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Inching along



Jerome County Commissioner Roy Prescott is one of the people who would like to preserve a 27-mile section of the north rim of the Snake River Canyon from further development.

Jerome seeks to protect 27 miles along canyon rim

By Jay Howser Times-News writer
JEROME - Jerome County has its own vision for the north Snake River Canyon Rim: Just leave it alone. County officials are inching their way closer to preserving a 27-mile section of the north canyon rim from further development. That vision, merely a dream a few years ago, might soon be a reality, Jerome County Commissioner Roy Prescott said. The South Central Idaho

Tourism and Recreation Development Association - a nonprofit corporation with chapters in 13 Idaho counties - has spent the last few years trying to scrape together money from a variety of groups to get the project off the ground. But with some grant money now in hand and other applications pending, Prescott said plans may be put in place soon. "This thing's been kicked around for about 50 years. It's not been until now that you've had total alignment of interests in the public and private sector

to make it a reality," Prescott said. Officials aim to head off canyon-rim development from Auger Falls to Milner Dam. The plan includes a bike path along that stretch of the canyon rim, and picnic tables and fenced overlooks dotting the way. "The canyon-rim plan ties into a proposed 7,400-acre park east of U.S. Highway 93 between the canyon rim and Interstate 84, with areas designated for ATV riders, naturalists, joggers, livestock managers, equestrians, conservationists, pet owners and

history buffs. Balancing public and private interests will be the biggest challenge, Prescott said. Jerome County plans to hold a series of public hearings to decide exactly how the land will be distributed, and Prescott said no group will be overlooked. "In this case, everybody wins. There are no losers, not one. Everybody can have their piece of the pie," Prescott said. "I think that within a year we'll have a map in place worked out and then it'll be another 25 Please see RIM, Page A2

ECHO BOOM

Older students lead surge into colleges

The Associated Press
In her dreams, 33-year-old Kimberley Rogers walks into a classroom at Smith College next fall, 18 years after quitting high school because she was pregnant. Last fall, writing essays for her college applications to Smith in her hometown Northampton, Mass., and nearby Mount Holyoke College, Rogers fought tears describing how she transformed herself from a dropout into an honors student at a community college. "I've spent my life driving by the campus ... wishing I could go there," Rogers said. By early April, Rogers and millions of other American students will know if their dreams come true. March and April are the height of admissions season - when elite institutions like Smith, Mount Holyoke and a few hundred others send fat letters of acceptance to prospective students or the dreaded thin envelope bearing bad news. Please see COLLEGE, Page A2

This has been a particularly busy year for college admissions officers, who are reporting a surge in applications this year, continuing an upswing that began in the late 1990s and is projected to rise into the decade. The federal forecast of 2.5 million first-time freshmen in fall 2000 is the highest since 1982. Fueling the boom are more college-age kids, older adults pouring into college, and computers and the Internet that make applying a breeze. Admissions officers also suspect more students are applying to more places. Plus many schools now actively seek students, especially less well-known schools like Iowa Wesleyan College, which mounted a heavy sales campaign to fill 125 freshman seats this fall. "We're all fighting for survival," said admissions director James Lynes. College enrollment hit a record 14.9 million last fall, a reflection of how children of baby boomers



Michael Cooper, right, with his mother Leatha displays his eight college acceptance letters in Chicago. College admission officers say applications are expected to continue to rise.

Beef is back

U.S. consumption ends long slump

The Associated Press
CHICAGO - The line spills out into the street some Saturdays at the Paulina Market on the city's North Side, where steaks are the prized item in a butcher shop bursting with beef. High-tech workers and graduate students mix with young mothers in front of glass displays showcasing prime beef cuts at E&M Foods in the Chicago suburb of Skokie. Upscale steakhouses buzz with big dinner crowds in the downtown Loop and along Rush Street, a hub of Chicago nightlife, similar to scenes in other cities from Boston to Seattle. After a decade of flat sales, beef is back. For much of the '90s, a nation long known for its love of burgers and steaks seemed to have had its fill of red meat amid concerns it might not be so good for your health. But now no one's asking where the beef is. U.S. beef consumption rose 2 percent in 1999 to 66.2 pounds per person, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as the meat enjoyed its best year since the 1980s. Factoring in higher prices, consumer spending on beef shot up 5 percent to \$49.2 billion, according to Chicago-based marketing firm Technomic Inc. "It has come back," says Ray Lekan, co-owner of the 51-year-old Paulina Market, which had one of its best years ever in 1999 thanks to beef. "It's slowly becoming more popular again. "It's shaken off the cholesterol onus, the gray cloud that's been over beef for many years," he says. Beef's glory days are not lost. Production is forecast to fall 3 percent this year, driving prices still higher, due to the liquidation of breeding herds during down years. And marketing research shows chicken will surpass beef as Americans' meat of choice by 2005.

Gasoline prices rise at record pace

The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES - Gasoline prices soared a record 12 cents per gallon in the past two weeks as rising crude oil costs hit Americans hard at the pump, the Lundberg Survey reported Sunday. The average retail price of gasoline nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.59 per gallon on Friday, up 11.99 cents from Feb. 25, according to survey of 10,000 stations. "The world 'increase' kind of paleo' analysis" Tribby Lundberg said. The costliest gas, premium at full-service stations, even flirited with the \$2-per-gallon mark. Consumers could take some comfort that, when adjusted for inflation, the average overall price is still lower than the record set two decades ago. "The true high was June 1980, with \$2.66 for all grades combined, using today's dollars," Lundberg said. "It's more than a dollar lower in real terms. But in terms of speed, this is a true record-breaker," Lundberg added. "The rate of increase - 6 cents per week per gallon - is a record that has never been before."

Prices were higher in the West, where gasoline has been in shorter supply because of refinery problems last year. San Francisco had the highest price for self-service regular gas, which was going for an average of \$1.83 per gallon, up 21 cents in two weeks. Cheyenne, Wyo., had the bottom price, at about \$1.38 per gallon. Lundberg noted San Francisco consumers paid about 51.5 cents per gallon in taxes, about 2 cents higher than in Wyoming.

Speculation begins over vice president names

Some politicians quietly run for the job

The Baltimore Sun
WASHINGTON - Recently, the Democratic leader of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives mailed an 85-page sheet of printed material to dozens of national news organizations. Its message: Gov. Tom Ridge, widely mentioned as a running mate for George W. Bush, is not vice-presidential timber. The Strip Ridge mailing is one small part of the shadowy contest for the vice presidency. Now that the presidential nomination battles are over, the competition for second place on the Democratic and Republican tickets is heating up.

One of the oldest myths of American politics is that no one runs for vice president. After all, what statesman worth the title would admit to aspiring to become, in effect, standby equipment? But the experiences of Vice President Al Gore - now nominee-to-be Gore - and former President Bush, who was vice president before that, are proof that the office is worth much more than the proverbial pitcher of warm spit. Which is why various VP contenders in both parties have been out on the trail for months,

long and getting longer. But just because political insiders, including some of the campaign strategists who will have a say in the process, might be throwing around various names, there is no guarantee that the eventual choice has been mentioned yet. Topping the Republican list is retired Gen. Colin Powell, who would hand his party a dream ticket if he agreed to Bush's offer. Other serious possibilities include Ridge, the Pennsylvania governor and a longtime Bush friend whose glittering resume includes Harvard, Vietnam and Congress. His blue-collar

vice-presidential possibilities is pursuing the vice presidency as discreetly as possible. They've appeared alongside Gore or Bush at campaign events. They've also ventured out on their own, as surrogate speakers in key states or on TV talk shows. For Bush and Gore, choosing a running mate will be the most important decision between now and Election Day. Each man is likely to let the suspense build before revealing his choice around the time of the national conventions this summer. In both parties, the roster of vice-presidential possibilities is

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 42 Low: 24
Mostly cloudy. Chance of rain or snow tomorrow.

Treasure Valley

High: 56 Low: 39
Partly sunny with light winds. Clouds increase tonight.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 43 Low: 25
Partly cloudy. Mostly clear tonight. Increasing clouds tomorrow.

Eastern Idaho

High: 49 Low: 25
Partly cloudy. Mostly clear tonight. Clouds increase tomorrow.

Northern Idaho

High: 48 Low: 31
Partly cloudy with light winds. Cloudiness increasing overnight.

Northern Utah

High: 52 Low: 35
Partly cloudy. Clouds increase tomorrow with a slight chance of afternoon showers.

Northern Nevada

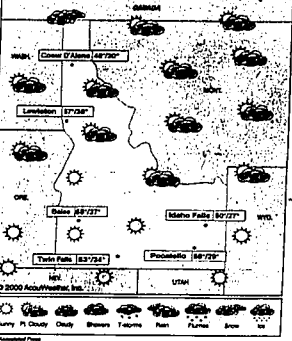
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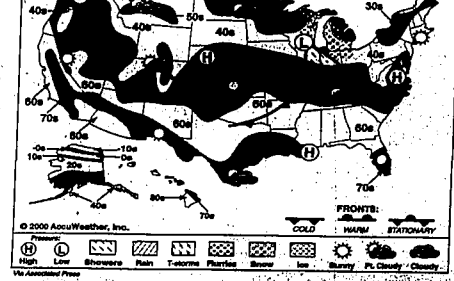
Idaho weather

Monday, March 13
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



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UV INDEX

Index: 3 (low)
Burn time: 45 minutes

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:42 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:52 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter, March 13; full, March 19; last quarter, March 27; new, April 4.

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Snow and rain fell in parts of New York and New England on Sunday while snow showers were sprinkled over the Dakotas.
Conditions in the Northeast proved messy and windy as sleet and freezing rain joined the mix from east-central New York through middle Maine. Winds gusted from the Northeast through the mid-Atlantic region.
Flood watches along the New England coastline were canceled on Sunday despite continued precipitation. Clouds hung over the Mid-Atlantic region into Florida, and a few isolated thunderstorms drifted into the far Southeast. Otherwise, the region had a dry, fair day.
The Great Lakes saw clouds increase in advance of a weak system bringing the chance of snow. A system brought rain to the nation's midsection as it moved through the Plains. Light snow fell in Montana, Minnesota and Iowa, while slightly heavier snow fell in North Dakota and South Dakota. Snow showers also fell in the Ohio Valley and West Virginia.

Rim

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years to facilitate the completion of this project."
A potential partner in the project is the Bureau of Land Management. The agency, a major landowner on the north end of the rim, has a stake in seeing the park project become reality. A park would serve the BLM by simplifying the fragmented and hard-to-manage ownership in the area, said Scott Anderson, a supervisory natural resource specialist for the BLM.
The project's backers include Joe Herring, executive director of Region Four Development Corp., who likened the project to New York City's Central Park. Some people thought that project was unnecessary or even crazy when proposed, but now the park is one of the city's main attractions. Herring said it is not too far-fetched to say the Magic Valley might someday look at this current project the same way.
Neil King, vice chairman at the tourism and recreation association, used the same analogy.
"I see a world-class facility right in the middle of a population center. One of these days there's going to be that much of a distinction between the Twin Falls side and the Jerome side. It has that potential," King said. "My vision for that place really is long-term. I guess the question that we want to ask people is 'What do you want that area to look like 10 years from now, 20 years from now?'"
While the idea of the park has widespread support, even

supporters have raised some questions. Twin Falls city officials have signed onto the idea of a park, but have raised questions about the role of the tourism and recreation association, which involves some private parties, and about the appearance of the project's link to the controversial Crossroads Ranch project.
A more pressing issue may be the potential for development.
Prescott said the park is not a done deal. If plans are not set soon, the opportunity might pass by for good. He pointed out that development already blocks the project from heading west of Pillar Falls.
"If we're not successful, in time there will be enough big money and big interest that it will be privatized. You can bet money on that," Prescott said.

Technical, one of Chicago's selective public high schools.
Replies from colleges, including eight acceptances so far, started arriving before Christmas. Penn State and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign already want him. He's still waiting to hear from two of his other top picks, Princeton and Duke universities.
"I like to have a lot of options," said Cooper, who plans to major in business and minor in psychology. "Then you have a chance to fly and stretch your wings."

Nominees

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upbringing and Catholic faith could appeal to independent swing voters, although his support for abortion rights might cause problems with the religious right.
Another potential choice is Elizabeth Dole, who made more than a dozen campaign stops at Bush's behalf after ending her own presidential try. Perhaps the clearest sign of her thirst for the second spot was the fact that her husband, former Sen. Bob Dole, never endorsed his old friend Sen. John McCain, which could have interfered with his wife's ambitions.
Two prominent Senate supporters of McCain might be considered: Fred Thompson, a Tennessee with star power, and Chuck Hagel, a Vietnam veteran-turned-entrepreneur from Nebraska.
Bush's fellow governor and Yale classmate, George Pataki of New York, clearly wants the job, although he is considered a long shot. Another possibility is Bush's southwestern neighbor, the popular Gov. Frank Keating of Oklahoma, with potential appeal to fellow Catholics and a background in law enforcement at the Justice Department in Washington.
Former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, a Bush adviser in private business in Texas, would be a dark-horse choice. But the former Wyoming congressman and White House chief of staff would add gravitas to the Republican slate.
In 1980, a second-place finish in the presidential race was Bush's father's big break, landing him a spot on Ronald Reagan's ticket. But neither of this year's runners-up is likely to make it.
McCain has said he has no interest in the job, but he isn't expected to offer it. The free-wheeling senator is ill-suited to a job that puts a premium on sticking to the boss' script, and his wounds of this winter's fierce Republican fight

2000 ELECTION

DEMOCRATS
Evan Bayh
Job: U.S. Senator, Indiana; former governor
Value to ticket: Fresh-faced moderate from Rust Belt. When election may be decided

REPUBLICANS
Colin Powell
Job: Heads youth outreach volunteers group; former chair Joint Chiefs of Staff
Value to ticket: War hero, culture hero, African-American, broadens GOP appeal

George Mitchell
Job: Lawyer; former U.S. Senate majority leader; broker
Value to ticket: Experienced

Dan Quayle
Job: Former Indiana governor

Bill Richardson
Job: Former U.S. ambassador

Tom Ridge
Job: Former U.S. attorney general

College

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the so-called echo generation — are swelling high school graduating classes.
A majority head straight for college; 67 percent of the 2.8 million high school graduates in 1997 started college that fall, according to the most recent data available.
At the same time, Americans past conventional college age are flocking to campus, as they have since the 1980s. Students age 25 and older made up 19 percent of full-time enrollment in fall 1997.
Federal college enrollment

projections to 2009 show numbers steadily climbing, says Tom Snyder, managing statistician at the National Center for Education Statistics.
Almost a third of current college freshmen at two- and four-year institutions applied to four schools or more, according to research at University of California, Los Angeles.
Michael Cooper, an A and B student and member of the National Honor Society, applied to 13 schools. The 18-year-old also is head of the student council and track team at Lane

aren't likely to heal any time soon.
Former Sen. Bill Bradley once considered a good prospect for president in 1976 and was unseated four years later by an obscure Republican congressman named Dan Quayle. He also attended the same prep school as Gore (although Bayh is seven years younger).
Bayh's wife, Susan, a lawyer, has been described as a blend of Hillary Rodham Clinton and

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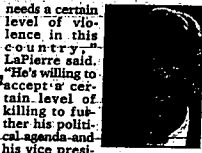
A mocking Clinton and a lacerating NRA brawl

Accusations fly in gun control debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charges of dishonesty and fear-mongering over tougher gun laws flew Sunday in back-to-back TV appearances by Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton and a top official of the National Rifle Association with Clinton accusing the group of "knee-jerk" opposition to any gun safety measure.

NRA executive vice-president Wayne LaPierre, in turn, accused the president of exploiting gun debates for political purposes.

"I've come to believe that he



Bill Clinton

But the sparring was more broadly over Clinton's effort to win congressional approval of some of the gun controls that have eluded him so far and to inject the subject into the presidential campaign.

Appearing on ABC's "This Week," Clinton said the NRA was "ruthlessly brutal" in helping defeat members of Congress who voted for laws such as the Brady Bill that requires a waiting period for gun purchases and the ban on assault-type weapons.

He dismissed as "wounded rhetoric" the group's contention that he unfairly overlooks the NRA's record of promoting gun

safety and tougher enforcement of existing laws, calling the protests "crocodile tears."

"I don't think it will wash with the voters," LaPierre said, reading the script. "That was a reference to Heston, an actor who played Moses in the movie, 'The Ten Commandments.'"

LaPierre, appearing after the president on "This Week," attributed Clinton's renewed focus on gun control to his interest in getting elected. "The pollsters and consultants are telling them, scare suburban women," said LaPierre.

Among other steps, Clinton wants people who make purchases at gun shows to be subject to

background checks that could take as long as 72 hours. Many congressional Republicans, like the NRA, want any such checks to be instant or at least no longer than 24 hours.

"I just think that their knee-jerk reaction to any gun safety measure is wrong," Clinton said of the NRA. "If you do one little thing that requires any accommodation... they think it's the end of the world."

"You know, they basically win through intimidation," Clinton went on. "People are organized for them." But while the organization may have over 3 million members, "there's more people than that in America."

Buchanan's positions irk Reform Party

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reform Party presidential candidate Pat Buchanan refused Sunday to back down from polarizing positions that are at odds with a majority of the party's members: his opposition to abortion and his call for a religious and cultural war in the United States.

"I will continue to use the bully pulpit to fight the culture of death," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "If I'm nominated by the Reform Party, which I intend to be, the Reform Party candidate will be the most pro-life candidate in the presidential race."



Pat Buchanan

Buchanan's stance on domestic issues have been branded extremist even by his former colleagues in the Republican party. But the Reform Party is silent on social issues like abortion because most members believe government shouldn't be involved, party leaders say.

"The majority would be best described as secular," said former Reform Party chairman Russell Verney. "They don't want the government to take a position on those issues."

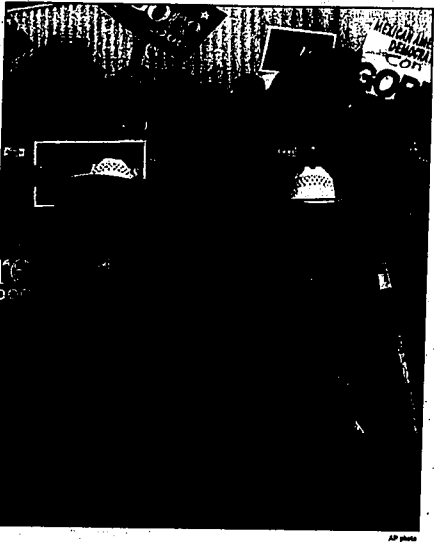
But Verney said Buchanan's positions wouldn't disqualify him from winning the presidential nomination, as long as he jibes with the platform's opposition to free trade agreements.

Gore rolls up delegates in Internet primary

PHOENIX (AP) — Although busy computer connections and other glitches frustrated some voters in Arizona's Democratic primary Saturday, a record turnout gave Vice President Gore a resounding and expected victory as the party completed the first binding election for public office using the Internet.

The state's voters had a choice of using traditional paper ballots or computer terminals at most of the 124 polling sites. Mail-in ballots also were available. Even without a competitive race, more than 35,000 people — three times as many as participated in 1996 — had cast ballots in early Internet voting completed Friday. An additional 20,000 mail-in ballots were cast.

Saturday's voting at polling sites offering paper ballots as well as Internet voting stations raised the total to about 76,000, double the previous highest turnout since the party switched from a nominating convention to a primary in 1984.



Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore kneels for a photo with twins Dillon, left, and Colin Craig and their mother Janet after his arrival at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport on Sunday.

With 93 percent of the paper-bullet and Internet vote counted, Gore had 55,508, or 78 percent, or 14,198, or 20 percent, for Bradley and 1,087, or 2 percent, for Indiana businesswoman Heather Anne Harder, the only other person on the ballot.

The rest of the vote, including the mail ballots, was to be counted later and party officials said the final vote and delegate awards would not be announced until the vote count was finished, possibly Sunday.

But with Gore already having the nomination assured and his rival, former Sen. Bill Bradley, out of the race, the story became more about how Arizona Democrats voted to allocate 31 delegates than who they voted for.

A total of 234 Democratic delegates were being decided this weekend in Arizona, Michigan and Minnesota. The three states have a total of 295 delegates,

including at-large delegates not selected by primary or caucus. In Michigan caucuses Saturday, Gore had 15,854 votes to 3,117 for Bradley with all 135

caucus sites reporting and all mail-in ballots counted. That translated to at least 107 delegates for Gore and 7 for Bradley, with the allocation in congressional districts unavailable Saturday night as voters chose 129 of Michigan's 157 total delegates.

While not as groundbreaking at Arizona's Internet voting, Michigan Democrats allowed mail voting for the first time and more than 75 percent of the caucus ballots were cast by mail.

With 93 of 111 precincts reporting after the first of two days of Minnesota caucuses, Gore had 74 percent of the votes to 12 percent for Bradley in contests for 74 of the state's 91 total delegates. However, a candidate has to get at least 15 percent of the votes in a congressional district to win any delegates and Bradley had not reached that threshold anywhere Saturday. Were that pattern to hold true Sunday, Gore would get all 74 of the delegates.

Arizona party officials were excited about the turnout, expecting the highest number of ballots since Arizona switched from a nominating convention to a primary in 1984. "What a nice problem to have, the place being busy," state Party Chairman Mark Fleisher said. "Not too many elections have had that problem."

Arizona's vote was a glimpse at the future, said Phil Noble, president of PoliticsOnline, a South Carolina-based company that provides Internet tools for politics.

"There are millions of people who want to participate and they're telling us the Internet is the way they want to participate," Noble said. "What Arizona proves is it's going to happen lot faster than anyone imagined."

as special-interests' domination of politics and government.

The fact that these groups have such different and, in some cases, contradictory goals makes it very difficult for another candidate to appeal to them all — and more likely that they will fragment rather than vote in lockstep in November, analysts say.

Drug sentences declined in the '90s, study finds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Average sentences for federal drug offenders declined during the 1990s, a private research study reported Sunday, as Congress, judges and prosecutors took opportunities to soften the nation's tough drug sentences for certain types of defendants.

The findings by Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (Trac) are somewhat surprising. The 1990s saw tougher drug laws passed throughout the nation, federal drug-control spending rose by nearly two-thirds to \$16-billion a year in 1998, and federal drug convictions climbed to an all-time record of 21,571 in 1998.

Primary beneficiaries of the shorter sentences were nonviolent, first-time offenders and criminals who saved the government the cost of a trial and helped agents catch fellow lawbreakers in return for being allowed to plead guilty to lesser charges.

"There are a number of reasons for the decline," Justice Department spokesman John Russell said. "Enactment of the 'safety valve' provision for first-time, nonviolent drug offenders; the trend among drug defendants toward more guilty pleas; the increase in the number of drug defendants providing substantial assistance" to investigators.

The decline in sentence length showed up in data collected by U.S. Courts, the Justice Department, and the U.S. Sentencing Commission, each of which uses a slightly different definition to categorize drug crimes. The drop occurred in both average sentence lengths and in median sentences, which are those for which half of all sentences are longer and half are shorter.

The most extensive data set, from the U.S. Court system, found the decline began in 1992, the final year of the Bush administration. A peak of 95.7 months occurred in 1991; from there, the average sentence dropped to 74.6 months in 1999, Trac found.

Bush, Gore begin complex courting of McCain voters

WASHINGTON — They were the X-factor of this year's presidential primaries, the fuel that powered John McCain's single-seat assault on what he called the "Death Star" of the Republican Party establishment.

But last week the empire struck back. And now, with George W. Bush assured of the Republican nomination after defeating McCain in most of the Super Tuesday contests, the Arizona senator's voters have become the hottest commodity in American politics.

Both Bush and the presumptive Democratic nominee, Vice President Al Gore, understand that those who voted for McCain in the primaries probably will hold the balance of power in the November general election that, for now at least, looks extremely close and competitive.

So both have begun wooing these voters by casting themselves as the candidate best fit to assume McCain's reformer mantle.

But both candidates are likely

to encounter difficulties in winning over McCain partisans, because these voters were not a single constituency but rather a loose coalition of disparate groups united mostly by McCain's formidable personality, according to pollsters and political experts.

After poring over detailed returns and voter surveys from the primaries held to date, the pollsters have identified four distinct threads in the fabric of McCain's support:

- Upscale independent voters, many of them dependent on the new information-based economy for their prosperity, who have no attachment to either party and are liberal on social issues but conservative on fiscal questions.
- Moderate Republicans who are loyal to their party but upset about its increasingly conservative orientation and saw in McCain as a vehicle for pulling it back toward the center.
- The remnants of the so-called "Reagan Democrats" — largely working-class voters who deserted their old party in droves during

the 1980s because of its leftward drift, but who were won back by President Clinton and his more centrist message in the 1990s.

• A group of alienated, economically downscale voters, many of them supporters of Reform Party candidate Ross Perot in 1992 or 1996, who are resentful over what they regard

as special-interests' domination of politics and government.

The fact that these groups have such different and, in some cases, contradictory goals makes it very difficult for another candidate to appeal to them all — and more likely that they will fragment rather than vote in lockstep in November, analysts say.

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Hollywood trend lures some actresses to the dark side

Knight Ridder News Services

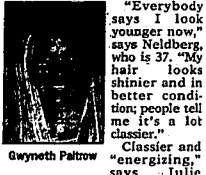
Leave it to Hollywood to let the rest of us know the newest hair trend among Hollywood starlets — including Cameron Diaz, Gwyneth Paltrow and Jenny McCarthy — is dyeing their sun-kissed blond locks (natural or otherwise) a ravenish brunet.

Gwyneth did it for her upcoming film role in "Bounce"; Jenny, to be taken more seriously; and Cameron because she could. (Cameron has since gone back to blond, after debuting her darkest side on the cover of February's Vanity Fair.)

"It inspired me to do what I already wanted to do," says Lynn Neldberg of Miami, the Escada specialist at Neiman Marcus in Palm Harbor. Naturally brunet, Neldberg had been blond for the past 18 years — so long that most everyone, including her husband and 11-year-old son, thought of her as a blond.

"I saw stars like Madonna go back and forth with their hair color and I thought, 'What am I waiting for, till I turn 60?'"

Neldberg, who went back to her natural "really dark, dark brown" shade, is so happy with her transformation that she says she never wants to go back blond (her husband and son, by the way, also applaud her new look).

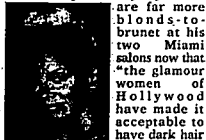


Gwyneth Paltrow

"Everybody says I look younger now," says Neldberg, who is 37. "My hair looks shinier and in better condition; people tell me it's a lot classier."

Color specialist Andrew Alford of Illusions Salon in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., says he has

noticed an increase in brunet requests, with 90 percent of his clients asking, "Have you seen so-and-so's hair?"



Jenny McCarthy

"Hair stylist Sammy says there are far more blonds-to-brunet at his two Miami salons now that 'the glamour women of Hollywood have made it acceptable to have dark hair again.'"

A secondary reason, he believes, is rooted, quite literally, in the chore-like maintenance of being blond.

Women "love the blond but hate the upkeep," says Sammy. "You have to continually fine-tune the blonding like a color TV set."

Boynnton Beach, Fla.-based model Annette Stanton, a natural blond, seconds the motion. She recently asked her stylist, Michael Valtuerdi of Hair Miami's Be Young Salon, to take her to a warm brunet.

Harris said there are so many different styles that you can get a whole different look in a pair of glasses.

... But men are going blonde

Knight Ridder News Services

Goodbye, Pamela Anderson Lee. Move over, Heather Locklear.

Make way for a new wave of dyed-hard bleached blonde men.

In what seems like a national gold rush, men of all ages are following in the footsteps of blond poster boys Ricky Martin, Stephen King, spokesman Mark McGrath and "Ally McBeal's" Gil Bellows.

"When you change your hair color, you become somebody else. It's another form of self-expression," says Ivan Pol, 23, who parted with his natural coffee-brown hair last summer and caught the blond ambition because he was looking for a change in his life.

"There is something about blond hair," he added, as a stylist carefully wrapped his bleached strands inside straps of gleaming foil paper on a recent Thursday.

Hair care experts say the fad is rooted in the fact that guys are just loosening up and letting their hair down, so to speak.

"Hair color has really become a fashion accessory," says Jennifer Steiner, a spokeswoman for L'Oréal, which carries a line of haircare coloring products called Féria for Men. Out of the 44 shades L'Oréal line, one of the top sellers among men was the bleach blonding kit, which debuted last spring. "Hair color is

a way of expressing yourself and your individuality. It's not as permanent as a tattoo."

Lilli Pena, owner of Portfolio Salon in Coral Gables, Fla., says she has seen a 30 percent increase in the number of men looking to go from brunet to blond since last year. She sees an average of 10 guys a week for the coloring treatment, which runs between \$60 and \$85 a session.

"Even more conservative and more corporate men are doing it," she said.

In "Ally McBeal," lawyer Billy Thomas hit the hair-color bottle because he's having a mid-life crisis and divorcing his wife, but the nouveau blonds interviewed for this article say nothing that dramatic sent them in search of the lighter side.

Salvador Reynaldo, a 30-year-old Miami mortgage broker, said

he decided to go blond as a unique way to usher in the millennium and, well, because it was becoming a guy thing to do.

"In the corporate and business world, you usually don't see your loan representative with high lights in their hair, but I saw that the male models in QJ and the fashion magazines were doing it. It seems more accepted now," said Reynaldo, who works at LNS Lending Unlimited in Coral Gables.

Co-workers were pleasantly surprised with Reynaldo's golden strands.

"Wow! A big change," recalls office manager Tere Garcia, whose eyebrows shot up when she saw Reynaldo stroll into the office with the highlights. "But it looks fabulous. It still looks conservative and not too wild. It goes with the whole tan and beach look."

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Specs

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Harris said, is the optician taking the time to find out what the customer is going to use the spectacles for. She wants to see what you've worn in the past and to

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minimal easier on your eyes. Some lenses progress in power, giving you the range you need for working on a computer, said Ann Rangen-Braga, optician and owner of Ann's Eyewear Boutique.

"These lenses are designed for specific distance of intermediate, which is arm's-length distance, all the way to about 12-16 inches away."

She said you can buy additional anti-reflective coating that is combined with a tough, durable two-sided coating, making the lenses almost as hard as glass. This reduces all the reflections off the lens, enhancing clarity.

Dan Allen, optician and one of the managers of Mountain West Optical in Twin Falls, said computer glasses can have two distances, with the upper part in the intermediate range and a bifocal for reading. These can be used for desk work in general — anything within arm's reach.

"If you wear a trifocal, your trifocal is the intermediate range and it also has a bifocal in there and also has your distance," he

make sure to take the measurements in the right spot.

"And with the new progressive lenses, there's so much to the adjustment," she said. "There's an awful lot to a successful fit."

said. "The advantage of just going to an intermediate and near is that you have a bigger space to look through."

Allen said some mechanics use what are called a double-D lens. There is a bifocal up on top as well as down on the bottom, with the distance part in-between.

That way, when the wearer is underneath the car looking up, they can still use a bifocal.

Golfers can opt for a lens with a round bifocal down on the lens far enough that they sometimes have to lift it up to use it.

"When you're golfing you want to see all the way to the ground, and if your bifocal is in the way, you're just not going to see your ball," Allen said. "So they like that clear down out of the way, so they can concentrate on the ball and swinging the club. It's just a lot easier for them when it's out of the way."

For tennis players, there's a new pair of sunglasses on the market, Harris said. Their teal color makes it easy to see that yellow ball coming at you.

These specs don't work well for driving, though, because they block out the colors of traffic

lights. But the lenses can be flipped out and replaced by another color.

She said you can also buy sunglasses that have a thermal grip around the nose and ears that stay on well for folks who ride bikes and do a lot of active things.

In regular frames, there are a number of different clip-on options, Harris explained. One has a little magnet to take on and off the temple, or sidepiece. Others have prongs around the side that are covered so they won't scratch the lenses; they just clip over them.

And there are custom lenses available that go with your frames.

Also on the market are regular sunglasses that are essentially a tinted lens, and there is a polarized lens that has a laminated, polarized sheet. This cuts down horizontal glare.

Allen said many fishermen favor these lenses because they reduce the glare off the water, allowing the angler to see down into it. For driving, it cuts the glare of the sun off the hood of your vehicle or the road.

real dressy," she said. "Most of us really enjoy having more than one pair."

Times-News correspondent Joan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.

Polarized lenses traditionally come in gray or brown, Rangen-Braga said. The gray cuts most glare and doesn't at all alter the color of things. The browns make colors look deeper. There's a higher contrast of color, so you can see detail better with these.

"But I've found personally with my customers that one person would either prefer brown or gray," she said. "Very few would prefer both colors."

In this area, a popular lens is one that darkens in bright light, Allen said. In plastic, it's called a transition lens, and in glass it's a photogray, photobrown, or other colors.

And yes, glass lenses are still around — many worn by farmers. Glass doesn't scratch as easily as plastic.

"For farmers in dust and dirt all day long and don't have any place to clean off their glasses, they end up doing it on their shirttail," Allen said. "It's just going to be a lot easier if they have glass lenses."

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Randal L. Wraalstad will discuss "Arthritic Foot Conditions and Treatment." For more information, call 737-2050.

Co-dependents
Co-Dependency Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Canyon View West Group Room in Twin Falls.
Fee is \$10. For more information, call 734-6760.

Alzheimer's
The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at SunBridge Care Center and Rehabilitation, 640 Filer Ave. W. in Twin Falls.
For more information, call Becky Jacobsen at 734-8645.

To do for you
Childbirth
A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

Bereavement
The Here and Now Bereavement Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hospice Visions, 1300 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.
For more information, call Flo at 735-0121.

First aid
Standard First Aid (adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid) six and one-half hour course will be offered at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American Red Cross in Twin Falls.
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CPR
A CPR class will be offered from 6:30 to 10 p.m. March 21 in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC in Twin Falls. Fee is \$11. To register, call 737-2007.

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An infant CPR class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. March 21 in the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls.
Pre-registration is not required.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following: *Monday's Health & Fashion*. Mail notices to: *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

After all these years, salt still keeps its place at the table of controversy.

Newsday
While editors at other publications chose to open their year 2000 issues with all kinds of jazzy prognostications, the editors at the *American Journal of Hypertension* led their January issue with a debate on salt.
The editors justified the decision saying that "the point raised are important, timely, and provide the basis for a lively and, we predict, long-lived controversy." But the fact is, the debate is two decades old and the sides dug into their trenches: One side supports the government recommendation first made in the 1970s that says we should reduce our salt intake to no more than 1 teaspoon a day because it can contribute to high blood pressure, which in turn can lead to heart attacks and strokes. The other side says it's nonsense — the many studies so far haven't shown that lowering salt intake has any but a

marginal effect on blood pressure and may even harm some people. The consumer is left to shake "the saltshaker in wonderment. Does one stick to the straight and narrow? Or does one abandon all caution and start doing everything with the stuff?"
There is no ready answer, but it's important to note that a debate still rages over something so basic, so ubiquitous and so much studied. For what it shows is that while we yearn for, and are often given, simple health messages such as "Cut back on salt; cut back on fat," the science is often far more complicated.
Salt became spicemore grata in the 1970s based on early studies and observations of less-developed societies, such as the Yanomamo Indians of Brazil, who ate a low-salt diet and also didn't have much high blood pressure or cardiovascular disease. The Japanese, on the other hand, ingested the most salt and also had the highest

stroke rate in the world. But others argued that this kind of observation was not enough proof of cause and effect, because it did not take in other variables, including how many calories were consumed, how many fruits and vegetables were eaten — the amount of exercise and alcohol intake, all of which may have an impact on blood pressure.
Since then, there have been about 100 trials and three meta-analyses — or re-analyses pooling all the studies — according to Dr. Norman Kaplan of the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas.
Kaplan, writing in the *American Journal of Hypertension*, said the meta-analyses found overall that blood pressure decreased about 10 percent with high blood pressure and in people with normal blood pressure when they cut sodium intake to the recommended amount.

Bloodless test is on the horizon for insulin-dependent diabetics

The Washington Post

For diabetics who must prick a fingertip several times a day to test their own blood sugar, new findings offer hope of a painless alternative's becoming available eventually.

Researchers are working on a technique in which a brief burst of ultrasound temporarily increases the permeability of the skin, allowing microscopic amounts of blood sugar, or glucose, to pass through and be measured. No skin puncture is necessary, yet in testing conducted at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, measurements of glucose were as accurate as those obtained by conventional needle sticks.
The two-minute ultrasound treatment, applied to the forearm, enabled researchers to measure the glucose on the skin of seven patients with type 1 diabetes. The researchers compared each non-invasive reading with one from a simultaneous blood sample. The readings matched almost perfectly.
About 15 million Americans have diabetes. Between 5 and 10 percent are type 1 diabetics, who monitor their blood-sugar levels by pricking a fingertip up to four times a day to adjust the dosage of insulin they must take.
"A lot of people have trouble adhering to that," said Robert Gabbay, a diabetes specialist at Pennsylvania State University's medical school and coauthor of the study, published in *Nature Medicine*. "It's literally a pain. There are so many nerve endings in the fingertips that it's a very painful place to be poking a needle."
Normally the outer layer of skin is a fairly impermeable barrier, its cells arranged like tiny bricks and fat surrounding them like mortar. But ultrasound temporarily alters the consistency of the fat, opening up infinitesimal pores in the skin, through which

Diabetes: Abnormal sugar metabolism

At least 135 million people worldwide are diabetic. About 10% have type 1 insulin-dependent diabetes, the rest have type 2, which is more common.

How diabetes develops
The pancreas produces insulin. When level of glucose is high, insulin is secreted. Insulin binds to receptors on target cells, causing them to take up glucose. In type 1 diabetes, the pancreas produces little or no insulin. In type 2 diabetes, the pancreas produces insulin, but the body's cells do not respond properly to it (insulin resistance).
Abnormal insulin
Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease. The body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas. Type 2 diabetes is caused by a combination of factors, including genetics, obesity, and inactivity. The body's cells become resistant to insulin, and the pancreas cannot produce enough insulin to overcome the resistance.
What insulin does
Insulin allows glucose to enter the cells. It also tells the liver to store extra glucose as glycogen. It also tells the liver to stop producing glucose. It also tells the muscles to take up glucose for energy.
Abnormal glucose
When the pancreas does not produce enough insulin, or the body's cells do not respond properly to it, glucose builds up in the blood. High glucose levels can damage the kidneys, nerves, and eyes.
High glucose level in the blood
High glucose level in the blood can lead to complications such as kidney disease, nerve damage, and eye disease.

microscopic molecules such as glucose can pass. Blood cells are much too big to get through.
The next step in research, Gabbay said, will be to test the technique on a large number of patients for a longer period of time, to make sure the accuracy holds up with no harmful side effects. Scientists are also trying to refine a "patch" that patients could wear like a wristwatch to monitor blood-sugar levels for up to 12 hours after an ultrasound application.
Gabbay estimated that it would be "a couple of years at least" before such a patch, requiring approval by the Food and Drug

Administration, becomes available to consumers.

Top health sites on the Internet

The Baltimore Sun

Here are the top Internet health-content sites as rated by Gomez Advisors. To read reviews of each, visit the Web site at www.gomez.com:

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9. DiscoveryHealth (www.discoveryhealth.com)
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Vaccines are not just for children

The Orlando Sentinel

For better or worse, many Americans this flu season discovered the truth in the adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."
 Many who heeded advice and wedged a bout of the flu, or, at least, suffered a milder case. Many who shrugged off caution and passed on the shot spent several days swaddled in bed doing some serious second-guessing.
 Adults could learn much from this lesson in prevention and use it as a chance to consider other vaccinations.
 "Most of us believe vaccinations are kid stuff, the forced needle-puncture that you endured for the privilege of attending grade school."
 "That's wrong," says Dr. Richard Hornick, who knows something about immunizations as medical director of the Travel Clinic at Orlando Regional Medical Center. "There has been a lot of emphasis on cancer prevention, mammograms -- and these are very important," he says. "But on the other hand, we have diseases that can be prevented with vaccines, and they should be used."
 Not only can vaccinations save

Shots for grown-ups

sick days, they might just save your life. Each year 50,000 to 70,000 adults in the United States die from diseases or complications that can be largely prevented through vaccination. Some 45,000 adults succumb to complications of influenza, pneumococcal infections, or hepatitis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
 "Underimmunization is a huge deficiency in this country," says Dr. Vince Wilson, a family prac-

tice physician with RDV Sportsplex Family Practice in Maitland, Fla. About half of Americans, for instance, have not been immunized for tetanus, which can be life-threatening, especially in older adults.

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DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

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"Mrs." My mother replied that it is still proper to address a divorced woman as "Mrs." I do not believe this is correct...

I spoke with my mother and asked her to tell her sister not to address me in that manner. I am divorced from Albert and no longer his wife...

DEAR TINA: Your mother is correct. A divorced woman may take back her maiden name...

Brother plays double in movie 'Forrest Gump'

Q. What makes scholars believe women were the first to wear clothing?

In "Forrest Gump" when the hero ran his multiple marathon across America?

A. They think they know it was the women who skinned the kills and scraped the hides...

A. Jim Hanks, Tom's brother. Q. The western world's silk industry was started by the French, right?

All beetles have wings. Q. Can you get a cold sore in an eye?

A. By Italian immigrants in France, actually. In 1315.

Aries: Be bold, imprint style with color red

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WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

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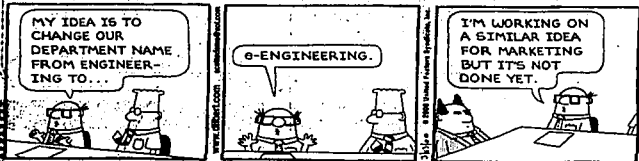
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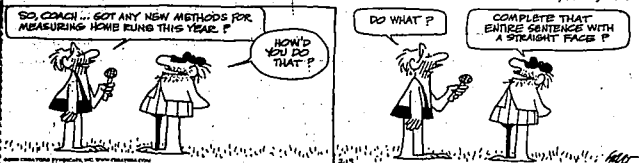
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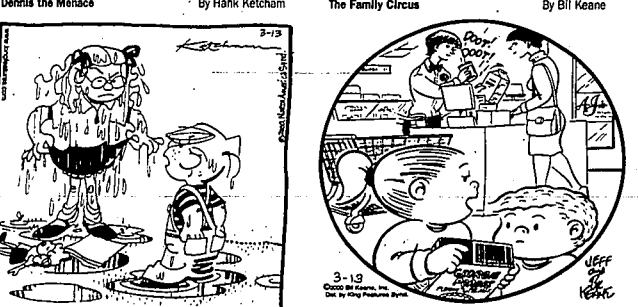


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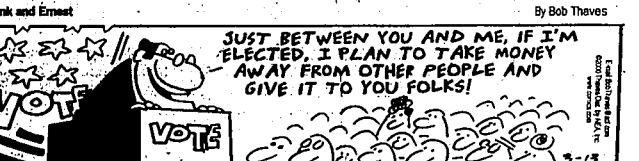
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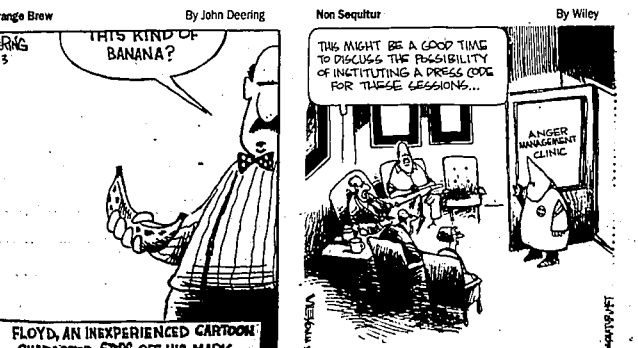


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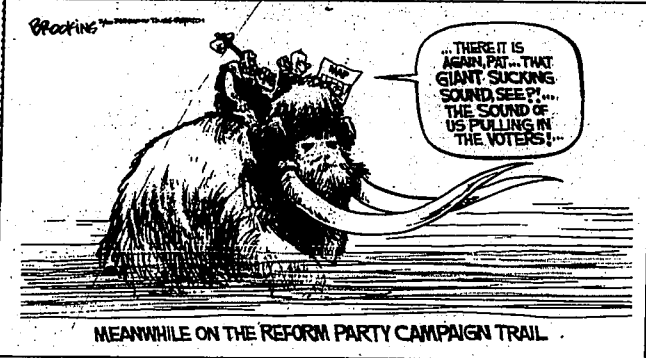
It's the boys who are to blame
 Referring to the article in The Times-News on Page 1, dated March 2, "Corner could face charges," I have a few random thoughts and questions:
 • What is a zero-tolerance policy if one can't enforce it? And if the Lyngwood Mall's new zero-tolerance policy was to take the skateboard and the skateboarder to the manager's office, then why is that now found to be illegal? And as stat-

ed in the first line of the article, the zero-tolerance policy is supposed to be tough. The paper stated that Mrs. Loden might file a civil law suit. Why are people so "sue happy"? The area is clearly marked "No Skateboarding Allowed." The boys were skateboarding anyway, got caught and resisted. They are kids. They made a mistake, but to possibly sue in a civil action? What are our youth learning when we as parents don't take a stand for the laws and rules and enforce them?

I have no reason to believe whatsoever that the boys were "scum bags," but rules are rules. Or are they? We can't pamper our children when they do wrong or they will never learn to obey, respect and honor the laws or rights of others.
 Mrs. Loden said in the article, "I think if Mr. Turley had handled it in the right manner, none of this would have happened." I say if the boys had respected the posted signs at the mall

of no skateboarding, then this would have never happened. She seems to be taking all of the responsibility from the boys and is giving it all to Mr. Turley. Mr. Turley may have been a little too aggressive in subduing them and offended the boys and their mothers, but he was doing the job he was hired to do. Let it end there.
 One incident like this and the Lyngwood Mall cancels its contract with Gem State Security? Where is the back-

bone in that? I am sorry everyone was so embarrassed, but just where are the boundaries? Is there a zero-tolerance policy or not? If not, somebody should have told Mr. Turley.
 It is my hope that no more will come of this and that all parties will have learned something valuable in this sticky situation, and those involved can and will come to equitable terms.
 MARGARET WILCOX
 Jerome



The lesser of two losers?

Despite occasional bouts of excitement, the 2000 presidential race is shaping up exactly as Conventional Wisdom had predicted.
 Vice President Al Gore, as unctuous and wooden a politician as one will ever find, is preparing to battle George W. Bush, a policy lightweight who promises not to "vulcanize" America, but who seems to have enough gravitas to outlast a fading challenger in the primary.
 If I had a conspiratorial bent, I might suggest that John McCain and Bill Bradley were planted in their respective parties by the political establishment as a way not only to gin up interest in a lackluster campaign, but to downplay each front-runner's obvious weak spots.
 It was a stroke of luck for Democrats that Gore was challenged by Bill Bradley. Although he isn't exactly wooden, the former New Jersey senator has the personality, it turns out, of a damp mop. And his unfathomable race lectures and Great Society-style proposals make the vice president look like a piker in terms of sanctimony and liberalism.

STEVEN GREENHUT
 who is running ads accusing his primary foe of voting to cut funding for breast-cancer research. This is the guy who will offer a real alternative to Gore's government-heavy solutions?
 Specifically, Bush wants a decent across-the-board tax cut, while Gore promises some piddling targeted cuts. Bush wants vouchers and some local-oriented education reforms whereas Gore focuses largely on pushing more federal spending plans. Gore is zealously pro-choice, Bush is cautiously pro-life.
 Both candidates talk about shoring up Social Security and Medicare, both are internationalists, and both support additional gun controls and campaign finance restrictions, although

Gore's are far more intrusive than Bush's.
 So, Gore is bad news. But is Bush enough of an alternative to justify support from conservatives and libertarians? I'd say yes based on a crucial distinction. Whereas Dubya seems charmingly oblivious to any crusades, Gore is an unreconstructed world-saver — someone who gets a weird glint in his eye when he talks about global warming or urban sprawl.
 The likely choice, then, isn't just between a split-the-difference Republican and a liberal Democrat, but between an easy-going frat boy who probably won't cause too much trouble and a utopian social dreamer just looking for places for the government to meddle.
 The case for George W. gets stronger every day.
 Steven Greenhut is an editorial writer for the Orange County (Calif.) Register.

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The result: Gore emerges as the Democratic nominee with newfound personality and moderation.
 The Republicans have benefited similarly from John McCain's "Strait Jacket" Express. Before the Arizona senator started looking like a real contender, Texas Gov. Bush's tepid conservatism could not inspire the party's right-wing base — a necessity if he is to mobilize the troops in November.
 After courting Democrat and independent voters, copying up to the media and moving away from his previous conservative positions, McCain pushed conservatives to Bush — something that became a stampede after the tightly wound Arizona blew a gasket and called religious right leaders "evil."
 The result: The hopelessly moderate Bush is emerging as the new standard-bearer for conservatives.
 So the stage is set for a race between the establishment's choices. Then, the only question in my mind would be whether to vote for a third-party candidate in protest, or be suckered once again into voting for the latest GOP doofus out of fear of what the Democrat might do if elected — especially if the Democrats retake the House.
 The case against Gore is simple. It would be hard to find any proposed expansion of federal power that he hasn't yet embraced. His environmental plans threaten freedom and the Economy. Plus, in the words of columnist Joseph Sobran, Gore "has the soul of a courtier, one who, in another age, would have flattered Caligula without compunction."
 Although George "Dubya" wouldn't shake up the status quo by challenging big government at home and the empire abroad, he might achieve an occasional Joe-the-plumber reform and put the brakes on the inattentive proposals by Democrats. Personally-wise, Bush has an honest charm lacking from the insufferably self-righteous Gore.
 Still, it's hard for genuine foes of big government to get too excited about a GOP candidate

NATION/WORLD

Exports reach record for U.S. high-tech goods

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States exported a record \$181 billion worth of computer components and other high-tech electronic parts last year, but much of it came back as assembled products, resulting in a record \$40 billion trade deficit for the industry, an industry study said Sunday.

The biggest markets for high-tech exports continue to be Canada, Mexico, Japan and the United Kingdom, although annual exports to Japan dropped by \$2 billion over the last two years to \$16 billion, according to the survey by the Electronics Association and the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Sixty-seven nations each imported at least \$50 million in American high-tech goods last year, compared to 60 countries in 1993, said the report.

In a sign of revived markets in some troubled economies, the fastest-growing big markets for U.S. high tech imports were in countries hit hardest by economic problems. The Philippines

leads the pack, with four other Asian nations — South Korea, China, Malaysia and Taiwan — in the top 10 largely because more U.S. high-tech equipment is being manufactured or assembled there.

"High technology has become the driver of successful economies throughout the world," said William T. Archey, electronics association president.

Exports of computers, consumer electronics, communications equipment, semiconductors, electronic medical equipment and other high-tech equipment was up from \$166 billion in 1998 to \$181 billion last year, compared to \$98 billion in 1993, the report said.

While these exports now represent more than one-quarter of all U.S. exports, up from 21 percent in 1993, the report said that U.S. high-tech imports from most of the hottest markets also have increased dramatically as American companies open more production plants abroad.

Nation's Catholics, clergy accept Pope's apology

The Associated Press

Many Roman Catholic worshippers and clergy in the United States welcomed Pope John Paul II's historic gesture of atonement with enthusiasm on Sunday, calling apologies for their brethren's stumblings and sins needed and "much overdue."

Addressing wrongs that touched on groups from gays to Gypsies, the pontiff's centuries-spanning apology resonated among the church's 48 million U.S. members. Most said they welcomed his prayers with reflective relief.

In heavily Catholic southern Louisiana, parishioners knew of the pope's pardon even though some priests didn't mention the comments during services.

After attending Mass at St. Louis Cathedral in the heart of New Orleans' French Quarter, Fred Robichaud said the apology was "the best news I've heard in a long time."

"It's a good idea, and probably something that should have been done 50 years ago by Pope Pius XII," said Robichaud, 60. "I'm glad the pope was loving enough to recognize that something should be done."

John Paul's remarks punctuated a recent round of repentance by Roman Catholic leaders begun last week in a Lenten address by Cardinal Roger Mahoney, leader of the Los Angeles diocese. Mahoney's apology reached out to gays and those of other faiths, and said the church was "aware of more sins than we can fully enumerate here."

FBI theorizes about motive in nuclear espionage case

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — What motivated former Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee to gather nuclear secrets from classified supercomputers, download them to an unsecured computer and transfer them to portable tapes?

In the year the FBI has spent investigating Lee's activities, the bureau has whittled to answer that question conclusively, and Lee—who is in jail awaiting trial in Albuquerque—has yet to give his own explanation. But the leading theory among federal officials involved in the case is that Lee was afraid he was going to lose

his job at Los Alamos National Laboratory and wanted to be sure he could get a new one, possibly at a nuclear research center in Taiwan.

The computer tapes, they believe, were like a padded resume, a way Lee could show prospective employers he had knowledge and access in the secret realm of nuclear weapons design. The evidence for this notion is largely circumstantial, but officials familiar with the investigation believe it best fits the known facts, including the timing of Lee's actions and his careful notations of exactly what he was recording on tapes.

\$100 million, said the owner, London-based ICO Global Communications. The Zenith rocket lifted off at 6:49 a.m. PST at the equator in the Pacific Ocean, about 1,400 miles southeast of Hawaii.

Launch controllers on an accompanying command ship lost contact with the rocket several minutes later, and the rocket was believed to have fallen into the ocean about 2,600 miles from the launch site, according to Long Beach-based Sea Launch Co.



An estimated 500,000 fundamentalists, women and men in separate columns, demonstrate over a government plan to reform women's rights Sunday in Casablanca, Morocco. Among other things the plan would replace the practice of repudiation, or automatic divorce by a husband, with court divorces and provide for equal sharing of money and goods in case of divorce. It would also support a literacy program for rural Moroccan women, 60 percent of whom are illiterate.

Muslims stage mass rallies

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Muslim fundamentalists and representatives of women's groups took to the streets of two Moroccan cities on Sunday, holding opposing rallies over a government plan to give women more rights.

The plan, which would offer women greater educational opportunities and help those going through divorce, drew what observers estimated to be at least 500,000 fundamentalists to Casablanca in protest.

"We defend Islam with our bodies and souls," the crowds chanted as they marched — men and women in separate columns — through downtown Casablanca under the eyes of police and soldiers. "Men and women are

equal before God," they chanted. The fundamentalists, some crying "Allah Akbar" (God is great) and holding aloft the Koran, the Muslim holy book, denounced the plan as "anti-Muslim."

Officials said the Casablanca march drew some 200,000 people, but observers said more than double that number attended the rally, which was supported by the Justice and Spirituality movement of Abdesslam Yassine.

In the capital city of Rabat, just north of Casablanca, between 200,000 and 300,000 people representing women's groups, human rights movements and political parties marched in support of the plan, some chanting, "No to reactionaries." At least six government ministers took part in the march, which

ended with a concert. Among other things, the plan would fully replace the practice of repudiation, or automatic divorce by a husband, with court divorces and provide for equal division of money and property. It would also support a literacy program for rural Moroccan women, 60 percent of whom are illiterate.

However, the plan has sharply divided Moroccan Muslims since it was unveiled in March 1999.

The Rabat march had long been planned to roughly coincide with International Women's Day, celebrated last Wednesday. Then, last week, Muslim fundamentalists announced their own plans for a counter-march.

Tribunal takes on Bosnian massacre case

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Half a century ago, Europeans watched a war crimes tribunal put Nazi leaders on trial and vowed "never again" to permit genocide on their continent.

Today, prosecutors at another war crimes court seek to prove that genocide occurred in spite of



Radislav Krstic

the trial before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia is of profound significance, and not only to settle the question whether the "ethnic cleansing" campaigns in the 1992-95 Bosnian war constituted genocide, the most serious international crime. After five years of forensic investigation at hundreds of mass graves around Srebrenica, the trial is also expected to piece

together the puzzle of how the tragedy unfolded.

World in brief

Close aide to Iranian president shot, wounded

TEHRAN, Iran — A close confidant of the Iranian president was shot at close range and seriously wounded Sunday in a shocking daylight attack reminiscent of last year's killings by vigilantes who sympathize with Iran's hard-liners. Saeed Hajjarian, a pillar of President Mohammed Khatami's popular reformist movement and a member of Tehran's municipal council, was rushed to the hospital after a gunman on a high-powered motorcycle approached and fired at him twice while he was on his way to work, witnesses said. He was hit by one bullet, which remained lodged in the back of his neck, doctors at the Sina Hospital in Tehran said.

Spain's Prime Minister sweeps to second term

MADRID — Spain's pro-business Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar swept to victory in national elections Sunday, riding a wave of economic prosperity to win a second term in office and securing his center-right Popular Party an absolute majority in parliament. Aznar improved on his showing in

the 1996 election in almost every section of the country, as Spaniards endorsed his handling of an economy that is one of the strongest in the European Union. The result means Spain will forge ahead with a moderately conservative government in an era when most other Western European countries have turned toward left-leaning leaders. The Popular Party benefited from a political blunder by the leading opposition party, the Socialists. In a daring effort to seize power, Socialist leader Joaquin Almunia cut a deal with the old Communist party, the United Left, to form a French-style liberal coalition. Exit polls Sunday showed that this left-led union angered both centrist voters and committed Communists; the result was that both liberal parties lost seats in the parliament.

Police use water cannon at neo-nazi demonstration

BERLIN — Vastly outnumbered by police and opponents, 350 neo-Nazis on Sunday marked the anniversary of the 1938 Nazi annexation of Austria with a march through central Berlin intended to show support for a far-right Austrian party. More than 15 people were arrested before and during the march, including several radical leftists who threw stones at neo-Nazis and police. One officer was hit in the head and taken to a hospital with a possible concussion,

Parliament tolerates killings

Los Angeles Times

AMMAN, Jordan — Last year, 18-year-old Iman told her family that she was in love with a man. In response, her 21-year-old brother poisoned her, then smashed her skull with a rock. He served less than a year in jail.

Last month, 14-year-old Iraia was strangled to death by her 15-year-old brother after she spoke to a neighbor boy. The brother acted because he knew failure to do so would have proved him to be a coward, unable to defend his family's honor. These are the cases that cross the desk of Jordanian attorney Azma Khader with chilling regularity. For nearly two decades, Khader has been waging a battle to ban so-called honor killings, the practice of males murdering female relatives who bring "shame" to the family.

The parliament has approved when women commit adultery or have sex outside marriage. But some women and girls have been killed for doing nothing more than flirting or because they were the victims of rape. Jordanian law essentially condones such killings by dictating light sentences for the male perpetrator. Reversing that law has been the focus of efforts by Khader and a coalition of human rights activists, politicians and members of the royal family. Yet even the support of King Abdullah II has failed to loosen the grip of tradition-bound tribal leaders and conservative Islamists who wield great influence over the way things are run in Jordan. Three times in the last four months, the Jordanian Parliament's 80-member lower house rejected government-sponsored legislation that would revamp the penal code and stiffen sentences for "honor" killings.

Police spokeswoman Gabriele Gedaschke said.

Riot police used a water cannon repeatedly to disperse stone-throwers along the march route and at the Brandenburg Gate, where it ended. But Gedaschke said no serious disturbances or other injuries were reported.

Rescuers recover remains of 80 Ukrainian miners

KRASNOODON, Ukraine — Ashen-faced relatives stood in silence beneath a light snow Sunday, watching rescuers coated in coal dust drag up the bodies of 81 people killed in a Ukrainian mine explosion and load them onto refrigerated trucks. Survivors of the former Soviet republic's worst mine disaster in decades described a confusing burst, a suffocating cloud of coal dust and the sickening smell of smoke before they were brought to the surface.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“It just went ‘pow.’”

—NASCAR driver Mike Skinner, who led 191 laps of Sunday's Cracker Barrel 500 before his engine blew up 20 laps from the end of the 325-lap race

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
Snake River PGA Pro-Am at Moul

Girls' basketball
Magic Valley All-Star Game, at Twin Falls HS, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Magic Valley All-Star Game, at Twin Falls HS, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Observe Cal Ripken baseball tonight

TWIN FALLS — Harmon Park diamond No. 3 will be the site for tonight's Cal Ripken baseball observation midget from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration forms will be accepted prior to the event from 5-5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 734-7643 or 734-8455

Bolse's Corder boxes Friday on ESPN2

Boise-based heavyweight boxer Cleveland Corder's bout with John Long is scheduled to be telecast on ESPN2's "Friday Night Fights" this Friday at 7 p.m.

Corder (17-0, 13 KO's) and Long (13-4-1) will box at the Richie Events Center in Denver.

Spring 2000 soccer sign-ups begin today

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department will begin taking registration for the 2000 spring soccer season starting today.

Registration will be taken at the Parks and Rec office, 136 Maxwell Avenue, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the March 24 deadline.

Practices start April 10 for all Twin Falls Youth Soccer teams grades 1-7. Games begin the week of April 29 and run through May 19. Teams will play eight games over four weeks.

The league was previously called the Metro League, and had been organized by the Magic Valley Soccer Association. Parks and Rec will operate the league this season with financial assistance from the MVSA.

MV Youth Baseball registration on Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Babe Ruth Baseball League will be registering players for the 2000 season on Tuesday, March 14 from 7-9 p.m. at the Harmon Park Recreation Building.

Cost is \$55 per player. A parent must sign a form and submit a copy of the player's birth certificate for league records. The league is open to players 13 to 18 years of age, born between Aug. 1, 1981, and July 31, 1987. For more details, call Gary Leavitt at 733-5532 or Linda Brittsan at 734-2633.

Rodeo team takes pictures in Rupert

RUPERT — Rodeo pictures for both the Minico Rodeo Team and the Sixth District Wrangler All-Star Team will be taken at 5 p.m. Wednesday, at the Rupert Fairgrounds.

For more information, call Joanne Rogers at 436-4392, or 436-5355, Ext. 116.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Two Pac-10 teams nab top seeds

Cinci falls to No. 2 slot

The Associated Press

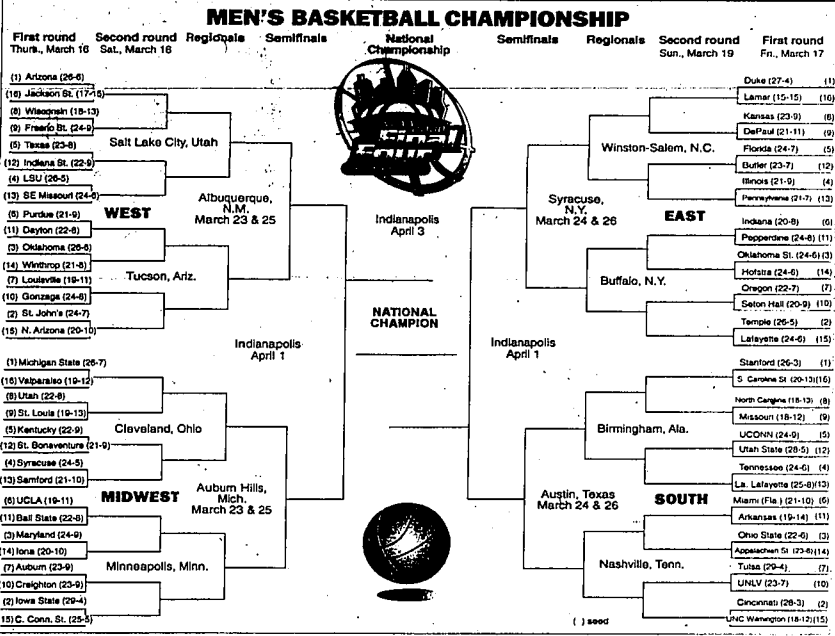
INDIANAPOLIS — Duke and Michigan State were seeded No. 1 for the second straight year in the NCAA tournament and will be joined by the Pac-10's Stanford and Arizona as the top teams.

Cincinnati, which had been ranked No. 1 in the AP poll for 12 weeks but lost center Kenyon Martin to a broken leg last week, was seeded second as the 64-team field was announced Tuesday. Bearcats coach Bob Huggins called the selection committee's decision "ridiculous."

NCAA college basketball and the national runner-up last season, was ranked No. 1 in the East. The Blue Devils (27-4) will play 16th-seeded Lamar, the only team in the field with a .500 record, on Friday in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Michigan State (28-7), which reached the Final Four last season, was No. 1 in the Midwest and will play No. 16 Valparaiso on Thursday in Cleveland. Pac-10 champion Arizona (26-6) was No. 1 in the West and will play No. 16 Jackson State on Thursday in Salt Lake City. Stanford (26-3), which lost to Duke last season, was seeded No. 1 for the first time

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Jim Horner appears to be headed for New Haven

By Vin Cappiello Times-News writer

PEORIA, Ariz. — The whole time Jim Horner served as a substitute coach at the University of Kentucky last fall, he taught students the importance of a backup plan.

Now, the Twin Falls High School alumnus is walking the walk.

Horner, in Arizona for Major League Baseball's spring training, said in a phone interview late last week that he has been designated for the Seattle Mariners' AA farm team in Connecticut he

New Haven Ravens — the same team for which he played last season.

"They didn't take me for big league camp," Horner said. "I at least thought I'd be headed for AAA Tacoma."

Typically during spring training, Horner said, a player is designated for an assignment one level higher than where they'll probably end up playing. For that reason, the 1996 Washington State University graduate said he was a bit surprised. And if for some reason he ends up designated for a level ball — something he admits is unlikely — the dream he

so often talks about might be over.

"I wouldn't go," Horner said. "I'd be done."

His present contract clearly stipulates Horner's future lies with the AA Ravens or the AAA Rainiers.

"It's not in my contract to go to A ball," Horner said. "Neither is it in his contract to report as early as he did for spring training — the first week of February."

Horner, a catcher, said he spent most of that time with battery-mates in the Mariners' winter program. He said they would

"lift, run, throw and hit — stuff to keep in shape," and the workouts generally lasted from about 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Traditional spring training opened for his AA pitcher and catcher teammates Tuesday of last week, and position players reported on Friday. The first workout was the "mile run" — a grueling test, Horner said, in which players have 6 minutes, 30 seconds to make it around the field four times.

"It's their way of gauging if anybody did anything during the off-season," said Horner, who finished within the required time.

From there, he said, players usually sit through a few hours of meetings before their afternoon workout. But because of inclement weather, the mile run was postponed a day, and Horner had to go straight into blocking drills, an exercise in which a coach throws the baseball at the feet of the catcher to simulate a pitch in the dirt.

"It's a monotonous drill," Horner said. "But it's something you have to do during a game."

Exhibition games begin for Horner on Saturday night through April 1. New Haven

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Dolphins: Dan Marino wants it kept low-key

The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — The Miami Dolphins are expecting the biggest media event in the 35-year history of the organization, possibly bigger than Don Shula's and Jimmy Johnson's retirements combined. Dan Marino, the league's most successful player in NFL history will announce his retirement today, ending a 17-year career with the Miami Dolphins.

The Dolphins have called a news conference for 8 a.m. MST at the team's training facility.

Marino, 38, wanted to go out like John Elway and retire as a Super Bowl champion. But after paring ways with the Dolphins, Marino reluctantly rejected an offer to play this year for the Minnesota Vikings.

Friends said Marino turned the deal down because of his bad knees, his loyalty to the Dolphins and his unwillingness to be separated from his wife and five children for an extended time.

"All of us have to respect Dan for the right to make the decision," Shula said.

Utah rodeo man Lan LaJunesse pays a visit to the Dodge NCFR

By Kathy Freckleton Special to The Times-News

POCATELLO — Rodeo is fast becoming one of the favorite extreme sporting events of the new millennium. Two hours of action-packed professional entertainment has a way of keeping crowds on their feet.

Two of rodeo's premier events each year are the National Finals Rodeo, held in Las Vegas each December, and the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo, held at Pocatello's Holt Arena.

When the latter event kicks off on Wednesday, Lan LaJunesse, 29, out of Morgan, Utah, will be there. He proved he's one of the best riders in the country at the NFR, capturing the title of 1999 World Champion Bareback rider.

Demonstrating that hard work, solid riding and persistence pay off, LaJunesse shattered the NFR average record with a 10-head score of 813 points — an average of 81.3 points every trip out of the chute.

Rodeo is not a hobby for LaJunesse. It's a living. And last year proved to be a good one. While it looked a little bleak the first half of 1999, and at one point he thought he "ought to start looking for a job," that notion didn't stay with him long.

From July 4 on, he placed in nearly every rodeo he entered, heading into the finals ranked No. 10. He came out wearing gold and \$99,487 riches.

Still, he assures that money's not the draw for serious cowboys.

"There's not a cowboy in it for the money," he said. "We make nothing compared to any other



Lan LaJunesse demonstrates a winning bareback ride. He will compete at the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo Wednesday through Saturday in Pocatello.

athlete. I just love riding bucking horses. It's a little bit like a drug. I mean, you get that adrenaline and that high from riding all the time, and it's addictive."

The strong ties found in the sport also add to the appeal. "I don't think there's any other sport or any other thing that you could have so many good friends. It's a big family," LaJunesse.

For LaJunesse, rodeoing started with his grandfather and father, who both rode for years. His father used to spend summers in West Yellowstone, riding every night for \$30 or \$40.

After high school, LaJunesse enrolled at Boise State University. It took just one year at BSU for LaJunesse to figure out his calling was not in corporate America.

He got his permit in 1991 and

his Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association card in 1994. He entered 123 PRCA sanctioned rodeos last year.

"I probably ride 40 weeks," he said, "maybe a few more, and usually anywhere from two to eight or 10 times a week."

LaJunesse's family — wife Nataliee and children Kelsey, 9, and Kyle, 5 — join him every chance they get. They were all there cheering him on in Las Vegas, and they look forward to this week's DNGFR.

"It's a good rodeo. I think it's a good boost," he said. "There's a lot of money there and a good time, and I think everybody enjoys it. I think for the cowboys it's a real family-oriented rodeo."

The DNGFR runs through Saturday.

AROUND THE VALLEY

School Board will review annexation

DIETRICH - The Hidden Valley annexation request will come back before the School Board today.

Hidden Valley residents are asking to leave the neighboring Shoshone School District and be annexed into Dietrich's. Dietrich School District says the residents' children historically have attended its schools. The matter is scheduled to come before the School Board at 8:45 p.m.

In other business, the board will review standardized test results; and it will review district plans to offer a new state-mandated reading class after school or during the summer to the kindergarten through third-graders who scored below grade level on a new state reading assessment. The district must offer the class but attendance is up to parental discretion. The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the district business room.

Commissioners will hear census update today

HAILEY - The Blaine County commissioners' meeting today will include an update by the Census Bureau. The meeting, which begins at 8:45 a.m., will also include district manager Rick Baird discussing the county's shop abandonment schedule and the bid opening for the vehicle maintenance building.

During the afternoon session, the commission will hear a planning and zoning department report and the emergency medical report.

Hollister City Council will discuss vacating avenue

HOLLISTER - The City Council will discuss vacating West Railroad Avenue at its meeting at 7 tonight at City Hall.

Tonight's agenda also includes a discussions about lawn care and the Self vs. City of Hollister case. The meeting is open to the public.

Shoshone School Board to set levy election

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone School Board today is scheduled to consider asking voters to renew the district's supplemental maintenance and operation levy.

The \$200,000 levy needs a simple majority for approval, Superintendent Max Excel said. It has been approved by Shoshone voters over the past 10 years, he said. In other business, the board will revisit the Hidden Valley School District Petition for Annexation that is at 9:45 p.m. Hidden Valley residents are petitioning the state to leave the Shoshone district and annex into the neighboring Dietrich School District. Petitioners are asking for annexation had to revise their request to meet state guidelines.

Excel said, and the School Board now must respond the revised version. Shoshone School Board opposes annexation, because its assessed market value would drop from \$82 million to \$75 million.

The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the district office conference room.

Gooding High School Booster Club will meet

GOODING - The Gooding High School Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday inside the high school multipurpose room.

The club will discuss spring sports and other issues.

The meeting is open to all club members and to the public.

Local food banks need help to fill empty shelves

TWIN FALLS - Local food banks are always in need of food donations particularly during the winter months. Here are some places to donate food for the hungry:

- Valley Housing Coalition, 507 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls (734-2736)
- The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls (734-8720)
- Helping Hands Mission, 1250 Miller Ave., Burley (678-9140)
- Jerome Ministerial Association Food Bank, 262 E. Ave. A (324-2972)

Those interested in donating food may also call the South Central Community Action Network:

- Twin Falls - 734-2307
- Jerome - 324-8857
- Heyburn - 678-3515

Compiled from staff reports

Purchase creates conflict

Elko sheriff gets good deal on weapons, maybe more than he bargained for

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. - The Elko County Sheriff's Department thought it was getting a good deal when it purchased two shotguns and five pistols for \$3,543.75.

As all tax-supported entities must do, it went with the lowest bidder - Neil's Powder House,

Inc., a local gun shop and shooting range.

The only problem is that 80 percent of Neil's Powder House, Inc. is owned by Neil Harris - the Elko County sheriff.

And now Harris and two of his officers - Undersheriff Steve Bishop and Lt. Bill Cunningham - have a date next month before the Nevada Commission of Ethics to answer questions about

the purchase.

Harris said he was notified by the ethics commission last month that a complaint had been filed by Ron Dickenson, a former sheriff's department employee who currently works as a bailiff in Elko Justice Court. Dickenson ran for sheriff against Harris in 1998 and was defeated by the incumbent. Dickenson declined comment due to the impending

commission action.

Harris said he only made \$4.50 from the sale and called the complaint "political." He said Cunningham solicited bids for the two shotguns and five pistols and Bishop accepted the \$3,543.75 bid - the lowest of three bids submitted - from Neil's Powder House. Harris said the bid was prepared by the manager of Neil's Powder House

and submitted to the sheriff's office.

Harris said he thought he was giving county taxpayers a break by selling the firearms at the lowest possible price. When the bill for the firearms was first submitted to the Elko County Board of Commissioners in July, Kristin McQuerey, Elko County's chief civil district attorney, researched

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WIDENING INTERSECTIONS



Widening the intersection at North Washington Street and Flor Avenue is one of the objectives of the Twin Falls Strategic Plan.

City continues work on Strategic Plan

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - One of the goals of the city's 2000-2001 Strategic Plan is to keep the cost of government down in Twin Falls, said City Manager Tom Courtney.

"We feel it's important to control the cost of government," Courtney said. "People shouldn't pay any more for government services than is absolutely required."

The City Council will discuss the Strategic Plan at its meeting tonight in council chambers. The plan includes 10 objectives for officials to work on over the next

When they meet

The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 5 p.m. today in council chambers. The meeting is open to the public.

two years. Objectives include everything from maintaining public safety services to continuing revitalization of downtown Twin Falls.

A main objective of the plan is to keep property taxes low - to no more than 1 percentage point over the Municipal Cost Index, which currently is at 2.6 percent.

"This controls the amount of

money that taxpayers have to pay in property tax," Courtney said.

He said the city has managed to reduce the property tax rate in recent years.

"We've cut our property tax rate by over 25 percent in the last nine years," he said.

Another main objective of the city's Strategic Plan is to fix the problematic traffic signal system. The system, designed to interconnect 28 signals, has not performed as it should, city and state officials have said.

The light system was installed with the help of more than \$800,000 in federal highway and gas tax money, \$80,000 in trans-

portation department money, and \$80,000 from the city budget.

The signals are designed to respond to changes in traffic volumes and patterns. Twin Falls has 28 of its 30 traffic signals working in the "smart" signal system. The system is geared around Blue Lakes Boulevard North, one the busiest roads in the state. When a vehicle approaches the intersection, an electronic sensor built into the road determines whether a vehicle is at the intersection. The system is supposed to relay the number of cars at the intersection, but the system has some

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Program helps newcomers learn about community

By Carren Hart
Times-News correspondent

ACEQUA - Picture yourself in a new country.

You don't understand a word anyone is saying. People use devices you have never seen before and eat foods you've only heard about. What would you have to do to get along?

Project Even Start, a complimentary program out of the College of Southern Idaho, are offering classes to families to help them get oriented to local life. Most of the participants are Hispanic.

People can return to the classes as often as they wish to learn more about the local culture and language. The program relies heavily on volunteers and Loreta Crockett is one of four Acequa teachers who lends a hand two nights a week.

"Tonight it's computers," said Crockett of her adult class. "Many of these people have never seen a computer. We're using a job search to get them oriented."

Wendy Hunter uses a yard-

To help

Even Start can use a hand.

Manager Idalia Ortiz field her program could use donations of furniture, toys, computers, a printer, clothing and paper supplies, particularly computer paper. To make a donation or to refer a family to the program, call 436-0269.

stick on an overhead projector to point out which button to click on the computer screen. She reminds one student to put the mouse on the pad to move the arrow.

Downstairs, teacher's aide Melissa Clark is teaching a word game to first-through sixth-graders. They laugh and tease as they learn the rules. In yet another classroom, preschoolers are learning to use crayons and scissors, while 12-year-old Cristina Lugo assists their teacher, Helen Almanza.

"Look at how well this little one is cutting his paper," Almanza said as a four-year-old

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Renaissance Initiative invites community to become involved in theater renovation

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Think of it as a preview of coming attractions.

The Rupert Renaissance Initiative is offering the community a glimpse of what lies ahead with the Wilson Theater renovation. With the renovation under way, the Renaissance is holding an open house to inform the public about the project's status, said Chris Jackson, Renaissance coordinator.

Showing the public how the 80-year-old theater looks like now - with plans for its future on display - is the group's way of keeping the public involved in a project - the community asked for.

The estimated cost for the theater's renovation is expected to be \$2.4 million, Jackson said.

"But that does not take into account sweat equity - the donated labor and products from the community," she said. "We have received a lot of positive input from carpenters and contractors, so say they will help."

During a "vision fair" about a



United Methodist Church Hand Bell Choir practices, under the direction of John Eilers. This choir will be one of the groups performing for an open house at the Wilson Theater.

year ago, citizens were asked what projects they would like to see developed in Rupert. Renovation of the Wilson Theater clearly rose to the top,

Jackson said. Myers/Anderson Architects of Pocatello completed a restoration feasibility study, and the

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Jail must maintain standards

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - When some bed-sheets and a surveillance camera were flushed down the toilet at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center in Burley, it was hard for county officials not to smile.

Mischief is not uncommon when idle inmates look for ways to entertain themselves.

But swiping a security device? "As long as the security procedures are in place, the fact that somebody got to it isn't surprising," said Bill Lynn, jail standards coordinator for the Idaho Sheriffs Association, during a jail inspection last week.

Officials have since discovered the sheets didn't come from the jail, said jail administrator Dennis Dexter. And although hearing about the camera was news to Lynn last week, it didn't signal a breach in jail security.

The camera was in an inmate's holding block and the culprit was soon identified. As long as policies and procedures are in place to prevent inmates from getting into mischief, Lynn said he's not alarmed.

Inmates do, after all, have 24 hours a day to think up things to do, Lynn said.

Last week's certification inspection was a precursor for an inspection next month - "an inspection that really counts," Dexter said.

The inspection is unrelated to a recent lawsuit filed in U.S. court in which a former jail employee alleges racial discrimination and retaliation by jail administration. The state's Jail Standards Committee inspects each of Idaho's 42 jails twice a year.

A jail that is certified has a lower likelihood of being successfully sued, said Lynn, who has been an independent contractor for the sheriff's association for five years. The MCCJC is one of 17 certified jails in Idaho.

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THIS WEEK AT CSI

ON THE AGENDA

The Times-News

Today
CSI Booster Club Luncheon, noon to 1 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.

Tuesday

Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 7 to 9 a.m., Taylor 276.
NJCAA men's basketball national tournament, Golden Eagles vs. Coche County College, 2:30 p.m., Hutchinson, Kan.
"Reptile Review - Mingle in the Jungle," 6 p.m., Herrett Center.
Idaho Small Business Development Center - Advanced Center
Supervision I workshop, 6 to 9 p.m., Taylor 276.
Alcohol Education and Traffic Safety class, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Shields 104.
"Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"A Geologist's Collection," gems and minerals display, Herrett Center, Browning/Keveren Galleries, Tuesdays-Saturdays through May.

"Half Time," works by CSI Art Department faculty, Herrett Center, Jean B. King Art Gallery (Tuesday-Thursdays).

Wednesday

Business Department high school career day, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium.
Gifted and talented chemistry program, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Evergreen 303.
Latinos Unidos Club meeting, noon to 1 p.m., Shields 105.
GLAB (gays, lesbians and bisexuals), 3:30 p.m., Taylor 258.
Idaho Small Business Development Center - Advanced Quickbooks Pro 99, 6 to 9 p.m., Evergreen C33.
Idaho Society of Radio Amateurs monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Shields 108.

Thursday

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for low income and elderly taxpayers, 2 to 6 p.m., Evergreen C33 (through April 13).
Baptist Campus Ministries Bible study and meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.

Friday

"Cutting Edge" trade and industrial technology day, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium, Desert and Canyon buildings.
Golden Eagles baseball vs. Ricks College, 2 p.m., Frontier Field.
"Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Saturday

Idaho Society of Radio Amateurs instruction and exams, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 106.
Golden Eagles baseball vs. Ricks College, 1 p.m., Frontier Field.
"Rusty Rocket's Last Blast," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"More Than Meets the Eye," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Sunday

Magic Valley Bible Church, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.

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Today

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall council chambers.
Carnas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Carnas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley.
Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room.
Eden City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Elmore County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Gooding County commissioner, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Hailey City Council, 6 p.m., Hailey Town Center.
Hansen City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Glester City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers.
Idaho County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
Lincoln County commissioners, 11 a.m., courthouse.
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 6 p.m., Sage Room.

Education Center.

Mala City Council, 5 p.m., Raft River Electric Coop conference room.
Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln.
Richfield School Board, 8 p.m., high school.
Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office conference room.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Advisory Board, 7:30 p.m., Parks and Waterways building, 450 Sixth Ave. W.
Valley School Board (Eden-Haxellton), 7 p.m., superintendent's office.

Tuesday

Blaine County School Board, 7:30 p.m., a school in the district.
Glester City Council, 7 p.m., district administration office.
Hagerman School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school.
Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center.
Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioner, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administrative office, 201 Main Ave. W.

Wednesday

Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Blaine County Hospital Board, 7:30 p.m., hospital conference room.
Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library.
Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., courthouse.
South Central District Health Department Board, 2 p.m., 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.
Twin Falls County commissioner, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Thursday

Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Kimberly School Board, 8 p.m., high school library.
Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Friday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

Asbestos-related illnesses may be linked to former Spokane plant

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The string of deaths and illnesses apparently linked to asbestos exposure at a former vermiculite mine and mill near Libby, Mont., also may extend here.
Some workers at a Spokane plant that processed the ore into home insulation blame their health problems on the defunct facility. The Spokesman-Review newspaper reported in a story published Sunday. The family of one former employee who died of an illness linked to asbestos exposure recently settled a wrongful death

lawsuit against plant owner W.R. Grace & Co. for about \$300,000.
LeRoy Joireman worked at the Vermiculite Northwest plant in north Spokane from 1959 through 1961, shoveling and bagging vermiculite to earn college tuition.
He died Nov. 2, 1995, of a rare form of cancer called mesothelioma that spread throughout his chest.
A survivor, Gerald Joireman, had the same job at the plant as his younger brother but worked there a much shorter time.
At 64, he shows no signs of ill-

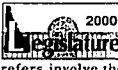
ness linked to asbestos exposure.
His wife (W.R. Grace) was aware that it (vermiculite) had asbestos and aware asbestos caused cancer, it was beyond negligence," he said. "It was murder."
Vermiculite is a mineral used in the Zonolite brand of home insulation that Grace once sold. It was mined near Libby until 1990.
A class-action lawsuit has been filed against Grace, claiming the company knowingly sold asbestos-tainted insulation and knew inhaling tiny asbestos fibers could lead to cancer.

Conservative legislators become impatient over 'judicial activism'

BOISE (AP) — A few court setbacks, and the potential for others, have some conservative legislators fed up with what they consider undue judicial activism threatening to undermine the foundations of state government.
With no real hope for systemic reform, their ire is taking the form of scathing public criticism.
Especially of the Idaho Supreme Court — and support for a like-minded district judge challenging Justice Cathy Silak at the polls.

Three strikes against this court, and especially against Cathy Silak, she's out. We have to send that message," Republican Rep. Todd Hammond of Reberburg said. "If we can't do it legislatively, by tying their hands, then we've got to send a message by replacing her."
While legislative leaders and the chairman of the House and Senate Judiciary committees find such talk impolitic — and

wilderness areas. Critics, including virtually every elected official in Idaho, contend the court misinterpreted congressional intent on reserved water rights in the 1964 Wilderness Act.
The court agreed to reconsider, and a new decision is pending.
The decision to order a trial, beginning its second week before 4th District Judge Deborah Bail, on whether the state is meeting what the justices determined to be its constitutional obligation to ensure students can attend public schools that provide "a safe environment, conducive to learning."
The case initially was returned to 4th District Judge Daniel Estman, who had rejected the school districts' claims. But he withdrew from the case rather than conduct a trial that he said would have forced him to violate his oath of office. He accused the Supreme Court of attempting to rewrite the Idaho Constitution.



OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS



Maria Teresa Alberdi
Maria Teresa Alberdi, passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2000, of sudden illness.
Maria Teresa (Tere) was born in Guernika, Vizcaya, Spain, on May 25, 1916, to Gregorio and Cecilia Bangochea, the youngest of four children. She spent her first thirteen years in Spain, where she met and married Alejandro (Alex) Alberdi on October 14, 1936, in Bilbao, Spain. Soon after their marriage they began a new chapter in their lives by coming to America. Initially Alex and Tere moved to Twin Falls where after a few years of hard work they were able to purchase their farm in Jerome, Idaho. They remained on their farm until retiring and moving to Twin Falls in 1988. Tere loved gardening, especially her flower beds. She was a wonderful cook, who loved to feed her family and friends. She had a strong faith in God, a tender heart for her children, and anyone who had met her felt that love. She loved to laugh and everyone she met became a friend. From the time she left Spain there was no challenge that was too difficult. She faced a new country, language barriers, leaving her children to live a life of farming, raising three children in a different culture, caring for and working beside her husband, Alex. She embraced all of life's challenges with enthusiasm, with an open mind and a sense of responsibility to do whatever was needed. She and her husband strived to instill and continue the Basque culture and traditions in their lives and in her children's.
Tere is survived by three children, son Raymond P. (Virginia) of Twin Falls; beloved daughter Mary Jo (Doris) and son Alex (Mona) of Kimberly; her sister Adela Diaviera of Twin Falls; grandson Andrew Ray; granddaughter, Alexa Ray; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by hus-

band Alex, and sister Julia Bangochea.
A Rosary Prayer service will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at the Guadalupé Chapel in Twin Falls. The funeral mass will take place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at St. Francis Cemetery. Friends may call at Reynolds Funeral Chapel on Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Guadalupé Chapel.

BUHL



Lois Alice Mabel Brabb Allan
Lois Alice Mabel Brabb Allan of Buhl, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2000, at her home at Bridgview Estates after a very brief illness surrounded by her family.
Lois was born May 25, 1902, in Ellis County, Kansas, to George and Carrie Brabb. Lois had three brothers and a sister. At the age of two, the family moved to Oklahoma. In 1912, her father read that Twin Falls County was expanding irrigation, and there were tracts being developed for homesteading. He moved his family by train to Twin Falls and homesteaded a farm southeast of Buhl. The family developed the farm from land that was sagebrush and rocks. Lois graduated from Buhl High School, where she attended on to attend and graduate from Albion Normal College in 1922. She received her degree in elementary education and took a position with her sister Ruth at Northview School. This was a country school located northeast of Buhl. Her sister, who lived in a small teachersage behind the school. They were responsible for the full operation of the school including maintenance. At the time she was teaching, Lois had been engaged to Earl Allen for four years. When they decided to marry, Lois had to resign her teaching position

because at that time a woman teacher could not marry. Lois married Earl Allen on August 4, 1924. Lois and Earl loved the mountains so that they were married on Inspiration Point, at Cathedral Pines near Esleysville. Earl and Lois purchased one of her father's farms and settled southeast of Buhl. They were engaged in farming all their married life on the same farm and in the same house. They resided at their home until they moved to Bridgview Estates in 1996.

Family and church were the essence of her life. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She spent countless hours teaching her children and grandchildren cooking, sewing, singing and other skills. She and Earl spent many happy times with their children and grandchildren camping, fishing, and hiking in the mountains and deserts of Idaho. They would often go on a dry run, which was their trip when they took off for a day trip.
Lois was an avid member of the First Baptist Church in Buhl for 65 years. She felt it was a privilege to teach Sunday School and Bible School, and she taught 90 years. By far her favorite group to teach was the primary age group. She and her sister Ruth taught all children in their classes to sing and to enjoy Sunday School. Those that met and spent time with Lois will remember her love and devotion to the children that she came in contact with. She was honored by the Baptist Church with a 50-year teaching certificate. Her life was filled with family and friends. Her children include her children, Barbara Allen Hopkins and her late husband Volney; Beverly Allen Crothers and her husband Sterling; and Rita Allen and her husband Charlotte. Lois was an integral part of each of her children's life and that of her grandchildren. Her first born daughter, Justice, died of a diet of typhoid fever at the age of 13 in 1938. Lois was the last surviving member of her immediate family.
She is survived by her children: 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and two sisters of her late husband. She was preceded in death by her husband Earl in 1997; her daughter, grandson Craig Hopkins; her parents; and six brothers and sisters.
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the First Baptist Church in Buhl beginning with Rev. Jim Loewen presiding. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Farmer Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Burial will be at the Buhl Baptist Church.

SERVICES

Norma T. Kerbs of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 229 Park Ave.; friends and family may call from 9:45-10:45 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary).
Alice Catherine May of Wendell, rosary at 7:30 p.m. today at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wendell; Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Family and friends may call from 1-6 p.m. today at Demary's Wendell Chapel.
Emma Barbara Bradshaw of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m.

Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.
Irene L. Stephens of Rupert, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).
Lawrence Roemer of Nampa and formerly of Rupert, memorial service for Lawrence and Audrey Roemer at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Nampa Care Center, 404 Horton St. in Nampa.
Timothy Dulin of Hansen, services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Hansen High School gymnasium and 3 p.m. Wednesday at Our

Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today and 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.
John L. Howe of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Grace Baptist Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Donald Everett Daubner GOODING — Donald "Don" Everett Daubner, 60, of Gooding, died Sunday, March 12, 2000, at his home.
Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.
Doris Baysinger TWIN FALLS — Doris Baysinger, 86, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 11, 2000, at her home.
Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral

Chapel of Twin Falls.
Darrell Joseph Vulgamore Jr. BUHL — Darrell Joseph Vulgamore Jr., 35, of Buhl, died Saturday, March 11, 2000, at his home after a long illness.
A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, at White Mortuary Chapel. A complete obituary will appear in Tuesday's Times-News. White Mortuary in charge of the arrangements.

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Ted Turner country turns back time

TV mogul's ranches return West to past

VERMEJO PARK RANCH, N.M. (AP) — Nearly 600 miles of barbed wire fence once cut across Vermejo Park Ranch's prairies and mountains, leaving a sharp metal reminder of how man tamed the West.

Fences subdivided the ranch's 580,000 acres into parcels where 7,000 head of cattle grazed. But today, half of the ranch's interior fencing is gone, and so are the cattle. Once-native bison again roam the grasslands, sharing the 50-mile-wide property with elk, deer, antelope, eagles, cougar and bear.

Vermejo Park Ranch is Ted Turner country.

And the man who made the world smaller through technology — linking its furthest corners with the satellite and cable-delivered instant news of CNN — is using part of his fortune to turn back the hands of time on his growing share of the American West.

Turner's master plan is to preserve and restore native species and their habitats, especially the grasslands once home to huge herds of bison.

"Mr. Turner recognizes that he is one of the few people with the assets and interest in finding large blocs of relatively pristine pieces of private property with the goal of protecting, enhancing and restoring those back to their ecological integrity," says David Vaccar, general manager of the ranch.

The size of Turner's holdings in Western and Plains states is staggering. Since 1987, he has acquired almost 1.7 million acres in Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.

Turner is the largest private landowner in the United States, according to Worth magazine.

In New Mexico, the billionaire media tycoon owns almost 1.1 million acres — 15 percent of the nation's fifth-largest state. He bought Vermejo in 1996 from Pennzoil Co., reportedly for \$80 million.

Vermejo Park Ranch is perhaps the crown jewel of Turner's Western holdings because of its size — covering nearly three times the area of New York City — and the diversity of its ecosystems.

The ranch rises from the high prairie along its easterly and southern borders and steadily climbs upward as one heads West — through lush valleys, pine and aspen forests to peaks of nearly 13,000 feet along the ranch's western flank.

"The ranch also serves as a model of Turner's vision of the West."

He considers bison an environmentally friendlier alternative to cattle, an "introduced" species brought by early settlers. Bison, unlike cattle, don't linger near water, denuding the vegetation and promoting erosion.

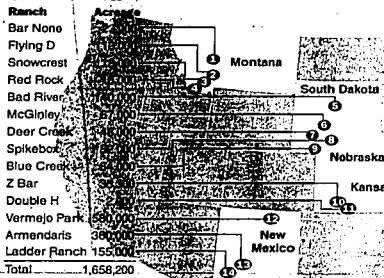
"With cattle gone at Vermejo, grasses are taller and denser



David Vaccar, general manager of Ted Turner's Vermejo Park Ranch, surveys a buffalo herd roaming on the northern New Mexico ranch in this 1999 file photo. Turner's master plan is to preserve and restore native species and their habitats.

Saving native habitat

Ted Turner, the cable television tycoon, has purchased 1.7 million acres since 1987. He has used the land for native wildlife habitat and has the nation's biggest commercial bison herd.



How much land is that?
At 1.7 million acres, the total area of Turner's ranches is slightly smaller than Rhode Island and Delaware combined.

Source: Turner Enterprises Inc.

at ankle to knee-high in former grazing areas. Willows and cottonwoods stand 6- to 10-foot high along streambanks that once were trampled almost bare by livestock.

Turner also has restored fire as a tool for managing the grasslands and forests. Carpets of grasses replace dense brush and small trees in pine forests thinned to return them to a more natural state before man stopped the fires.

But Turner isn't averse to making a profit from his properties, where possible.

Vermejo is open to the paying public for luxury hunting and fishing — up to \$12,000 for a guide and a weeklong chance to stalk trophy elk.

From a business standpoint, Turner's bison, including 2,500 at Vermejo, offer a potential way to

make money from health-conscious consumers wanting a leaner alternative to beef. Turner has ranches in the United States, with about 20,000 scattered among his ranches.

In making land purchases, Turner wanted areas that were "reminiscent of what this country would have looked like before white man was so bloody common across the landscape, before ... so many shopping malls and so many roads and so many subdivisions," says Mike Phillips, executive director of the Turner Endangered Species Fund.

"We're not saying that everything should go back to the way it was 200, 300 or 400 years ago. We are saying there is great value in some sites being managed with an objective to some distant past," Phillips says.

For example, the endangered black-footed ferret is on its way back at Vermejo. And if Turner has his way, another missing native inhabitant could find a home again in northern New Mexico — the gray wolf.

"For now, wolf reintroduction at Vermejo is just a long-term goal. There is no farm proposal to the federal government or timetable. But it's no idle dream."

"Certainly we have the prey base for sustaining wolves on the ranch. It would be a great addition to Vermejo's diversity," Vaccar says.

Phillips met last fall with several ranchers neighboring Vermejo to explain how wolves were part of Turner's vision for the southern Rocky Mountains.

So far, the prospect of wolves is too distant to stir much of a protest in the cattle country of northeastern New Mexico.

"The Vermejo is all private property, and I think people would feel that whatever Mr. Turner has going on his private property is his business. At the same time, there would be a great worry about an animal that potentially harms somebody else's business coming off his property," Colfax rancher Bill Sauble says.

In southern New Mexico, where Turner has owned property for eight years, residents have come to accept, or at least tolerate, the media mogul, his bison and environmentalist leanings.

Jack Cain, 73, neighbors Turner's 360,000-acre Armendaris Ranch near Truth or Consequences. He's never met Turner, though.

"So far there has been no problem with his buffalo getting over on my property. They maintain a pretty good fence," says Cain, who's rancher for more than 30 years but lately has turned over day-to-day operations to his son.

"He supports a lot of environmental programs. We disagree with him on that. But it's his money," Cain says.

Partners in Flight publishes conservation plan

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Partners in Flight has published a plan for improving the state's bird habitat.

The Idaho Bird Conservation Plan lays out strategies for maintaining and helping bird habitats with a focus on partnerships and volunteers. Idaho Partners in Flight is a coalition of state and federal agencies, conservation groups, academic institutions,

private businesses and citizens. Sharon Ritter, the group's coordinator, says the plan takes a species-based approach, rather than a species-based one, to bird conservation. The document identifies riparian areas, wetlands, sagebrush shrublands and ponderosa pine forests as the highest priority habitats for birds. "We're lucky in Idaho that we have the luxury of time and

space to turn around declining bird populations before they become endangered," Ritter said. "We think this can be done

through voluntary efforts and we need to recognize the needs of humans in these ecosystems as well as those of birds."

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No mudslinging in this friendly race

Small town election passes peacefully

BRINY BREEZES, Fla. (AP) — Robert Conkey, the 77-year-old mayor of this oceanside mile home park, last spent 11 in pursuit of reelection.

His 83-year-old opponent? He hasn't spent a cent. In fact, Herbert M. Kessman, the first Briny Breezes resident ever to challenge a sitting mayor, returned his sole campaign contribution, a check for \$43.

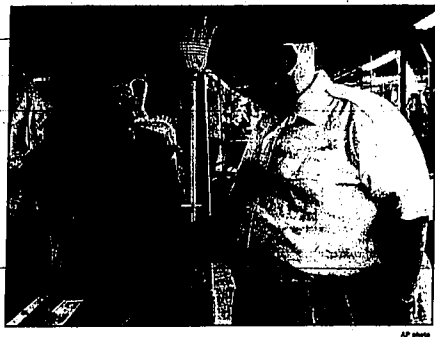
"I opened it up and there was a check for Campaign 2000," Kessman said as he relaxed in his double-wide just yards from the beach on a picturesque South Florida morning. "I made a copy and wrote him a nice thank you note and returned it."

In this political season of mudslinging and exorbitant campaign spending, the standoff between the two senior citizens could be one of the most inexpensive and civil elections in the country.

Conkey, whose 511 paid for a list of the town's 292 registered voters, is surprised he has competition. But he's not offended.

"In this business, you don't get your ticket punched automatically," he quipped.

Kessman says he's not disgruntled over Conkey's politics, and he's not in the race for money. The post doesn't pay anything.



Robert Conkey, 77, right, stops in the Chiselers Club wood shop to see constituent Bill Wahne. Conkey is the city's first mayoral candidate to be contested since 1977.

Instead, he placed his name on Tuesday's ballot because he believes people ought to exercise their constitutional right to vote. Conkey, 77, is a friend of Kessman's. "It's just that we haven't had an election in years." Conkey was appointed mayor in 1997 after the death of the town's first mayor, Hugh David,

who had held the post since 1963. No elected official in the town has had any competition since 1977, saving the town \$350 in election costs every four years, Town Clerk Rita Taylor said. But the 500 or so mostly elderly residents don't seem to mind the upcoming expenditure. The race provides something to talk about. Life is pretty laid back in Briny

Breezes, where 28 citizens in their 90s and three 100-year-olds showed up for a recent community center party.

"We're all excited about it," said Peter Fingerhut, 75, while carving furniture in "Chiselers' Club," a wood shop where the men gather for a little handwork and talk.

Out on the campaign trail, Conkey steers his golf cart — the main mode of transportation in Briny Breezes — up and down narrow one-lane streets flanked by mobile homes sporting tiny manicured yards in full bloom.

There's not a campaign sign, bumper sticker or button in sight. Conkey waves and calls out to passers-by. "He knows everybody's name."

"It's the same as any mayor, anywhere," he said. Atop his wrinkly head is a baseball cap with "Dockmaster" scripted across the front. He explains that the mayor serves double-duty as head of the town's marina.

Still, being mayor isn't really a full-time job, he said. "What exactly do the duties include?"

"Not much," Conkey said, a twinkle in his eye. "It's just a ceremonial post." The only real issue facing the town, a corporation owned by the residents, is the threat of developers who'd like to buy up the prime 46 acres.

McVeigh says he was angered over Gulf War

DENVER (AP) — Fighting in the Gulf War left Timothy McVeigh angry and disillusioned, he said in an interview broadcast Sunday on "60 Minutes" and the clashes at Waco and Ruby Ridge showed the federal government will use violence "as an option all the time."

In the interview with CBS' Ed Bradley, McVeigh did not say he was innocent of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995. The explosion killed 168 people.

In his only other interview since his 1997 conviction, that same year with the Buffalo News in New York, he also refused to say if he was the bomber or knew who was.

His lawyers last week filed an appeal of his conviction on an evildoer death sentence, claiming pretrial publicity and defense attorneys' alleged leaks of inflammatory stories to the press deprived him of a fair trial.

McVeigh said during the Feb. 22 interview at the federal maximum-security prison in Terre Haute, Ind., that he was angry and bitter after fighting in the Gulf War, where he won several medals for heroism.

"I went over there hyped up, just like everyone else. Not only Saddam evil, all Iraqis are evil. What I experienced, though, was an entirely different ball game.

And being face to face close with these people in personal contact, you realize they're just people like you," he said.

His anger deepened when Randy Weaver's wife and son were shot and killed in a standoff with federal agents in Waco, Texas, eight months later.

McVeigh said U.S. citizens must keep government in check. Asked if violence is a way to do that, McVeigh said "if government is the teacher, violence would be an acceptable option."

"What did we do to Sudan? What did we do to Afghanistan? Better shot and killed, we'd do the death penalty? It appears they use violence as an option all the time," McVeigh said in a transcript provided by CBS.

He also told Bradley he could not ask him directly if he was the Oklahoma City bomber because of his appeal.

One of the claims in McVeigh's motion for a new trial is that images of him in an orange jumpsuit, leg irons and handcuffs two days after his arrest prejudiced the jurors against them because they were shown repeatedly. He said the pictures were "the beginning of a propaganda campaign."

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LEGAL NOTICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Immigration and Naturalization Service. Notice is hereby given pursuant to 8 CFR 927.9 that the following vehicle was seized on the date specified at the identified location because of the alleged use in the commission of a violation of Section 274(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. 1324(a)).

Notice of the seizure of the seized conveyance, and its sale or other disposal if declared forfeited. Any person with an appropriate property interest in the conveyance may file a petition for relief from forfeiture pursuant to 8 CFR 927.13, 274.14, 274.15, 274.16 and 274.17. Such petitions for relief from forfeiture must be filed in the Service office at United States Border Patrol office, P.O. Box 810, Havre, Montana 59501, and should be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of the first publication of this advertisement.

Notice of the petitioner's next relatives are: Beverly Pothier (mother) 1326 Elmwood Circle, Twin Falls, ID 83301; Christopher Pothier (brother) 12556 Highway 75, Ketchum, ID 83340; Norman Pothier (uncle) Box 120, Hagerman, ID 83332. Such petition will be heard at such time as the court may appoint, and objections may be filed by any person who can, in such capacity, pay the required bond and reasons for that inability to be eligible to pay the bond requirement. An application for a waiver of the bond requirement in affidavit form must be filed with the Service office at United States Border Patrol office, P.O. Box 810, Havre, Montana 59501.

Child Protective Act was filed on the above-entitled matter on the 4th day of February, 2000. That a Hearing on the Petition has been set for 9:00 a.m. on the 14th day of April, 2000, in the Magistrate Court, Ada County Courthouse, 614 West Fort, Teron, Boise, Idaho 83702. Unless you file a response leading within twenty (20) days, a default judgment may be entered against you. That you have the right to be represented by Counsel of your choosing or upon good cause shown, providing you are financially needy, the Court may appoint counsel to act in your behalf.

Various small advertisements including 'ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS', 'REMEMBER', 'Lucky Duck Day Care', 'Pregnancy Crisis Center', 'Professional Services', 'House Cleaning', 'Child Care Services', and 'FAX YOUR AD'.

NOTICE OF SALE: Idaho because of its alienation of the property of a violation of Section 274(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. 1324(a)). The conveyance is subject to the terms and conditions provided in 8 CFR 927.9(b). The Immigration and Naturalization Service is conducting...

