling across the backs of the dingy sofa and chairs. She proudly showed us her room, which was sparsely but neatly decorated with used furniture. The girls flopped down on the bed contained pictures of Susan's parents and siblings from whom, we later learned, she had long since been separated.

As the girls flopped down on the grayish-white bedspread to compare notes about the school day, I followed Susan's foster mom — who introduced herself as Glenda — into the kitchen. After clearing a small area, she placed a couple of mugs on the table. Her hand trembled slightly as she poured us each a cup of steaming black coffee. The tightness of her features began to relax as we sipped our coffee and chatted about her cats.

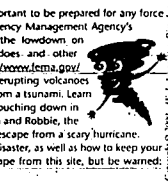
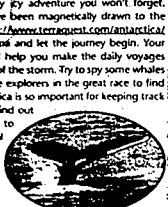
A warm glow shone in her eyes when she revealed to me her fondness for Susan. But her expression turned pensive when she started to bring up the girl's past. In a short time, I came to respect this generous-hearted woman who had opened her home to a young girl and attempted to make a difference in her life. As daylight began to fade, we offered our thanks for the visit and said goodbye.

Holly sat quietly in the car on the way home. Stealing a glance, I noticed her back was ramrod-straight. Her head and shoulders were thrust forward like she was willing the car to move faster. No sooner had we come to a stop in the driveway than she flung open the car door and walked purposefully toward the side gate. Curious, I shifted into park and followed. A lump caught in my throat as I observed my daughter standing next to the trash can and peering inside. Her shoulders slumped as she replaced the lid and shuffled into the house.

After pulling the car into the garage, I went inside and headed for the hall closet. By this time, Holly was sitting at the kitchen table staring out the window. "Is this what you were looking for?" I placed the piece of carpet on the table in front of her. "Thanks, Mom." A tear or two slipped from her eye and remnant that, as if by magic, had become the most precious birthday present in the whole world.

To submit a story for future publication, send it to P.O. Box 30880-K, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93130.

—Source: Center for Vital Statistics and Health Policy, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare



Dear Amy: Are DVDs better than CDs? —Jason, San Diego
Dear Jason: Both DVDs and CDs are storage devices for data that can be read by your computer. CDs were initially designed primarily to hold music, about 650 megabytes worth. DVD discs look much like CDs, but they hold much more data than CDs. DVD technology makes it possible to view complete movies on a disc, about 4.7 gigabytes of data per disc. Neither one is better than the other. They are used for different things. To learn more about storage discs, check out "How Compact Discs (CDs) Work" at <http://www.4kids.org/compactdiscs>. There's a short comparison between CDs and DVDs at the end of the article.

Dear Amy: Can I get newer calls through my computer? —Janice, Knoxville, Tenn.
Dear Janice: Most newer computers have pre-installed software that makes it easy to talk on the phone through your computer. If you want to talk over the Internet, you will need to learn about Internet telephony. Call on the Virtual Voice FAQ at <http://www.4kids.org/virtualvoice> to learn more about this exciting and fun form of communication.

Send your questions about the WWW to: Ask Amy, 3001 Dole, Lawrence, KS 66045 or AskAmy@4Kids.org



This week's site
Every week, Kids Online looks at a new website. This week we look toward kids. Today's site is Lissa Explains It All, at <http://www.lissaeexplains.com>

Nicole Ridgeway is a student at Perrine Elementary School in Twin Falls. Write to her at crump@magicalvalley.com

Anyone can learn how to program Web pages

Some people use those five-minute page builders to make their web pages, and some use HTML. If you choose to use HTML, first you have to learn it.

At Lissa Explains It All, Lissa explains everything from how to change the background color to how to disable the right click so that people can't steal your images. Lissa is a kid, so it is easy to understand exactly what to do and where to put things. She makes it so simple it's hard to believe.

Learning HTML was never easier. If you work hard, you will understand basic HTML very quickly! This site is the easiest site that I've ever seen for HTML, and I hope you will agree.

Fewer after-school events can help ease family stress

I asked a recent audience, some 450 strong, "I can virtually guarantee that by making one simple decision, you can reduce parenting stress by more than half, create a more relaxed, harmonious family environment, and provide your children with more carefree childhoods. Raise your hand if that sounds good to you."

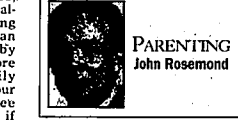
At which point, nearly everyone raised a hand. I said, "Great! All you have to do is take your children out of all after-school activities: sports, music, gymnastics, martial arts, and so on. Do I have any takers?"

No one raised a hand. There was total silence, in fact, as 450 pairs of eyes just stared at me. "I've yet to hear a good counter-argument to my proposal. One response is that children like some, if not all, of these activities. So what? The needs of the family unit are more important than what children want or like."

The family would benefit greatly, everyone agrees, from parents who are relaxed instead of in almost constant "hurry up, we gotta go" mode.

Let's face it, folks, Tiger Woods is not making a great and wonderful contribution to mankind. It's a sad comment on our collectively misplaced values that the average American regards Tiger as a hero. "But what if my child has a lot of innate talent for, say, music and I never let him develop that talent?"

Then your child will take his talents there's no such thing as, having simply one talent, you know) and put them into some other area. And by the time he's



40, there's little doubt he'll be as successful in whatever path he has chosen as he would have been if he walked the path you, with your good intentions, chose for him.

Here's another guarantee: The more relaxed the family unit, the fewer discipline problems you'll have to deal with. Furthermore, the less stress you're under, the more relaxed will be your approach to discipline. So, by taking your children out of after-school activities, you'll have better behaved children. With more discretionary time, they'll be better able to focus on their homework and need less "help" (a.k.a. enabling) from you.

They'll even have time for chores. Oh, happy day, children who are actually earning their keep and acquiring a solid service ethic at the same time!

One more guarantee: Less focus on children, combined with a generally more relaxed family atmosphere and deflated

more relaxed parents, translates to a contented marriage. No reasonable person would argue that relaxed lends itself to better communication and intimacy. So, how about it? If you don't give up all after-school activities, then how about limiting them to one per year? What a wonderful world it would be if the typical American family's No. 1 after-school pastime was "Let's just relax and enjoy our happy home."

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

Lawman: Make sure address is noticeable

DEAR ABBY: Please help with the following plea. I am a small country, I am called to the home of a citizen in a remote area at least once each duty day. Very often, I have a difficult time finding the right house because there is no address on the mailbox, or if there is an address, it's only on the side from which the mail delivery comes.

Emergency vehicles will come in from the closest direction. If there is an address, and it's on the side opposite our approach, we can't see it until we pass it — and then we must take our eyes off the road to read it. If it's the one we're looking for, we must then find a safe place to turn around.

On behalf of all peace officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel across the nation, I make the following suggestions:

1. Place your address in large numbers in a contrasting color on both sides of your mailbox.
2. Place your address on the house in such a manner as to be easily readable in all light and weather conditions. This is even more important when there are several homes close together.
3. If at all possible, please have someone at the door or in the yard to guide us in.
4. Give the 911 operator a brief description of the house.

Remember, we're trained, equipped and eager to offer the best emergency service, but we can't do a blessed thing until we find you.

—PETER N. SPAGNOLO, DEPUTY SHERIFF, PAYETTE COUNTY, IDAHO

DEAR DEPUTY SPAGNOLO: These are excellent suggestions and I hope they'll be taken to heart. They may prevent a tragedy. Your plea is one I hear at least once a year from emergency personnel.

Readers, please take a moment to see whether your address can be easily read from the street. And if it can't — make it a priority to remedy the problem.

DEAR ABBY: I am a veteran of World War II. I have a bumper sticker on my vehicle announcing a past reunion of my Army unit. Recently, while shopping, I was approached by an employee of a store who was in who asked me, "Did you serve, sir?" I replied that I had, indeed, served in WWII. The young man then said, "I would like to thank you, sir, for what you did for our country."

I was stunned. In 55 years, this is the first time I have ever been thanked by a fellow American. I lost three friends at Normandy, one of whom died at the fulfilling life that I have enjoyed in this country that I love. I regard with lasting sorrow the memory of those friends who were denied that opportunity.

The considerate words uttered by that young man meant more to me than I could ever convey to him. In some manner, the pain of remembrance has been made less painful by his kindness.

I returned to visit that young man and gave him my combat medic's badge as a token of my gratitude.

—OSCAR ORTIZ, SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR OSCAR: Because you chose to write this letter, countless veterans will be able to read that young man's words. Memories fade, but the printed word often outlives the writer. Thank you for sharing that rewarding encounter.

Names

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daughter after a great-grandmother, and gave her son her granddad's name as his middle name.
But it's still complicated. "Catholics try to include a saint's name when naming a baby," she added. "Her attempt for her child, but she isn't saying what it is."
"Except that I love it," she added.
Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 223, or write to him at crump@magicalvalley.com

Spell that, will you?

Selected unique names and spellings of babies born in Idaho, 1998

BOYS	GIRLS
Ayrick	Abode
Balryn	Ahalid
Boston	Aleeswilla
Broxton	Amalize
Courage	Chrysler
Cronus	Chryssie
Dianna	Chryssie
Gybsin	Dejah
Jontz	Fenyx
Juvenal	Gracful
Nashua	loadawn

Nimbus	Josias
Amber	Jasprout
Quablen	Koch
Quort	Kolory
Ram	Miqueylnn
Reef	Murtydees
Sagejin	Myrtle
Sevin	Naurva
Amalize	O'Melodi
Trow	Sunniva
Washington	Thearoe
Zae	Unique
Zaruth	Xyo

—Source: Center for Vital Statistics and Health Policy, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

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

COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio - 733-0931, Ext. 298

Serving the Twin Falls area

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Family throws area resident surprise party for 85th birthday

Clarissa "Dutch" Stanford of Twin Falls and formerly of Carey, was surprised Jan. 8 by her daughter, Colleen Beutler and 22 relatives and friends from the Wood River and Magic Valleys with a surprise party for her 85th birthday at her residence at the Twin Falls Care Center.

The center provided chili, corn bread, salads and drinks for guests. Beutler and family presented Stanford with a birthday cake and ice cream.

Attending from the Twin Falls area were Vickie and Tad Gill; Bill, Delta, Mel, Joy and Sheryl Worthington; Burch, Mildred, Tony and Sarah Cahala; Tracy, Jean, Dustin and Brock Beutler; Jeri Kinny; and Ray and Wanda Kirkland. Milton and Arlene Brock and Ken and Ashley Worthington, all from the Silver Creek area, also attended the party.

Area residents earn spots on Jamestown College honor roll

Brandy Gines of Filer and Anthony Amoroso of Twin Falls were named to the 1999 fall semester honor roll at Jamestown College in Jamestown, N.D.

Students must maintain at least a 3.50 grade point average to be named to the honor roll.

Jamestown College is a four-year independent, liberal arts and science college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

Twin Falls boy receives Eagle Scout honors with willow project

Coleman Spaulding, son of Jim and Annette Spaulding of Twin Falls, received Eagle Scout honors Jan. 10 at the LDS Church at 229 Park Ave. in Twin Falls.

Spaulding and a group of fellow Boy Scouts cut 200 to 300 willows from the banks of the Snake River in Hagerman and soaked the willows until they sprouted roots. He then planted the willows on an island that the Nature Conservancy is restoring to its natural habitat, his family says.

A class at Wendell Middle School assisted Spaulding in planting the willows.

Spaulding is a member of Troop 70, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Dave Sweet is troop leader.

Spaulding is a junior at Twin Falls High School. He is a member of the golf team and on the honor roll.

Twin Falls resident is named 'President of the Year' honors

Niki Stover, daughter of Paul and Kathy Stover of Twin Falls, has been named President of the Year for the Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls at a regional conference in November at the University of New Mexico.

Stover is a student at colleges and universities in Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Alberta, Canada, where eligible for the competi-

tion. Stover was chosen President of the Year based on her local, regional and national involvement, service, leadership, recognition attained, academics and making a difference in the residence halls and the University of Utah campus, her family says.

Stover is a senior at the University of Utah and was president of the University of Utah National Residence Hall Honorary.

Stover is a 1996 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is the granddaughter of Rosie Stove and Betty Anderson, both of Twin Falls.

Twin Falls resident takes place to Linn-Benton honor roll

Eva E. Larsen of Twin Falls was named to the Linn-Benton Community College fall 1999 term honor roll.

Students were required to maintain a grade point average of 3.50 or better and carry 12 or more graded credits for the term to make the honor roll. Linn-Benton Community College is located in Albany, Ore.

Walt Disney World awards student degree through college program

Liza Pulispher of Twin Falls will receive a commemorative degree as a graduate from the Walt Disney World College program.

The College of Southern Idaho student is one of more than 7,000 students from more than 60 colleges and universities throughout the United States participating in the program.

The program calls itself an educational, work and interpersonal relationship program designed to increase practical knowledge of the entertainment and hospitality industry. Students must receive academic credit or recognition from their respective school to be considered and must be enrolled full-time and be in good academic standing.

The program includes business seminars focusing on the Walt Disney Company's history, philosophy, culture and management. Students also select from specialized curricula that offer insight about resorts, theme parks, human resources and Disney management.

The "earning experience" places students in positions at the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, Disney-MGM Studios Theme Park, Disney's Animal Kingdom and the new Walt Disney World resort areas. Students are cast-members in a variety of positions including the following: attractions/host/hostess, culinary assistant, custodial host/hostess, food and beverage host/hostess, hospitality host/hostess and housekeeping host/hostess.

Lutheran Church receives donation from 'Brotherhood'

Trinity Lutheran Church in Eden received a \$450 donation from Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society, through the Society's Congressional Matching Funds Program.

Lutheran Brotherhood matched the amount that the Eden congregation raised through a coffee and information hour on Nov. 27. Trinity Lutheran Church says it will use the donation and the money the congregation raised to support church worker scholarships.

Men's club holds fund-raiser

CASTLEFORD - The Castleford Men's Club will hold its 27th annual fund-raising auction on Jan. 29 in Castleford.

The annual auction is the Castleford Men's Club's only fund-raising event to support youth and community activities. Coordinators are:

The club sponsors the Castleford Quick Response Unit, awards scholarships to Castleford graduates through the Dollars for Scholars program, funds youth sports programs and financially supports many additional school and community projects, organizers say.

Since 1956, the Castleford Men's Club has funded developments in the new Jean Kinyon Recreation Park in Castleford, members say.

The auction benefits from the support of area businesses and individuals who donate used, usable merchandise or services, the club says.

For more information, call Jon Wells at 537-6958, Lisa Knutz at 537-6678, Mike Darow at 537-6675, or Andy Holdreder at 537-6712.

All schools serve milk with meals.

BUNH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Breakfast
Monday: Cereal, graham crackers.
Tuesday: Pancakes, maple syrup.
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy.
Thursday: Pancake, sausage on a stick.
Friday: Little smokies, hash browns.

Lunch
Monday: Chicken sandwich, spiders, fruit, pudding.
Tuesday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll.
Wednesday: Hot dogs, ketchup, mustard, french fries, fresh fruit.
Thursday: Spaghetti, meat sauce, green salad, ranch dressing, french bread, cherry dessert.
Friday: Little smokies, tater-tots, oranges, muffin.

VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day.
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce and pickles, baked chicken, coffee, fruit.
Tuesday: Chicken and noodles, peas, carrot sticks, hot roll, pineapple.
Wednesday: Waffle, strawberries, topping, hash brown potatoes, sausage, rice crispie treat.
Thursday: Nachos, meat and cheese, salsa, pears, maple bar.
Friday: Chicken noodle soup, deli sandwich, macaroni salad, pears, carrot cake.

CASTLEFORD

Breakfast: Milk served every day.
Monday: Donuts.
Tuesday: Blueberry muffins.
Wednesday: Scones.
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls.
Friday: Sausage muffin.
Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day.
Monday: Cheeseburgers.
Tuesday: Baked potato bar.
Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich.
Thursday: Pizza.
Friday: Chicken nuggets.

FILER

Monday: Burritos.
Tuesday: Deli ham and cheese sandwiches.
Wednesday: Pizza.
Thursday: Turkey gravy.
Friday: Idaho hay stacks.

HANSEN

Breakfast: Milk served every day.
Monday: English muffins, fruit, juice.
Tuesday: Cheesy buns, fruit, juice.
Wednesday: Cream of wheat, toast, juice.
Thursday: Yogurt, toast, juice.

Friday: Long Johns, cereal, juice.

Lunch
Monday: Pizza, green salad, fruit.
Tuesday: Cheeseburgers, french fries, fruit.
Wednesday: Fish burger, corn, fruit.
Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich, mixed vegetables, fruit.
Friday: Burritos, potato wedges, fruit.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Lunch: Choice of white or chocolate milk each day.
Monday: Corn dogs, french fries, catsup, mustard, spiced applesauce, muffin.
Tuesday: Sliced ham, baked potato, ranch dressing, roll, jelly, pineapple.
Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, assorted dressings, garlic sticks, peaches.
Thursday: Build your own sandwich, half apple, banana cookie.
Friday: Hamburger nachos, green salad, assorted dressings, cinnamon bread sticks, pears.

KIMBERLY SCHOOLS

Elementary school will be served main line each school day. Grade 5 will be offered salad bar on Tuesdays and grade 6 will be offered salad bar on Thursdays. Middle school and high school will be offered a choice of main line menu or chef salad each school day.
Lunch menu served every day.
Monday: Nachos, salsa, bread stick, peaches.
Tuesday: Chili dog, potato-patty, vegetable sticks, pears.
Wednesday: Potato soup, deli sandwich, pickle spear, half orange.
Thursday: Elementary, macaroni and cheese; secondary, russian hamburger, corn, sliced pineapple.
Friday: No school.

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch: Choice of milk offered every day.
Monday: Chicken fried steak, scalloped potatoes, mixed fruit cup, hot roll.
Tuesday: Malibu chicken sandwich, fresh veggies and dip, diced peaches, cutie pie.
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, pineapple tidbits, Rice Krispie bar.
Thursday: Beef lasagna, seasoned green beans, banana half, bread stick.
Friday: O'Cheese sandwich, tossed green salad, ranch dressing, appetizers, caramel dip, Sunkist fruit roll.

MURTAUGH SCHOOLS

Milk served with meals.
Monday: Pizza, salad, pineapple, graham cracker cookies.
Tuesday: Hamburger gravy, pan rolls,

celery sticks, apples.
Wednesday: Chili, crackers, celery sticks, applesauce.
Thursday: Ham slices, au gratin potatoes, bread, pears.
Friday: Chicken burgers, green beans, peaches, pudding.

ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Corn dogs.
Tuesday: Chef salad.
Wednesday: Pizza.
Thursday: Beef stroganoff.
Friday: Taco salad.

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal, orange juice, bagel, milk.
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs and ham, potato wedges, peaches, milk.
Wednesday: Cereal, pears, muffin, milk.
Thursday: Pancakes with syrup, little smokies, apple slices, milk.
Friday: Cereal, mixed fruit, orange rolls, milk.
Lunch: Junior highs have a choice of main line or second line menu. Salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, taco bar and potato bar available on alternate days.

Monday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce and mayonnaise, fresh vegetable dip, diced peaches, cookie; steak tacos, salad bar.

Tuesday: Ham and cheese hot pocket, tater tots, diced pears, fruit juice bar; mexican fiesta, potato bar.

Wednesday: Pizza, seasoned corn, fresh fruit, bread sticks, pizza sauce dip; taco bar.

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed fruit cup, dinner roll; rib-b-cue sandwich, soup and sandwich bar.

Friday: Nachos supreme, refried beans, power gelatin, cinnamon twists; corn dogs, salad bar.

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies everyday.

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538. Attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

National Association of Federal Employees hosts meeting

TWIN FALLS - Chapter 59 of the National Association of Federal Employees will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Mandarin House restaurant at 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Charles Barnes, regional director for U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, will be the featured speaker. Current and retired federal employees are invited to attend, even if they are not members of the association.

For more information, call Russell Rosenau at 733-0969 or 1-800-208-0518.

Magie Valley Singles Square Dance Club holds dance class

JEROME - The Magie Valley Singles Square Dance Club will host a dance class at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Jerome's Church recreation annex at 216 Second Ave. S.

Coordinators are planning a potluck dance with meat provided. Participants are asked to bring a side dish.

For more information, call 734-5689.

CSI EMT program offers CPR, first aid courses this month

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Emergency Medical Technician program offers monthly cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid courses to the public.

The CPR course for January will be taught from 5-9 p.m. Thursday. CSI's EMT instructor Dennis Patterson teaches the non-credit, one-evening course, which is designed to certify or recertify the student in the use of CPR. The cost for the course is \$25.

Patterson also teaches monthly CPR/first aid courses. The next course

College of Southern Idaho sets free Back to School workshop

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is hosting a Back to School workshop from 1-4 p.m. Friday at the Center for New Directions on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.

The workshop is aimed at adults seeking information about services available at CSI, financial-aid resources and college procedures. Participants will also explore the myths that prevent adults from returning to college, coordinators say. People considering full-time or part-time college classes and unsure of where to start and what resources are available are invited to attend. There is no charge for the workshop.

For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or 1-800-620-0274 Ext. 2680.

Park Service holds winter ecology workshops at monument

CAREY - Four winter ecology workshops will be held at Craters of the Moon National Monument at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Feb. 5 and Feb. 12.

The workshops will start with a 45-60 minute classroom session and participants will then spend the next several hours out in the park snowshoeing. Participants will join a park naturalist for a winter hike where they will learn how life copes with winter at the monument and discover that winter is an active time for many of the park animals.

Participants may borrow a pair from the park. People who have never used a pair of snowshoes will learn basic

form and techniques.

Reservations are required and participants must be at least 10-years-old to join the hike. Group size will be limited to 15 people. The hike will vary from easy to moderately strenuous and cover between 3 and 4 miles. Lunch will be eaten on the trail. For more information or to make reservations, call Doug Owen at 527-3257, Ext. 302.

Red Cross provides free disaster preparedness classes

TWIN FALLS - The Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a series of disaster preparedness classes starting Tuesday.

The classes all start at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at 1414 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls. All classes are free.

The courses include: Introduction to Disaster - Tuesday, Mass Care: An Overview - Jan. 25. Shelter Operations - Feb. 1. Shelter Simulation - Feb. 15. Damage Assessment - Feb. 22. Emergency Assistance - Feb. 29, March 7, March 21 and March 28. For more information, call 733-6464.

Fibromyalgia-chronic fatigue seminar set Thursday

TWIN FALLS - A free fibromyalgia-chronic fatigue seminar will be held at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, starting this Thursday in Twin Falls.

Participants will learn the symptoms of and treatment for fibromyalgia-chronic fatigue. Seating is limited and coordinators request attendees make reservations to the seminar. Location of and directions to the site will be given to callers when making reservations.

For more information or to make reservations, call 734-4476.

Guided tours of Box Canyon Preserve set this month

HAGERMAN - The first of monthly guided walking tours of the Earl M. Hardy Box Canyon Springs Preserve will meet at 11 a.m. Jan. 22 at the preserve parking lot.

Guides from The Nature Conservancy and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation will lead the tours, which will take 1-2 hours to complete.

Participants are encouraged to bring water and binoculars. Organizers recommend clothing appropriate for the weather conditions, including sturdy footwear.

Participants are encouraged to reserve a spot by calling the park office or the Nature Conservancy office so organizers can better plan the tour.

To get to the area, take Interstate 84 to Exit 155 in Wendell, go west 3.2 miles to county road 1500 East and turn left, following the signs to Buhl. Follow the 2.5 mile to the signed parking lot.

For more information or reserve a spot, call the Malad Gorge State Park office at 837-4505, or the Nature Conservancy office at 536-6797.

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Many sing wedding bell blues in year 2000

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Marlene Bell's vision of the perfect wedding always went something like this: Saturday ceremony in a white steeple church followed by a sunny reception at a stately winery. But when she and her fiancé tie the knot this October, it will be on Friday the 13th — under a full moon.

Still, Bell and her betrothed consider themselves lucky to have snagged even that wedding date.

Everything else in 2000 was gone," she says. Many newly engaged couples are finding the one shortage to be concerned with this year involves wedding locations and reception sites.

A record number of nuptials are expected to be performed worldwide in 2000, and some industry experts are predicting 150,000 more couples than usual will say their vows in the United States this year. About 2.4 million Americans marry in an average year.

"It's only once every thousand years you get to get married and have three zeroes in your wedding date," says Carley Roney, editor and founder of the Internet bridal portal The Knot. "I think people want to be a part of a moment in history."

Many couples, however, are finding that history is coming at quite a price, as high demand for wedding services has already translated into booked reception locales, skyrocketing vendor fees — and many panicky brides-to-be.

Said of her by one of the ceremony sites report they no longer have availability for any weekend weddings for the rest of the year. Others are already taking reservations for 2001. And still others in the Bay Area and beyond are encouraging wannabe brides and grooms to consider Monday, Tuesday and even Wednesday weddings. And many couples are taking them on up to the top of the mountain.

"It's just lunacy," says Linda

Hylon, director of events at the Kohl Mansion in Burlingame, Calif., where more than 180 wedding receptions will be held this year.

"I don't have a Saturday or Sunday left in 2000. I have very few Fridays. I never had a year like this for sure."

The phenomenon has come as a painful surprise for many couples who fully expected that six months of planning would have been ample time to organize their dream wedding. But popular reception sites began receiving inquiries about the 2000 wedding season back in 1998. Some sold out not long after.

"All our wedding dates that can and could be sold for 2000 have been," says Carol Bravo, wedding services manager at Villa Montalvo in Saratoga, Calif., which has a waiting list of more than a dozen couples. "We turn down 10 people a day."

Even those who started hunting for reception sites months ago say they have had to settle on their first choice of an opening six to eight months ago. Many have had to book their wedding on a day they didn't prefer in a month they originally shunned. And some are crossing their fingers that out-of-town guests will be able to attend their midweek wedding.

"It's been a nightmare, let me tell you," says Michelle Lozada, a sales manager for Lucent Technology who got engaged in November. Consulting a guidebook on the best places to get married in the Bay Area, she found herself calling every single site that could accommodate a wedding of her size. And each one was already booked every Saturday throughout 2000.

Lozada and her fiancé were on five waiting lists before they got a telephone call in late December informing them of an opening at Villa Montalvo. Not only could they get married at the historic mansion, they learned, but they could do so at a prime time — a Saturday night.

"I started to cry," she says. "It was serious fate and luck."

Pick wedding music you like

WASHINGTON (AP) — Your wedding will still be legal, even if Wagner's "Lohengrin" processional or Mendelssohn's "Incidental Music from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'" isn't played.

Have the music you like, advises Denise Gallo, musicologist and music history professor at The Catholic University of America.

Though popular choices for weddings, the Wagner and Mendelssohn pieces sound clichéd and hackneyed, Gallo says. And, she advises, skip "Here Comes the Bride."

"Someone might choose something like that to remain traditional, but some people now choose rock pieces," she says.

Her colleague, Amy Antonelli, assistant dean of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music at the university, recently helped her daughter, Erica, choose music for her wedding. The young couple picked out selections they both loved, she says. The processional was the choral setting "Wachet Auf" ("Sleepers' Wake") from Cantata 140 by Bach, and for the recessional, Scarlatti's Sonata in A. The ceremony also included music from the film, "The

Deerhunter" and the Beatles' "In My Life," sung by one of the guests.

Gallo says that if her son were getting married; she'd suggest Handel, "or some ceremonial music that would be interesting."

An occasional choice is Henry Purcell's trumpet voluntary, usually played with organ accompaniment.

"It's nice and ceremonial sounding," she says. "I guess when you're coming down the aisle you want everyone to look."

ANNIVERSARIES

THE LANCASTERS

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lancaster of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 4 p.m. at 2411 Falls Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Lancaster and Lucille Morgan were married Jan. 18, 1940. The event is being given by their daughter, Chris (Ron) Revels of Twin Falls, and three grandchildren, Shane (Amanda) Revels of Wendell, Reb (Paula) Revels of Lewiston and Michelle



Lucille and Raymond Lancaster Revels of Reno, Nev. The couple has four great-grandchildren.

THE HALFORDS

BURLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Howard Halford of Burley plan a quiet family celebration today for their 70th wedding anniversary.

Halford and Raída Matthews were married Jan. 16, 1930, in Burley. The marriage was solemnized in 1933 in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

He retired from farming and owning a drywall business. She spent her days raising their family and enjoying cooking and crocheting. They were active members of their church.

Their children are Joyce Christensen of Dubois, Harold (Mary Ann) Halford of St. George, Utah, and Shirley Halford Hubbard, Bill Annette Halford, Blaine (Laura) Halford and Jerry Halford, all of Burley.

They have 20 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.



Raída and Howard Halford



Number of middle-aged brides to increase in future

NEW YORK (AP) — The future of marriage looks like this: later wedding vows, later parenthood, and enjoying cooking and crocheting. They were active members of their church.

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than any other age group between 1980 and 1990. Experts predict more one-child families, the magazine says.

• Alternatives to traditional divorce if the marriage doesn't work out continue to be explored. Many states have enacted or are considering initiatives such as covenant marriage or a partial rollback of no-fault divorce statutes to give partners stronger legal protection.

• In 1998, the median age for a first marriage was 25 for women and 27 for men. Ages will continue to rise as more people postpone marrying to establish their careers, the magazine says. This bodes well for marital success because couples will be more mature and better established financially.

• "Marriage education" classes before the ceremony — an effort to ensure solid, lasting unions — will become commonplace.

• Interracial and interfaith marriages will continue to increase. Census figures between 1960 and 1990 show a tenfold rise.

• The birthrate for women between 30 and 34 grew more

WEDDING

CHRISTENSEN-GARRISON

GOODING — Courtney Anne Christensen and Jake Gage Garrison were married Nov. 6, 1999, at the Church of the Nazarene in Gooding.

Officiating was Darrell Muck. Phyllis Lamm was the organist. The bride is the daughter of J.M. and Sandra Christensen of Gooding.

Parents of the bridegroom are David and Karen Butler of Gooding and Ron and Cindy Garrison of Jerome.

Wendy Kirkpatrick, sister of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Jessica Bay, sister-in-law of the bride, was the flower girl. Keishia Madsen, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

Brian Butler, stepbrother of the groom, served as best man. "Rich Bay, brother-in-law of the groom, was the groomsman and usher.

Special guests included niece of the bride, Keishia Madsen, and grandparents of the bridegroom, Caroline Capps of Twin Falls, Betty Schlund of Jerome, Doris Garrison of American Falls, and Alberta and Dwain



Courtney Christensen and Jake Garrison

Butler of Gooding. A reception was held following the ceremony at the American Legion Hall in Gooding.

Serving were Ruth Johnson, aunt of the groom, and Tammy Johnson and Kim Hill, cousins of the groom.

Caitlin McGuire, cousin of the groom, attended the guest-book. Gift attendants were Bob Johnson, John Johnson and Wes McGuire, cousins of the groom.

The bride attended Gooding High School. She is employed at Culligan Water in Boise.

The bridegroom attended Gooding High School. He is employed at Doors and Windows Gallore in Boise.

ENGAGEMENT

JOHNSON-COLEMAN

PAUL — Scott and Sue Johnson of Nampa and Tom and Janelle Owings of Glens Ferry announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Johnson, to Justin Coleman, son of Cliff and Kaylee Anderson of Paul and Ronald Lynn Coleman of Hansen.

Johnson is a 1996 Glens Ferry High School graduate and a Ricks College graduate. She is employed at Micron Technology in Boise.

Coleman graduated from Minico High School in 1996. He is a graduate of Idaho State University in Pocatello. He is employed at Micron Technology in Boise.

The wedding is planned for Jan. 29 in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple



Sara Johnson and Justin Coleman

will be held that evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cherry Lane LDS Church in Boise.

An open house is set from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis in Paul. The newlyweds will reside in Paul.

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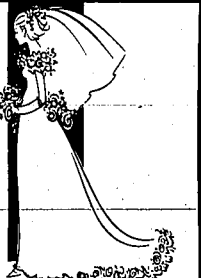
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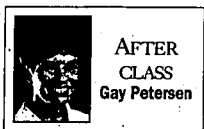
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Everyone should be like this Mike

In my 33 years of teaching, I taught all types of children and, almost without exception, loved them all. My years of teaching were fun, worthwhile and very, very rewarding.



AFTER CLASS Gay Petersen

But of all the students I taught, I only taught one who was blind. When I first was told that I would have a blind student I was very concerned.

I needn't have been concerned at all. Mike was truly an amazing child. He had attended the Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind and so was very proficient in Braille.

Mike had been blind almost from birth, but his family had never treated him as though he was handicapped.

was treated as one of the gang. I could not ask him practically anything I had said during a unit in United States History, and he would tell me almost word for word.

Mike was friendly and outgoing and a pleasure to be around. His memory was amazing. I could not ask him practically anything I had said during a unit in United States History, and he would tell me almost word for word.

And beyond that Mike was very likable. The other students enjoyed his company - he was constantly surrounded by friends. I could never pick up on him either.

turn my way. "How are you today, Mrs. Petersen?" He was fun and interesting and very teachable.

Most people, when asked would tell you that blindness would be one of their worst nightmares.

Could the rest of us who are quote, unquote, "normal" learn something by his example? I certainly think so.

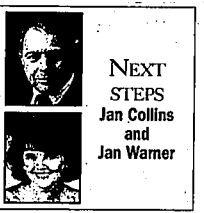
Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@gmagidink.com

Medicaid jeopardizes inheritance

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. After my wife (now 68) was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease three years ago, I cared for her at home until the stress became so intense that I was unable to continue.

Using my wife's 1987 durable power of attorney, I went to our state Medicaid office where I was told that before my wife could qualify for benefits, I had to spend her assets down to \$2,000 and reduce my countable assets to less than the state minimum for community spouses.



NEXT STEPS Jan Collins and Jan Warner

shift my share into my name. I am only 66 years old, in good health, and hope to have a long life. The funds I have left will not allow me to be as independent as I would like.

A. Because the Medicaid qualification process can be very complex, especially when it comes to protecting the community spouse's assets, a consistently urged each family facing this problem to seek out guidance from experienced elder law attorneys.

not follow the advice of the estate lawyer. First of all, by disclaiming her share of the inheritance, your wife will be deemed to be making a transfer of assets without consideration and will be disqualified for a number of months each to \$80,000 divided by the average monthly private pay nursing home rate in your state.

Taking the NextStep: Depending on where you live, there may be other alternatives open to you such as the use of certain actuarially sound annuities, private annuities, or notes. Additionally, depending on how long you and your spouse live, there may be opportunities to use all or part of these funds to benefit you as the community spouse and not disrupt her qualification.

Jan Collins is a writer and editor. Jan Warner is a matrimonial, tax and elder-law attorney. Both are based in Columbia, S.C. Please send your questions to P.O. Box 11704, Columbia, S.C. 29211, or email to janwarner@nextsteps.net

Seniors pursue vigorous activities in 2000 more than ever before

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Kenneth Neagle spends a lot of time at the gym. He swims and does aqua-aerobics, pushing plastic foam weights against the water to build muscle and increase his heart rate.

All this from a 69-year-old who "did everything I could to avoid exercise classes" as a teenager and young man.

Like many older people, Neagle is motivated to work out. "I see people in walkers and wheelchairs and I don't want anything to do with either one," Neagle said. "As I got older, I realized: You use it or you lose it."

No longer are seniors content to walk the malls for exercise. More than ever before, they are

pursuing vigorous activities. In fact, men and women over 50 are working out more than any other age group, according to a recent study by the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association.

They're pumping iron in gyms. They're engaging in competitive team sports, including soccer and softball. They're forming tennis leagues. They're racing around tracks at Senior Games. They're line-dancing at retirement centers. They've even organized a Florida-based senior skating network called the Golden Rollers.

This heightened commitment to sport is a good idea, says the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which suggests that seniors incorporate moderate to vigorous physical activity into their daily lives for significant health benefits.

"What the dance club is to the younger generation, health clubs and fitness groups have become to the 50-plus generation," said

Maria Stefan, executive director of the Sporting Goods group. "They see sports and fitness as a key to good health and a prescription for looking good on the outside and feeling good inside."

Rob Herzog, director of fitness and sports medicine at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Fla., said when it comes to exercise, seniors "can handle a lot more than we may think." Recent studies have shown that strength training such as weightlifting has significant benefits for older people at risk for muscle atrophy due to lack of use.

Neagle, a retired city of Miami employee, has discovered after a year of regular workouts that he can easily lift a heavy home ladder he once could barely budge.

"Seniors are more aware and educated about the benefits of being active," Herzog, a clinical exercise physiologist, said. "We can easily lift a heavy home ladder he once could barely budge."

Crackdown focuses on abuse of the elderly

Knight Ridder News Service

Raymond Brooks was as sure as one could be last Super Bowl Sunday that he would go to bed that night a millionaire.

After all, wasn't he holding the winning sweepstakes ticket mailed to him by his friends at Publishers Clearing House?

Hardly, the company verified his address to make sure the Prize Patrol could find the trim, ranch-style home where Brooks, 84, has lived for the last 17 years in the Kays City area.

He deserved to win. In the past five years he'd spent more than \$19,000 on magazines, dominoes, computer games and dozens of other products stuffed into more than 40 boxes in his basement and garage.

He was so confident, he invited

over his brother to share the moment. So the family gathered at 9 a.m.

"They never did show up," said the former over-the-road truck driver. "That's when you know you're duped."

Brooks is an extreme example of a very common story, said Steve Katz, a Belleville, Ill., lawyer who recently settled a class-action lawsuit against Publishers Clearing House.

"His experience shows the classic deception," Katz said. "He just spent more money than most people."

For their part, the sweepstakes companies note that they have given out millions of dollars in prizes over the years, that their mailings fully explain everyone's chances, and that they emphasize that no one has to buy anything to enter their contests or to have a better chance of winning.

And the companies say the legal actions are hurting them. On Oct. 29, American Family Enterprises filed for bankruptcy protection to help it settle dozens of lawsuits alleging deceptive advertising in its American Family Publishing sweepstakes operations.

In addition, the sweepstakes industry faces a second assault from lawyers, lawmakers and state attorneys who accuse the sweepstakes industry of pushing magazines, jewelry, books and other gifts with deceptive mailings promising quick riches.

The new legal challenges are the industry of using marketing strategies that take advantage of the elderly. Older citizens, say critics, are more apt to trust the hyperbole, such as "You are a winner," and are less able to read and decipher the fine print.

You don't have to give businesses your number

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

Q. There are many businesses that ask for my Social Security number. Isn't against the law to ask for someone's Social Security number? Can I refuse to give it to them?

A. The law generally does not prohibit any use of Social Security numbers by the private sector. Although Social Security can't prevent others from asking for your number, you should know that giving it to them does not give them access to your Social Security records.

Q. A friend of mine said I should apply for Supplemental Security Income because I'm disabled and have little income and

Social Security Q & A

resources. But I do have money set aside for burial expenses. Will this money be counted as a resource?

A. Funds set aside for funeral and burial expenses usually do not count as part of the income and resources in determining a person's eligibility for SSI. To find out more and to apply for benefits, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

Q. My daughter recently died at the age of 43. I lived with her and her 13-year-old son. She paid all the household expenses with the income she earned as an engineer. I am 64 years old and have no income of my own. Can my grandson get Social Security benefits? What about me?

A. You both may be entitled to benefits. Social Security pays survivor benefits to children as well as to dependent parents who

were dependent on their son/daughter for at least half of their support. The dependent parent must be over the age of 62, not remarried and not entitled to a higher Social Security benefit of his/her own. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 as soon as possible to make an appointment to file a claim on your daughter's record.

Q. What identification do you need to get a duplicate Social Security card? A. To get a duplicate card (one with the same name and number), all you usually need is one type of identification and a completed Form SS-5. The identification must be an original or a copy certified by the custodian of record.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

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Women are from Venus, men from ozone

Have you ever wished that your partner came with an instruction booklet? That's the kind of question authors Allan and Barbara Pease are asking - and answering - in their new book, "Why Men Don't Listen and Women Can't Read Maps."

Great title.
A recent news release says the Peases spent three years traveling around the world, "collating the dramatic findings of new research on the brain, investigating evolutionary biology, analyzing psychologists, studying social changes and annoying the locals."

All of this to explain why men really can't do more than one thing at a time - or why women hate parallel parking and can't find North. I guess it's worth the trouble. I know it is if it helps me figure out why my husband seems to have no interest in remembering to pick up bread and eggs, and plenty of interest in eating them.

During the past few years, there has been so much research being conducted on the sex-wiring of the human brain. All of a sudden, everyone seems to have realized that men and women think and act differently.

Most of us suspect it all along. My husband often accuses me of making no sense. Sometimes, I don't make sense on purpose, which actually makes me a lot smarter than my husband may think I am. But if I tried to explain that to him, he wouldn't understand.

It's sort of like that when our daughter, then in first grade, came home from school and announced that a classmate had asked her to be his girlfriend. "What did you say?" I asked. "I said yes," she replied, "but I lied."

I understood her explanation, no questions asked. My husband looked at her as if he didn't have a clue. When he looked over at me, I simply said, "It makes perfect sense to me."

On the other hand, the males around me never make any sense. A case in point: The softball game when my husband slid into third base and slashed open his knee.

I was extremely concerned about this. Our son was playing catch behind the bleachers and missed the whole thing.

"Dad just slid into third and cut his knee open, and he's bleeding all over the place," I yelled to my boy.

"Then there are those days when I wonder if I have lived among the men too long.

One of those days happened last football season, when my son got on a school bus to go play in an out-of-town football game. As I waved good-bye to him, I caught myself saying, "Find somebody to hit."

I have no idea how those words found their way into my mouth, and I'm not even completely sure what they mean.

I think it's a guy thing. Robert Van de Castle, author of "Our Dreaming Mind," has concluded that men and women even dream differently. Men typically have action-oriented dreams in outdoor settings, for example, while women dream of emotional one-on-one struggles with loved ones.

Indoors, I suspect.
As to what about communication techniques? According to Deborah Tannen, a linguistics professor at Georgetown University, talk is the glue that holds relationships together for women. But for men, activities/sports hold relationships together, and talk is used to negotiate one's position in a group.

The danger within all this, of course, is that men and women so frequently misunderstand each other that the misunderstandings sometimes translate into a form of mistreatment.

A couple of years ago, when I was serving on the board of my son's baseball league, the mother of a prospective player called to ask some questions about our sports clinics. "I just wanted to make sure there were some women involved," she said, "because it won't be run right if there aren't."

Maybe new generations of men and women in the new millennium will learn how to understand each other perfectly.

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

The game of the name

Any way you spell it, there are lots of choices among baby names

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

FILER - In the brave new world of naming babies, the Dotsons have one foot in the future and the other planted firmly in tradition.

Their 4-year-old daughter is Billye, a new-age spelling coined to honor her great uncle. Billye's baby brother is Bradley, same as his dad. Formally, he's "the 2nd."

Around the house, he's "Buddy." "We thought a lot about it before we named our kid," said Donna Dotson, 36. "I couldn't be happier with the way they turned out, but there are so many choices."

Enough to make a very pregnant mom's head spin, says Laura Hoyem, a baby names researcher who is days away from giving birth to her own child.

"There are no rules anymore about names," said Hoyem, who is a spokesman for Baby Center.com, a San Francisco-based website targeted at new and expecting moms and dads. "Parents, let's say, creatively spell names all over the place. And they're not the names you grew up with."

In 100 years, 28 different girls' names have been among the three most popular at one time or another, Hoyem said in a telephone interview from her California office. And among the current top 10, fully half - Brianna, Hailey, Ashley, Kaitlyn and Madison - were rare, among girls at least, a generation ago.

Boys' names are more stable, Hoyem said. In 100 years, only 13 different names have appeared among the top three boys' names each year.

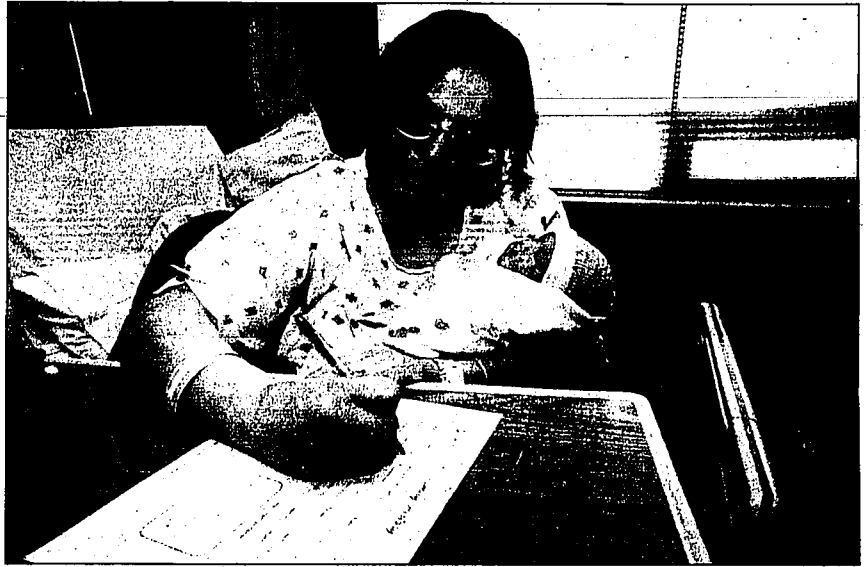
Parents are less likely to take liberties with boys' names," Hoyem said. "They're more concerned with what it will look like on the resume."

But not all parents. Cari Ellis Clark is a Springfield, Va., freelance journalist who with her husband built an Internet site dedicated to Utah names.

Those names are unusual, to be sure - 10 of 100 coined monikers that combine syllables of the mother's and father's names.

And the practice, which has lasted as long as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has existed, is not going away, she said in a telephone interview.

"With the generally larger-than-average family, often saddled with the very ordinary surnames Smith, Johnson or Young, it's not surprising that many Utah parents look for unique given names for their children," said Clark, a Brigham Young University graduate and the mother of three ordinarily named children.



Maria Ayala files out a birth announcement for her daughter, Ruby Esmeralda, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center on Wednesday. Ruby was born Tuesday.

Idaho's favorites

Most popular names of newborns in Idaho, 1998:		13. Brandon	13. Alexis
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2. Austin	2. Madison	Nicholas	16. Abigail
3. Michael	3. Hannah	17. Jordan	17. Rachel
4. Tyler	4. Samantha	18. Hunter	18. Morgan
5. Joshua	5. Ashley	19. De, Cody	19. Brianna
6. Andrew	6. Jessica	Dylan	20. Brooke
7. Matthew	7. Andrew	Kyle	21. Kayla
8. Ryan	8. Ryan	22. James	22. Makayla
9. Zachary	9. Zachary	23. Tie, John	23. Tie, Olivia
10. Nathan	10. Sarah	Christopher	Victoria
11. Ethan	11. Hailey	25. Tie, Joseph	25. Tie, Brittany
12. Samuel	12. Elizabeth	Tanner	Marin

—Source: Center for Vital Statistics and Health Policy, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

"When you throw in the reverence for family and ancestors forwarded by the LDS Church, it seems inevitable that someone would end up with LaEarl, KDell, Arnolene or Harriella," she said.

"Years ago in Italian families, the first son was named after the baby's grandfather on the father's side," said Margaret Rose Holey of Filer, mother of two. "The second son was named after the grandfather on the mother's side. The first daughter was named after the grandmother on the father's side. The second daughter was named after the grandmother on the mother's side. My moth-

er had lots of cousins named Rose and Vinnie on her mother's side of the family and lots of cousins named Marguerite and Viito on her father's side of the family."

"The trend is away from naming babies by the first names of immediate relatives," Hoyem said. "But children still often get a relative as a middle name."

"That may be because new parents are becoming more resistant to often intense pressure from THEIR parents, siblings and in-laws. When Baby Center.com surveyed its readers last year, only 21 percent said they went to their in-kinkles for

Things to consider

• **Sound and compatibility:** How your baby's name sounds when it's said aloud is one of the most essential things to think about. It's melodious. **Example:** Does it flow with your last name, or does it clash? Names work better with shorter last names, and vice versa. Combining a first name that ends in a vowel with a last name that starts with a vowel is usually a mistake - the names tend to run together ("Eva Anderson"). Avoid first names that rhyme with your last name, and resist puns: "Holy Wood" and "Bud Welsler" will be cute for about five minutes.

• **Uniqueness:** An unusual name has the advantage of making the bearer stand out from the crowd. On the other hand, a name no one can pronounce can bring attention a child would rather avoid. One way of striking a balance is to choose a familiar first name if the child's last name is unusual, and vice versa. If your son's last name will be Smith, you might want to consider something more like pizza than Joe for his

first name. But if his last name is **Archibald**, then Joe might be preferable to **Ray Archibald**.

• **Meaning:** No one is likely to treat your daughter rigidly differently because her name means "hero's daughter," but the derivation of your baby's name is something you may want to think about. After all, if little Stockard finds out some day that her name means "from the yard of tree stumps," she may not be pleased.

• **Initials and nicknames:** People, especially kids, can be cruel when it comes to nicknames, so try to anticipate any potentially embarrassing ones. Of course, just because you don't think of something doesn't mean some clever second-grader down the line won't - and he'll probably find it utterly hilarious. But at least you can rule out obvious problems. Also, be aware of what your child's initial spell. Zachary Ian Thomas will more than likely get a lot of teasing; Zachary Edward Thomas probably won't.

—Source: BabyCenter.com (<http://www.babycenter.com>)

advice about naming the baby. And only 3 percent found counsel from that source helpful.

That said, fully 68 percent claimed to have named the child after a parent or family member. "I think it's only natural to

consider names that you like and are familiar with," Hoyem said. "Especially if you're fond of the person whose name you are considering using."

Holley said she named her Please see NAMES, Page E2

Pageant comes to Wood River High Helping parents when they lose ability to drive

HAILEY - The Miss Blaine County Pageant, sponsored by the Miss Idaho Scholarship Program, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at Wood River High School at 1050 Fox Acres Road. The newly formed pageant is open to women between the ages of 17-24, residing in the Wood River Valley, who are unmarried and attending college or who will graduate from high school in 2000. The winner of Miss Blaine County will earn scholarship money for college and compete for the title of Miss Idaho on June 17 in Boise. The deadline for contestants is Jan. 20. For more information, call Lance Elroy, Blaine County director, at 788-3499 or Brenda Tanabe, Miss Idaho executive director, at 853-6721.

TF sponsors ice skating day trips
TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will host ice skating day trips to Sun Valley Resort on Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26, meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Barnes & Noble parking lot at 1239 Pole Line Rd., near the Magic Valley Mall.

Cost is \$55 per person, and includes skate rental, instruction, instruction and ice time on all four Saturdays. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch and warm clothes, including mittens or gloves, and spending money if

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one wants to visit the rink candy store. Instructor Lori Head show participants the basics of ice skating. The bus will leave the Barnes & Noble parking lot at 8:45 a.m., arriving in Sun Valley at 11 a.m. Skaters will return to the Barnes & Noble parking lot at 3 p.m.

Organizers must have 32 participants signed up by Jan. 28 to hold the skating days, and skaters must have registrations in the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28.

For more information, call the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office at 736-2265.

Residents can be in 'Wonderland'
TWIN FALLS - Auditions will be held for the Missoula, Mont., Children's Theater production of "Alice in Wonderland" on Feb. 7 at St. Edwina's Catholic School.

Those who wish to audition for the Feb. 12 performance should arrive at 4 p.m. on the 7th and plan to stay for two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the auditions.

Among the roles to be cast are the

three Alices of varying size, the Mad Hatter, the March Hare, the King of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the Flower Band, Cards and Lobsters. Students in kindergarten through 12th are welcome to audition.

No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant directors also will be cast to aid in rehearsals through the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

Missoula Children's Theater touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and make-up. The MCT Tour actor/directors will do four rehearsals throughout the week from 4:30 p.m.

The production is scheduled for 3 and 7 p.m. on the 12th.

The MCT's work here is sponsored by the Magic Valley Arts Council, Farmers National Bank, Independent Meat and radio station MDX 103.

For further information, call 734-2787.
Every Sunday, To Do for Families lists family oriented events in south-central Idaho. If you'd like your own listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

Helping parents when they lose ability to drive

When a parent starts to lose his vision or his ability to react, it may be time for the grown children to step in and help him accept that he can no longer drive safely.

This can be an especially punishing blow, say authors Grace Lobow and Barbara Kane in their book, "Coping With Your Difficult Older Parent: A Guide for Stressed-Out Children."

To handle it well, they say, the grown child should first empathize with the aging parent's situation. "Recall how you felt when you got your own license," they write. "It was a rite of transition into adulthood. Removing this privilege is traumatic for your father."

Don't yell at him that he has to get off the road, they advise. Talk to him in calm tones, about how his vision isn't what it once was.

If more drastic action is called for, writing your state motor vehicles department may come next. "If the state takes your parent's license away, then they are the bad guys, not you," the authors write.

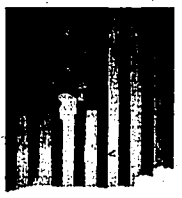
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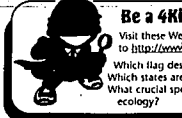
YOUR QUICKEST SHOT TO THE COOLEST SPOTS ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB



STARS AND STRIPES

Take a virtual voyage to Washington, D.C., and feast your eyes on the flag that inspired the national anthem at the Star-Spangled Banner Web site. The original masterpiece, located at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, can now be enjoyed online at <http://americanhistory.si.edu/shb/>. Once there, you'll enjoy the incredible story of the flag, from its place in military battles to Francis Scott Key's famous poem written in 1814. In addition to the rich history of the flag, you'll find stories about the flag's design and its role as a patriotic symbol. Over time, the Star-Spangled Banner has enjoyed many cool looks, incorporating stars, stripes, a pine tree and even a rattlesnake. Be sure you're visiting the original Web site, to determine the true creator of the flag as well as how the flag has been altered over time. You'll also meet the professionals who have worked hard to preserve and restore the flag's condition. Long may it wave!

to try "How Solve The Mystery," and join historians to help determine the true creator of the flag as well as how the flag has been altered over time. You'll also meet the professionals who have worked hard to preserve and restore the flag's condition. Long may it wave!



Be a 4Kids Detective

Use these Web sites to find the answers, then go to <http://www.4kids.org/detective/>!

Which flag design had a rattlesnake on it? Which states are at high risk for tornadoes? What crucial species is food in the Antarctic ecology?

Susan's magic carpet: Ordinary gift takes on a new dimension

"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

By Karen Taylor

Chicken Soup for the Soul

ever permitted to stay over on a school night. The girls did their homework together and went to bed at a reasonable hour. Now, as I sit the evening meal into the oven, I realized it had been nearly three weeks since we'd even heard mention of Susan's name. I missed her warm smiles and eager-to-please ways. A rustle at the front door told me Holly had arrived home from school. "Susan invited me to come over for her homecoming party tomorrow," she announced as she plunked her books down on the kitchen table. Although her voice carried a "so what" attitude, I sensed she was pleased by the invitation. In the spirit of school tomorrow, I shifted my feet and one of our invitations were never returned. "She wants you to come, too, so you can meet her foster mom." The words "foster mom" dangled in the air like a spent birthday balloon. Susan never talked about her home life, and we didn't find it necessary to pry. Arrangements were made, and the girls rode home together on the school bus the following day. As we negotiated the winding country road that led to her house, Susan babbled nervously about her foster mom and the 17 cats she had taken in and cared for with Susan's help. Several of these foster kitties scattered as we pulled into the rutted gravel driveway. A tall, angular woman who wore a shapeliness, tan sweater over navy-blue pants stood in the screened doorway to greet us as we approached the small farmhouse. "Excuse the mess," she apologized, holding the door open while we threaded our way through stuff that seemed to be everywhere. Knowing my reputation for neatness, Holly's eyes darted in my direction to quickly assess my reaction to such chaos. Susan's foster mom waved a hand toward the kitchen counter, which was barely visible through the assortment of cat medicines. "This is my medicine cabinet," she explained.

My heart went out to our daughter. Starting out at a new school during her freshman year had been a difficult adjustment. Until she met Susan, Holly had experienced little success making new friends. The murmured "thanks" was barely audible as Holly tripped valiantly not to allow her disappointment to show. She laid the piece of carpet on the kitchen counter, and the two girls headed outside to play with the family dogs. The extent of Holly's disappointment over the incident did not become evident until the following evening when she came downstairs to say good night. "Well, I guess we know how much my best friend thinks of me, huh, Mom?" Her attempt at a breezy tone failed miserably. Still bewildered by the situation myself, I didn't have much to offer in the way of enlightenment. "I'm so sorry, honey," was all I could manage to say. The next morning, I carried a bulging kitchen sack outside. My heart wrenched as I lifted the lid of the trash can and saw Susan's carpet lying among the other discarded items. Hesitating only a moment, I reached in and plucked it from amid the debris. After giving it a light brushing, I brought it into the house and tucked it away in the hall closet. Overshadowed by the business of daily living, the carpet was soon forgotten. Before Holly's birthday, Susan had been a regular visitor in our house. On several occasions, she rode the bus home with Holly and was one of the few friends

four-legged fur balls roaming underfoot and crawling under the backs of the dingy sofa and chairs. She proudly showed us her room, which was sparsely but neatly decorated with used furnishings. A tarnished picture frame sat atop a bed. On the bed contained pictures of Susan's parents and siblings from whom, we later learned, she had long since been separated. As the girls flopped down on the grayish-white bedspread to compare notes about the school day, I followed Susan's foster mom—who introduced herself as Glenda—into the kitchen. After clearing a small area, Glenda placed a couple of empty plates on the table. Her hand trembled slightly as she poured us each a cup of steaming black coffee. The tightness of her features began to relax as we sipped our coffee and chatted about her cats. A warm glow shone in her eyes when she revealed to me her fondness for Susan. But her expression turned pensive when she referred briefly to the girl's past. In a short time, I came to respect this generous-hearted woman who had opened her home to a young girl and attempted to make a difference in her life. As daylight began to fade, we offered our thanks for the visit and said goodbye. Holly sat quietly in the car on the way home. Sealing a glance, I noticed her back was ramrod-straight. Her head and shoulders were tilted forward, as if she were willing the car to move faster. No sooner had we come to a stop in the driveway than she flung open the car door and walked purposefully toward the side gate. Curious, I shifted into park and followed. A lump caught in my throat as I observed my daughter standing next to the trash can and peering inside. Her shoulders slumped as she replaced the lid and shuffled into the house. After pulling the car into the garage, I went inside and headed for the hall closet. By this time, Holly was sitting at the kitchen table staring out the window. "Thanks, Mom." A tear or two slipped from her eye and splashed onto the dark-blue remnant that, as if by magic, had become the most precious birthday present in the world whole.

To submit a story for future publication, send it to P.O. Box 30880-K, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93130.



ICY JOURNEY

Pull on a parka, a pair of rubber boots and a spirit of adventure. It's time for a cyber voyage to Antarctica! OK, it's not the kind of trip with sunny beaches and amusement parks, but it's an amazingly fun adventure you won't forget. You'll soon understand why people have been magnetically drawn to the South Pole. Mail your gear to <http://www.earthnet.com/antarctica/>. Mail your ship in Argentina and let the journey begin. Your shipmates are friendly and helpful, and you make the daily voyages through the rough seas and into the eye of the storm. Try to prey some whales along the way, too. Learn about old-time explorers in the great race to find the South Pole, and discover why Antarctica is so important for keeping track of the Earth's environment today. (And find out why you must wear rubber boots to go to Antarctica.) Get a hearty but wonderful journey and you'll join in the celebration when you finally get to greet with hundreds of penguins to share your



FORCES OF NATURE

From forest fires to floods, it's important to be prepared for any force of nature. At the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Web site for kids, you'll get the lowdown on hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes and other devastating storms. Bring your survival gear to <http://www.fema.gov/kids/>. At the Disaster Area, you'll witness erupting volcanoes and harsh blizzards. Or catch a 100-foot wave from a tsunami. Learn what not to do when lightning starts touching down in your neighborhood. Join up with Julia and Robbie, the Disaster Twins, as they make their escape from a scary hurricane. You'll learn how to deal with any disaster, as well as how to keep your pets safe. You won't want to escape from this site, but be warned: Danger this way lies.

Anyone can learn how to program Web pages

Some people use those five-minute page builders to make their web pages, and some use HTML. If you choose to use HTML, first you have to learn it. At Lissa Explains It All, Lissa explains everything from how to change the background color to how to disable the right click so that people can not steal your images. Lissa is a kid, so it is easy to understand exactly what to do and where to put things. She makes it so simple it's hard to believe!

Learning HTML was never easier. If you work hard, you will understand basic HTML very quickly! This site is the easiest site that I've ever seen for HTML, and I hope you will agree.



AskAmy@4Kids.org

Dear Amy: Are DVDs better than CDs? —Jason, San Diego

Dear Jason: Both DVDs and CDs are storage devices for data that can be read by your computer. CDs were initially designed primarily to hold music, about 650 megabytes worth. DVD discs look much like CDs, but they hold much more data than CDs. DVD technology makes it possible to store complete movies on a disc, about 4-7 gigabytes of data per side. Neither one is better than the other. They are used for different things. To learn more about storage discs, visit our "How Compact Discs (CDs) Work" at <http://buzz2.uconn.edu/infocenter/howcds.htm>. There is a short comparison between CDs and DVDs at the end of the article.

Dear Amy: Can I get telephone calls through my computer? —Jocelyn, Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Jocelyn: Most new computers have pre-installed software that makes it easy to talk on the phone through your computer. If you want to talk over the Internet, you will need to learn about Internet telephony. Call on The Virtual Voice FAQ at <http://www.vvfaq.com/AQ5/index.html> to learn more about this exciting and fun form of communication.

Send your questions about the WWW to: Ask Amy, 3001 Dole, Lawrence, KS 66645 or AskAmy@4Kids.org

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KIDS ONLINE
Nicole Ridgeway

This week's site

Every week, Kids Online looks at a new website for parents. This week's site is Lissa Explains It All. <http://www.lissaplains.com>

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Fewer after-school events can help ease family stress

I asked a recent audience, some 450 strong, "I can virtually guarantee that by making one simple decision, you can reduce parenting stress by more than half, create a more relaxed, harmonious family environment, and provide your children with more carefree childhoods. Raise your hand if that sounds like good news to you."

At which point, nearly everyone raised a hand. I said, "Great! All you have to do is take your children out of all after-school activities—sports, music, gymnastics, martial arts, and so on. Do I have any takers?"

None raised a hand. There was total silence, in fact, as 450 pairs of eyes just stared at me. "I've yet to hear a good counter-argument to my proposal. One response is that children like some, if not all, of these activities. So what? The needs of the family unit are more important than what children do for fun."

The family would benefit greatly, everyone agrees, from parents who are relaxed instead of in almost constant "hurry up, we gotta go" mode.

PARENTING
John Rosemond

40, there's little doubt he'll be as successful in whatever path he has chosen as he would have been if he walked the path you, with your good intentions, chose for him.

Here's another guarantee: The more relaxed the family unit, the fewer discipline problems you'll have to deal with.

Furthermore, the less stress you're under, the more relaxed will be your approach to discipline. So, by taking your children out of after-school activities, you'll have better behaved children. With more discretionary time, they'll be better able to focus on homework and need less "help" (a.k.a. enabling) from you.

They'll even have time for chores. Oh, happy day, children who are actually earning their keep and acquiring a solid service ethic at the same time!

One more guarantee: Less focus on children, combined with a generally more relaxed family atmosphere and fortunately more relaxed parents, translates to a stronger marriage. No reasonable person would argue that relaxed lends itself to better communication and intimacy.

So, how about it? If you don't give up all after-school activities, then how about limiting them to one per year? What a wonderful world it would be if the typical American family's No. 1 after-school pastime was "Let's just relax and enjoy our happy home."

Just relax. What a concept.

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Lawman: Make sure address is noticeable

DEAR ABBY: Please publish the following plea. It may well save lives. As a deputy sheriff in a small county, I am called to the home of a citizen in a remote area at least once each day. Very often, I have a difficult time finding the right house because there is no address on the mailbox, or if there is an address, it's only on the side from which the mail delivery comes.

Emergency vehicles will come in from the closest direction. If there is an address, and it's on the side opposite our approach, we can't see it until we pass it—and then we must take our eyes off the road to read it. If it's the one we're looking for, we must then find a safe place to turn around, causing further delay in our arrival.

On behalf of all peace officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel across the nation, I make the following suggestions:

1. Place your address in large numbers in a contrasting color on both sides of your mailbox.
2. Place your address on the house in such a manner as to be easily readable in all light and weather conditions. This is even more important when there are several homes close together.
3. If at all possible, please have someone at the door or in the yard to guide us in.

I read the 911 operator's brief description of the house.

Remember, we're trained, equipped and eager to do the best emergency service, but we can't do a blessed thing until we find you.



DEAR ABBY: Albigail VanBuren

—**PETER N. SPAGNOLO, DEPUTY SHERIFF, PAYETTE COUNTY, IDAHO**

DEAR DEPUTY SPAGNOLO: Those are excellent suggestions, and I hope they'll be taken to heart. They may prevent a tragedy. Your plea is one I hear, at least once a year from emergency personnel across Idaho. Readers, please take a moment to see whether your address can be easily read from the street. And if it can't—make it a priority to remedy the problem.

DEAR ABBY: I am a veteran of World War II. I have a bumper sticker on my vehicle announcing a past reunion-of-my-Army-unit. Recently, while shopping, I was approached by an employee of the firm in which I was asked me, "Did you serve, sir?" I replied that I had, indeed, served in WWII. The young man then said, "I would like to thank you, sir, for what you did for our country."

I was stunned. In 55 years, this is the first time I have ever been thanked by a fellow American.

I lost three friends at Normandy, one of whom died at my side. When I look back at the fulfilling life that I have enjoyed in this country that I love, I regard with lasting sorrow the memory of those friends who were denied that opportunity.

The considerate words uttered by that young man meant more to me than I could ever convey to him. In some manner, the pain of remembrance has been made less painful by his kindness.

I returned to visit that young man and you, him, was awarded a medic's badge as a token of my gratitude.

—**OSCAR ORTIZ, SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR OSCAR: Because you chose to write this letter, countless veterans will be able to read that young man's words. Memories fade, but the printed word often outlives the writer. Thank you for sharing that rewarding encounter.

Names

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daughter after a great-grandmother, and gave her son her granddad's name as his middle name.

But it's still complicated. "Catholics try to include a saint's name when naming a baby," she added.

My daughter has a name picked out for her child, but she isn't saying what it is. "Except that I love it," she added.

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Spell that, will you?

Selected unique names and spellings of babies born in Idaho, 1998

BOYS	GIRLS
Ayrick	Acbdo
Baklym	Alieg
Belton	Aleesawilla
Broox	Amazize
Coourage	Bystle
Crash	Chrysler
Cronus	Dawnstasia
Dajj	Dawn
Gylsln	Fantasy
Jentz	Ferxx
Juvenal	Graceful
Nashua	Iccadawn

Numbus	Kassia
Permet	Kayla
Quobert	Kooch
Sevent	Kolony
Reef	Miqueyena
Rem	Marquydes
Seaginn	Maure
Sevett	Of Melodi:
Trow	Sunniva
Washington	Theorie
Zae	Uniqua
Zanth	Xyo

—Source: Center for Vital Statistics and Health Policy, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

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

Experts: Americans act on instinct most

The Dallas Morning News

Pop quiz: Who did more to influence sex in the 20th century: Sigmund Freud or Henry Ford?

Every red-blooded American should know the answer to that one. The automobile, made readily accessible by Ford's assembly line, allowed young men and women to go on dates beyond the front porch, greatly improving opportunities for clandestine amorous activity.

Clearly the car did more to liberate the libido than any psycho-logical theory.

"The automobile allowed you to leave town" for romantic picnics or roadside assignations, says James R. Petersen in his intriguing book, "The Century of Sex, Playboy's History of the Sexual Revolution, 1900-1999."

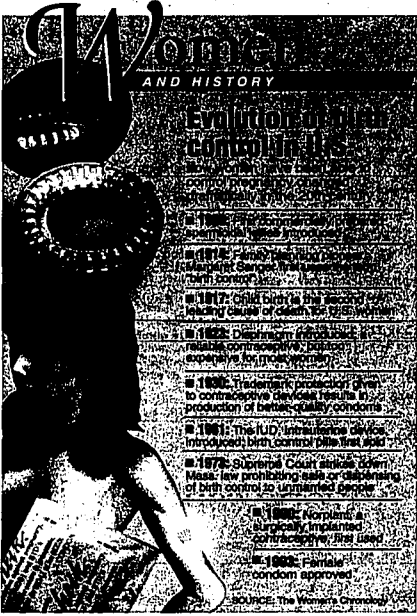
Playboy founder Hugh Hefner, who wrote the Foreword, says the sexual revolution in the United States began long before the first edition of Playboy was published in November 1959.

"Many of the issues we debate today - sexual expression, sex education, birth control, abortion, disease, law - were first framed at the turn of the century," Hefner writes.

Not surprising, Hefner and Petersen firmly believe that sex has been the primary motivating factor of the 20th century. Certainly, they make a strong case for their view.

The century began and ended with the United States embroiled in public battles over sex. In the early 1900s, there was Anthony Comstock, the powerful social censor, pushing through the Comstock Act, which banned obscene materials from the mails. Then there was Kenneth Starr, the special prosecutor who investigated the affair between President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, which ended in the president's impeachment and his acquittal by the Senate in February.

In between, the country



seemed to come of age sexually with all the hormonal turbulence of a teen-ager going through puberty. There were explosions of sexual energy such as during the Jazz Age of the 1920s or the free-love era of the Sixties. And there were moral convulsions, from the white-slave hysteria of 1910 to the communist and homosexual witch hunts of the 1950s.

public regarding sex.

A senior editor at Playboy and former Playboy adviser, Petersen discovered that writing the book offered a rare chance to "time-travel to parts of the century you didn't get to in high school and college. Every decade I had a major moment of discovery or fell in love with someone in every decade," he says from his office in Chicago.

He populates his history with clearly-defined heroes, who are pro-sex, and villains, who censor and repress and who are mostly painted as hypocrites who do not practice what they preach.

For every Anthony Comstock, there is an Ida Craddock, one of the country's earliest sex advisers. Craddock wrote explicit sex manuals for women at the turn of the century, including the popular "Step-by-step instructions for couples seeking mutual satisfaction in bed."

In 1902, Comstock had Craddock arrested for sending "Victims' rights" through the mail. After a jury found her guilty and before her sentencing, Craddock put her head in an oven and committed suicide, but before writing a note asking the American people to investigate Comstock's trampling on her "right to freedom of religion and to freedom of the press."

Comstock also battled with another sex pioneer, Margaret Sanger, over pamphlets she wrote offering advice to women about sex and birth control. Eventually, Sanger opened America's first birth-control clinic in 1916. It was closed 10 days later when the vice squad arrived and arrested her. Found guilty, she got a 30-day sentence in the workhouse.

Petersen says he was amazed by the amount of sexual activity in the country during the first three decades of the 20th century. "Basically everyone born before 1900 was virgin at marriage. And everyone after was not."

'Family-friendly' workplace can be unfair, workers say

Charlotte, N.C. - Candy Lake doesn't want kids.

She'd like people to respect that, but sometimes feels like an oddity in a world that puts a premium on parenthood.

Lake, a legal assistant at a Charlotte law firm, sees "reproductive discrimination" in insurance costs, taxes and office workload issues.

"I think a lot of people feel like this, but don't think they have a voice because they feel outnumbered," she said.

Nurse Carol Pfahf has a husband, two small kids, and a career she doesn't want to give up. It bothers her when people without kids complain about the "special treatment" parents get.

Today's parents who are raising tomorrow's doctors, nurses and world leaders, she says.

"It's not that parents should have all the rights, just that kids should," Pfahf said.

The two, like many other Americans, have vastly different takes on President Clinton's recent proposal to use state unemployment money to guarantee new parents up to 12 weeks of paid leave after the birth of a child.

Pfahf says helping parents spend more time with their babies would build stronger families; Lake says it would be unfair to people who don't have kids.

"You're probably hearing some form of this debate among your colleagues, neighbors or friends."

In some offices, it takes on a racial cast toward the guy who races out early for a daughter's school play, when a childless

co-worker feels she doesn't have the same option. Some parents, so worried they'll be perceived as less effective at work or not available enough at home, stretch themselves into a state of exhaustion, guilt and burnout.

During the past decade, family-friendly policies that centered on child care left some childless workers feeling slighted, many companies expanded benefits to address aging parents, sick partners and other outside-the-office concerns.

The Clinton proposal has pushed work-family arguments to a new and controversial level.

Plan supporters say it would give parents who don't have paid maternity or paternal leave a chance to bond during crucial stages in a baby's life. Critics include business leaders who say it would put them into a crunch; and other workers who say it's unfair to people without kids.

"Having children is a choice; why should my company or my government support that choice?"

- Andrew Hansen, marketing manager

without kids.

"Having children is a choice; why should my company or my government support that choice?"

He said "moderately" growing anger among childless workers. He points to the Internet, where dozens of Web sites invite the "child-free" to mingle, share ideas or vent about how children seem to have taken over the world.

In a 1997 national study by the Families and Work Institute, 40 percent of people polled said they'd feel resentment if companies offered benefits that don't help them.

'Hurricane' is too adult for the kids

The Orange County Register

"The Hurricane" - Twin Cinema, Magic Lantern of... Best for: Mature teens to adults. What it's about: In 1966, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter (Denzel Washington) was a gifted middleweight boxer with the potential to become a star. One day he was arrested for the murders of three people in a New Jersey bar. Even though he and the friend he had with passed lie detector tests, both were convicted and sentenced to life in prison. While in prison, Carter writes a book about his experience and it winds up in the hands of Lesra Martin (Vicellous Reon Shannon), a troubled African black youth living with Canadian guardians. Moved by Carter's claim of innocence, he enlists the help of his activist guardians and friends (John Hannah, Deborah Unger, Liv Schreiber) and together they launch a campaign to free Carter. Dan Hedaya also stars.

The good: Washington delivers a performance that inspires and shows that man can overcome even the bleakest of situations. The mature theme of how imprisonment can defeat a man and kill his spirit is poignantly brought to the screen with a strong cast and a compelling true story. The corrupt frame-up and cover-up in Hedaya's character lays the foundation of hate that Hurricane has to battle, but it's the understandable hate that is overcome with an inspiring love that makes this story so special.

The not-so-good: Language, a murder scene involving three deaths and adult issues (giving up a marriage, isolation, a man's broken spirit) connected with being in prison for 15 years.

Offensive language: Yes.

Sex: No sexual situations.

Violence: Intense fight scenes and a murder scene.

Parental advisory: The story line is too adult for children.

Entertainment value: B.

"Man on the Moon" (R) - Reel Theater of Twin Falls.

Family flicks.

Best for: Mature teens and adults.

What it's about: Jim Carrey plays the late comedian Andy Kaufman, who rose to fame on "Taxi" and "Saturday Night Live." On his way up the ladder of success, Andy hires an agent (Danny DeVito), creates controversy with his partner (Paul Giamatti) and falls in love (Courteney Love).

The good: Carrey does a superb job of re-creating Kaufman. Not only does he allow us to see the professionally-complicated side of Kaufman's personality, but the personally confused and lonely side as well.

The not-so-good: This is an adult comedy about a very complicated man who was either a genius, partly insane or both. There are scenes of nudity, an implied sexual situation and adult issues (hurting people with his comedy, his destructively behavior) that make this a serious story for people who want to remember (or be introduced to) the unusual comedian-performer.

Offensive language: Plenty, along with crude dialogue and pranks.

Sex: A suggested sexual situation with his live-in girlfriend; there's also partial nudity with two prostitutes that Andy frolics with.

Violence: Andy becomes a wrestler of sorts who challenges women to fight him and ultimately gets beaten by a professional matador.

Parental advisory: The adult issues and scenes make this a movie your older, more mature teens will appreciate. Younger kids who go to see the lighter, fun comedy, his destructively behavior) that make this a serious story for people who want to remember (or be introduced to) the unusual comedian-performer.

Offensive language: Plenty of it.

Sex: One scene shows a boyfriend on top of Ryder, but both are partly clothed.

Violence: A girl hangs herself after being ridiculed by another; drug use and scenes of girls strung out on drugs and trying to come out of it.

Parental advisory: Parents, this is not a movie for young teens or kids. The pace is slow, and the advertisement makes the movie look better than it is.

Entertainment value: C.

"Girl, Interrupted" - Reel Theater of Twin Falls, Ski Time Cinema of Ketchum.

Best for: 20- to 30-year-olds who enjoy Winona Ryder.

What it's about: Based on a true story about a girl who tries to kill herself and ends up in a mental institution with other troubled women. Ryder plays the mixed-up girl whose life is interrupted by her stint in a mental institution and Angelina Jolie plays a fellow inmate who befriends her. Clea DuVall, Brittany Murphy, Elisabeth Moss, Jared Leto, Jeffrey Tambor, Vanessa Redgrave and Whoopi Goldberg give their talented support.

The good: This is not a happy, upbeat or triumphant story. It's a sad commentary on what life was like for many who took drugs, were depressed and wasted their lives in the '60s. There are a couple of touching scenes between the patients who become friends and comrades in the institution, but these are rare. Jolie delivers the strongest performance.

The not-so-good: As much as Ryder tries, she just keeps playing her depressing self in most of her scenes. She has a limited range and here relies on other characters and events to create memorable scenes. Aside from language, there's drug use, issues about insanity, a hanging suicide and an abundance of emotional issues. This is a depressing story that supposedly has a happy ending, but the journey there is so painful and depressing you feel like you've spent time in an institution.

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Despite what the signs say, Spanish is slowly vanishing from America

The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. - Across from the Ronald Reagan Federal Building in Santa Ana is a sign that reads, "Seguros de autos y registracion de vehiculos."

This is next door to the Broadway Cafe, which advertises its salon parquets. Around the corner stands the Cristal Beauty Salon, which offers either a haircut or a corte de pelo, and a travel agency named Viajes a Mexico or California Travel, depending on the sign.

Here, on Fourth Street, a block from the county government offices, it seems like the writing is literally on the wall. In restaurants, shops, parking garages and banks, the signs say, "Hablamos Espanol." What some cheer and others fear appears inevitable: a bilingual society.

It is a miracle, Spanish, as astounding as it sounds, is slowly dying in the United States.

Gregory Rodriguez, a linguist who ignores the enormous power of American culture," says Gregory Rodriguez, a fellow at the New America Foundation, a nonpartisan public-policy group in Washington, D.C. "Spanish has no chance."

Rodriguez's recent report on assimilation for the National Immigration Forum found that immigrants today actually learn

English faster than previous generations. "At the turn of the century," he writes, "an estimated 25 percent of the immigrant population could not speak English. In 1990, only 8 percent of all immigrants over the age of 5 could not speak English at all."

Even on Fourth Street, there is evidence of language erosion, principal investigator for the Internet cafe, owner Jorge Martinez speaks English and Spanish to his customers. And though he considers being bilingual an economic asset, convincing young people to retain Spanish is difficult, he says.

"I have friends whose children don't speak Spanish even though they do," he says. "They don't care too much about it."

Ruben G. Rumbaut, a professor of sociology at Michigan State University, has deemed the United States "a language graveyard," in which no amount of native-language media or advertising can rescue Spanish.

"The prospects of fluent bilingualism for the third and fourth generations are slim to none for the most part," says Rumbaut, principal investigator for the Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Study, a report on second-generation immigrants in San Diego and other areas.

The explosion of Spanish-language newspapers, advertising

and services in Southern California is a limited phenomenon, tied more to continued immigration rather than a Quixotic schism, Rodriguez says.

There is a movement among activists and immigrant parents to keep Spanish alive, as a tool in the global economy and a facet of cultural identity. In addition, no amount of Spanish-language billboards or bilingual ATMs will elevate Spanish from the pantheon of tongues absorbed by America.

"No doubt at all, Spanish has more of a fighting chance than others to persist as a second language," Rodriguez says. "But it will lose."

Language absorption usually follows a granddaddy pattern in the United States, says Bonita Jaros, a professor of English as a second language at Santa Ana College.

Immigrant parents speak mainly the native tongue, as a bridge between their mother country and their children. The child, the second generation, usually speaks the native language fluently while learning English in school and on the streets. They may pass snippets of the immigrant language to their children, but "often, by the third generation, they just lose it," Jaros says.

which finds them needing more time to feel comfortable and confident in a variety of social situations, such as business meetings and networking events. A common strategy is for them to arrive late to that mix-and-mingle gathering in hopes of feeling less noticed. In fact, they are better off arriving early, he says, to develop ease with surroundings and mix with people one-on-one as they arrive before they get drawn into harder-to-perpetrate groups.

You'll also want to recognize the power of self-consciousness. That's when you obsess over you and your performance or lack of it. Have you ever told yourself in a business meeting: "Everyone is noticing that I'm not speaking up." Or "They would think my idea is dumb, anyway." If so, you're exhibiting the common neurotic, self-conscious, excessively high standards, says Carducci.

become a Jim Carrey or Rosie O'Donnell, you can learn to be a successful shy. You can control your fears, instead of your shyness controlling you.

"It's a matter of self-understanding," he says, "and expanding alternatives within your comfort zone."

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Next, cultivate "self-awareness." That means understanding the nature of your shyness, so you can learn to do it better. Look for options for it. Most of the people he's worked with exhibit the "slow to warm up tendency,"

Study: Almost everyone is driven to distraction

The Washington Post

You're probably not reading this while driving, but a new study suggests that if you're like most people you occasionally engage in potentially dangerous, distracting behavior while behind the wheel.

A survey conducted by Response Insurance, a direct-to-con-

sumer auto insurance company, found that 76 percent of all motorists have engaged in such activities while driving in the past six months.

Some of the leading distractions reported by respondents were:

- Turning head to speak with a passenger, 56 percent.
- Spilling hot coffee on self, 26 percent.
- Tapping ashtray from a lit cigarette or cigar, 22 percent.
- Combining or brushing hair, 17 percent.
- Nose picking, 17 percent.
- Arguing with a passenger, 16 percent.
- Putting on makeup, 10 percent.
- Putting in eye drops or contact lenses, 3 percent.

COMMUNITY

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Serving the Twin Falls area

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Family throws area resident surprise party for 85th birthday

Clarissa "Dutch" Stanford of Twin Falls and former of Carey was surprised Jan. 8 by her daughter, Colleen Beutler and 22 relatives and friends from the Wood River and Magic Valleys with a surprise party for her 85th birthday at her residence at the Twin Falls Care Center.

The center provided chili, corn bread, salads and drinks for guests. Beutler and family presented Stanford with a birthday cake and ice cream.

Attending from the Twin Falls area were Vickie and Ted Gill; Bill, Delta, Mel, Joy and Sheryl Worthington; Butch, Mildred, Tony and Sarah Cahala; Tracy, Jean, Dustin and Brock Beutler; Jodi Kinny; and Ray and Wanda Kirkland. Milan and Arlene Fife and Ken and Ashley Worthington, all from the Silver Creek area, also attended the party.

Area residents earn spots on Jamestown College honor roll

Brandy Gines of Filer and Anthony Amoroso of Twin Falls were named to the 1999 fall semester honor roll at Jamestown College in Jamestown, N.D.

Students must maintain at least a 3.50 grade point average to be named to the honor roll.

Jamestown College is a four-year independent, liberal arts and science college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

Twin Falls boy receives Eagle Scout honors with willow project

Coleman Spaulding, son of Jim and Annette Spaulding of Twin Falls, received Eagle Scout honor Sept. 30 at the LDS Church at 229 Park Ave. in Twin Falls.

Spaulding and a group of fellow Boy Scouts cut 200 to 300 willows from the banks of the Snake River in Hagerman and soaked the willows until they sprouted roots. He then planted the willows on an island that the Nature Conservancy is restoring to its natural habitat, his family says.

A class at Wendell Middle School assisted Spaulding in planting the willows.

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Twin Falls resident is named 'President of the Year' honors

Niki Stover, daughter of Paul and Kathy Stover of Twin Falls, has been named President of the Year for the Intercontinental Affiliate of College and University Students at the University of New Mexico.

Students at colleges and universities in Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Alberta, Canada, were eligible for the competi-

tion. Stover was chosen President of the Year based on her local, regional and national involvement, service, leadership, recognition attained, academics and making a difference in the residence halls and the University of Utah campus, her family says.

Stover is a senior at the University of Utah and was president of the University of Utah National Residence Hall Honorary.

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Twin Falls resident takes place to Linn-Benton honor roll

Eva E. Larsen of Twin Falls was named to the Linn-Benton Community College fall-1999 term honor roll.

Students were required to maintain a grade point average of 3.50 or better and carry 12 or more graded credits for the term to make the honor roll. Linn-Benton Community College is located in Albany, Ore.

Walt Disney World awards student degree through college program

Liza Pulsipher of Twin Falls will receive a commemorative degree as a graduate from the Walt Disney World College program.

The College of Southern Idaho student is one of more than 7,000 students from more than 600 colleges and universities throughout the United States participating in the program. The program calls itself an educational, work and interpersonal relationship program designed to increase practical knowledge of the entertainment and hospitality industry. Students must receive academic credit or recognition from their respective school to be considered and must be enrolled full-time and be in good academic standing.

The program includes business seminars focusing on the Walt Disney Company's history, philosophy, culture and management. Students also select from specialized curricula that offer insight about resorts, theme parks, human resources and Disney management.

The "earning experience" places students in positions at the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, Disney-MGM Studios Theme Park, Disney's Animal Kingdom and other Walt Disney World resort areas. Students are cast members in a variety of positions including the following: attractions host/hostess, culinary assistant, custodial host/hostess, food and beverage host/hostess, hospitality host/hostess and housekeeping host/hostess.

Lutheran Church receives donation from 'Brotherhood'

Trinity Lutheran Church in Eden received a \$450 donation from Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society, through the Society's Congregational Matching Funds Program.

Lutheran Brotherhood matched the amount that the Eden congregation raised through a coffee and information hour on Nov. 27. Trinity Lutheran Church says it will use the donation and the money the congregation raised to support church worker scholarships.

Men's club holds fund-raiser

CASTLEFORD - The Castleford Men's Club will hold its 27th annual fund-raising auction on Jan. 29 in Castleford.

The annual auction is the Castleford Men's Club's only fund-raising event to support youth and community activities, coordinators say.

The club sponsors the Castleford Quick Response Unit, awards scholarships to Castleford graduates through the Dollars for Scholars program, funds youth sports programs and financially supports many additional school and community projects, organizers say.

Since 1996, the Castleford Men's Club has funded developments in the new Jean Kinyon Recreation Park in Castleford, members say.

The auction benefits from the support of area businesses and individuals who donate good usable merchandise or services, the clubs say.

For more information, call Jon Wells at 537-6958, Lisa Knutz at 537-6678, Mike Barron at 537-6675, or Andy Holdreed at 537-6712.

SCHOOL LUNCH

All schools serve milk with meals.

BUILH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Breakfast: Cereal, Graham crackers.
Lunch: Pancakes, maple syrup.
Monday: Cereal and gravy.
Tuesday: Pancake, sausage on a stick.
Wednesday: Little smokies, hash browns.
Thursday: Chicken sandwich, spaghetti, fruit, french fries, cookie, fruit.
Friday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll.
Saturday: Hot dogs, ketchup, mustard, french fries, fresh fruit.
Sunday: Spaghetti, meat sauce, green salad, ranch dressing, french bread, cherry dessert.
Monday: Little smokies, rater tots, oranges, muffin.

VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast: served every day.
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce and pickles, french fries, cookie, fruit.
Tuesday: Chicken and noodles, peas, carrot sticks, hot roll, pineapple.
Wednesday: Waffle, strawberries, topping, hash brown potatoes, sausage, rice crispie treat.
Thursday: Nachos, meat and cheese, salsa, peas, maple bar.
Friday: Chicken noodle soup, deli sandwich, macaroni salad, peas, carrot cake.

CASTLEFORD

Breakfast: Milk served every day.
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Blueberry muffins.
Wednesday: Scones.
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls.
Friday: Sausage muffin.
Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day.
Monday: Cheeseburgers.
Tuesday: Baked potato bar.
Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich.
Thursday: Pizza.
Friday: Chicken nuggets.

FILER

Monday: Burritos.
Tuesday: Deli ham and cheese sandwiches.
Wednesday: Pizza.
Thursday: Turkey gravy.
Friday: Idaho hay stacks.

HANSEN

Breakfast: Milk served every day.
Monday: English muffins, fruit, juice.
Tuesday: Cheesy buns, fruit, juice.
Wednesday: Cream of wheat, toast, juice.
Thursday: Yogurt, toast, juice.

MURTAUGH SCHOOLS

Monday: Pizza, salad, pineapple, graham cracker cookies.
Tuesday: Hamburger gravy, pan rolls,

celery sticks, apples.
Wednesday: Chili, crackers, celery sticks, applesauce.
Thursday: Ham slices, au gratin potatoes, bread, peas.
Friday: Chicken burgers, green beans, peaches, pudding.

Monday: Long johns, cereal, juice.
Lunch
Monday: Pizza, green salad, fruit.
Tuesday: Cheeseburgers, french fries, fruit.
Wednesday: Fish burger, corn, fruit.
Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich, mixed vegetables, fruit.
Friday: Burritos, potato wedges, fruit.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Lunch: choice of white or chocolate milk each day.
Monday: Corn dogs, french fries, cat-soup, mustard, spiced applesauce, muffin.
Tuesday: Sliced ham, baked potato, ranch dressing, roll, jelly, pineapple.
Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, assorted dressings, garlic sticks, peaches.
Thursday: Build your own sandwich, half apple, banana cookie.
Friday: Hamburger nachos, green salad, assorted dressings, cinnamon bread sticks, pears.

KIMBERLY SCHOOLS

Elementary school will be served main line each school day. Grade 5 will be offered salad bar on Tuesdays and grade 6 will be offered salad bar on Thursdays. Middle school and high school will be offered a choice of main line menu or chef salad each school day.
Lunch: Milk served every day.
Monday: Nachos, salsa, bread stick, peaches.
Tuesday: Chili dog, potato patty, vegetable sticks, pears.
Wednesday: Potato soup, deli sandwich, pickle spear, half orange.
Thursday: Elementary, macaroni and cheese, secondary, russian hamburger, corn, sliced pineapple.
Friday: No school.

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch: Choice of milk offered every day.
Monday: Chicken fried steak, scalloped potatoes, mixed fruit cup, hot roll.
Tuesday: Malibu chicken sandwich, fresh veggies and dip, diced peaches, cutie pie.
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, pineapple tidbits, Rice Krispie bar.
Thursday: Beef lasagna, seasoned green beans, banana half, bread stick.
Friday: O'Cheese sandwich, tossed green salad, ranch dressing, apple quarters, caramel dip, Sunlist fruit roll.

ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Corn dogs.
Tuesday: Chef salad.
Wednesday: Pizza.
Thursday: Beef steaganoff.
Friday: Taco salad.

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal; orange juice; bagel, milk.
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs and ham, potato wedges, peaches, milk.
Wednesday: Cereal, pears, muffin, milk.
Thursday: Pancakes with syrup, little smokies, apple, milk.
Friday: Cereal, mixed fruit, orange rolls, milk.
Lunch: Junior highs have a choice of main line or second line menu. Salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, taco bar and potato bar available on alternate days.
Monday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce and mayonnaise, fresh vegetable dippers, diced peaches, cookie; steak tacos, salad bar.
Tuesday: Ham and cheese hot pocket, tater tots, diced pears, fruit juice bar; mexican fiestada, potato bar.
Wednesday: Pizza, seasoned corn, french fry, bread sticks, pizza sauce dip; taco bar.
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed fruit cup, dinner roll; rib-b-cue sandwich, soup and sandwich bar.
Friday: Nachos supreme, refried beans, power gelatin, cinnamon twists; corn dogs, salad bar.

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS ARE PRINTED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE.

To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

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National Association of Federal Employees hosts meeting

TWIN FALLS - Chapter 59 of the National Association of Federal Employees will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Mandarin House restaurant at 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Charles Barnes, regional director for U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, will be the featured speaker. Current and retired federal employees are invited to attend, even if they are not members of the association.

For more information, call Russell Rosenau at 733-0969 or 1-800-208-0518.

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club holds dance class

JEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will host a dance class at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Jerome's Church recreation annex at 216 Second Ave. E.

Coordinators are planning a potluck dance with meat provided. Participants are asked to bring a side dish.

For more information, call 734-5689.

CSI EMT program offers CPR, first aid courses this month

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Emergency Medical Technician program offers monthly cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid courses to the public.

The CPR course for January will be taught from 5-9 p.m. Thursday. CSI's EMT instructor Dennis Patterson teaches the non-credit, one-evening course, which is designed to certify or re-certify the student in the use of CPR. The cost for the course is \$25.

Patterson also teaches monthly CPR/first aid courses. The next course will be held from 5-10 p.m. Jan. 27. The cost for this combined class is \$40. Pre-registration is required for either course. For information, call Patterson at 733-9554, Ext. 2173.

College of Southern Idaho sets free Back to School workshop
TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is hosting a Back to School workshop from 1-4 p.m. Friday at the Center for New Directions on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.

The workshop is aimed at adults seeking information about services available at CSI, financial-aid resources and college procedures. Participants will also explore the myths that prevent adults from returning to college, coordinators say. People considering full-time or part-time college classes and unsure of where to start and what resources are available are invited to attend. There is no charge for the workshop.

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For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or 1-800-620-0274 Ext. 2680.

Park Service holds winter ecology workshops at monument

CAREY - Four winter ecology workshops will be held at Craters of the Moon National Monument at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Feb. 5 and Feb. 12.

The workshops will start with a 45-60 minute classroom session and participants will then spend the next several hours out in the park on snowshoes. Participants will join a park naturalist for a winter hike where they will learn how life copes with winter at the monument and discover that winter is an active time for many of the park animals.

Participants may borrow a pair from the park. People who have never used a pair of snowshoes before will learn basic form and techniques.

Reservations are required and participants must be at least 10-years-old to join the hike. Group size will be limited to 15 people. The hike will vary from easy to moderately strenuous and cover between 3 and 4 miles. Lunch will be eaten on the trail. For more information or to make reservations, call Doug Owen at 527-3257, Ext. 302.

Red Cross provides free disaster preparedness classes

TWIN FALLS - The Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a series of disaster preparedness classes starting Tuesday.

The classes all start at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at 1414 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls. All classes are free.

The courses include:
Introduction to Disaster - Tuesday, Mass Care: An Overview - Jan. 25.
Shelter Operations - Feb. 15.
Shelter Simulation - Feb. 15.
Damage Assessment - Feb. 22.
Emergency Assistance - Feb. 29.
March 7, March 21 and March 28.

For more information, call 733-6464.

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Fibromyalgia-chronic fatigue seminar set Thursday

TWIN FALLS - A free fibromyalgia-chronic fatigue seminar will be held 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, starting this Thursday in Twin Falls.

Participants will learn the symptoms of and treatment for fibromyalgia-chronic fatigue. Seating is limited and coordinators request attendees make reservations for the seminar. Location of cover and directions to the site will be given to callers when making reservations.

For more information or to make reservations, call 734-4476.

Guided tours of Box Canyon Preserve set this month

HAGERMAN - The first of monthly guided walking tours of the Earl M. Hardy Box Canyon Springs Preserve will meet at 11 a.m. Jan. 22 at the preserve parking lot.

Guides from The Nature Conservancy and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation will lead the tours, which will take 1-2 hours to complete.

Participants are encouraged to bring water and binoculars. Organizers recommend clothing appropriate for the weather conditions, including sturdy footwear.

Participants are encouraged to reserve a spot by calling the park office or the Nature Conservancy office so organizers can better plan the tour.

To get to the area, take Interstate 84 to Exit 155 in Wendell, go west 3.2 miles to county road 1500 East and turn left, following the signs to Butch. Follow the road 4.5 miles to the signed parking lot.

For more information or reserve a spot, call the Madal Gorge State Park office at 837-4505, or the Nature Conservancy office at 536-6797.

Many sing wedding bell blues in year 2000

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Marlene Bell's vision of the perfect wedding always went something like this: Saturday ceremony in a white steeple church followed by a sunny reception at a stately winery. But when she and her fiancé tie the knot this October, it will be on Friday the 13th — under a full moon.

Still, Bell and her betrothed consider themselves lucky to have snagged even that wedding date. "Everything else in 2000 was gone," she says.

Many newly engaged couples are finding the one shortage to be concerned with this year involves wedding locations and reception sites.

A record number of nuptials are expected to be performed worldwide in 2000, and some industry experts are predicting 150,000 more couples than usual will say their vows in the United States this year. About 2.4 million Americans marry in an average year.

"It's only once every thousand years you get to get married and have three zeroes in your wedding date," says Carley Roney, editor and founder of the Internet bridal portal the Knot. "I think people want to be a part of a moment in history."

Many couples, however, are finding that history is coming at quite a price, as high demand for wedding services has already translated into booked reception locales, skyrocketing vendor fees — and many panicky brides-to-be. Some of the most sought-after ceremony sites report they no longer have availability for any weekend weddings for the rest of the year. Others are already taking reservations for 2001. And still others in the Bay Area and beyond are encouraging wannabe brides and grooms to consider Monday, Tuesday and even Wednesday weddings. And many couples are taking them up on the idea.

"It's just lunacy," says Linda

Hylan, director of events at the Kohl Mansion in Burlingame, Calif., where more than 180 wedding receptions will be held this year.

"I don't have a Saturday or Sunday left in 2000. I have very few Fridays. I never had a year like this for sure."

The phenomenon has come as a painful surprise for many couples who fully expected that six months of planning would have been ample time to organize their dream wedding. But popular reception sites began receiving inquiries about the 2000 wedding season back in 1998. Some sold out not long after.

"All our wedding dates that can and could be sold for 2000 have been," says Carol Bravo, wedding services manager at Villa Montalvo in Saratoga, Calif., which has a waiting list of more than a dozen couples. "We turn down 10 people a day."

Even those who started hunting for reception sites months ago say they have had to settle on their fourth, fifth or even sixth choice. Many have had to book their wedding on a day they didn't prefer in a month they originally shunned. And some are crossing their fingers that out-of-town guests will be able to attend their midweek wedding.

"It's been a nightmare, let me tell you," says Michelle Lohr, a sales manager for Lucent Technologies who got engaged in November. Consulting a guidebook on the best places to get married in the Bay Area, she found herself calling every single site that could accommodate a wedding of her size. And each one was already booked every Saturday throughout 2000.

Lozada and her fiancé were on five waiting lists before they got a telephone call in late December informing them of an opening at Villa Montalvo. Not only could they get married at the historic mansion, they learned, but they could do so at a prime time — a Saturday night.

"I started to cry," she says. "It was serious fate and luck."

Pick wedding music you like

WASHINGTON (AP) — Your wedding will still be legal, even if Wagner's "Lohengrin" procession or Mendelssohn's "Incidental Music" from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" isn't played.

Have the music you like, advises Denise Gallo, musicologist and music history professor at The Catholic University of America.

Though long popular choices for weddings, the Wagner and Mendelssohn pieces sound clichéd and hackneyed, Gallo says. And, she advises, skip "Here Comes the Bride."

"Someone might choose something like that to remain traditional, but some people now choose rock pieces," she says.

Her colleague, Amy Antonelli, assistant dean of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music at the university, recently helped her daughter, Erica, choose music for her wedding. The young couple picked out selections they both loved, she says. The procession was the chorale setting "Wachet Auf" ("Sleeper's Wake") from Cantata 140 by Bach, and for the recessional, Scarlatti's Sonata in A. The ceremony also included music from the film, "The

Deerhunter" and the Beatles' "In My Life," sung by one of the guests.

Gallo says that if her son were getting married, she'd suggest Handel, "or some ceremonial music that would be interesting."

An occasional choice is Henry Purcell's trumpet voluntary, usually played with organ accompaniment.

"It's nice and ceremonial sounding," she says. "I guess when you're coming down the aisle you want everyone to look."

ANNIVERSARIES

THE LANCASTERS

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lancaster of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 4 p.m. at 2411 Falls Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Lancaster and Lucille Morgan were married Jan. 18, 1940.

The event is being given by their daughter, Chris (Ron) Revels of Twin Falls, and three grandchildren, Shane (Amanda) Revels of Wendell, Reb (Paula) Revels of Lewiston and Michelle



Lucille and Raymond Lancaster Revels of Reno, Nev. The couple has four great-grandchildren.

THE HALFORDS

BURLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Howard Halford of Burley plan a quiet family celebration today for their 70th wedding anniversary. Halford and Raída Matthews were married Jan. 16, 1930, in Burley. The marriage was solemnized in 1933 in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

He retired from farming and owning a drywall business. She spent her days raising their family and enjoying cooking and crocheting. They were active members of their church.

Their children are Joyce Christensen of Dubois, Harold (Mary Ann) Halford of St. George, Utah, and Shirley Halford Hubbard, Bill Annette Halford, Blaine (Laura) Halford and Jerry Halford of Idaho.

They have 20 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.



Raída and Howard Halford



Number of middle-aged brides to increase in future

NEW YORK (AP) — The future of marriage looks like this: later wedding vows, later parenthood, and efforts to ensure the longevity of the union, according to Bridal Guide magazine.

The bi-monthly publication reports on marriage trends in a coming issue, with these key findings:

- In 1998, the median age for a first marriage was 25 for women and 27 for men. Ages will continue to rise as more people postpone marrying to establish their careers, the magazine says. This bodes well for marital success because couples will be more mature and better established financially.

- "Marriage education" classes before the ceremony — an effort to ensure solid, lasting unions — will become commonplace.

- Interracial and interfaith marriages will continue to increase. Census figures between 1960 and 1990 show a tenfold rise.

- The birthrate for women between 30 and 34 grew more

than any other age group between 1980 and 1990. Experts predict more one-child families, the magazine says.

- Alternatives to traditional divorce if the marriage doesn't work out continue to be explored. Many states have enacted or are considering initiatives such as covenant marriage or a partial rollback of no-fault divorce statutes to give partners stronger legal protection.

CHRISTENSEN-GARRISON

GOODING — Courtney Anne Christensen and Jake Gage Garrison were married Nov. 6, 1999, at the Church of the Nazarene in Gooding.

Officiating was Darrell Muck. Phyllis Lamm was the organist. The bride is the daughter of J.M. and Sandra Christensen of Gooding.

Parents of the bridegroom are David and Karen Butler of Gooding and Ron and Cindy Garrison of Jerome.

Wendy Kirkpatrick, sister of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Jessica Bay, sister-in-law of the bride, was the bridesmaid. Keishia Madsen, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

Brian Butler, stepbrother of the groom, served as best man. Rich Bay, brother-in-law of the groom, was the groomsman and usher.

Gage Garrison and Wesley Butler were the ringbearers.

Special guests included niece of the bride, Keishia Madsen, and grandparents of the bridegroom, Caroline Capps of Twin Falls, Betty Schlund of Jerome, Doris Garrison of American Falls, and Alberta and Dwain



Courtney Christensen and Jake Garrison Butler of Gooding.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the American Legion Hall in Gooding.

Serving were Ruth Johnson, aunt of the groom, and Tammy Johnson and Kim Hill, cousins of the groom.

Caitlin McGuire, cousin of the groom, attended the guest book. Gift attendants were Bob Johnson, John Johnson and Wes McGuire, cousins of the groom.

The bride attended Gooding High School. She is employed at Culligan Water in Boise.

The bridegroom attended Gooding High School. He is employed at Doors and Windows Gallore in Boise.

ENGAGEMENT

JOHNSON-COLEMAN

PAUL — Scott and Sue Johnson of Nampa and Tom and Janelle Owings of Glenns Ferry announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Johnson, to Justin Coleman, son of Cliff and Kaylee Anderson of Paul and Ronald Lynn Coleman of Hansen.

Johnson is a 1996 Glenns Ferry High School graduate and a Ricks College graduate. She is employed at Micron Technology in Boise.

Coleman graduated from Minico High School in 1996. He is a graduate of Idaho State University in Pocatello. He is employed at Micron Technology in Boise.

The wedding is planned for Jan. 29 in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple



Sara Johnson and Justin Coleman will be held that evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cherry Lane LDS Church in Boise.

An open house is set from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis in Paul.

The newlyweds will reside in Boise.

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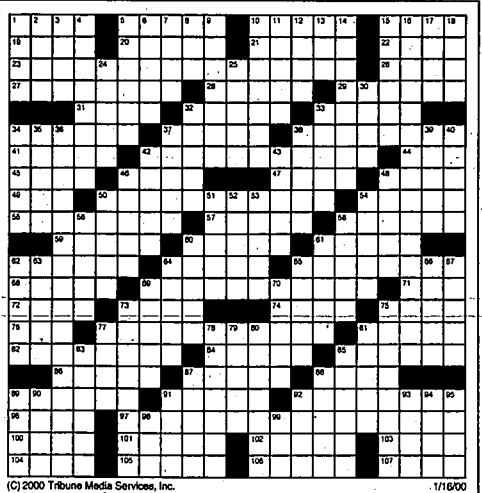
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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Everyone should be like this Mike

In my 33 years of teaching, I taught all types of children and, almost without exception, loved them all. My years of teaching were fun, worthwhile and very, very rewarding. The children with whom I can in contact were challenged, sometimes, but almost always responded well to concern, to care and to belief in their ability to succeed.



AFTER CLASS
Gay Peterson

But of all the students I taught I only taught one who was blind. When I first was told that I would have a blind student I was very concerned. How would he take tests? How would he read anything necessary for class participation? How would the other students react to him? And on and on.

I didn't have been concerned at all. Mike was truly an amazing child. He had attended the Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind and so was very proficient in Braille. He could type, and he had a Braille typewriter. But these advantages would have made little difference had Mike not had an extremely bright mind and a very special personality.

Mike had been blind almost from birth, but his family had never treated him as though he was handicapped. In a family of rough and tumble brothers he

was treated as one of the gang. I don't believe he ever really considered himself to be handicapped. He accepted his blindness as just a part of his life, and a small part at that. He used to say that everyone has a handicap of one type or another - his was just a bit more noticeable.

Mike was friendly and outgoing and a pleasure to be around. His memory was amazing. I could ask him practically anything I had said during a unit in child. He had attended the Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind and so was very proficient in Braille. He could type, and he had a Braille typewriter. But these advantages would have made little difference had Mike not had an extremely bright mind and a very special personality.

And beyond that Mike was very likable. The other students enjoyed his company - he was constantly surrounded by friends. I could never snap up on him either. Whether it was because he knew my footsteps, my scent, whatever, I could never fool him. He would immediately smile and

turn my way. "How are you today, Mrs. Petersen?" He was fun and interesting and very teachable. He went on to be a highly successful college student at Boise State University, being on the student Senate and a part of the Homecoming court. He graduated this summer, and I have no doubt that he will also be successful in whatever occupation he might choose.

Most people, when asked, would tell you that blindness would be one of their worst nightmares. Yet here was a boy who took it all in stride, who had a smile and a kind word for everyone; who never felt sorry for himself; who never took advantage because of his blindness, who was always positive and upbeat about life in general.

Could the rest of us who are quote, unquote, "normal" learn something by his example? I certainly think so. We often take our so-called "normalcy" for granted when actually we should be thankful each and every day for all that we possess. Let us pause, at least occasionally, and think of those like Mike who can show us all a thing or two about blessings.

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@magicklink.com

Medicaid jeopardizes inheritance

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. After my wife (now 68) was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease three years ago, I cared for her at home until the stress became so intense that I was unable to continue. Last year, with our daughter's help, I placed my wife in a nursing facility as a private pay resident.

Using my wife's 1987 durable power of attorney, I went to our state Medicaid office where I was told that before my wife could qualify for benefits, I had to spend her assets down to \$2,000 and reduce my countable assets to less than the state minimum for community spouses. Over the next 20 months, I paid more than \$4,500 each month for her care until I was able to reduce her assets to \$2,000 and mine to an acceptable level. She then qualified for Medicaid benefits, but my standard of living was severely diminished because we had planned to use the income from the assets that are now spent.

My wife has completed her qualification process but her 93-year-old aunt died, quite unexpectedly, left her \$80,000 and me \$40,000. I went back to the Medicaid office where I was told that as soon as my wife was entitled to receive her share of the inheritance, she would be disqualified from Medicaid and would have to go back on private pay until the entire \$80,000 was spent. I was told by the lawyer for the estate that I could use my wife's power of attorney to disclaim her share of the inheritance and that the estate could



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

shift her share into my name. I am only 66 years old, in good health, and hope to have a long life. The funds I have left will not allow me to be as independent as I would like. I feel as though we have "paid our dues." Is there anything I can do to protect this money we are now receiving?

A. Because the Medicaid qualification process can be very complex, especially when it comes to protecting the community spouse, we have consistently urged each family facing this problem to seek out guidance from experienced elder law attorneys. In your situation, had your wife signed a durable power of attorney with gifting provisions when she was first diagnosed and still had the capacity to do so, a great deal of planning could have been accomplished that would have protected you as the community spouse. In fact, even without gifting provisions, there were planning techniques available that could have helped.

That said, we suggest that you

not follow the advice of the estate lawyer. First of all, by disclaiming her share of the inheritance, your wife will be deemed to be making a transfer of assets without consideration and will be disqualified for a number of months equal to \$80,000 divided by the average monthly private pay nursing home rate in your state. Second, by shifting your wife's share to you under the circumstances you have described, we think you and the estate lawyer may be getting caught, if not crossing, the Medicaid fraud line, and we don't think either of you want to go there.

Taking the NextStep Dependency where you live, there may be other alternatives open to you such as the use of certain actuarially sound annuities, private annuities, or notes. Additionally, depending on how noncountable assets are titled, there may be opportunities to use all or part of these funds to benefit you as the community spouse and not disrupt her qualification for Medicaid. If you are in your area who is experienced in these matters. And while you are there, ask about how you can plan your estate so that, at your death, the assets you have in your name as a daughter, not to disqualify your wife from benefits.

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Seniors pursue vigorous activities in 2000 more than ever before

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Kenneth Neagle spent a lot of time at the gym. He swims and does aqua-aerobics, pushing plastic foam weights against the water to build muscle and increase his heart rate. He practices postures in an ocean and soft mat. They're strengthening his body, leaving him invigorated and serene. And he eagerly samples other exercise classes.

All this from a 69-year-old who "did everything I could to avoid exercise" as a teen-ager and young man.

Like many older people, Neagle is motivated to work out. "I had a lot of time at the gym, and wheelchairs and I don't want anything to do with either one," Neagle said. "As I got older, I realized: You use it or you lose it."

No longer are seniors content to walk the mall for exercise. More than ever before, they are

pursuing vigorous activities. In fact, men and women over 50 are working out more than any other age group, according to a recent study by the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association.

They're pumping iron in gyms. They're engaging in competitive team sports including tennis and softball. They're forming tennis leagues. They're racing around tracks at Senior Games. They're line-dancing at retirement centers. They've even organized a Florida-based senior skating network called the Golden Rollers.

This heightened commitment to sport is a good idea, says the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which suggests that seniors incorporate moderate to vigorous physical activity into their daily lives for significant health benefits.

"What the dance club is to the younger generation, health clubs and fitness groups have become to the 50-plus generation," said over his brother to share the moment. So the family gathered at 9 a.m.

"They never did show up," said the former over-the-road truck driver. "That's when you know you're duped."

Brooks is an extreme example of a very common story, said Steve Katz, a Belleville, Ill., lawyer who recently settled a class-action lawsuit against Publishers Clearing House.

"His experience shows the classic deception," Katz said. "He just spent more money than most people."

For their part, the sweepstakes companies note that they have given out millions of dollars in prizes over the years, that their mailings fully explain everyone's chances, and that they emphasize that no one has to buy anything to enter their contests or to have a better chance of winning.

Maria Stefan, executive director of the Sporting Goods group. "They see sports and fitness as the new health prescription for looking good on the outside-and-feeling good inside."

Rob Herzog, director of fitness and sports medicine at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Fla., says when it comes to exercise, seniors "can handle a lot more than we may think."

Recent studies have shown that strength training such as weightlifting has significant benefits for older people at risk for muscle atrophy due to lack of use.

Neagle, a retired city of Miami employee, has discovered after a year of regular workouts that he can easily lift a heavy home ladder he once could barely budge.

"Seniors are more aware and educated about the benefits of being active," Herzog, a clinical exercise physiologist, said. "We definitely promote weights. We definitely see physical and psychological changes."

And the companies say the legal actions are hurting them. On Oct. 29, American Family Enterprises filed for bankruptcy protection to help it settle dozens of lawsuits alleging deceptive advertising in its American Family Publishing sweepstakes operations.

In addition, the sweepstakes industry faces a second assault from lawyers, lawmakers and state attorneys, who accuse the sweepstakes industry of pushing magazines, jewelry, books and other gifts with deceptive mailings promising quick riches.

The new legal challenges accuse the industry of using marketing strategies that take advantage of the elderly. Older citizens, say critics, are more apt to trust the hypebole, such as "You are a winner" and may be less able to read and decipher the fine print.

You don't have to give businesses your number

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

Q. There are many businesses that ask for my Social Security number. Isn't it against the law to ask for someone's Social Security number? Can I refuse to give it to them?

A. The law generally does not prohibit any use of Social Security numbers by the private sector. Although Social Security can't prevent others from asking for your number, you should know that giving it to them does not give them access to your Social Security records. If a business or other enterprise asks for your Social Security number, you can refuse to give it to them. However, that may mean doing without the purchases or service for which your number was requested.

Q. A friend of mine said I should apply for Supplemental Security Income because I'm disabled and have little income and

Social Security Q & A

resources. But I do have money set aside for burial expenses. Will this money be counted as a resource?

A. Funds set aside for funeral and burial expenses usually do not count as part of the income and resources in determining a person's eligibility for SSI. To find out more and to apply for benefits, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

Q. My daughter recently died at the age of 43. I lived with her and her 13-year-old son. She paid all the household expenses with the income she earned as an engineer. I am 64 years old and have no income of my own. Can my grandson get Social Security benefits? What about me?

A. You both may be entitled to benefits. Social Security pays survivor benefits to children as well as to dependent parents who

were dependent on their son/daughter for at least half of their support. The surviving parent must be over the age of 62, not remarried and not entitled to a higher Social Security benefit of his/her own. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 as soon as possible to make an appointment to file a claim on your daughter's record.

Q. What identification do you need to get a duplicate Social Security card?

A. To get a duplicate card (one with the same name and number), all you usually need is one type of identification and a completed Form SS-5. The identification must be an original or a copy certified by the custodian of record.

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Crackdown focuses on abuse of the elderly

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Raymond Brooks was as sure as one could be last Super Bowl Sunday that he would go to bed that night millionaires.

After all, wasn't he holding the winning sweepstakes ticket mailed to him by his friends at Publishers Clearing House?

Hadn't the company verified his address to make sure the Prize Patrol could find the trim, ranch-style home where Brooks, 84, has lived for the last 17 years in the Kansas City area?

"I was up and down that I'd won," he said in October.

He deserved to win. In the past five years he'd spent more than \$19,000 on magazines, dominos, compact discs, coins and dozens of other products stuffed into more than 40 boxes in his basement and garage.

He was so confident, he invited

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