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Economy surges

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The U.S. economy, propelled by hardy consumer spending, finished 1999 on a vibrant note, but the growth came at a price: a worrisome uptick in wages and benefits that economists fear could trigger inflation. Wall Street plunged.

During the final three months of 1999, the economy grew at a breakneck annual rate of 5.3 percent, the biggest growth spurt since the end of 1998, the Commerce Department said.

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Friday. For all of 1999, the nation's gross domestic product, its total output of goods and services, increased by 4 percent, the third year in a row at 4 percent or higher.

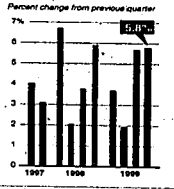
President Clinton boasted about the economy at a White House meeting with mayors. "This unbelievable recovery marches on," Clinton said, referring to the uninterrupted economic growth since the 1990-1991 recession that will set a record of eight years and ten months next week.

At the same time, another government report showed Friday that employees' wages and benefits surged 1.1 percent in the fourth quarter, rekindling worries about inflation and higher interest rates.

"The rising tide of economic growth has stirred up inflation in its wake," said Richard Yamarone, an economist with Argus Research Corp.

GDP up

Here is a look at the gross domestic product, which measures all goods and services produced by workers and capital located in the United States, regardless of ownership.



THE SHOVELS ARE HERE



Supporters of the 'Shovels of Solidarity' protest load shovels into a pickup truck to be taken to Nevada.

Road protesters load up

Area residents donate money, equipment as caravan heads to Elko

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The issue is not about a mile-and-a-half dead-end road to an outhouse and a national forest trailhead south of Jarbidge.

"It's about access," said Jim Hurst of Eureka, Mont.

Hurst stopped in Twin Falls Friday morning on his way to deliver a truckload of shovels to Elko, Nev. About 40 to 50 people had gathered at the D&B Supply store west of town Friday morning to greet him.

Several people handed him money - at least one was a \$100 bill - and inside the lobby was a pile of 200 to 300 donated shovels.

Activists want to rebuild the primitive road in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest that was washed out in 1995. But federal officials say rebuilding the road would harm threatened bull trout in the Jarbidge River.

Rebuilding the South Canyon Road is symbolic of something bigger. Several of the people gathered at D&B Supply expressed a sense of frustration with the U.S. Forest Service that

some say is denying people access to public lands.

The Forest Service says it has no national policy to close any roads or deny anyone access to public lands. But resentment against the federal government is rampant in Nevada where the government owns about 87 percent of the land.

Blaine Ream, manager of D&B Supply in Twin Falls, said he wanted to provide a local place for people to drop off shovels. He

sold shovels at half price for the effort.

Harvey Pendleton of Twin Falls added four shovels to the growing pile in the lobby of D&B.

"I don't feel it's the government's land; it's our land," Pendleton said.

Just before 10 a.m., Hurst arrived in the parking lot at D&B in a large truck followed by several smaller trucks, carrying more than 7,000 shovels. His goal is to bring 10,000 shovels to Elko in a show of solidarity.

Hurst, who owns a sawmill in northwestern Montana that employs about 150 people, said the issue is about access to grazing, to recreation, berry picking

'I don't feel it's the government's land; it's our land'

- Harvey Pendleton,
Twin Falls shovel donator

Nevada governor supports protesters - B7

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Storm socks in South, threatens Super Bowl participants

City is not prepared for snowy weather

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - A storm spread still more snow across the Deep South on Friday, giving children from Arkansas to Georgia a rare chance to build snowmen but threatening travel to the Super Bowl.

The storm moved into the area after dumping up to 17 inches of snow in Oklahoma. Between an inch and a foot fell in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee before the storm stalled near the Alabama-Georgia line.

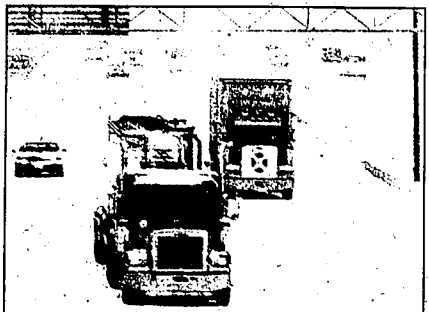
Atlanta had warmed to the mid 40s by Friday afternoon, but the storm was expected to re-form and head east, hitting the area Friday night and through Super Bowl Sunday with up to 3 inches of snow.

"It could potentially turn into a significant icing," Weather Channel meteorologist Robyn Huleck said.

As a precaution, Delta Airlines canceled some flights into Atlanta Friday afternoon, but promised to accommodate passengers trying to get to the Super Bowl. More than 100,000 people are expected in Atlanta for the game between the Tennessee Titans and the St. Louis Rams.

Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes requested the federal government to declare disasters in 39 counties because of an ice storm last week in northern Georgia that left 500,000 customers without electricity and caused an estimated \$55 million in damage.

This weekend's storm is expected to cover a much greater area.



This storm in Little Rock, Ark., Friday is due to hit Georgia today.

Abortion measure gains early OK

Idaho Senate panel narrowly approves of parental consent

The Associated Press

BOISE - The Senate's leadership committee voted 5-4 Friday to recommend passage of legislation requiring parental, or judicial, consent before a minor can obtain an abortion.

Assistant GOP Floor Leader John Sandy, R-Hagerman, was the key vote on the State Affairs Committee. Sandy remained skeptical about some provisions but voted for the bill that anti-abortion forces have come to grudgingly accept.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne promised to sign.

As a condition, the governor demanded that medical emergencies, which would not require consent, include circumstances where the physical health - as well as the life - of the girl is in doubt.

Sandy agreed with critics of a 1998 bill, vetoed by then-Republican Gov. Phil Batt, who said the bill would do more harm than good for girls in the worst circumstances. Sandy complained that none of the groups pushing its passage had come forward with specific plans to help them.

"Those young girls need protection, they need help," Sandy said.

Opponents maintained that the bill would do nothing more than Idaho's current law does for girls able to talk to their parents, while creating more problems for the handful who cannot.

Clinton returns to activism, but with tax cuts

By Doyle McManus
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - For seven years, Bill Clinton has pursued a surprisingly constant list of goals: health care reform, federal funding for education, help for the working poor. But as the nation's political winds have shifted, Clinton's means of pursuing his goals shifted dramatically, too - from a promise of active government in 1993 to a focus on a balanced budget and smaller government in 1995 and after.

This week's State of the Union speech, with its sweeping agenda of 104 initiatives in education, health and other areas, was a

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Animals hear snow loud, clear

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Sometimes falling snow is not as quiet as it looks.

When snowflakes land in water, the sound below the surface is loud enough to disturb fish, mammals and even sonar devices, according to a new study of the acoustics of snow.

Snowflakes, which muffle sound in the air, bringing peace to blanketed landscapes, actually squeal in water, although at frequencies too high for human ears to detect.

"It's deafening" to animals such as porpoises that can hear

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 23 Low: 0
Sunny today and clear tonight with light winds. Increasing cloudy Sunday, high 27.

Treasure Valley

High: 25 Low: 21
Sunny today and clear tonight with light winds. Increasing cloudy Sunday, high 36.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 28 Low: 02
Sunny today and clear tonight with light winds. Increasing cloudy Sunday, high 30.

Eastern Idaho

High: 25 Low: 07
Fog early today then mostly cloudy with light winds. Same tonight. Partly cloudy Sunday, high 27.

Northern Idaho

High: 34 Low: 23
Fog early today then mostly clear with light winds. Same tonight. Mostly clear Sunday, high 35.

Northern Utah

High: 34 Low: 17
Sunny today and clear tonight with light winds. Increasing cloudy Sunday, high 37.

Northern Nevada

High: 34 Low: 17
Sunny today and clear tonight with light winds. Increasing cloudy Sunday, high 35.

Snow

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those frequencies, said Lawrence Crum, a physicist at University of Washington in Seattle. "It would be like a screech. It would be almost like thunder, very broad-band rumbling screeeking stuff. It would be very annoying."

Noisy snow can add 30 decibels to high-frequency sound levels underwater, said Crum, author of the snow study, published in the current issue of the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America. Thirty decibels, he added, is the difference between an office conversation and a jackhammer.

For users of sonar devices, which employ sound waves to outline forms underwater, snowstorms produce "a big mess," complained David Daum, a fisheries biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Daum, who uses sonar to count adult salmon each fall as they swim up the Chandalar River, usually can see them individually as clear lines against a contrasting background.

But when it snows, "the whole thing is black, like somebody shook pepper on the screen," Daum said. The data overload clears his computer.

For years, scientists suspected that snow made a racket underwater. But it took a spur-of-the-moment, beer-tinged all-night road trip that ended in a Virginia motel pool to explain what caused the noise.

About six years ago, Crum was teaching at the University of Mississippi, where snow was rare. On a trip to Yale University in Connecticut, after some beer and pizza, Crum heard on TV that it was going to snow around Baltimore. The physicist borrowed the Yale engineering dean's van and equipment, and went chasing snow.

The storm hit farther south, however, and Crum and a colleague ended up in Roanoke, Va., in the wee hours. To the manager's astonishment, the two men asked to rent a motel room for a few hours, then ran acoustic wires and sensors from the room into the motel pool.

They found that air bubbles trapped in the snow caused an underwater ruckus.

Snowflakes are full of air, and when they fall into water they release that air in bubbles, explained Andrea Prosperetti, an engineering professor at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and a co-author of the study. The water's surface tension holds down the bubbles, which vibrate in their efforts to escape, producing the screechy sound.

The noise is in the range of 50 to 200 kilohertz, too high for human hearing, which maxes out at about 20 kHz, but audible to many species of aquatic wildlife.

Prosperetti - still digging out from this week's East Coast blizzard - isn't disturbed by the idea of noisy snow. "I find it very poetic," he said.

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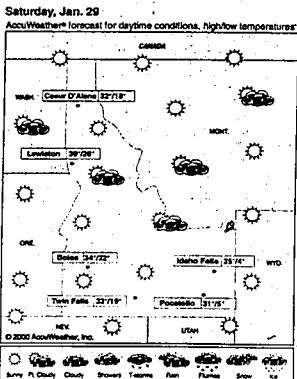
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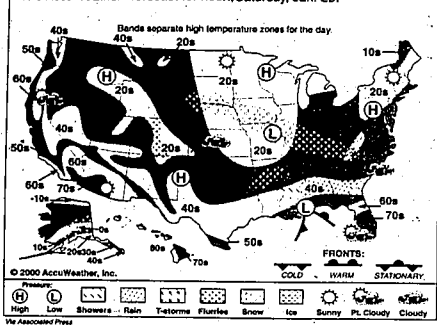
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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Idaho weather



National weather



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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Yesterday	33	19	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Last year	27	10	Month to date:	1.00	.....
Normal	37	19	Normal mo. to date:	1.03	.....
			Water year to date:	4.06	.....
			Normal year to date:	4.08	.....

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High, 44
Boise	37	19	.....	degrees at Lowell,
Burley	34	20	.....	Low, +18 degrees at
Coeur d'Alene	28	16	.....	Sawley.
Grangeville	28	16	.....	Nation: High, 77 at
Hagerman	38	17	.....	N.Y., Calif., Low, 24
Idaho Falls	20	6	tr.	at Waterbury, W.
Lewiston	40	25	.....	.....
Malad	35	16	.....	.....
Malta	34	10	.....	.....
McCall	15	-9	.....	.....
Pocatello	25	20	tr.	.....
Salmon	25	12	.....	.....
Stanley	17	-18	.....	.....
Sun Valley	24	-2	.....	.....

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	43	24	.....
Anchorage	24	24	0.4
Atlanta	38	33	.....
Boston	19	5	.....
Chicago	30	11	.....
Dallas	32	30	.....
Denver	31	19	.....
Des Moines	23	13	.....
Detroit	28	6	.....
Honolulu	78	70	.....
Houston	40	36	.....
Indianapolis	23	4	.....
Kansas City	25	23	.....
Las Vegas	53	47	.....
Los Angeles	58	25	.....
Memphis	38	10	.....
Miami Beach	75	53	.....
Milwaukee	10	3	.....
Minneapolis	22	3	.....
New Orleans	53	42	.....
New York	27	11	.....
Oklahoma City	27	22	.....
Phoenix	67	49	.....
Pittsburgh	20	6	.....
Portland, Ore.	48	29	.....
Portland, Me.	42	24	.....
Reno	48	24	.....
San Antonio	58	18	.....
Salt Lake City	34	23	.....
San Francisco	55	43	.....
Seattle	40	14	.....
Spokane	31	24	.....
Washington	23	10	.....
Yuma	72	59	.....

Canadian Cities

City	High	Low
Calgary	35	16
Montreal	9	-2
Ottawa	1	-8
Vancouver	45	22

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Winter weather kept a chilly grip over much of the central and southern East and parts of the Midwest on Friday.

Snow fell from southern Illinois and Missouri into Tennessee and parts of northern Alabama, while a mix of sleet, snow and freezing rain battered parts of central Mississippi and central Alabama.

Winter weather warnings and advisories were issued across the affected regions, and the nasty weather was expected to spread into northern Georgia and the Carolinas by late in the day.

Further south, rain fell from southern Louisiana east into Florida, with snow and sleet expected to join the mix in parts of central Mississippi and Alabama.

Despite bitter cold, high pressure brought fair and dry weather to much of the Great Lakes, Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states, though a few afternoon snow showers dusted Maine.

Much of the West also enjoyed fair skies, with a few flurries in the Rockies.

— The Associated Press

Study: Alcohol might harm woman more

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE - Fewer women than men have drinking problems, but if they do, their problems are just as bad or worse, new Seattle research shows.

Female trauma patients who drink to excess, in fact, are much more likely than their male counterparts to suffer from liver problems, depression, psychological distress and recent physical, emotional or sexual abuse, scientists at Harborview Medical Center and the University of Washington report.

The study is the first to focus on female trauma patients and included research from the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center and UW Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute.

It is reported in the January edition of the Journal of Trauma.

Nationally, alcohol use is involved in nearly half of all hospital admissions through emergency rooms - or about 4 million patients a year - and most are men. The same trends are true at Harborview.

Clinton

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returned to activist government - an announcement that, with the federal budget in surplus, it is safe for Democrats to talk about spending again.

And it came with an innovative twist: a new reliance on tax cuts, a conservative Republican idea that Clinton has appropriated and turned into a tool for Democratic social priorities.

"Clearly he's back to an activist agenda," said Leon E. Panetta, the former California congressman who served as White House chief of staff in Clinton's first term. "And he always manages to find his way to the center of gravity."

"With growing surpluses, the pressures were going to increase dramatically to have some kind of tax cut," Panetta said. "So this is a way for Clinton to - propose tax cuts that he likes."

Only a year ago, Clinton and his aides rejected the idea of significant tax cuts - the core of the congressional Republican agenda - as "fiscally irresponsible."

Last year, Clinton vetoed a Republican bill for tax cuts totaling \$792 billion over 10 years.

But in his speech Thursday evening, the president embraced the Republican-launched idea of ending the "marriage penalty" that makes some married couples pay more tax than if they filed separately, and proposed a list of other tax breaks that add up to an estimated \$350 billion over 10 years.

Clinton's proposed tax cut is still much smaller than those proposed by Republicans. Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the lead-

ing candidate for the GOP presidential nomination, has proposed tax reductions totaling an estimated \$1.4 trillion over 10 years.

But perhaps more important than the difference in size is a key difference in purpose. The main Republican tax cut proposals are "across the board," meaning that they would go to most taxpayers, including many in higher income brackets. Indeed, the GOP's "supply-side" wing argues that tax breaks for the well-off are economically useful, because they spur investment and economic growth.

Clinton's tax reductions, on the other hand, are "targeted," meaning that they would go only to people who meet particular requirements. For example, Clinton proposed expanding one tax credit to subsidize college tuition for lower- and middle-income families, and another tax credit for businesses to encourage them to build or expand child-care facilities.

Even Clinton's version of "marriage penalty" relief is targeted only to couples that suffer the biggest tax consequences under the current system.

Most tax policy experts do not like targeted tax cuts, because they turn tax law into an instrument of social policy and make the internal revenue code even more complex.

Clinton "likes tax cuts only when they walk, talk, look and act like spending programs," complained Carol Walk of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a nonpartisan (but fiscally conservative) group.

Shovels

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and to manage forest lands.

His plan is deliver the 10,000 shovels to Elk today, and to give them to the people of Nevada, who will use them to open the Jarbidge road, Hurst said. A parade is planned in Elko today, he said.

The population of Elko about 20,000.

Critics of the effort say the shovel brigade is a vocal minority that is part of disturbing trend of fed-bashing over public land issues - some call it a revival of the Sagebrush Rebellion of the 1980s.

The money and effort spent on shovels would have been better spent on costs for kids or food for the hungry, said Jim Pranty of Twin Falls, a retired Forest Service employee who came out Friday morning out of curiosity.

The Forest Service has closed some roads for resource management, public safety and to protect habitat for endangered species, such as roads closed in the Targhee National Forest to protect grizzly bear habitat, said Bob Swinford, Forest Service spokesman in the Intermountain Regional office in Ogden, Utah.

There are 384,000 miles of roads still open on national forest lands.

The trouble with the South Canyon Road started when a flood washed out a section of the road in June 1995. When the Forest Service delivered repairs, Elko County decided to do the work. But when county crews began working on the road in July 1998, Nevada state environmental officials ordered the crew to stop.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection said Elko County had not obtained necessary permits for the road repair and levied a \$2,000 fine.

Later in 1998, the bull trout was declared threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Fish and wildlife officials said rebuilding the road would harm bull trout in the Jarbidge River.

County officials were part of a task force that agreed after six months of study that the road could not be rebuilt without causing significant environmental damage, Forest Service officials say. Officials agreed instead to build a trail that could accommodate limited motorized traffic, such as all-terrain vehicles.

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Polluted river aids flow of illegals

Immigrants beat Border Patrol; they are told to stay out

CALEXICO, Calif. (AP) - Two Border Patrol agents stand on the banks of one of the most polluted rivers in North America and shout at six illegal immigrants in their underwear who have floated into the United States clutching an inner tube.

"Get out of the river! It's very dangerous!" George Wejten calls out in Spanish to the men just 10 feet away.

But the immigrants ignore the agents. They float past and vanish into the night, holding the inner tube with one hand and gripping black plastic bags containing their dry clothes with the other.

The immigrants have beaten the Border Patrol. That's because agents draw the line at getting in the New River - an oily, foul-smelling stew of raw sewage, industrial waste, agricultural runoff and trash that flows from the border city of Mexicali, Mexico, into the California desert.

Desperate to reach the United States and blocked by tighter security elsewhere along the Southwestern border, illegal immigrants use the river as a nearly guaranteed path into the region east of San Diego, one of the nation's busiest corridors for illegal immigration.

Some immigrants may not know it, but the New River is badly polluted; others don't care. The river is posted with signs warning of drowning, rattlesnakes and the treacherous terrain, but not pollution. Still, a glance and a sniff are all it takes to know. Stiff clumps of foam glide along on the surface. Plastic jugs, empty cans and blocks of wood bob in the water and line the banks. The stench of sewage is overpowering.

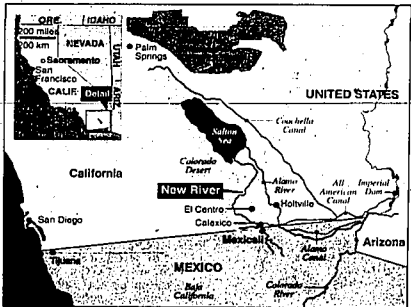
What's not seen are the carcinogens, bacteria and viruses. Immigrants who swim in the river risk exposure to such things as salmonella, typhoid, E. coli bacteria and parasites, said Yvonne Smith, public health



Persons identified by Border Patrol agents as being suspected illegal immigrants hang onto an innertube and garbage bags containing clothes as they float down the New River in Calexico, Calif., Sunday.

Foul passage to prosperity

Illegal immigrants, desperate to enter the United States, use the New River, one of the most polluted rivers in North America as a passageway. Border Patrol agents draw the line at entering this foul-smelling stretch flowing from Mexicali, Mexico, to the Salton Sea, California's largest lake, because it's filled with raw sewage, industrial waste and agricultural runoff.



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports. AP/Wm. J. Castello, S. Hoffman director for Imperial County. "It's like having a rattlesnake in your backyard," she said. "You have no idea when it's going to hit and make someone sick."

Some times agents find dark-colored vomit from immigrants who swallowed river water and got sick after reaching the river banks.

But if immigrants are falling ill from the water, they aren't reporting it, said Vivian Perez, administrator of an Imperial Valley clinic for migrant workers.

"They make jokes about it," Perez said. "They say, 'Go in the New River and you come out glowing.'"

Earlier this month, Border Patrol agent Matt Daly fell in while chasing a group of immigrants. He immediately went back to the station for a shower, then to a hospital for a hepatitis A vaccine and a polio booster shot.

"I got some in my mouth. It was a bad experience," he said.

At least 11 immigrants floated through the gap in the 12-foot steel border fence on Jan. 23. Wejten said 75 made it the night before and 25 earlier that week. January is a busy time because many Mexicans went home for the holidays and are returning to jobs in the United States.

Glenn handles space well, surprising NASA

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) - John Glenn's 77-year-old body handled the rigors of space every bit as well as astronauts roughly half his age, NASA scientists said Friday in disclosing some of the lessons they learned from Glenn's historic mission.

Glenn, who became the world's oldest astronaut when he returned to space in 1998, suffered no more loss of bone mass or muscle than younger astronauts. And his heart rate before, during and after the flight actually was slightly better than the average of 12 younger male astronauts, scientists said.

"He did pretty good for a 40-year-old guy," Dr. John Charles Joked.

Several of the scientists said the results from Glenn's tests convinced them to start taking better care of themselves.

"The take-home message is good nutrition and exercise," said Dr. Alfred Rozum, who participated in cardiovascular tests on Glenn. "Here we had in John Glenn someone who has done nothing but take care of himself for a lifetime and we get these surprising results."

NASA scientists spent Thursday and Friday discussing

data from various tests conducted during Glenn's nine-day mission aboard the shuttle Discovery. While the data still is being analyzed, they said Glenn showed there is no reason healthy older people can't fly in space.

Dr. David Williams, director of NASA's life sciences division and a former shuttle astronaut, said Glenn challenges the widespread notion that all seniors are "frail individuals."

Glenn attended Friday's session at the National Institutes of Health and encouraged NASA to send more senior citizens into orbit. The space agency has no immediate plans to do so, however.

"I do think it's important for other people in this age bracket to go out there and have a better data base," Glenn said.

"I'd be very happy to go up again," he said, only half-joking. "I think most everybody who has been up there would like to go over again."

Glenn walks several miles a day, does some light weight training and eats a balanced diet. He said he learned more about the need for good health from a foot injury he suffered last year than the shuttle mission.

Pentagon enlists celebrities to pitch service in military

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon is hoping Hollywood star power can put a shine on its recruiting pitch.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said Friday that he and his wife, Janet, have approached about a dozen movie stars, film producers and other celebrities to do public service announcements promoting the military on radio and television.

"We're looking for every which way we can to reach out and touch those young people we need to come into the military," Cohen said in an interview in his Pentagon office.

The celebrity pitch is one way

Among those the Cohens have approached recently: Movie stars Harrison Ford and Jane Roberts, as well as Tom Cruise, who starred in the 1986 movie "Top Gun" about a Navy F-14 pilot; movie producer Steven Spielberg, who is working on a TV drama series about the Marine Corps; and actor James Brolin, who plays Marine Corps Lt. Col. Billy Kelly on the syndicated TV series "Pensacola: Wings of Gold."

Most expressed an interest in doing public service announcements for the military, Cohen said, but none has given a firm commitment. He said he hoped to begin the ads this year.

Feds investigating child support failures discover \$1 billion in banks

WASHINGTON (AP) - Armed with the bank account numbers of deadbeat parents - courtesy of the federal government - states are going after \$1 billion in those accounts to pay delinquent child support.

The government found the money in 622,000 accounts of people who dodged their child support responsibilities. It has been working with more than 2,000 banks since last August to match the accounts to the names and Social Security numbers of 3 million deadbeat parents across America.

The matches were turned over to federal officials, who gave the names to states so they could seize money in the accounts. The get-tough method is the latest weapon used against deadbeat

parents. "We make no apologies for using tough measures," said Donna Shalala, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, which administers the bank account matching system.

States have seized millions of dollars since the program began last year. Washington state officials recovered \$2 million from hundreds of thousands of accounts.

"For people who don't work and we can't get at their paychecks, sometimes this is our only way to collect," said Charles Connelly, policy manager at the state's division of child support.

In Ohio, one county child support office froze the accounts of 40 people who owed \$90,000. So far, more than \$40,000 owed to

children has been collected and paid back. An additional 17 people have been notified that their accounts could be seized.

"It's a very important tool for us," said Maricarol Torso, director of a county child support office near Toledo, Ohio.

The bank account match system is part of a tough law passed by Congress in 1996 to track parents who owe child support payments and tap their wages, tax refunds and bank accounts.

The law was revised in 1998 to give HHS the authority to do matches with 2,300 financial institutions, mostly large banks with branches in many states.

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American Airlines to revise policies

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - American Airlines plans to revise its policies on avoiding thunderstorms before the June 1 anniversary of a crash that killed 11 people at Little Rock National Airport.

The new policy is the result of several post-accident evaluations by the carrier that found 85 ways in which it could improve. Robert Baker, vice chairman of American's parent company, AMR Corp, told National Transportation Safety Board investigators at a hearing Thursday.

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Bush: U.S. needs biggest tax cut

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — George W. Bush said Friday that President Clinton's State of the Union address showed that the president and Bush's Republican rival John McCain "agree on the size of the tax cut."

"It's not significant enough," Bush said of the \$350 billion, 10-year tax cut proposed by Clinton, Arizona Sen. McCain, who leads in polls for Tuesday's Republican presidential primary, has proposed a \$237 billion, five-year reduction.

Bush has proposed greater tax cuts, but McCain says more money should be used for reducing the national debt.

Bush was endorsed today by former New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu, once his father's White House chief of staff.

"I would like to urge the good conservative voters in New Hampshire to support Governor Bush," McCain said Sununu, who managed the elder Bush's New Hampshire victory in 1988.

Sununu, who supported former Vice President Dan Quayle until he dropped out of the 2000 race, predicted Bush would win the state primary despite McCain's edge in the polls.

Sununu denied there was ever a breach between himself and the younger Bush, who reportedly delivered word that Sununu should resign from President Bush's White House in 1991 after Sununu's performance came under fire among some top Republicans.

"I have never had a problem with any conversations I have had with Governor Bush," Sununu said.

Sununu and Bush stood side-by-side in the lobby of Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., where Bush had come for a tour and a speech. "I am proud to have his support," Bush said.

McCain's reaction: "The establishment is very worried. That's why you see a parade of people backing Bush."

Bush, who has been saying since the debate Wednesday night that McCain's tax plans are "closer to the administration," said the State of the Union message proved his point.

He said he proposes cutting taxes by \$483 billion over five years so that surplus money



Republican presidential candidate Texas Governor George W. Bush takes his first ride on a snowmobile at a practice course Friday during a campaign stop in Hockeet, N.H. Bush is campaigning for next week's earliest presidential primary.

won't be left for Washington spenders.

"The president has spent all the money he could possibly spend and then he had a little left over for a tax cut," Bush said.

Steve Forbes' campaign brought several current and former Texas education officials to an event today to criticize Bush's record back home.

"The bottom line is that Governor Bush's record on education is one of broken promises and politics as usual," said Bob Offutt, a member of the Texas Board of Education.

Bush's reaction: "I have got a

great record in the state of Texas."

"This is about negative campaigning," Bush said. "Mr. Forbes tried to do the same thing to Bob Dole in 1996."

Forbes also began a new ad in which he talks about his plans for Social Security and taxes. He tells voters if conservatives unite, he can win.

McCain criticized a New York state judge's decision to throw him off the March 7 primary ballot in eight of the state's 31 congressional districts. McCain is taking the issue to federal court.

McCain also is broadcasting a

new television ad in New Hampshire, stressing his reform message, promising to return government "to whom it belongs, the people."

He said he can run stronger against a Democratic ticket led by Vice President Al Gore because "Bush stands mute on campaign finance reform..."

"It's much easier for me to attack Clinton and Gore because I have the high ground," said the Arizona senator, who also resumed his challenge to Bush to run a positive campaign. The two promised to do just that with a hand shake earlier this month.

N.H. independents could tip political scales

By Ron Fournier, The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — New Hampshire Republicans weren't the largest group of voters who watched Wednesday's presidential debates. Nor were Democrats. Independents are the big bloc in this state's politics, and they sized up both fields in a rare booth-by-booth.

"It's one-stop shopping," said Terry Blair, a single mother from Manchester. One of 274,000 registered independents, Blair was tuning into the 90-minute Republican debate at 7 p.m. and "after a break for bath time" was catching the Democrats at 9.

New Hampshire independents outnumber the state's 265,000 Republicans and 194,000 Democrats, and they can vote in either primary Tuesday. That's why voters like Blair are so important to the seven major-party candidates, particularly Republican John McCain and Democrat Bill Bradley.

"In a tight race — and we've got close races on both sides of the fence this year — the independents can make all the difference," Republican state chairman Steve Duprey said.

State analysts say at least one-third of the independents support Republicans almost every election. They react to the tax-cutting, small government GOP message but just like the "independent" label.

Another one-third, or slightly less, of self-described independents generally support Democratic candidates and issues.

No more than 25 percent of the registered independents are "true independents" and swing between parties — a fraction of New Hampshire's total voting population.

McCain and his party seem to be winning the battle for true independents this far. The number of self-described independents who said they would support Republicans climbed from 36 percent to 45 percent in the past month, said Robin Marra, director of polling at Franklin Pierce College.

The trend benefits McCain, who leads front-runner George W. Bush among independents by a 2-to-1 margin. The Arizona senator has portrayed himself as a straight-talking reformer to draw even or ahead of the Texas govern-

nor in most state polls.

Tattling his message for independents, McCain accused Bush of having "nothing to say" about campaign finance reform and gingerly explained his anti-abortion views.

Independents support Bradley over his party's front-runner, Vice President Al Gore, by about 10 percentage points. Like McCain, Bradley supports campaign finance reform. "How can you be fighting for the people when you are working hand in glove with the special interests who are essentially fighting against the people?" he asked Gore.

Marra said McCain appeared to fare better than Bradley in the bid for independents, in part because Bradley was drawn into bitter exchanges with Gore.

"McCain didn't do anything to scare the independents away and Bradley didn't do enough to attract them," Marra said. "Bradley battled, but he still hasn't completely answered the key question: Why should voters want to turn away the sitting vice president?"

Analysis

N.H. voters

Independent voters have become the largest group of voters in New Hampshire. Here is a snapshot of their growth in registered voters for the primary during past three years.

2000 primary

Republicans	265,000
Democrats	194,000
Unaffiliated	274,000

1996 primary

Republicans	244,000
Democrats	209,000
Unaffiliated	180,430

Note: 3,257 Libertarians not charted.

Sue Chadwick of Nashua said afterward that she shifted her allegiances from Bradley to McCain. "The evening turned me off," said Chadwick, who watched the debate for an instant survey by *SpeakOut.com*.

"McCain seemed sincere. He speaks from his heart. He is an honorable person. Those are things I admire in Bradley, too."

Bradley has lost his lead to Gore in state polls, and is fresh off a big loss in Iowa's caucuses. If undecided independents begin to swing Gore pulling away, they may tilt to the better race and back McCain.

"If I'm George Bush, I'm watching the Democratic debate and rooting for Bill Bradley," Duprey said.

McCain and Bradley are not the only candidates appealing to independents.

Seizing on an issue popular with independents, Gore criticized Bradley for not supporting the administration's first welfare overhaul initiative.

After staking out staunch conservative ground on abortion in Iowa, Bush quickly moderated his tone in New Hampshire by talking about education Monday night.

For Bradley and McCain, this may be the time to focus on party regulars.

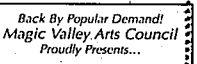
"At this point, because the number of self-described independents is relatively small I would tilt both (McCain and Bradley) to shore up — or in Bradley's case, build up — their support in the party bases," Marra said.

"Independents get you into the ball game, but you can't win it without party regulars."

Bradley has the biggest problem there: polls show that Gore does much better among Democrats than his underdog rival, McCain and Bush have been splitting the GOP vote evenly, though pollsters surveying the state this week say McCain may be slipping a bit.

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Fringe long-shot candidates crowd ballot

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Usually, voters who don't see the choice of candidates write some one else's name on the ballot. But in the New Hampshire presidential primary, a surprising number plunk down \$1,000 to put themselves on it.

In addition to the seven major Republican and Democratic candidates most people know of, New Hampshire voters will see the names of 22 others. Many see the primary's national media spotlight as a way to spread a message.

"I'm disappointed about what I've seen and not seen, and that's why I got into it," said Republican Richard Peet, 71, of McLean, Va.

Many long-shot candidates deal in political issues you won't hear during the nationally broadcast debates.

Democrat Mark Greenstein, 35, of Liver Cir. Calif., is pushing an airborne Service Corps, that, among other things, would unjam clogged highways.

"The Service Corps shall be permitted to fly helicopters ... from which we can drop supplies to any disabled vehicle, secure it to cables from the chopper and lift the vehicle off the highway to a service station."

Safety permitting, Greenstein also would let airline passengers board and leave planes from the front and rear at the same time, cutting required time by 40 percent.

Democrat Jim Taylor of St. Paul, Minn., is raising money by selling ambassadors, "and if we get a higher bid later for the same ambassadorship, we just replace them."

He's making a film of his candidacy — a sequel to a film about obscure candidates in the 1996 primary.

"We assume it will be very funny," he said.

Democrat Charles Buckley, 57, of Whitefield, N.H., expects a film for his 60th birthday that coincides with Inauguration Day, and he plans to be in Washington, being sworn in.

"At the risk of sounding obnoxious and self-righteous, I am more qualified than (Al) Gore and (Bill) Bradley," Buckley said. "I'm a former clerk of court, former probation officer, former teacher, former bank examiner, a trial lawyer



Presidential hopefuls Vermin Supreme, left, and Jim Taylor share a laugh after a fringe candidate debate Wednesday in Concord, N. H. Supreme is a write-in candidate who is advocating mandatory toothbrushing laws.

for 30 years, a Navy veteran." At 5 feet, 9 inches, Buckley said he couldn't play basketball like Bradley, but he has a football-like plan: six points with a point-after. It focuses on education, defense, the environment, social concerns,

Social Security, family values and affordable housing. Republican Thomas Oylor, 54,

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The Rev. Joan Cambell of the National Council of Churches, right, and Mariela Quintana, the paternal grandmother of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez, speak to reporters Friday in Washington, D.C.

Cuban grandmothers' lobbying efforts might be having an effect

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - The grandmothers of Elian Gonzalez on Friday concluded a week of intense and emotional lobbying to return the 6-year-old boy to his father in Cuba.

So far, their campaign is bearing fruit on Capitol Hill. Legislation to declare Elian a U.S. citizen appears stalled. Numerous lawmakers from both parties in recent days have declared their opposition. Proponents, thrown on the defensive, have declined to specify when their bills would come to a vote.

"The American public supports Elian's return. That's undeniable," Rep. Maxine Waters, a Democrat from Los Angeles,

declared after a meeting with the grandmothers, Mariela Quintana and Raquel Rodriguez.

"We don't care about politics. We care about our grandson," said Quintana, who wiped a tear from her cheek during a brief encounter with reporters. "We want to have our grandson back with us in Cuba."

The grandmothers - as well as family members and emissaries from Miami who want the boy to remain in the United States - have become a roving spectacle in Washington as they press their case before anyone in Congress willing to listen.

Increasingly, members of the House and the Senate seem reluctant to turn their chambers into venues for a child-custody

battle. But members and aides cautioned that unforeseen developments could yet move Congress to act.

Also Friday, Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, a Florida nun who at the request of Attorney General Janet Reno hosted the reunion of Elian with his grandmothers earlier this week, told Reno that the administration should reverse its policy. O'Laughlin, who was asked to host the meeting as a neutral party, now supports legislation to make Elian a U.S. citizen.

After meeting with O'Laughlin, Reno said in a statement that she continues to support a ruling by the Immigration and Naturalization Service that the boy be returned to Cuba.

Hi-tech video recorders gain growing consumer attention

WASHINGTON (AP) - Loren Finkelstein, a self-described "big TV watcher," was never home to enjoy his favorite shows. Instead, he relied on a stack of videotapes to capture them.

Then he discovered a new breed of VCR - a hard-drive system called a personal video recorder - that could store 14 hours of programming; select shows based on themes of his choice and play them back with a high-quality picture.

"It's phenomenal how good it is," said Finkelstein, a network administrator for a financial company in New York City. He rarely caught his shows as they were aired before. Now, he says: "I never watch live television."

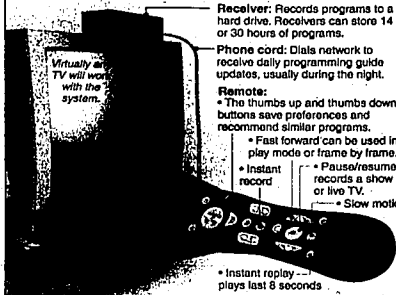
Cutting-edge couch potatoes are taking advantage of these new services - like TiVo and ReplayTV. Although the services can cost about \$700, they make it possible for consumers to watch what they want, when they want. Analysts predict that 14 million people will be using personal video recorders by 2004.

But the products also have raised a red flag among top broadcasting and cable networks, who want the companies behind the new systems to obtain licensing agreements to use their programming.

The recorders work like this: Consumers buy receiver boxes to use with their existing TVs. Instead of relying on videotapes, these devices contain a hard drive, much like in a personal

Personalized TV at your fingertips

The latest TV recording system, called a personal video recorder, can capture and organize up to 30 hours of programming. While recording a live TV show, viewers can pause the program and then resume watching, since there is no interruption in recording. Analysts expect the devices to invade 14 million households by 2004. Below are some key highlights of TiVo, one type of personal video recording system.



Source: Forrester Research, TiVo

APJ Emily Holmes

computer. Programs are saved on the hard drive for later viewing.

The equipment is used with an accompanying service for more specialized features. Viewers can create their own customized channel filled with favorite shows, by entering information about their personal tastes into the recorders. TiVo has a

Receiver: Records programs to a hard drive. Receivers can store 14 or 30 hours of programs.

Phone cord: Dials network to receive daily programming guide updates, usually during the night.

Remote:
• The thumbs up and thumbs down buttons save preferences and recommend similar programs.

• Fast forward can be used in play mode or frame by frame.

• Instant record records a show or live TV.

• Pause/resume records a show or live TV.

• Slow motion

• Instant replay - plays last 8 seconds

• "thumbs up/thumbs down" button on its remote control, so consumers can indicate their preferences and the system can suggest shows.

At night, the device dials up to servers run by the companies to download programming guides so it can automatically record the shows.

Doctors tout progress of man with hand transplant

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - One year after becoming the first person in the United States to receive a transplanted hand, Matthew Scott can write his name, tie his shoes, deal cards and pour a glass of water with it.

Scott, 38, said Friday that as he has progressed with his new left hand, some of his anger over losing his old one in a fireworks

accident has dissipated.

"A lot of those daily frustrations - the kind that would send a pen flying across the room - are gone now," he said.

Scott, who lives in Absecon, N.J., was in Louisville this week for a checkup with the doctors who performed the surgery.

Scott represents "the pinnacle of what can be achieved in hand

transplant," said Dr. Warren Breidenbach, one of the surgeons.

At a news conference, doctors showed a video of Scott performing simple tasks. The natural left-hander has some feeling in his fingertips, can feel temperatures and is beginning to gain function in the small muscles of the hand, Breidenbach said.

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Declo students start enterprises

DECLO - Declo Junior High School has two new school-to-work enterprises.

Susan Thomas, consumer and family living instructor, is directing the students in food service and clothing and crafts programs. A parent advisory committee assists with the programs.

"Nutritious Delicious" is run by 24 eighth-grade students who sell homemade snacks, bottled juice, fruit and pre-packaged items during a morning break each day.

The students also prepared snacks for breaks during four days of testing and for an open house during parent-teacher conferences at the school.

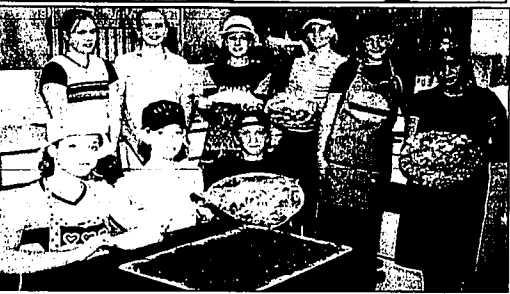
"Granny's Art" is the project of 33 seventh-grade students. The group makes butcher aprons, chef hats, book bags and crafts to sell. They are planning to organize a craft fair at the end of the semester.

Money from the enterprises is funneled back into the programs to help them become self-sufficient, school officials say.

Above, seventh-grade students at Declo Junior High School have started a school-based sewing enterprise under the direction of Susan Thomas, teacher. The entrepreneurs are, from left to right, Brittany Osterhout, Dwayne Durfee, Alex Janak, Jade Jones and Shane Call.

Consumer and family living students have started a school-based food service enterprise. The eighth-grade students show cooks as they prepared for a parent-teacher conference open house. From left to right, front row: Laura Gillette, Melissa Webb, Zack Stimpson; middle row: Melissa Rasmussen, Ashley Peterson, Kaitia Wall, Meagan Webb, Tashina Bunn and Marcela Rodriguez; and in back, Wade Osterhout.

Photo by Mary Louise Biebel



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Office volunteers - the Minicassia Office on Aging and Adult Services is in need of several volunteers to answer the telephone, assist callers and visitors, and take messages and distribute them to staff members. Volunteers are needed from 10 a.m. to noon and from 4-5 p.m. For more information, call Valerie at 677-4972, or out of the area at 1-800-574-8656.

Volunteer tutors - the College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is in need of volunteer tutors for adult students in reading, English, math and English as a second language. For more information, call Ruth Scott at 733-9554, Ext. 2536 or 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2536.

Young men's and boys' clothing - the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is assisting refugee families resettling in America. Currently, the center needs young men's and boys' clothing in good condition, vacuums, clock radios and throw rugs. For more information, call Sandra at 736-2166.

Senior citizen and at-risk child assistance - the Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs have immediate openings for people age 60 or older and who are lower income. Volunteers work with children in need of one-on-one help and homebound seniors. Participants are paid a tax-free stipend, mileage reimbursement and receive accident/liability insurance. Volunteers receive training and are assigned to a nonprofit work site. For more information, Burley area residents may call Ida at 677-4872 and Twin Falls residents may call Maggi or Pam at 736-2122.

Children advocate - Guardian Ad Litem seeks volunteers to assist children involved in the court system, conduct independent investigations of the child's circumstances and act as an advocate for the child at each stage of court proceedings. Guardians will give recommendations to the court in the best interest of the child. On average, volunteers devote 20 hours a month. There are about 230 cases but only 24 volunteers, the organization says. For more information, call the Fifth Judicial District CASA Program at 324-

6890, fax at 324-2016 or write the program at P.O. Box 22, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

Caregivers to community - Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers seek volunteers in the Magic Valley to assist with a variety of tasks for those in need in the community. People who have a desire to alleviate human suffering, enrich the human spirit and build caring communities are encouraged to volunteer, organizers say. For more information on how to volunteer, call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333. All Interfaith volunteers are insured.

Hospice helpers - Magic Valley Staffing, Hospice division, seeks volunteers in the Magic Valley who can assist clients and family members experiencing a life-limiting illness. Duties include support for patients and/or caregivers, clerical assistance, assisting in preparation of newsletters, copying, mass mailings and assisting with fundraising activities. Hospice and OSHA training is offered each month for new volunteers. For more information, call 734-0600 or outside Twin Falls at 1-800-303-0602.

Washer and dryer - A couple with children needs a washer and dryer. The wife is caring for a young child of her disabled husband. For more information, call Sherri at 543-6363.

Visitor center volunteers - The Buzz Langdon Visitor Center is seeking volunteers to disperse information about the state of Idaho, working four hour shifts with another volunteer. Training will be held in March for all volunteers. For more information, call the Judy at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce at 733-3974.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. To have your request appear in this column, please submit it before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.

Classes hone master gardeners for community

TWIN FALLS - Master gardener classes will begin in Twin Falls, Rupert, Gooding and Arco in late February.

Classes meet once a week through mid-April. University of Idaho extension educators and local experts will train the beginner to reach an almost expert level in horticulture skills and practices.

Some of the subjects offered are: basic botany, soils, irrigation, plant diseases, insect problems, weeds, home orchards, lawns and vegetable gardening. After training, Master Gardeners return volun-

teer hours back to the community through a variety of activities available through the local extension office.

Classes will meet from:
 □ 8:30-11:30 a.m. in Twin Falls and from 1-4 p.m. in Rupert on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 □ 1-4 p.m. in Gooding on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Days and times of the Arco classes are not yet determined. Charge for the class varies by location. College credit from the University of Idaho is available for

Want more information?

To find out more about the Master Gardener program at the nearest extension office, call Steve Salsbury in Twin Falls at 734-9590, Ched Cheney or Jean Taylor in Arco at 527-8587, Donna Gillespie in Rupert at 436-7184, Bill Hazen in Gooding at 934-4417, Ron Thraem in Shoshone at 898-2406 or Christel Fern in Jerome at 324-7578.

this class. Some of the classes qualify for pesticide recertification credits.

GEOGRAPHY EXPERTS

Jack Mikeseil, center, a seventh-grader at Robert Stuart Junior High School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee Jan. 11. The Bee, where students answer oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 12th annual National Geographic Bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Placing second was Jackie Hernandez, left, with Chad Erdmann coming in third. The three winners will take a written test to determine eligibility to compete in a state Bee on April 7.

Photo courtesy of Robert Stuart Junior High



Area residents participate in Costa Rican journey

Twenty-one Albertson College students, including Jamie Stone of Burley, Nancy Miller of Fairfield and Kristyn Astman of Twin Falls are in Costa Rica for five weeks conducting independent research as part of an upper-division biology department project.

The students work at the Guanacaste Conservation Area, a dry rain forest in northwest Costa Rica. The students are also studying at a site on the Osa Peninsula, a lowland tropical rain forest filled with monkeys, macaws and tou-

cans that is accessible only by boat. The students met once a week throughout fall semester to prepare for the trip by studying the various Costa Rican ecosystems and the flora and fauna. They will return to the United States on Feb. 21.

Local man recognized by Modern Woodmen of America camp

Members of the Modern Woodmen of America Camp recognized the efforts of Larry V. Pool's volunteer service and accomplishments Dec. 6 at a Rupert Fire Department staff meeting.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

The camp presented a certificate and its appreciation to Pool, says Jerry Voss, camp secretary.

Pool's volunteer efforts include volunteering for Muscular Dystrophy Association fund raising, fire prevention for children, the Rupert 4th of July parade, Christmas fireworks, the Idaho State Fire School board and the Southern Idaho Fire Academy board.

Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal life insurance organization, provides life insurance, annuities and fraternal programs, organizers say. The local camp provides a number of volunteer service and social activities for members.

VFW post, auxiliary host pot luck, awards ceremony

BURLEY - The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary Post 3043 will host a pot luck dinner and awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. today at the VFW Hall, 554 Hilland Ave.

The agenda includes honoring businesses and people who have supported the organization during the past year.

Veterans and their families are invited to attend. Participants should bring table service and a covered dish.

BJ Duplicate Bridge club announces Jan. 25 winners

RUPERT - BJ Duplicate Bridge winners for Jan. 25 were north-south: Pat Adams and Marlene Temple, first place; Lila Bumann and Marian Snow, second place; and Faun and Warren McEntire, third place; and east-west: Jeane Gisler and Donna Moore, first place; Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland, second place; and Trudy Carver and Nancy Gibson, third place.

Bridge is played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 200 W. 85 S.

West End Senior Center hosts craft classes

Buhl - The West End Senior Center will host craft classes from 2-4 p.m. the first and third

Tuesdays of the month starting Tuesday at the senior center at 1010 Main St. in Buhl.

Participants will learn how to make a stuffed valentine bunny and a two-heart wall hanging. Cost is 25 cents for each project and other projects may be at no cost to students.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the West End Senior Center at 543-4577.

CSI offers photo preserving, aviation school courses

TWIN FALLS - Photo preserving, aviation school and event planning are the topics of courses offered through the College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center.

Event Planning instructor Shellen Gilliland will teach participants how to plan events from family reunions to business conferences. The class will be held in Shields Building room 101 today from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$20 per person.

Organizing and Preserving Family Photos instructor Shannon Gneza will teach this five-week course. This class will teach students how to use more creativity in family albums and how to preserve them for generations to come. The class will be held at Desktop by Design at 120 Main Street from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, starting this Tuesday through Feb. 29. The cost is \$20

per person plus a supply fee of \$25.

Aviation Ground School will be held in the CSI Shields building starting Feb. 28. Each class will run from 6-9 p.m. Instructor Brian Utz will teach the basic aeronautical knowledge needed by all prospective pilots. Every test item on the Federal Aviation Administration Private Pilot Test will be covered. The course costs \$85 per person.

For more information on any of these classes, call the CSI Community Education Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2288.

Card party gets under way at Paul Masonic Lodge

PAUL - A card party is planned with refreshments at 6 p.m. and card play beginning at 7 p.m. today at the Paul Masonic Lodge, 113 E. Idaho. The public is invited.

Twin Falls Community Pool schedules swim lessons

TWIN FALLS - The second session of swimming lessons starts Monday at the Twin Falls Community Pool at the corner of Stadium Boulevard and Locust Street in Twin Falls.

Cost is \$25 per person and spots are still available. People are encouraged to drop by the pool and register for the class.

For more information, call the pool at 734-2336 or 735-0512.

Southern Idaho Learning Center mans info booth

TWIN FALLS - The Indoor Flea Market will feature a Southern Idaho Learning Center, formerly the Scottish Rites Learning Center, information and display booth about its services provided to children in the community.

The flea market will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Admission to the market is free.

Homemade pies, antiques, books, Avon, craft supplies, collectible toys and tools will be for sale. Vendor space is available. For more information, call Dana Cameron at 532-4439.

Admissions representative from college plans visit

TWIN FALLS - Heather Seifert, admissions representative at Western Montana College of the University of Montana, will be visiting the area.

On Monday she will visit at Minico High School at 10 a.m.; on Tuesday she will visit at Burley High School at 11:15 a.m.; Valley High School at 12:00 p.m.; and Kimberly High School at 2:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, she will visit Twin Falls Senior High at 8:30 a.m. and Jerome High School at 9:45 a.m.

"Western offers a variety of degree options, four-year bache-

lor's and two-year associates," Seifert says. "The quality of education, small school and location make Western a great college choice."

Non-traditional students and adult learners are also invited to visit with Seifert.

Interested persons can call Jeannie Kerbs in Rupert at 436-4721, Dan Bollingbroke in Burley at 678-6606, Becky Rudolph in Hazelton at 820-5541, Debbie Klug in Kimberly at 423-5541, Bill Harley in Twin Falls at 733-6551, or Dan Fowler in Jerome at 324-8137.

Twin Falls Community Pool hosts kayak night

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Community Pool will host a kayak night from 7:30-10 p.m. Tuesday.

Admission with kayak is \$5 per person at the door and River Rat White Water Toys will have loaner boats on hand. Kayakers are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call the Twin Falls Community Pool at 734-2336 or 735-0512. The pool is located at the corner of Stadium Boulevard and Locust Street.

We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it.

- Community meetings.
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Invitation and prayer not obsolete

I've been telling people the best tools for surviving the future are old-fashioned spiritual actions the church threw away about 50 years ago. It was our belief that the church was so hopelessly out of touch that getting rid of prayer and evangelism would make Christians look hip and "with it." So people stopped praying and they went to counselors, spilled their sorrow and came away still in need of something spiritual.

Instead of praying, they talked to their relatives and friends, workmates and casual acquaintances about all their disappointments. Before you knew what was happening, the entire society acted as if it needed a strong laxative. That was what happened to Melvin, an elderly neighbor who lived next door to me many years ago. Melvin was entirely alone, a forgotten man who raised a family, nursed a sickly wife until she died and worked at his daily job until management told him he had to retire. We didn't see much of Melvin.

In the spring, I asked Melvin if he would like to come to church with me. He rejected that offer, and for a couple of weeks Melvin was very grumpy. I offered many rides to church that summer, and each one was a piece down. Then one day, I asked Melvin what he would do with a sticky drawer on a desk. And he said, "One of these days, I'll take a look at it."

A couple of Sundays later, we drove to church together, and Melvin carried a little tool kit: screwdrivers, a small hammer, a stick of lubricant and a couple of wrenches. The drawer was fixed in minutes. Then Melvin sat in my office, 20 feet from the sanctuary, for the rest of the morning while I preached and led worship. The next Sunday, he fixed some bookshelves and then sat in a corner reading religious magazines. That's the way the summer went. But by October, Melvin walked down to the door of the sanctuary and peeked in. By November, he was sitting in the back pew just three feet from the door. Each Sunday, that's where he stayed until the day he died.

What was even more impressive was the change in Melvin's personal disposition. The man walked straighter. He started looking at people and smiling. He began to speak to children. Once in a while, he had a conversation with an adult. And almost always, he was willing to fix stuff at the church.

I never found out why Melvin was so shy of the church. It didn't matter. Way back in his life, there was a hurt that wouldn't heal. But for most people, if we want something badly enough, we'll find a way to move around the hurt and discover something good. Inviting people just gives people a reason to search for a path around the hurt.

So what part did prayer have to do with Melvin's transformation? You can imagine there were people in the church mentioning Melvin in prayer. There was a group of women who prayed for Melvin every week. But there is no way to prove scientifically that prayer helped Melvin. That's a matter of faith, not science.

But invitation and prayer seem to go hand in hand. If you have one operating in your life, at some point you will decide to use the other. If you're praying for someone, sooner or later you ought to be inviting them to your religious worship.

If there is one characteristic every faithful church person should have, it's persistence. You don't invite a person just once. And if you pray for someone one day, the next day it seems right to do it again.

But so many of our good church people, feeling awkward about inviting and praying, decided long ago that those two old tools ought to be stored in a closet. Now the time has come when we must dig them out and begin to use them again. If we don't, the entire religious enterprise will fall into pieces.

Clark Morpheu is an ordained clergyman and is religion writer for the Saint Paul Pioneer Press.



Sixteen-year-old Crystal Gill was reading this Teen Mania magazine when she made the decision to go to Kenya on a mission trip. Her mother says the family is 100 percent behind her.

Mission draws teen to Kenya

Local girl to spend summer in far-off land

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - July 3 is the big day - the day Crystal Gill plans to depart for Kenya as part of a team of Christian missionaries. The 16-year-old is making plans to travel far from home, with no parents to lean on, because she wants to bring the message of Jesus Christ to a suffering people.

The application process was informal, but serious. Crystal applied over the telephone and was asked a lot of questions about her relationship with God.

"We'll use skits, personal evangelism, church planting and tribal ministries," Crystal said last week. "They train us briefly, and of course, there are chaperones and coaches."

She read about the mission work in a magazine published by Teen Mania, an evangelical group that sponsors mission trips.

"At first I wanted to go to Haiti, but I was praying a lot about it and Kenya just kind of jumped out at me," said Crystal, who attends Calvary Baptist Church in Burley. "So I figured that was God speaking, and I changed my choice."

Crystal will have a friend or two along on the month-long trip. Lindsey Razez of Burley has received her confirmation. Another girl is still waiting. The girls may do their fund-raising together.

'We're real excited for her. This will really open the door for her, and open her eyes and mind to the needs of the people.'

- Doris Gill, young missionary's mother

There are plans for a carwash, and the girls hope to serve a dinner, with skits and singing. Crystal also got a job at Doc's Pizza in Rupert and has already saved \$200, most of her earnings. The goal is \$5,000 for each girl.

Crystal said, "I first started getting mission magazines when I was 13. It sounded like fun and something to do. But last October, Teen Mania put on a conference called Acquire the Fire, complete with a mission call, and while it still sounded like fun, I wanted to go out and see people saved for God."

Crystal said her family is "totally for this 100 percent behind me."

Her father, Mike, said he tells people his daughter is going to Africa to do mission work. Her mother, Doris, said she expects

Crystal to do a fine job. "We're real excited for her," Doris Gill said. "This will really open the door for her, and open her eyes and mind to the needs of the people."

Crystal's two siblings plan to get into the action, too, by helping with fund-raising. Meanwhile, Crystal is wondering if her hobbies will be useful on her journey. She is learning to train horses and has performed in school plays every Christmas and Easter for as long as she can remember. She has also studied sign language for two years.

Crystal said there are differences in signs from one region of the United States to another, so she's not sure what to expect in a foreign country.

But whatever happens, Crystal is ready. "When Crystal sets her mind to something, she really is very diligent to achieve her goal," her mother said.



FAITH TODAY
Clark Morpheu

Nashville gears up for the 31st annual Dove Awards

Kathy Lee Gifford to host Grammys of Gospel music

By Phil West
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Singer Toby McKeehan has been nominated for 10 Gospel Music Association Dove Awards, including four as a member of the contemporary Christian trio dc Talk.

McKeehan received songwriter nominations for dc Talk's "Consume Me," nominated as song of the year, and "Supernatural," a nominee for recorded rock song of the year.

Michael W. Smith's "This Is Your Time" single, inspired by the shootings at Columbine High School, was nominated Wednesday for song of the year, pop-contemporary recorded song of the year and short form music video.

And the nominees are...

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| <p>The Associated Press</p> <p>Here's a list of the top Dove Awards nominees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Song of the Year (song title, writer): "Basic Instructions"; Steven Delopoulos, John Philippos. "Can't Live a Day"; Joe Beck, Connie Harrington, Ty Lacy. "Choose Life"; Steve Wiggins, Bill Baitsong. "Consume Me"; Toby McKeehan, Michael Tait, Kevin Max, Mark Helmermann. "Div"; Steven Curtis Chapman. "I Will Follow Christ"; Clay Crossie, Steve Siler. "I've Always Loved You"; Mac Powell, David Carr, Mark Lee, Mac Powell, Tol Anderson, Brad Avery. "Jesus King of Angels"; Fernando Ortega. "The Only Thing I Need"; Brent | <p>Bourgeois.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "This Is Your Time"; Michael W. Smith, Steve King. <p>Songwriter of the Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brent Bourgeois Cindy Morgan Fernando Ortega Michael W. Smith Darlene Zschech <p>Male Vocalist of the Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steven Curtis Chapman Fred Hammond Fernando Ortega Chris Rice Michael W. Smith <p>Female Vocalist of the Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janifer Knapp Leigh Nash Nichole Nordeman Kathy Troccoli Jaci Velasquez <p>Group of the Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audie Adrenaline | <p>Avant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cathedralis Point Of Grace Sixpence None The Richer Third Day <p>Artist of the Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avant Steven Curtis Chapman Point Of Grace Sixpence None The Richer Michael W. Smith <p>New Artist of the Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFH Ginny Owens Raze SonicFlood Watermark <p>Producer of the Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brown Bannister Brent Bourgeois Todd Collins Nomine Jones Charlie Pescoco |
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The 31st annual Dove Awards program will be broadcast April 20 at the Grand Ole Opry House. Kathy Lee Gifford will be the host of the syndicated show. Steven Curtis Chapman received nine nominations, including artist of the year, male vocalist of the year and writer of "Div" in the song of the year and pop-contemporary recorded song categories. Chapman also was nominated for artist and producer of the year for his album "Speechless."

Souper Bowl hopes to raise money for charity

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

Several churches in Southern Idaho are participating in this year's Souper Bowl of Caring - and the youth-led grassroots event was scheduled to be the focus of an NFL Super Bowl press conference in Atlanta sometime during the week of the big game.

The Souper Bowl of Caring began under the sponsorship of the Spring Valley Presbyterian Church of Columbia, S.C., in 1990. That year, 22 churches participated. Last year, 11,300 congregations raised \$2.5 million. Forty-nine of the churches were in Idaho. Seven were in Southern Idaho.

Organizers encourage churches of all denominations across the country to ask members to donate \$1 each the day of the big game - Jan. 30 this year. All of the money goes to charities in the communities where it was raised.

This year, churches in Twin Falls, Buhl, Castleford, Hagerman, Jerome, Burley and Rupert are participating. The churches collect their own money and choose their own charities. They may obtain free mini-posters from South Carolina headquarters. Then, the churches report in with the amount of money they raise. The national goal, this year, is \$3.5 million.

Among the Idaho churches that are participating this year:

- Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Twin Falls; money

The Times-News is going to tackle some tough issues from the Bible - and we want your help.

Here's the Bible passage:
"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be my disciple." (Words of Jesus, Luke 14:26)

Please fill out this questionnaire and return it to Denise Turner, Religion Editor, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID, 83303-0548 by February 28. For more information, call 733-0931, ext. 243, or e-mail to denise@mgvalley.com

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Church you attend: _____

May we call you if we need to ask questions?

May we use your name and comments in the newspaper?

How do you explain Jesus' words about hating one's family?

Is there anything else you want to add on the subject? (Attach extra sheets if you need more space.)

RELIGION

CHURCH NEWS

The Times-News

Musician coming to town

TWIN FALLS - Christian musician Ken Medina will perform at 7 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Reform Church Event Center, 1631 Grandview Drive N. Admission is \$2.50.

Medina will also perform at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday at the church. For more information, call 733-6128.

COPEs group begins

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene COPEs group begins this week.

"Community of People Extending Support" is a program and support group to help people overcome loss and regain happiness. It offers opportunities to learn new ways of approaching problems and exploring feelings about grief.

The program, open to the public, features nine sessions in 18 weeks; the first session is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church, 1231 Washington St. N. For more information, call 733-6610.

Mothers pray for schools

TWIN FALLS - The 15th anniversary conference of Moms In Touch International was held in October in North Carolina. Local leaders Lori Lawson, Carol Nielsen and Fern Nichols were among 1,200 women from around the world who attended.

The ministry's goal, "Y2Pray" to have every school in the United States being prayed for by the end of 2003, was chosen by MIT founder Fern Nichols of Poway, Calif. Leaders from the Magic and Wood River valleys met Jan. 22 for leadership training.

"We are praying for this goal to be met in the state of Idaho," said Lawson, who is regional coordinator. "If you are not praying for your children, who is?"

MIT is an interdenominational, nonprofit organization where two or more moms meet together one hour a week to pray for their children and schools. Local groups meet at various times. For more information in the Mini-Cassia area, call Linda at 436-5599; in Blaine and Camas counties, call Jean at 788-5828; in Twin Falls, Gooding, Lincoln and Jerome counties, call Lori at 825-9604.

Religionwatch

SATURDAY

"Religion & Ethics Newsweekly": Chicago church wants to provide shelter to the homeless one night a week. (2:30 p.m., PBS, 30 min., 875) "Gather Gospel Hour": The Cathedral's Farewell Celebration; performances by the Oak Ridge Boys and the Stalter Brothers. (7 p.m., TNN, 1 hr., 670252)

SUNDAY

"Breath of Life": Walter Pearson's religious sermons. (7 a.m., FOX FC, 30 min., 949108)

MONDAY

"Children in War": Veteran documentary-makers Alan and Susan Raymond profile veterans caught in the crossfire, Bosnia, Israel, Rwanda and Northern Ireland at the principal locations visited as children of war. (8 p.m., HBO, 1 hr., 2221412)

Scholarship deadline looms

BURLEY - The First Presbyterian Church announced April 1 is the deadline for two scholarships administered by the church.

The Burley Educational Fund Scholarship is available for a high school senior associated with the church. The McCaslin Youth Scholarship is available for a member or high school senior who regularly attends church. Pick up applications at the church, 2100 Burton Ave.

Young women earn awards

HAZELTON - Tiffany Okelberry and Cindy Statten earned Young Womanhood awards this week through the Young Women Ball of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Tiffany's projects included quilting and handstitching baby blankets, knitting a leprosy bandage and making a scrapbook of her sister's mission. Tiffany is the 17-year-old daughter of Mark and Cheryl Okelberry of Hazelton. She is senior class president at Valley High School, where she has a 4.0 grade-point average and is involved in basketball and volleyball. She plans to attend Ricks College.

Cindy's projects included 60 hours of color-coded scripture marking. She also provided child care during Valley High School basketball games, crocheted a baby afghan and made a recipe book of her mom's recipes. Cindy is a senior at Valley High School, where she participated in cross-country and track and field (second in the state in triple jump). She collects keychains, parakeets and plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho. She is 17 and the daughter of Rose and Gary Statten of Hazelton.

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Several Magic Valley area residents have been called to serve missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Sister Sarah Hendrickson, daughter of Ron and Toni Hendrickson of Jerome, will serve in the Eagle Scout. She will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Jerome 1st Ward chapel, 825 E. Ave. B.

Elder Ryan White will serve in the Brazil Sao Paulo East Mission. He will speak at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 1st Ward chapel on Elizabeth Boulevard. Valerie White of Twin Falls and the sister of Billy Graham. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1999 and attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. During high school, he was in Madrigals and National Honor Society and was a delegate to Boy's State.

Elder Jeremy Cutler will serve in the Switzerland Zurich Mission. He will speak at 2:50 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 4th Ward chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W.

Elder Vern Barnes and Sister Joy Barnes will serve in the Missouri Independence Mission. They will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 6th Ward chapel, 6667 Harrison St.

Elder Thad N. Crump will serve in the California Ventura

Cutler graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1999, where he participated in track his senior year and was in National Honor Society. He is an Eagle Scout and enjoys camping, four-wheeling, wakeboarding and outdoor activities. His parents are Mark and Shanna Utter of Twin Falls.

Elder James C. Woods will serve in the Brazil Manaus Mission. He will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 14th Ward chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W. An open house is set to begin at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Woods residence, 4134 Creek View Drive.

Woods, the son of Candy Woods of Twin Falls, graduated from Twin Falls High School.

Elder Vern Barnes and Sister Joy Barnes will serve in the Missouri Independence Mission. They will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 6th Ward chapel, 6667 Harrison St.

Elder Thad N. Crump will serve in the California Ventura

Mission. He will speak at 1:15 p.m. Sunday at the Springdale 1st Ward chapel, 200 S. 475 E. Crump is the son of Kern and Linda Crump of Burley and an Eagle Scout.

He graduated from Declo High School in 1999, where he was in sports and the Declo Trendsetters.

Elder Abram Dilworth will serve in the Arizona Tucson Mission. He will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert 1st Ward chapel at Eighth and O streets.

Dilworth graduated as a co-valuedictorian from Minico High School in 1999 and attended Utah State University in Logan. He has been working for the Cornerstone Construction. He is the son of Milan and Karen Dilworth of Rupert and an Eagle Scout.

Elder Kyler J. Redder, son of Guy and Karen Redder of Burley, will serve in the Utah Salt Lake City Mission. He will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Burley 9th Ward chapel, 2050 Normal Ave.

Sister Amanda Steed will

serve in the Micronesia Guam Mission. She will speak at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Almo Ward chapel. Steed graduated from Raft River High School in 1997 and from Ricks College in 1999 with a degree in crop and soil science/agronomy. She is the daughter of Gary and Sonia Steed of Almo.

Almo Steed

Norman and LaJuno Dayley

Elder Norman Dayley and Sister LaJuno Dayley will serve in the Germany Frankfurt Mission. They will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Albion Ward chapel. The mission calling returns Dayley to Frankfurt, where he served with the United States Army in 1953-54.

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In son's death, parents find new ministry

By Ken Garfield Knight Ridder News Service

He's not just Leighton Ford the evangelist, and she's not just Jean Graham Ford, the younger sister of Billy Graham. They're Sandy's parents now, caretakers of his memory, a father and mother eager to honor their son. You lose a curly-haired child who ran fast and worshipped hard and you'd spend the rest of your life being faithful to him, too.

The second of the Fords' three children, Sandy seemed headed to the pulpit before a heart defect took him on Nov. 27, 1981. He died the day after Thanksgiving. The family's holiday meal has never tasted the same.

Sandy was the kind of guy who could go to a University of North Carolina keg party carrying a six-pack of Pepsi and fit right in. A poster on the wall of his dorm room at the time of his death said, "I was born not to pass judgment, but to love." His journal was filled with talk of a budding romance on one page, the latest development in his Christian life on the other.

Jean Ford, 67, said he was square like a cube, yet he possessed a God-given ability to draw people to him. Like his father and uncle, a life in the pulpit seemed destined for Sandy.

But then came the diagnosis of heart disease and the first opera-

tion in 1975. Then another attack of cardiac arrhythmia that left his heart beating dangerously fast. And then, finally, the unsuccessful surgery at Duke Medical Center in Durham. The 139-pound kid who used to run cross country in high school was gone.

"See you later" were the father's last words to the son.

In those first hours of grief, the father began his journey of faithfulness. On the ride back to Charlotte after Sandy's death, friend and associate Irv Chambers brought up the issue of the funeral plans when what memorial to designate in Sandy's honor. Somewhere on Interstate 85 late at night, Leighton Ford said: "Let's start a little memorial fund."

Since then, \$825,500 has been awarded to 452 seminarians in 18 years. The Fords have two surviving children - Debbie, 41, and Kevin, 34. All the young seminarians, though, have become the Fords' adopted spiritual sons and daughters. If Sandy can't preach, let them preach in his honor.

Yet the money is only part of what Ford called "a whole new spiritual beginning for me." Instead of chasing after big crowds in distant cities, the preacher who was once thought to be in line to succeed his brother-in-law Billy Graham began pursuing something different. Something more personal.

A line from Isaiah 43:19 struck him like "an arrow to my heart,"

he said - "I am about to do a new thing."

Ford, 68, wrote "Sandy: A Heart for God" (InterVarsity Press). The painfully detailed look at his son's life and death has sold 80,000 copies, with proceeds going to the Sandy Ford fund. Fifteen years after it was published, the Fords still get letters. A man from India read it on a train and wanted to say thank you for sharing the pain, uncertainty and, ultimately, hope that comes with being a Christian.

Young people write to say how much Sandy reminds them of the college buddy who lives on their dormitory hall.

Parents who have buried children write to say thank you for not disrespecting their grief by promoting a "Oh-well-he's-in-a-better place" attitude. "Sandy's death is not right," Ford wrote near the end of the book. "As Christians we sometimes too easily and glibly pass over things that happen with nice sweet words, and forget that it is not right."

Believer, agnostic or atheist, surely no one remains untouched as Ford hears in his mind the whisper of a conversation with his son in heaven.

"What is it like?" he asks Sandy.

"I can think so deeply and every thought is clear," Sandy answers. "I can speak and express exactly what I mean. I can run and never get tired. I am so sure-footed in the paths of glory."

This new ministry, though, isn't just a scholarship at a book. It's a father and a mother whose faces carry a sadness that they cannot hide. That they do not want to hide. Maybe someone who lost a child will look into their eyes and find solace in knowing there's a brotherhood among the bereaved.

When Leighton Ford spoke at the 20th reunion of the Myers Park High School Class of 1979 - Sandy's class - a woman introduced herself. She said that when her time comes, she can't wait to meet Sandy in heaven.

Sandy, she told Ford, is going to introduce her to God. "Sandy Ford is gone. He's there at Thanksgiving. He rides his bicycle near Myers Park High and stops at the memorial markers by the creek in the woods. He's there when his folks spot a golden retriever that looks a little like Zar, Sandy's golden retriever. Sometimes he's there for no reason at all. "Maybe just a memory that comes from nowhere," Leighton Ford said.

But instead of running from the memories, the Fords wrap their arms around them. They cling to them until it hurts, hoping it helps others.

Since Nov. 27, 1981, Leighton Ford said, their lives have centered on the only two things that matter: "Loss and discoveries."

Ken Garfield is the religion editor at The Charlotte Observer.

Students of 'sports ministry' evangelize with athletics

By Tiffany Meredith The Associated Press

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. - At a small college in the heart of the Bible Belt, in a state where basketball is king, aspiring ministers are learning a new way to reach the masses: Get out from the pulpit and into the gym.

Or onto the gridiron. Or the baseball field. Or the tennis court.

At Campbellsville University, a Baptist-affiliated liberal arts school of 1,660 students, tucked away amid the farmland of central Kentucky, students can now get a degree in sports ministry.

With churches looking for new ways to draw an ever-changing society through their doors, athletics has become a common ground. "It's a sports-saturated society," explains Ted Taylor, a former college athlete and former chaplain for Mississippi State University's football team, who

heads the sports ministry degree program.

The morphing of sports with religion is not new - organizations like Athletes in Action and Fellowship of Christian Athletes have been around for years. The degree program was a natural extension, Taylor said.

The degree program, which started in the fall of 1998, is one of a handful like it in the country.

Students take classes in coaching theory, psychology and sociology of sport, and principles of Christian coaching. In addition, the 139-degree and more traditional college courses. In the classroom, students learn to apply biblical principles to coaching and discuss issues like conflict resolution and counseling.

The program gives students hands-on training. A non-denominational sports-centered ministry called Sports Reach is based on the campus, and stu-

dents do internships playing one of a variety of team sports. The teams compete against professionals and amateurs and travel to prisons, children's homes and other colleges.

Senior Tina Proppes, 21, who played tennis on scholarship for three years, is a sports ministry major who plans to start a sports camp for children after she graduates.

"You can use sports to open doors," she said. "There are people you can't just go up to and talk about God, but you can play baseball and talk about the World Series."

"There's no doubt," Taylor said, that athletes are in a special position should they choose to spread their faith. Taylor points to Cameron Mills, who played on the University of Kentucky's 1995 and 1998 NCAA championship basketball teams and became an evangelist after he graduated. Mills regularly speaks to packed

houses. While the sports ministry degree program focuses on evangelism, Taylor said ideally the program would target students who have a desire to coach.

"Today's high school athletes often don't have time to spend in religious activities after games, practices, classes and homework," he explained. The most influential person in their lives may become their coach.

Some schools, especially public institutions, might shy away from a coach with a religious background, said Marijon Plomhenth, assistant director of the Center for Career Education and Life Planning at New York University.

Richard Lapchick, director of the Center for Sport in Society, in Boston, said having a coach on a sports ministry background could be especially helpful in areas such as violence prevention and race relations.

Caring

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will go to Neighbors in Need. •First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls; money will go to St. Edward's Soup Kitchen, and food will be collected for Neighbors in Need.

•Valley Christian Church in Twin Falls; money will go to the Salvation Army. •Buhl and Castelford United Methodist churches; money will go to the West End Ministerial Association Food Bank.

•Christian Center of Hagerman; money will go to a local charity. •Rupert United Methodist Church; money will go to the food pantry operated by the area min-

isterial association. •First Presbyterian Church of Burley; people are being asked to donate a dollar and a can of soup for charity at worship services.

•Jerome Ministerial Association, including El Shaddai Fellowship, Church of God, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, Calvary Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church, St. Jerome's Catholic Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church; money will go into the ministerial association's fund for charities.

For more information about the group, call 1-800-358-SOUP. Or visit the group's home page at www.souperbowl.org.

Know the score? Read The Times-News sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

Churches use basketball to teach kids about Christianity

Knight Ridder News Service

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Cowboys galloped toward the basket with the Cyclones blowing along behind them. "Drew, get your man!" Mike Kinsel screamed as his son, 7-year-old Drew Kinsel, played defense.

"That's the hardest thing to teach them, to guard their man," Mike Kinsel said, his eyes still on the court.

Drew wears No. 1 for the Cyclones, a team in the youth basketball league of Centenary United Methodist Church in Lexington.

Centenary is one of several churches in the Bluegrass that use basketball as a non-threatening way to teach kids about Christianity.

The technique seems to be working because the programs have exploded in popularity.

Mike Kinsel likes it because Drew and his brother, Ryan, 10, can learn the basics of the game in a wholesome environment. And Centenary holds a banquet at the end of the season at which every child gets a trophy. At last year's banquet, there was a highlight video in which every child's name was mentioned.

About 450 churches nationwide offer Upward Basketball, a 4-year-old non-profit organization based in Spartanburg, S.C.

"We haven't even begun," said Caz McCaslin, founder of the program, which includes a handbook that tells parents not to heckle and sets substitution patterns so everyone gets equal playing time.

Upward Basketball also provides jerseys, computer programs and other items churches need to run a league. The church pays the corporation \$38 a player, then charges players more to cover expenses. Players go through pre-season

drills so they can be rated by skill level. The talent is then evenly divided among teams.

Players in Upward Basketball range from first grade through sixth. There are no league standings for the eight-game season, and no score is kept for first- and second-graders' games.

After each game, each player gets a star to iron onto his or her jersey; there are also stars for those who memorize Bible verses.

It's a fit cry from the chest-bumping showmanship and cutthroat competition at the professional, college and even high

school levels. But it turns out that the church methods are closer to the original spirit of the game.

James Naismith, who invented basketball, was a Presbyterian minister who worked at the International YMCA Training School (later Springfield College) in Massachusetts. Naismith's job was to train young men for leadership in Sunday schools and the YMCA. David Blankenhorn noted in the Dec. 6 issue of Christianity Today magazine.

For more information about Upward Basketball, check out its Web site, <http://www.upward.org/>

Virginia couple construct own religion

**By Hanna Roslin
The Washington Post**

Over the years, Ed and Joanne Liverani have found many reasons to summon God. But now, at middle age, they've boiled it down to one essential: "Not to get clobbered by life."

Years of Catholic school never taught either of them how to "cope," they said, but only made them more neurotic. By now, "there isn't a church in all of America I want to go to," said Joanne, setting out dinner plates in her Burke, Va., living room.

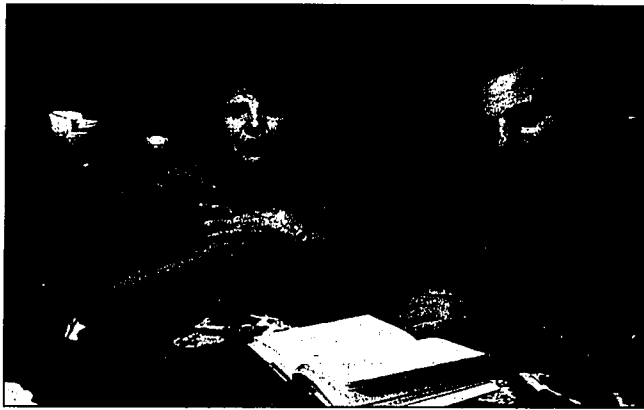
"So sometimes in the last 10 years the Liveranis began to build their own church, salvaging bits of their old religion they liked and chucking the rest. The first to go were an angry, vengeful God and Hell — "That's just something they say to scare you," Ed said. They kept Jesus, "because Jesus is big on love."

From the local bookstore, in a bulging section called "Private Spirituality," they found wisdom in Zen masters, in New Age chestnuts such as "A Course in Miracles," in their latest find, a bestseller called "Conversations With God."

Now they commune with a new God, a gentle twin of the one they grew up with. He is wise but soft-spoken, cheers them up when they're sad, laughs at their quirks — and best of all, he had been there since the beginning.

"We discovered the God within," said Joanne. "That's why we need God. Because we are God. God gives me the ability to create my own godliness."

Their latest creation, carried the 1960s might kill off God. Instead, the era seems to have unleashed a free-floating ether of spirituality. Americans have responded to the question on Time magazine's 1996 cover: "Is God Dead?" More than 30 years later, a steady 95 percent of Americans say they believe in God, more than in any other Western coun-



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try. But in the last decade or so, many have stopped believing so strongly in church. Seven in 10 Americans say they can be religious without going to one, and every year fewer and fewer do. Since 1992 alone, church attendance is down 12 percent, according to the Barna group, which tracks religious trends.

"In the new millennium, there will be a growing gap between personal spirituality and religious institutions," write Richard Cimino and Don Lattin in their new book, "Shopping for Faith," which is filled with portraits of such home-brewed religions.

As for Ed and Joanne, he works for the Army; she's a court reporter. They're both clean-cut

parents raising a teenage son in a suburban house.

Publishers call the new phenomenon among people like this "private spirituality." Beyond that, they don't distinguish. New Age, Buddhist, Jewish, Christian — they're all on the same bookstore shelf. The national midlife crisis has reaped the industry so many profits that publishers have dubbed the last 10 years "the decade of the soul," as in the "Chicken Soup" series — "A Sixth Bowl of Chicken Soup for the Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Golfer's Soul."

Churches survive, obviously. But the ones that thrive do so by trying to tune into this rootless questing and harness it, as advertisers tried to co-opt the '60s counterculture. In a recent

survey, according to Barna, six out of 10 pastors described their churches as "seeker-sensitive," meaning that they are open to those who are still just looking and are not yet entrenched in any belief.

For many churches, surviving means adopting some of the drifters' lingo. These days, for example, the strictest evangelical church overflows with 12-step classes. And Americans write their own Bible. They fashion their own God, then talk incessantly with Him. (Think here of President Clinton's possessive pronoun: It's between me, my wife and "our" God.)

To many who prefer the traditional way, all this is no more than a narcissistic romp.

Conservatives want to split U.S. Presbyterian Church

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Two bills sent to a June legislative assembly propose a formal split in the 3.6 million-member Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the denominational news service reports.

One bill asks the assembly to declare that the church has "two mutually exclusive theologies" on the Bible, causing an "irreconcilable impasse," especially on whether to ordain homosexual clergy.

The second bill would authorize a task force to rewrite church law and allow liberal congregations to disengage with the existing homosexual ban to leave the denomination and keep their buildings. Normally, property reverts to denominational ownership when a congregation quits or dissolves.

The bills were prepared by the Rev. Jeff Arnold of Butler, Pa., along with a local Evangelical caucus, and approved for national consideration by a unit covering the region north of Pittsburgh, Pa.

"We're not trying to create division," Arnold said. "The division already exists, and nobody has found a way to reconcile the differences." But the news service said even Arnold's fellow Presbyterian conservatives are split over the idea.

Methodists at odds with each other over Scout case

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The agency that coordinates United Methodist Church work with the Boy Scouts has welcomed the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to review a ruling forbidding the

Religion in brief

scouts from barring homosexual leaders.

"It is critical that there be some definitive decision on the privacy of a nonprofit organization to choose its leadership," said the Rev. Joseph Harris, who heads United Methodist Men. His agency has joined a legal brief backing the scouts.

But another Methodist agency, the board of church and society, wants a policy change and approved last year's decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court that ordered the scouts to allow gay leaders.

Some 8,000 United Methodist congregations sponsor 11,738 scouting units, with 421,000 boys as members.

Fallen televangelist asks forgiveness, plans network

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Back in the pulpit, fallen televangelist Jim Bakker is preaching a message of forgiveness and understanding while planning a new TV network with former Green Bay Packers Reggie White.

Bakker and his first wife, Tammy, led a talk show, cable network and theme park until he was convicted in 1989 of defrauding followers of \$158 million.

"This is my new life. I can tell," Bakker told 2,700 people at First Assembly of God Church. "How many of you want to go to heaven?"

As people raised their hands, Bakker pointed and said, "You've got to love me."

Web site offers information for people of every religion

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A new Web site at <http://www.beliefnet.com/> is good news for anybody of any religion who wants instant spiritual information, inspiration or advice. There's also plenty of opportunity to interact with others of your faith in dialogue groups and prayer circles. Co-founded by Steven Waldman, the former national editor at U.S. News & World Report, beliefnet has signed up a stable of provocative writers. A sampling: Jesus Seminar scribe Marcus Borg; Harvard religion scholar Harvey Cox; Catholic columnist Father Andrew Greeley; Lama Surya Das; Jack Miles, author of "God: A Biography"; Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, author of "Kosher Sex"; Armstrong Williams, a conservative African American; and Bishop John Shelby Spong, a lib-

eral who grew up in Charlotte.

• What you'll see: Essays and columns on the Sermon on the Mount, spirituality and medicine, that first kiss, Rush Limbaugh, Martin Luther King Jr., men's obsession with women's looks, Mary, character, Wiccans, women pastors, heart-bypass surgery and forgiveness.

• What you can read: Questions and answers about religious etiquette. The current crop: What can you serve if your guest list includes a Mormon and a Muslim? (Don't serve alcohol or pork.) Can a Protestant husband take communion at his wife's Catholic church? (Not if he wants to abide by Catholic rules.)

• What you can do: Build an online memorial to a family member or friend who's died. If you're Catholic, you can vote for your favorite holy woman (other than Mary).

— LETTER —

Spiritual center embraces future

**By Lisa Corwell
The Associated Press**

LOVELAND, Ohio — It has been a long time since Janet Kalven slept in a stall in a cow barn or pumped water for bathing. Grailville, the women's spiritual and educational center she helped establish and where she has lived for much of the last 55 years, has grown a lot less primitive, but its basic vision is unchanged, she said.

"When we first settled on this farm, we shared a vision of changing the world through spiritual renewal," said Kalven, 86. "Grailville was to be a countercultural oasis where we integrated manual and intellectual work with spiritual deepening, and that is still true today even though we've adapted to changing times."

Kalven was 31 when she and 13 other women settled on the 183-acre farm in the rural community of Loveland in 1944. The women belonged to the Grail, an organization of Roman Catholic lay women founded in the Netherlands in 1921 and dedicated to promoting religious and social change.

In 1944, a member's inheritance and a loan from the Cincinnati archdiocese provided the \$49,250 to purchase the farm at Loveland, about 20 miles northeast of Cincinnati. The rolling acres of fields, woods, ponds and creeks surrounding a three-story



Members and staff at the Grailville community participate in a meeting in Loveland, Ohio.

Victorian mansion and numerous outbuildings became the Grail's national home.

For years, the private, nonprofit center remained mostly self-sufficient with as many as 100 women in residence at times. They raised dairy and beef cattle, chickens, corn and wheat and maintained vegetable gardens and an orchard. Catholic rituals, prayer, meditation, study and manual labor made up the daily routine.

"The growing interest in civil rights, women's rights and the antiwar movement (in the 1960s) combined with major changes in the Catholic church affected us greatly," said Kalven.

Over the next three decades,

Grail membership was opened up to women of other faiths, and more married women and divorced women became involved. The Grail, which now numbers about 1,000 members in 21 countries also became more vocal on global issues such as peace, social justice, women's rights and ecology.

Grailville now consists of 300 acres and 18 buildings. While only six women live in Grailville, 40 to 50 Grail members living in the region take part in its programs. Most of Grailville's income comes from sales at its bookstore and gardens, lease payments for the farmland and fees for conferences and retreats.

Religion divides mankind

It is really interesting to read about all the different religions in the world and how they have divided so many people throughout the ages. As far back as we find history, men have worshipped different gods. Primitive people offered their gods out of wood, rocks, even statues of animals.

Much too often, these gods were destroyed by other tribes. Rachel in the Old Testament stole her father's gods, set on them and lied to her father.

Eventually, man learned to make his gods invisible so no one could destroy them anymore. Some tribes often sacrificed their children, believing this would keep their gods from making volcanoes, earthquakes and similar disasters. They were in bondage and enslaved by their own beliefs. Even today, religion is still the greatest divider of the human race.

**WILLIAM HAFFNER
Twin Falls**

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Should the federal government switch health insurance coverage from employers to individuals?

Yes

Direct subsidies are fairer

JOHN C. GOODMAN

to be uninsured. Fortunately, there is a better way. Tax relief for health insurance should be the same, regardless of who writes the check. Individually purchased insurance should qualify for just as much tax subsidy as employer-purchased insurance.

This would level the playing field between those who get coverage as a benefit of employment, and those who purchase insurance on their own.

What would happen if federal policy toward the purchase of private insurance were neutral?

Some argue that employers have a unique contribution to make - lowering costs through economies of scale and superior bargaining power. Others say individuals will do just fine on their own. Only by creating a level playing field and allowing the market to work away will we find out who is right.

We should also equalize the amount of tax relief we make available to those who have insurance.

Instead of a system that mainly rewards people in high tax brackets, the federal government should commit a fixed sum of money for private health insurance for every American. The commitment should be the

same for everyone - rich or poor, black or white, male or female. Under one proposal, people would receive a refundable tax credit: a dollar-to-dollar reduction in income taxes for health insurance cost up to a maximum amount. Since the credit would be fully refundable, even those who owe no income taxes would get the same financial help. This proposal would replace

No

Expand, don't eliminate

STUART H. ALTMAN

The current vogue in health insurance reform is to champion the use of the tax system as a way to reduce the number of uninsured, which stands at more than 44 million. I support these actions provided

While far from perfect, employer-based insurance added about 9 million new enrollees over the last four years to a system that now covers over 168 million American workers and their families.

It is also not true that many workers do not accept coverage when offered it by their employer. Of those offered insurance by an employer in 1997, and who had no other coverage available (as through a spouse), only 4.4 percent turned it down and remained uninsured. Critics of employer-based coverage make the case that the tax advantages of such a system fall mainly to higher-income individuals and families, and that such a system restricts the flexibility of the labor

credit for low-income workers and take into account that the payroll tax does not apply to earnings above \$72,600, the value of the exclusion of employer-financed health insurance from a worker's earnings does not rise with income.

Reduced labor market flexibility can be minimized by strengthening the provisions of the federal guarantee of insurance portability. Furthermore, reduced employment opportunities for low-income workers can be eased by targeted insurance subsidies for low-wage workers.

The real danger of weakening the employment-based system is that it would almost assuredly add to the number of uninsured.

First, because of the increased costs of individual insurance and, second, because of the likelihood that low-income companies will not cover those who are really sick.

The individual insurance market has long been recognized as being both dysfunctional and inefficient. Administrative or "loading" costs to sell insurance one person-at-a-time are about 25 percent to 45 percent versus under 10 percent for large group insurance.

The difference in cost could cause many individuals to become uninsured. More worrisome is the problem of insurance companies marketing only to low-risk individuals, making insurance unavailable to those who need it most.

If insurance companies can pick and choose individuals - which they cannot do with employment-based groups - they will not pick those that cost more.

Also, low-risk individuals will develop group plans on their own. More worrisome is the problem of insurance companies marketing only to low-risk individuals more exposed.

The risk of tax credits is that the sick won't be able to buy coverage and the poor won't be able to afford it.

Rather than taking this gamble, we should improve our employer-based system by devising mechanisms to expand group coverage.

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Rev. Braun

the current policy of subsidizing employer-provided health insurance with a policy that treats all citizens the same. It is simple and fair. And it would result in more people with health insurance.

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they don't move us backward and increase the number of uninsured or add to the cost of those already insured.

Unfortunately, that is exactly what would happen if we were to eliminate or weaken the current tax benefits for employer-based coverage under the guise of "encouraging individual choice."

Those who advocate dismantling the employer-based system make the claim that this approach to health insurance protection is broken and failing. This is simply not true.

market. While both arguments have some merit, they leave out much new information and ignore the negative consequences of eliminating a structure that has been the cornerstone of the U.S. health financing system for more than 60 years.

With respect to tax equity, at a recent seminar of the Council on The Economic Impact of Health System Changes, Henry Aaron of the Brookings Institution, demonstrated that when you include the value of the earned income tax

LETTERS

Incinerators are unsafe

Gov. Kempthorne and his Division of Environmental Quality seem happy to give away a state permit to incinerate plutonium in Idaho. British Nuclear Fuel Limited is not allowed to incinerate plutonium in England, so why is it so eager to incinerate Idaho from front-line nuclear duty?

At the recent hearing, I gave the state officers another Department of Energy document which reveals that plutonium leaks through the filters faster than the DOE claims. Plutonium can go through four filters in a row in this problem labeled "alpha recoil."

The DOE paper from 1991 calls for testing the problem in a closed lab so they can figure out how much plutonium really escapes into the air we breathe.

That's exactly what I have asked for at every scoping hearing, but the reply is always that the filters work great. Now I have the DOE's own document agreeing with me.

Kempthorne, and even our local leaders, have refused to stop the plutonium incinerator. So how about the buried plutonium that the DOE wants to leave in our flood zone? Yet one more DOE study recently concluded that plutonium moves with water much easier than the DOE claims. So why is the state permitting a new 54-acre plutonium dump over our water? You will have to ask Dirk.

He's probably "doing it for the children."

These two DOE studies are two more warnings, two more chances to protect Idaho's health.

Dirk chooses to ignore the evidence and wants DOE to give away plutonium permits from the affluence of the title, the Department of Environmental Quality. The nuclear businesses are getting their money's worth out of Dirk, but how about your family?

DR. PETER RICKARDS
Twin Falls

River of Pigs Invasion

I have friends that would be devastated by the proposed Raft River 50,000-sow facility.

The hog industry has earned public outrage and wears out its welcome quickly. Hydrogen sulfide gas, ammonia and dusts cause pneumonia, headaches, nausea, vomiting for miles. These gases and dusts settle back to earth and form a toxic sludge. Then there are the catastrophic, manure spills, catastrophic hog deaths, pseudotuberculosis spreading to cattle, etc.

The hog industry expands quickly to get as many facilities grandfathered in before states and localities can react with stiffer regulations. Then uses you if you try to protect yourself. Once located, the hog industry becomes politically powerful and corrupts local and

state governments with money, making it practically impossible to regulate. America is riddled with hog-farm litigation.

Due to the adverse social and environmental impact of these operations, five states - Georgia, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kentucky - have moratoriums now or recently have had moratoriums on new or expanding factory hog farms. In mid 1999, Georgia lifted its moratorium and enacted some of the strictest hog-farm regulations in the country.

The hog industry is targeted by the Sierra Club, The Natural Resources Defense Council, The Audubon Society, The Southern Environmental Law Center, etc., as being one of the worst sources of water pollution in America. Why?

A 50,000-sow facility will change life as you know it. It is the first wave of an invasion. This industry turns rural areas into Third World countries. The quality of life and health of your community will suffer. The only people who will live quietly near intensive swine facilities are the people who cannot afford to move or fight back. The hog industry divides families and communities. This 50,000-sow facility proposal is not community growth; it is the end of all growth (except for swine!).

Why does this industry desire to

locate here? Because of cheap land, weak environmental regulations, quick expansion, only 70 families will be destroyed? The answer is probably yes to all four!

RICHARD JORDAN
Madison Heights, Va.

There's no turning back

If Ron Aches' hog farm is such a good thing for Cassia County, how come every other county in Idaho isn't crawling all over each other to get it built in their county? None of the investors involved have any connection with Cassia County, so why here? If this high-tech, state-of-the-art facility is so environmentally clean, why isn't Mr. Aches building it in his neighborhood? I'm sure the folks in the Wood River Valley could use some more \$7.50 an hour jobs in a "friendly and safe work environment."

Mr. Aches returned to a survey in the Deseret News about Circle Four hog farms in Milford, Utah. First off, the survey was compiled by Circle Four itself, not Deseret News. Mr. Aches tried to imply a 90 percent high-trust rating, when the article states a 60 percent high-trust rating. Sixty-one percent said that they thought Circle Four was a good neighbor. So from this, I get that 40 percent have a low-trust level of Circle Four, and 39 percent thought that they were bad neighbors. Remember that Circle Four is about half the size of Mr.

Aches' proposal, in the middle of nowhere and on an acreage about seven times larger.

Big Sky probably would help our economy, but it is worth the downside? I live here because I like it here, and I like it here the way it is. Mr. Aches has promised a lot of things to a lot of people, but there is nothing to hold him to it. The wages will only be good enough to keep a work force sufficient to keep the thing running, as any large factory would. I looked up Circle Four's available jobs for comparison, and it looks like the average is \$7.50 an hour on a 43-hour work week. After taxes and benefits, you'd be looking at about \$1,000 a month.

Once this thing is built, we are stuck with it. If Mr. Aches goes back on every promise that he made, the hog farm will still be here. If it is an environmental disaster, it is still our problem. This will forever change the Raft River Valley and probably run off a few of the people out there.

I guess it should be our desire as parents to teach our kids to go to school and get straight A's so they can achieve their dreams of working at Mr. Aches' pig farm.

DANNY TURNER
Deer
Disillusioned by Meehl
I would just like to give Judge Meehl a hefty congratulations!

You've done a fine job. Because of you, I'm a 17-year-old girl with absolutely no faith in or respect for our justice system. Or should I say your justice system. That's quite an accomplishment. Before long, you'll be a celebrity. Yours is already a common household name, known for your outstanding ability to uphold the law. And also for helping all of us, the spectators, distinguish between an officer of the law and a man. The latter being of lower status, of course. I've witnessed you display this theory before.

The law was set for man. And with your help, I see that officers of the law are not "of the law," they are above the law and have no specific duties to keep them grounded. Except, maybe, to take the lives of innocent children. You have taught me that the life of a police officer has more value than mine. Thank you.

I realize, Judge Meehl, that you are just a man with a job to do. The same job that Thrush was somehow given to enforce and uphold the law. You've definitely made a lasting impression. When you look back at all of your accomplishments, let this one come to mind first. After all, not everyone gets the chance to spoil a young girl's view of the world.

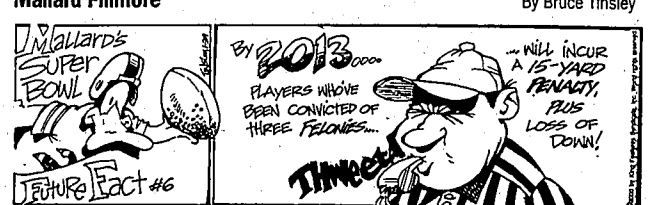
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Mallard Fillmore



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Investigators seize student's computer

NEWARK, N.J. — Investigators have seized a student's computer from a college dormitory where three died in a fire after an e-mail threatened an even worse blaze, The Star-Ledger of Newark reported Friday.

The computer was taken from a room in Boland Hall after Search Hall University officials received the e-mail hinting at a second fire, the newspaper reported, citing unidentified officials involved in the investigation.

The Jan. 19 fire that killed three freshmen burned on the third floor. A cause has not been released by authorities.

Police officers fatally shoot fellow policeman

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — An off-duty policeman was mistaken for a suspect and shot to death by two police officers early Friday.

Cornel Young Jr., in plain clothes, saw a suspect confronting the two officers outside a restaurant and rushed to help them with his gun drawn, Chief Urban Prignano said.

The officers failed to recognize Young as a policeman, and they ordered him to drop his weapon, Prignano said. When he didn't, they fired, the chief said. Young died a short time later in a hospital.

Young, 29, was the son of the highest-ranking black member of the Providence police force.

The suspect who first confronted police with the weapon will be charged with murder, police said.

Report: Officer backs up LAPD corruption claims

LOS ANGELES — A policeman who worked with a disgraced former officer at the center of a corruption probe is supporting allegations that officers engaged in unjustified shootings and planted evidence to frame innocent people, the Los Angeles Times reported Friday.

Officers at the downtown Rampart station planted drugs on suspects and were involved in shootings that were later covered up, the former officer told the Times.

He also told the newspaper he could back up several of the allegations made by former Officer Rafael Perez, who has admitted that he and his former partners from 49-59 people over three years.

The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, worked in Rampart's Community Resources Agency Street Hoodlums unit with Perez, who broke the scandal open last fall. Perez is cooperating with investigators in exchange for a lighter sentence for stealing cocaine from a police evidence locker.

The corruption investigation has led to the resignation or suspension of 20 officers, while 23 criminal cases believed tainted by Perez and his former partners have been thrown out of court.

Supermarket charges man for eating cookies in store

YARDLEY, Pa. — The Charmin was unseated. But for years, the managers of three supermarkets kept finding shelves of crumbled cookies and smashed loaves of bread.

Now a man has been charged with putting the sneaker on \$8,000 worth of baked goods over three years.

"It was mutilated. You could actually see there was a hand there," said Lou DeFrancesco, general manager of McCaffrey's market, where the culprit struck dozens of times.

A cookie company finally installed a hidden camera trained on the cookie aisle at a Giant supermarket. And that, police said, led to the arrest of Samuel Feldman, 37, on charges of disorderly conduct and criminal mischief. He was arraigned Wednesday and freed on \$10,000 bail.

Robster tricks newspapers with bogus obit information ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A mobster who dined while serving time for drug trafficking got the

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Why can't the Russian army take Grozny? Several possibilities exist

By Barry Reinhof
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Despite weeks of bitter fighting, the Russian military is bogged down in the ruins of Grozny, unable to capture the shattered Chechen capital or defeat its outgunned rebel defenders.

Why has one of the world's largest armies been struggling for months to take a single city? Why can't a military with 1.7 million troops defeat a few thousand guerrillas who have no tanks, planes or heavy artillery?

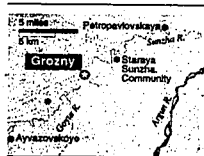
After years of political and economic decline in Russia, the military more like an armed mob than a modern army. Most combat units are made up of untrained teen-age conscripts who can barely use a weapon. Many officers are ill-trained and demoralized as their men.

Trained infantry is the backbone of any army. Combat training in Western armies lasts up to a year, with even more for officers and noncommissioned officers. Some of the Russian soldiers killed in Chechnya had been in the army for six weeks.

Most soldiers, drafted for two years' service, are desperate to get out of the military. Life in the ranks is hard, with soldiers often going hungry and enduring brutal hazing by older soldiers. Morale, the psychological force that gives soldiers the will to fight, has collapsed.

All these weaknesses have been exposed in the battle for Grozny. Reluctant Russian soldiers are being hurled against experienced guerrillas fighting

Analysis



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

with fanatical determination for their homes.

Urban warfare is among the most difficult and dangerous kind of combat. The defenders of a city have thousands of places to hide and every building can be turned into a fortress. Attacking forces must clear a city house by house, street by street. The defenders can slip around the attackers, striking them from the flank or from behind at any time.

The untrained, demoralized Russian infantry is totally unprepared for this kind of war. When their fumbling ground attacks

meet resistance, the Russians call in air and artillery strikes to clear the way.

But the airstrikes rarely cause casualties among the Chechen fighters, who know the Russian tactics and pull back before the bombardment. The shelling demolishes empty buildings, creating new hideouts for the Chechens in the rubble and new obstacles for the Russian troops.

At night, the Russians often pull back to fortified bases, giving up territory they have just taken. The guerrillas reoccupy the ground and the Russians must seize it again, losing more men day after day.

Despite Russian claims, the military's encirclement of Grozny has failed to seal off the city. The rebels can move in and out with supplies, especially at night when the Russians pull back.

Grozny will almost certainly fall, but not because the Russian military will outfight the Chechens. The Chechens chose to fight in Grozny because it gave them the best chance to inflict casualties on the Russians which is their chief aim. The guerrillas who are taking some losses, will pull out before their own casualties reach a point that threatens their ability to keep the war going.

The Russian military has based its strategy on taking Grozny, gambling that a high-profile victory will destroy the Chechens' will to fight. But the rebels likely will shift the struggle into the countryside and fight on as they did after they lost Grozny during the 1994-96 fighting — a war they eventually won.

Bosnian Serb faces life for war crimes

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A Bosnian Serb pleaded innocent Friday to one of the most horrifying war crimes judged by the Yugoslav tribunal so far — the burning alive of 135 Muslim men, women and children trapped inside two homes.



Mitar Vasiljevic pleaded innocent to one of the most horrifying war crimes judged by the Yugoslav tribunal so far — the burning alive of 135 Muslim men, women and children trapped inside two homes.

Dressed in a black T-shirt, Mitar Vasiljevic leaned forward on his knuckles and repeated the Serbian words for "not guilty" as a Australian judge, David Hunt read out the 14 counts of extermination, murder, persecution and violence to life and property.

If convicted, the 45-year-old faces a life sentence in a European prison. No date has been set for his trial.

The pretrial hearing at the U.N. tribunal was Vasiljevic's first public appearance since NATO troops arrested him Tuesday in the southeastern Bosnia town of Visegrad, the site of the mass murder.

According to prosecutors, Vasiljevic worked as a waiter until the outbreak of the 1992-95 Bosnian war, when he joined a Bosnian Serb paramilitary group called the White Eagles.

The indictment asserts that for two years starting in April 1992, the group terrorized Muslim residents of the Visegrad area, where some of the first massacres of the war took place.

Search uncovers lives conceived by racists

Los Angeles Times

KOHNEN-SAHLS, Germany — In the destitute months before and after the defeat of Nazi Germany, the blond, blue-eyed toddlers from the orphanage in this Swiss village walked along the rubble-strewn roadside each day, holding fast to a rope trailed by a matron to keep them together.

The skinny foundlings caught the eye of a lonely woman who eventually took one of the girls, Aud Rigmor Harzendorf, then 3 years old, into her home and her heart.

"I must have been a pretty little one, with all those blond curls," recalls Harzendorf, now a 58-year-old grandmother, whose classic Nordic looks proved to be her life's heaviest trial as well as her salvation.

Harzendorf was never really an orphan. She was the product of a Nazi breeding campaign to create an Aryan elite, a 10-year experiment that researchers estimate got as high as 11,000 children.

Her journey of discovery has acquainted her with her natural mother and long-lost brother, and offers a glimpse into the thousands of lives that were conceived in the minds of racist madmen.

"Lebensborn" ("Fountain of Life") was begun in 1935 under the direction of SS chief Heinrich Himmler as a bulwark against a future dominated by what the Nazis viewed as "inferior races." Women who had the desirable physical qualities of blond hair and blue eyes were urged to have sexual relations with tall, fit officers of Adolf Hitler's elite SS troops to produce a master race for the Fuehrer.

The personal histories of the children of Lebensborn who

ended up in East Germany were hidden for decades by the authorities that followed the Communist state. Not only did the presence of "Hitler's children" provide an uncomfortable reminder of the Nazi past of East Germany, but the identities listed in the secret registry of births offered convenient camouflage for spies that the Soviet-allied state planted abroad.

Those records that survived in West Germany were kept for years in a repository in Heidelberg, ostensibly open to those born under the Lebensborn program — if they knew to look. In November, the newly consolidated Federal Archives announced that the records from the two Germanys, though grossly incomplete, would now be available at the Berlin headquarters.

"They are only available to those involved in the program, to help explain their fate," says Wilhelm Lenz, head of the department for documents from the Third Reich. "Until recently, many didn't know or suspect they were Lebensborn children."

Only about 1,000 files have survived intact and with the names of the natural parents included, as those who took part in the breeding program had the option of keeping their identities secret. Harzendorf's case was somewhat unusual in that both natural parents allowed their names to be recorded.

Harzendorf is typical of a generation of Germans who came of age in a time when it was unwise to ask too many questions and in a place where answers couldn't always be trusted. Children born before and during the Nazi era were seldom told of their parents' roles in the Third Reich. Also kept in the dark were untold thousands who were born during

the four-year Soviet occupation as a consequence of rapes, which historians estimate were committed against more than 1 million East German women and girls.

"Before the change (in 1989), no one ever talked about the past," says Harzendorf, who still lives half a mile from her orphanage. "All my foster mother ever told me was that I didn't have any parents anymore and I was coming to live with her. She was a good person and would never have let me know such things (as Lebensborn) ever existed."

Both of her natural parents were still living at the end of the war, but that was something she would learn only decades later.

Harzendorf was born in Norway — as were nearly half of the Lebensborn children — the product of an SS aviator from Dresden by the name of Georg Siegfried and a Norwegian mother, Karin Edgren. Her mother worked as a bookkeeper for the Nazi army that was welcomed by the collaborationist wartime regime of Premier Vidkun Quisling.

Edgren gave the daughter born June 28, 1941, to an Oslo nursery that cared for Lebensborn offspring until the wards were evacuated to Germany in late 1943.

Hundreds of Lebensborn children from Norway were shuttled in and out of the children's home here in the chaotic months before and after the war's end. Harzendorf was told by one of the matrons who still lives in Kohren-Sahls.

When Harzendorf was registering to marry at age 21, she discovered that she was officially stateless. Her birth certificate and document of citizenship both had disappeared from the home. It was an administrative nightmare that was also to befall at least two

Public rejects cult's attempts at changing fearful image

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Since his release from prison a month ago, Fumihiko Jyu has presented very different image from that of the strident spokesman he once was for the doomsday cult accused in the 1995 nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subway.

Trading his religious garb for a suit and tie, Jyu and other cult members have embarked on a campaign of apologies, vows of reform and statements distancing themselves from the guru they once worshipped as a living god.

So far, they are generating more sympathy. Authorities see the cult's claims of contrition as an attempt to get around laws passed last month that strengthen the government's hand in seizing cult assets and monitoring its activities.

And as further evidence all is not well, police are still trying to unravel the bizarre kidnapping

earlier this month of Asahara's eldest son — possibly indicating a power struggle within the cult.

"The public reaction to such things has been utter rejection," said Makoto Hogeitsu, a crime expert and professor of sociology at

Kyoto University. "People see their overtures as camouflage."

Though the cult has never stopped functioning, Jyu's return has greatly increased worries that it may enjoy a resurgence.

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I'm just trying to remember the first two words. If I can get past 'Oh say...' then I'll be OK.

Country music star Faith Hill, who will sing the national anthem before Sunday's Super Bowl, admitting to a case of the nerves

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Women's college basketball

CSU at Snow, 5:30 p.m.
North Texas at Idaho, 7 p.m.

Men's college basketball

CSU at Snow, 7:30 p.m.
CS Sacramento at ISU, 7:35 p.m.

Wrestling

Gooding Avonmore Invitational
Red Halverson Tournament
TV Burley Invitational

Girls' basketball

Jackpot at Owyhee
Region III Tournament
Century at Jerome, 7 p.m.
Burley at Highland, 7 p.m.
Twin Falls at Minico, 8 p.m.
Magic Valley Conf. Tournament
Castlerford at Murrough, 7 p.m.
Oakley at Raft River, 7 p.m.
Northside at Mountain, at Shoshone
Carey vs. Camas Co., 6 p.m.
Shoshone vs. Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Maxwain Forenet Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
Valley at Glenns Ferry
Jackpot at Owyhee

IN BRIEF

Times, pairings are set for SCIC tourney

FILER - Seeding and first-round matchups are set for the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference girls' basketball tournament. First-round games: the first game of the loser's bracket will be hosted by the higher seed, with later rounds and the Feb. 8 final slated to be contested at Filer High School.

Play begins Monday at 7 p.m. for all six schools. Filer clinched the top seed with a win over Gooding Thursday and will host No. 6-seeded Buhl, second-seeded Wendell hosts fifth-seeded Gooding and third-seeded Wood River hosts the same fourth-seeded Kimberly team the Wolverines beat Thursday night in a consolation game.

Varsity games continue the next night through Feb. 8, and on to Feb. 9 if necessary.

Idaho hires new head volleyball coach

MOSCOW - Former Colorado State and Debbie University of Idaho assistant coach Neville Buchanan was named the Vandals' sixth head volleyball coach in the 26-year history of the program this week.

She replaces Carl Ferreira, who led the Vandals to a 17-15 season but a losing 7-9 conference record in 1999. "I am really excited about returning to Idaho," Buchanan said. "I feel this is a great fit." Buchanan's responsibilities with the Rams, where she coached under former U of I head coach Tom Hilbert, included recruiting, on-court coaching, conditioning, administrative work and camp coordination. Last season, she helped Colorado State to a 30-3 record, the Mountain West Conference title and a berth in the NCAA Sweet 16. Buchanan played high school volleyball at St. Maries, taking the Lumberjacks to four straight state Class A-2 titles, and went on to compete at the University of Southern California before a knee injury cut short her collegiate playing career.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Local wrestlers scarce in final rounds

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Just seven Magic Valley wrestlers remain in the championship bracket, and only one local team stands in the top 10, following the first day of competition Friday at the Red Halverson Memorial Invitational Tournament at Minico High School.

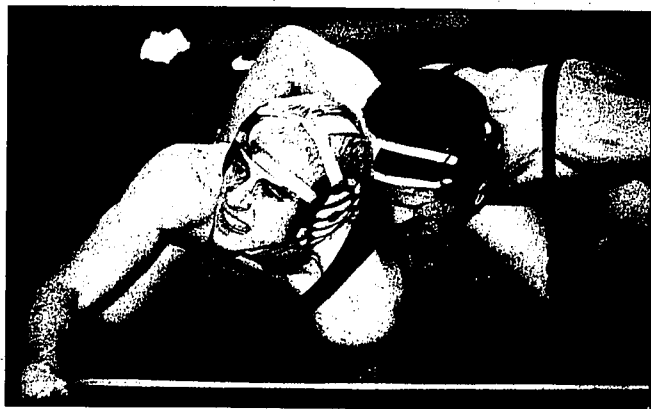
The two-time defending tournament champion Spartans fared the best of the three Magic Valley schools in attendance, but currently sit tied with Eagle for an unofficial sixth place. Minico scored 44 points Friday, nearly 50 fewer than tournament-leading Blackfoot.

The top-ranked Broncos mustered 93.5 points during first-day competition and led second-place Snake River (65.5) by 28 points. Bonneville checked in Friday at a distant third, with 52 team points.

"The way things have been going, that's not too bad," said Minico coach Brad Cooper, whose team entered the tournament with a number of key wrestlers injured.

Twin Falls and Jerome, the only other Magic Valley teams in attendance, finished the first day in 13th and 16th positions, respectively.

Individually, the picture is a little brighter. Most all of the local wrestlers who were expected to win won Friday. Minico's No. 1-ranked duo of Jesus Tamayo (119) and K.C. Uscola (160) both advanced to today's semifinal round with consecutive wins Friday - Tamayo with two decisions and Uscola with two pins.



Troy Egbert, right, struggles to flip Eagle's Shawn Huntington over for a pin. Egbert won both his matches Friday, and is the only Jerome Tiger to remain in the hunt for a Red Halverson Memorial title today.

In his first match, Tamayo (22-3 record) squared off with Centennial's Tyler Simmons. Leading the entire way, Tamayo went the distance for an easy 9-3 win. In the quarterfinals, he met Blackfoot's Tyler Simmons. Wrestling scoreless first and third periods, Tamayo picked up the only point he needed on an escape to begin the second period and won 1-0.

While Tamayo was in control for much of the match, Simmons nearly evened the score with an escape in the last 30 seconds. "He was really slick," said Tamayo, who asked the referee to make Simmons dry his wrists and forearm late in the match, which Simmons did despite a strong objection from the Blackfoot crowd. "He almost slipped away from me at the end."

In both matches, Tamayo wrestled the majority of the time on his feet, something he said he did intentionally. Today's semifinal pits him against Meridian's Toby

Torres (22-6), the state's No. 3-ranked wrestler. The two have wrestled twice this season with Tamayo winning both times by decision.

In contrast to Tamayo, Uscola (15-11) finished his work quickly, pinning both of Friday's opponents in the first round. The Spartans' 160-pounder continues to battle a knee injury. As to its nature or severity, however, Cooper declined comment. Uscola will meet Bonneville's

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Golden Eagles suffer fourth loss

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah - A brutal, physical contest saw the Dixie Rebels snap the College of Southern Idaho's winning streak at nine Friday with a 79-72 win inside Bowers Arena.

Three Rebels finished with double-doubles, led by Vance Lawhorn's game-high 23 points and 10 rebounds. Guard Maurice Baker, skated all game long to lead off for CSI, finishing with 18 points, while Joshua Clark added 10 points and 12 rebounds and Marcus Banks had 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Kendall Minor led the Golden Eagles (4-4 Scenic West Athletic Conference, 18-4 overall) with 14 points. Blandon Ferguson put in 13, and Matt Siebrandt and William Parker both finished with 12.

The win improved Dixie's



record to 5-5 in the SWAC, 13-9 overall.

In a place where CSI has only won three times since 1986, the points didn't come easy, especially in the second half, where they shot 44 percent to Dixie's 60 percent.

"We just shot ourselves in the foot," said CSI head coach Derek Zeck. "At the beginning of the second half, Dixie was back-peddling and they were not ready to roll.

And instead of taking advantage of that, we turned the ball over four out of five possessions."

Even so, the Golden Eagles stayed in it. Up 51-50 with 5:04 left, both teams traded several buckets through the 4:17 mark as CSI could never get a defensive stop. Dixie's Clark and Lawhorn were huge down the stretch giving the Rebels two and three looks each time down the floor.

"Our rebounding was key tonight," said Dixie head coach Jerry Kiefer. "The free throw shooting certainly was not, as Dixie went only 22-of-38, missing several in the crucial final minutes. But fortunately for the Rebels, CSI couldn't score, settling for two late Minor threes in the academic waning seconds."

Now the Golden Eagles travel to Snow College, where Zeck said "this team must come out on top. "This loss almost makes tomor-

row a must-win," he said.

With time winding down, Lawhorn, who owned the Golden Eagles under attack all night, scored for a 65-63 lead. After Siebrandt miss on the front end of a one-and-one, Dixie took the ball but Banks was whistled for traveling.

At their end, Parker dribbled right passing low to Siebrandt who was caught pushing off on Lawhorn. The big post missed both free throws and CSI had another chance to tie.

But Banks squirmed his way through the lane past Butler and the lead was four at 67-63, with the ball, CSI went to Butler who went inside, tossing up an off-balance free-throw that rimmed out and into the hands of Clark - who was immediately hacked by Brunner with 1:30 left. Both shots missed, the second caroming high off the iron.

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Dixie completes sweep with comeback

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah - Up by 11 points at just under eight minutes to play, the College of Southern Idaho women succumbed to a 34 percent second-half shooting and still plummet to eighth in the Scenic West Athletic Conference at 4-6, 11-11 overall, and play first-place Snow College tonight at 5:30 p.m.

"I'm very disappointed. We didn't finish," said CSI head coach

Joel Bate. "Heaton was just huge. She wanted the ball, we didn't pick up the loose balls and they completely outplayed us in the last four minutes."

Heaton, Dixie's go-to forward whom CSI held to just eight points in the first half, finished strong, tallying a double-double with 21 points and 17 rebounds to lead all scorers. A late 14-0 Dixie run, aided by seven points from Heaton in the final 6:12, sealed the Golden Eagles' fate.

"She's just a real solid player," Bate said.

Amanda McGrath led four Golden Eagles in double figures with 13 points. Natalia Korisova added 11 off the bench with Jinga

Gosschalk and Kim Wegner clopping in 10 apiece. Beverly Glover and AJ Barre had 11 points each for Dixie (5-5, 14-7).

The Golden Eagles were once again out-rebounded, 52-33.

CSI built its largest lead of the night at 64-53 at the 7:30 mark with two McGrath free throws, but the Lady Rebels kept fighting, getting three shots in its end and scoring off two free throws by Heaton.

The teams traded a pair of turnovers, with Cellan and McGrath picking off passes only to have the Golden Eagles give it right back. The sloppy play continued with both sides missing opportunities down the floor with errant passes and missed shots.

A Heaton lay-up got it to 66-60 CSI with 4:33 remaining, but McGrath drove down the floor and through the lane to pick up a foul on Heiselbetz. She hit the foul shot to give Dixie a 67-60 advantage, but Dixie countered with a Misty Griffiths open lay-up from Heiselbetz.

CSI gave it back to Dixie with a three-point call and Heaton made the Eagles pay with an easy lay-up to draw within three, at 67-64, with three minutes on the clock.

With time and the lead quickly winding down on CSI, the Golden Eagles clung to a one-point lead at

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Texan Rangers batter Juan Gonzalez hits a 421-foot home run down the left field line against Colorado's starting pitcher Bobby Jones during the fourth inning in Arlington, Texas, on June 13, 1989.

Record-setting Juan Gonzalez deal looms

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - While baseball wondered whether Juan Gonzalez would get a record-setting deal, some older players found new teams Friday and four arbitration settled on new contracts.

Talk of a possible \$140 million, eight-year contract between Detroit and its new outfielder buzzed through team offices. But there was no indication a deal was done or even close.

However, the sides said they are talking. "We have had ongoing negotiations for some time," Tigers general manager Randy Smith said. "The talks have been very pri-

vate and anything I say would probably be detrimental."

If Gonzalez does get a \$140 million, eight-year deal, the average salary of \$17.5 million would break the current mark of \$15 million, set on Dec. 12, 1998, when Kevin Brown and the Los Angeles Dodgers agreed to a \$105 million, seven-year contract.

Shorstop Derek Jeter and the New York Yankees have been talking about a \$118.5 million, seven-year contract, which would average \$16,928,571.

Meanwhile, some veterans out on the market agreed to minor league contracts: Bobby Bonilla with Atlanta, Danny Tartabull with Cincinnati, and Mark Wohlers with Cincinnati.

Two famous 49ers lead Hall finalists

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Joe Montana and Ronnie Lott, cornerstones of four San Francisco 49ers Super Bowl championship teams, head the list of finalists for today's Pro Football Hall of Fame election.

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Montana and Lott, the offensive and defensive mainstays of a San Francisco dynasty that won Super Bowls in 1982, 1985, 1989 and 1990, were the only nominees to make the list of 15 finalists in their first year of eligibility.

Montana, a three-time Super Bowl MVP, never threw an interception in 122 attempts over four games and completed 66 percent of them. He holds six Super Bowl passing records including 11 touchdowns passes, 357 yards passing against Cincinnati in 1989 and 1,142 career yards passing.

Lott, an eight-time All-Pro at cornerback, strong safety and free safety, holds the NFL post-season record with 109 interceptions. He recorded 100-plus tackles five times in a 14-year career. The selection committee of 38 writers and broadcasters meets Feb. 10 to vote to consider 15 finalists and will choose between four and seven new members for the Canton, Ohio shrine. Election requires support from 80 percent of the voters.

The list of finalists also includes defensive end Howie Long and wide receiver Lynn Swann, both among the top six in last year's balloting and automatically returned for consideration. Long has 84 career sacks in 13 seasons with the Raiders in Oakland and Los Angeles. Swann, a Super Bowl MVP, played on four championship teams in six years with the Pittsburgh Steelers and held the Super Bowl career receiving yards record of 364 yards when he retired.

Other modern players to be considered are linebacker Harry Carson, tight end Dave Casper, defensive end Carl Eller, wide receiver James Lofton, guard Mike Munchak, wide receiver John Stallworth, offensive tackle Ron Yary and defensive end Jack Youngblood.

The list also includes Pro Bowls in 13 seasons with the New York Giants. Casper spent 11 seasons with the Raiders, Houston Oilers and Minnesota Vikings and caught 378 passes for 5,216 yards and 52 touchdowns. Eller and Yary were teammates on four Minnesota Super Bowl teams.

Lofton was the first NFL player to score touchdowns in three decades and caught 764 passes for 10,444 yards and 75 TDs in 16 seasons with five teams. Stallworth was Swann's receiving partner on the Steelers' four Super Bowl teams and caught 537 passes for 8,723 yards and 63 TDs.

The modern candidates are joined by old-timer nominee Dave Wilcox, a linebacker with the 49ers from 1964-74, was selected for seven Pro Bowls.

The 15 candidates will be cut down to six finalists in the first round. Then the final vote will determine the inductees.

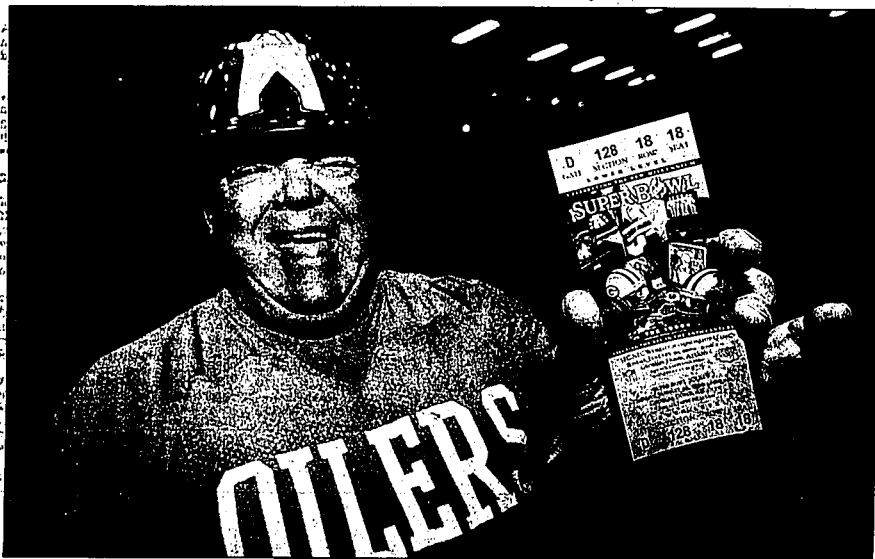
Bonilla, cut loose by the New York Mets earlier this month, would get a \$200,000, one-year contract if he makes the roster of the Braves, who are looking for insurance in case Andres Galarraga isn't ready to come back.

Bonilla and the Mets agreed to defer his \$5.5 million salary for 12-36 years at an 8 percent annual interest rate, paying him a total of \$29,831,205 from 2011 to 2033.

If the Braves sign him to a major league contract, that would reduce the total by about 3.39 percent or \$1,011,278. Also Friday, pitcher Pat Rapp agreed to a one-year contract with the Baltimore Orioles.



Super Bowl XXXIV



Art Horridge, who for 25 years was the mascot for the Houston Oilers, shows off his Super Bowl ticket Friday in Houston. Horridge was given the ticket from Jim McIngvale, owner of a Houston furniture store. McIngvale said, 'He's a Houston legend. Everyone remembers him during the Oilers days.'

SUPER BOWL XXXIV
Sunday, 4:25 p.m. MST, (ABC)

Tennessee Titans 16-3 vs. St. Louis Rams 15-3

Regular-season statistics

Quarterbacks	
McNair	Warner
331 Pass attempts	499
187 Completions	325
56.5 Completion percentage	65.1
2,179 Passing yards	4,353
12 Touchdowns	41
9 Interceptions	13
78.6 Rating	109.2

OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
Not rushing yards	TENN 113.2	Total rushing yards allowed	TENN 99.8
STL 128.7	STL 128.7	STL 74.3	
Net passing yards	TENN 217.8	Not passing yards allowed	TENN 230.9
STL 222.1	STL 219.3	STL 219.3	
Total net yards	TENN 331	Total net yards allowed	TENN 327.8
STL 400.8	STL 400.8	STL 293.6	

All statistics average per game

Running backs: **George** (320 Rushing attempts, 4.3 Average yards/rush, 1,304 Rushing yards, 13 Touchdowns, 47 Receptions, 458 Receiving yards) vs. **Faulk** (253 Rushing attempts, 5.5 Average yards/rush, 1,381 Rushing yards, 12 Touchdowns, 27 Receptions, 1,048 Receiving yards)

Source: National Football League AP/Ed De Gasparo

SURVIVORS BOWL

Los Angeles, Houston leftovers hang tight

ATLANTA (AP) — The Super Bowl is also a survivors' bowl for those who used to play for the Los Angeles Rams and Houston Oilers.

Free safety Keith Lyle said the five Rams left from the move to St. Louis in 1995 often sit together at the back of the plane and reminisce about how far they've come, and not just in distance.

"We've been through so much," said Lyle, who has been with the Rams since 1994. "When we win this Super Bowl, it's something we will always cherish, and know we put in the most work."

The Titans have a much stronger link to the past, with 20 players remaining from the team that owner Bud Adams moved to Nashville in 1994. Eleven are starters, and three are going to the Pro Bowl.

Among the Rams' holdovers are some of their most prominent players. Quarterback Todd Lyght, among the league leaders with six interceptions, was a first-round pick in 1991. Isaac Bruce, a third-round pick in 1994, is one of the most dangerous wide receivers in the NFL. Defensive tackle D'Marco Farr,

'We've been through so much. When we win this Super Bowl, it's something we will always cherish, and know we put in the most work.'

—Keith Lyle, Rams free safety

undrafted in 1994, was second on the team with 8.5 sacks.

All three are going to the Pro Bowl, and Lyle is a second alternate although he missed the last seven games of the regular season with a bruised nerve.

"We've had the torch for the longest bit of time and it's been a difficult road," said Lyght, who is enjoying his first winning season in the NFL. "So we relish this."

The fifth former L.A. Ram is backup defensive end Jay Williams, undrafted in 1994.

"I survived all the roster cuts," Williams said. "We all appreciate each other and know what we went through."

Though a lot more Titans players — and even coach Jeff Fisher — are around from the Houston days, they've had a rougher road since the move. In 1997 they became the Tennessee Oilers, and played their home games in Memphis while a new stadium was being built in Nashville.

"All we had was each other," kicker Al Del Greco said.

Offensive guard Bruce Matthews, who's finishing his 17th season, has by far the most Houston baggage on the roster. He's spent his entire career with the Oilers/Titans.

"It was planning on being in Houston the rest of my life," Matthews said. "The Oilers were a 500 team the first two years after the move. Settling in helped them take off."

"I don't think we will have any difficulty from this point on, as long as we always keep a core group of players together," Fisher said.



Original melon head Lance Goldberg wears a watermelon rind hat at his house in Santa Monica, Calif., Wednesday. He wore the same hat last weekend during the Rams' 11-6 victory over Tampa Bay.

TALE OF TWO SUPER CITIES
A fun look at St. Louis and Nashville, the cities that produced this year's Super Bowl teams — the St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans.

St. Louis	Nashville
Population: 2,576,500	Population: 1,169,647
Nickname: "Gateway to the West"	Nickname: "Music City USA"; "Athens of the South"
Elevation: 455 feet above sea level	Elevation: 550 feet above sea level
Native son/daughter: Tina Turner, Chuck Berry, John Goodman, Betty Grable and T.S. Eliot	Andrew Jackson, 7th U.S. President; Wilma Rudolph, Olympic athlete
Gateway Arch; Anheuser-Busch Brewery; paddlewheel riverboat rides	Country Music Hall of Fame Grand Ole Opry
Profile: Founded in 1764 by French fur traders from the Ohio Colonies who named the city for Louis IX, the Crusader King of France	Profile: Founded on Christmas Eve 1779 in what was then the "wild west." It's considered the music city of the country for the vast amount of music created, written and produced here
Getting around: MetroLink, St. Louis' award-winning rail system which carries over 15 million riders each year	Getting around: Trolley; MTA (bus)
Weather: Four-season climate with brisk winters and temperatures above 90 F about 35-40 days per year	Weather: Usually hot with summers and warm to fairly mild winters; average annual temp. 59.2 F
Pro teams: St. Louis Rams, NFL; St. Louis Cardinals, MLB; St. Louis Blues, NHL	Pro teams: Tennessee Titans, NFL; Nashville Predators, NHL
Zoos: The St. Louis Zoo, site of the famous "Meet Me in St. Louis" 1904 World's Fair	Zoos: Currently in the midst of a five-year development and expansion plan that will make it one of the largest zoos in the nation.
Favorite foods: Toasted ravioli; gooey butter coffeecake; frozen custard concretes (milkshakes)	Favorite foods: Steak; Meat 'n' Threes (choice of one meat and three vegetables); anything fried...who's afraid of a little cholesterol?
Trivia: There are more working blues musicians in St. Louis than any place on the planet	Trivia: A Nashvillean, Capt. William Driver, coined the phrase "Old Glory" for the American flag

Source: St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission; Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau AP/Ed De Gasparo; Susan Hoffmann

Fists fly: Intensity boils over at Titans' practice

ATLANTA (AP) — Practice heated up Friday for the Tennessee Titans, and not just because they moved inside to the Georgia Dome.

Receiver Derrick Mason and safety Blaine Bishop came to blows in the final session of the 1-hour, 40-minute practice. Bishop had been covering Mason on a pass in a two-minute drill when the ball fell incomplete, and Mason accused the safety of hitting him in the helmet.

The two started fighting and had to be separated by teammates. Mason and Bishop didn't want to stop and were ordered off the field.

Following practice, Fisher pulled his players and coaches together for a talk. Then he spoke privately with Mason and Bishop for several minutes. The players hugged and then left.

"It's over with," Fisher said. "They compete. They are highly competitive. That happens over the course of the season. Did you see them walk off the field together? Those two are about as competitive guys as I've got."

Big-hitting Bishop

Blaine Bishop is the Titans' own Tasmanian devil — stopping runners at the line of scrimmage, zipping from side to side covering receivers or slashing into the backfield for a sack.

Rookie Jevon Kearse got most of the publicity this season, but Rams running back Marshall Faulk, the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year, said a runner-always-must be on the lookout for the bow-legged strong safety.

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"Blaine's a crafty safety. He loves getting his shots on you, and he's a guy who's smart. He'll get the sure tackle. You have to be careful when playing Blaine Bishop," Faulk said.

A little London

Too small? London Fletcher figured he wasn't small enough. While everyone else judges on their exact height and weight, the St. Louis Rams linebacker wanted everyone to know exactly how tall — or short — he really was. So, his height on the official roster was downsized from 6-foot to 5-10.

And, to be perfectly honest, he's not that tall. Fletcher conceded that he's probably a bit under 5-10, and he doesn't mind if the world knows all about it.

"I want to be an inspiration," Fletcher said. "I want to show the kids that they can succeed in life even when people say they are too small or too short."

Commish defends image

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue acknowledged that the NFL is concerned about off-field crimes committed by its players. He also suggested that those crimes are part of a deeper problem.

"I think our track record is better than society at large," Tagliabue said at his annual Super Bowl news conference. "On the other hand, we don't tolerate violence. We don't condone it."

Private dancer goes global

Having performed in front of hundreds of millions of people over her career, Tina Turner is not afraid of singing in front of that many in one night.

At Friday's news conference held to introduce the pregame entertainers for Sunday's Super Bowl, Turner said she treats singing in front of a huge audience "as a chance to get reacquainted."

"I used to be nervous, but as the years have gone by, it has turned to excitement and the feeling that it's a kind of reunion," said the 55-year-old entertainer. "Besides, this is not about me, it's about the guys. I'm just decoration, and just there to root them on."

Knuckle to touchdown

Az-Zahir Hakim has heard about Craig Hentrich's knuckle punt and is more than confident he won't have any trouble catching one.

"I will take that knuckle punt and make it into a touchdown punt," the St. Louis Rams returner said.

Hakim will only get to see Hentrich's new specialty kick if the Rams force the Tennessee Titans into a pooch punt situation. That's when the punter turns the ball sideways in his hand, changing a spiraling punt into a twistier, that's best avoided.

Titans returner Derrick Mason almost broke a finger the first time he tried to catch Hentrich's knuckleball in minicamp, and calls it nasty. "I don't even catch it anymore."

Finland's Mottola chooses a long road to the NBA

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - When Hanno Mottola left Helsinki four years ago to play college basketball in the United States, he wanted to become the NBA's first player from Finland.

Asked now if he's closer to that goal, the Utah forward shuffled his feet and described other dreams: a comfortable life when he eventually returns home, a good job and a family.

"Sure, I want to be in the NBA, but you've got to have something to fall back on," Mottola said. "I definitely want to go back to Finland. I want to play here, then I'll go home and raise a family."

Mottola insisted he's more concerned with helping the No. 19 Utes (15-3) than grooming his game for the NBA.

"I'm focused and our team is focused," he said.

But make no mistake, pro scouts know about him. The 6-foot-9 senior is a classic European player. He's a big man who hits 40 percent from 3-point range and then goes inside to flip a short jump hook through the net.

Utah coach Rick Majerus recruited Mottola after a friend overseas sent videotapes from Helsinki youth leagues. After a 14-hour trip to Finland, the weary coach almost fell asleep in the gymnasium watching Mottola play. But Majerus liked what he saw.



Utah forward Hanno Mottola, right, listens to one of his professors during a class Monday on campus in Salt Lake City. Mottola, who is on track to graduate in May with a degree in economics, expects to leave as an honor graduate.

"He's an NBA prospect," Majerus says. He has potential, but there's nothing he can do right now to get ready for the NBA other than play well for us." In the last four years, Majerus has

developed a line of first-round NBA draft picks in New Jersey's Keith Van Horn, Orlando's Michael Doleac and Cleveland's Andre Miller.

Forget all that for a moment. Mottola, on track to graduate in May with a degree in economics, expects to leave as an honor graduate. There's a good chance he'll become Utah's fourth academic All-American in 11 seasons under Majerus.

Mottola makes it clear he's thinking long term.

"People in Finland realize the value of international experience," he said. "If an American goes to Finland right now, he could probably get a job. When I go back home, I think it will help most to have my international experience, to speak English and have my degree."

Mottola, a team captain, tore a knee ligament in an exhibition game and missed the first six weeks of the season. In 10 games since returning, he has averaged 19.3 points and led Utah in scoring eight times.

"He's a perfectionist," forward Alex Jensen said. "In practice, he wants to make every shot. If he doesn't, it rattles him. Coach always reminds him, 'Hey, you could be the best shooter in the world and you'll still miss half the time.'"

Britain gets Manchester United, Tyson fight today

MANCHESTER, England (AP) - This blue-collar city will be abuzz today: Mike Tyson, who depends on his fists, and soccer star David Beckham, who dazzles with his feet, will play to sellout crowds.

Tyson, the former undisputed heavyweight champion, will fight British champion Julius Francis in what looks to be a mismatch before 21,000 fans in MEN Arena.

Scheduled to attend the bout at night are Beckham and his Spice Girl-wife, Victoria.

Earlier in the day, Beckham is to lead Manchester United, one of England's most storied clubs, against Middlesbrough in a Premier League game before 50,000 fans at Old Trafford.

Fight tickets are being scalped. Tyson tickets for Manchester United games often are inherited.

Tyson, who arrived in London on Jan. 15, came to Manchester on Tuesday night after a three-hour drive from London.

"I want to thank you for coming out here and waiting so long for me," Tyson told a large crowd after getting to his Manchester hotel several hours after his scheduled arrival.

Tyson weighed in Friday at 223.75 pounds. He twirled his hair while wearing on his right arm a watch and a diamond bracelet that he bought in London for about \$1 million. That's twice as much as Francis is getting for the fight.

Looking at Francis, who wore sunglasses and weighed 244.5, Tyson said, "He's kind of fat."

The fighters briefly stared at each other.

"He can't hit me with his eyes," Tyson said. "I'm cool. I'm relaxed and I'm ready to fight."

Tyson has made no reported purchases since arriving in Manchester, but he did visit a Rolls-Royce plant. He was driven to the airport Friday to pick up a friend.

Tyson's presence in Britain has prompted coverage from the straight and sober to the outrageous. Iron Mike ought to be called "abold" Tyson.

The Daily Mirror ran a headline about Tyson killing Francis after he said, "I think I'm going to kill Julius Francis." He explained he means to knock out Francis in sensational fashion.

That story was easily outdone

Battle in Britain



A tale of the tape for the heavyweight fight between Julius Francis and Mike Tyson to be held at MEN Arena, Manchester, England.

Francis	Record	Tyson
21-7	46-3-1	
35 years	Age	33 years
6 ft., 2"	Height	5 ft., 11 1/2"
46"	Chest (normal)	42 1/2"
18"	Biceps	17"
36"	Waist	34"
19 1/2"	Calf	17"
11"	Wrist	8"

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports. AP

by one in the Daily Star, with the headline: "Look at the legs on Mike Tyson's Mrs." The account was about Tyson's wife, Monica, having hairy legs. A front-page picture ran in the Daily Mail showing Tyson kissing a toddler on the cheek. The headline over the photo: "Would you let Iron Mike kiss your baby?"

The Express called Tyson the Limping Monoc, suggesting the fight be billed as "The Mad Dog and the Englishman."

Tyson (46-3, 1 no contest, 40 knockouts) will be paid from \$8 million to \$11 million for the 10-round bout. Francis (21-7, 11 knockouts) is getting \$560,000. His previous biggest purse was \$85,000.

The British pay-per-view telecast will begin at 10 p.m. (3 p.m. MST), with the Tyson match to begin about an hour later. The fight will be shown on tape delay by Showtime in the United States, with the telecast to begin at 8 p.m. MST.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Master gardener classes to begin

TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho will offer master gardener classes in Twin Falls, Rupert, Gooding, and Arco beginning in late February. Classes will meet twice a week through mid-April.

Extension educators and local experts will train gardeners of all skill levels, including beginners, in horticulture skills and practices. Subjects to be discussed include basic botany, soils, irrigation, plant diseases, insect problems, weeds, home orchards, lawns and vegetable gardening. After training, master gardeners return volunteer hours back to the community through a variety of activities available through the local extension office.

Classes will meet from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Twin Falls and from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Rupert. Gooding classes are scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Days and times of the Arco classes are yet to be determined. Class fees vary depending on location and college credit from the University of Idaho is available. Some of the classes qualify for pesticide recertification credits.

To find out more about the master gardener program at the extension office closest to you, contact Steve Salisbury in Twin Falls at 734-9590, Chad Cheyney or Jean Taylor in Arco at 527-8587, Donna Gillespie in Rupert at 436-7184, Bill Hazen in Gooding at 934-4417, Ron Thameret in Shoshone at 886-7406, or Christi Falson in Jerome at 324-7578.

Symposium series examines the West with free lectures

KETCHUM - The Western Issues Symposium is a free lecture series at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts that examines the West - past, present and future.

Here is a list of upcoming lectures:

Feb. 10: Vicki Ruiz, chair of Chicano Studies at Arizona State University, will discuss "The Welcoming Committee," a look at settlers' ever-increasing anxiety over Native American, Mexican, European and Asian newcomers. Her lecture is titled "From Out of the Shadows: Mexican Women in 20th Century America."

March 2: Richard White, professor of history at Stanford University and author of "It's Your Misfortune and None of My Own: A New Western History," will examine how values have shaped Westerners' relationship with the land. He'll focus in particular on how contemporary Westerners struggle to reconcile a resource-dependent past with the need to have less impact on the land in the future.

April 13: Patricia Nelson Limerick, professor of history at the University of Colorado and author of "The Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West," will discuss what Westerners have inherited from their past, and the inheritance left for future generations.

All lectures are free and will be held at 7 p.m. in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St., E.

The Idaho Humanities Council and Pioneer Mountain Foundation have underwritten the series.

For more information, call 726-9491.

WANTED

in the Magic Valley

Name: Eleodoro Lopez Jr.

Age: 31
Description: Hispanic male, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 200 pounds, black hair and brown eyes.

Charged with: Failure to appear on three counts of drug trafficking and three counts of drug tax stamp violation.



Compiled from staff reports

Streaker crashes TF pep rally

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High School officials quashed the moshing at a pep assembly Friday, but they couldn't stop a streaker and a couple of drum corps members who drummed themselves into police custody.

Police filed no charges against the drummers, but police are still

looking for the streaker.

The assembly, which caps a week of school spirit activities, had been going without a hitch until a male streaker ran across the gym floor wearing nothing but a ski mask, school district spokeswoman Linda Baird said.

The streaker escaped in a getaway car, and the rally continued smoothly until the drum corps started playing, she said.

A group of students wandered to the gym floor and started dancing, she said, and some started moshing. School officials said they wouldn't allow any moshing this year because of a moshing outbreak last year that left some students hurt. The officials figured stopping the drummers would stop the moshing, so they ordered the drum corps to quit playing, Baird said.

A couple drummers didn't stop the beat, and were taken away by the school's resource police officer. The students' parents were called to the school to discuss their conduct, she said.

The students, who Baird did not identify, were not criminally charged. Further discipline probably wouldn't be needed, she said.

"A few kids pushed the bound-

aries a little bit at the assembly, and they were dealt with appropriately," Baird said.

However, a student who dropped his drums on the gym floor might be responsible for any damage, she said.

As for the streaker, school officials got a good description of the getaway car and had a couple of good leads on the culprit, she said.

OFFICIAL FAREWELL



Commissioner Marvin Hempleman presents Carla Reed with a deskplate on her last day as a Twin Falls County commissioner.

Colleagues bid Reed fond farewell

County commissioner job becomes available

By John T. Hudby
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A help-wanted sign was posted next to the entrance into Carla Reed's old Twin Falls County commissioner office, a jokingly ironic reminder of yet another vacancy on the county commission.

Reed, 56, was packing up the rest of her belongings Friday, getting ready to leave her Twin Falls County Courthouse fourth-floor office of more than three years.

Reed said good-bye to her colleagues in the commissioners' meeting chambers at a farewell party before she cleared out of office.

"I'm sad because I loved it here," said Reed, a hint of emotion in her voice. "The hardest thing was to write that letter of resignation. That computer just didn't want to write it."

Reed resigned from her \$39,390-a-year county job Jan. 24 to take over her own business.

She said she bought a J.C. Penney Co. catalog sales business in Hailey. Her last day as commissioner was Friday.

"She's done a good job," said Bob Fort, district court clerk. "She studies the issues and is informed. That I appreciated."

Fort worked with Reed since she was appointed as commissioner in 1997.

Others who attended Friday's farewell party echoed Fort's thoughts.

"Carla brought a different perspective to the county," said former commission Chairman Dennis Maughan.

Maughan worked with Reed until his departure from the board last October.

"I think it's a real loss for the county," Maughan said. "She was always willing to meet with people and go the extra mile."

Reed's resignation comes just three months after Maughan's. "I hope I didn't set a tone," Maughan joked.

Bill Brockman, a retired rancher, took over Maughan's old job, and several candidates already have entered the race for

Help wanted

Anyone interested in taking over Carla Reed's former job as a Twin Falls County commissioner may submit an application, which must include a cover letter and resume, to the Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee, P.O. Box 1733, Twin Falls.

To find out whether you are in District One, call the Twin Falls County clerk's office at 736-4004 or Twin Falls County Republican Chairman Mike Mathews at 735-0742. Submit applications as soon as possible.

Reed's Gary Grindstaff, 59, of Buhl has submitted his resume for Reed's District One seat, along with Richard Martin Jr., 33, also of Buhl, and the newest entry, Jay B. Fort, 36, of Filer, who is the son of Bob Fort.

Grindstaff is the GOP's former Twin Falls County chairman and its current regional chairman. He is also a member of the party's state executive committee.

Martin said he recently accepted a job at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center as a biomedical equipment technician - a job frozen by the hospital, however, until further notice, he said.

Jay Fort is the owner and manager of The Print Shoppe in Filer. He said he had considered running for political office, just not so soon.

"I've been looking at different political aspects and avenues for a while. I wasn't considering Carla's position, and quite frankly, I thought she would run again," Jay Fort said. "But since it was available it was the next step."

There will be some key issues in the county's future, he said.

"There are still some things that are going to have to come up with (regional emergency dispatching agency) SERCOMM," he said. "Juvenile justice is always ongoing."

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First ethanol truck tours Idaho

By Ruth Streater
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - Idaho State University students are busy designing vehicles that protect air quality and help the farm economy, and they're having a good time doing it.

"It's not every day someone hands you a brand new truck and says, 'Here go make this work,'" said Steve Metzger, a sophomore majoring in mech-

anical engineering at Idaho State University.

Metzger is also the captain of ISU's Ethanol Vehicle Challenge Team, a nationwide competition in which teams from 14 schools compete with each other to perfect the ethanol-powered driving machine.

Just passing through Heyburn on their way home from a publicity stint in Boise, three members of ISU's team made a pit stop Thursday at the ethanol and

starch plant at Simplon, one of their major sponsors.

Air quality and the problem of oxygenated MTBE contaminating groundwater are growing concerns, and people are turning to ethanol as a safer fuel source. It's more expensive than MTBE, but many say it's better for the environment.

"The thing we really want to get out is it's not really a choice between clean air and clean



Photo by Ruth Streater, Times-News

City vs. County

Burley officials push game plan resolution

By Ruth Streater
Times-News writer

BURLEY - In what it called an act that represents the interests of Burley residents, the City Council Friday challenged Cassia County's game plan to keep a moratorium on animal operations until the state has its regulations ironed out.

The council voted unanimously for the resolution, which "supports the immediate repeal of the livestock moratorium adopted by Cassia County." It says the moratorium, which prohibits CAFOs greater than 10,000 animal units from locating within the county, is hampering economic development.

The city's stance sets up a potential showdown with the county, and drew a cool response from one county commissioner Friday.

Trying to remedy a falling economy, the city is attempting to attract dairy-related industry and a poultry processing plant. Several developers have said they are looking to develop elsewhere, because of a hostile environment on the CAFO issue, Burley Mayor Doug Manning said.

City Council member Curtis Mendenhall said the resolution is not "an ultimatum on the hog farm," the 50,000-sow feeding operation proposed by Ketchum developer Ron Aches.

Suggesting county commissioners should have done their homework, Mendenhall said the city has come to its conclusion by doing research. The city has kept in contact with the state's Division of Environmental Quality, and is aware of potential environmental problems and of the technology needed. But if anything, larger operations have superior technology, Mendenhall said.

But the county does not believe the moratorium has dissuaded the dairy industry from locating in the area, County Commissioner Paul Christensen said. Christensen has discussed the issue with both the county extension agent and a key player in attracting dairies, and neither person expressed any concern.

"It's important people know we're taking this very, very seriously," Christensen said. Christensen also said the

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Ethanol Vehicle Challenge Idaho State University Team members Todd Gansauge, right, Tony Denniston, left, and Steve Metzger, center.

FOR THE RECORD

The Times-News

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

Drunken-driving dismissals
 Luke William Clark, 18, 221 E. Idaho St., Paulton; misdemeanor (related to possession, consumption or purchase of an alcoholic beverage by minor; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Drunken-driving sentencing
 Robert W. Ryan Jr., 42, 575 Farnsworth, Idaho Falls; misdemeanor; withheld judgment; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Jose Pablo Gonzalez, 30, 508 E. 500 S., Burley; misdemeanor; \$400 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days in jail with 98 suspended, one year's probation, 90 days' driver's license suspended, time credited, three days' Mini-Cassia Inmate Work Detail Program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Melissa A. Maglaughlin, 19, 1220 E. 16th St., No. 34, Burley; under age 21 misdemeanor; \$200 fine, \$80.50 court costs, \$75 defender fees, 30 days in jail with 28 suspended, one year's probation, 90 days' driver's license suspended, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Beatriz Navarro, 28, P.O. Box 123, Wilder; misdemeanor; \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, \$75 defender fees, 30 days in jail with 28 suspended, time credited, 90 days' driver's license suspended, time credited, three days' McWork Program,

community service in Canyon County; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Joel J. Prieto, 18, 1434 Almo Ave., Burley; under age 21 misdemeanor; \$1,000 fine with \$900 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, one year's probation, one year's driver's license suspended; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Daniel Paul Stephenson, 48, 1911 Miller Ave., Burley; misdemeanor; \$750 fine with \$500 suspended, \$222.50 court costs, \$35 defender fees, 80 days in jail with 75 suspended, one year's probation, treatment program, six months' driver's license suspended, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Mary Agnes Shradley, 31, 295 N. Meridian, Rupert; misdemeanor; \$400 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail with 28 suspended, one year's probation, 90 days' driver's license suspended, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Felony dismissals
 Martin Bautista, 35, 565 Palm St., Burley; two counts money laundering and illegal investment, one count drug trafficking in methamphetamine/amphetamine, two counts drug stamp tax violation, one count drug trafficking in cocaine and three counts possession with intent to manufacture or deliver controlled substance; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Richard Cantu, 39, 20502 Fifth and F Street, Acequia; one count controlled substance possession of marijuana more than 3 ounces and one count drug stamp tax

violation; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony sentencing
 Joseph J. Chandler, 22, P.O. Box 644, Heyburn; burglary amended to misdemeanor petit theft; \$63.50 court costs, 180 days in jail with 27 suspended, one year's probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Randy Kent Meade, 50, 200 S. 975 E., Declo; malicious injury to property; \$88.50 court costs, 36 months' probation, \$6,332 restitution due victims; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Kelly Grant Wyatt, 42, 452 S. 160 W., Burley; assault with intent to commit a serious felony amended to misdemeanor battery; \$63.50 court costs; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Minidoka County
RUPERT - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:

Drunken-driving sentencing
 Daniel Jamie Ixta, 21, 2031 Holsten, Heyburn; misdemeanor; \$750 fine with \$500 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, 12 months' probation, six months' driver's license suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Alberto Viveros, 23, 1410 W. Flamingo, No. 109, Nampa; misdemeanor; \$750 fine with \$600 suspended, \$428.50 court costs, 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, 12 months' probation, 180 days' driver's license suspended, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Pair of F&G commissioners defends past comments before Senate vote

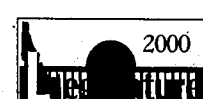
BOISE (AP) - Two new Idaho Fish and Game Commission members on Friday ran a legislative gauntlet over their past comments and actions although they vowed to be team players for wildlife management.

Don Clower of Meridian and Roy Moulton of Driggs testified before the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, one day after the full commission approved the selection of Rodney Sando of Minnesota as the new Idaho Department of Fish Game director.

The four new commissioners were appointed last summer by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne following the ouster of director Steve Mealey last March and the Legislature's subsequent rejection of a sportsmen's fee increase to avoid severe program reductions.

Alex Irby of Orofino and Marcus Gibbs of Grace were interviewed Wednesday. The committee may make a recommendation on the foursome Monday, with full Senate confirmation by the end. All four have stressed their intention to work together.

Clower, a retired postal worker, earlier served as chairman of the Idaho Wildlife Council and led the successful battle against an initiative which would have outlawed three methods of hunting black bears. He also was a vocal critic of Mealey.



Clower was taken to task by Republican Sen. Evan Frasure of Pocatello for past sniping at legislators and the state Land Board.

"I'm not thrilled about a bomb thrower on the commission who could go off at any time," Frasure said. "I do I have the new and improved Don Clower on the commission?"

"I was caught up in the rhetoric," Clower replied. "I've mended fences with all these groups."

Moulton, the former Teton County prosecutor, made a pre-emptive strike in explaining some controversial actions before the lawmakers had a chance to bring them up.

Moulton was cited in 1989 and 1992 for violating federal law by snowmobiling in the Jeddah Smith Wilderness on the Wyoming border. He said it occurred at a time when locals wanted to point out what was a harmless, historical activity which later was banned when the wilderness was designated.

"We tried to bring public attention in what was in retrospect a naive notion that we would get

the state of Idaho and its congressional delegation to go to bat. They were sympathetic. I think a lot of Idahoans were. But as west of the Mississippi have less power than those to the east."

Moulton has been accused of altering a wetland on his property and installing an illegal septic system at his home without a permit. He replied he had removed some willows on his fence line and built a farm road in the wetland, neither in violation of the federal law. His septic system is much more protective of groundwater than what the health district called for, he said.

The Fish and Game Commission last May passed a resolution backing scientists' verdict that breaching four dams on the lower Snake River is the best way to restore Idaho's ocean-going salmon. The potential success, however, of endorsing the measure, short of, saying it was an economic and social decision.

Clower and Moulton said they could not back breaching right now because of the limited information they had. Moulton added it was inappropriate for Fish and Game biologists to publicly call for breaching.

Clower also said the federal government's efforts to kill predators was a waste of tax dollars. He said he would like to see hunters for dispatching coyotes might be more effective.

Utah GOP unveils anti-crime package

Legislation would mandate engine locks

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A crime-fighting package introduced by Republicans in the Utah Legislature would mandate ignition locks for drunken drivers after their second conviction.

The package also would make certain students caught bringing weapons to schools are suspended, a decision now left up to principals or school boards.

The package is almost certain to pass the House and Senate, where Republicans hold majorities.

But Senate President Lane Beattie, R-West Bonville, said the GOP package is a work in progress and could address the controversy over whether people convicted of violent or aggressive misdemeanor crimes should lose their right to buy or

keep guns. Opposition from gun-rights groups and legislators persuaded Sen. Terry Spencer, R-Layton, to drop that measure. Spencer is working on a different concept, making punishment tougher for some misdemeanor crimes.

The GOP package also doesn't prohibit adults with concealed weapons permits from taking guns to schools. Legislative Republicans have killed that idea, maintaining it wouldn't do anything to make schools safer.

Beattie said concealed-weapon holders haven't caused trouble at any Utah school, a claim contradicted by teachers who say some adults packing guns have dismayed them or left them unattended in schools.

Here's what the GOP package includes:
 • Transferring court records on mental confinements and juvenile weapons offenses to the

state Bureau of Criminal Identification, which could use the information to block a requested gun sale.

• Expanding Salt Lake County's drug courts statewide at a cost of \$5 million, money that could come from Utah's tobacco settlement.

• Making all weapons offenders serve at least one year and up to five years in prison.

• Mandating ignition locks on the cars of drivers convicted a second time of drunken driving. Ignition locks test whether a driver has consumed alcohol.

• Letting judges mandate ignition locks in first-time drunken driving convictions involving a high blood-alcohol content.

• Expanding the list of prohibited date-rape drugs to include GHB, Ketamine and Rohypnol.

• Making it a crime for concealed-weapon holders to brandish their guns.

ABORTION VIEWS



Nancy Bloomer, executive director of the Idaho Christian Coalition, speaks before the Senate State Affairs Committee at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise Friday afternoon. Bloomer, along with a standing-room-only crowd, were on hand to voice their opinions about Senate Bill 12999, which would require girls 18 years old and younger to obtain parental consent before having abortions. For more, see page A-1.

Court upholds convictions

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the convictions and sentencing of nine people for illegally obstructing logging operations in the Nez Perce National Forest.

Moscow residents Zachery Griefen, 25, Michael Bowersox, 36, Rachael Warrens, 32, and Sean Gale, 25, along with Forrest Gray, 22, of Clintwood, Va., were convicted of violating an order that closed a 300-foot strip of land in the Cove-Millard area in July 1996.

They appealed, saying the closure order violated their right to free speech, but the appellate court disagreed.

Four others, Gregory Mack, 30, of Fort Washington, Md., Gordon Greenwood, 27, Boise, Marcus Baker, 24, of Yonkers, N.Y., and Kristin Gustafson, 30, of Boise, were convicted of maintaining an unauthorized structure in a national forest and interfering with a Forest Service road.

Nevada governor Guinn backs shovel protest

ELKO, Nev. (AP) - Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn gave his support to a protest against the Forest Service in Elko Saturday and applauded Idaho's lawsuit challenging the Clinton administration's latest forest protection plan.

"Since the vast majority of the public lands are in the West, perhaps the bureaucrats in Washington D.C. simply don't understand the impact their decisions have on our western way of life," said Guinn, a Republican.

"Sometimes the only way to get their attention is to stand up for our rights," he said in a letter Friday to State Assemblyman John Carpenter, R-Elko.

Carpenter is one of the organizers of a "Jarbridge Shovel Brigade Parade" planned down Elko's main street at noon on Saturday.

Ranchers, loggers, miners and small business owners across 20 states have donated thousands of shovels in support of efforts to rebuild a road in a national forest that the Forest Service says would harm the Jarbridge River's threatened bull trout.

"We just passed 9,000 shovels," Elko County Commissioner Mike Nunnini said as the caravan made its way Friday through Twin Falls, Idaho, and Jackpot, Nev. The caravan of trucks was to overnight in Wells, Nev., before heading on to Elko Saturday morning.

The Forest Service has no jurisdiction over the South Canyon Road, 27, because it was there before the national forest was established in the early 1900s.

"If they start to shut one road down, then it will be another, then another," Guinn said Friday as pickup trucks full of shovels began to show up at his real estate office in Elko.

"We've got shovels coming from everywhere," said Bob Hurst, a Republican who operates a business in Elko. He is preparing to Forest Service policies.

SERVICES

Marie E. Walker Coble of Rupert, services at 2 p.m. Jan. 31 at Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Payne Mortuary and from 1-1:45 p.m. prior to the funeral Monday.

Elmer W. Anderson of Gooding, services at 2 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Mildred "Kay" Symes of Albion, graveside services at 1 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Larkin Sunset Lawn Cemetery, 2350 E. 1300 S. in Salt Lake City, Utah. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 31 at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main Street in Burley.

Wayne I. Moseley of Filer, services at 1 p.m., today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Mary Ellen Archer of Twin Falls, and formerly of Jerome, services at 11 a.m. Jan. 31 at the Jerome First Church of God (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Robert H. Hughes of Mountain

Home, services at 6 p.m. today at Summers Funeral Home, McMurray Chapel, in Mountain Home.

Phyllis Cooper of Raft River, services at 1 p.m. today at the Paradise LDS First Ward Chapel in Paradise, Utah. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the church today, prior to the funeral (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

R. Beryl Lemmon of Kula, Hawaii, and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Waluhua Chapel on Maui. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Jan. 31 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cozad, Neb.

Beverly Lavens Burgess Smith of Jerome, services at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome Presbyterian Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

DEATH NOTICES

William L. Garrison
 BUHL - William L. Garrison, 82, of Buhl, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2000, at his home. Services are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Twin Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

Mildred P. Anthony
 TWIN FALLS - Mildred Patricia Anthony, 96, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, at Chaparelle House in

Wilda Williams
 GOODING - Wilda Williams, 88, of Gooding, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
 Some names are omitted at patient's request.
 Admitted
 Heather Chapman, Jeremy Phetphadoung and Nicholas Phetphadoung, all of Twin Falls; George Palmer of Palmer, Alaska; Naomi Price of Gooding; and Brian Smith of Wendell.
 Dismissed
 Leeanth Allred and William Malone, both of Pinedale; Penny McGuire of Hagerman; and Mary Meyer and Roene Marsh, both of Twin Falls.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 Some names have been omitted at patient's request.
 Admitted
 Rosa Martinez of Rupert.
 Dismissed
 Jase Martinez, Timmy Scott Cooper, and Rita Palomo, all of Rupert.

OBITUARY

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.

RUPERT

Marie Emma Walker Coble

Marie Emma Walker Coble, 71-year-old Rupert resident, died Thursday, January 20, 2000, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

She was born October 20, 1928, in Petersburg, Illinois, the daughter of John Edward and Ester Sutton Walker. She received her education in Illinois, Iowa and South Dakota. She lived in Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, Georgia, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Idaho. Marie retired from Minidoka Memorial Hospital in 1988. She loved to collect quilts, collect magazines, go out to lunch and visit with family and friends.

Survivors include eight children, Barbara (Dan) Miller of Rupert;



Shirley (Mike) Osterhout of Declo; Bobbie Wallion and friend, Stevie of Fairfield; Betsy (Keith) Osterhout of Declo; Patricia (Joe) Ferrell of Rupert; Sharon (Tom) Spann of

Hayden Lake, Idaho; John Coble and John Garner and friend, Stacy, all of Texas; three sisters, Millie (Champ) Clark and Marilyn (Ron) Wiese, all of South Dakota, and Louise (John) Seiko of Arizona; a brother, Robert (Janis) Walker of South Dakota; a sister-in-law, Kelle Walker of South Dakota; and her special friends, Jesse, Francis, Lillian and Virginia; 20 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Ralph; a sister, Dorothy; a granddaughter, and a nephew.
 Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 31, 2000, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with Bishop's Counselor Stacy Camp officiating. Burial will be in the Declo cemetery.
 Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the Payne Mortuary and from 1-1:45 p.m. prior to the funeral on Monday.

Rains give boost to snow levels

California farmers breathe sigh of relief

ECHO SUMMIT, Calif. (AP) — The Sierra Nevada snowpack, the crucial index of California's water outlook, tripled in three weeks during January — still below normal but welcome news for farmers and major water users.

"We've come a long way since Jan. 4, and everyone who's been in or near the Sierra knows that," Jeff Cohen, spokesman for the state Water Resources Department, said Friday.

The snowpack for the central and northern Sierra, which supplies about 40 percent of California's drinking and farm water, was reported at 75 percent of normal for this time of year.

On Jan. 4, it was less than 22 percent of normal, and state and federal water officials suggested that the water outlook for the state was uncertain at best.

The state's reservoirs were mostly nearly full or full, but authorities were concerned whether the state was entering a prolonged dry cycle. Then this month, squalls dumped several inches of rain across California.

Cohen said Friday's survey, conducted at several points

along the Sierra-Nevada high country, showed snow levels "ranging from a foot of water to a foot-and-a-half of water. On January 4, we had in some cases less than two inches of water."

"We can say we're back on track to a near-normal water year," Cohen added.

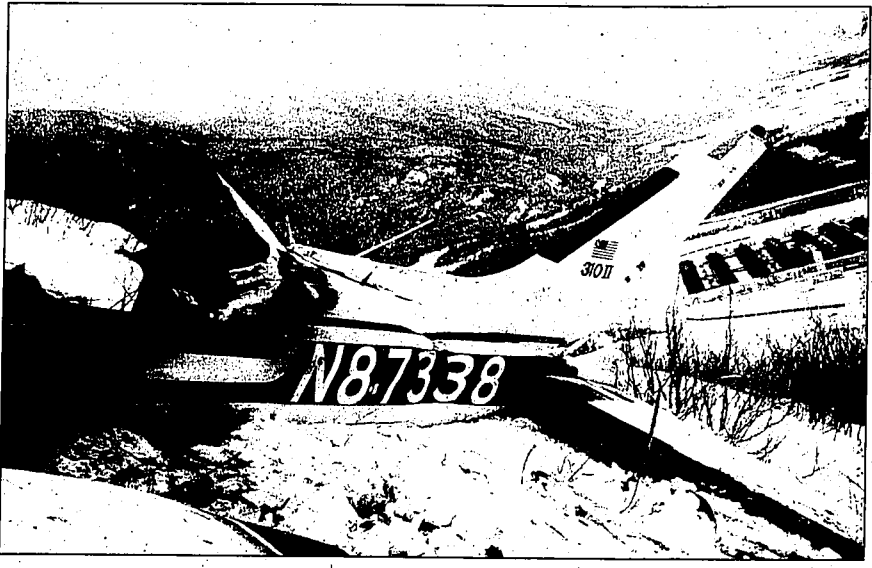
Much of the precipitation fell during the past week, bringing totals in some areas to nearly 94 percent of normal.

The Sierra snowpack, measured every month during the wet season through April, generally provides about 14 million acre-feet of water annually. An acre-foot is the amount of water needed to cover one acre a foot deep, or roughly the amount of water used in a year by a family of four.

The snowpack offers an important indicator of the state's water health because water from the melting snow flows to lakes and reservoirs during the spring and summer, when there is little rain.

Until the January rains, California was experiencing its seventh driest December since records began being kept 80 years ago.

CRASH AFTERMATH



The burned and damaged remains of a Cessna 310 Executive airplane rests Friday on the side of Teakettle Mountain near Kallispell, Mont. Pilot Leonard Miller, who was alone in the plane, crashed Thursday after a failed landing. He was listed Friday in serious condition at the Kallispell hospital.

Fiery accident in Iowa claims four missionaries

OSCEOLA, Iowa (AP) — Four Mormon missionaries died Friday when their car slammed into a truck as they returned from a missionary conference in southern Iowa.

According to the Iowa State Patrol, the men were headed westbound on U.S. Highway 34 about eight miles west of Osceola. The driver tried to pass another vehicle but did not see the truck, overcorrected and started to skid.

Their car crossed into the east-bound lanes, where it crashed into a pickup truck. Both vehicles burst into flames.

The driver of the truck, whose name had not been released, was killed.

Also killed were: Jaysen Ray Christiansen, 20, of Harrisville, Utah; Jared Mont Fulham, 20, of

Alpine, Utah; Bradley Alan Savage, 20, of Lehi, Utah; and Daniel Byrne Roudny, of Kaysville, Utah.

All four had been on missions in the United States for Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for less than a year.

"When we lose a single missionary, it's always tragic," said W. Craig Zwick, assistant executive director of the church's missionary department. "When we lose one in an accident like this, the loss is incalculable. Our hearts reach out to the families of these fine young men."

"Like Jesus, we express our deep sympathy to the family of the man who died in the other car," Zwick said.

Osceola is about 40 miles south of Des Moines.

Blaze engulfs new Idaho Falls building

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Investigators estimate a fire that broke out at an RV business under construction did an estimated \$350,000 in damage to a building.

Roland Clark, the division chief for the city's fire department, said the fire started from a small propane heater.

A construction crew had been using the heater to thaw the ground to pour concrete. When the crew returned from lunch, the building was in flames, he said.

The fire began about 1:30 p.m. Thursday. Five fire trucks arrived shortly after, but the second floor of the building was completely engulfed by that time, Clark said.

Funding schools in Utah provides unusual obstacles

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In education circles, it's called "The Utah Paradox."

Taxpayers in Utah pay more toward education than those in any other state. But Utah schools get less funding per-pupil than the rest of the nation.

The reason being that Utah's huge families, driven by a strong Mormon influence, mean the state has more school-aged children per capita than anywhere else.

"That's why we eat a lot of Jell-O and ice cream," jokes Lynne Ward, director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

In all, 23.7 percent of Utah's citizens are between the ages of 5 and 17. That slices the education pie into razor-thin pieces.

"We have a demographic problem," said Rep. John Swallow, R-Sandy. "Although we spend less per student we spend a higher percent of our income on public education than other states."

That left legislators in the most unenviable position as they began setting the education budget last week. They all want quality education, and that costs money. To pay for it, they have to pinch the wallets of thousands of taxpayers

— and voters — who guard their money like pit bulls over soup bones.

Like to mix slipping test scores, which amplify the cries for more education money.

"There is no easy way out," said Sen. Howard Stephenson, R-Draper, who chairs the committee that sets the school budget.

"There is no silver bullet for education funding."

The Utah Constitution requires the state individual and corporate income taxes to be set aside in the Uniform School Fund for public and higher education. Add School Trust Fund money — from state land designated to benefit public schools — and federal lands and the school fund totals more than

\$2.1 billion. That's nearly a third of the state budget.

But take out \$170 million for higher education, \$97 million for school lunch programs and several million for public education administrative costs and the fund shrinks some.

Then split it among roughly 497,578 school-aged children, and the state's per-pupil spending comes to just \$1,501. Roll in federal dollars and local district money, and the average Utah student gets \$3,787. The national average is \$6,131. New Jersey spends nearly \$10,000 per student.

Gov. Mike Leavitt has called for a 6 percent increase in per-pupil spending, which he thinks can be funded from economic growth without raising taxes. Many lawmakers don't think they can fund that much of an increase.

Phyllis Sorenson of the Utah Education Association teachers union, says the 6 percent is a good start but still not enough. She says that to get to the national average, it would take increases of 7.5 percent every year for the next decade.

There are rumblings that if the state doesn't give teachers at least a 5 percent increase the UEA could strike.

To generate the \$1.1 billion it would take to get Utah to the national average, the state would have to raise income taxes by 68 percent, Ward said.

And state projections show Utah's school-aged population is on the verge of a boom as the first Baby Boomers' grandchildren trudge off to kindergarten.

This year, the school-age population actually shrank slightly. But in the next 15 years it is expected to grow by nearly 190,000 students, an increase approaching 40 percent.

That will call for hundreds of new schools, thousands of new teachers and billions of new dollars.

The daunting prospect has some looking at other options.

Swallow is working on a bill that would create a voucher system assisting parents in sending their kids to private schools. Utah is among the lowest in the rate of students in private schools.

While still in the formative stages, Swallow's goal is to get more private donors contributing to education, easing the burden on public education.

"Ultimately, if we can get to the point where the state is only paying for 85 percent of the student's education and we can get (private donors) to pay for the other 15 percent, we can get past this demographic problem," Swallow said.

The thinking is that moving students to private education would leave more for those remaining in public education.

But the State Office of Education opposes the idea.

"Unless you have a voucher that is of sufficient size to allow the poor people to take advantage of it too, then all it is a supplement to the wealthy student," said Steven O. Laing, state superintendent of public instruction.

Stephenson thinks the educators, with whom he has clashed in the past over funding, are more worried about maintaining power than increasing funding.

"If those in our public schools know that parents can vote with their feet, that they have a right to leave and have a portion of those dollars follow ... that would do more to improve the public schools than anything we could do," said Stephenson.

Sen. Steve Poulton, R-Salt Lake City, is proposing dumping part of the state's \$1 billion tobacco settlement into the School Trust Fund. The trust fund invests mining royalties on parcels of state land set aside when Utah received statehood. The income stream goes to Utah schools.

Ethanol

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water," said Stan Siewert, manager of the plant that converts S. Implo's reject potatoes into almost pure alcohol. "With ethanol you could have both."

Many gasolines in Idaho, and around the country, are a blend of 10 percent ethanol, which is usually made from corn, and 90 percent gasoline. That amount of ethanol contributes about 3 percent oxygen to the fuel, promoting cleaner burning, Siewert said.

Retailers who offer such blends receive state and federal tax incentives.

The first Ethanol Vehicle Challenge in 1998 had each team convert a Chevrolet Malibu to a vehicle capable of running on E-

85 fuel, a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. Last year's teams worked on Silverados, and this year's students are fine-tuning last year's efforts.

Teams made up of about a dozen students each are preparing their trucks for a one-week competition in May. Vehicles are judged in categories such as acceleration, driving events, noise, fuel economy, cold starts and the big test — emissions.

The biggest challenge in converting a vehicle is programming the engine's computer to accept ethanol as a fuel, Metzger said.

The fuel flow must be increased because ethanol doesn't have the same power output as gas and more ethanol must be burned to

get the same amount of power.

The design of E-85 vehicles is nothing new — a few auto manufacturers had them on the market in the early 1990s. The Ethanol Vehicle Challenge, sponsored in part by General Motors, allows young engineers to get in on the action and the competition gives them hands-on experience.

The ISU team, one of the few in the West, came in 11th last year. The team took third place in acceleration and also brought home the award for sportsmanship.

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Burley

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county has done its homework, talking with the DEQ and with J.R. Simplot Co. regarding the timeframe on real-estate negotiations between Achs and C&Y Farms, the site of Achs' proposed operation.

The city and county are split on the issue because of a difference in "level of understanding," Christensen said. It's the county's decision, so it is taking the time needed to do it.

City officials contend the county has already had ample time. "We need to take a chance," Mendenhall said.

Most Burley residents have taken a pro-economic stance. Mendenhall said, and commissioners' decision to extend the moratorium into March, does not represent that constituency.

"We are citizens of the county. And we are the ones that elected them," he said.

Dennis Curtis of D.R. Curtis Real Estate in Burley, the only member of the public at the city council's resolution passage Friday, said the resolution is significant because it says the area needs to get on with the issue.

What they said

Here is the text of the city of Burley's resolution on livestock operations, one that sets up a disagreement between the city and Cassia County officials:

"A resolution of the city of Burley, Idaho, signed Jan. 28, 2000.

"WHEREAS the city of Burley has been aggressively negotiating with a number of major value-added dairy product industries, and a major value-added poultry processing industry for location in or near Burley in Cassia County, Idaho; and

"WHEREAS the lengthy and politicized procedures adopted by Cassia County in permitting commercial developments have proven to be a significant detriment in those negotiations; and

"WHEREAS the moratorium on dairies and other livestock operations adopted

ed by Cassia County has become a focal point of what is perceived to be a hostile environment by the businesses involved in the negotiations; and

"WHEREAS the hostile environment and the moratorium have been significant contributing factors in causing businesses to locate elsewhere;

"NOW THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the mayor and City Council of the city of Burley:

"1. The city of Burley supports immediate repeal of the livestock moratorium adopted by Cassia County.

"2. The Cassia County Commissioners be encouraged to adopt an expedited procedure for permitting proposed commercial developments within Cassia County similar to procedures adopted by other communities throughout the country, to encourage, rather than

the project.

"I have great respect for Achs and great respect for the community," he said.

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Lawyers say drugs impaired client on night he shot trooper

DAVENPORT, Wash. (AP) — Juan Duarte Gonzalez was in the throes of cocaine psychosis the night an Omak police officer was shot to death and could not have planned the shooting, his lawyers said Friday.

Gonzalez is charged with aggravated first-degree murder in the death of Omak Police Officer Mike Marshall and first-degree attempted murder in the wounding of Officer Don Eddy Jr.

The defendant's former girlfriend, Christine Gonzalez, testified Friday that they shared a \$400 per week cocaine habit, and that Juan Gonzalez had been using the illegal drug a few days before the shootings.

She said Gonzalez was paranoid. Prosecutors argued that Gonzalez was paranoid because he had a history of dealing drugs and feared being caught and deported to Mexico.

The illegal immigrant faces life in prison without possibility of parole if convicted.

The trial is being held in Davenport because of extensive news coverage in the Omak area.

On Thursday, prosecutors rested their case against Gonzalez. The shootings occurred behind the Stampedo Motel in Omak on the night of March 25, 1998. Police had arrived at the hotel to check on a report of a domestic dispute involving Gonzalez.

BURY

Super Event

"Living Legends"
February 4th 2000

King Fine Arts Center, Burley

Residents target County Commission chair for recall

BOISE — A group of Boise County residents wants to oust County Commission Chairman John Foard over imposition of a uniform building code only days after voters rejected a similar code in a referendum last November.

Bob Walker and others are gathering signatures to force a recall election.

Before the end of March, they must get 900 registered voter signatures. 20 percent of the county's voters, to put Foard back before voters in the May primary. But even if they get ballot status, Foard's critics not only need to get a majority at the polls but more than the 1,767 votes he was elected with.

Foard says the building code is needed for public safety in a county that has seen its population double in less than a decade.

But Walker claims it is just another layer of government.

Agents kill three wolves after calf death, attacks

BOISE — Federal agents have killed three young wolves near the East Fork of the Salmon River after a rancher's calf was slain and his horses were injured.

Clayton-area rancher Curt Hurlson on Sunday reported wolves had killed a calf, said Roy Heberger, assistant field supervisor in the Fish and Wildlife Service's Snake River Basin Office.

Agents with Wildlife Services, a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which handles problem predators, determined wolves had killed the young animal. "It takes more than one strike to get into lethal mode," Heberger said.

DOE might treat Idaho radioactive waste in Hanford

RICHLAND, Wash. — Radioactive waste from Idaho might be shipped to the Hanford nuclear reservation for processing.

The U.S. Department of Energy is considering whether about 4,200 cubic meters of radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory near Idaho Falls should be shipped to Hanford for treatment.

The waste would be turned into glasslike cylinders at a proposed vitrification plant at Hanford, but it would not be stored there. It either would be shipped back to Idaho, or to a permanent disposal site the government may build in Nevada.

School board passes on minority, union candidates

POCATELLO — Despite pleas from Trustee Tom Bernasek for diversity on the school board, women, minorities and union leaders were bypassed for two vacancies created by a recent voter recall in what one board critic said has only aggravated problems in the district.

In a pair of two-one votes, Board Chairman John Merzlock and Trustee John Ricks rejected Bernasek's nominations of Karen Floyd, deputy clerk for 6th District Judge William Woodland, and Willis Norton Sr., a former school custodian involved in the union that was at the heart of last year's recall.

The two-man majority instead selected retired Bannock County Magistrate Howard Armstrong and businessman Nathan Hill to replace Maxine Croshaw and

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Surplus climbs with December revenues

BOISE (AP) — The administration continued pitching Gov. Dick Kempthorne's \$1.8 billion general tax spending plan Friday even as new figures seemed to strengthen the resolve of Republican lawmakers to back their GOP governor and permanently cut taxes.

The Division of Financial Management reported tax collections in December were another \$5 million higher than the estimate, which was revised upward significantly earlier this month to reflect continued stronger than-expected economic performance. That revision essentially created the \$34 million surplus



Kempthorne now proposed to bank. And in the vacuum created by the governor's savings plan, the report only seemed to fuel tax-cutting fever in the nation's most Republican Legislature.

Both Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes and House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said some kind of tax cut appears all but inevitable. A number of prop-

osals were being drafted for various reductions in the personal income and corporate taxes. Newcomb said the question is how big a tax cut should be passed.

In an effort to buttress Kempthorne's proposal to deposit the entire surplus in the reserve, bringing its balance to \$90 million, the governor's budget chief, former Democratic legislator Darrell Manning, warned against striking out on a permanent tax cut before the state's financial foundation has been solidified.

Building up the budget reserve account will do that, he wrote in an op-ed piece. He made the

point that the governor's approach reflects the kind of fiscal conservatism that the Legislature has a well-earned reputation for.

But the revenue update for the first half of the fiscal year showed tax collections running nearly 8 percent ahead of a year ago. Just a month ago, the administration increased what had been an anemic growth estimate to 5.2 percent. Chief economist Michael Ferguson has repeatedly warned against projecting current cash surpluses into the future because of wide fluctuations in month to month collections.

West-in brief

William Wilson, who were recalled six weeks ago for, among other things, the way they dealt with district workers and particularly for excluding custodians from a pay hike.

Boy could be expelled for comments in isolation room

COEUR D'ALENE — A 12-year-old boy was suspended and may be expelled from Canfield Middle School for allegedly threatening to kill a teacher.

The threats occurred Jan. 6 when the boy was sent to a supervised isolation room for being disruptive in a sixth-grade class, according to a police report.

One teacher in the room overheard the boy say he hated the classroom teacher and was going to kill him, the report states. Another teacher also reported hearing the boy say, "I'll get a gun and shoot him."

The boy was suspended for 10 days pending expulsion, police said.

Coeur d'Alene police Capt. Carl Bergh said few people realize Idaho has a law that prohibits insulting or berating teachers in front of students.

Convicted kidnapper goes to jail for at least 35 years

BOISE (AP) — Michael Dwayne Veley will spend at least 35 years in prison for the kidnapping and attempted rape of an elderly woman.

Fourth District Judge Daniel Eismann on Friday sentenced 31-year-old Veley to an indeterminate life term with a fixed term of 35 years.

On July 23, 1999, Boise police officers tried to stop Veley, who was wanted for an attack on a 73-year-old woman. Veley fled in a stolen vehicle and was stopped following a chase through Boise, at up to 90 miles an hour. He was on parole at the time.

An Ada County grand jury indicted him on nine felony charges. He pleaded guilty to grand theft, first-degree kidnapping and robbery.

Utah governor will run for third term, has no DC plans

SALT LAKE CITY — Gov. Mike Leavitt, announcing he will run for a third term, says he has no plans for a Washington job — but he wouldn't rule it out.

Leavitt said he has no plans to quit office to join a potential Republican administration in Washington should Texas Gov. George W. Bush win the presidency. "Now, you know in politics you never say never, but I don't (have such a plan)," said Leavitt. "I have every anticipation of serving the complete four years of my term."

The Republican governor listed five major accomplishments, including the state's booming economy, tax cuts and welfare reform. He said he felt more than prepared to serve another four years in office.

If elected in November, Leavitt will be only the second Utah governor to serve a third term.



Wallace McRae stands in front of a mural while telling a tale at the Cowboy Poetry Festival Thursday in Elko, Nev.

Iambic pentameter on the range

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — They come from all over to learn how to make horsehair rope, sell their sheep and cattle on the Internet and listen to lectures about environmental ranching.

But mostly they come to warm their souls with poems and songs about one of the most romanticized, endangered species on the Western frontier — the American cowboy.

"Here's to the cow-punchers folks call a dying breed," said Ross Knox, who worked on northern Nevada ranches as a boy and now lives in Arizona, running pack mules to the floor of the Grand Canyon.

It's the 16th Cowboy Poetry gathering, a week-long celebration of the open range, wild mus-

tangs, campfires, full moons, coyotes and a "time when a hand shake was still a contract."

More than 150 similar events have popped up across the country since the first gathering was held in Elko in 1985, but local organizers at the Western Folklore Center in Elko insist those really don't compare.

"This is the mother of all poetry gatherings," said Mike Fleming, a guitarist in the New West trio, which performed before about 3,000 at the Elko Convention Center Thursday night.

About 10,000 people are expected to visit the series of readings, workshops, forums and performances by the time the event wraps up on Sunday. A

media kit handed out to visiting reporters helps explain why they choose to gather among the snow-covered mountains in the dead of winter instead of scheduling the event when the thermometer doesn't dip as close to zero.

"This is a time of year when cowboys and ranchers traditionally have a bit of a lull on the ranch and range and can take time away from their normal seven-day work week to attend a get-together."

Between readings, participants wander through Western art exhibits or attend demonstrations on blacksmithing or wild-horse gentling, or get advice on setting up easements for wildlife or planning their estate.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

Confirmed by Senate

Michael Southcombe, Boise, to the State Tax Commission.

Introduced in Senate

SCR142 (Schroeder) — Creates a special legislative committee to look into the reasons for high rates of unwanted pregnancies in Idaho.

SCR143 (Schroeder) — Creates a special legislative committee to look into the impact of mandatory minimum sentencing laws.

SB1329 (Education) — Requires school districts to provide support programs for teachers in their first three years on the job.

SB1330 (Education) — Makes offensive physical contact with a sports officials during a sporting event a misdemeanor.

SB1331 (Finance) — Reworks the Water Pollution Control and Rangeland Development accounts.

SB1332 (Transportation) — Provides special one-year commercial driver's licenses for people 20 years old.

Introduced in House

HB453 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Deletes obsolete language requiring sheriffs to ensure work release prisoners are

paid a fair wage and work reasonable hours.

HB454 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Adds assault to commit a serious felony to the list of charges for which a no-contact order may be issued.

HB455 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Allows full-time county prosecutors to contract with cities in the county to prosecute non-conflicting infractions.

HB456 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Clarifies that the offense of trespassing includes anyone who returns to the property involved within a year of being ordered off.

HB457 (Revenue and Taxation) — Requires that taxpayers report adjustments made by other states on territories to their income taxes due if it affects the credit for taxes paid another state on their Idaho return.

HB458 (Revenue and Taxation) — Defines the scope of confidential tax information.

HB459 (Revenue and Taxation) — Requires the State Tax Commission to provide county assessors with lists of people in their counties holding Tax Commission licenses, permits or accounts.

HB460 (Revenue and

Taxation) — Allows partnerships, S-corporations and limited liability companies to pay the taxes of the beneficiaries of estates and trusts.

HB461 (Resources and Conservation) — Provides a statutory basis for bonding requirements in the Mine Tailings Impoundment Structures Rules.

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Michael Douglas to become new father

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Catherine Zeta-Jones is pregnant with Michael Douglas' baby.

The "Entrapment" actress and the "Fatal Attraction" star, who plan to marry, disclosed Friday that Zeta-Jones was expecting a child. A British tabloid had reported the development.

"Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas are pleased to announce they are expecting a child," her publicist Cece Yorke said.

The couple refused to disclose when the baby is due. It will be the first child for the 30-year-old actress. Douglas, 55, has a 20-year-old son, Cameron, from a previous marriage.

The couple, who share the same birthday, Sept. 25, became engaged New Year's Eve.

People in the news

Marriage plans haven't been announced.

Filmaker takes big screen visuals to the Web

LOS ANGELES — Tim Burton is taking his visuals to the Web in a deal with San Francisco-based shockwave.com to create a series of five-minute Stainboy animated films on Flash Player.

"It's really exciting to make this move with shockwave.com,"

Burton said. "The interesting thing about Flash technology is how it brings computer animation down to such a personal level."

Stainboy first appeared in Burton's book "The Melancholy Death of Oyster Boy & Other Stories." Terms call for Burton to retain full artistic control over the characters and properties he licenses to the site. The shorts will debut in the spring.

Actress Joanne Woodward leads advisory council

WESTPORT, Conn. — Actress Joanne Woodward has joined the leadership of the Westport Country Playhouse as the theater tries to move from a summer stock repertoire toward new

works with more eclectic appeal.

Woodward will head the theater's new artistic advisory council to develop a new strategy for the 70-year-old summer theater.

"I am thrilled to have an opportunity to work with a collective of artists that will shape the programming future of the playhouse," Woodward said.

The 69-year-old actress, who won the best-actress Oscar for the 1957 film "The Three Faces of Eve," and her husband, Paul Newman, live in Westport. They appeared at the theater last year in a production of A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" to benefit a regional land trust.

The theater is getting new management following last week's resignation of James B. McKenzie, who was executive producer of the playhouse for 41 years.

Resist the urge to overly indulge in beverages, Virgo

IF JANUARY 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are intuitive, dynamic, familiar with mantic arts, sciences that include astrology. Currently you are confused concerning very close relationship. If you don't know what to do, do nothing. Capricorn-@, Cancer-born persons play interesting roles in your life, could lead to these letters in the names — B, K, T. March and December will be your most romantic, profitable months of this year.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

sumption of adult beverages. Cooperative efforts, partnership and marriage highlighted. Capricorn invited.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on diversity, versatility without scattering forces. Humor emphasized — laugh at your own foibles. Popularity increases, so does your weight, if you so permit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Tailor-made for you. You block opposition, path cleared to reach goal. Member of opposite sex is known to you but is also afraid. Taurus represented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Give full play to intellectual curiosity. Someone behind scenes acts in unethical manner. Know it, protect self accordingly. Gemini figures in scenario.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Attention revolves around decorating, remodeling, increasing earning power. Family member expressed opinion opposite your own beliefs. Adhere to principles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check Leo message. You might want things to happen too fast. For you today, the slower the better. Review past commitments. Virgo will play extraordinary role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You've been waiting for this opportunity — grab it! Capricorn individual surprises by providing needed material. Don't permit pride to block progress.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Money comes as surprise, almost as if a bolt out of the blue. Emphasis on beautifying surroundings, decorating and remodeling living quarters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Lie low, don't run from fight but don't look for one, either. Pisces, Virgo persons play extraordinary roles. Legal contract will require review.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stress versatility in perfect techniques and streamline procedures. You will have more pressure, responsibility. Capricorn plays stunning role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lunar and planetary sensuality, sex appeal. Know when to say "Enough is enough!" Take seriously proposal to travel overseas. Aries in picture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Tackle job that others shun. Make fresh start, stress independence and originality. Aquarian becomes surprise ally. You gain added recognition, reputation enhanced.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Remember recent resolutions concerning moderation in con-

Ice fishing in Antarctica could prove relatively hard

Could be the most widely believed misconception in cookery is the notion that the searing of meat seals in the juices. It doesn't. Research shows meat cooked slowly at lower temperatures is juicier than seared meat no matter how it's cooked.

In some marsupial mice, the immune system collapses after the first mating, and they soon die.

In the 6th century, Arabs sailed west to conquer all, and returned home with such digits as 1, 2, 3, those we call Arabic numbers. But they weren't Arabic. They originated in India.

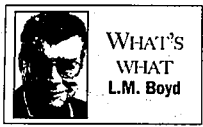
A pout and a whimper: My hardy ever get anything right, do we? Whispering puts a greater strain on your voice than shouting does.

Q. Why did North Dakotans name the town of Bismarck after the Iron Chancellor of old Germany?

A. That was the bright idea of Northern Pacific railroad executives who wanted to attract German investors. In the early 1870s, before two great wars made such German names unpopular in their times.

Word is dogs see yellow and blue, but can't tell red from green.

At South Dakota's Yankton in 1876, you could take a buggy ride on Sunday to three places — to church, to the doctor or to a funeral — but to no place else.



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

Such was the law of the day there. Young loving couples with picnic baskets would ride out, saying in large delight, "We're going to a funeral, la de da..."

Q. Why do horses with jockeys run faster than unmounted horses?

A. It's not the strength of the animal but the will of the rider that breaks records. Or so say the track habitués.

Q. What two countries fought 'World War II' the longest?

A. China and Japan. From 1931 until the Japanese surrender in 1945.

"There is a gigantic difference between earning a great deal of money and being rich." So said the legendary Marlene Dietrich.

Estimators think Queen Elizabeth I of England had about 2,000 pairs of gloves.

Traditional Christmas dinner in early England certainly was not a turkey, nor even a goose, but the head of a pig with mustard.

Frozen into the ice of Antarctica are numerous 1,000-year-old fish.

Former Playmate of the Year may not get oil tycoon's money

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has withdrawn his ruling that Anne Nicole Smith was entitled to half of her late husband's oil fortune.

A new ruling is scheduled to be handed down later, the Houston Chronicle reported Friday, and legal experts said it was unclear what impact the new ruling would have in the case.

Last May, Los Angeles U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Samuel L. Bufford said Ms. Smith, a former Playmate of the Year, was entitled to an estimated \$820 million from the estate of her late husband, Texas oilman J. Howard Marshall II.

Since then, there's been a debate about whether Bufford has jurisdiction on the matter because a county probate court is scheduled to divide the estate in

an upcoming Houston trial.

On Thursday, Harris County Probate Judge Mike Wood told lawyers he believes Bufford withdrew his order because he realized he has no jurisdiction. Wood has said only his court has jurisdiction over claims to Marshall's fortune.

Ms. Smith went to Bufford's court in October. Her lawyer said fraudulent handling of her husband's estate had left her broke.

Ms. Smith was 26 when she married the 89-year-old billionaire in 1994. Before he died 14 months later, her attorney said, he talked to two lawyers about assuring half of his estate would go to his wife.

That scenario was called a "fantasy" by a lawyer for Marshall's son, E. Pierce Marshall.

Novelist says to learn limits

NEW YORK (AP) — Novelist John Irving says there's something positive in knowing what your limitations are.

"He learned that both as a wrestler and a writer.

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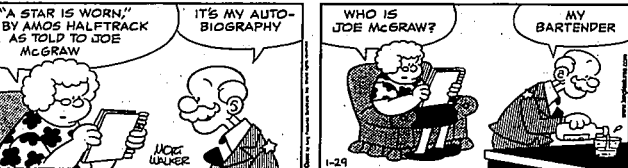
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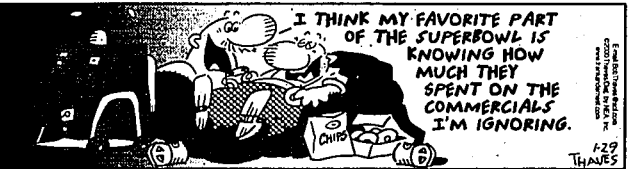
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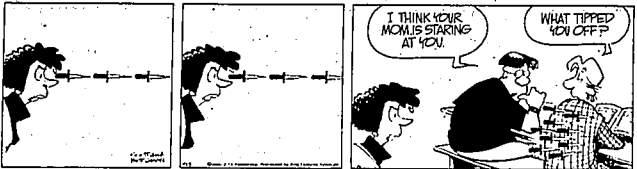
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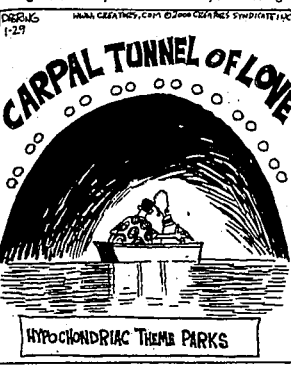


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Heroic teen-ager saves young boy

Doctors call recovery a 'miracle,'

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — His mother and the doctors who worked for hours to revive him say the recovery of a 4-year-old boy is a miracle made possible by a teen-ager who rescued him from drowning in an icy urban creek.

For something that started out so horribly wrong, everything went just right.

The water was just cold enough, the teen-ager knew how to do CPR. The paramedics were quick and a top trauma center was nearby. Any broken link in that chain and William Brown would have died, his doctors say.

"It's a miracle he's alive," said Dr. James Lindsay, the pediatric critical care specialist who is supervising the boy's recovery at Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital.

The preschooler remains in serious condition, and Lindsay said it is too early to say whether he will suffer permanent brain damage. But the boy was taken off a respirator Tuesday, and his prognosis is good. Brain scans appear normal, and he responds to his mother and older brother.

Brown was fished out of Johnson Creek on Jan. 17 after he ignored repeated warnings from his mother to stay away from the water. He fell in the creek while his mother was briefly distracted by a phone call.

City bus driver Susan Cottrill was taking a routine break on a bridge across the creek when she and her 17-year-old son, Chris, spotted the boy. The teen jumped over a rail and plunged into the icy creek, pulling the boy to shore, where — shivering himself — he immediately began CPR.

"It was crucial," said Dr. William Long, chief of trauma surgery at Legacy Emanuel, who was called in to lead the team reviving the child. "Without that, he certainly would have died."

The boy's mother, Charlene Edwards, thanked Chris Cottrill publicly at a news conference Wednesday at the hospital. "He is a hero," she said. "He's a hero to my family and I can never tell him how much a hero he is. I want him to know how grateful I am."

Edwards, who works with handicapped children for Multnomah County, said she had gone to answer the phone while she and her son were playing behind their apartment with squirt guns. When she looked outside and did not see William, she thought he was playing a game and waiting to ambush her, as he often did. "I called out several times,"

she said. "I thought he was hiding from me." The boy had been told never to go to the creek alone, and had even taunted his mother, saying that he had stepped on the imaginary line she had drawn but would go no further. When she could not find him immediately, Edwards felt a rising surge of panic.

She looked around the complex, where William was the only young child, and asked for help from the landlord before she decided to call 911.

But emergency dispatchers were too busy, she said, and she hung up to call her ex-husband, her fiancé and the boy's grandmother to organize a search.

By the time a 911 dispatcher called back and Portland police officer had arrived to take a description, the officer got a message on his radio: "We think we've found your son," Edwards said.

She had heard sirens wailing in the distance, but had no idea it was the fire and paramedic crews rushing to respond to Susan and Chris Cottrill's urgent plea for help for a child they had first thought was a discarded doll tossed into the creek.

"I never even dreamed those sirens were for my son," Edwards said.

Maybe 15 minutes had passed, 20 tops. But the boy's body temperature had dropped to 74 degrees, nearly cold enough to stop his heartbeat.

Fortunately, it may have been just cold enough to save his brain — unusual even in winter in Oregon, where the water in lakes and rivers is cold, but rarely frigid enough to send a drowning victim into near cardiac arrest, Lindsay said.

"It's very uncommon," he said. Long, the trauma chief, said doctors routinely cool the blood of heart surgery patients in order to make it easier to operate and minimize damage to the heart and circulatory system, including the blood supply to the brain.

Working in reverse, the trauma team opened William's chest, attached a heart-lung machine, and began to gradually warm him. They also had to make an incision to relieve pressure on his intestines and internal organs, swollen with water the boy had swallowed.



Charlene Edwards holds the hand of her 4-year-old son, William Brown, Wednesday at Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Medical Cent in Portland, Ore. Edwards and the doctors who worked for hours to revive him say Brown's recovery is a miracle made possible by a teen-ager who rescued him from drowning in an icy urban creek.

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New tradition unites people, saves space

CHALLIS (AP) — Some communities clog their landfills with castoff Christmas trees, but Challis residents have another way to dispose of theirs.

The day after Christmas, residents start tossing their trees into a pile near the Land of the Yankee Fork Interpretive Center. On a given January night, announced in the local paper, they turn out to gather around the big bonfire.

Like many small-town traditions, the Christmas-tree burning was born from an idea mentioned in passing in 1993.

"I was dating a fireman, and it was his idea," said Darlene Ward, a founder of the bonfire tradition. "He brought the idea with him from Montana."

If Dave Sisk, the firefighter, sparked the idea, Ward and her friend, Anna Means, fanned the flames. That first year the two of them gathered trees from the local landfill. Ward said there were so many of them that she and Means enlisted the help of someone with a flatbed truck to haul the tannenbaums to the designated burn site.

Before Ward and Means gathered the trees that first year, the local firemen agreed to torch the trees and provide a fire engine.

"I walked into Doyle Lamb's and said, 'Hey, if I stack up a bunch of Christmas trees, will you burn them?'" said Ward. "He said, 'You bet.'"

Curious about the tree-burning tradition, the two tree collectors

quizzed Sisk, who in turn called friends in Montana to find out why this burning business always occurred in January.

Sisk said it was a celebration of Epiphany, a Christian festival commemorating the manifestation of Christ to the Magi. Fearing some folks wouldn't warm him. They also had to make an incision to relieve pressure on his intestines and internal organs, swollen with water the boy had swallowed.

Many who came, it turned out, brought their own explanation for the event. Some had been to January bonfires in college.

"In college they burn 'the grump,'" said Ward. "If someone had a broken leg they would burn a crutch, or if someone was falling a class they would burn the textbook."

Others said they had had similar bonfires in their hometowns, but they sang around the fire. Challis residents tried singing one year only.

Sisk, who unwittingly began the tradition, is long since gone. And Ward and Means were nowhere to be seen at this year's burning Saturday. Like any good tradition, though, others have stepped in.

While the firemen burn the trees, Marty Gingis, director of the Interpretive Center, sets up a Coleman stove in the dark. He and his crew of young cooks dish out hot chocolate and cookies to those who wander out of the fire's light looking for a warm drink and friends in the dark.

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Fitness center caters to women in Gooding

GOODING - A new fitness business catering to women is opening in Gooding.
Uptown Girl, at 157 Main St., normally will be open Monday through Friday for ages 12 and older.
But today a special free event will mark the opening. Visiting trainer Rande LaDue will conduct a free-price fitness workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Uptown Girl, and anyone is welcome.
Uptown Girl and owner Nita Davenport can be reached at 934-0909.

CSI offers free tax help with volunteer program

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's business department is collaborating with the Internal Revenue Service to provide free tax assistance for people who cannot afford professional help.
IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers will be available each Thursday from Feb. 3 through April 13, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Evergreen Building's room 309, at 315 Falls Ave. on the CSI campus. Assistance is limited to Form 1040 with Schedules A and B only, and to Forms 1040A and 1040EZ.

Anyone interested in participating must bring all W-2s, 1099s, Social Security cards for all dependents, a copy of their 1998 income tax return and any other information needed to prepare their returns.
If you have questions about the VITA program or want to find a VITA location somewhere else, call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.

Register for precision farming conference

PASCO, Wash. - The Western Precision Ag Association Conference, co-sponsored by the University of Idaho College of Agriculture, will be held Feb. 15 and 16 in Pasco, Wash.
Topics include yield monitoring, successful precision agriculture models, data analysis in soil science and water management, site-specific management and remote sensing.
Registration may be done by mail to WSU Conferences and Institutes, P.O. Box 645222, Pullman, WA 99164-5222. By phone, (800) 942-4978 or (509) 335-3530; by fax, (509) 335-0945; or by e-mail, wsuconf@wsu.edu.

Redi Foods changes its name to Purely Supreme

BURLEY - Redi Foods LLC said it has changed its name to better reflect its commitment to being the leader in developing, manufacturing and marketing fresh and wholesome prepared foods for the home meal replacement market.
The new name, effective at the beginning of 2000, is Purely Supreme Foods LLC.
The company's phone numbers, addresses and staff remained the same.

Compiled from staff reports

Idaho Housing and Finance closes decade with record investment

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A landmark 29,713 Idaho families and individuals became homeowners during the 1990s through the Idaho Housing and Finance Association's residential mortgage loan program, IHFA, said.

That represents a 10-year investment of \$1.7 billion in Idaho homeownership statewide, and a record \$249 million in

1999 alone.

"The demand for homeownership is greater than ever for Idaho families," Gerald Hunter, IHFA president and executive director, said in a statement. "This record amount invested in homeownership - the most in our history - is due largely to the great efforts of our participating lenders and Realtors."

About 90 percent of IHFA total borrowers in the '90s were minorities. In the Magic Valley, however, that percentage

was higher at 12 percent for the decade, boosted largely by loans to Hispanics in Minidoka, Cassia, Twin Falls and Jerome counties.

Statewide last year, 328 of IHFA's home buyers were minorities, representing 10 percent of the total loans.

These figures closely parallel the number of minority citizens in Idaho," Hunter said, "indicating that, overall, most minorities are becoming homeowners with IHFA."

Mortgage loans

Here's a profile of the Magic Valley mortgage loans made through Idaho Housing and Finance Association during the decade of the 1990s. The numbers are for the association's Region 4, which is Blaine, Carnas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties.

Urban loans purchased	1,910
Rural loans purchased	2,244
Total loans	4,154
Total investment	\$1,684,435
Average sale price	\$51,500
Average mortgage amount	\$50,340
Average annual income	\$25,312
Average borrower age	32
Average family size	3 people
Number of new-construction loans	94
Total of first-time homeowners	1,855

Source: IHFA

IRS pushes for more electronic returns

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Even though an estimated 33.6 million taxpayers will file returns electronically this year, old-fashioned paper still leads e-filing - and that's something the Internal Revenue Service is trying to change.

"Come on. Step out of the past. E-file the way to go," a singer urges in a flashy, hip television ad airing in the 23 largest markets. It is part of an IRS campaign to underscore the convenience and time savings for harried taxpayers.

The IRS marketing budget to push electronic filing rose from \$8 million to \$13 million this year as the agency attempts to meet a mandate

from Congress for 80 percent e-filing by 2007.

Right now, only about one in four income tax returns reach the IRS that way.

"We're going to have a good solid increase," IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti said.

Last year, 29.3 million taxpayers filed returns electronically, most of them through paid tax preparers, an increase of about 19 percent over the past year. About 76,000 allowed the IRS to debit their taxes owed directly from a bank account.

Many taxpayers remain suspicious that electronic filing makes them more vulnerable to an audit, even though the IRS insists people are 40 times more likely to be contacted if they file on paper.

Paper must still often be mailed - such as W-2s and the signature form - and there is frequently a fee for e-filing from practitioners and tax preparation software packages.

The latest IRS projections indicate about half of all 1040 income tax forms will be filed electronically by 2007, well below the goal set by Congress.

"There's still a lot of work to do," Rossotti said. The IRS and tax software companies such as Intuit, Microsoft and CCH Inc. are trying to lure America's millions of home personal computer users. They stress faster refunds - an average of 20 days, instead of 40 - greater accuracy and a specific confirmation that the return was received by the IRS.

Tax burden by state

Here is a look at the average local, state and federal tax rates as a percentage of income for 1999.

	Local and state tax rate	Total tax rate (rank)
1. Hawaii	14.41%	35.66% (16)
2. New York	14.15%	38.64% (2)
3. Maine	13.84%	36.31% (10)
4. Wisconsin	13.77%	37.72% (4)
5. Minnesota	13.19%	38.52% (3)
6. Rhode Island	12.51%	38.07% (12)
7. New Mexico	12.19%	35.20% (20)
8. Washington	12.06%	37.33% (6)
9. Nebraska	11.71%	35.02% (23)
10. Idaho	11.65%	34.85% (28)
11. Iowa	11.61%	34.10% (33)
12. New Jersey	11.59%	37.58% (5)
13. Mississippi	11.55%	33.91% (37)
14. Ohio	11.55%	35.40% (18)
15. Kentucky	11.51%	33.86% (38)
16. Michigan	11.43%	36.65% (7)
17. Connecticut	11.36%	38.65% (1)
18. California	11.31%	35.77% (15)
19. Vermont	11.30%	35.08% (21)
20. West Virginia	11.24%	32.79% (48)
21. Utah	11.23%	34.71% (27)
22. Louisiana	11.21%	34.27% (32)
23. Oregon	11.18%	35.01% (22)
24. Indiana	11.14%	34.98% (25)
25. Montana	11.12%	33.98% (35)
26. Maryland	11.09%	35.42% (17)
27. South Carolina	11.06%	34.40% (30)
28. Illinois	11.05%	36.27% (11)
29. Oklahoma	11.04%	33.17% (45)
30. Pennsylvania	11.01%	35.06% (22)
31. Kansas	10.88%	34.61% (29)
32. Florida	10.83%	36.50% (9)
33. Arizona	10.83%	35.40% (19)
34. Arkansas	10.75%	32.75% (49)
35. South Dakota	10.74%	33.19% (44)
36. Georgia	10.72%	34.70% (26)
37. Massachusetts	10.63%	36.01% (13)
38. North Carolina	10.58%	33.86% (40)
39. Missouri	10.49%	34.00% (34)
40. Virginia	10.43%	34.38% (31)
41. Texas	10.27%	33.92% (36)
42. North Dakota	9.92%	33.38% (43)
43. Nevada	9.91%	36.55% (8)
44. Delaware	9.91%	33.53% (41)
45. Alabama	9.73%	32.73% (50)
46. Colorado	9.63%	32.75% (49)
47. Tennessee	9.45%	33.47% (42)
48. New Hampshire	7.86%	33.03% (46)
49. Alaska	7.61%	32.92% (47)
50. Wyoming	7.26%	35.94% (14)
District of Columbia	14.85%	39.17%

Source: Tax Foundation

*Includes local, state and federal tax.

"That's what most people want: get it in, get it right and if there's a refund, get their money back quickly," Rossotti said.

About 11 million taxpayers

who prepared their returns on home computers last year were mailed postcard-sized notices from the IRS this time around that provides them an e-file customer number similar to a bank

PIN code allowing an electronic "signature" to reduce use of paper.

Other electronic tax changes for this year:

• People can use American Express, MasterCard and Discover cards again this year to pay taxes over the telephone. For the first time, credit cards can be used to pay estimated taxes and when filing extensions are requested. Visa is not participating.

• About 18,000 professional tax preparers will offer clients personal identification numbers for e-filing, more than double the number last year. They also were sent marketing packets from the IRS explaining the benefits of e-filing and encouraging people to take advantage.

• More forms will be accepted electronically, such as those for the low-income housing credit (Form 8586), farm income averaging (Schedule J) and passive activity gains (Form 8582-CR).

The IRS is also testing two programs with broad implications for the electronic future:
One involves use of a secure e-mail system involving 100 members of the National Association of Enrolled Agents, who prepare tax returns and represent taxpayers before the IRS.

Using state-of-the-art encryption technology, the pilot will enable IRS agents and tax preparers to communicate back and forth with utmost security about a taxpayer's account. Down the road, the IRS wants to develop such a system for all taxpayers.

"This is an important step toward our goal of providing electronic access to account information for taxpayers as well as tax professionals," said Bob Barr, IRS assistant commissioner for electronic filing.

The other pilot program involves IRS agreements with e-file preparers to test improved methods of detecting fraudulent returns.

Preparers who sign up will also be able to offer clients a "debit indicator" showing whether any of their anticipated refund might be reduced by back taxes or other government debt, such as unpaid student loans.

This is important for people who want to use an anticipated refund as collateral for a loan. The IRS plans to post the names of these preparers on its Internet site as the agreements are signed.

Allstate appeals

Company denies its adjusters tried to 'represent' claimants

Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE - Allstate Insurance says it will appeal a ruling that its representatives wrongly acted as lawyers to prevent claimants from hiring their own attorneys.

The ruling, handed down Jan. 14 by King County (Wash.) Superior Court Judge Philip Hubbard, could have far-reaching implications for the nation's largest publicly held property and casualty insurer, which also does business in the Magic Valley.

Plaintiff Janet Jones, 42, of Des Moines, Iowa, had been injured in an auto accident by a driver with an Allstate policy, whose liability limit barely covered one-third of Jones' \$75,000 medical expenses.

After the wreck, Allstate claims adjusters allegedly contacted Jones and told her they would serve as her claims representative in the matter - but not if she hired her own lawyer.

The crux of the matter was the apparent conflict of interest when Allstate said it would represent a claimant with whom it had an adversarial relationship, according to Hubbard. In other words, the judge's ruling reasoned, an insurer's aim is to minimize the money it pays out to claimants against its policyholders, so it can't legally represent those same claimants.

Hubbard called Allstate "clearly negligent" and said claims adjuster Christy Klein "was practicing, engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, implementing corporate policy." The judge said Allstate is liable for any legally recoverable damages Jones can prove.

Allstate spokeswoman Marianne Hoffman said the company will appeal the decision and won't change its practices in the meantime. "You can't change something that's not happening," she said.

Allstate insures one out of every 100 people in the state.

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MONEY

Coke job cuts of 6,000 leave many gasping

Night Rider News Service

ATLANTA - It has been called the holy water of the American South...

And here in this burnished city where Coca-Cola has for more than a century been a part of jobs, growth and economic prosperity...

Although cuts were expected by Wall Street analysts and other industry observers, their severity

was astonishing to some who predicted smaller reductions in Coke's 29,000-employee global workforce.

Company officials said the cuts - the first in Coke's history - were made to decentralize and delegate the sometimes cumbersome corporate decision-making process and increase local control in the offices.

"Today's announcement is the culmination of a careful review of the past six months of each of our business functions," said Douglas Daft, the company's president and chief operating officer, in a statement Wednesday.

Although the cuts were announced at the same time the company released reports indicating that profits had fallen for the second year in a row, analysts cautioned against drawing adverse conclusions about the company's long-term health.

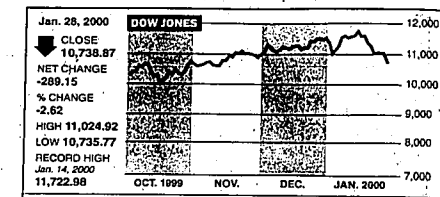
Investors seemed to share that perspective as Coke posted only modest losses Wednesday, closing at \$63.96, down \$2.81.

And while some observers say the cuts may be actually the harbinger of better days for the company that gave the world "The Real Thing," uncertain Atlantans bemoaned both the pragmatic and symbolic significance of the moves.

Pragmatic because the bulk of the cuts - 2,500 jobs - will be made at the company's interna-

tional headquarters here, where just about everyone knows some one who works for Coke. Perhaps as important to some, countless institutions and individuals own shares of Coke stock or rely on Coke-related work.

"Coke is still Coke," said Daniel Peris, an analyst with New York-based Argus Research.



Inflation fears knock down Dow, Nasdaq

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks staged a sharp decline Friday as fresh inflation news sparked a wave of "sell" orders on Wall Street, with banks, manufacturing and technology companies bearing the brunt of the bad news.

The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 289.15 points, or by 2.6 percent, to 10,738.87, its lowest since Nov. 19, 1997.

An underlying worry of many investors is expectations that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates when it meets next week, and again later in the year, curbing business expansion by making it more expensive to borrow money.

The Nasdaq composite index swooned 152.49 points, or by 3.8 percent, to 3,887.07, its second-biggest point drop ever, as investors dumped shares of the usual favorites like Qualcomm, Intel and Oracle.

Before the session began, the government released two reports that exceeded expectations that Fed policymakers will intensify their battle against inflation next week by raising interest rates to slow the U.S. economy.

"With that news this morning, buyers just walked away and will wait for the Fed," said Barry Berman, head trader for Robert W. Baird & Co. "The market will be weak, looking for direction, until everybody knows what the Fed is doing."

The Commerce Department reported that the economy grew at a sizzling 5.8 percent annual rate during the final three months of 1999, well above the 5.1 percent forecast by many analysts and the strongest growth since a 5.9 percent rate posted in the last three months of 1998.

Separately, the Labor Department said its Employment Cost Index, closely watched by Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, rose 1.1 percent in the fourth quarter, or more than the 0.9 percent increase many analysts were expecting.

Housing

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loans. We're proud of that." IHFA said its home loans are made in partnership with a network of participating lenders and Realtors to ensure all those who qualify and need help in achieving homeownership are able to do so.

"We applaud the success of IHFA's loan programs and their outreach efforts to minority groups," Mark Dunkin, executive director of the Idaho Association of Realtors, said in the IHFA release. The figures reflect the two groups' commitment to affordable housing, he said.

To date, IHFA said, it has helped more than 40,000 families since the program began in 1978.

IHFA borrowers are generally first-time home buyers. They typically are about 32 years old with young families, and they tend to

Magic Valley Counties

Here's the ethnic-group breakdown of Idaho Housing and Finance Association's 1990s mortgage loans in the eight Magic Valley counties of Region 4.

Table with columns: Ethnic Group, Hispanic American, African American, American Indian, American, Other minorities, TOTAL. Rows: Blaine, Camas, Caldwell, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls.

That means 12 percent of the 2,154 loans purchased by IHFA in the past decade in the Magic Valley were for minorities.

Source: IHFA

work in industries such as education, clerical/secretarial, law enforcement or medical services. Their average annual income is

about \$27,500 statewide - but that average is a couple of thousand dollars lower in the Magic Valley. Because low to moderate-

income borrowers receive IHFA's below-market interest rate, they can afford more houses than they could otherwise, the organization said.

A qualified borrower can purchase an existing home in Blaine, Camas, Minidoka or Twin Falls counties for up to \$32,000, or in Cassia, Gooding, Jerome or Lincoln counties for \$100,000. Or the borrower could build a new home for up to \$110,000 anywhere in the Magic Valley.

The financial organization said all of its residential mortgage program materials are offered in English and Spanish. For more information, a list of participating lenders or a brochure, call 331-4883.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Here are the 625 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed alphabetically by fund name.

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Spud packers want to bag burlap sack rule

IDAHO FALLS (AP) -

The burlap potato sack, an Idaho icon worn as a dress by Marilyn Monroe, may be one of the first things to disappear in the 21st century.

An eight-member panel of shippers and growers will vote next Thursday on whether it will be legal to ship U.S. No. 2 potatoes in 50-pound cardboard cartons. Little resistance is expected.

The vote comes in response to a request from two major wholesale potato packers, Syco Foods and Hansen Foods. The companies shipped about 350 million pounds of fresh potatoes from Idaho in 1998, more than a tenth of the state's total for that year.

"If someone is talking about 10 percent of your business, you'd better pay attention," said Bob Hansen, administrator for the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Potato Commission.

The committee is charged with enforcing a 1937 federal regulation aimed at ensuring quality standards in the potato industry. The panel of five growers and five shippers met in Pocatello to discuss the issue.

Potatoes are graded by size and appearance, with the best quality spuds - No. 1 - going into burlap sacks. Since 1973, U.S. No. 2 potatoes have been shipped in bags in an effort to void getting them mixed into cartons with the better-quality potatoes and dragging the prices down.

At last week's meeting, committee members agreed No. 2 potatoes would have to be shipped in one-piece cartons that are clearly different from

the cartons used for No. 1 potatoes to prevent unscrupulous operators from putting lids on cartons containing No. 2s.

Food wholesalers want an easier process for their mailers, Hansen said. And with more automation in warehousing, it is easier to put scan codes on the sides of boxes to accommodate faster shipping.

Dave Smith, executive director of the Idaho Grower-Shippers Association, said his organization had no official position on the issue. Unofficially, there seems to be support for "the customer is always right."

"In a broad sense, I think we'll be supportive of the issue," he said. "It centers on the needs of a couple of really huge foodservice customers. I think we have to do what we can."

Burlap sacks have been on the wane for years, in part because they tend to have residue on them from jute, the fiber used in making burlap.

"It's an unpleasant thing to see that on the potato," Smith said. Potatoes now go out more often in 50-pound paper bags with potatoes inside packed in 5- or 10-pound bags, mesh or polyethylene.

Cartons will be more expensive. A burlap sack costs about 35 cents for a carton, and the extra cost is going to get passed on.

But John Thompson of the Prato Growers of Idaho in Blackfoot said he believes the change is necessary.

"If we don't do it, some other state will," he said. "We might as well be proactive about it."

CLOSING FUTURES

Item	High	Low	Change
Mar Commodity	1.87	1.87	0.00
Mar Sugar	14.43	14.43	0.00
Mar Soybean	103.81	103.81	0.00
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Line	PUBLICATION DAY	DEADLINE
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15-Day Real Estate Guarantee Ad: regular 15-day rate + \$3 flat rate for guarantee. If house does not sell, the ad will be run for an additional 7 days at no charge.

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For private party only. Excludes pets and livestock.

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AT&T CABLE SERVICES NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE
Effective with March bills, AT&T Cable Services will make the following price changes in the communities listed below. The service rate adjustments reflect updated inflation, applicable franchise related costs and programming related other factors.

Twin Falls - ID0026, Kimberly - ID0029, Hansen - ID0086, Jerome - ID0024, Gooding - ID0023, Wendell - ID0062, Piler - ID0028

Service	Current Rate	New Rate
Basic Service	24.99	26.25
Expanded Basic Service	3.50	3.74
Additional Outlet Connection (requiring separate trip)	12.95	19.75
Move Outlet (at time of install)	18.75	18.75
Upgrade/Downgrade/Optional Services (addressable)	n/a	n/a
Upgrade of Optional Services (requiring separate trip)	12.95	12.95
Hourly Service Charge	29.00	29.00
Unwired Home Installation	44.95	44.95
Pre-wired Home Installation	24.95	24.95
Remote Control (monthly)	3.71	3.71
Basic Only Converter*	1.71	1.75
Non-Basic Only Standard Equipment* (monthly)	1.71	1.75
Non-Basic Only Advanced Equipment* (monthly)	n/a	n/a
Connect VCR (at time of install)	6.95	6.95
Connect VCR (monthly separate trip)	12.95	12.95
Additional Outlet Connection (initial trip)	12.50	12.50
Digital Upgrade	10.00	10.00
Digital Cable	4.99	4.99
Digital Pay/View Access Charge	4.99	4.99
Field Connection Charge	10.00	10.00
Spanish Digital Tier	6.99	6.99

* Available to customers who subscribe to basic service and use any type of converter (addressable or non-addressable) to tune basic service only. Available to customers with a non-addressable converter that subscribe to services beyond the basic level of service (i.e. expanded basic and/or a premium service).

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Non-standard (aerial beyond 125' of existing cable plant or underground) installations not listed above will be charged at the Hourly Service Charge. Commercial and non-standard installations and other services not listed above will be charged at the Hourly Service Charge. For customers receiving service through commercial accounting, bulk rate arrangements with multiple dwelling owners, or similar arrangements, some of the product, pricing and other information contained herein may not apply. Please refer to the terms and conditions documents reflecting such separate arrangements. Where such are inconsistent with the information in this pricing schedule, the terms and conditions of such separate arrangements will apply.

Please call us for complete details about services and prices. You must subscribe to Basic Service to receive other optional video services. To receive certain optional services, you must rent a converter and remote control; a separate charge. Installation, equipment, additional outlet, change of service, programming access and other charges may apply. Franchise fees, regulatory fees, taxes and other fees may apply with the actual amount depending on location and services ordered. Pricing, programming, channel location and packaging may change. Prices do not include franchise fees or taxes.

Currently and the extent required by law, after notice to you of a change of our services or rate increase, you may change your level of service at no additional charge for a period of 30 days. Otherwise, changes in the services you receive which are requested or caused by you will be subject to the upgrade and downgrade charges listed above.

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ANXIOUS TO SELL
Immac. home, 1720 sq ft, 2 bath 2 bdrm, swing rm, Garage, dbl carport w/ RV dump, inmac. landscapo, Sprinkling system, Bunkhouse studio. Price reduced to \$113,000. Drive by 1913 Heyburn Ave. 2-4 call for appt. 733-8417

BUHAL - \$399,000. Geothermal hot water is a magnificent feature of this beautiful river front dream. Very privately located right along the river near Hogman Valley. 2.4 acres all fully landscaped & sprinkled, 4,000 sq ft, custom 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath brick home, garage, workshop, outbuilds, orchard, boat dock, swimming pool, hot tub, enclosed patio. You have to see it to believe it. Call LEXI 737-3918 or 334-8763 for additional info. #90209

CAREY Home & Shop on 13 acres Main area in Carey. 2ndnd commercial, 4 bdrm, 1950 sq ft. Shop 2076, 5180, 000. Call 823-4535

DECLU, by owner located by school 1800 sq. ft. 4 yr old 3 bdrm, 2 bath, big cheery kitchen. Just on the market at \$97,000, so hurry! Call Judy.

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FILER - JUST LISTED
Filer 4 bdrm, 2 bath home on shady 1/2 acre with 2-bay garage and bright cheery kitchen. Just on the market at \$97,000, so hurry! Call Judy.

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HARDSHIP SALE
Medical problems dictate. A lot of 2.1 at \$205K. Approx. 1800 sq. ft., 2 bdrm., 2 bath, w/den, office. Built area down in the canyon. Serious qualified buyers only please! Best offer takes it for IMMEDIATE sale. Looks like a small acreage on community govt. water. Call 543-4620 for appt.

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2190 JULIE LANE • 1-3PM
THIS BEAUTIFUL HANITE HOME has 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, home theater, granite counter tops, hardwood floors, built in bar, double garage, full finished basement, low price of \$144,200. COULD BE BY AID SEE (#2116)

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YOU REALLY NEED TO SEE THIS UNIQUE, QUALITY BUILT HOME! This one of a kind, 4 bdrm, home features granite counter tops, hardwood floors, built in bar, double garage, full finished basement, low price of \$144,200. COULD BE BY AID SEE (#2116)

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2329 STADIUM • 1-3PM
IF YOU HAVE MORE TASTE THAN \$55, THIS IS YOUR HOME! This one of a kind, 4 bdrm, home features granite counter tops, hardwood floors, built in bar, double garage, full finished basement, low price of \$144,200. COULD BE BY AID SEE (#2116)

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THIS PROPERTY MAKES A GOOD CHANCE!

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1138 10th AVE. EAST • TWIN FALLS
\$89,000 Just listed, 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home on permanent foundation in MorningSide area. Den could be office or 4th bedroom. Oak kitchen. Split floor plan, Central Air, Double garage is insulated and heated. RV parking. Directions: 1/2 block east of Blue Lakes, turn south.

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591 CAITLIN AVE. • \$104,900
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Great home for a great price! Brand new 3 bedroom, 2 bath home built by Gary Nelson, features 1424 sq. ft., split bedroom floor plan, vaulted ceilings, gas heat, double garage and it's fully landscaped with auto sprinklers. Don't miss out! #93313
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JEROME 3 bdrm, 1 bath,
gas, new paint, carpet & vinyl, .8 acre, irrig. water, \$95,000, Call 543-4238.

KIMBERLY Pleasant Valley
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TWIN FALLS Beautiful home
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Horse property w/babbling brook, 5.6 acres, 3300 sq. ft. home, 5 bdrm, 3 bath, By owner, \$196,000. Call 543-5555

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RECEPTIONIST
 Part time position at CSI Center for New Directions. Requirements include strong people/phone skills. Review of applications begins immediately. Starts immediately upon hiring. Complete job description available if desired by calling 733-9554, ext. 2680. Apply by cover letter, resume, and completed CSI Employment Application to: Judy Thom, HR Specialist, Human Resource Development, Taylor Building, College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303. AAEEOE

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 Local firm seeking part time receptionist/secretary. Must be professional, responsible and self-motivated with excellent phone and computer typing skills. Experience with Microsoft programs required. Please submit cover letter and resume to: Manager, 115 Northstar Avenue, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Closing date February 1, 2000. EOE

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 Looking for a Farm Equipment Sales Person. Agricultural background and sales experience a must. Good opportunity for the right individual. Manager 1935 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. No drop-ins or phone calls please!

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 Career minded person, clean, enjoys the public, hard worker. Call Jerry at Music 733-1298.

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No experience is required. Valid drivers license and drug screen are required. The number of openings is limited, so don't delay! If you want to improve your life and be more successful, we want you to join our team. We are in need of applicants who live in the Burley and Jerome areas, as well as in the Twin Falls area. Please apply at: 409 Shoshone St. S., Suite #11, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

SALES
 Full time route sales manager. Will need a CDL, prior non-smoking. We are a pre-drug test employer. Apply in person at Interstate Batteries, 412 Eastland Dr. S.

SALES
 One position open for a RV/boat salesperson. Must be a pre-drug test with F&I knowledge and good closing skills. \$30-60k a year. Benefits available. Apply in person at SHAKE RIVER RV & MARINE 1310 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls

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 AAA/Idaho is seeking an experienced agent for its expanded Twin Falls agency. Liberal benefit package includes health, dental, life insurance, vacation, retirement, 401k, cafeteria plan, continuing education, and travel benefits. Apollo exp. hold! Send resume to AAA, 1445 Filmore St., Ste. 1100, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Allen, Steve. All replies confidential. AAA is drug free.

SECRETARY
 Part-time position available. Includes answering phone, taking payments & customer service. Computer & good people skills a must. Insurance license a benefit but not required. Hours are 12:30-3:00 PM Mond-Frid. Could work into FT position. Please send all resumes to: State Farm Insurance, 1821 Adigdon Ave E, Suite #11, Twin Falls, ID 83301

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SALES
 Hiring for outside sales. Apply in person at: Westgate Printing, 444 Main Ave. S.

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W 21st St. to W 26th St.

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600-700 7th Ave. W.
600-800 8th Ave. W.
200-700 Arizona St.
200-300 Texas St.
300-900 Utah St.

ROUTE 506
100-600 14th Ave. W.
300 16th Ave. W.
300 18th Ave. W.
1000-2000 California St.
200 Dorothy St.
1000-1500 Idaho St.
1000-2000 Main St. S.
200-400 Orchard Dr.
200 Rice St.
1000 Whippley St.

ROUTE 507
400-600 1st Ave. E.
400 2nd Ave. E.
400-500 3rd Ave. E.
100-200 Michigan St.
100-200 Nebraska St.
100-300 Ochser St.
100-200 Oregon St.
100 Wyoming St.

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FILER (6)

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ROUTE 549
100-500 6th Street
Main Street
100-400 Midway

ROUTE 559
Midway St.
Thurman Ave.

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JEROME (5)

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ROUTE 518
100-600 3rd Ave. E.
200-400 4th Ave. E.
300 N. Buchanan St.
300-400 N. Cleveland Street
300-500 N. Fillmore St.

ROUTE 520
100-800 1st Ave. E.
300-900 2nd Ave. E.
800 3rd Ave. E.
100-200 N. Cleveland Street
100-200 N. Fillmore St.
100-800 E. Main St.

ROUTE 525
100-800 East Ave. E.
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JEROME MOTOR-ROUTE

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TWIN FALLS (7)

THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE EAST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 741
2400-2700 4th Ave. East
200-500 bik Carliaga
2500-2600 bik Eastgate

200-300 bik Paintbrush Circle
2600-2700 bik Paintbrush Dr.
400 bik Stoughton Dr.

ROUTE 754
800-900 Elm St. N
700-800 Main St. N
1200-1400 Wilmore Ave.

ROUTE 770
600-1000 bik Aspenwood Ln
600-700 bik Green Tree Way
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ROUTE 810
Rosa St. N. Apts.
Paradise Place Apts.
South Meadows Apts.

ROUTE 805
Lazy L Tractor Park
Fawnbrook Apts.

ROUTE 872
200-300 Blk. Elaine
200-300 Blk. Falls W.
100-400 Blk. Robbins

ROUTE 878
800 Blk. Eastwind
800 Blk. Woodwind
600 Blk. Falls Ave W.
800 Blk. Bruckson St. N.

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♦ K 8 3 2
♣ Q 10 9

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♠ 9 2
♥ Q 10 8 5
♦ Q 10 5
♣ A 7 5 4

WEST
♠ A J 7 5 4 3
♥ 6
♦ 9 7 6
♣ K J 6

SOUTH
♠ K Q 6
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ A J 4
♣ 8 3 2

Vulnerable: North-South
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The bidding:

North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ 2 ♣
3 ♦ Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade five

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South holds:

♠ 9 2
♥ Q 10 8 5
♦ Q 10 5
♣ A 7 5 4

North South
1 ♠ 1 NT
3 ♣ - ?

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