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Spring Forward

Be sure to set your clocks and watches forward one hour this morning.

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GOOD MORNING

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Today: Partly sunny, becoming breezy with northwest winds increasing to 15-25 mph. High, 59. Mostly clear tonight, low 30.

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Thrills and spills: Ski jumpers and snowboarders gave a crowd of nearly 200 plenty of thrills and spills at Saturday's Sol FEST in Sun Valley.

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Going up?

Hospital looks at vertical expansion

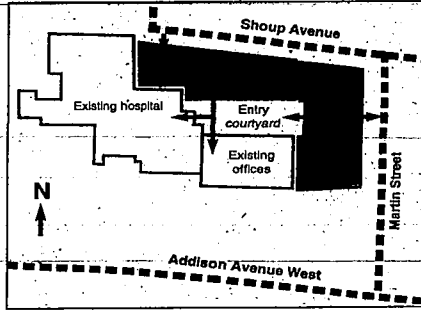
By Jay Howser
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has nowhere to go but up.

Officials at the county-owned hospital want to expand the building to alleviate problems in patient care. And with land surrounding the hospital unavailable-for-development, they are looking to expand upward, Chief Executive Officer Jerry Hart said.

Hart said "Magic Valley Regional has seen a sharp increase in patient volume over the past decade, particularly the past five years. Some aspects of patient care have suffered from insufficient space, he said.

"We have the choice of either abandoning this facility or going



Possible hospital expansion

vertical. And going vertical certainly seems to make the most sense," Hart said. "Our options are few, very honestly." Magic Valley Regional is blocked from expansion in every



Dr. Lammers examines Lester Hargrave in the emergency room of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The hospital has seen a sharp increase in patient volume over the past decade and officials at the county-owned hospital want to expand the building.

direction but upward. It sees Rock Creek to the west, Addison Avenue to the south, and Martin Street and businesses to the east. To-the-north-lies-open-land whose owner has not agreed to sell, leaving hospital officials looking to the sky for a solution.

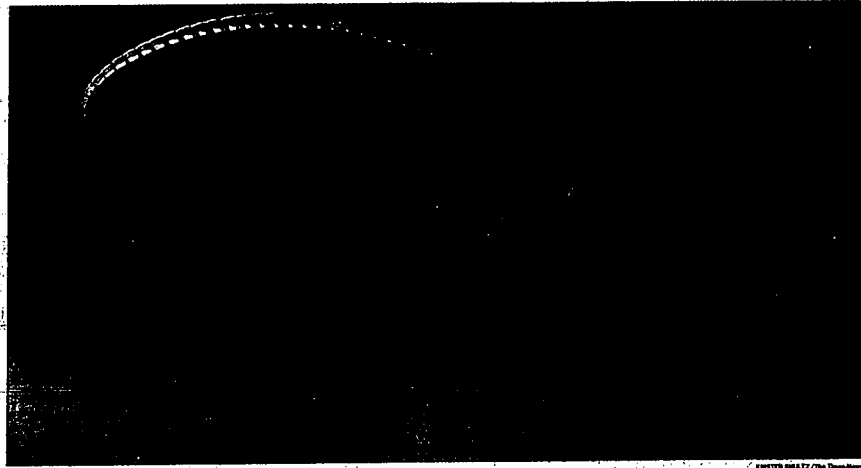
The plan calls for an additional three floors to be added above the Medical Office Building. A new five-floor wing would be built north of the hospital where a parking lot is now.

East of the hospital, a multi-level parking ramp would be added, with a tunnel allowing vehicles to drop off or pick up patients in a courtyard.

The idea has not yet been approved by the hospital board, which will consider it at a retreat in early May. Architects are working on detailed schematics and will develop final drawings if the board approves.

All cost estimates, financing. Please see HOSPITAL, Page A2

WINGING IT



Jason Kerick of Ketchum glides in for a landing at Saturday's High Rise'n' Sun Valley Fly-In at Bald Mountain. Non-competition demonstration paragliding flights will resume today if winds are not too brisk.

After climbing Baldy, pilots launch their paragliders into the wind

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — To onlookers gathered at the base of Bald Mountain's River Run ski lifts Saturday morning, the paraglider pilots patiently explained they do not fly "parasails," not by a long shot.

Parasails, they said with feigned indignation, are more or less standard parachutes pulled by a boat, and from which sightseers dangle harmlessly for amusement.

"Dopes on ropes," one paraglider pilot growled, emphasizing that paragliding, in contrast to parasailing, is a risky, extreme sport only for the hardy, the well-trained and the daring who literally fly a "wing" made of light synthetic materials.

As if to underscore the uniqueness of their sport, 19 of them — including two women — gathered here to compete in a grueling twist to simply paragliding off mountaintops.

At 8:14 a.m., as race starter Garth Callahan's countdown reached zero, the 19 sprang into the semblance of spring — right up the demanding, steep, snow-

packed slopes of Baldy, each with their paraglider "wing" folded and stuffed in a zippered pack weighing at least 40 pounds on their backs.

Their mission: to race to the top of the mountain as fast as possible, launch their paragliders into the wind, float back to Baldy's base and hit a target — a two-foot-long custom-made loaf of bread weighing 15 pounds. For each foot pilots missed the target, a minute was deducted from their total race time up the mountain and the flight to the base.

The massed racers were entrants in the inaugural High Rise'n' Sun Valley Fly-In, a planned annual memorial race honoring the memory of 23-year-old David Bridges, a world-class climber and paraglider pilot as well as renowned high-altitude videographer, who was buried in an avalanche on the demanding Tibetan mountain Shishapangma, last October with climber Alex Lowe. Neither body was recovered.

"The fly-in organizer," Wolf Reihle, 36, a former German Army paratrooper and owner of the Big Wood Bakery, which posted \$2,000 in prize money, also said the annual



Chris Santacrose of Salt Lake City tries to land on the target — a giant loaf of bread. Santacrose came in second in the competition.

Long form blues

Some object to personal nature of census questions

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If a Census Bureau worker knocks on James Snead's door this summer asking him to answer questions, he'll be blank on his form, he will offer a polite "no thanks."

It's not that Snead believes people shouldn't cooperate with the once-a-decade count. He just thinks too many private questions are asked on the 53-question long form he — and one in six of the country's 115 million households — received.

It is an issue that has popped up in Snead's hometown of Virginia Beach, Va., as well as on editorial pages, radio talk shows and Capitol Hill: Is the census intruding on people's lives?

"I think they are just going a little overboard on this. I don't tell anybody how much money I make, and it's really nobody's business either," said Snead, complaining about a question that asked for his annual income.

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Parties go after the big bucks

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While their likely presidential nominees advocate campaign finance reform, the political parties are eagerly courting individuals, corporations and unions willing to contribute a \$250,000 or more.

The Republican National Committee already reports 51 contributions of at least \$250,000 in the 1999-2000 election season, twice as many as during the 1995-96 political campaign. Figures for the Democrats are incomplete because of a different reporting system, but their top donor category is the same.

The contributions are legal and involve unregulated money — known as soft money — that cannot be used directly for candidates in federal elections. Such money is increasingly used, however, for "issue ads" that support the parties' nominees.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 51 Low: 21
Partly sunny today and mostly clear tonight. Sunny on Monday, with a high of 50-55.

Treasure Valley

High: 64 Low: 35
Mostly sunny, with northwesterly winds increasing to 10-20 mph by afternoon. Sunny and warm on Sunday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 52 Low: 20
Morning cloudy, then becoming partly sunny by afternoon. Sunny on Monday with highs near 60.

Eastern Idaho

High: 51 Low: 24
Morning cloudy, then partly sunny by afternoon. Winds 10-20 mph. Sunny on Monday.

Northern Idaho

High: 60 Low: 34
Sunny, with increasing winds this afternoon. Mostly sunny and warmer on Monday.

Northern Utah

High: 54 Low: 30
Mostly cloudy, with a 30 percent chance of showers. Sunny on Monday with highs near 60.

Northern Nevada

High: 58 Low: 31
Partly cloudy and breezy. Sunny and warmer tomorrow.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 59 Low: 30 Partly sunny with winds increasing to 15-25 mph.	High: 68 Low: 35 Sunny and warmer.	High: 60s Low: 30s Partly cloudy.	High: 60 Low: 30 Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers.	High: 60 Low: 30 Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers.

Idaho-weather

Sunday, Apr. 2
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperature

National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Sunday, Apr. 2

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 59-25	Yesterday in Twin Falls: .00
Last year: 44-28	Normal to date: .00
Normal: 58-31	Normal to date: 4.20
	Normal year to date: 6.20

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High/71
Boise	66	35	.....	degrees at Fayette.
Burley	60	30	.....	Low: 13 degrees at
Coeur d'Alene	61	39	.....	Sunley.
Grangeville	58	31	.....	Natlan: High: 63 at
Hagerman	m	m	.....	St. Marys Pt. Low: 10 at
Idaho Falls	53	19	.....	at Jackson Wye.
LeVelle	m	40	.....
Malad	58	35	.....
Malta	59	m	.....
McCall	49	20	.....
Pocatello	56	19	.....
Selmon	59	20	.....
Stanley	49	13	.....
Sun Valley	m	m	.....

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	47	34	.02
Anchorage	36	24	.....
Atlanta	74	52	.....
Boston	61	39	.....
Chicago	57	47	.....
Dallas	67	57	.18
Denver	43	24	.06
Des Moines	54	45	.....
Detroit	65	36	.....
Honolulu	80	68	.....
Indianapolis	67	48	.....
Kansas City	50	49	.03
Las Vegas	58	39	.....
Los Angeles	65	63	.....
Memphis	76	54	.....
Miami Beach	85	74	.....
Milwaukee	66	46	.....
Minneapolis	59	38	.....
New Orleans	79	63	.....
New York	63	43	.....
Oklahoma City	68	40	.....
Omaha	59	41	.....
Philadelphia	68	50	.....
Pittsburgh	68	28	.....
Portland, Me.	61	26	.....
Portland, Ore.	68	34	.....
Reno	67	46	.....
St. Louis	55	40	.....
Salt Lake City	68	37	.....
San Francisco	81	59	.....
Seattle	64	40	.....
Spokane	68	39	.....
Washington	68	40	.....
Yuma	80	55	.....

Canadian Cities

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Calgary	55	28	city
Montreal	47	28	city
Toronto	56	32	city
Vancouver	53	33	city

UV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION

UV INDEX
Index: 5 (moderate)
Burn time: 30 minutes

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SKYWATCH
Sunset today: 8:05 P.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:17 A.M.
Lunar phase: New, April 4; first quarter, April 11; full, April 18; last quarter, April 26.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: A ridge of high pressure prevailed over the Pacific northwest, bringing mostly sunny skies to most of Idaho Sunday.

The exception was over sections of the central mountains where afternoon skies were generally cloudy as a northerly flow brought a weak weather disturbance and clouds.

A little change was expected for the rest of the weekend, towards mid-week a frontal boundary would move through the gem state. This will bring an increase in clouds and widely scattered precipitation.

Nation: Thunderstorms rolled across the southern Plains on Saturday while snow fell on the high country of the Southwest.

Moist air flowing northward from the Gulf of Mexico collided with a cold front that stretched from Texas to Michigan. Along the front, widespread showers and thunderstorms formed across Texas and Oklahoma into southeastern Kansas.

Severe thunderstorm warnings were issued for parts of southern Oklahoma and northern Texas, where some areas had nearly an inch in diameter.

—The Associated Press

Hospital

Continued from A1 and construction considerations would then follow, Hart said.

Chief Financial Officer Art Tanner said the hospital has \$55 million available in a reserve fund, designated by the Hospital Board for projects like this one.

To pay for the project the hospital would take out a loan through the Idaho Health Facilities Authority, an agency that issues tax-exempt, low-interest bonds.

Twin Falls County taxpayers, who own the hospital, would not pay anything toward the project, Tanner said.

Talk of expansion comes as a huge relief to emergency physician Kent Pressman. He said Magic Valley Regional's emergency room has at times been unable to get patients into hospital rooms right away because the care being used by other patients, whose numbers are increasing all the time, hospital records show.

In 1999, Magic Valley Regional had 21,267 patients requiring beds for overnight stays. That number is up from 19,843 in 1998 and 18,637 in 1995.

Pressman said some of the ER delays caused by these increases have been considerable and can be dangerous for his patients.

The ER "does not have enough room to 'fast track' less-critical patients," he said. Right now people with minor injuries

A busier hospital

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's patient statistics

Important days	Outpatient visits	Inpatient days	78,744
1995	28,637	78,744	
1996	29,170	76,830	
1997	29,553	80,978	
1998	29,843	82,742	
1999	21,287	80,181	

Inpatient days are patients requiring a bed for at least an overnight stay. Outpatients receive treatment and leave the same day. (Important days reflect the total number of days individual patients were cared for at MVHMC.)

Source: Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

take a back seat to more seriously injured patients, and they sometimes have long waits, Pressman said. With additional room, less-critical patients could be treated independent of the more critical ones, and much sooner than they are now.

Marilyn Massey, who directs the emergency department's home health and hospice program, agreed the ER is seeing a bottleneck effect because of lack of space, and she added that the problem could get worse.

"We have seen an increase in our patient volume, and with

some of the Quick Cares closing and family doctors leaving, we anticipate more of an increase," Massey said.

Hart said the hospital has already seen high patient numbers in this fiscal year. This reinforces his feeling that the problem needs to be solved soon, though the southeast hospital could occupy the new facilities in 18 months to two years, he guessed.

"It really is an urgent situation. It snuck up on us because it seemed we had adequate space, and when the volumes began to increase dramatically we discovered that all of our departments required additional space to function correctly," Hart said.

Marc Harrison, the hospital's director of facilities and support, has dealt with space concerns at Magic Valley Regional for 14 years, and he said the situation is more serious now than ever.

"From a service standpoint, the hospital just needs to expand. We're landlocked," he said.

Harrison pointed out that many hospital services are now located outside the hospital, including human resources, accounting, the Safe Kids program and day care.

"There is no room in the in," he said. "There's no more room in this particular building."

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Privacy

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Sned received the form two weeks ago, filled out just his name and address, and promptly mailed it back with a letter of protest.

"It's not that I distrust the government, but when they turn around and tell me I have to do something, well, I think I've earned the right to do something if I choose not to," he said.

The envelopes that census forms arrive in are emblazoned with the sentence, "Your response is required by law."

—The director of the Census Bureau, Kenneth Frewitt, said his agency needs all the questions on its forms answered because the results are crucial to redistributing federal funds for local services.

• How do fire companies know how to get to a fire? They use maps that are drawn from Census Bureau demographic data, Frewitt says.

• Why does the government want to know if you are a veteran? To find out if adequate services for veterans are being provided in your community; if not, maybe a new veterans hospital should be built, Frewitt says.

According to a national survey commissioned in March by the Census Bureau, 72 percent of Americans said they intended to participate, and 75 percent felt the allocation of public funds was a persuasive reason to complete their questionnaire.

"Intrusive, not at all. I don't think they ask probing questions.

Personal questions

Some questions on Census 2000 forms have sparked criticism from some Americans who say the questions are too intrusive. Here is an example of one.

2. How is this person related to Person 1? Mark ONE box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Husband/wife	<input type="checkbox"/> Stepfather/stepmother
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural born son/daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Adoptive son/daughter
<input type="checkbox"/> Adoptive son/daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Stepson/stepdaughter
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild	<input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent-in-law	<input type="checkbox"/> Step-grandchild
<input type="checkbox"/> Son-in-law	<input type="checkbox"/> Step-granddaughter
<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter-in-law	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandson
<input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandson
<input type="checkbox"/> Other relationship	<input type="checkbox"/> Other relationship

3. What is the person's sex? Mark ONE box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
<input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Some of the Census Bureau's reasons for the question

• Provides information about changes in the composition of the American family which is essential for planning and carrying out a number of Federal programs.

• Used by the Social Security Administration to handle a number of planning issues under the Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance and the Supplemental Security Income Programs.

• Relationship is essential for classifying the population into families and household types.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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Actor negotiates for JFK Jr.'s posh loft

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — John F. Kennedy Jr.'s Tribeca apartment in Manhattan is going Hollywood.

"Saving Private Ryan" star Ed Burns has made a deal to buy the loft where JFK Jr. and his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, lived.

Burns, a Long Island native and son-of-a-retired New York City cop, is awaiting co-op board

Flying

approval to buy the 2,600-square-foot loft at 20 N. Moore St.

"He's supposed to go before the board next week," a Burns friend said.

The Irish-American hunk, known for such offbeat films as "The Brothers McMullen," has negotiated to pay less than the \$2.5 million the Kennedy family reportedly was asking, according to an insider.

Flying

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at event might be the precursor to the world paragliding championships being held on the 9,150-foot Bald Mountain.

But Saturday's inaugural didn't go quite as planned. After reaching the top of Baldy (a 3,000-foot vertical hike from Baldy's base altitude of about 6,000 feet) in various times as quick as just over an hour, the pilots encountered stiffening winds in a day of otherwise sunny skies with a few scattered clouds.

Nine paragliders were launched, three minutes apart, descending in spirals at about 20 miles an hour and three feet a second before flights were canceled shortly after 10 o'clock for the remainder of the day because of gusts reaching 20 miles per hour in gusts.

One of the pilots, Bill Holgrover, 48, of Seattle, a Hawaiian Airlines DC-10 captain, explained that winds higher than 15 miles per hour can buffet the "wing" — about 35 feet long and shaped very much like an aircraft wing, with the pilot seated in a harness suspended on thin

strands — and cause control and stability problems that threaten safety.

The race was to have been a family affair for Todd Onkey, a "smoke jumper" for the U.S. Forest Service, his wife, Andrea, and their son, Logan, 15, of Missoula, Mont. Father and son were to fly tandem from the top of Baldy, while their wife-mother flew alone. But when flights were canceled because of winds, they returned to Baldy's base on the ski lift.

However, Reilhe said non-competition demonstration flights will resume today if winds are not too brisk.

The graceful paragliders can remain airborne when not racing for as long as the pilot can catch wind updrafts, just as fixed-wing gliders catch rotating winds to remain aloft. Bald Mountain has become a popular paragliding launch site for seasoned pilots, as well as for tourists who ride tandem with professionals.

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LOTTERY UPDATE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2000

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President chides Congress over oil

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton criticized Congress for failing to protect the nation's energy security in the face of rising oil and gasoline prices, especially by not renewing his authority to tap government oil reserves.



Bill Clinton prices down.

Congress should "waste no more time," give him unfettered access to the emergency stockpile and pass a range of energy measures vital to maintaining a strong economy, Clinton said Saturday in a letter to House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

Hastert, R-Ill., responded with an attack on Clinton administration energy policies, which he said have put the country at the mercy of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The strategic oil reserve, established in 1975 after OPEC-sponsored oil production cuts sent prices skyrocketing in the

United States, has been used only by former President Bush. His partial drawdown in 1991, at the beginning of the Persian Gulf War, maintained market stability and kept

Clinton has not withdrawn oil from the stockpile during the current steep rise in international petroleum prices that has pumped prices in the United States averaging well over \$3.50 a gallon. But White House officials said he has not excluded a drawdown from possible responses.

The president noted that the Senate approved a four-year extension of his authority to draw

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from the reserve, but the authority expired Friday when the House failed to act.

"While my administration has worked hard to increase the supply of oil on the market, the House has failed to take one of the most critical steps necessary to maintain America's energy security," Clinton wrote. "The option to use the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is an essential line of defense against an interruption in oil supplies."

He said renewing his authorization immediately "is critical ... to ensure that the United States maintains its ability to use all available tools to respond to the needs of the U.S. economy."

Even without the reauthorization, a White House official said,

the president would have other steps available to obtain oil from the reserve. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, did not spell them out.

Reauthorization by Congress, however, "provides the clearest, unchallenged action" the president could take to tap the reserves.

Hastert's response to the Clinton letter stressed the involvement of Vice President Al Gore, this year's apparent Democratic presidential candidate, in formulating energy policy.

"All the political posturing of the president's letter cannot cover up the fact that the Gore energy policy has been a complete failure," Hastert said in a statement relayed by a spokesman.

"The United States should never be put in the position where OPEC is dictating the prices of oil," the spokesman said.

Native nations don't want them

Criminal immigrants wait for deportation

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP) — Hoang Duc Nguyen's 10-month prison sentence ended five months ago, but he is still behind bars.

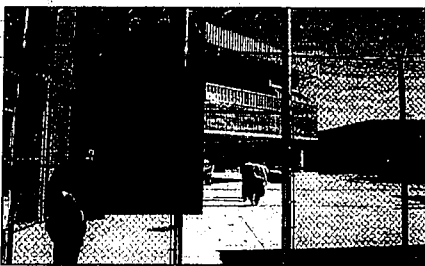
U.S. law says the 30-year-old immigrant must be deported, but the country he fled as a child refugee won't take him back.

That's left Nguyen in a legal no man's land, and he sits alone.

An estimated 3,400 immigrants with criminal records are in similar holding patterns at Immigration and Naturalization Service detention centers and jails across the United States. Some have waited four years for authorities to decide what to do with them.

"I just want to get out of this place," Nguyen, who was born in Vietnam, said as he sat at a visitor's booth at the INS detention center in El Centro, about 120 miles east of San Diego.

About 60 of the 500 prisoners at the center cannot be returned to their countries. Instead, they're left living in a barracks-style jail in the desert that was designed to hold illegal migrant



An INS officer keeps watch as inmates walk through the main courtyard at the El Centro Immigration and Naturalization Service detention facility in El Centro, Calif., earlier this year.

workers for a few days, not years. The INS already is struggling with a record number of prisoners. Tougher immigration laws have more than doubled the numbers to 18,000 since 1996, when Congress eliminated a requirement that the INS release anyone who couldn't be deported within six months.

Those immigrants who are stuck

here, like Nguyen, come from a handful of countries, including Cuba, Laos and Vietnam, that won't take them back.

"We keep hearing that the State Department is negotiating with these countries to try to send some of these people back," said Kim Porter, an INS assistant district director in San Diego. "We're at their mercy."

Drug policy office rewards magazines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House drug policy office offered financial incentives to at least six magazines that ran stories discouraging drug use, an arrangement similar to one with television networks.

The drug office and the publications say there were never any attempts to influence the content of articles. Under the deal with the networks, which drew public attention earlier this year, programs that carried anti-drug messages could be exempted from requirements to run anti-drug ads.

Stephen G. Smith, editor of U.S. News & World Report, one of the six named in a report by the online magazine Salon, told The Associated Press that people on the editorial side were "utterly ignorant of any kind of arrangement, even the hint of any kind of arrangement."

He noted that an article in the January issue of the magazine questioned the propriety of television networks including anti-drug themes in entertainment shows in exchange for public service announcements.

Salon reported that The Sporting News, Family Circle, Seventeen, Parade and The 2nd Weekend made use of the arrangement that gave them financial credits worth thousands of dollars in ad space they owed the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

"We have been open about this from the beginning," Bob Weiner, spokesman for White House drug policy director Barry McCaffrey, said in an interview. He said there was "no attempt and no action that dictates any content control whatsoever." The magazines' editorial sides were unaware of, and played no role in, the negotiations between the office's ad agency that bought ad space and their sales departments, he said.

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Farmers shy away from biotech crops this year

WASHINGTON (AP)—Farmers are turning away from genetically engineered crops, especially a biotech corn that's toxic to insects, amid consumer resistance that started overseas and is now being felt in the United States.

Plantings of the gene-altered corn are projected to drop 24 percent this year, according to findings of an Agriculture Department survey released Friday. The report also suggested declines in biotech varieties of cotton and soybeans.

"We don't want to go out here and spend any more money ... than we absolutely have to," said Allan Morris, who farms near Mason, Ill. "We can't afford to do that with the margins we have in agriculture."

Biotech crops had caught on quickly in the late 1990s despite the relatively high cost of the seed.

Europeans were the first to balk at buying biotech grain, which wary Britons have dubbed "Frankenfoods," but there is also resistance in Asia, and a handful of U.S. companies now are turning them down, including baby food makers and snack-food giant Frito-Lay Inc. U.S. regulators insist that the biotech crops are no different from conventional versions.

The biotech corn, known as Bt corn for a bacteria gene that it contains, became especially controversial last year after a Cornell University study suggested it could be killing monarch butterflies.

According to the USDA survey, farmers in major corn-producing states intend to plant 19 percent of their corn acreage this year to the Bt variety, down from 25 percent in 1999.

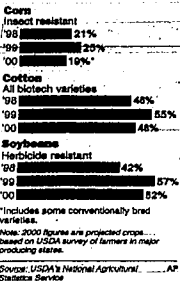
Plantings of biotech cotton are projected to decline from 55 percent last year to 48 percent in 2000. Some 52 percent of this year's soybean acreage is expected to be a biotech variety that is resistant to a popular herbicide.

About 57 percent of soybeans last year were herbicide resistant, including a small amount that was conventionally bred.

"Producers are just trying to protect themselves. The industry seems to be saying they want less biotech and that's what their interest is, going to where the

Biotech crops

Farmers are planning to scale back genetically altered crops amid concerns about their impact on the environment and consumer overseas, about biotech food. Here are the percentages of the major crops that are biotech.



industry is telling them to go," said Don Roese, an analyst with U.S. Commodities Inc.

U.S. farm groups had expected the reduction in biotech corn because of resistance to the crop in overseas markets and a decline in infestations of the European corn borer, the pest the corn is designed to kill.

"Farmers need markets. They always say the consumer is king, and the consumer in this case isn't that interested in genetically engineered corn," said Margaret Mellon of the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Seed companies have insisted that demand for biotech varieties is in line with last year, although some have been offering discounts to farmers to maintain sales. Monsanto Co.'s biotech sales are "flat to marginally better" than last year, said spokesman Dan Verakis.

Jerry Dittich, who farms near Tilden, Neb., planned at least 75 percent of his corn and soybean acreage to biotech varieties last year and isn't cutting back. They save work and reduce the need for insecticides and herbicides, he said. "I haven't seen any proof that it's not safe," he said.

Plans for march split gay community

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—When hundreds of thousands of gay men and lesbians marched on Washington seven years ago, they worried that conservative, anti-gay groups would disrupt the gathering. This time, the most bitter fighting is among gay rights leaders.

In a time of unprecedented progress for gay men and lesbians, the Millennium March for Equality scheduled for April 30 was expected to be the movement's fourth and biggest national rally ever, with organizers originally predicting it would attract 1 million people.

But now, several gay political organizations, among them the Empire State Pride Agenda in New York and Equality Illinois, say they'd rather spend their time focusing on local concerns. A group of activists is calling for a boycott, accusing organizers of planning the event without enough community input, especially from people of color.

"This time, folks sitting in an office somewhere decided what was important for them would be important for everybody else," said Diana Overby-Campbell, a

Some call for boycott of event

Washington, D.C., native who helped organize the march in 1987 but now is part of the boycott coalition.

Plans for the march were announced two years ago by the Washington-based Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay political organization, and gay-friendly Metropolitan Community Church. Those groups have since apologized for not holding open forums.

But Human Rights Campaign Executive Director Elizabeth Birch called opponents "obsessive and single-minded."

"It's like they've had their experience and they want to withhold it from this generation," she said. "There's a long history of marches on Washington. Anybody can call a march, and either people will come or they won't."

Gay rights activists have disagreed over strategy and issues since the movement began in 1969 with a riot between police and patrons at the Stonewall Inn, a New York City bar. But this time, the debate has been very public, playing out in the gay-or-

ented media. The march's staff and board have been battered by several resignations; the current director has been on the job only since November.

One cause of the squabble, gay history scholars say, may be the movement's success.

As a social movement grows and becomes more diverse, fissures naturally develop publicly, said John D'Emilio, a University of Illinois at Chicago professor who has written about the gay rights movement. "It's no longer just 12 people in one room fighting for control of the fax machine," he said.

The movement has strengthened enough to have a national presence in Washington through well-funded groups. But at the same time, local groups have flourished and may resent Washington's giving orders, D'Emilio said.

"You have men and women all around the country embedding themselves in the life of their community," he said. "Change hasn't been happening primarily in Washington."

The first national gay march

took place with 25,000 demonstrators in 1979, when the movement was barely out of its infancy.

In 1987, at least 200,000 marchers rallied for their friends and relatives suffering from AIDS and demanded federal funding for AIDS research. In 1993, the controversy over gays in the military and the promise of outreach by just-elected President Clinton helped bring out more than 300,000 demonstrators.

Some events planned for this year's march weekend reflect the movement's growth. A playground for children of gay couples will be set up at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium will include openly gay singers Melissa Etheridge and George Michael.

But there's no big issue now that galvanizes the community, scholars of gay history say. California voters passed a proposition against gay marriage in March, but soon after, Vermont's House of Representatives approved a proposal to allow civil unions for gay couples. And although thousands are still being infected with HIV, new drugs are enabling people to live longer.

Five students, owner of gun used in shootings dropped from lawsuit

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP)—Five more students and the owner of a handgun have been dropped from a lawsuit brought by the parents of three girls gunned down in their high school lobby by a classmate.

The parents of Heath High School shooting victims Kayce Steger, 15, Jessica James, 17, and Nicole Hadley, 14, claimed the five teen-agers knew Michael Carneal intended to take a gun to school and shoot people but said nothing. They accused the owner of the gun of negligence by not properly locking it up.

Eleven students were shot, three fatally, when Carneal, then 14, opened fire on a circle of students praying in the lobby Dec. 1, 1997. Carneal pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years.

Circuit Judge Will Shadoan on

Friday ruled that the five students — three of whom the parents claimed had been warned by Carneal to stay away that day — and two they said knew Carneal had a gun — may have had a moral duty to warn administrators but no legal obligation to do so.

Shadoan also dropped the case against Wendell Nace, ruling he was not negligent for leaving a .22 pistol in a box in his locked garage.

Carneal and Nace's son found the gun while looking for tools and Carneal later took it, according to Carneal's deposition.

At a hearing scheduled for June 2, Shadoan will be asked to dismiss from the lawsuit six more students, accused of having conspired with Carneal.

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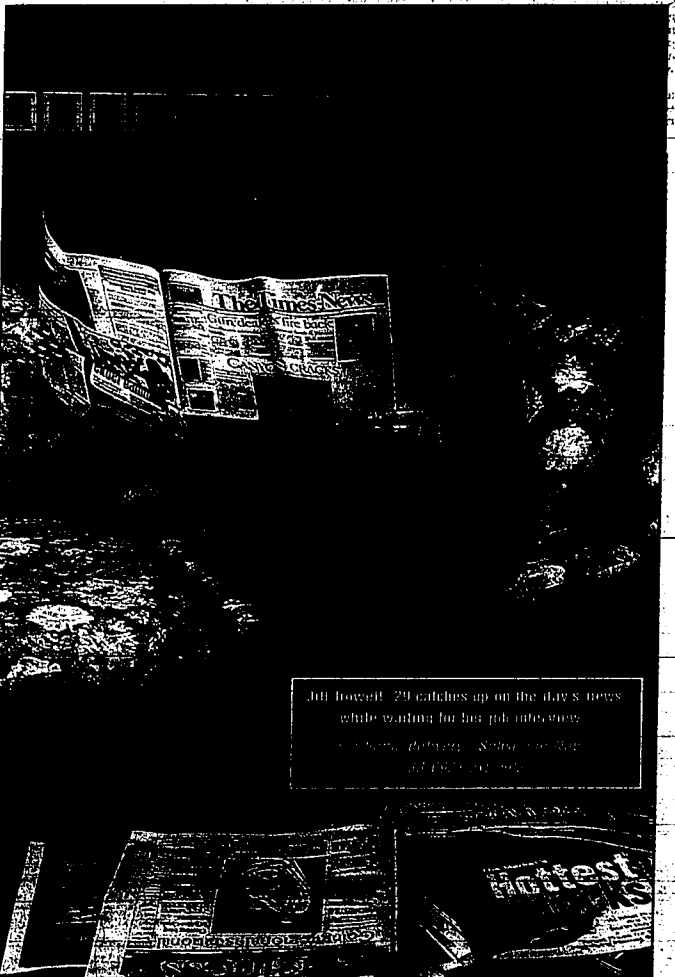
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Custody battle reaches momentary hull

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) - Even as U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno was appealing to Americans not to further politicize the Elian Gonzalez case Saturday, protesters and politicians were scrambling for the bullhorn.

The nonprofit group Cuban Information Committee ran a full-page ad in The Miami Herald today urging why Elian should stay in America.

Including claims that the boy, if returned, would become a "pawn" in Castro's hands, a trophy he will display in his latest victory over imperialism.

"If he is sent back to Cuba he will have no future," said German Miret, a Miami businessman and member of the group. "He will become a son of the revolution. He will no longer be a son of his father."

The few hours of quiet outside the boy's Miami relatives' home Saturday morning while Elian played with a pet rabbit didn't last. By afternoon, about 100 Cuban-Americans protesting the Immigration and Naturalization Service order to return the boy to his father in Cuba were gathering again.

"I will stay here in case immigration comes to take him away," said Sandra Sanchez, who blasted a scratchy recording of the Cuban national anthem over a bullhorn between lengthy speeches.

Lawyers fighting over the little boy's future spent the day preparing to take up the battle once again.

The INS has threatened to revoke the boy's residency status, but twice last week pushed back a deadline for the relatives to agree, now set for 9 a.m. Tuesday.

The leader of the Miami-based anti-Castro group Democracy Movement said it is poised to react if the government attempts to take Elian.

"We have called for people to get ready in the event Elian is deported," said Ramon Saul Sanchez. He warned that the group could quickly mobilize a massive civil disobedience campaign that would slow commerce at Miami's port, airport and highways.

"We are not willing to harm anyone, but we are willing to die to defend the Constitutional rights of Elian Gonzalez," he said.

Reno, who favors returning Elian to his family, spoke to students at the University of Virginia Law School on Saturday and reiterated her position that the boy's father should have the right to speak for him.

Two days earlier, Vice President Al Gore broke with the Clinton administration and called for keeping the boy in America.

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- German Miret, Miami businessman

Clinton's on-the-Senate campaign trail Saturday in New York, first lady Hillary Clinton came out against the call for Congressional action to make Elian a U.S. resident.

"Hillary Clinton knows what she must take notice out of this decision," said campaign spokesman Howard Wolfson. "Elian's future should be determined as quickly as possible through the appropriate, ongoing legal process."

Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, has requested a visa to come to the United States. He wants custody of the boy while the Miami relatives appeal a federal court ruling that backs an Immigration and Naturalization Service decision to return Elian.

The Miami relatives say Elian's father can visit his son at their home, but they are unwilling to hand the boy over.

Elian's Miami great uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, has refused to sign a promise to INS officials that he will surrender Elian if he and his family lose their court battle.

Cuban-Americans flex political muscle

Elian saga brings anti-Castro faction into the arena

MIAMI (AP) - In boxing terms, South Florida's Cuban-American community punches above its weight, especially in a presidential election year.

Critics say militant anti-Castro leaders are abusing this influence in their fight to keep 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez in Miami.

Cuban-Americans insist their hard-nosed approach is simply democracy at work.

"We're an example of a community that gets involved in the political process," said Jorge Mas Santos, chairman of the powerful Cuban American National Foundation. "It's nothing to be embarrassed about."

The majority of the Miami area's 800,000 Cuban-Americans oppose the Clinton administration's efforts to return Elian to the custody of his Cuban father.

Vice President Al Gore, competing against George W. Bush for Florida's 25 electoral votes this fall, has broken with the administration by supporting permanent U.S. residency for the boy.

It's a move David Abraham, an immigration law professor at the University of Miami, characterized as "shameless pandering."

"But it's not hard to explain," Abraham said. "How much there is to gain from supporting Cuban-Americans is an open question, but it's obvious how much there is to lose. There is no constituency for Fidel Castro."

Anti-Castro leaders, Abraham says, are still waging a 40-year-



Elian Gonzalez swings in the backyard of his relatives' home Saturday in Miami. Elian's situation has brought Cuban-Americans to the political forefront.

old civil war and "holding other Cuban-Americans hostage" in the process.

"They're not learning about the rule of law as a way of life, they're not learning about democracy more generally," he said. "They are a captive community."

Elian has been a galvanizing symbol for Cuban-Americans since he was found floating at sea. Thanksgiving Day and placed in the temporary custody of Miami relatives. His mother and 10 other people drowned when their boat capsized during an attempt to reach the United States.

Florida politicians, including its Democratic and Republican U.S. Senators, have generally supported the efforts to keep Elian in the United States even though normal U.S. policy would call for prompt reunification of a child with his surviving parent.

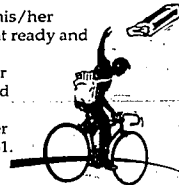
"Some of this stuff is unheard of - giving citizenship to a 6-year-old when his custodial parent wants him back," said Berta Hernandez-Trujol, a Cuban-born professor of human-rights law at the University of Florida.

"But Cuba is unique. It's a Cold War relic - it's still Cold War politics," she said. "The people came here because they say there's no rule of law in Cuba. And yet they want to throw out the book of law here."

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Gov. Bush and oil business mix well

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The oil business has been good to George W. Bush, and in 1999 the Texas governor was good to the oil business.

The first major bill Bush signed during Texas' most recent legislative session was a \$45 million tax break for small oil and natural gas producers. The bill's numerous, bipartisan supporters said the help was needed to keep small producers pumping under what then were low crude-oil prices.

These are tough times for the oil and gas industry, and this legislation says our state is committed to helping this vital industry," Bush, the presumed Republican presidential nominee, said in signing the bill last March.



George W. Bush

This year, with oil prices now soaring, Bush has said he is considering endorsing suspension of a 4.3 cent-per-gallon federal gasoline tax hike that was approved as part of President Clinton's 1993 economic recovery plan. Congressional Republicans call it the "Gore tax" because the vice president cast the deciding vote.

The Republican-led Senate already is considering suspension of the tax increase but his put off

action on a rollback bill until this coming week. But the measure uncertain prospects in the House, and even proponents admit a rollback would offer modest relief for motorists at best.

Bush said the Clinton administration should be blamed for prices averaging well over \$1.50 per gallon because it squandered the goodwill built with oil producers by his father, former President Bush, in the Persian Gulf War and because it lacks an overall energy policy.

As president, Bush said he would urge Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Mexico to "open the spigots" and would remind them of the U.S. role in the 1991 war and of its economic bailout of Mexico.

A handful of opponents to the Texas tax-break bill protested that it provided corporate welfare to oil companies while offering little long-term relief to the industry. They said other businesses suffered economic downturns without eliciting similar help.

Noting efforts to hold down spending elsewhere, Bryce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas, said of Bush: "He's got a tender spot for (oilmen) that's not apparent in some other areas."

Like his father, Bush began his business career in the West Texas oil fields, and he has received substantial support from the industry since entering politics in 1994.

Tripp case boosts court's security costs

The Washington Post

Extra security costs at the Howard County (Md.) Circuit Courthouse — most notably from the Linda R. Tripp wiretapping trial — have forced the county sheriff to make a rare \$53,000 request for emergency funds.

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President attacks Giuliani, 'right-wing venom machine'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton accused New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani of enlisting a "right-wing venom machine" against Hillary Rodham Clinton in their opposing campaigns for a Senate seat from New York.

"The only way they can win is to convince people that we're space aliens," Clinton said.

Speaking to union workers at a fund-raiser for his wife's campaign, Clinton said Giuliani has raised a "double-ton of money" for his own race through his ties to the political far right.

He said people supporting the first lady and Vice President Al Gore in his race for the White House are "on the right side of history." Giuliani and Gore's likely opponent in November, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, are not, Clinton said.

Referring to the New York mayor only as "Hillary's opponent," Clinton said:

"This is not a complicated deal, and that's why Hillary's opponent

can raise a double-ton of money besides being mayor and having special relations with a lot of those people who have it in New York. And you have the right-wing venom machine all-gathered up against her again."

So far, Giuliani has raised about \$19 million for his Senate campaign, the first lady \$12 million.

In New York, Giuliani spokesman Bruce Teitelbaum said: "Mayor Giuliani's fund-raising success is an outgrowth of the tremendous support he enjoys statewide, across a broad cross-section of New Yorkers."

Teitelbaum said the comment about a venom machine hearkened back to a television appearance by Hillary Clinton in January 1998, early in the unraveling of the scandal that led to the president's impeachment. She spoke on NBC's "Today" program of a "vast right-wing conspiracy that has been conspiring against my husband since the day he announced for president."

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Federal judge ends effort to mediate Microsoft dispute

CHICAGO (AP) — Talks between the federal government and Microsoft broke down Saturday as a judge here trying to mediate a settlement in the antitrust lawsuit against the software giant said he was ending his effort.

Last week, the judge hearing the case in Washington postponed his ruling to give the two sides more time to talk.

Federal appeals court Judge Richard Posner said that since accepting the task, he had tried to find a common ground that might enable the two sides to settle their differences.

"After more than four months, it is apparent that the disagreements among the parties concerning the likely course, outcome, and consequences of continued litigation, as well as the implications and ramifications of alternative terms of settlement,

are too deep-seated to be bridged," Posner said in a statement.

Posner said he won't make any comment on the merits of the litigation, or on the negotiating positions of the parties involved.

"It's unfortunate that a settlement wasn't possible," Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates said in a conference call. "Microsoft certainly went the extra mile."

Gates said the Microsoft mediation team had devoted more than 3,000 hours to the settlement effort over the four months of talks and that the company had offered "significant concessions."

But Gates reiterated that the company has a strong legal case and dismissed suggestions that the breakdown of talks represented a "corporate death penalty" for Microsoft.

"We are long-term players in

the judicial process," said Bill Neukom, Microsoft executive vice president and general counsel.

In Washington, Joel L. Klein, the assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department antitrust division, said in a statement: "We would have preferred an effective settlement to continued litigation. But settlement for settlement's sake would be pointless."

Klein said if the ruling goes against Microsoft, the Justice Department "will seek a remedy that prevents Microsoft from using its monopoly in the future to stifle competition."

A source close to the talks said a settlement was held back because of the demands of a handful of states, which differed significantly from those of the Department of Justice and Microsoft.

GOP pushes for taxpayer privacy

Bill would protect sensitive information

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans will begin moving legislation this week intended to better protect sensitive tax information and provide breaks on tax interest and penalties, a top GOP lawmaker said Saturday.

"As the old saying goes, there's nothing certain but death and taxes. We can't do anything about death, but we can and should make taxes as fair and easy as possible," said Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

In the weekly Republican radio address, Archer also announced that the committee plans three days of hearings, beginning April 11, to examine proposals to replace the current tax code with a national sales tax, a flat tax or some other system.

"The tax code is too complicated and confusing, and we'd like to do more to get the IRS out of the lives of American taxpayers," said Archer, R-Texas. "In the meantime, we need to make sure the current system treats taxpayers fairly, while protecting their rights and privacy."

The Republicans' new taxpayer rights bill is timed to coincide with the final weeks of federal income

tax filing season and would build on legislation passed in 1998 as part of the Internal Revenue Service reform law.

Among other things, that law forced the IRS to shift its focus toward taxpayer satisfaction, gave people new ways to protect homes from seizure in tax disputes and improved laws protecting innocent spouses from responsibility for their partner's tax misdeeds.

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said the Clinton administration will work with the Republicans toward providing more rights for the taxpayer.

"While we have concerns about some of Chairman Archer's suggestions, we agree with many of them," Summers said in a statement.

He said the administration feels the most important objectives of tax law deal with helping taxpayers through "key moments of their lives," such as home buying, educating their children and preparing for retirement. He said President Clinton's proposals would meet these goals.

But, Summers said, "We are committed to strengthening taxpayer rights, and we will continue to work with Congress and the IRS to ensure that taxpayers receive the best service possible."

Archer said the Ways and Means Committee is to vote on the new measure Wednesday. Cost

estimates were incomplete, but aides said it would run several billion dollars over 10 years and would be paid for with projected budget surpluses.

To safeguard taxpayer data from computer hackers or other improper use, the legislation would:

- Toughen consent requirements for access to tax information by financial institutions. Leaders would have to verify that a consent form was completed and dated and certify that all information would be kept confidential. Institutions failing to comply could face perjury penalties.

- Prevent IRS agents, during an audit, from examining tax returns of a taxpayer's representative, such as an attorney or accountant, just because that professional was representing the person being audited.

- Require states that have access to federal tax data to conduct annual systems reviews to prevent access by hackers or other illegal disclosures.

Renowned folk singer McCurdy dies at 81

NEW YORK (AP) — Ed McCurdy, a leading 1950s folk music figure whose songs were recorded by Johnny Cash, Arlo Guthrie and Joan Baez, has died. He was 81.

McCurdy died March 23 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.


McCurdy, the son of a farmer, left his home in Willow Hill, Pa. for New York and a singing career at age 18. After a failed bid at becoming a Frank Sinatra-style nightclub singer, McCurdy turned to folk music during the 1940s.

In 1950, he headlined a series of shows at New York's Village Vanguard and released his first album, "Ed McCurdy Sings Songs of the Canadian Maritimes." He later signed a deal with Elektra Records, where he collaborated with Ramblin' Jack Elliott.

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Police defend shooting pair of Brooklyn teenagers

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Police officials Saturday staunchly defended the shooting of two Brooklyn teens by two undercover cops, who fired 18 bullets as they were being robbed point-blank with realistic-looking toy pistols.

"It is a good shooting," Police Commissioner Howard Safir said. "The cops were robbed — it was two Latinos robbed by five gang members."

The cops opened fire Friday night on Cooper Street in the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn after they were robbed of jewelry, a wallet and a cell phone by five suspects who apparently did not know they were police officers.

"What the cops saw was two Latino young people on the street with a gold chain," Safir said. "They stuck guns in their backs, stomachs and head, and

robbed them."

The robbery suspects brandished imitation guns, wrapped with black electrical tape, which are "strikingly similar" to real firearms, Assistant Chief Joseph Esposito said.

The fake weapons, one apparently a plastic water gun and the other a pellet gun, were displayed yesterday, side by side with genuine 380- and 22-caliber semi-automatics. They were the same size and shape.

The dead youths were identified as Tyshawn Bourne, 19, and Andre Fields, 17.

The incident comes amid the controversy about the fatal shooting of Patrick Dorismond by an undercover cop during a scuffle on a midtown street March 16, after Dorismond rebuffed a cop's query about where to buy drugs.

Unlike that incident, the undercover officers involved in

Friday's shooting were not involved in a buy-and-bust, police said.

"This was not an undercover deal," Safir said. "The cops were doing undercover observation. They weren't buying drugs."

Police said Fields and Bourne were arrested Feb. 9 with three others for attempted robbery, menacing and weapon possession at a subway station in East New York, Brooklyn.

Both youths, who police said were Bloods gang members — were due to return to court April 11; the charges reduced to petty larceny and marijuana possession.

Police said Bourne was paroled in September after serving time for robbery. He had three other arrests for menacing and robbery. Fields was arrested for marijuana possession last month.

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Janitor strike might start in L.A. and spread across U.S.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Thousands of janitors in Los Angeles could be exchanging buckets and brooms for union banners this week, and union officials say expiring contracts in other cities mean a work stoppage could expand.

The contract for the 8,500 janitors who empty trash and clean toilets at commercial properties in downtown, Century City and elsewhere in Los Angeles County expired Friday night.

Officials from both sides say they are so far apart further negotiations would be pointless.

"This is a nationwide movement of the poorest and most exploited workers," said Stephen Lerner, the union's building services director. "We see this as a time when janitors are going to stand up around the country and say, 'This incredible economic prosperity is not trickling down.'"

Negotiations with 18 cleaning contractors broke down when union leaders asked for \$1 an hour raises for the next three years — the average hourly wage is now \$6.50. Contractors offered a one-year wage freeze for a majority of janitors followed by 40-cent-per-hour increases over the next two years.

A strike vote planned for Monday will be followed by all-night picketing, marches and chants, and civil disobedience, the union said.

"Everything we can think of we're going to throw at them," said Mike Garcia, president of the Service Employees International Union, Local 1877.

Contracts covering some 100,000 janitors nationwide will expire in coming months. Those contracts cover union-cleaned buildings in New York, Chicago, Silicon Valley, Philadelphia and elsewhere.

Dick Davis, the bargaining coordinator for the contractors, said Saturday they initially offered a five-year wage freeze and made significant concessions from there. The union, he said, was not similarly flexible.

"To me, they just haven't engaged in fair bargaining," he said.

Davis said the contractors have hired temporary workers and taken other measures to ensure most office buildings will see virtually no change to their janitorial services.

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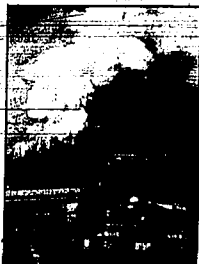
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Multiple eruptions spark future fears

Volcano refugees are afraid worst is to come

DATE, Japan (AP) — Thousands of townspeople hunkered down on the hard wooden floors of makeshift emergency shelters for yet another day Saturday as Mount Usu erupted with more bursts of ash and volcanic debris. Speedy orders to get everyone out of danger areas well before Usa's first eruption won praise for the government. But after four days in limbo, many evacuees feared the worst was still ahead — more volcanic spitting and weeks, perhaps months, away from their homes.



Japanese firefighters pull back to a safer distance as a crater opens in the south-western base of the Mt. Usu volcano and expels a column of gas and ash into the sky in Abuta, Japan, Saturday.

"It will be hard to keep this up for the long term," said Mutsuko Shimakura, 74, who came with her husband to a rescue center for people with physical infirmities.

The eruptions, which began Friday, dusted rice fields and other crops with a blanket of fine, volcanic ash. Authorities have reported no injuries or damage, but fears remained that the Usa could spew a deadly mix of gas and rocks — called a pyroclastic flow — that races down slopes and incinerates everything in its path.

Listless men at one rescue center in this city at the volcano's base sat chain-smoking, their faces flushed with alcohol. Other displaced residents huddled in the next room, whispering in the dark.

More than 15,000 residents have been forced from their homes on Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island, fearing their dogs tied up for what they expected would be only a short absence.

Experts now say that looks increasingly unlikely. After spewing gas and debris

two miles into the sky Friday, more eruptions Saturday opened up several new craters — some dangerously close to a hot springs resort — and showed no sign of letting up.

"It is our opinion that the main magma has yet to surface," Hirofumi Okada, a volcanologist at Hokkaido University, was quoted as saying by Kyodo News.

While authorities said their biggest problem at first was providing necessities, they now face a trickier task: soothing strained nerves.

"Until yesterday, the main problems were getting food and baths," said care worker Yoshiyuki Kiyama. "Now people are feeling stress, so we have to provide psychological care. People are really starting to want to go home."

Russians find missing servicemen

Chechnya search turns up bodies

GUDERMES, Russia (AP) — After two days of scouring the hills for dozens of comrades who disappeared in a deadly rebel ambush, Russian soldiers found 33 of the missing men Saturday — all but one dead, and many of them booby-trapped so their bodies couldn't be retrieved.

Six more servicemen were still missing in the wake of Thursday's devastating attack on a convoy of 49 Interior Ministry troops — the latest in a series of Chechen rebel

strikes that have inflicted heavy losses on the Russians, demonstrating their vulnerability despite their claims to control Chechnya.

Four soldiers were killed immediately and six fled back to their base after the attack in the southern village of Zhan-Vedeno, about four miles outside the town of Vedeno, where hundreds of rebels are believed to be hiding.

The 32 bodies found Saturday brought the death toll in the ambush to at least three dozen. Troops took 19 of the newly discovered corpses with them, but 13 others had to be left behind

because they had been rigged with mines, the Interior Ministry said.

The search continued for the soldiers still missing, but the operation was hindered by rugged terrain, land mines and hit-and-run attacks by rebels, the Russian military said.

The report of the discovered bodies came as the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights flew to the North Caucasus region Saturday to investigate reports of rights abuses in the Chechen war.

Mary Robinson's two-day tour of the region was expected to include a visit Sunday to the

Chernokozovo detention center in Chechnya, where human rights groups allege Russians routinely torture prisoners.

Robinson visited a Chechen refugee camp in the Ingush village of Sleptsovskaya Saturday to ask about conditions at the camp and whether refugees felt it was too dangerous to return home.

"It is impossible to return, everyone has lost their homes, everyone had family members killed," Aza Yuyayeva, a refugee from the Chechen capital, Grozny, said she told Robinson. "There are no laws. Federal troops are running amok."

Report: Terrorism suspect will finger Gadhafi

BERLIN (AP) — A German terrorism suspect plans to name Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi as having ordered a 1975 attack on an OPEC oil ministers' conference in Vienna that left three people dead, according to a newspaper report.

The lawyer for Hans-Joachim Klein told Welt am Sonntag in a report to be published Sunday

that his client will say Gadhafi gave the order for the attack.

"I would think that he will do that. I would also think that it is correct," Frankfurt attorney Eberhard Kempf told the newspaper.

The Libyan government does not usually respond to such allegations, and no Libyan diplomat at the country's embassy in Bonn was available for comment Saturday.

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Nations bicker on eve of landmark Africa-European Union summit

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — European and African nations bickered Saturday during preparations for a landmark summit, indicating that old hurts and divisions may push hope for a goodwill summit aside.

The inaugural Africa-European Union summit, which will be on Monday and Tuesday, is meant to raise international awareness of Africa's potential and plight, promote its integration into the global economy and develop peace and democracy in the region. The event may largely be seen as a symbolic show of unity following a century of colonialism and exploitation.

However, some African nations warned Saturday that they would not accept any domineering tone when Europeans raise human rights issues.

"We as Arabs, Muslims and Africans care more than others about human rights because man is sacred for us and we are not waiting for others to lecture us on fields of human rights and democracy," said Ali al-Treiki, Libya's minister of African affairs.

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Dems concede Senate majority

BOISE (AP) - Democrats fell short of staging any serious attempt to restore the two-party system in Idaho on Friday as the two-week filing period closed with the party ceding the GOP its huge legislative majority for another two years.

The House. It ended up with that overwhelmed after putting up candidates in 17 Senate seats and 36 House seats two years ago.

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Putin wants fewer nuclear weapons and society of law

Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW - A Russian state with fewer nuclear weapons, laws that are firmly enforced and a working market system. It sounds like the Russia that Western leaders hoped for, vainly, throughout the chaotic years under former President Boris N. Yeltsin.

His successor, Vladimir V. Putin, said Friday that he plans to make it all happen. In his first substantial comments on policy since being elected Sunday, Putin expressed his determination to rid Russia of excess nuclear weapons while improving the effectiveness of Russia's strategic missiles.

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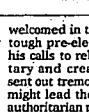
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For additional information, a "Standard Sales Contract" form and an "application package" contact the FSA Office at 217 West "F" St., Shoshone, Idaho, 208-686-2471.

Katarina Tumuhimbise, a suspected member of the cult 'Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God,' stands inside her mud hut but by a shrine while being interrogated by police in Sswawa in western Uganda Saturday. Tumuhimbise lost two daughters in the Kanungu fire which swept through a church, killing hundreds.

Ugandans suspect a murder cover-up

KANUNGU, Uganda (AP) - "Let us go and burn." The ominous words, scrawled across a blackboard in a sect compound where 530 people were incinerated two weeks ago, might have sufficed as a neat, if tragic, explanation for the fate of followers of a Christian fringe sect whose end-of-the-world prediction had failed to come true.

Then, three days later, the mutilated, strangled bodies of six men were discovered stuffed into a latrine pit nearby. That led to a search that unearthed 388 more bodies this week and transformed an apparent mass suicide

beer and bootleg liquor, earning a reputation for promiscuity and cunning along the way.

"She was able to fool many people," said Nalongo Rukanyangira, a childhood friend in Kanungu, 160 miles southwest of the capital, Kampala.

As an "apostle" of the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God, Mwerinde secured the loyalty of sect members - and their possessions - by invoking visions she claimed to receive from the Virgin Mary.

No sect member, past or present, has confirmed the common belief that the failure of the world to end Dec. 31 spurred members to demand belongings they had surrendered to Mwerinde to join the sect. In turn, the reasoning goes, that inspired an insurrection that was put down with murder.

Events leading up to the March 17 conflagration in Kanungu suggest a well-conceived plan - "mass suicide" as an alibi to cover up murders of nearly 400 men, women and children that already had been committed over the previous two weeks.

modern times. No one is certain how the killings of 924 or more people were orchestrated, all within a 50-mile radius among luxuriant green hills and volcanic lakes in southwestern Uganda. But police think they know who masterminded them: Ceredonia Mwerinde, a 48-year-old sect leader known as "the Programmer." Authorities believe she is still alive and on the run.

"It was that Mwerinde who had all those people killed," said the Rev. Paul Ikazire, a Roman Catholic priest who had left the church and joined Mwerinde's sect from 1991 to 1994. He said she was "obsessed with the desire to obtain the property of her followers."

In interviews this week across southwestern Uganda, friends and acquaintances - even a former common-law husband - portrayed Mwerinde as ingenious and greedy. Like an African version of the religious huckster Elmer Gantry, she founded a religious movement and sold her spiritual wares to the gullible and the searching, particularly among the ranks of disaffected Roman Catholics. She gained daunting power over nearly 1,000 yielding followers, many of whom apparently later became her victims.

Before that, she had risen from grinding poverty and a fourth-grade education to become the owner of a shop that sold banana

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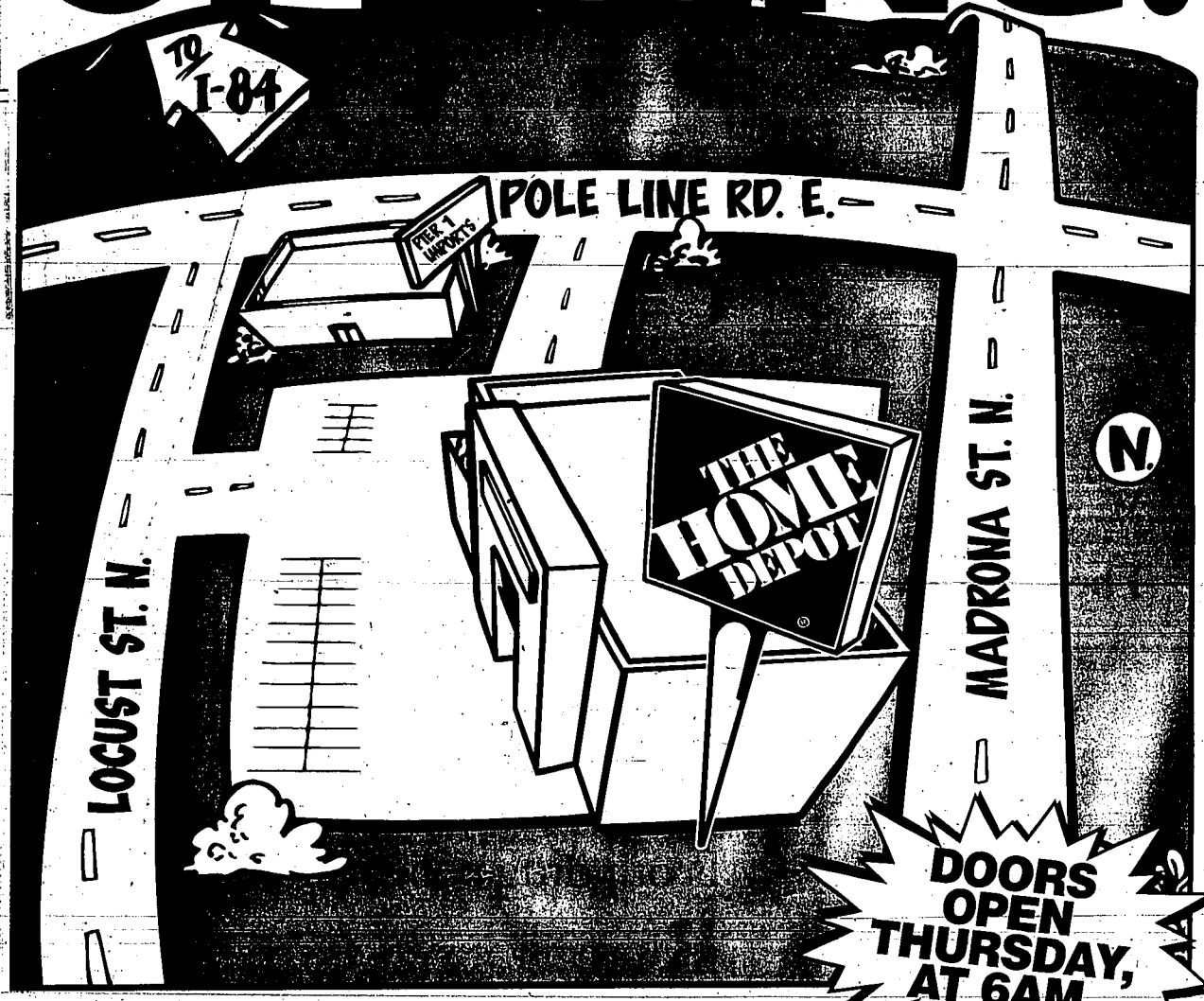
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EDITORIAL

The time is ripe to reinvent Fish and Game's mission

Habitat conditions for the Idaho Fish and Game Department haven't been this good in years.

A new director, Rod Sando, starts work this week. A \$4.4 million fee increase has been approved. And the governor's office will handle the division's business of endangered species management.

In wildlife parlance, Fish and Game has a new alpha male, more food and fewer political predators. These auspicious signs form an opportunity that shouldn't be missed. It's time the department shed its battered old image and acquired a lusty new one.

Though he has impressive credentials, Sando is just one man. He can't be Fish and Game's savior single-handedly. Here are some suggestions for the various political animals who will affect the outcome: Sando needs to focus on Idaho's game fish and game animals, because people who buy hunting and fishing licenses are his top constituents. He also should avoid doing anything personally stupid or embarrassing. The department is still buttressing up the trousers dropped by its former director, Steve Mealey.

Sportsmen's groups have been clamoring, stridently, for change within the department. Sando, the fee hike and the new endangered species office could be the agents of that change—but they need a chance to work. Fish and Game's critics should turn down the volume and allow the department to make the most of its opportunity.

The Fish and Game Commission needs to make the most of its mandate, appealing to the dwindling number of Idaho fish and wildlife consumers. Toward that end, the commission should consider rewriting its hunting and fishing regulations so ordinary

people can understand them. Most folks would rather take along a buddy than a lawyer when they venture into field and stream.

Department employees must demonstrate that money from higher fees will be wisely spent. As endangered species management is peeled away from the department, employees will be insulated from some of the raucous debate that has hurt Fish and Game in recent years. At the same time, Fish and Game will no longer be a cozy nest for environmental activists.

Idaho lawmakers, including Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, have put their prestige on the line to convince skeptical colleagues to support the fee increase. People who buy hunting and fishing licenses will have to dig a little deeper in their pockets, but they shouldn't blame the Legislature.

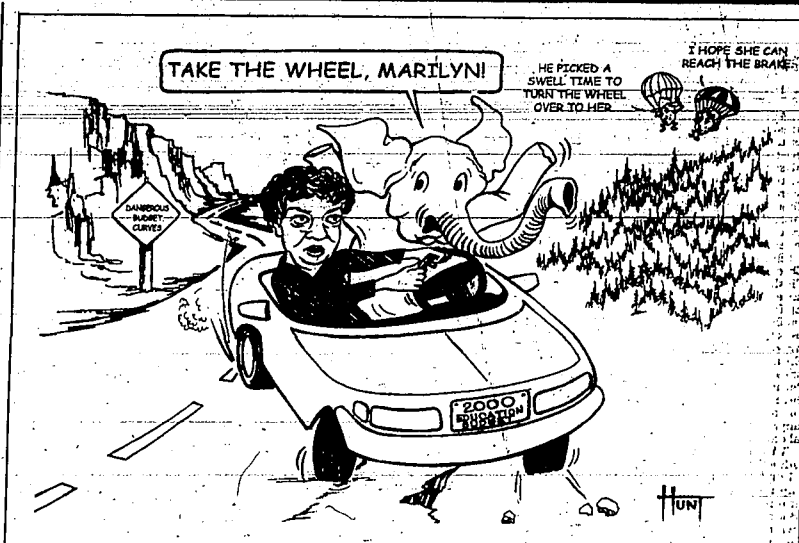
State lawmakers simply gave Fish and Game what it says it needs. Now it's time for the department to heal its wounds and resume serving the public with sound fish and game management.

And another thing...

Give NBC's programming geniuses some credit. They finally recognized that their creation "God, the Devil and Bob," couldn't compete against the reigning Godzilla of network television, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

As a result, "God, the Devil and Bob" was yanked off the air after only a handful of episodes. If you missed it, you didn't miss much. The animated show features an average guy named Bob who struck up a friendship with God in a bar.

Is there a lesson here? Yes. Did NBC learn it? We'll see.



Congress came out swinging this spring

Curious about what Congress has been up to these past three months I spent on the presidential campaign trail, I turned to my favorite reading — the Congressional Record — and was reassured to learn that the lads and ladies on Capitol Hill have been far from idle.

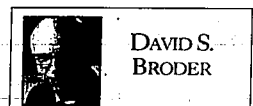
They have shaken off the winter doldrums and plunged into a busy round of projects important to their constituents and deserving of more attention than the sensation-seeking press normally accord. The inspiration for this burst of activity may have come from the redoubtable Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, who quoted Coleridge to his colleagues on the first day of spring: "All nature seems at work. Slugs leave their burr. The bees are stirring. Birds are on the wing."

No one was observed in flight around the Capitol, but plenty of sluggish senators did spring into action, carrying the blessing of Bishop Roger I. Kaffer of Joliet, Ill., chaplain of the day on March 21, who wrote three fresh verses for "God Bless America" to mark the occasion. A sample stanza:

"God bless our senators, women and men. Give them courage and patience, to share insights again and again."

Some may think it unnecessary to encourage our worthy solons to greater feats of repetition, since one of the oldest Senate traditions is anything worth saying is worth saying at least twice. But this Congress, unlike so many of its predecessors, is as fast-acting as a cold remedy; sometimes, its speed leaves you breathless.

On March 9, for example, the Senate confirmed U.S. District Judge Richard A. Paez of California for a seat on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Paez,



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who carried the highest endorsement of the bar, had been waiting for his elevation to be approved since January of 1996 — the longest delay in a confirmation vote in history, according to Senate records.

The problem was that the Mexican-American jurist was by his own admission a liberal, and some senators thought he should be given time to reconsider his views. But in this action-oriented season, the Senate not only confirmed Paez by a 20-vote margin but also approved another appointee to that same bench, Marshall Berzon, who had been cooling her heels for only two years.

The House of Representatives, I learned, also cleaned up some long, deferred matters in March. For one thing, it passed a bill naming the post office in Madison, Fla., for Captain Colin P. Kelly Jr. That name resonates for people of my vintage. When I was a schoolboy back in 1941, Colin Kelly's name was on everyone's lips. He was, as Rep. Allen Boyd Jr. told his colleagues, "America's first hero of World War II." Flying his bomber out of Clark Field in the Philippines three days after Pearl Harbor, he was returning from a mission against the Japanese invasion fleet when two of his fighters badly damaged his plane.

Realizing he would not make it back to base, he ordered his crew to parachute, while he remained at the controls, fighting for altitude so they could jump. Six of

the crew survived, but he went down with his plane.

It's a puzzle to Boyd why nothing was done for 59 years; but it's a fine thing that Colin Kelly will be memorialized now in his hometown. And that's not the only thing Congress did for us geezers: The House and the Senate both gave their OK to a measure lifting the ceiling on earnings for Social Security recipients.

Until now, pensioners under age 70 have been penalized a portion of their Social Security checks if they continued to work and draw wages. As Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth Jr., of Delaware, himself a very active senior citizen, told his colleagues, "the earnings limit is part of a bygone era. It is the product of the Great Depression, a time when folks believed that an individual should retire completely and make room for others to work. It is antiquated and anti-productive."

Kay Bailey Hutchison, the senator from Texas and a relative youngster at 56, remarked that "we should have done this years ago." But, hey, we're talking about the Senate, where activism comes only in spurts, if it shows up at all.

The House has been more characteristically, it has been stalling since last August on calling a conference to resolve the differences in the separate versions of the juvenile justice bill they have passed. Both measures contain gun-control provisions — stricter than many Republicans want and weaker than many Democrats (including President Clinton) demand.

Thank you to agree, they are doing what comes naturally — pointing fingers at each other.

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LETTERS

Disobedience is irresponsible

We see where someone feels the skateboarding and again, even saying we were stereotyping the skate-boarders!

Way to go. You tear down the character of the enforcer and build up the characters of the perpetrators. Isn't that unfair and unjustified?

The character building of the young men reads like a resume. So one of them can join the Air Force and hold a job and makes a career. My sure they have lots of positive attributes.

If the boys are so smart and responsible, then why did they disobey the "No Skateboarding" sign? The Air Force won't put up with someone disobeying the rules. And you can bet that if they don't keep the car payments up, the car will be taken away. These are life's little realities. As any outstanding young man would admit an error in judgment, apologize and move on.

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This is a safe issue they violated. Suppose one of your outstanding young men was hurt on the shopping center grounds, would the parents be just as quick to sue them because they failed to enforce the no-skateboard rule? I don't think the shopping center took this into consideration when it dismissed Gen. He may have saved them from a multimillion-dollar lawsuit if one of your outstanding boys would have been injured.

Life goes on, and we will be enjoying our life nonetheless except the Lynnwood Shopping Center.

BOB AND JENNIFER JACKSON
Twin Falls

Blame parents, not Lynwood

After reading about the incident at the Lynnwood Mall, I am confused. Since when is it acceptable to disobey the rules that are posted? Why is it OK for these teen-agers to blatantly disregard rules that the rest of the public is required to follow? I, as a parent, would be concerned that my child has no respect for adult authority. My kids are by no means angels, but should they break the law or the rules used to govern our community or even a mall, I would feel it my job to make sure the incident wasn't repeated. If you knew your kids were deliberately disobeying the request to quit skateboarding where they weren't allowed, then you as a parent are responsible for the altercation that occurred. If you didn't know the mall was off limits, then I would have made it my business to know.

When you chose to let your teen ride that skateboard, it became your job to make sure he had a place to ride — a safe, legal place. That would be like me buying my son a horse and then wondering why the community provided no place for him to ride. Sounds kind of dumb when you think about it. Since when did the mall become a place where you can buy a horse?

I believe it's the community's responsibility to keep its members safe, but it's not the community's responsibility to entertain our kids. Being a single parent doesn't make you or anyone else exempt from being responsible for your kids. There are many single parents out there who don't blame their kids' behavior on someone else. If those kids had not been there, this wouldn't have happened.

What you are teaching your kids is that it's OK to break the rules and if things don't go your way, then sue the other guy. It might be helpful to teach them that there are consequences for breaking the law.

Maybe Gen Turley was excessively rough. However, when you have a group of teen-agers who will not listen, what is a guy to do? Maybe he does deserve to be brought up on charges. But what happens with these kids then? Or better yet, what are the parents for allowing their kids to illegally skateboard in an area that is clearly off limits?

KELLY CORONADO
Jerome

Is our drug policy failing? Don't ask

Recently, Gen. Barry McCaffrey, our nation's "drug czar," was invited to Orange County for a debate about drug policy. He said all he had time to do was give a speech and make a few questions.

McCaffrey said that many people here in California feel that the federal government is closed-minded, even arrogant, in dealing with medical marijuana. Since Proposition 215, which allowed sick people to use marijuana as medicine if it was recommended to them by a doctor, and similar measures have passed in four other states plus the District of Columbia, will you now do what you can to cause the federal government to allow the will of the voters in these states to prevail?

McCaffrey's answer was, in essence, that since in his mind marijuana was not a medicine, the voters in all of these states could pound sand.

Our drug czar has now gone back to Washington. But there remain many other, critical questions about our nation's failed war on drugs:

Have you considered that the enormous problems in countries such as Colombia, Peru, Mexico and Afghanistan are really not caused by drugs as such but by drug prohibition? That is to say, the problems come directly from the money obtained from the sale of these drugs. So couldn't we use our intellect, strength and ingenuity to come up with some way of deprostituting these drugs? This will probably not have any adverse

effect upon the availability of these dangerous drugs, even to our children or even to people in prison, because under the present policy the drugs are already fully available. But if we could take the money out of the equation, we wouldn't have to consider sending our nation's troops and treasure down to these countries to fight these unwinnable wars.

Have you considered that since all neutral studies have shown overwhelmingly that programs of needle exchange for drug-addicted people, which allow a dirty needle and syringe to be exchanged for a clean one with no money changing hands and no questions asked, do not increase drug usage but do greatly reduce the transmission of the AIDS virus, hepatitis C, tuberculosis and other serious diseases both to the drug users as well as to their sexual partners and to the newborns of female drug users? Since these programs have been endorsed by organizations like the American Medical Association, the Centers for Disease Control, the National Commission on AIDS and the General Accounting Office, as well as by the secretary of Health and Human Services, will the federal government now finally change laws that make these programs illegal?

Do you know what other countries around the world are doing about these problems? For example, are you aware that Switzerland, in an effort to reduce

the harm caused by these dangerous drugs, has implemented pilot programs for drug maintenance in 15 of its cities? These programs allow addicted drug users to have access to low-cost pharmaceutical morphine, heroin and methadone, which can be injected under strict medical supervision in licensed medical clinics. The programs have been so successful in reducing crime in the neighborhoods surrounding the clinics and increasing the health and employment of the clients that more than 70 percent of the Swiss voters opposed an initiative that would have abolished them.

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OPINION

OTHER VIEWS

Scientists pretty much agree about dam-breaching

By Dave Hohler

Allow me to clear up a major misconception regarding the need to breach the four dams on the Lower Snake River. This misconception was made dramatically clear when the regional commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was quoted recently as suggesting that science remains inconclusive on the breaching issue.

Speaking on behalf of the Oregon chapter of the American Fisheries Society, let me state unequivocally that there is no significant disagreement among fishery scientists. If society decides to remove the dams and steelhead stocks in the Snake River watershed at a sustainable and fishable level, the four dams must be breached and the reservoirs drained.

This is a summary of a resolution adopted without any dissenting votes at our annual conference this February. We are not an environmental group. Our 500-member chapter comprises fishery and aquatic scientists. A significant number of us have masters or doctorates in our field. Coming from many employment backgrounds, including state, tribal and federal government agencies, colleges and universities, and private consulting firms, we represent a wide variety of work environments.

However, members shed their employers' points of view when they meet at conferences. Most of our society's activities revolve around workshops where experts present research papers to further the understanding of fish behavior, their ecological systems, environmental pressures, and similar subjects that provide new findings for biologists and the public. On these rare occasions when we speak as individuals, we are an independent voice of fish science.

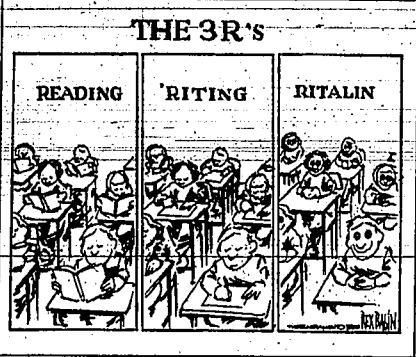
The chapter's Snake River position is based in part on two recent scientific reviews — the Independent Scientific Advisory Review and the Plan for Analyzing and Testing Hypotheses. Both concluded that establishing more natural river conditions on the Snake and Columbia rivers is the best hope of preventing extinction of Snake River salmonids. We relied on a number of studies by our members including a regional review of wild salmon stocks and their habitat that publication indicated that

although the Snake River contains the largest area of the best salmon habitat remaining in the Columbia Basin, it stands out because it has no hatchery runs. The precipitous decline of salmon runs throughout the Snake River basin coincides with the addition of the lower Snake River dams, but runs that face fewer dams — John Day River, Hanford Reach, for example — have not similarly declined.

Our members are acutely conscious of our roles as scientists. We are not policy makers. Our resolution provides the public and decision-makers with the most biologically defensible interpretation of the scientific information. We are not calling for dam/breaching. We simply want to ensure that those who will make the choice about breaching the dams are fully aware of the consequences of the fish of breaching and of not breaching. No longer do they need to wait for the fishery science to be resolved before making a decision.

Our resolution states another significant conclusion: Returning the Lower Snake River to a free-flowing state is necessary, but not sufficient, if fish are to be saved. Major changes must be made in harvest management, hatchery practices and habitat alteration. However, those hoping that tinkering with harvest, habitat or hatchery practices without breaching will somehow prevent the extinction of these salmon runs, and allow tangible human benefits such as fishing, are wrong.

Dave Hohler, a research biologist who works for the U.S. Forest Service at the Pacific Northwest Research Station at Oregon State University, is president of the Oregon chapter of the American Fisheries Society.



LETTERS

Let my salmon go

Let us not make the Lower Snake River a Mississippi River for large transport. Let us not maintain the dams to appease momentary inconveniences and whims.

Once our rippling water river is destroyed for salmon, "all the king's horses and all the king's men could not put it together again."

The dams on the Lower Snake River should be breached without delay as recommended by most citizens.

The river has been a reliable source of food for Homo sapiens since time immemorial. Preserve the salmon environment now to provide manna for future generations of mankind.

ALVIN HOLMES
Burley

Oscar piece was right-on

Amen to your March 28 editorial about the academy awards.

ROY E. BABBEL
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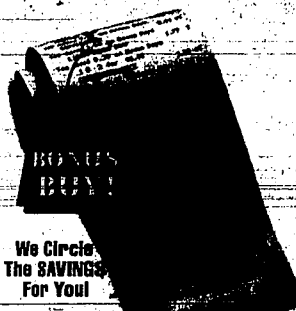
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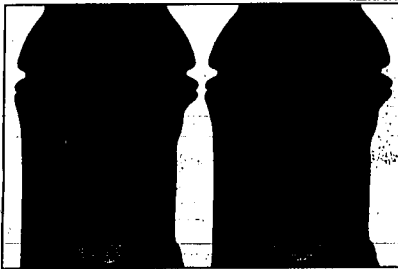
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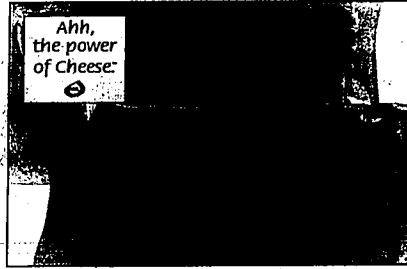
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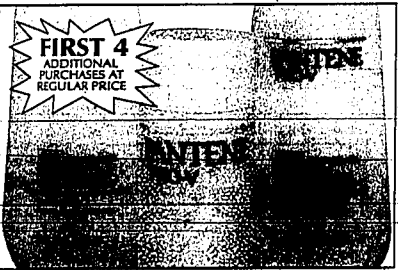
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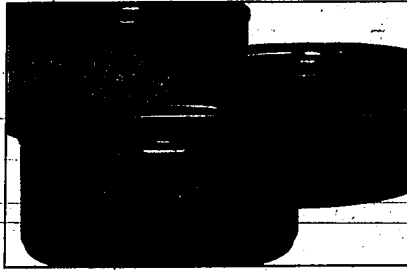
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Snow survey shows abundant water supply

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The Sierra Nevada snowpack, a crucial indicator of California's water supply for the spring and summer, is 95 percent of normal, state water officials said Friday.

"We weathered the La Nina year very well," said Jeff Cohen, spokesman for the state Water Resources Board. "We can close the books on this winter."

In the northern Sierra Nevada range, water officials said the snowpack was 115 percent of normal. The southern end of the range averaged about 83 percent, Cohen said.

"Generally, we're running 95 percent of average statewide in the Sierra Nevada. This is our sixth year now of near or above average water measurement," Cohen said.

The measurements come as good news for water planners who were alarmed at the January measurement of 40 percent of normal, Cohen said.

The Sierra snowpack, measured every month during the wet season through April 1, generally averages about 14 million acre-feet of water annually. An acre-foot is the amount of water needed to cover one acre a foot deep, or roughly the amount of water used in a year by a family of four.

The snowpack is an important indicator of the state's water supply because water from the melting snow flows to lakes and reservoirs during the spring and summer, when growers need water for crops and there is little rain.

"With the exception of the Tule River and the Kern River,

runoff should be near normal," Cohen said. Those rivers are expected to be running below average this spring and summer, he said.

But despite the good news on the state's water supply, farmers in the western San Joaquin Valley will receive 60 percent of the water they're entitled to in their contract with state and federal water officials, said Liz Hudson, spokeswoman for the Westlands Water District.

The district represents 560 farmers working on 565,000 acres — which should receive nearly 1.2 million acre feet of water a year, Hudson said.

But CalFed, the umbrella organization of state and federal officials working to find an equitable way to distribute the state's water among cities, farmers and environmentally sensitive areas, has promised to send farmers in the Westland district about 600,000 acre feet of water this year.

"We have only received a full Central Valley Project water supply in two of the last 10 years," Hudson said. "Even with the last four or five wet years, we only got a full water supply in one of those years."

Each year the Bureau of Reclamation announces its water delivery schedule, then periodically updates its projections depending on how much water is available. The agency operates the Central Valley Project, the system of canals, reservoirs and lines that moves water from the northern state to the valley's farmers, as well as to some cities.

Hudson said environmental regulations about moving water through the delta have restricted the amount of water the farm belt can get.

As a result, the district's farmers, who produce more than 60 different crops, including tomatoes, lettuce and cotton, could leave some fields unplanted, Hudson said.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced its planned

deliveries through the Central Valley Project last week, saying the requirements imposed by environmental water quality standards, and the difficulty of transferring water across the delta east of San Francisco, impact the western San Joaquin Valley growers' supplies.

The bureau has announced full allocations for wildlife refuges, urban contractors, farmers north of the delta.



Frank Gohrke, right, of the Department of Water Resources, checks to see if a snow depth measuring pole is clear before taking a reading of the snowpack near Echo Summit, Calif., Friday. The last snow survey of the season is expected to show California will have plenty of water this year, officials say.

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SERVICES
 Elna H. Hall of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Jerome LDS Church on Tiger Drive, 26 N. 100 E.; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.
 Roy L. Stewart of Lubbock, Texas, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Rupert Christian Church (Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES
Martha A. Nielsen-Mull
 CO-OWNER, Martha A. Nielsen-Mull, 89, of Gooding, died Saturday, April 1, 2000, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.
María del Rosario Sanchez Mota
 BOISE — María del Rosario Sanchez Mota, 52, of Boise, died Thursday, March 30, 2000, at her home of an extended illness.
 A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 630 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Mass of the Resurrection service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.
Lester Cully
 RUPERT — Lester Cully, 90, of Rupert, died Saturday, April 1, 2000, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Sugar processing plant needs millions to survive

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (AP) — The Pacific Northwest Sugar Co. needs \$5 million to \$10 million or its sugar processing plant will be closed, a company official said.

Jay Bair, of Pacific Northwest's board of directors, said time is running out to get the money.

"If they don't get something done in the next few weeks, I think they'll fold up the factory and sell the pieces," he said. "It's the running out of gas with one lap left in the race."

The \$100 million plant opened in 1998, but was plagued during its first year with mechanical problems that left some of the first harvest rotting in piles. Plant officials now think they have most of those problems solved.

But the plant is faced with a lack of money for long-term operations.

The 1999 sugar beet crop of 585,000 tons produced less sugar than hoped. Plus, the sugar that was produced is worth less now because of a nationwide surplus.

The plant employs more than 300 workers during its busiest processing times in winter.

Plant officials last week told the 60 growers in the cooperative to delay planting this year's 25,000-acre beet crop because there might not be enough money to keep the plant open.

Bair, who is also a grower, said farmers probably will not plant beets after April 10.

But farmers will still have time to plant other crops on land originally meant for beets if they're told the plant will close.

"We're in the wait mode. We've put a lot of investment in this and there is a lot to be lost," said Jerry Hodges, a Quincy grower. "We can always plant other crops."

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Wallace G. Savage
 Funeral services for Wallace G. Savage will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, April 3, 2000, at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls, with Pastor Jim Sommer officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park with military rites by Magic Valley area veterans and auxiliary. Friends may call at White Mortuary, Sunday, April 2, 2000, from 4-8 p.m. The family suggests memorials to a charity of donor's choice.

mother and stepfather, Virgil and Betty Vancor of Rupert; one sister, Linda Leonard of Rupert; two brothers, Wayne (Wendy) Dryden of Boise and Tony Mark Dryden of Boise; and three stepdaughters, Kandy Larry-Monch of Fowl Shasta (Kurt Higgins of Burley and Roxi (Fidel) Morfin. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Monte LeRoy Dryden; two sisters; and one brother.
 Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at the Rupert Cemetery. Family and friends may call at Hanson Mortuary-Rupert Chapel from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 3, and from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday prior to the services. Arrangements are under the direction of Hanson Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

POCATELLO
Monte D. Dryden
 Monte Dean Dryden died Tuesday, March 28, 2000, in California of natural causes.
 He was born Dec. 7, 1953, in Burley, Idaho, to LeRoy and Betty Peterson Dryden. He had been in business as a truck driver for the last 20 years. He enjoyed riding Harley-Davidson Motorcycles.
 He is survived by his wife, Larj of Pocatello, his three children, Misty, Crystal and John; two grand children, Austin and Morgan; his

PINE
Larry Allen DeThorne
 Larry, age 65, passed away on Monday, March 6, 2000, of natural causes at the home of his family in San Antonio, TX, where he was visiting.
 Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, at the Sheep Bridge, one mile north of the direction of the American Legion Honor Guard from Post 19, Fairfield, ID. Following the services, a Fellowship Meeting will be provided at Pine Reservoir beginning at 7 p.m.
 Larry's military career spanned over 34 years with service in the USAF, USAF and Air National Guard.
 Memorials in Larry's memory may be sent to the Pine-Featherville Volunteer Ambulance (EMS), HC 87, Box 160, Pine, ID 83847 or to a charity of your choice.

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Wallace G. Savage
 Wallace Gerald Savage, 75, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at Bridgeview Estates.
 He was born July 26, 1924, in Kimberly, Idaho, the son of John and Edith Carlson Savage. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944, and served on the USS Barnwell. He was discharged in 1946. In 1949, he married Norma Hill, and she preceded him in death in 1951. He married Mary Barton on March 22, 1953. They lived in Murtagh where he farmed with his dad. In 1954, they moved to Twin Falls. Wallace worked for 23 years as the County Weed Department Supervisor, retiring in 1988.
 He is survived by his wife, Mary of Twin Falls; one brother, John E. Savage of Nox Perco, Idaho; one sister, Edna L. Davany of Idaho Falls, and by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Harold Savage; and one sister, Carlena Anderson.

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Shane Ramsey, right, and Bob Worthington of Ramsey Heating and Electric work on heating and air conditioning at the McGregor Community Center at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds. Work on the center is expected to be completed within two weeks.

Rupert puts community center to good use despite remodeling

By Lorraine Cavener, Times-News writer

RUPERT—Remodeling of the McGregor Community Center is not quite finished, but the building is already being put to good use.

The McGregor building was used for events before remodeling began, but the heating, air conditioning, bathrooms and repairs to the structure will make the building even more usable, said Donna Gillespie, secretary for the Minidoka County Cooperative Extension office.

Gillespie and Matt Schuster, who started Monday as the new county extension agent, will be moving their offices from downtown Rupert to the new center as soon as it's complete.

Minidoka County Commissioners approved a \$24,400 maintenance budget in January. The money was raised through community fund-raising efforts.

But the center is being used as remodeling is being done.

"We have been using it since Feb. 29 for master gardener

classes," she said.

The 4-H Leaders Association has been using the building for its monthly meeting. The Minidoka Teen Association and several 4-H clubs use the building twice a month. A sit-down Dutch oven dinner was served in November to about 200 people for the State 4-H Leaders Forum, she said.

The building has a large meeting room, which was the former drill hall when the building was the McGregor Armory, and two large classrooms.

"It has a nice classroom atmosphere with a chalkboard and tables and chairs," Gillespie said.

There is a kitchen with a sink, but kitchen appliances are not yet available, she said.

"There is a lot you can do with a facility that size," she said. A plus for the building is its proximity of the fairgrounds and 4-H clubs are not charged to use the building.

Several 4-H clubs have volunteered to donate labor to clean the building after construction is

finished on the remodeling project. Landscaping is being done by the master gardeners group.

But the building is not for 4-H and fair events only, Gillespie said. The center is for the entire community. A nominal fee will be charged to other groups when the remodeling is finished. The fee has not been set.

"It is a true community center," Gillespie said.

The heating and cooling system is about 75 percent complete, said Gordon Stewart, Minidoka County Fairgrounds caretaker. Plumbing and insulation have been completed.

Volunteers will begin painting in about 10 days, Stewart said. After painting is finished, the extension office can move into the building.

Many volunteers, including people from the East End Fire Department and deputies from the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office, have worked on the building, Stewart said.

"It's been nice to get going," he said. "Everybody has pitched in so much."

St. Luke's employees must reapply for hospital positions

By Karen Bosack, Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY—The 209 doctors and nurses who work at one of the Wood River Valley's two hospitals will have to fill out an application for work for the new hospital in about a month.

But they won't have to go through a full-blown job interview.

That's the word from officials at the St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, scheduled to open next December.

Staff are currently working to identify the number and type of positions needed to staff each area of the new hospital. A list of jobs will be communicated internally and the application process should begin by the end of May.

Officials hope that any overlap of jobs caused by the merger of two hospitals and Blaine Manor can be eased by attrition.

The news should relieve the anxiety of employees who earlier had feared they might have to go through a full-blown job application process as if they were first-time applicants.

Wood River Medical Center employees will be given first consideration for available positions. Each employee must submit an employment application, a background check and drug screen.

"We want to reduce any uncer-

ainty related to the employment process and to give our staff a sense of security about the future with St. Luke's," said Jon Moses, chief executive officer of Wood River Medical Center.

Ed Dahlberg, president of St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, said the hospital will honor the years of service employees had with Wood River Medical Center so the accumulation of vacation hours, contributions to retirement programs and service awards shouldn't be affected negatively by the change.

Wage and benefit packages are expected to meet or exceed employees' current wages and benefits in most cases. Benefits, such as paid time off, short and long-term disability, flexible spending, tuition reimbursement and the Employee Assistance Program, will remain the same or improve under St. Luke's, added Hilary Furlong, communications specialist with the hospital.

When the new hospital opens, Wood River Medical Center's Sun Valley and Hailley facilities will close. The Sun Valley campus will revert to Sun Valley Company; the Hailley campus to the Blaine County commissioners.

Times-News correspondent Karen Bosack can be reached in Hailley at 578-2111.

Two TF men face grand theft charges

The Times-News

ALBION—Two men were arrested Saturday and charged with attempted grand theft, said Lt. Cary Bristol of the Cassia County Sheriff's Office.

Bristol said he was on routine patrol duty when he saw two men who appeared to be removing a motor and hydraulic apparatus from an equipment trailer near Howell Creek about seven miles from Pomerelle Ski Resort.

Bristol said he called for backup and received assistance from three Cassia County sheriff's deputies, two reserve deputies and one Idaho State Police officer.

Jason Lee Hettich, 24, and Christopher Ron Beatz, 30, both of Twin Falls, were arrested and taken to the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center, Bristol said.

He said both men were charged with attempted grand theft. He said Hettich had two outstanding warrants — one from Twin Falls and one from Jerome. Beatz was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, Bristol said.

Bristol did not know Saturday afternoon what the bond would be for the two men.

Cough

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Breaking it down

Age	Number of cases
1-5	9
6-10	7
11-15	10
16-20	3
21-25	0
26-30	3
31-35	3
36-40	2
41-45	3
46-50	2

Source: South Central Health Department

nose, slight fever and cough. The cough worsens until coughing spasms occur, during which sufferers have difficulty breathing and catching their breath, Becker said.

Adults usually handle the symptoms well, but babies do not, she said.

"To see a baby with pertussis breathing and coughing most folks. You can see their chest heaving up and down and they're gasping and turning red. It's not a pretty sight. They're really

sick," she said. The disease is mostly preventable through vaccination, but many parents are not adequately protecting their children, said Linda Frazier, immunization coordinator for the health district. Frazier said part of the problem has to do with state vaccination requirements. In Idaho, schools require all students to have had four vacci-

nations for pertussis, but often children get their fourth when they are only 12 to 18 months old. Frazier said children need to be vaccinated when they enter kindergarten for full protection, but parents sometimes skip that one, thinking four vaccinations are enough.

"It's a problem. I don't know why the state of Idaho doesn't require five immunizations," Frazier said.

She also said many parents are not even getting their kids the fourth vaccination at the prescribed age. Health district statistics show only 62.3 percent of Magic Valley children got their fourth vaccination between 12 and 18 months old in 1999, leaving them vulnerable to disease.

"There is no other way to prevent the disease other than immunization. It's pretty easy to get if you're not immune," Frazier said.

"Becker said many children contract pertussis from adult carriers who may not know they have it. Adults often do not report their symptoms to a physician, and doctors in turn tend to misdiagnose the disease, thinking it is the flu, asthma or bronchitis," she said. "When correctly diagnosed, pertussis can be effectively treated with antibiotics.

Becker said even fully vaccinated adults are susceptible to the disease because the immune system wears down over time. There is no pertussis booster

About whooping cough

Pertussis, or whooping cough, is a respiratory disease caused by the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*. All first symptoms resemble a cold — runny nose, sneezing and low-grade fever and cough. The cough worsens until it becomes uncontrollable, and a whooping noise occurs when the person tries to breathe in air. Vomiting and discoloration of the face and lips might result. This stage may last four to six weeks before symptoms begin to disappear.

The disease can be very serious in infants less than 1 year old, who can suffer pneumonia and, less often, seizures or inflammation of the brain. In rare cases (one out of 200), pertussis can result in death, especially in infants.

Source: Virginia Department of Health

offered to people over 7 years old, but Becker said there ought to be.

"If we ever as a society start providing adults with immunizations, the numbers would go down again," she said.

"We don't live in a perfect world. I'd love to have 100 percent immunity, but we don't."

Times-News writer Jay Houser can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-0931, ext. 407 or by email at jhouser@magicvalley.com

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Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt pauses on Soda Mountain in southern Oregon. Babbitt is considering recommending that Soda Mountain be designated a national landscape monument.

Interior Secretary leans toward national monument status for Oregon mountain

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt says he is "leaning" toward recommending President Clinton protect Soda Mountain, identified by scientists as one of the most ecologically diverse regions in North America. The area could be designated a national monument under the Antiquities Act, which gave the president the power to create national monuments without Congress.

Following a one-hour video conference call Thursday with local interest groups here, Babbitt said from Washington, D.C., that he would take the next couple of months to consider an environmental study to work out details before announcing his decision.

"I am leaning toward making a recommendation to the president that he consider using the Antiquities Act to design and protect this area," Babbitt said. "The issue will be not so much the label on the land as the prescriptions that go with it."

"The real issue will be undeniably the ecological importance of this area."

As he approaches the end of his presidency, Clinton has been creating an environmental legacy, designating new national monuments and proposing to ban logging and other development on 50 million acres of national forests.

The conference call marked the

third time Babbitt has met with local interest groups since touring the Soda Mountain area last October to consider whether it should be included in a series of national landscape monuments designed to preserve important ecosystems, rather than scenery.

The meeting was the first since Babbitt, environmentalists, motorcycle riders, cattle ranchers, native plant enthusiasts, the timber industry and Jackson County have been able to examine BLM's draft environmental impact statement on future management of the Cascade Siskiyou Ecological Emphasis Area, which includes Soda Mountain.

The BLM is considering protection for between 31,000 acres and 41,000 acres, but environmentalists would like to see a national monument covering twice that area.

The area is located south of

Medford and east of Interstate-5 along the California border where the Siskiyou Mountains press against the volcanic upheavals of the Cascade Range.

Scientists have identified it as one of the most biologically diverse areas in North America, home to 100 species of butterflies and eight species of bats. The mix of conifer forests, scattered oak grasslands, and chaparral is created by the intersection of the dry Great Basin, high altitude Cascade Range and wet Coast Range ecosystems.

Babbitt did not say whether he was inclined to allow logging, grazing and motorcycle riding to continue within the area, saying his recommendation was likely to "mix and match" a range of alternatives proposed by BLM in the draft EIS. The area will be restricted to the Oregon side of the border.

Kootenai County road closed by slide finally reopens

BAYVIEW (AP) — A road that connects residents on Cape Horn Road with the town of Bayview opened for the first time since a rockslide closed it Jan. 30.

For weeks, the main access between Bayview and 75 residences on the isolated section of Cape Horn Road has been a 60-passenger boat. The last ferry was scheduled

for Friday evening. Residents may still have minor delays Monday through Friday, said Sandy Von Behren, the Kootenai County Disaster Services operations supervisor.

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Idaho's financial decisions get tougher

State budget writers have to pinch pennies

By Bob Fick
The Associated Press



BOISE — Lawmakers wrapped up the 11th, and what many had once hoped the last, week of the 2000 election-year session still at large on a proposed tax cut and creation of a huge revolving fund to help school districts fix deteriorated buildings.

But even as they try showing a \$30 million tax package and a \$20 million loan fund into a bag with only \$40 million, signs were beginning to appear that the state's financial decisions will not be getting any easier.

"It will be manageable, but it will be tough," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne conceded.

Lawmakers opened this year's session, delayed a week due to the death of Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg with a \$65 million cash surplus and prospects of even more extra money building up through the spring.

But the frenzy to cut taxes aggravated by the demand for tens of millions of dollars to deal with — or head off — setbacks in court erased expectations that long-delayed budget needs could be met, and budget writers were back to pinching pennies as though the state's overall economy was sliding.

To accommodate at least some, and the most politically sensitive, of the early expectations, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee put together a \$1.8

billion general tax spending blueprint for 2000-2001 by scrapping together every bit of excess cash it could find — cash that will not be available again next year. Lawmakers relied on some optimistic estimates and in cases like Medicaid simply conceded that they will need to pump millions more dollars into the state-federal program a year from now to keep it in the black.

Once set on the course they chase, legislators abandoned the centerpiece of Kempthorne's budget plan — raising the state's reserve against future economic problems from \$36 million to the legal maximum of \$90 million. And then they took nearly half the \$36 million to settle a lawsuit with interstate truckers over the unconstitutional ton-mile tax.

That decision will wipe out most if not all of any new surplus, if one even materializes, by midyear.

"The only thing that saves us is if this economy keeps growing at the rate it has, which is mind-boggling," said Republican Dean Cameron of Rupert, who is in line to take over as Senate Finance chairman after the election.

"If revenues aren't there, and frankly it's one of the reasons I oppose the income tax cut because I don't think revenues will be there, that's just tightens the noose around my neck," Cameron said.

The latest revenue update from the Division of Financial Management could reinforce Cameron's concern. The \$21.2 million surplus that built up during December and January over the expected \$65 million was begun to erode in February.

And the problem was in the personal income tax, which accounts for over half of all general tax receipts. Collections were running nearly \$11 million ahead of estimates through January and then refund claims began rolling in. February's receipts were \$7.5 million short of the projection for the month, and it would have been more but paycheck withholding, a key indicator of the economy's underlying job strength, held its own.

That overall decline in income tax revenue was partially offset the strong performance of the sales tax, but it still left the evolving cash surplus at less than \$18 million.

Of some concern were indications that the average amount of refunds was 3.5 percent higher this year than last. Analysts also remain concerned that much of the nearly \$18 million in new surplus cash may be the result of early tax payments that will show up in refunds this month and next.

In addition, administration economists were leery of the marked decline in job growth over the past year — from 4 percent in early 1999 to 1 percent or less now. While the economy is vibrant in the population center of southwestern Idaho, private economists have repeatedly emphasized that the boom dissipates rapidly the farther you get from Boise.

And that has Kempthorne worried as well. "With the current spike in the economy, a lot of that is in high-tech," the governor said. "That is one of the most volatile industries. What do we fall back on? Farming? Natural resources? Both are at the tank."

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Boy tracks down author of message found in bottle

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — With a little help from the news media, a 10-year-old Selah boy has found out who put a message in a bottle 16 years ago and threw it into the Yakima River.

The bottle was traced to Erik Larson of Seattle after a story in the Yakima Herald-Republic newspaper drew attention from Seattle television news stations.

Larson recalled dropping the message in the bottle in 1984, shortly before his 10th birthday, while vacationing at his grandmother's house in Cle Elum.

The location is about 50 miles upstream from where Joe Roy found the bottle on March 12 while boating with his dad on the river above Roza Dam.

"Please!!!" the message said. "If you find this note, please call Erik Larson at Everett, Washington, U.S.A."

The date of July 10, 1984, was on the note, along with a now-disconnected phone number. On the back was a treasure map showing a palm tree, a skull, a rock and a cactus, taking the reader to an "X" marking the spot.

Roy — born six years after the

bottle went into the water — began a quest with his family to find the message's author.

Calls to six Erik Larsons in Washington phone listings turned up no one who recalled leaving a message in a bottle.

Then, the Cle Elum grandmother of the Erik Larson who wrote the note saw a story about the mystery on a TV news broadcast Thursday evening.

"She called me and said she found a message in a bottle with my name on it," Larson said.

He said he remembers throwing the bottle into the river near his grandma's house. Larson, now 26, lives in Seattle and works as a mortgage loan officer. His parents moved away from his boyhood home in Everett and now live in Edmonds, he said.

Kevin Roy, Joe's dad, said the family had made plans to meet with Larson in Cle Elum this weekend.

"It would be neat to see it again," Larson said of the note.

"It is his," Kevin Roy said. "We would like to give the bottle back to him if he wants it. It's been such an adventure."

Hunters fall victim to prank

POCATELLO (AP) — A letter telling several eastern Idaho residents their hunting licenses and tags were being revoked for the year has turned out to be an April Fool's prank.

The letters bore a Department of Fish and Game logo and appeared to come from interim director Jerry Mallett.

"It's totally bogus," said information officer Jack Trueblood. "It's somebody's big idea of a joke. If I got a letter like that, I would be upset too. We just want to let people know that it didn't come from us."

A number of residents called Fish and Game on Friday to ask about the letter.

The letters, which carry a Pocatello postmark, claim that a lottery was held and many hunters around the state were chosen not to hunt for the year to give game herds a chance to build up.

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Nevada city scoffs at tainted water threats

EPA says arsenic poses huge threat

FALLON, Nev. (AP) — A blond fourth-grader in a Minnie Mouse T-shirt gulps some of the nation's most arsenic-tainted drinking water from a hallway water fountain.

In a nearby classroom, well-behaved 6-year-olds sip from bottles of tap water that some scientists say could cause fatal cancer in one in 50 people.

It's an ordinary school day in a small town fighting to keep its water polluted.

The aquifer beneath this placid Navy town contains arsenic at twice the maximum level allowed by safe drinking water laws. For almost 30 years, city officials skeptical of federal regulators have refused to filter the toxic element from their wells.

"It's the Mount Everest of arsenic situations," said Jon Merkle, an environmental scientist in the Environmental Protection Agency's San Francisco office. "I would call it a long-term drinking-water emergency."

Some federal housing programs have cut off aid to the area, and the EPA is threatening to fine Fallon \$27,500 a day until the city complies with the agency's standard.

Yet there is no clear-cut evidence of arsenic-related illness here. And city officials scoff at the idea that their refusal to install a costly water treatment system could be causing hundreds of needless cancer deaths.

"We don't believe there is a health hazard," City Attorney Mike Mackegon said. "I regard it as a legitimate dispute. They regard it as a matter of obedience. This is power and arrogance."

These are the first salvos in a public health battle promising to spread far beyond the arid Lahontan Valley.

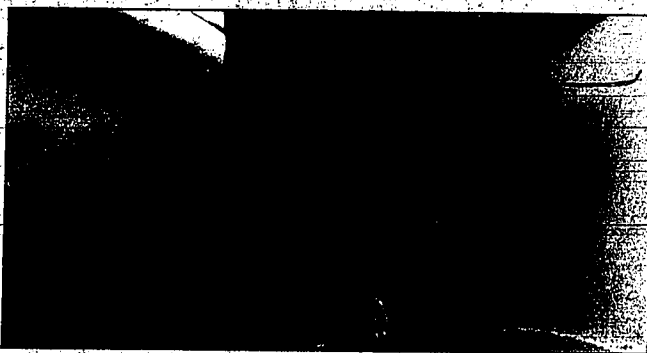
The EPA is expected by Jan. 1, 2001, to drastically lower the limit for arsenic in drinking water from 50 parts per billion to as little as 5 parts per billion. On New Year's Day, thousands of communities from New Hampshire to California could be in violation of the stricter new standard.

The cost of compliance for utilities nationwide could spiral into hundreds of millions, even billions, of dollars.

"So far, this is the most expensive drinking water regulation ever promulgated," said Michelle Frey, a Colorado-based environmental engineer who studied the standard for the municipal water industry.

Observers on all sides expect the acrimony in Fallon to spread across the country as lawsuits and intergovernmental battles erupt over the bills for cleaning arsenic from water supplies. Some even say the fighting could change the way Americans receive that most essential commodity: unlimited safe drinking water.

A small group of Fallon's most



Above, Ian Taylor, 10, drinks from a fountain at Best Elementary School in Fallon Nev.



Fallon Mayor Ken Tedford stands on Rattlesnake hill, overlooking town, grousing with bottled water through the local Wal-Mart parking lot.

Natural arsenic deposits, not industrial pollution, create most drinking water contamination nationwide, experts say.

In wetter regions, rainfall long ago leached the arsenic out of soil and rocks. In the arid West, flowing water continues to carry high levels of arsenic into groundwater supplies.

The financial effect of the lower-arsenic standard is expected

Protection plans

- **California:** 10 parts per billion
- **Colorado:** 10 parts per billion
- **Florida:** 10 parts per billion
- **Illinois:** 10 parts per billion
- **Minnesota:** 10 parts per billion
- **Montana:** 10 parts per billion
- **Nevada:** 50 parts per billion
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Source: Nevada Rural Water Association

to build a filtration system, but only after a new standard is finalized. EPA officials say that pledge doesn't allow the city to continue, violating the current limit.

City officials acknowledge they could be fighting a losing battle against the federal government. Yet, many residents maintain they don't believe the arsenic is harming them.

"I think that's what keeps us young, that Fallon water," said 72-year-old Elmo Derlaco, the city's retired school superintendent and a 45-year resident.

Many in Fallon accuse the federal government of using shaky science in a vengeful attempt to financially cripple the town. Fallon, population 8,500, has sued a host of federal agencies for transferring farmers' irrigation water to local American Indian tribes and environmental projects.

"The federal government's dictating, is what they're doing," said Mario Recanzone, a 78-year-old senior state judge who has lived in Fallon 50 years. "I think they're more concerned with the fish and wildlife than they are with human beings."

Other residents have turned to bottled water for drinking and cooking, saying they no longer know whether their tap water is poisoning them.

The local High Mountain Spring Water Co. trucks water from the Sierra Nevada to 900 homes throughout Fallon. And on most afternoons, shoppers push carts

ed to be highest in mineral-rich Western states like Nevada.

When Fallon officials contemplate filtering arsenic from the city's water, they point this direction.

A filtration plant could cost between \$10 million and \$20 million. Without state or federal financial assistance, the expense would be passed on to consumers.

Skyrocketing bills would force massive water cutbacks in a community that proudly calls itself "the Oasis of Nevada," an island of greenery in the alkaline Northern Nevada desert.

The average monthly water bill could rise from about \$20 to \$100 in a town populated largely by retirees, military families, farmers and school district employees. The town's annual budget is \$5.4 million.

"Your town goes from being green to rolling tumbleweeds," said five-year Mayor Ken Tedford, whose uncle and grandfather held the office before him. "Instead of grass out there we'd have gravel and dirt."

The cost of complying nationwide with a 5 parts per billion standard has been estimated at as much as \$17 billion to build new

systems and as much as \$630 million a year to operate them.

A 1999 EPA report estimated that a 5 parts per billion standard would affect 4,923 water systems nationwide and compliance costs could reach \$686 million a year.

As many as 450 Nevada water systems might have to spend \$350 million to build new filtration systems and \$18 million a year to operate them, according to the Nevada Rural Water Association.

Some environmentalists believe the costs of filtering arsenic have been overstated.

Erik Olson, a senior attorney for the Washington, D.C.-based Natural Resources Defense Council, said the EPA probably has exaggerated compliance costs.

In Fallon, the fight over arsenic has gone beyond dollar figures. For many here, refusing to filter arsenic has become a point of civic pride. Until late last month, Fallon refused to obey an EPA order to attach to monthly water bills a filter warning residents to seek alternative sources of drinking water.

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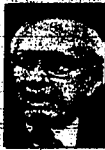
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Mormon church opens conference in new meeting hall

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Mormon church's new conference center may be the largest and most complex indoor auditorium in the world.

But as church president Gordon B. Hinckley opened the faith's semiannual conference Saturday, he called attention to a very low-tech feature: the heavy pulpit built from one of his own walnut trees.

"Here I am speaking to you from the tree I grew in my backyard, where my children played and also grew," Hinckley said with a laugh and a crackling



Gordon B. Hinckley

is fitting, as Hinckley has led The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

day Saints through a time of extraordinary growth and expansion.

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And this weekend's conference is the largest ever. The new hall holds 21,000 people - far more than the historic 6,000-seat

Tabernacle that hosted the conference for 133 years.

Church leaders were inundated with 370,000 requests for tickets to the first conference at the new location, although at the last minute many seats went empty and an estimated 5,000 visitors with standby tickets or in overflow seating were allowed in.

In addition, Saturday's speeches were transmitted by satellite to churches around the world and broadcast over the Internet in 23 languages, including Tongan, Maori and Hindi.

While Hinckley praised the new structure and the church's growth, church leaders stressed a need for Mormons to return to the simplicity of their faith.

"Do you think it possible ... to draw attention away from this wonderful building long enough to focus on the purpose for which it was built?" asked Elder Boyd K. Packard, a member of the Quorum of Twelve.

He warned busy Mormons, who long ago adopted the beehive as a symbol of their industry, that they may be too wrapped up in chapel meetings

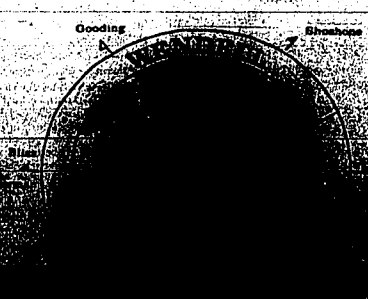
and schedules.

"There are so many places to go, so many things to do in this noisy world. We can be too busy to pay attention to the promptings of the Spirit," Packard said.

Elder Harold G. Hillam supported Packard's back-to-basics message with a warning to young members to respect their elders, stay away from drugs and "leave the sloppy dress craze behind." Other church elders stressed the importance of missionary work and temple building to support the church's growth.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Win or lose, when you play Wisconsin, it's going to be an ugly game.”

—Michigan State guard *Mazen Cleaves*, after the Spartans' 53-41 win over the Badgers on Saturday

IN BRIEF

15-year-old cards first hole-in-one

JEROME — Chris Barnes earned his first-ever hole-in-one on the par 3 No. 15 hole at the Jerome Country Club on Saturday. Barnes used a 7-iron on the 180-yard hole. Witnesses included Tim and Pete Barnes.

Hobbs, Thibault receive scholar-athlete award

BOISE — Twin Falls High School senior Pat Hobbs and Valley High School's David Thibault are among eight recipients of this year's High School Scholar-Athlete Awards presented by the Southern Idaho Chapter of the National Football Foundation and the College Hall of Fame, Inc.

Hobbs, who played strong safety, and Thibault, Valley's quarterback, will join the six other honorees at an awards banquet April 22 in Boise, where they'll receive \$500 scholarships. Guest speaker at the dinner will be Boise State University football coach Dirk Koetter.

Also honored are Notre's Kasper Christensen (WR), Bishop Kelly's David Elloupos (QB/DB), Centennial's Ryan Harris (CB), Capital's Brian Lords (SS), Cozartelli's Brandon Mennear (TE) and Boise's Coire Weathers (OLDBL).

Tickets to the ceremony, \$15 each, are available by calling Ernest Hoidal at (208)342-4647.

MV Babe Ruth plans final sign-up night on Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Babe Ruth will hold a final sign-up night for the spring season Tuesday, April 4 from 7 p.m. at the Harmon Park Recreation Building.

The league is open to all boys 13 to 18 from the Twin Falls and Filer areas. Cost is \$25 per player. A parent will need to sign a release form, and copies of the player's birth certificate are required for league records. For details, call Gary Leavitt at 733-5532 or Linda Brittain at 734-2633.

TFHS coach will hold coaches clinic Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School baseball coach Mike Federico will conduct a free coaches clinic for all interested coaches and parents Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the gym at the high school.

Those interested in coaching or teaching a son or daughter need 18 better baseball skills should attend. There is no charge for the clinic.

Registration nears for Buhl Youth Baseball

BUHL — Buhl Youth Baseball will be holding its \$2,000 registration during the week of the 11th of April, and will cover boys and girls between the ages of 6-15 who wish to participate in summer youth baseball programs such as T-ball, Pee-Wee baseball, Girls' softball, Little League baseball, and Babe Ruth baseball.

Registration will be held Tuesday, April 11 from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, April 13 from 6-8 p.m., and Saturday, April 15 from 8:30-10 a.m. at Buhl Elementary School. Registration forms are available at schools and on the days of registration. Any player that did not play last year or has never been to a game will need to provide a copy of his or her birth certificate.

Two to tango for Big Dance crown

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — After spending a week preparing for Wisconsin's throwback offense, Michigan State has one day to get ready for Florida's racehorse game in the Final Four.

The senior-laden Spartans, champions of the Big Ten conference, play for the national championship against the Gators, whose roster is bulging with freshmen and sophomores.

Michigan State survived a bruising battle with Wisconsin 53-41, a game that sometimes seemed to be played in quicksand with lids on the baskets.

Big Dance

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When: Monday, 7:18 p.m.
TV: CBS, Channel 12

And then they were joined in the final by Florida, whose run-and-gun attack wore down North Carolina, 71-59.

“Those are two opposites,” Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said of the difference between Please see DANCE, Page C4



Late rallies hoist Twin to victory

By Matt Peterson Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Saturday's controversial finish had the Mountain Home softball team claiming a moral victory. After blowing late-inning leads in back-to-back games against Twin Falls, that's about all it had left.

Dropping consecutive one-run contests — the last on a controversial non-call — the disgruntled Tigers left town screaming they'd been had.

“I told the Twin coach we're not going to come all the way down here to play a good team and have 12 players on the field,” fumed Mountain Home head coach Joy Memmelar, as she hastily gathered her bags and headed for the team bus. “I thought both teams played really well, but I despise the fact that the game is changed by officiating.”

Memmelar's frustration stemmed from a play that happened just minutes before.

Tied 5-5 with two outs in the eighth inning, and runners on the corners, Twin Falls leadoff hitter Christie Deagle hit a short pop fly to second base. As Mountain Home second baseman Andrea Nicoleski and shortstop Murry Halsty converged on the ball, they collided with Bruin baserunner Debbie Dodds, who was running on contact. The ball fell harmlessly by the ground and junior Ashley Pfefferle trotted home with the game-winning run.

Had the field umpire ruled runner interference, the game would have continued tied into the ninth inning.

“I was just running to the base and I saw (the fielders) coming and tried to move and she hit me,” Dodds said. “(The umpire) said it was an unintentional collision so I was safe. I think he made the right call.”

While the controversial ending had the Tigers seething red, it also made for a convenient scapegoat. Please see TWIN, Page C2



Utah Valley's Tom Ford can't dance his way around the walling tag of Jaime Kissner of CSI during a stolen base attempt in Saturday's opening game of a doubleheader. CSI shortstop Kevin Sytko backs up the play.

Sytko, but the Wolverines pulled away for egg in the fifth on Evans's three-run shot.

They added one in the sixth on a sacrifice fly by Tyler Young and two more in the seventh on an Adam Jensen RBI double and Stringham two-run homer.

“We had some pretty decent players last year, but we never got them to click,” UVSC coach Steve Gardner said. “Using wood bats has really focused the kids on hitting.”

Jaime Kissner cracked his first round-tripper of the year in the seventh inning to round out the UVSC scoring. He and Barnett went 2-for-4, while De Jong was 2-for-3 and made two spectacular throws to second to gun down would-be base stealers.

But the big stick belonged to Utah Valley's Stringham, who finished 4-for-5 with five RBIs and three runs scored, and Tebbis, who was 4-for-5 with one RBI and two runs.

“Our poise and competitiveness have a ways to go,” Walker said. “There's too many I's on an extra-base hit from Kevin

Clark powers Eagles to familiar ground

By Jeff Rosen Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — That the College of Southern Idaho baseball team shared a doubleheader with Utah Valley State College Saturday was not surprising. All but one of the Golden Eagles' eight conference twin bills have ended in splits.

“The home team won the Frontier Field nightcap, however, was something else.

Hard-throwing Southern Idaho sophomore Joey Clark went the distance allowing just four hits, one walk and one earned run, easily his most commanding outing as a Golden Eagle — engineering a 7-2 victory.

“I wanted to go out and compete,” said the Eagle River, Alaska native, whose record improved to 4-3. “I wanted to try to get this team back into it. We've split a bunch of games, and we needed a win bad.”

Things didn't go quite as smoothly for ace Danny Clements in Saturday's first game. Throwing with a hand still tender

On deck

Saturday:
Utah Valley 17, CSI 7
CSI 7, Utah Valley 2

Sunday:
Weber State at CSI (2), 2 p.m.

from being stepped on in a game at Weber State last Tuesday, the Idaho Falls sophomore gave up nine hits and eight runs — six earned — in 3 1/2 innings of a 17-7 Utah Valley shelling.

“The word is fortunate,” said CSI coach Jim Walker. “We were fortunate to split. They're a much better club than we are.”

Southern Idaho (7-9 Scenic West Athletic Conference, 15-14 overall) hosts Weber State on Tuesday and travels to Snow College next weekend, while Utah Valley (11-4, 18-14 hosts Treasure Valley Community College next Friday and Saturday.

Utah Valley 17, CSI 7

If there's a recurring theme in Southern Idaho's 14 losses this season, it's big innings. And

Saturday was no exception. Toby Barnett gave CSI a 1-0 lead in the first on a double to score Kevin Sytko, but UVSC took a 3-1 lead on an RBI double by Jed Stringham and RBI singles by Chance Scott and Aaron Brems.

The Golden Eagles got one run back on another Barnett blast in the third, though, and were squarely in it until the fourth inning, when Utah Valley reprised its Friday feat by scoring the home squad for seven runs.

With two outs, an RBI single by Troy Tebbis, who played at CSI before a church mission two years ago, a three-run triple by outfielder Colby Evans on a 3-2 count and a solo homer by Tom Ford chased Clements from the game. Stringham tripled off reliever Ed Dillahay to drive in the seventh run.

CSI mounted its own two-out rally in the bottom half of the fourth, scoring once on a stand-up double by Chris Frazier, a Sidney de Jong double and twice more. on an extra-base hit from Kevin

Title game transcends the court

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The next game in the Connecticut-Tennessee rivalry could do more than decide the national championship.

UConn coach Geno Auriemma feels it also might be a defining moment for the sport of women's basketball.

Think Michigan State-Indiana State on the men's side in 1979. Or the World Cup run by the U.S. women's soccer team. These two teams are so good, the rivalry so hot, even the most disinterested of fans might be drawn to tonight's

Olympians dot the field at Bill Janss Classic

By Karen Bosalick Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — The only thing that was missing in Saturday's Bill Janss Pro-Am Classic at Baldy were the flags bearing the Olympic rings.

Some of the certainly enough Olympic skiers schussing through the race gates.

A field of former Olympians, including silver medalist Cristin Cooper and four-time Olympian A.J. Kitt took on a hundred other skiers in the third annual fundraiser for the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation.

Some of the skiers had never raced in their lives. For them, to be up against such formidable talent was the dream of a lifetime. The intimidation was eased by a handicapping system that gave racers equal footing.

“It's totally wonderful to meet and ski with these people and to have supper with them besides,” said Mary Hughes, of Anchorage, Alaska.

Hughes' husband, Andrew Elcor, formed an Alaskan team to race in the event last year.



Matt Perkins, a three-tracker from Twin Falls and a member of the U.S. Disabled C Ski Team, schusses down Warm Springs during the Third Annual Bill Janss Pro-Am Classic.

Former Olympian Megan Gerety, an Alaskan herself, led the team last year; pro Kerstie Bjorn Roll, also from Alaska, headed it this year.

Organizer Kate Wright estimated the event, named for the late

they did skiing during the affair, which began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Michel's restaurant on Thursday evening.

“For Sun Valley snowboarder Sondra Van Ert, who captured her 10th national snowboard title last week, the race was like a family reunion, as she swapped hugs and “Hi’s” with former coaches and friends.

Racing around ski slalom gates, though, proved a little rude. She had to carve wide turns around them, slowing her time in the dash down Lower Warm Springs.

“Snowboarders race around low triangles so they can get low to the ground. If I dare get next to these, I’ll get wrapped up and punished,” she said.

Sun Valley mono-skier Muffy Davis was perfectly content to relax in her first-ever “fun race” after a season in which she captured her first World Cup gold medal as a member of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team.

“It's been an up-and-down year,” she said. “I injured myself my first race at Breckenridge and was sidelined for a month. Then

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Flyers stop Pittsburgh for second time

Green returns to Toronto

PITTSBURGH (AP) — John LeClair and Keith Primeau each scored a goal and set up another and Philadelphia beat Pittsburgh



Montreal Canadiens' Dainius Zubrus is stopped by Buffalo Sabres goaltender Dominik Hasek during their third NHL action on Buffalo Saturday. The Sabres beat the Canadiens 3-0.

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for the second time in a week. Philadelphia won for only the third time in 22 games in Pittsburgh since the 1991-92 season.

The Flyers, who also got a goal from Chris Therien, closed within two points of New Jersey for the Atlantic Division lead.

Blues 0, Red Wings 0
ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Blues took another step toward finishing first overall in the NHL, playing a scoreless tie against the Detroit Red Wings on Saturday.

Roman Turko stopped 17 shots for the Blues, who lead the league with franchise-record 109 points. Chris Osgood made 29 stops for the Red Wings, who are second overall with 106 points and shut out the Blues on the road for the second time.

Kings 2, Mighty Ducks 1
LOS ANGELES — Kelly Buchberger scored on Los Angeles' first shot — 24 minutes and 29 seconds in — and Ian Lapierre got the game-winner as the Kings clinched a playoff berth.

The Kings, who extended their unbeaten streak to five games (3-2) despite getting outshot 26-18, advanced to the postseason for only the second time since losing in the 1993 Stanley Cup finals.

Islanders 2, Blackhawks 1
UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Tony Amonte scored his second goal of the game with 54.2 seconds left in regulation to give Chicago a tie with the New York Islanders.

New York's Kevin Weekes made a career-high 47 saves to help the Islanders gain their first

point at home since beating Buffalo on March 4. Mariusz Czerkawski and Brad Isbister scored for New York.

Sabres 2, Canadiens 0
MONTREAL — Michael Peca scored the game-winner in his return to the lineup and Dominik Hasek made 27 saves as Buffalo beat Montreal 2-0, moving the Sabres ahead of the Canadiens into eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

Maple Leafs 4, Capitals 3
WASHINGTON — A battle of thrills-and-chills produced a wild, third-minute game, with Toronto holding off Washington.

The victory moved Northeast Division-leading Toronto (96 points) within one point of Southeast Division-leading Washington (97) in the seeding race for the Eastern Conference playoffs. New Jersey leads the Atlantic Division with 99 points.

Lightning 3, Panthers 3
SUNRISE, Fla. — Scott Mellanby scored with 1:36 remaining in regulation as Florida rallied from two goals down to tie Tampa Bay.

Mike Johnson scored pair of goals and had an assist for Tampa Bay in the physical contest. Vincent Lecavalier added a pair of assists for the Lightning. Todd Warriner also scored.

Shawn Green's return to Toronto was a surprise.
Green, traded from the Blue Jays to Los Angeles for Raul Mondesi in the offseason, homered and had an RBI double as the Dodgers won at Toronto 2-1.

"It's definitely a good way to end things because I had just had great time up here," said Green, who spent five seasons in Toronto.

Green returns to Toronto
In other games: Royals 7, Twins 2. At Haines City, Fla., Mike Sweeney hit a three-run homer in a six-run seventh inning to lead Kansas City.

Expos 11, Pirates 4
At Jupiter, Fla., Carl Pavano allowed two runs in five innings to win for the fourth time in five spring games.

Kit's said: The former Olympian is a current ski broadcaster and runs a ski racing school at Mammoth Ski Resort in California.

The race, which attracted dozens of spectators, was fast-paced, with two racers going head-to-head every few seconds. When the dust settled, Tyler Palmer had bested brother Terry 18.97 seconds to 19.81. Nick Marich beat Maria Marich 19.13 seconds to 21.58 seconds.

The Alaskans warmed to the fast morning hardpack with Megan Gerych checking in with 19.05 seconds for the women, followed by Kjersti Bjorn Rolund with 19.37 seconds and Karoline Broseth with 20.18 seconds.

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Michigan State turns back Badgers for the fourth time

Spartans advance to national championship

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Turning back the clock another era, Michigan State showed it could win at Wisconsin's game in the Final Four.

In inspired Morris Peterson provided much of the offense and the Spartans stifled their Big Ten rival for the fourth time this season, moving within one victory of their first national title since 1979 with a bruising 53-41 triumph over Wisconsin on Saturday night.

Michigan State (31-7) overcame Wisconsin's in-your-face defense and slowdown offense, relics from the days before the shot clock and dazzling dunks.

"We finally broke them down a little bit," Spartans coach Tom Izzo said. "They're a tough team."

Michigan State, which has been focused on a title since losing to Duke in the national semifinals a year ago, advanced to Monday night's championship.

"It feels good," said star point guard Mateen Cleaves, who returned for his senior season for a chance to win a championship. "We got one more shining moment."

Michigan State failed to score a field goal for the final 11:42 of the first half. It didn't matter in a game dominated by picks and pushes — appropriate in the home of the Brickyard.

The Spartans led only 19-17 at the half, falling short of the score posted in the 1941 title game when Wisconsin shot 21-17 over Washington State on its way to the Badgers' only national championship.

But Michigan State matched every elbow and forearm thrown by the Badgers (22-14), limiting them to their 72.4 of the second half. Meantime, Peterson scored 10 points during a 13-2 spurt that pushed the lead to 21-9.

Against a team of limited offensive means like Wisconsin, a 13-point lead was as good as 30.

Michigan State, the only top seed to reach the Final Four, won its lone national title 21 years ago with Magic Johnson at point guard, beating Indiana State and Larry Bird in the final.



Michigan State's Mateen Cleaves (12) drives past Wisconsin's Travon Davis in the first half during the national semifinals of the Final Four at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Saturday.

"You have to give credit to Pete," Cleaves said. "When he is hitting his shots, we just get out of the way."

Peterson scored 20 points just two days after attending his grandmother's funeral. He said Friday that she would have the best seat at the game, and he put on quite a show in her honor.

"It will be real special for us taking court one more time," Peterson said. "Hopefully, we will win something happen."

The Badgers shot only 35 percent (15-of-43) and had just one player in double figures, Roy Boone with 18 points. Most of those came in the final minutes when the outcome was already decided.

Jon Bryant, the MVP of the West Regional after averaging 16.6 points and shooting 50 percent from the field, was held to two points on 1-of-5 shooting by the Spartans, who made it difficult for him to even get off a shot

— much less make it. "We just didn't get it done," Wisconsin coach Dick Bennett said. "They're better than us, and we know that."

The Badgers, one of two No. 8 seeds at Indy, finished a remarkable run after getting into the tournament from the bubble. They knocked out top-seeded Arizona in the second round of the West Regional, then made it to Indy by defeating Purdue in another All-Big Ten matchup.

But Wisconsin, the sixth-place team in the Big Ten, wasn't quick enough or athletic enough to handle the Spartans. Michigan State won both regular-season meetings and defeated the Badgers again in the conference tournament.

Michigan State shot 35 percent (16-of-46) as well and overcame a subpar game by Cleaves. He scored 11 points — but nine of those came on free throws. He was 1-of-7 shooting.

"Ever," Izzo, too, hoped to avoid a fourth meeting. But once it was inevitable, he changed his rebounding strategy. The Spartans had been outrebounded only twice all season, but one of those teams was the Badgers.

"If you are physical with Wisconsin, it really works in their favor," he said. "So we worked on hitting and spinning instead of just standing and trying to fist-fight them."

All that spinning bamboozled the referees — even if nobody else was fooled. "There were not Big Ten refs," Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany felt obligated to point out.

"And no," he added, anticipating the next question, "that's not the most physical game I've seen this year."

The rest of us would hate to see that one — assuming he's talking about basketball. There was less than three minutes left to play when Cleaves stood at the foul line and one of the referees fouled under his breath, "Quit fouling here," as though he'd been watching some other game up until that moment.

It was too late to make a difference, way too late for Wisconsin to find an answer for a team that manhandled it over and over, too late to find an offense to make the result respectable.

Roy Boone flipped home an unlikely shot with 35 seconds left, then added a free throw for the 3-point play that gave the Badgers their final total of 41 points. Small as it seemed, it was still enough to better their point total the last time they reached the Final Four.

That was in a 39-34 win over Washington State. To almost no one's surprise, it came in 1941, when nobody scored much, and even fewer people cared.

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Florida earns championship berth

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — With relentless energy and stifling pressure, Florida wore down yet another opponent and will play for its first national title.

The Gators, using the same 10-man rotation, full-court press and balanced scoring that brought them to the Final Four, ended North Carolina's improbable tournament run with a 71-59 victory Saturday night.

Florida — (29-7) will meet Michigan State, which beat Wisconsin 53-41, in Monday night's national championship game at the RCA Dome.

Freshman Brett Nelson led the Gators with 23 points, while Mike Miller and Udonis Haslem added 10 each.

"Our guys played with great intensity," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "North Carolina did a great job to get back into it. I'm just proud of the kids to get this far."

An 18-3 lead in the opening eight minutes made it look as though the fifth-seeded Gators wouldn't need the late edge that brought them earlier wins over higher-seeded teams like Illinois, Duke and Oklahoma State.

But the Tar Heels (22-14), an eighth seed who many felt shouldn't have even made the tournament field, found their way to a record-tying 15th Final Four week back in the game by halftime.

"We really battled. I think we did wear out there," North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge said. "This team gave us a great ride to get here."

The Tar Heels had a 50-46 lead with 13:31 to play.

North Carolina point guard Ed Cota picked up the fourth foul just 13 seconds later and despite not being removed, the game, his lack of aggressiveness played into the Tar Heels' hands. The rest of the Tar Heels now had to handle the pressure and it helped wear them down. The Gators took the lead for good on a 3-pointer by

Florida's Donnell Harvey (4) takes the ball to the basket over North Carolina's

Carolina's Brandon Hayward (00) in the second half of their Final Four semifinal game Saturday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.



Major Parker with 11:02 left and that started a 9-4 run.

During that span North Carolina managed just one field goal mostly because Cota, who finished with eight assists, just wasn't the same eight assists, just wasn't the same eight assists, just wasn't the same eight assists.

Donovan said midway through the second half, "about the 10-minute mark, we started to wear them down."

The Tar Heels, making their third Final Four appearance in four years, have lost four straight national semifinal games.

Brendan Hayward had 20 points, 15 in the first half, for the Tar Heels, while freshman Joseph Forte had 15, 13 in the second half — and 10 of those came in an early two-minute burst.

This was Florida's second Final Four appearance, the first — in 1994 — ended with a semifinal loss to North Carolina's archrival, Duke.

Led by the 34-year-old Donovan, only the sixth man to play and coach in a Final Four, these Gators have run by their opponents after surviving a 69-68 upset first-round scare from Butler's Miller who that game with a shot at the buzzer, and Florida got 70 practice on Butler's home court this week in preparation for the Final Four.

Parker's 3-pointer came less than a minute after he and Forte were charged with double technical fouls for an incident under the basket. Nelson sandwiched that jumper and a 3-pointer around 3:15 by Forte to keep the deciding run going.

Florida's Billy Donovan joins an elite group of player coaches

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Pete, Izzo said of the second half, when Morris Peterson had 16 of his 20 points. "Mateen (Cleaves) ran our break better and we finally broke them down a little bit with our break."

Fan's \$2 million shot rims just off the mark

The Three Rivers, Mich., man, randomly selected to participate in the annual Gillette 3-Point Challenge, bounced the ball off the rim between Saturday night's semifinal games. Instead of a \$2 million payoff, he had to settle for a \$25,000 consolation prize.

"It was meant to happen it would happen," said Pasovla, 37, who planned to use part of his winnings for college tuition for his three sons. Pasovla was coached by Hall of Famer Rick Barry.

Had he made the 3-pointer, the Gillette Women's Cancer Foundation, Inc., also would have awarded him the \$2 million. The company paid out \$2 million last year when Alicia Brown of Riverside, Calif., hit a 3-pointer during the semifinals in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Big Ten Purdue faced each semifinal participant

Purdue coach Gene Keady has a unique perspective on the Final Four.

His Boilermakers were the only team to play each of the Final Four teams this season. In the regular season, Purdue beat Florida and Michigan State, split a pair of games against Wisconsin and lost to North Carolina. The Boilermakers also lost to Wisconsin in the Big Ten tournament and to the NCAA regional.

"We're going to have a Big Ten team in the finals, and I like that," he said. "And my house-mate in

college was Bill Guthridge, so I like North Carolina."

The stars come out at Final Four in Indianapolis

Among the spectators in the RCA Dome were Magic Johnson and the 1979 champion over Michigan State, and John Wooden, who began his coaching career at Indiana State and led UCLA to a record 10 NCAA titles.

"It's great. They deserve it," Johnson said after the Spartans' victory over Wisconsin. "They've worked hard to get here. Now they've got one more. Now the defense has been the key."

Michigan State lost to Duke in the semifinals last year.

"Because they were used to the last year, being in the Final Four, it was a comfortable this year," Johnson said.

Others in the crowd of 43,162 included baseball Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax, former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali and New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner. All lives ill. Berrien Springs, Mich., and have attended several Spartans games in East Lansing.

Koufax, who played basketball at Cincinnati, said he had hoped to see the Bearcats in the Final Four.

Long-time official blows his final whistle Saturday

Jody Silvester's first Final Four game as a referee was in Michigan State's semifinal victory over Pennsylvania in 1979, and his last was Saturday night in Florida's semifinal against North Carolina.

The 63-year-old official is retiring after four decades as a college referee. He was assigned last week to one of the two semifinals in the RCA Dome, but he didn't find out which one until Saturday.

reconstructed a comfortable margin, using their depth to wear out North Carolina.

Michigan State led by just two points against Wisconsin at the half but then pulled away in the second half to beat the Badgers for the fourth time this season.

"The first half, we weren't playing at aggressively as we should have," said Morris Peterson, who led the Spartans with 20 points. "In the second half, we started playing with a sense of urgency. We started realizing that we could be our last 20 minutes if we didn't pick it up."

All that's missing is snow

INDIANAPOLIS — Baskets seemed like happy accidents. The best action always took place away from the ball. All that was missing from this Big Ten run-in was snow on the field.

Michigan State 53, Wisconsin 41 would have been a great game — if they were playing football.

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the Badgers and Gators. "It will be a good rivalry from what we've had to prepare for."

Point guard Mateen Cleaves, who returned for a final season at Michigan State and one last run at a national championship, knows the Spartans are in for a track meet against the pressing game of the Gators, the first No. 5 seed to make it to a national championship game.

"We got more movement on offense and some openings for

That is the style of the Gators, who were a fraction of a second away from washing out of the NCAA tournament in their first game against Butler. Mike Miller saved them with a game-winning basket with three-seconds of a second left in overtime. From there, Florida knocked off No. 4 Illinois, No. 1 Duke and No. 3 Oklahoma State to win the East Region.

Against North Carolina, they used the same formula, running the floor, using their depth and speed to wear down the Tar Heels.

"They built a 15-point lead early, saw it disappear, and then

Final Four: Coaches old and new

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — They call each other "Coach." No first names, no last names.

On a Friday night, the Final Four is made up of basketball junkies who all know each other. They spend their time coaching hoops, talking hoops, talking hoops.

The four who brought their teams here seeking a national championship represent the full spectrum of the basketball community. Two are lifers; the other two from the next generation.

Florida's Billy Donovan is a 33-year-old, all grown-up, New York guy who talks fast and coaches faster. The Gators' race-horse approach fits his style. At 34, Donovan has played in the Final Four with Providence, was an assistant there with Kentucky and returned this year as a head coach.

He talks basketball theory with kidultism. There is, for example, the price of playing his team's style.

"You get teams that get out, play great half-court defense, deny, deny, deny. They get back in a hurry. Coaches live with that. In our system and style of play, we're going to have to live with some gimmies. I will give up one or two or three of those baskets to create pace and tempo and fatigue."

"Now what I want to see happens is if we do give up an easy basket to have the ball outlet at the back as quickly as we can and race down the floor right back at them as quickly as we can."

Got that?

Donovan's first two trips to the Final Four came at Duke's Rick Pitino, now the coach of the Boston Celtics.

"I took a lot of things from him," Donovan said. "His work ethic, his preparation, his ability



Florida coach Billy Donovan passes the ball during practice Friday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

to be innovative, a risk-taker. Outside of my mother and father, he was the most influential person in my life."

Donovan got to Final Four quickly and frequently. Wisconsin's Dick Bennett took a career to get here, spending 11 years coaching high school teams and 19 more at university branches at Stevens Point and Green Bay.

Everywhere he went, he preached defense first, and in this run-and-gun era, he has always managed to find players willing to commit to that cause.

"It's not hard to get kids to play defense," Bennett said. "He recognizes the need to complete his game."

Some people call Wisconsin's style ugly. The laconic Bennett doesn't mind the complaints.

"I'm used to it," he said. "It doesn't bother me. I'll trade the

35 years of criticism for this moment any day."

North Carolina's Bill Guthridge spent a lifetime at the side of Dean Smith, the loyal assistant now thrust in the head role at Chapel Hill. He played in the Final Four for Kansas State in 1958 — eight years before Donovan was born.

"I didn't play," Guthridge said. "That was (coach) Tex Winter's fault for not putting me in. We might have won."

Then honesty set in. "I wasn't very good," he said.

"I treat people the way I want to be treated," he said. "You have a responsibility to do your job. I am what I am and I don't hide that. I'm honest with my players. I try to hold guys accountable."

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So, can a coach who's been around as an assistant forever take over the top job seamlessly? One of Guthridge's approaches is a little game he sometimes uses as part of practice, a shootaround with no defenders.

"If the players don't get 105 points, then they have to run it down and back," he said.

"Between 105 and 125, nobody runs. If it's over 125, then the coaches run."

The day before they played Florida, the Tar Heels totaled 128.

But one Carolina coach has a bad hip, another bad knees and a third a bad back. "And I'm old," Guthridge said, "so it's untimed down and back for the coaches."

Tom Izzo of Michigan State was 31 when Guthridge came to the Final Four with K-State. He grew up in Iron Mountain, Mich., to play with San Francisco 49ers coach Steve Mariucci, who was his roommate at Northern Michigan. He, too, has been an assistant for a number of years at Michigan and from 1983-95 at Michigan State.

He has the reputation of being a players' coach.

"A lot of coaches don't let players get involved with some of their plays," Spartans forward Morris Peterson said. "I think that's what separates coach Izzo. He can really relate to his players. He's always willing to listen to them and get some of their input."

Izzo said his style is simple.

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Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma shouts from the sidelines during his team's game against Penn State in the first half at the First Union Center in Philadelphia on Friday.

UConn player finally on same page with her coach

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Svetlana Abrosimova and Geno Auriemma haven't always agreed as player and coach. But they're united in one common goal: bringing Connecticut a national championship.

"When I first got here, I didn't know about the tradition," said Abrosimova, a junior guard from St. Petersburg, Russia.

"But I learned we have to beat Tennessee."

The top-ranked Huskies (35-1) seek their second title in five years when they meet Tennessee (33-3) today. It will be the third meeting between the teams this season with each winning on the other's home court.

"In Connecticut, if you go 38-2 and lose twice in Tennessee, they want to fire the coach," Auriemma said.

Auriemma knows Abrosimova, a two-time All-American, is a major reason why his team is playing for the national championship. But that hasn't prevented the coach from harping on Abrosimova's mistakes and insisting she adapt to his style of play.

"Our relationship was the best when she was in Russia and I talked to her on the phone," Auriemma said jokingly Saturday. "Everybody is making too much out of this. This is no different than the relationship I've had with every one of my good players."

"I don't like any of them because they are never as good as I think they can be. So we're always arguing about how to do things better, how to do things differently, how to improve certain things."

Abrosimova expected Auriemma to be tough on her when she was a freshman because "he's always yelling at freshmen since they don't know anything," she said.

"But when it was the same my sophomore year, I said 'Uh-oh,'"

Abrosimova said.

The low point for Abrosimova came when two defensive lapses caused Auriemma to bench her the entire second half of an 86-34 victory over Seton Hall, one game after the Huskies' only loss of the season, 72-71 to Tennessee on Feb. 2.

"It took a while, but I know what he wants me to accomplish. He proved his point," Abrosimova said. "I've been playing good. We have so many good players and I have to get them involved."

One of those players is fellow All-American, Shen Ralph, who understands that Abrosimova's fastbreak, open-court style of play adds an extra dimension to UConn's offense.

"She brings a different style to our team," Ralph said. "She's very tough and very brave and she does a lot of things that sometimes coach doesn't like. But depending on whether the ball goes in or not, that makes up your mind. She makes tough shots for us."

Abrosimova's scoring has slipped to 13.4 points per game this season after averaging 14.5 and 16.6 her first two seasons. But she has recorded more assists (152) and fewer turnovers (109) than ever.

"She's not there yet. She knows it," Auriemma said. "But she never will be, either. Nobody ever is. But from where she started when she was a freshman to where she is now, she's learned a lot about the game."

Abrosimova isn't sure where she's going after UConn, but she has her sights set on playing in the Olympics in the fall during her senior year. Abrosimova has been a member of the Russian national team the past three years, including last summer when her playing time increased on a team full of veterans.

A season of games leaves the Big Two

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sixty-two games have come and gone, five rounds of play are in the books.

Just two teams remain in the NCAA women's basketball tournament, and to one's surprise, they are top-ranked Connecticut and No. 2 Tennessee. The Philly final that most everyone expected is here at last.

The two giants of their sport will square off tonight in the national championship game, their third meeting this season and the second they have played for the NCAA title.

Those who played it safe with their brackets got this one right. "I think everybody has been waiting for this game," Connecticut's Shen Ralph said. "It's definitely fate. It's going to be a big battle. We've prepared, we've worked hard and we're ready for it."

Connecticut (35-1) and Tennessee (33-3) most assuredly have been waiting for this chance.

UConn, which beat Penn State 89-67 in Friday night's semifinals, has not been to the championship game since it beat Tennessee 70-63 to win its only title in 1995.

Tennessee, a 64-54 winner over Rutgers, won three straight titles from 1996-98. But coach Pat Summitt's team didn't even get to the Final Four last year, losing to Duke in the regional final.

"I was saying to Pat Summitt the other day, you know, years like last year when they have the best team and they don't get



Tennessee coach Pat Summitt cheers on her team during the first half against Rutgers University in the semi-final game of the Women's Final Four at the First Union Center in Philadelphia on Friday.

here, I think God does that to you to make you appreciate the years you do get there even more," UConn coach Geno

Auriemma said.

"One little thing can go wrong and you don't make it. Being good is not good enough. So the

fact that we are good enough and fortunate enough to be here, I think we cherish this as much as anything."

The Huskies and Lady Vols split their regular-season games, each winning on the other's court. Both have All-Americans and both have talent that extends deep into their benches. Any one of several players is capable of a big night. In the semifinals, it was the point guards.

Connecticut's Sue Bird and Tennessee's Kara Lawson both scored 19 points.

Lawson helped Tennessee crack Rutgers' baffling matchup zone in the second half after the Scarlet Knights (26-8) stymied the Lady Vols for much of the game. Bird went 5-for-7 on 3-point shots, had five assists and did not commit a turnover.

"She has been the MVP of our team this year," Ralph said. "She has taken us for a wild ride in the tournament and every time we need to step up, she takes our team where we want to go."

Connecticut showed off its stunning depth in beating the Lady Lions (30-5), who were in their first Final Four. Ralph a first-team All-American, scored only nine points. Svetlana Abrosimova, another first-team All-American, scored 14 but made only 4-of-12 shots.

That did not slow the Huskies in the least. Reserve Ashja Jones scored 16 points and Tamika Williams came off the bench to get 10.

"We got contributions from everybody," Bird said.

Softball only takes second fiddle with girl who yens for hardball

LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP) — The ball is bigger. The field is smaller. The games are shorter.

But is softball equal to baseball? That's what a Massachusetts judge is being asked in a lawsuit filed by an Andover High School sophomore who wants to play on the boys' baseball team because the school doesn't have one for girls. Although state law requires equal access to athletics, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has argued that, because girls can play softball, there's no need to give them a baseball team of their own.

"They do admit there is a difference," Joseph Fitzgibbons, who represents 16-year-old Angelica Rotsart, said after a pretrial hearing Wednesday. "But they are saying that this is what girls should play."

Rotsart couldn't try out for the freshman baseball team last spring because the school said MIAA rules

didn't allow girls to play. She went to court and got an injunction that put her on the team.

She tried out for the junior varsity baseball team last week and didn't make the cut. But she plans on trying out again next year, and Fitzgibbons said she wants to make sure that other girls in the same position won't have to go to court to play ball.

"The games are very different in a number of respects," Fitzgibbons argued in a memorandum. "The equipment is different (bat, ball, glove). The velocity of the ball when pitched, and how (it is) pitched ... is different. The rules of the game are different. The innings played are different."

The differences account for a different game.

Courts have been asked to define sports before, most notably in Casey Martin's fight to be allowed to ride a cart on the PGA Tour. One federal judge has ruled that walking between holes is an integral part of golf, while another has said allowing Martin to ride is a reasonable accommodation required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Rotsart is relying on the state constitution, which has an Equal Rights Amendment and is thus more inclusive than federal law of girls hoping to play on boys' teams. The state Supreme Court has approved separate but equal teams for boys and girls in the interest of safety or to pre-

serve "emergent girls' sports programs from feared inundation by male athletes."

"Having a system of separate teams for boys and girls provides the greatest number of opportunities for young men and women to participate," MIAA executive director Richard Neal said. "We believe that if schools are no longer allowed to have separate boys and girls teams, opportunities will be limited at a time when high school girls are becoming involved in sports in record numbers."

In Rotsart's case, the question is whether the sports are similar enough to be considered "competitively equal," a rule that allows boys and girls to use a different sized basketball but can't make cheerleading into football.

If a school has competitively equal sports teams, it can keep boys and girls on separate but equal squads. If not, it must allow them to cross over,

which has allowed boys to join girls' field hockey, swimming and gymnastics teams and girls to play football.

But for the teams to be separate but equal, first they must be "competitively equal."

The bases are 60 feet apart in softball and 90 feet apart in baseball; pitchers throw underhand in softball and overhand in baseball; softball games are seven innings instead of nine; a softball is 12 inches around and a baseball is nine.

John Painter, a spokesman for the Amateur Softball Association, said that the sports may be different, but they're equivalent.

"They're both bat-and-ball sports with opportunities for people to play essentially the same game. It's the same concept" of running the bases and trying to reach home plate, he said. "You're not taking a step backwards from baseball. It's just a different sport."

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Martina Hingis of Switzerland returns to Lindsay Davenport of Newport Beach, Calif., in the women's finals at the Ericsson Open in Key Biscayne, Fla., Saturday. Hingis won the match 6-3, 6-2.

Hingis ends skid against Davenport

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Martina Hingis, who had lost five consecutive matches to Lindsay Davenport, ended the streak Saturday with a 6-3, 6-2 victory in the final of the Ericsson Open.

The top-seeded Hingis took charge from the start, winning eight of the first nine points. She played almost flawless tennis, committing only 10 unforced errors in 99 points.

"It's nice to win a big one again," beaming Hingis said. "I hope we're going to have many more finals together."

Davenport, seeded second, lost for the first time in 17 matches since January. Despite the

defeat, she'll supplant Hingis as the world's No. 1 player in next week's rankings.

"She really deserves the No. 1 spot right now," said Hingis, who earned \$350,000. Davenport received \$175,000.

Davenport had prevailed in their recent meetings thanks to her superior power, but this time Hingis controlled the points and waited for her opponent to make mistakes.

The strategy worked. Davenport committed 40 unforced errors, many on wild shots.

Hingis won the first four games and the final five games in the 58-minute match. She didn't lose a set in the tournament.

"It was just a really tough day," Davenport said. "Against Martina, you've got to play well or you're in trouble. Once I started not playing well, she really jumped on me and never let me get comfortable in the match."

Hingis' victory was her first against Davenport since the Chase Championships in November 1998. Davenport won their previous three meetings this year, all in finals.

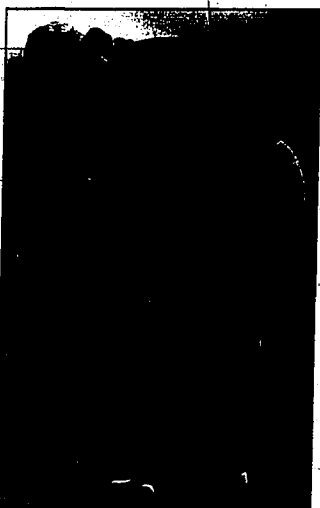
Hingis earned her second title in 2000. She also won the Key Biscayne tournament in 1997.

Pete Sampras seeks his third Key Biscayne title today against Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten.

Kite flies to Tradition front

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Tom Kite barely bettered par and still opened a two-shot lead over Andy North in the third round of the Tradition.

No one but North lit up the



Tom Kite puts on the eighth hole during the third round of the Tradition on Saturday in Scottsdale, Ariz. Kite leads Andy North by two shots going into today's final round.

Golf

exacting Cochise Course at Desert Mountain, where a thunderstorm interrupted play for the second straight day. But Kite, who started one stroke behind Larry Nelson after both completed the second round earlier Saturday, fared as well as most.

He took the lead for good with a spectacular blast out of a trap that set up a birdie putt on No. 12, made five straight pars and birdied the last hole for a 1-under-par 71 and a 54-hole total of 208.

Nelson was 8-under to start but shot 75 to fall back to third at 211.

The day's outcome set up a final threeosome of U.S. Open winners — Kite, who won it in 1992, Nelson (1983) and North (1978, 1985).

Jim Ahern, who led the first round, shot a wildly up-and-down 72, allowing Bruce Summerhays (71) and Tom Watson (70) to catch him at 212 — four shots off Kite's pace.

Gary Nicklaus, Mickelson hold BellSouth lead

DULUTH, Ga. — Nicklaus is back on the leader board on a Georgia golf course and this time it isn't Jack.

His son, Gary, shot a 4-under 68 Saturday and grabbed a share of the lead with Phil Mickelson after the third round of the BellSouth Classic.

Phil Mickelson, who led the first round, shot a 69 that left the leaders at 11-under 205 for three trips around the hills of the 7,259-yard TPC at Sugarloaf course.

Harrington, Park share Sao Paulo lead

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Padraig Harrington of Ireland shot a 6-under 65 Saturday and tied David Park of Wales for the third-round lead in the \$750,000 Sao Paulo 500 Years Open.

Park registered a 68, and the

leaders had 54-hole totals of 202 going into today's final round.

Harrington lost in a playoff last week at Rio de Janeiro, one of seven second-place finishes in the past 11 months.

On Saturday, he had a flawless round with six birdies and no bogeys.

Miguel Angel Martin of Spain shot a 66 to remain one stroke off the pace. Blackey, who shot a course-record 8-under 63 Friday, turned in a 71 to fall two strokes back, tied with France's Jean-Francois Remsey and American Gerry Norquist.

Woods' new style hits the Masters

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Youngest Masters champion ever, lowest 72-hole score since Augusta National first opened its gates in 1934. Largest margin of victory in a major championship since Young Tom Morris in the 1870 British Open.

And then, Tiger Woods started over.

The genius of Woods is that he is not satisfied with what he has done if it won't carry him to what he hopes to accomplish.

The records he set during that historic romp through Augusta in 1997 were not the ones that mattered.

Jack Nicklaus won six green jackets. Woods wants at least that many, Nicklaus won 18 professional majors. Woods has his sights set on 19 and beyond.

"He judges everything against Jack Nicklaus. That's his barometer," said Butch Harmon, Woods' swing coach the past seven years.

And so, not long after he won the Masters at age 21, Woods decided to rebuild his swing and remake his game. He added position to his power. His swing is less steep, allowing him to control his distance with iron.

His short game has never been

The Masters

When: April 6-9
Where: Augusta National at Augusta, Ga.
Defending champion: Jose Maria Olazabal
TV: Thursday, USA/CBS 2-4:30 p.m./7-9:30 p.m.
Friday, USA/CBS 2-4:30 p.m./7-9:30 p.m.
Saturday, CBS 1:30-4 p.m.
Sunday, CBS 2-5 p.m.

better. Just two weeks ago in the Bay Hill Invitational, Woods missed 13 greens on the weekend and got up-and-down 12 times.

One thing that has never changed is his desire to set new standards.

"He's got phenomenal focus," Nicklaus said. "If he can keep that going for a long period of time, he'll break all of my records — and everyone else's."

The pursuit of those records returns this week at Augusta National, where Woods is the favorite to win the 64th Masters.

The course is set up perfectly for Woods. It requires length off the tee, approach shots in specific areas of the lightning-quick, undulating greens, an imaginative short game and a soft, fearless touch with the putter.

Woods has all that and more. He started thinking about the Masters as early as January, shaping his shots, getting the right trajectory, the correct divot pattern, his grip, his stance. Even last week, he had a crucial par putt on the 17th hole

that reminded him of Augusta.

"In the back of your mind, it is always there," he said.

Just like Woods is in the back of everyone's mind. He comes into the Masters having won or finished second in 10 out of his last 11 PGA Tour events. He has won 65.1 percent of the purse in his seven tournaments this year. His worse score this year is a 73 at Spyglass.

No, he doesn't win every week. Phil Mickelson stopped Woods' winning streak at 6 — the longest on tour since 1945 — in San Diego and will be a threat to finally win his first major at Augusta.

Darren Clarke outplayed Woods to win the Match Play Championship and could be the one to continue Europe's streak of 11 victories in the Masters since 1980, including that of Jose Maria Olazabal last year.

Hal Sutton called out Woods in The Players Championship, then beat him on an unforgiving course by making par or better on 44 of the final 45 holes. Sutton hasn't made the cut in the Masters since 1985, but he reminded his peers that Woods is human.

Woods might not win the Masters this week, but odds are he will at least give himself a chance to win it again.

"That's one of the reasons why I changed my golf swing in '97, is that I felt like I couldn't be in contention every time I teed it up with the swing I used to have," he said. "Now my bad shots aren't bad. My good shots are always going to be pretty good, but it's the bad ones that are the key to

shooting good, solid numbers."

Dating to last year's Masters, Woods won 10 times and hasn't finished worse than 18th in a single playing tournament.

During that same span, his top four challengers — Duval, Mickelson, Davis Love III and Ernie Els — have combined to win only one tournament.

"I don't count him out of any tournament nowadays," said Mark O'Meara, the '98 Masters champion. "He's developed all the shots. His advantage with his length and with his short game and putting ... Augusta fits his game to a tee."

It is not the same Augusta as when Woods conquered the course in 1997. Golfers have added rough — known in these parts as the "second cut" — of about an inch, added length to a couple of holes, added trees to separate the 35th and 17th fairways, and rebuilt some greens to add even more treacherous pin positions.

It is not the same field. Augusta National changed the criteria to make the field stronger by placing more emphasis on the world ranking and money lists and eliminating the category that all PGA Tour winners automatically get in. Seven winners in the past 10 years.

Above all, it is not the same Tiger Woods.

"There used to be courses that suited his game better," Harmon said. "Now, it doesn't matter where he plays because his game is so well rounded. The harder the course, the easier it is for him because he's so much better."

Seven winners will stay outside Augusta's gates

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — In the 17 years that Tom Pernice Jr. has played professionally, he made it through the heavenly gates of Augusta National just once. That was in 1990, when a tie for 13th in the U.S. Open was good enough to get in the Masters.

Since 1972, the best way to qualify for the most exclusive major championship was to win a PGA Tour event.

Pernice, his breakthrough victory came one year too late.

After holding off Tom Lehman and Ernie Els to win the Buick Open in August, he earned \$42,000, got a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour and a trip to Maui for the winners-only Mercedes Championship — but no letter from Augusta National Club.

Pernice is among seven players to win PGA Tour events since the last Masters who won't be driving down Magnolia Lane.

In an effort to strengthen its field,

the Masters revamped its criteria to reward consistency, with most of the emphasis on the world ranking and money list. There are now 13 ways an American can qualify for the Masters. Winning on the PGA Tour is no longer one of them.

"World rankings are more important than a win," Pernice lamented. "Sure, it's disappointing. But Augusta National has every right to set up the rules as they will be that will benefit their golf tournament. You've got to live with it."

So do Brad Faxon, Rich Beem, J.L. Lewis, Brian Henninger, Olin Browne and Jim Carter, all four winners who will make this week off while players like Brian Watts, Scott Gump, Craig Parry and Skip Kendall — none of whom have ever won on the toughest tour in the world — will be at Augusta.

Why the change?

"We believe our new qualifications identifies the best players in

the world," said Augusta National chairman Greg Norman. "We think we provide ample opportunities to gain entrance into the Masters through our qualifications."

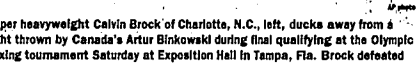
"For those that did not qualify, we hope they are able to in the future."

Here's how they can:

Win a major or The Players Championship. Finish in the top 16 at the Masters, top eight in the U.S. Open, or top four in the British Open or PGA Championship. Finish in the top 50 in the world ranking or the top 40 on the money list at the end of the previous year.

Augusta National also invites those who make the top 50 in the world or the top three on the money list published four weeks before the Masters.

The field is 95 this year, which includes 10 senior players (past Masters Champions) and six amateurs. One of those amateurs is Aaron Baddeley of Australia, invit-



Super heavyweight Calvin Brock of Charlotte, N.C., left, ducks away from a right thrown by Canada's Artur Binkowski during final qualifying at the Olympic boxing tournament Saturday at Exposition Hall in Tampa, Fla. Brock defeated Binkowski 20-2 and earned a berth to the Olympics.

Pair of American boxers qualify for the Olympics

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A heavyweight who took up boxing while serving time for armed robbery and a super heavyweight who is a banker won finals Saturday and became the eighth and ninth U.S. boxers to qualify for the Olympic Games.

Michael Bennett of Chicago won the 201-pound final by stopping Richard Nazario of Puerto Rico in the second round. Super heavyweight Calvin Brock of Charlotte, N.C., earned a trip to Sydney in September by stopping Artur Binkowski of Canada in the fourth round.

Only competitors in the two top weight classes had to win finals to qualify in the Americas qualifying tournament.

The finalists in the other 10 weight classes, from 106 to 128 pounds, had qualified for the Olympics by winning semifinal bouts Thursday night.

"I just wanted to work hard," said the 29-year-old Bennett, who was released from prison July 28, 1998.

Work hard he did, from the

opening bell, pounding Nazario, who lives in New York, with hard shots to the head and body. Bennett was leading 16-3 when the match was stopped with one second left in the second round.

The 25-year-old Brock hit Binkowski with sharp jabs and quick right hands and was leading 20-2 when the fight was stopped at 1:26 of the fourth round.

Brock has a degree in finance from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and is enrolled in a management training program with the Bank of America.

Five of the seven U.S. boxers who qualified for the Olympics by winning their semifinals, also won finals Saturday.

The winners were Clarence Vinson, 119, of Washington, D.C.; Ricardo Juarez, 125, of Houston; Ricardo Williams Jr., 139, of Cincinnati; Jermaine Taylor, 168, of Little Rock, Ark.; and Jeff Lacy, 165, of St. Petersburg, Fla. Lacy won on a walkover.

Kwan wins world skating title

NICE, France (AP) — Michelle Kwan regained the women's title at the World Figure Skating Championships Saturday, vaulting past two Russians by winning the free skating program.

It was Kwan's third world title. She also won in 1996 and 1998.

Irina Slutskaya was second and Maria Butyrakaya, who led going into the free, finished third.

Kwan's smooth and elegant routine to music from the movie "Red Violin" earned her top scores, even though she skated

first in the final group of six.

After getting marks between 5.6 and 5.8 for technical merit, Kwan had to wait for Butyrakaya to beat her for the world title last year, and Slutskaya, who won the Grand Prix final.

Butyrakaya ruined her chances when she two-footed a triple jump and scaled down a triple jump.

The Slutskaya made a mistake in the free program, but Kwan in doing two triple jumps combinations but no triple-triple

AL PREVIEW

Finley to challenge Yanks

The Associated Press

The Cleveland Indians added one major player during the offseason to try to catch the New York Yankees. Signing Yankees killer Chuck Finley might just be enough, but he fits...

Cleveland has always had the glue, with a powerful offense that became the filter to score more than 1,000 runs since 1950. Now they might have a star starting pitcher, too, with Finley and ace Bartolo Colon to stop New York from becoming the first team since 1918 to win three straight World Series titles.

A lot of great teams have won two in a row," said Yankees first baseman Tim Lincecum, "whose distinguishing practices the past two years is just one of the questions that could keep New York from winning again. Three straight is a dynasty-type accomplishment."

son, or at least the All-Star game? And can anyone hit Pedro Martinez?

While the National League has its own Run Central division and the potential for a race in all three divisions, the AL offers little suspense for the regular season.

Only six teams have made the playoffs in five years of wild-card play, with New York, New York, Cleveland having made it every year, and Texas and Boston three times, including the past two years.

And that brings up the most interesting question: Which of the three AL West contenders will make the playoffs, Texas, which won the last two division titles only to score two runs in six losses to the Yankees, has overhauled more than half its lineup, trading two-time MVP Juan Gonzalez to Detroit.

Seattle, which was forced to trade Ken Griffey Jr. to Cincinnati, could be in a better position this season than last, following the signings of John Olerud, Art Shryver and Arthur Rhodes and Kazuhiko Sasaki.

"There's a huge void without Griffey," Rodriguez said. "But you've got to understand, we've proven that with a great win we haven't been able to win. Now we've brought in pitching. It's the most balanced team we've had."

But not just any pitcher. Look for the same four teams to advance to the playoffs, but with Finley knocking the Yankees out and sending Cleveland to the World Series.

A look at the AL in predicted order of finish:



Cleveland Indians pitcher Chuck Finley warms up before the start of the first game against the Florida Marlins on March 23 at Space Coast Stadium in Viera, Fla. The Cleveland Indians made one major move this offseason in their attempt to catch the World Series champion New York Yankees. Signing Yankees killer Chuck Finley just might be enough.



Seattle pitcher Jamie Moyer, now the club's number one starter, warms up for his start against the Chicago Cubs March 16 in Peoria, Ariz. Moyer leads a rebuilt pitching staff that the Mariners hope will lead them back to the playoffs.

Scrawny Moyer serves as anchor for M's pitching staff

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) - Jamie Moyer is listed at 6 feet and 175 pounds. In the Seattle Mariners' locker room, he looks smaller - almost out of place with such teammates as 6-foot-5 John Olerud and Aaron Sele.

And he might look scrawny compared to well-built teammates. Alex Rodriguez, Edgar Martinez, Jay Buhner and Tom Seaver, but his pitching statistics aren't.

His record during the past four seasons is 59-25, a .702 winning percentage. Only Pedro Martinez of Boston, last year's AL Cy Young Award winner, has a better one at 71-3.

Since being acquired by Seattle in a trade from the Red Sox for Darren Bragg on July 30, 1996, Moyer is 52-24, including a 14-8 record last season when he pitched in 228 innings. He won a career-high 17 games in 1997 and got 15 more wins in 1998.

In five spring starts, he finished with a 3-1 record with a 4.50 ERA in 20 innings. He looks ready to have a big year.

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At Safeco, where he will toil for

55.5 million this season, there's a two-story vinyl banner of Moyer. He has both fame and fortune now, a far cry from the young left-hander who lost 15 games in consecutive seasons for the Cubs in 1987 and 1988.

"We were driving to the new ballpark one day and I had me kids in the car with me," Moyer said with a smile. "They said, 'Daddy, look, your picture on the stadium.' I said, 'What are you talking about?' They said, 'Look out the window.' I looked out the window and said, 'Oh, my God.' I never expected anything like that."

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EAST DIVISION

New York Yankees

The Yankees have risen to a post-war and a post-9/11 deepest rotund in the league to back-to-back World Series titles. But questions surround this year's staff.

On a pair of 37-year-old starters, Greg Maddux (14-10, 4.60 ERA) and Tim Lincecum (13-10, 3.44), who both pitched in the second half last year. Lincecum's (14-11, 4.70) win total topped three previous years and he pitched in the second half last year.

Age could also be a problem in the lineup that will be without the superstar Barry Strawberry, as 37-year-old Paul O'Neill (.285, 19, 110) has his fewest homers and lowest batting average since coming to New York in 1996.

That said, New York still has Derek Jeter (.343, 24, 203), Bernie Williams (.302, 25, 115) and Mariano Rivera (.183, 45 saves) and a wealth of young talent that can be used to bring in help down the stretch.

Boston Red Sox

Boston used two starters, Pedro Martinez (.234, 2.07, 313 K) and Nomar Garciaparra (.272, 2.07, 211 K) and a bunch of role players to make the playoffs for the first time since 1914-15.

Repeat performers by those two and the addition of Carl Everett (.325, 25, 108) should ensure a third straight top spot for first time in team history. But Martinez needs support from a pitching staff that was beat in last year. John Wadsworth's eight wins are the most of any Boston pitcher on the opening-day roster.

Pedro's brother Ramon (.231, 3.05) will not be replaced. Fred Schobert (.106, 2.95), and Derrek Lowe (.63, 2.63, 15 saves) will be counted on as closer.

Toronto Blue Jays

Fought Boston for the wild-card spot before slipping in last year. The Jays have a new manager, Dave Stieb, and a revamped coaching staff and traded Shawn Green (.309, 42, 123) to

Los Angeles for underachieving Raul Mondesi (.263, 3.99)

David Wells (17-10, 4.82) anchors pitching staff full of wild arm throwers, but could be traded to contender if Blue Jays fall early. Chris Carpenter (.95, 4.38) could be key to team's success if he stays healthy.

Los of Green takes some pop out of lineup, and Tony Batista might have difficulty time repeating 26-homer campaign in 375 at-bats after trade from Arizona.

Baltimore Orioles

The Orioles were once again one of the best in the league. They had four appointments in 1999, but new manager Mike Harrowe will try to coax overpaid, underachieving team

into the playoffs. Starting pitching, which was by the strength of the team, was dealt big blow with injury to Scott Erickson (5-12, 4.81), which will miss first two months. Mike Mussina (19-13, 3.50) and Sidney Ponson

(12-12, 4.71) still form a formidable 1-2 punch.

Albert Belle (.297, 37, 117) struggled in first season in Baltimore, especially in first half. He had similar problem in Chicago before breaking out in 1998. Familiarity and reunion with Harrowe could mean big year for Belle.

Cal Ripken (.340, 18, 57), despite playing only 86 games, had one of his best seasons, when he was healthy.

Tampa Bay Devil Rays

If this were Home Run Derby, Devil Rays would be in great position.

Jose Canseco (.274, 34, 95) Great Vaughn (.245, 45, 118), Vinny Castilla (.275, 33, 102) and Fred McGriff (.310, 32, 104).

The four combined for 306 homers past two seasons - most of any team - yet also struck out 941 times during that span.

Traded ace Rolando Arroyo to get Canseco, and pitching is thin for Devil Rays. Management hoping slugger at least bring out fans if they can't win.

Attendance dropped 600,000 from first to second year and money is already a problem in Tampa Bay.

CENTRAL DIVISION

Cleveland Indians

With Kenny Lofton making a remarkable recovery from a shoulder injury, another 1,000-run season might be out of the question.

Throw in an improved pitching staff and you should once again be wrapped up by April 15.

They top three in the infield - Lofton (.301, 7, 39), Omar Vizquel (.333, 5, 96), and Roberto Alomar (.223, 24, 120) - set the table for the sluggers and scored 36 percent of the team's 1,093 runs.

Manny Ramirez (.333, 44, 165), Jim Thome (.277, 33, 104) and Richie Sexson (.265, 149) form one of the most awesome run-producing trios in the league.

Finley (12-11, 4.43) takes some pressure off struggling Jarret Wright (8-10, 6.06) and Colon (18-5, 3.95). Is a legit, viable ace.

Biggest question is in the bullpen. Pedro's Paul Shue (6-5, 3.3) and Steve Karas (10-2, 2.97, 1) need to replace Mike Jackson.

Detroit Tigers

New stadium and Gonzalez (.326, 39, 123) should provide some excitement but pitching staff led by four starters is the question.

Mark for new manager and starter. Jeff Weaver (9-12, 5.55) struggled in second half of his rookie year, his ERA and 44 homers are the best and his ERA.

Spacious Comerica Park could help beleaguered pitchers but will also swallow up any real damage.

White Sox need Frank Thomas to return to top form.

Chicago White Sox

Chicago is building a solid nucleus of young players, but to win they need to add some real damage.

Oakland Athletics

Team that show dramatic improvement one year then to fall flat the next.

A healthy John Jaha (.276, 25, 111) will once again say to the Athletics. Look for better seasons from Eric Chavez (.247, 13, 50) and Ben Griener (.265, 24, 86) and more improvement from Jaha (.276, 25, 111) to set any drop in production from Jaha.

Minnesota Twins

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Mets happy to be home

Spring training

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Mets are feeling fine, thank you, after returning from their two-game tour of Tokyo. They're just tired of being asked about the trip.

"I'm not talking about Japan!" joked pitcher Rick Reed, who allowed just an unearned run in eight innings Thursday night as New York beat the Chicago Cubs 5-1 in 11 innings.

Rickey Henderson's lasting impression was stunner shock.

"I think I got broke over there. Cost me \$500," Henderson said. "Every time I went to eat, it was \$250 or \$300, and what they give you there, you have to eat triple. Other than that, I had a great time."

The Mets were back at Shea Stadium for a two-hour workout Saturday, preparing to resume the season with Monday's home opener against the San Diego Padres. Al Leiter will take the mound against Sterling Hitchcock.

"If everybody feels as good as I do, then there won't be a problem," manager Bobby Valentine said. "Half of the teams did the same thing we did. They're going to open up on the road, and then they're going to come home for their home opener. There's nothing special, there was just some travel."

Just some travel? Try nearly 30 hours round trip and a 14-hour time difference to adjust to. And the Mets were well pre-

pared by assistant GM Omar Minaya, who was charged with finding tips to make the long trip easier.

Minaya consulted the commissioner's office and Mets doctors, who suggested the players drink lots of water, go to bed a few hours earlier than normal and avoid the long flights.

The players apparently paid attention. Most of the Mets seemed well-rested and energetic Saturday, wince-cracking in the clubhouse. Road manager Armand Brantzen even wrestled on the field.

"We've already gotten going. We think that's an advantage for us," Mike Piazza said. "We're out of the blocks and hopefully we can take that win and use it as momentum."

One player who wasn't so cheery was outfielder Benny Abagny. His homecoming heroics Thursday - an 11th-inning, pinch-hit grand slam - salvaged a split for the Mets. But Abagny said the team already told his agent he will be optioned to Triple-A Norfolk on April 9 to make room for fifth starter Glendon Rusch.

"We've got too many good players here. I'm sure one or two options so I'm the one who has to pay for it. That's the game of baseball," Abagny said as he dressed quietly at his locker.

MLB PREVIEW

Griffey, Mac, Sosa heat up

The Associated Press

Ken Griffey Jr., Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa might be the only ones tired of talking about the Home Run King. Griffey said, "It's not about home runs," Slammin' Sammy insisted. "That's not why I play the game," Big Mac emphasized. "I can't count what they do, so why think about it?" Junior asked. "Don't worry, guys. Just go out and hit 'em. Everyone else will do the counting."

As McGwire and Sosa once proved, a homer chase is more thrilling than a pennant race. And boosted by Griffey, the NL Central is now baseball's most exciting place.

Of course, the East and West winners might go further in the postseason than the Central champion. And there's a chance that neither Griffey, McGwire nor Sosa will even get there.

"Griffey is the best player in the game today, but that doesn't mean the Cincinnati Reds are going to go to the playoffs," McGwire said. "We can go 3-for-3 with three bombs and still lose the game."

Traded from Seattle to his hometown Cincinnati, Griffey (285, 46 HRs, 134 RBIs) hopes to reach the World Series for the first time. The Chicago Cubs finished last despite Sosa (288, 63, 141) while the St. Louis Cardinals need more than McGwire (278, 65, 147).

"The way the media portrayed myself and Sammy, now they're going to portray myself and Sammy and Griffey, and people are going to come see one aspect of the game," McGwire said. "Probably so. Fact is, these are the greatest three sluggers ever in one division. Might be the most fearsome threesome in league history, too."

Griffey, McGwire and Sosa have played in the same division before, by the way. They were together in the AL West from 1989-91, with far less fanfare.

In 1991, McGwire hit 22 home runs and Griffey had 22 for Seattle and Sosa had 10 for the Chicago White Sox—a total of 54, which all three of them could exceed this year. A look at the NL in predicted order of finish:



St. Louis slugger Mark McGwire watches his two-run home run clear the field against the Baltimore Orioles in the first inning of the last spring training game for both teams Thursday in Jupiter, Fla.



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With newcomer Mike Hampton now pitching to Mike Piazza, the Mets hope they're ready to make a repeat trip to the postseason the first time in team history. The journey began with a trip to Tokyo, where they played two games with the Chicago Cubs.

The best infield outfield over (33 errors, 12 fewer than the 1994 Orioles) will have to adjust to lefty Zelig, a third baseman in Texas, he's struggling at a position where he's played only 76 games.

3B Robin Ventura (301, 32, 120) and SS Rey Ordonez won Gold Gloves and Ed Eversole (204, 27, 108) did not miss a grounder all season. Piazza (303, 40, 124) could win an MVP. All Leites (13, 423) should do well as a No. 2 starter behind Hampton (224, 2.90 ERA). RHP Bobby J. Jones (3-3)

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Now, can the Reds pull off a fabulous fall? Cincinnati won 96 games last year and came within one of making a surprising appearance in the playoffs.

The addition of Griffey, along with OF Dante Bichette (298, 34, 133) to a lineup that includes 1B Ken Caminiti (256, 59, 99) and SS Barry Larkin (293, 30 SBs) should be enough to do it.

That is, provided the pitching holds them. Pete Harnick (5-18, 4.58), Denny Neagle (9-5, 4.27), Steve Farias (11-4, 3.50) and Ron Villone (9-7, 4.23) need to duplicate that success.

The emergence of Rocker of the Year Scott Williamson (12-7, 19 saves, 2.41) and Danny Graves (8-7, 27 saves, 3.08) bolstered the bullpen.

At 69, manager of the year Jack McKeon guides with a steady hand. Bench coach Ken Griffey Sr. may be the manager-in-waiting, but that shouldn't pose any problems in the dugout.

Houston Astros

Three straight knockouts in the opening round of the playoffs have many Astros fans asking: Is this all?

Eurot Field opens this season, with its odd wall angles and a 30-degree slope in deep center field. Jose Lima (21-10, 3.58 ERA) likes the dimensions, especially the 436-foot distance straightaway.

Houston will be disappointing Derek Bell to the Mets for Octavio Dotson (8-3) and CF Roger Cedeno (21-6, 3.88). Houston also traded OF Carl Everett (204, 27, 108) for winning his third straight division title.

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Watching Jason Kendall run around this spring, it's like watching a 19-year-old. The All-Star catcher snapped his ankle at first base July 4 in a game some sign: A 312 hitter in his first 3.5 years, he seems all set for another big season.

OF Brian Giles (.315, 39, 115) showed up to a bopper and 2B Warren Hernandez (.288, 15, 73) impressed as a rookie.

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"Everyone thinks that because we've got Junior, we're an automatic shoe-in," manager Jack McKeon said. "But that doesn't make it happen."

No, it doesn't. It'll be nice having Junior running down balls in center field and hitting 50-some homers in the No. 3 spot. It would be even nicer if he could snap off a curve, too.

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"I don't want to be sitting next to him in the bullpen," teammate Eddie Perez said with a slight grin, only half-kidding.

Rocker, suspended until April 18 by his disparaging comments against gays, minorities and foreigners, got a sample of what he can expect when he was booed with passion during a spring training series in Venezuela last month.

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

The average value for new, single-family homes that got construction permits from Haley's city building department hit \$142,162 for 1999. That's a 5.6 percent increase over the city's \$134,581 new home average in 1998.

Haley in 1999 issued permits for just 62 new single-family homes, compared with 79 in 1998.

Source: First Security Bank's "Idaho Construction Report"

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Find your niche in Sun Valley this May

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley will be finding your niche in the New Millennium - this year's Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism - May 3-5.

We use this conference to discuss ways to strengthen Idaho's tourism industry and honor industry professionals," said Dennis Bowyer, conference chairman and Twin Falls parks and recreation supervisor.

Keynote speakers include Robert Wendover of Leadership Resources and George Neary of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Wendover's talk May 3, "From Rice & Lucy Beards & Buckens," will reveal the values and attitudes of two generations currently employed in the labor force, a state press release said. Neary will talk about the importance of providing a unique experience and defining a destination on its own terms.

Workshop topics include tips on finding state and federal financing, special event management, Internet promotion and marketing, and tapping into international markets. Conference participants will have an opportunity to tour central Idaho's hottest travel attractions.

"Educating ourselves on what other areas have to offer is the best thing we can do to provide good customer service and experience," said Carl Wilgus of the Idaho Department of Commerce.

The three-day event concludes with the annual Take Pride in Idaho awards, which recognize Idahoans' efforts to promote, preserve or restore Idaho's tourism and recreation resources.

Nominations for this year's awards are due Wednesday. Nominees are sought for: Outstanding Achievement in Recreation and Tourism, the Idaho Frontliner Award, the Idaho Media Award, Outstanding Idaho Visitor Information Center Award, Outstanding Idaho Historic Preservation Award and Outstanding Cultural Tourism Award.

Conference registration packets are available by contacting Kellie Reed at the Commerce Department, 334-2470.

University of Idaho sets bean workshop, field day

KIMBERLY - The University of Idaho College of Agriculture plans a workshop and field day Aug. 3-4 at the university's Kimberly Research and Extension Center for representatives of the Idaho, national and international bean industries.

Bean researchers, growers, processors and dealers will hear presentations on dry and snap bean breeding, domestic and global production and marketing, cooking and canning qualities, and integrated management of diseases, insects, weeds, water and soil fertility.

They will view new North American bean lines and cultivars and see how both old and new varieties have fared under 50 years of continual bean cropping. They will also observe how different cultivars respond to water stress and zinc deficiency and learn which new strategies offer the most promise for pest management, event promoters said.

A \$75 registration fee will cover transcripts, processing, refreshments, lunches and dinner. Participants should preregister by May 31. After May 31, the fee is \$100. A block of rooms will be held at Best Western Cavanaugh Laysen Springs Hotel in Twin Falls until July 15.

For more information, call 423-4691 or send e-mail to singh@kimberly.uidaho.edu.

Compiled from staff reports

Valley posted bigger-than-average January building gain

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Without much help from its largest city, the Magic Valley saw larger-than-average construction gains in January. The gains were thanks in part to a couple of spendy Blaine County homes, a communications tower in Cassia County and a sport of home building in rural Twin Falls County subdivisions.

The estimated value of projects receiving permits in January topped January 1999's total by \$392,926 - that's 9.1 percent - for combined building types in selected areas of the Magic Valley, according to data compiled in First Security Bank's just-released statewide report.

That increase tops the average growth for the past year. The valley finished 1999 at 7 percent above 1998's total construction values, as reported by First Security Bank's January 1999 Sun Valley, rural Blaine and Twin Falls counties, Jerome, Cassia County and Rupert in January improved on their year-earlier numbers for combined construction. The gains in Haley, Ketchum, Twin Falls and the rest of Minidoka County lost ground.

Gooding and Shoshone activity dropped to zero. Some parts of the valley, such as rural Jerome County, are not included in the bank's survey.

In the valley's largest city, absolutely nobody started new commercial construction in January.

Twin Falls' building permits, however, did include a few notable projects:

- A joint venture by two hospitals to remodel a facility for a new "open architecture" magnetic resonance imaging machine.

- Magic Valley Distributing's warehouse expansion to accommodate alcoholic-beverage market growth.

- Olsen Brothers Construction's expansion of the warehouse it leases to a wallboard and acoustical supply company that's new to Twin Falls.

- A grain bin connected with Van Beek Nutritional Inc.'s new livestock-mineral manufacturing plant.

The Magic Valley as a whole topped the statewide performance.

Total construction value for authentic building permits in 57 major Idaho locations in January 2000 was

\$103,865,591, a decline of 13.4 percent from January 1999," said First Security's "Idaho Construction Report," written by economist Kelly Matthews.

The state's nonresidential construction value in January dropped an abrupt 56.7 percent below last year, he said. Most of the shortfall reflected an enormous commercial and industrial drop in the unincorporated portions of Ada County.

"With the exception of Ada County, the remainder of the state experienced significantly stronger nonresidential construction activity in January," Matthews said.

Idaho in January issues permits for fewer new dwelling units, but at a higher total value, than a year earlier.

Progress was not mixed, however, on Magic Valley's home-building scene.

The areas of the valley surveyed issued permits for 29 new single-family homes, up from 27 in January 1999. The average estimated value of those homes reached \$101,249 in January - an 18 percent rise over the \$85,968 of a year earlier. But January's average value was down from December's \$115,785 average.

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Magic Valley's construction-permit values

Area	January 2000	January 1999
Gooding	0	\$15,815
Haley	0	\$727,730
Ketchum	\$10,000	\$154,800
Sun Valley	\$377,000	0
Blaine County (unincorporated portion)	\$683,000	\$127,000
Jerome	\$510,015	\$391,735
Shoshone	0	\$51,500
Twin Falls	\$1,260,303	\$1,716,446
Twin Falls County (unincorporated portion)	\$912,121	\$407,990
Cassia County (entire county)	\$434,038	\$292,200
Rupert	\$132,530	\$48,480
Minidoka County (unincorporated portion)	\$353,525	\$375,980
Total:	\$4,702,582	\$4,309,656

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Source: "Idaho Construction Report" by First Security Bank. January report is the most recent available.

Location, history draw many to Murtaugh

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

MURTAUGH - All dressed up, much like it was in 1908 when the building first opened for business, the Iron Rail Bar & Grill in Murtaugh might be the oldest building in southern Idaho in which a bar and restaurant operates.

In November Mary-Linda and Paul LaRusso paid off the note on the business they bought six years ago and remodeled it to resemble early photos of the 92-year-old structure.

"Most bars are within 35 to 40 years old," owner Paul LaRusso said. "I think it's pretty safe to say it's the oldest one around."

In fact, he said, the business will apply for a position on the register of the Idaho State Historical Society, which can be done if a building is at least 50 years old. Once on the registry, the LaRussos could qualify for funds for further remodeling of the building to original design.

"Being on the registry is more or less an honor, or designation," said Idaho Historical Society Grants Operations Analyst Ann Swanson.

Nowadays the building serves as a cafe, but it was always so.

In 1908 it housed a blacksmith shop and feed store with living quarters above. After that, until the early 1940s, it was a leather and harness shop, then a service station. One of the more colorful tales about the building is that the upstairs was a house of ill repute during the 1930s, but older Murtaugh residents say that's only a rumor. From the 1940s on, it functioned as the town pub.

"A one-legged man by the name of Denney owned it," LaRusso said. For the next 4 1/2 decades the place was known as Denney's, after owner Dennis Petersen.

"You should have seen old Denney," longtime Murtaugh resident Arlen Moss said. He had only one leg, and with his crutch, he could run as fast as anyone in this place. He was real-

ly a great guy." Briefly during the late 1980s, the pub became known as Bonanza Clyde's.

Then the LaRussos, lifelong Californians, came along.

"We had managed different bars in California," LaRusso said, "but we really wanted to get out of the city. We traveled through different states on vacation. When we found this place, it was already sold, but that sale fell through."

"The place was really sad. We knew we would have to put some money into it, but we didn't realize how much," he said, rolling his eyes and sighing.

Because it was right across the street from railroad tracks, the LaRussos dubbed it the Iron Rail Bar and Grill. They added a surprisingly tame menu to the list of drinks. With meals added, the establishment really began to thrive.

One reason is that when the LaRussos acquired it they instituted a couple of fun traditions. For one, patrons would write their names on \$1 bills for good luck and attach them to the ceiling. After health officials inspected, the bills had to come down.

Accumulated smoke and dust on the money would contaminate a food establishment, they said.

Another LaRusso tradition: Every time a train passes - the tracks are about 60 feet away - anyone in the bar gets a free drink. For obvious reason, locals can be seen racing to the bar when they hear a train coming down the tracks.

Because the establishment is only half a mile from the Snake River Canyon, it is frequented in summer by tourists running the class-A rapids. Local farm men and women stop by for sustenance. On weekends, bike clubs from all over southern Idaho traveling the scenic routes make it a point to stop at Murtaugh's Iron Rail Bar & Grill.

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Top: Mary-Linda and Paul LaRusso have garnered a growing patronage for their business, Iron Rail Bar & Grill, half a mile from the Snake River Canyon near Murtaugh. Left: A 1908 building, maybe the first business establishment in Murtaugh, was remodeled in November to look much like it did when it was erected. Above, wagon teams in about 1911 - the early days of Murtaugh - pass the feed store that these days is the Iron Rail Bar & Grill. The structure is one of the oldest remaining in the town.

Sugar soars on fears of acreage reduction

BRIDGE NEWS

NEW YORK - World sugar futures have rallied off recent contract lows, buoyed by fresh physical demand and expected acreage cutbacks. Burdensome world supplies should lighten a bit next season, since plantings are slated to decline in a number of growing nations.

The New York May contract soared 5 percent Friday, climbing up 35 points to 5.90 cents per pound, after reaching a two-month high.

"The market's transitioning from bearish current crop fundamentals to less bearish new-crop fundamentals," Walter Spillie, senior analyst with Salomon Smith Barney, Brazil's harvest in the major center of the growing region starts in late April, and should be a little smaller than last season. Brazil is the top exporting country, and its cane production grew rapidly in the 1990s.

Weekly watch

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the past week.

Symbol	Description	Friday's Close	Previous Friday	Weekly Change	52-week High-Low	Annual Yield
ABS	ALBERTSONS	31	28 1/16	2 5/16	58 5/8 - 23 1/16	2.45%
ABCA	AMERISTAR	3 8/8	3 11/16	-1/8	4 1/2 - 2 1/2	NA
CAG	CON AGRA	18 1/8	16 5/16	1 13/16	28 1/4 - 15 1/16	4.47%
COST	COSTCO	83 9/8	83 9/8	-1 5/16	98 1/16 - 32 1/16	NA
FCO	FEDERATED	41 3/4	40	1 3/4	57 1/16 - 31 5/8	NA
FDO	FIRST SECURITY	12	11 11/16	1/16	31 - 10 3/4	4.67%
HD	HOME DEPOT	64 1/2	64 3/8	1/8	69 3/4 - 35 3/4	0.25%
HNZ	HEINZ	34 7/8	32 11/16	2 3/16	64 - 30 13/16	4.22%
IDA	IDACORP	34 3/4	33 1/4	1 1/2	53 - 25 15/16	5.35%
JCP	JC PENNEY	14 7/8	16	-1/8	64 7/16 - 13 5/8	7.73%
KOF	KOHL'S	18 1/8	18 1/8	1/8	38 1/8 - 15 9/16	5.89%
KR	KROGER	17 9/16	17 7/8	-5/16	31 1/8 - 14 1/16	NA
LFB	LONGVIEW FIBRE	14 3/4	13 9/16	1 3/16	17 3/4 - 10 11/16	3.25%
LW	LABOR READY	9 7/8	10 5/16	-7/16	28 5/16 - 7 11/16	NA
MU	MONSANTO	47 1/2	47 1/4	1/4	50 1/8 - 32 3/4	0.12%
MT	MICRON TECH	128	134 3/4	-9 3/4	143 - 34 1/4	NA
SU	SEARS	30 7/8	30 5/16	9/16	53 9/16 - 25 1/4	2.88%
TGT	TARGET	74 3/4	69 1/8	5 5/8	77 1/4 - 53 3/4	0.64%
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	49 1/8	38 3/8	10 5/8	67 7/8 - 34 1/4	2.04%
WFC	WELLS FARGO	40 15/16	41	-1/16	49 15/16 - 31 7/16	2.15%
WFSL	WASH. FEDERAL	19 1/16	17 5/16	1 3/4	25 11/16 - 14 5/8	5.04%
WMT	WAL-MART	55 1/2	58 1/2	-3 0/2	70 1/4 - 38 7/8	0.43%

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Magazine lauds Coors for being Latino-friendly

TWIN FALLS - Coors Brewing Co., which buys from growers throughout the Magic Valley, was named to Hispanic Magazine's list of 100 companies providing the most opportunities for Hispanics.

Each year the magazine honors 100 companies that excel in recruitment and hiring, minority business development initiatives, and funding efforts for scholarships, grants and organizations.

"We are proud to be recognized by Hispanic Magazine," said Carlos Soto, spokesman for Coors. "But more importantly, we are proud of our ability to keep our commitments to the Latino community and maintain our quality relationships with groups that make a difference by helping people in need."

The magazine said more and more companies are establishing long-term partnerships with the Hispanic business world and community, and investing financial and human resources toward diversity.

Subway shines in best sandwich survey

TWIN FALLS - Customers once again voted Subway their first choice in sandwiches in Restaurants and Institutions magazine's 20th annual Choice in Chains awards.

The Choice in Chains national survey rated more than 100 regional and national chains on seven attributes: food-quality, menu variety, value, service, atmosphere, cleanliness and convenience, said a press release from Subway. About 2,800 consumers participated in the survey, which took place over 12 months and used a five-point rating scale. NFO Research Inc. of Greenwich, Conn., conducted the study.

The first-place Platinum award is not Subway's first appearance in the winner's circle. It has repeatedly been at or near the top in its category since the survey began.

"We are very proud and happy to receive this prestigious award from Restaurants and Institutions magazine," said Bob Hucklepeter, Subway Twin Falls development agent. "It is gratifying to the entire Subway franchise family worldwide who work so long and hard to serve their customers."

Results of the consumer survey appear in the March 1 issue of the magazine.

The Subway franchise is the world's second-largest fast-food chain, of which eight Subway stores are in the Twin Falls region.

EPA lauds ShopKo Stores for energy conservation

GREEN BAY, Wis. - ShopKo Stores Inc. received national recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner presented ShopKo's director of facilities management, Patrick Finnemore, with an Energy Star Award for the retailer's energy conservation efforts at 160 ShopKo stores.

ShopKo said it has reduced energy consumption by 20 percent despite a 22 percent increase in the stores' operating hours. For ShopKo, the result is nearly \$3 million saved in annual energy costs and 100 million fewer pounds of carbon dioxide released into the environment, the equivalent of taking 10,000 cars off the road, the company said. The reduction was achieved through installation of more efficient lighting and heating, ventilation and cooling equipment controlled by a sophisticated energy-management system.

"The payback on this type of investment is longer than typically found in our industry, but it is the right decision for ShopKo and the environment," said Rodney Lawrence, senior vice president of store marketing.

The EPA Energy Star Awards identify the most energy-efficient products, homes and buildings. Thirty-two organizations received the award this year.

"By voluntarily working to save energy and reduce pollution, the recipients of the awards are leading America to a cleaner future through energy efficiency," Browner said.

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Benton Glaze has joined the faculty of the University of Idaho College of Agriculture as extension range livestock specialist in Twin Falls.

Glaze will develop extension programs in beef cattle management, breeding and genetics. He will also teach academic classes in beef science.

A native of the Texas Panhandle, Glaze earned his bachelor's degree at Tarleton State University, his master's degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia and his doctorate at Kansas State University. Both of his advanced degrees are in animal science with an emphasis in breeding and genetics. He wrote his doctoral thesis on the inheritance of feed conversion in Polled Herefords.

Since 1995, Glaze was extension livestock specialist at the University of Vermont. Glaze, who grew up on a diversified farm-ranch, said he looks forward to helping Idaho beef producers design breeding programs that match their herd's genetics to their ranch resources.

TWIN FALLS - KRRS Systems announced the addition of Beverly Smith to its technical support staff.

Smith is a Novell-certified and is enrolled in Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer curriculum at the College of Southern Idaho. She also brings a database application and customer service assets to the firm.

KRRS Systems said it has been providing business information technology solutions to south-central Idaho commercial and corporate concerns since 1992. Its focus is to aid businesses in maximizing the benefits of integrating computerized technologies into their information, goods and services delivery systems.

The company said it provides a comprehensive range of consultation, troubleshooting and repair, hardware sales, enterprise-wide Microsoft Windows NT networking, custom MS Windows NT/95/98 database application development and Internet e-commerce site management.

TWIN FALLS - Jim and Mary Fort of Photographic Services in Twin Falls announced a Wedding and Portrait Photographers International convention in Las Vegas March 19-23.

Convention activities included seminars taught by photographers from the organization, a trade show and print competitions, the Forts said.

TWIN FALLS - Donna Bach and Debra Preece of Coldwell Banker Western Realty earned membership in the company's International Diamond Society - a status bestowed on the top 20 percent of the more than 10,000 Coldwell Banker sales associates worldwide.

Bach and Preece have demonstrated superior sales performance, a press release said.

The two are associated with Coldwell Banker Western Realty at 590 Addison Ave. in Twin Falls.

BELLEVUE - The Water Loss Institute, a division of the Association of Specialists in Cleaning and Restoration International, inducted Ron Reese, owner of Mr. Steam/REE Construction of Bellevue, with the designation

of Water Loss Specialist during the association's convention March 18.

The designation signifies knowledge and experience in all facets of water loss and is a voluntary training that represents excellence in the industry," a press release said.

The 24 individuals inducted complied with the competency standards adopted by the credential board of the Water Loss Institute, provide the highest quality professional services and endorse the programs' code of ethics and conduct, the release said.

This assures customers the professional contractor ability to deal competently and fairly with the customer, as well as the insurance companies, it said.

Mr. Steam/REE Construction has served the Wood River Valley and southern Idaho for more than 16 years, providing full-service contents and property cleaning and reconstruction services.

BOISE - The Idaho Department of Insurance recognized Michael Mulcobery March 23 for his contributions to insurance fraud awareness education in the state.

Mulcobery, an employee of State Farm Insurance, is a claims specialist assigned to the Northwest Regional Special Investigation Unit. He presides' fraud awareness and recognition classes to law-enforcement agencies, civic and private organizations and company personnel. In May, he is scheduled to instruct on fraud awareness and recognition at the Idaho Police Academy in Meridian.

He is the son of Phil and Betty Mulcobery of Hansen.

TWIN FALLS - Dr. Richard V. Smith, a psychologist, recently completed specialized post-doctoral training in risk assessment of sexual offenders, assessment of psychopathy and advanced considerations of risk assessments.

The training further qualifies Smith in the evaluation and assessment of violent offenders, a press release said. The training was offered by the American Academy of Forensic Psychology and approved by the American Psychological Association.

TWIN FALLS - At a Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce event recently, Sherry Kelley was named Financial Services Advocate of the Year.

"I am so thrilled to be getting this award. I enjoy what I do and enjoy helping people get started," Kelley said.

Nominations for the award came from the community and chamber members, committee at the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho reviewed the nominations and selected the honoree.

Kelley is a loan officer with Magic Valley Bank, specializing in small-business and consumer loans. She has been with Magic Valley Bank for the past two years and in banking for the past eight years.

TWIN FALLS - Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Bryan Jensen, of Jensen Jewelers, at the Magic Valley Mall, from its Certified Professional Jeweler program.

The employee completed the 11-week course and received certification. The course involves training in procedures of the jewelry industry,

including diamonds, genuine stones, watches and all facets of jewelry making.

PAUL - Roman and Patti Jones of Wade E. Hawkes' Double Diamond Construction in Paul recently returned from a three-day cruise attending the annual MFS/York/Stormor 2000 National/International Sales Conference.

MFS/York/Stormor is a division of Global Industries Inc. and is a manufacturer and supplier of grain-storage, handling and conditioning equipment, headquartered in Grand Island, Neb.

The cruise setting allowed the exchange of ideas on products and services offered by the company and allowed attendees to meet one-on-one with sales, engineering and manufacturing representatives, a news release said.

BURLEY - Nick Durfee of Burley recently graduated from the Western College of Auctioneering in Billings, Mont.

The course Durfee completed included auctioneering, public speaking and auction management.

He is now qualified and available for auction services, at 678-7205.

Western College of Auctioneering is a nationally recognized training center that has graduates working in every state and in Canada, a press release said. The auction method is now a top choice for selling produce, livestock, merchandise real estate and personal properties, it said.

BURLEY - Stan Buckley recently was recognized for attaining master level status with Century 21 Real Estate Corp.

Buckley, born and raised in Twin Falls, has been with Century 21 Riverside Realty for 2 1/2 years. His award was based on the number of sales and a performance survey sent to his clients.

Century 21 Riverside Realty is at 2000 Overland Ave. in Burley. Buckley can be reached at 678-9020.

BURLEY - Robin Riedel of Coldwell Banker Curtis Realty in Burley earned membership in the company's International Diamond Society - a status bestowed on the top 20 percent of 70,000 sales associates worldwide.

Riedel has been with the company for 13 years and can be reached at 678-1751.

BURLEY - Kelly Runyon of Coldwell Banker Curtis Realty was chosen as a member of the company's International Sterling Society, which places Runyon among the top 27 percent of the 7,000 Coldwell Banker sales associates worldwide.

Runyon, a real estate broker, has been with Curtis Realty for four years and can be reached at 678-1751.

Building

Continued from D1 and November's whopping \$269,538.

The Magic Valley's country life still holds appeal for growing numbers. Seven of Twin Falls County's new-home permits in January went to rural subdivisions, said Sue Switzer, administrative assistant in the county's building department.

- Three in Meander Point, northwest of Twin Falls.
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Construction continues Wednesday on a Marriott Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City. At left rear, the Little America Hotel expansion also continues.

Too much room at the inn

Hotel overdevelopment leaves a glut of unoccupied space

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A word of advice to hotel owners: If you build it, they might not come.

Hotel occupancy rates are plunging across the country, and about a dozen markets — including Salt Lake City, where hotel business was expected to blossom in anticipation of the 2002 Winter Olympics — are seeing room prices drop as well. That's bad news for hoteliers and their bankers, especially as they watch shiny new towers spring up like weeds.

"Right now if you call a lender and say you want to finance a hotel you'd better have a great second sentence," said F. Scott Tonges, regional hospitality manager for Grubb & Ellis in Albuquerque, N.M. "Because they are going to hang up in most cases."

Five years ago it was just the opposite. Bankers and other lenders, flush with stock profits, were hungry for new projects.

Hotels looked like a safe bet. Business travel was booming along with the hot economy, and Americans were spending more on vacations. Some hotels built in

the last big boom, during the 1980s, needed to be upgraded. But developers got ahead of themselves.

"I think hotels, like any commercial real estate project, go through cycles," said Samuel Jeppson, First Security Bank's president for commercial real estate. He said it appears Salt Lake City's supply of hotel rooms is getting ahead of demand.

Occupancy rates nationwide fell from 72.5 percent in 1998 to 71.4 percent at the end of last year, according to PKF Consulting of San Francisco. Some of the biggest drops were: Boston (8 percent), Seattle (7.2 percent), and Dallas/Ft. Worth (6.8 percent).

On average, room rates increased by almost 2 percent, from \$114.63 in 1998 to \$116.79 in 1999. But 11 cities in the West and South saw rates decline along with visitors.

Take Salt Lake City. It was considered underdeveloped at the end of 1994, when there were 8,183 rooms at hotels with 50 rooms or more, according to

Colorado consultant Jim Hire, who publishes the Rocky Mountain Lodging Report.

But quick economic growth and the excitement of winning the Winter Games in 1995 had investors jumping in with both feet and open wallets.

By the end of this year — with the completion of a new 370-room Marriott downtown and the 700-room Little America Grand — there will be 14,568 rooms in the Salt Lake Valley.

"It's the old economic law of supply and demand," said Rick Davis, president of the Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau. "If you increase supply by 70 percent you have to increase market demand by the same rate. Otherwise you see occupancy go down and competition go up and rates go down, and that's exactly what we've seen happen."

Occupancy rates for the city peaked in the unusually high 80.5 percent in 1996, and slid to 65.4 percent last year, according to Hire's report. He projects that rates will drop to 61 percent by

the end of this year and as low as 58 percent in 2002.

At the same time, room rates are also falling, from a 10 percent increase in 1996 to a 5.5 percent drop last year.

That could make it tough for some hotels to survive. "Those which are not well-located or not well-managed are going to end up losing quite a bit of money," Hire said. "Properties that are well-maintained and well-managed will make it but it's not going to be fun."

Those that hold out until 2002 may get a boost. Salt Lake area hotels are expecting full occupancy at peak rates during the 17 days of the Olympics. That could hike average revenue by 15 percent for the year, Hire projects.

But the games may not be the golden goose builders are counting on.

"It's both good and bad," Davis said. "For example, we know from our skier research that more people are coming now because of the Olympics, but when we ask if they're coming in 2001 or 2002, they say 'Are you kidding?'"

Hard times for Nevada nursing homes

State has highest rate of bankruptcies

The Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Just two days before Christmas, 95-year-old Lily Coffman had to pack up her belongings and move to a new nursing home because her old one was closing abruptly. It had gone broke.

"It was awful, just awful," Coffman says. "We thought they were joking, you know, and they said, 'No, you've got to be out by the 23rd of December.' I had to get a new place in a hurry."

Last December's move by Coffman and about 60 fellow nursing home residents is one that's repeating itself around the nation. More than 1,600 homes have filed for bankruptcy since last fall as they struggle with federal funding cuts, a lack of local or state money, increased insurance costs, tougher quality care standards — and, for some, bad business decisions, heavy debt loads and claims of defrauding government health care programs.

Most of the troubled homes have remained open, despite plummeting stock prices for corporate properties, while they try to get their finances in order, and the federal Health Care Financing Administration says



Lily Coffman, 95 makes notes in her journal Tuesday in Carson City, Nev. Just two days before Christmas, she had to move to her present nursing home, because the one she was in at the time went broke.

residents are safe. But many other homes have closed or laid off employees.

In Nevada and New Mexico, nearly half the homes owned by big chains and affiliated with the American Health Care Association filed for bankruptcy protection — the highest rates in the nation.

"The system is crashing around us," says Michael Clark, head of the Nevada Health Care Association. "With all the bank-

ruptcies we're facing, it's a disaster right now."

The future isn't much better without some funding improvements, adds Linda Sechovec, Clark's counterpart in New Mexico.

"Long-term care is something nobody wants to deal with until they have to," Sechovec says. "We are headed for a real catastrophe."

"It's like baby-boom population hits the age that they need this

care and we still have a reduced pool of workers, the system will fall under its own weight," she adds.

To head off the crisis, they're joining in a national effort to restore federal Medicare funding that was slashed for a wide range of health care programs when Congress approved the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

A nationwide television and print campaign was launched last week by the AHCA, which represents nearly two-thirds of the 17,000 nursing homes that house 1.2 million elderly and disabled people in the United States.

How far the effort will get is uncertain. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, says what's needed is a General Accounting Office analysis of the industry's finances.

"The taxpayers spend \$39 billion a year on the nation's nursing homes. Is that enough to buy good care? It seems that it should be," Grassley says. "But we don't know how the new sales homes spend that money to know for sure."

The AHCA says Medicare funding cuts in 1997 could total \$15 billion over several years, even though Congress last year restored \$2.7 billion for patients needing skilled nursing care.

Computers can take up a third of the work day

The Washington Post

American workers spend 35 percent, or three hours, of their workday on a computer and 23 percent of their workday on the Internet, according to a February study on work trends.

About three-fourths of workers surveyed, or 70 percent, report that they use computers at work at least one hour a day, with 36 percent reporting that they spend at least half of their workday on the computer.

And "most workers using a computer (87 percent) report using it for work-related activities and claim they are not abusing their workplace access to computers and the Internet," says the study, which was conducted by the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University and the Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut.

Email and word processing are the most frequently used applications, reported by 80 percent of those surveyed, followed by browsing the Internet (77 percent).

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Some workplaces are cult-like, researcher says

Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — They find their best friends at work and put in long hours because they feel part of the team. The company provides benefits ranging from on-site child care and a fitness center to dry cleaning. That way, employees don't need to leave the corporate campus to deal with some of life's basic needs.

"Could be a description of the ideal workplace." But to Dave Arnott, associate professor of management at Dallas Baptist University, it sounds suspiciously like a cult. He argues that some of us develop cultlike allegiances to the places where we work, allowing our jobs to take over the "meaning-making" in our lives that was once provided by family and community.

"The problem is that we fail to

develop as individuals, Arnott says, and instead define ourselves by what we do rather than who we are. No corporation can deliver on the promise to provide life's meaning nor should it be expected to, he contends.

Arnott outlines his theories in a new book titled "Corporate Cults: The Insidious Lure of the All-Consuming — Organization," recently released by Amacom, the publishing arm of the American Management Association.

Comparing modern workplaces to religious cults with their devotion to a charismatic leader and cause and their separation from community Arnott critiques Americans' end-of-millennium tendency to be consumed by work.

In the process, he adopts what's bound to be a controversial stance by taking potshots at cor-

porate icons such as Dallas-based Southwest Airlines Co. and Mary Kay Inc., both of which have made several lists of the best U.S. companies for workers.

Arnott said he picks on Southwest Airlines precisely because it is so successful and because its culture of fun and employees' devotion to the firm have been so widely studied. His thesis is that it's easier to become "encultured" in a job one loves.

"Better to work at a cult than a movie," Southwest spokesman Ed Stewart said.

Stewart said Arnott doesn't really understand Southwest's culture.

"A lot of people want to be part of this party. That's why 100,000 people apply each year, and that's conservative," Stewart said. "It's no accident we keep being placed on Fortune's list of the best places to work."

Arnott describes Mary Kay as cultlike in its adulation for founder Mary Kay Ash. The members of the company's mostly female sales force appear to be trying too hard to emulate one woman and not hard enough to develop themselves, he says.

Mary Kay spokeswoman Karen Dodge said the company's sales system actually allows women to tailor their careers to their individual needs the opposite of Arnott's contention.

"As Mary Kay would say, it allows a woman to discover how great she really is," said Dodge, who added that she hadn't seen or heard of the new book.

Despite the attention getting cult metaphor and jobs at popular employers, Arnott isn't alone in suggesting that today's working men and women may be willfully buying into an unhealthy dependence on work.

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Tainted homes take a different route

State laws deal with 'stigmatized' properties

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The house on Loomis Street in west suburban Naperville, Ill., is a Victorian beauty, full of ornate woodwork and stained glass. The locals long have regarded it as one of the most distinctive homes in a neighborhood that's full of them. It's also the place where three young children died last year, their deaths made all the more ghastly because their mother, Marilyn Lemak, is charged with drugging and suffocating them. When the five-bedroom trophy home went on the market in early August, a collective shudder went through many who knew the place.

"You couldn't give me that house," offered a long-time Naperville businessman who said he had heard a fair amount of casual speculation on the fate of the house, all of it tinged with revulsion. "I often take a different route home at night to avoid going by the place."

In no time at all, the home seemed to have gone from showplace to pariah, in the eyes of many. But not all.

"That house won't be hard to sell," offered Naperville real estate agent Tim Baker a few days after it was listed for \$929,000. "It's in an absolute hotspot. It's hard to get property in that area. I think it'll sell right away."

It did. The listing agent, Karen Marposen of Ory Realty in Naperville, refused to discuss the specifics of the sale.

"The only thing I would say is that it's a great home, a lovely home. I have a buyer who sees that," she explained.

Marposen also wouldn't discuss how her firm had set out to market what, in the business, is known as a "stigmatized property" — a house with a cloud lingering over it; a cloud that has nothing to do with structural soundness and everything to do with what, in another age, might have been described as bad vibes.

"We used a lot of discretion and made sure that only qualified buyers looked at the home," Marposen said before cutting off a brief interview.

But these days, there seems to be plenty to say about stigmatized properties in general, as real estate agents increasingly head for cover in the wake of lawsuits over just what exactly it is they are required to disclose to prospective buyers.

In Illinois, sellers must reveal whether they know of any of 22 kinds of defects — most of them structural, such as leaky roofs, defective air conditioning, asbestos, etc. Illinois real estate licensing regulations protect agents from liability for failure to disclose a murder or suicide at a residence. In any case, however, questions have to be answered honestly.

But around the country, legislatures and courts are pushing sellers to "fess up to a lot more, and the real estate industry is concerned about how far to let revealing such things as semi-trucks that barrel down the street every day at 5 a.m., how close the house might be to a landfill, and whether anyone has died on the premises, even of natural causes.

Some might have to grapple with revealing that a pedophile lives across the street, or that ghosts seem to bump around upstairs at night.

Where such requirements aren't spelled out, real estate trade groups are advising their members that it's in everyone's best interest to find a way to let prospective buyers know about any existing conditions — or even potential ones — that might return to haunt an agent in court when the buyer says, "You should have told me."

"It's coming up more and

more," says Randall Bell, a California appraiser who specializes in stigmatized properties. "There are a lot of situations where nothing physical happens (to the structure), but there's a measurable impact on property values. Those kinds of laws are getting challenged more and more."

In the course of his work, Bell, who has picked up the perverse-yet-marketable appellation "Master of Disaster," has been called upon to appraise such infamous residences as Nicole Brown Simpson's condominium, the house in which actress Sharon Tate and others were murdered by members of the Charles Manson "family" in 1969 and the home in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., where 39 members of the Heaven's Gate cult committed suicide in 1997, among numerous other notorious properties.

Bell says that such infamous homes constitute a small amount of his practice, and that most of his appraisal work is related to

natural disasters or environmental contamination.

Even so, Chicago-area real estate agents say that prospective buyers ask remarkably few questions about such taints — environmental or otherwise — that aren't provided for on mandatory disclosure forms.

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The pundits: Voices that move markets

NEW YORK (AP) — Amid hundreds of voices on Wall Street, three rang out clearly this past week.

In three consecutive sessions, stocks tumbled on pessimistic messages from well-regarded Wall Street pundits. The market's dramatic response to Abby Cohen, Mark Mobius and Julian H. Robertson Jr. underscored the power market gurus hold over an investing public that's ravenous for the latest good idea.

Cohen, the chief investment strategist at Goldman Sachs, was first, recommending on Tuesday that clients pare their stock holdings a bit and put the extra money into cash.

The following day, Mobius, a renowned mutual-fund manager for the Franklin Templeton group, warned that global internet stocks appeared to be reaching their likely peak.

And Thursday, Robertson said he would shut down Tiger Management, the family of hedge funds that once held as much as \$23 billion in assets. In a frank, rueful letter to Tiger's partners, Robertson said he was no longer able to make sense of a market gone mad for technology stocks.

Technology stocks plummeted for three days in a row, knocking the Nasdaq composite index into a "correction" — a drop of at least 10 percent from a peak, signifying a reversal of an upward trend. Analysts say the pundits weren't solely to blame for the selloff. But in a market already on edge over rising interest rates and sky-high prices for many technology stocks, the downbeat missives took on extra weight.

Cohen, Mobius and Robertson each have different investment styles and varied audiences. The common bond: All three have been correct, and not just once.

"On the Street, you don't command respect the first time you're right," said Jeffrey Hirsch, vice president at the Hirsch Organization, which publishes the Stock Trader's Almanac. "It's being right consistently over a long period of time."

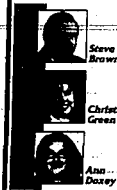
In the past decade, one of the most correct and most consistent Wall Street analysts has been Cohen. In 1996, when most pundits were predicting that the market was headed for trouble, she accurately predicted stocks were headed higher. When stocks tumbled in October 1998, she urged clients to see the drop as a buying

opportunity. Wall Street recovered, and Cohen's name became nearly synonymous with the bull market.

The cyclical nature of the stock market means that a pundit's day in the sun can't last forever. A

relentless bull will lose credibility if stocks plummet, and the handful of bearish Wall Street analysts have faded to the background in recent years.

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FILER, 6.71 acres with live water plus a bedroom, 2 bath home, pellet stove in family room, and over 3700 sq. ft. Outside has lots of trees and machine shed. \$220,400

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• **CARDEN** 38811 10 acre established lettuce & flower farm north of town. Big beautiful home/shop/office, a greenhouse. Price reduced to \$274,000. GABA (GAY) LETE 885-2166 OR 324-3354. #94402

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Bright & Cheerful
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• 3 Bedrooms, Plus Swing Room & 2.5 Baths
• 2 Wn. Masterbeds. With Super Deck
• \$149,900. MLS #94926
Mark Jones 734-4598

439 Mountainide Drive • Twin Falls • 5:00-6:00PM
Unique and Cheerful
East off 4th & Maple, Must See Sign
• 2 Bedrooms & 1 1/2 Bath
• One Fire Place
• New Kitchen Appliances
• New Carpet
• New Siding
• New Windows
• New Foundation
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Long J Spans #18 • Twin Falls • 5:00-6:00PM
Priced To Sell
• Clean & New
• 3 Bedrooms & 1.5 Baths
• New Carpet & Paint
• \$12,000.
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Priced To Sell
Located In Big Little Ranches
• 3 Bedrooms & 2 Baths • Natural Gas
• Approx. 1.02 Acres • Covered Front Porch
• Set Up For Horses With Corral & Loading Dock
• Central Air Conditioning
• Attached 3 Car Garage
• \$107,500. MLS #94908
Beckie Kukul 324-8736

554 Prospector Drive • Jerome • 1:00-3:00PM
Large Country Home
Located In Big Little Ranches
• Approx. 2000 Sq. Ft.
• 4 Bedrooms, Office & 2.5 Baths
• Partial Fenced Yard
• Approx. 1 Acre Lot
• \$159,900. MLS #95000
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A Stream Runs Through It
• Approx. 1511 Sq. Ft.
• 3 Bedrooms & 1.75 Baths
• Great Landscaping & Large Deck For Entertaining
• Approx. 4.64 Acres
• Outbuildings
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50-Acre Farm Southwest of Kimberly
• 6 Bedrooms & 2 Baths
• Farm Leased For 2000 Seasons
• Includes Gate Pipe
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• \$314,000. MLS #94604
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Home On The Range
• Great 80 Acre Ranch
• Approx. 1200 Sq. Ft. Ranch Home
• 3 Bedrooms & 1.5 Baths
• 140 Acres With Water
• 25x40 Machine Shop
• South Viewing Property
• Great Opportunity
• \$170,995. MLS #95007
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East Side Home
• 2 Bedrooms & 1 Bath
• One Heat
• Steel Siding
• Auto Synchronizer
• 50x125 Lot
• Full Unfinished Basement
• \$55,000. MLS #95007
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Abundant Amenity
• Approx. 1701 Sq. Ft.
• 3 Bedrooms, Split Floor Plan, 2 Baths
• Great Landscaping & Large Deck For Entertaining
• 3 Car Garage
• \$184,000. MLS #92514
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"The Grove" - 1431 Bismarck
• Approx. 1764 Sq. Ft.
• 3 Bedrooms & 2 Baths
• 9 Ceilings, Archways & Plant Shelves
• Glass Block Accent Windows
• Fully Landscaped
• \$195,000. MLS #92514
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Price Reduced
• Approx. 1800+ Sq. Ft.
• 140 Acres With Water
• 3 Bedrooms
• 140 Acres With Water
• Lots Of Updates
• Some Handmade Woodwork
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Custom Built Home
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• 3 Bedrooms & 2 Baths
• Gas Heat
• Central Air Conditioning
• Deck
• Great Backyard
• 3 Car Garage
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Great Investment Property
• Approx. 812 Sq. Ft.
• Located On Washington St. N.
• Large Lot
• Potential Income Property
• Good Rental
• \$51,500
J. Francis or Betty Florence 734-7498

Enhance The Solitude
• Enjoy Tree Lined Rolling Hills From The Front Porch
• New 3 Bedroom & 2 Bath
• Approx. 1500 Sq. Ft.
• Amenities Include Ponds & Tennis Court
• Located At Kanaka Rapids Ranch
• \$176,500. MLS #94728
Buyer of J. Francis Florence 734-7498

Aftertable
• 2 Bedroom Mobile
• Approx 3 Acres With Water Shares
• Very Well Kept
• Acreage Is Fenced
• \$70,000. MLS #94047
Teri Stokes 324-8571

Start Here
• Approx. 1268 Sq. Ft.
• 3 Bedrooms & 1 Bath
• 75x125 Lot
• Gas Heat
• Great Backyard
• \$40,900. MLS #95025
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Wonderful Setting In Kanaka Rapids Ranch
• Approx. 1600 Sq. Ft.
• 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath & Den
• Open Floor Plan
• Backyard Borders The Tranquil and Serene Appenwood Pond
• Complete With Stove
• \$184,900. MLS #94721
Buyer of J. Francis Florence 734-7498

Classic Cottage Charm
• Exceptional 2 Bedroom
• 1 1/2 Bath
• Recently Updated
• Vinyl Siding
• New Kitchen/Oak Cabinets
• GFA Heat & Central Air
• \$96,700. MLS #94900
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Like New
• Approx. 1478 Sq. Ft.
• 3 Bedrooms & 2 Baths
• 60x160 Lot
• Freshly Broomed Den With French Doors
• RV Parking
• \$77,500. MLS #95057
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New Listing
• Approx. 1256 Sq. Ft.
• 4 Bedrooms & 1.5 Baths
• 60x160 Lot
• City Services
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Small Cabin In South Hills
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Beautiful Classic Ranch Style - Approx. 4,075 Total Sq. Ft., 4 Bedrooms, & 4.5 Baths, 2 Car Garage, Mature Trees, Pond & Fountains. \$189,900. MLS #92002. Mark Jones 734-4598.

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Twin Falls Lot
• Cede Park Subdivision
• City Water, Sewer, Power Telephone & Cable
• \$26,500.
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608 Acres With 4 Ponds
• Approx. 425 Irrigated Acres
• Farm Lays Up Apples Big Wood River
• Approx. 1 Mile or River Frontage
• \$1.8 Million. MLS #92133
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Potential Tracts
• Approx. .104 Acre Building Site
• \$15,000. MLS #91821
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Great Location
• Approx. 2.5 Acre Building Site With Water Shares
• Manufactured Homes Ok On Foundation
• Covenants Apply
• \$23,900. MLS #91623
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Like New Best Better!!
• Newer 3 Bedroom & 2 Bath Home
• Gas Heat
• Fenced Backyard With Garden Area
• Ask About Free Appraisal
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• \$80,000. MLS #94907
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Charming Cottage
• Approx. 1600 Sq. Ft.
• 3 Bedrooms & 1.5 Baths
• 73x125 Lot
• New Remodeled Kitchen
• Newer Gas Furnace
• Writing In Place For Hut Tub
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, with only the opponents vulnerable, RHO passes...

ANSWER: You should bid three clubs, but not to let partner you have the club suit...

ANSWER: This auction indicates that someone is out of line. There are only so many high cards in one deck...

The opponents react in a club game after an aggressive auction in spite of my 10-empt in diamonds...

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ANSWER: No, it would be unreasonable to expect a ruff when partner's silence fails to promise a quick entry to give you a ruff...

ANSWER: You should be a big favorite to make three clubs; however, your long club suit should partner a bigger trump to make three no-trump...

RHO opens one heart, and I overcall one spade with A-Q-10-9-6-2, 10-5-3-2, 6, 4, K-3. After LHO passes, partner jumps to three spades...

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HORSES, 2 kids, 1 paint blood-wagon... REGISTERED ANGUS BULLS, 37 long yearlings & 2 two year olds...

FOR RENT 70 ac, solid east wind-plug-wagon... 806 CHILDREN'S ITEMS... BABY TABLES, crib, swing, changing table, stroller...

COUCH - like new, sectional, with 2 massage recliner, built-in phone, and heater... 807 CLOTHING... WEDDING GOWN - Size 8, dbl edged lace & ribbon bodice...

GARDEN SET, 6 place, green metal w/ cushions... REMEMBER: That birthday you placed some time ago in The Times-News? Now is the time to place it in your pictures...

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I don't mean to be peevish, but ...

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Most people have their "favorite" pet peeves. I, for example, can't stand coupons packed inside bags of flour ... and lipstick that evaporates from your lips before you can check the car out of the garage ... and phony giveaway offers ... and price tags that won't come off with a blotter ... and manufacturers that use their packaged dress shirts as a place to store straight pins.

I also don't understand why "walk" signs switch to "don't walk" when you are in the middle of the crosswalk. But I have deduced that most of the little frustrations of life are here to stay, no matter how much kicking and screaming we do about them.

My friend Dan is a good case in point. Dan was driving a church van one day when he got so fed up with dodging orange-and-white barrels along the highway that he decided to retaliate. He slowed down enough to open the van door and kick one of those pesky obstacles on the way by. The barrel was filled with concrete.

This is the same guy who asked his wife, on the eve of his 40th birthday, if he looked 40.

"No," she replied, "but you used to." Then, when the poor fellow went to work the next day, at an elementary school, one of the children found out he was not happy about turning 40 and comforted him by saying, "Don't worry. My dad is 44, and he's still alive."

These are the things that make you go, "Mummm." Or worse. Among my other pet peeves are people who shop for sensible shoes, and people who bore everyone to death with stories about their kids, and people who live in New York City. Year's Eve ... No, scratch all that. Those used to be my pet peeves. Until I got old enough to start behaving like that myself.

My grandmother's pet peeve was a person who whined about it every summer when I was a little. Cousin Sue would stay for two months, and she was always on a "little diet." She would tell us she could only eat steak or ground beef. Then she would add, "But I hate ground beef."

There are days when I think how wonderful life would be if the people who brought frustrations into it would just vanish. But when I am being brutally honest, I have to admit that I am one of those people, too.

And I am reminded of a day when my firstborn child was about 8 and my friend Liz dropped by my house to bring me a recipe. My daughter and I walked out the door with Liz, and proceeded to lock ourselves out of our house. My husband was out of town.

Liz took us to her house, where Liz's husband was sawing down a tree in the back yard. The tree promptly fell on a power line, and Liz stood in the dark and called the fire department.

"Since you do cats, we thought you might do locks, too," she told the dispatcher.

By the time the fire engines had arrived at my house, with sirens squealing, my husband and another home unexpectedly ... and a lemon cake had burned in the oven. At least we were able to provide the fire department with a little smoke.

I think I'll stop whining about the frustrations of life, and the people who cause them. I can manage to frustrate myself just fine without any help at all.

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Canines and kids aren't always a dream team

By Steve Crump, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Kids and puppies: What could go together better?

Laurie Simonds has a long list. "It's just a bad idea to get a puppy for a small child (6 or younger)," said Simonds, who runs the Twin Falls animal shelter. "Children are aggressive with puppies, who haven't been socialized yet. A lot of those puppies end up back here."

Spring is the high season for parents to adopt dogs for their kids - both from breeders and shelters, often with disastrous results.

"Parents take a look and see a cute puppy," Simonds said. "It's a lot more complicated than that."

Dogs, like people, have individual personalities, and they're complex. Some of that has to do with breed, some with breeding, some with the way the animal has been treated.

"You need to get to know a dog before you take it home," Simonds said.

The Humane Society of the United States estimates that as many as one-third of dog adoptions don't take. Dogs bark, or they bite, or they chew up slippers.

"As a whole, dogs are pretty tolerant of kids," Simonds said. "But every dog has its limits."

And they're limits that a rambunctious toddler will test very quickly.

"People sometimes bring dogs to the shelter and seem totally shocked that they've bitten a child," Simonds said. "It's really not so surprising. That's why there's no substitute for adult supervision."

Shar-peis are cranky, labs rambunctious, terriers nosy. Each, in different situations, can be trouble.

"Parents need to be around while a child gets to know a dog," Simonds said. "They need to supervise how the child behaves around it."

Dogs already socialized to the way humans behave tend to do better around small children, Simonds said - which rules out puppies.

"Dogs are pack animals; they learn how to interact with a family unit," she said. "But it's not fair to expect a puppy not to respond to a threatening situation by doing what comes naturally."

And the situation is worse when families adopt more than one member of a litter.

"What happens is that one dog will attach itself to the family and the other to the other animals," Simonds said. "That almost always means trouble."

It's important to understand the behavioral characteristics of a breed you're adopting, Simonds said. Dogs are bred to do certain things, and not of them are compatible with being patient with children.

"You shouldn't be surprised if you get a herding dog that it tries to herd the kids," she said.

One solution is to adopt a mixed breed - a mutt. Undesirable characteristics are often muted in such animals.

"But I think it's really hard to generalize," Simonds said. "Each dog is so individual."

Whether it's at the pound or a breeder's, it's important to take time to get to know a dog you're considering adopting, Simonds said.

"Look for a 'soft' eye," she said. "A dog that's friendly without jumping all over you. And whatever you do, bring the kids."



An older, mellow dog like Husker is the best choice for families with young children, according to Laurie Simonds. Puppies can sometimes turn into biters when children manhandle them.

What about the other pet?

At a time when thinking of adopting a dog, do you have any other pets? Go slowly, advise the experts.

"I have dogs and cats, and the cats sleep in the same room with my canary," said Lori Simonds, who runs the Twin Falls animal shelter. "The trick is introducing them to each other in the right way."

Cats tend to be very territorial; dogs somewhat less so. If you're bringing a younger dog into a household with an older dog or cat, make sure to give the long-term resident lots of space.

"Keep them away from the older animal's food dish," Simonds advised. "And supervise them during the time they spend together initially."

"There's nothing hard-wired in dogs to hate cats, and vice-versa, she said.

"But there may be some jealousy, and you should be prepared for that."

Pay particular attention to how the dog interacts with children, Simonds advised. "You can learn a lot by observing just the chemistry between a dog and a child," she said. "Take your time, and do your homework."

And make very sure, says the Humane Society, that your family is really ready for a dog. In general, an animal who is active, likes to be touched and is not sensitive to handling and noise is a dog who'll probably thrive in a house full of children.

But don't get a dog who won't be welcome inside the house, Simonds said.

"If you get a dog and tie it up in the back yard, you're only going to make it miserable," Simonds said. "And you're encouraging bad behavior."

Resist the temptation to surprise a small child with a dog, she said. Instead, take the kid along when you're shopping for an animal.

"Dogs and people do best in settings where they get to know each other and are comfortable," Simonds said. "After all, this is a member of your family you're adopting, and they're hopefully going to be with you a long time."

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Consider the option of an older dog

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TWIN FALLS - In lots of cases, an older dog is a much better match for a young child than a puppy is.

"They tend to be mellow," said Laurie Simonds, who runs the Twin Falls animal shelter. "Somebody else has already done the work for you, and in many cases the bad characteristics have been trained out."

Some folks are wary of adopting older dogs - 6, 7, 8 years old - because it's conventional wisdom that they can't adapt to new circumstances. Not so, Simonds said.

"If dogs couldn't adapt, the only thing animal shelters would be in business for is euthanizing them," Simonds said. "That's simply not true. Older dogs tend to be more socialized to humans, and they often fit in very well."

And as the life expectancy of well-treated dogs continues to grow, so do the prospects that you won't have to part with them after a couple of years.

"This 14, 15 years or longer isn't uncommon any more," Simonds said.

Welcome a new dog into your home

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - There's a period of adjustment for all pets in a new setting, but it doesn't have to be traumatic.

"There are some dogs who just aren't going to fit in," said Laurie Simonds, who runs the Twin Falls animal shelter. "But most dogs will."

Pooches in a new home will often be anxious, but usually not fearful. And that anxiety typically wanes quickly.

"It's a good idea to give a dog who's new to your house some space, whether it's a place they can go to be alone - or just some time alone. Dogs that are new to a home tend to get a lot of attention; sometimes it's too much."

Simonds advises getting down at eye level with a dog who's new to your house and getting to know him - and teaching your kids to do the same.

"If the kids see the dog sitting in your lap while you're petting it, they'll get the idea that's the right way to treat it."

At times, there are cases of separation anxiety in new pets, they're rare, she said.

"Dogs and humans have been living together for thousands of years," she said. "And one reason is that they're such an adaptable species."

How to make odd hours work

Etc...

"Thanksgiving on Friday is OK. Christmas on the 29th is OK. Let's create this life together."

• Accept the unconventional lifestyle as normal. "In this quadrant of the population, what we do is compare ourselves to everybody else. Don't compare yourself to people working more standard schedules. Compare yourself with your peers in the shift work population. In that realm, you ARE normal. Don't worry about when other people mow the lawn, when they go out to eat, what they have for meals, when they get up, when they go to bed."

• Be more co-operative than right. In other words, work as a team to fashion a family schedule that accommodates the work and family schedules. "Birthday cake for breakfast is fine," she said.

• Be flexible in your thinking and scheduling. "We try to maintain everything the way it used to be. We have to examine those things again and give ourselves permission to change them," she said. "For example, I talked to a 9-5 operator who still had to do dishes before bed no matter what she sleeps, because her dad said she should. Change it. Get rid of things that don't work!"

• Find others like you and be supportive of them. "For the women who do this, if they know someone else who is in the same situation, they should reach out and support that person. It takes you out of yourself, because when you are driven this way, you are not connected with others. Offer to babysit for each other," she said.

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Help us commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War

June 25 marks the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, and The Times-News plans a series of articles over the next year to commemorate that sometimes forgotten conflict.

We're looking for Magic and Wood River valley residents who participated in key events in the war, specifically:

• Took Force Smith, the scratch American unit that staged a rear-guard action against invading North Korean forces in July 1950, as well as Air Force, Navy and Marine aviators who supported it.

• Army and Marine units that fought the Battle of the Pusan Perimeter in August and September 1950, as well as aviators and sailors who supported them.

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• Army units involved in the fighting around Kunsu-Ri in North Korea during the first days of the Chinese invasion in November 1950, as well as aviators who supported them.

• Marine units that fought at the Chosin Reservoir in November 1950 and in the retreat to Hungnam in December, as well as aviators and sailors who supported them.

• Army and Air Force units that fought in the critical battles at Chipyong-Yi in February 1951 and at Wonju two months later.

We'd also like to hear from civilians - of any nationality - who were in Korea during these events.

If you'd like to share your story, contact Features Editor Steve Crump at 733-0931, Ext. 223; fax him at

FAMILY LIFE

'What if?' discussion galls wife

DEAR ABBY: I think I'm losing my sanity... or am I being extremely sensitive? My husband of nine months and I were having a discussion recently regarding a newspaper article we had read about a man who drowned trying to save his wife in the ocean...

I foolishly asked my husband if he would try to save me if I was drowning, and got a very unexpected response. He told me that if it appeared that both of us would drown, he would not jump in to save me.

We have one child together, and he is the stepfather to our three children. When I asked him if he'd jump in to try to save his infant son, he immediately replied, "Why would I?"

When I asked him why he wouldn't be trying to save the love of his life, he stated that in all life-saving classes, people are taught to evaluate the situation (i.e., make sure the rescuer wouldn't also die) before trying to save another life.

I'm sorry, but I would die trying to save my four children or him, for that matter, even if I had less than a one percent chance of living through it. I wouldn't be able to live with myself if I didn't at least try to save a loved one.

Please tell me I'm not crazy. Maybe I'm just a hopeless romantic, but something seems very wrong here. -HURTING HEART

DEAR HURTING HEART: You are neither crazy nor hopeless. However, you should be aware that it is impossible for a person to project accurately what he or she "would do" in a life-threatening emergency. In other words, if your husband were to see you going down for the third time, there's no telling for certain that he would not throw caution to the wind. And you, as the mother of four children, there's also no guarantee that you'd jeopardize your own safety to pull him from a burning building. My advice to you, for the sake of your marriage, is to stop playing "What if?"

DEAR ABBY: My question concerns two stray cats, one male, one female, who appeared at my back door within the last year or so. Both are somewhat timid, but look as though they are in good health, aside from being very hungry. They don't bother my other cats, and it's no problem for me to feed and shelter them.

Here's the problem: Neither of these animals has been "fixed." I have made numerous attempts to find the owners, with newspaper ads and walking the neighborhood, but no one has come forward. I would like to take them both to the vet, but since I'm not sure there is an owner, I don't know if this is the "proper" thing to do.

I hate to think of the number of unwanted kittens that could be created because of this type of neglect, but do I have the right to do this to an animal that isn't really mine? -KITTY LOVER

DEAR KITTY LOVER: If you are feeding and sheltering the cats, and no one in the neighborhood knows to whom they belong and no one has answered your newspaper ads - then the cats were probably dumped or left behind by their owners. By all means have them neutered. You'll be doing your little furry friends an enormous favor - not to mention acting like a responsible and generous adoptive parent. Bless you!

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Build decision-making skills to last a lifetime

Decisions determine our lives to a major extent. Our ability to make good, productive, health and wealth building decisions consistently is the setting for our daily experiences. One old saying says: "We are what we eat." Isn't "we are what we decide" true too? There, you just made a decision!

Isn't it odd since decisions are so important? We don't get taught how to make them in school. Have you ever seen a best seller dealing with decisions? I haven't. Why? Somehow, we must believe that people can innately make good decisions. Or, we believe all parents know how and teach their children to make smart choices. Not all parents do. Just look around at the foolish acts we see committed each day and you know that not everyone is a good decision maker.

Identifying a problem is a start. Offering solutions on how to fix the problem is better. So, here is "Decision Making 101" by Tim O'Brien. While going through this process people, regardless of the type and number of decisions we make, we are responsible for their impact on our lives. Some people find life more difficult after they retire or change from being an employee to an employer. Most people spend their working lives as an employee. During these years, most major decisions get made for the person: where you live, work hours, vacation time, salary. When suddenly faced with the freedom or need to decide, many people falter. They don't have a system or method for making good decisions. When you need to make a decision try these steps. Either write down the following questions and review the list or memorize them and do a mental check off. Use them often enough and they will become automatic habit. This will improve your decision making ability.

1. Understand the decision. What exactly must you decide? What type of decision is it? Is it a yes/no decision? Is it an either/or decision? 2. What are your options and alternatives? Consider everything available to you. Ask yourself, "Why am I choosing this now? What are the benefits? What are any potential drawbacks?" Many people like to buy on emotion and then justify with facts later. Avoid buyer's remorse and figure out why you want something before you buy it. Be honest with yourself about your motivations, including making decisions based on the prestige they might bring. Ask yourself, "Do I need this? Are there other, better, more efficient, less expensive models available?" 3. What is the time table for this decision? Is it immediate? Do you have hours, days, weeks, or an indefinite time to decide?

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The good: Yet another modern day Cyrano de Bergerac goes-to-high-school love story where the school hunk falls for the unlikely and hard-to-get beauty with a scene right out of "It's a Wonderful Life." The movie has its moments but they get lost in a plot that tries too hard and ends up with too little. The not-so-good: The most offensive element is the overselling of sex. From the opening scene where a giant replica of the male anatomy is discussed on the stage in a school assembly (the school nurse explains how to apply a condom), to several bedroom situations that imply sex is going to happen but never does, to a bedroom situation that goes in a school being tied to the bedposts, the script and dialogue are saturated with sex. Offensive language: Plenty of it. Sex: No full nudity but several implied situations. Lots of dial-

ogue about body parts, hookers, etc." Violence: Just a rough game of touch football. Parental advisory: There have been many attempts to make teen stories that will sell tickets and mentally stimulate the younger generation; unfortunately, this isn't the best example. Entertainment value: B. "Final Destination" - Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum. Best for: Mature teens to adults who enjoy a good scare. What it's about: When a high school class boards a flight to Paris, Alex (Devon Sawa) settles in his seat and has a vision that the plane is going to explode. He panics, is thrown off the plane (along with a few other students) and while they are discussing their misfortune, they witness the plane blowing up on takeoff. The rest of the movie is spent in discussions about cheating death and dodging bizarre events. Ali Larter, Kerr Smith, Kristen Cloke, Danielle Roback, Chad Donella, Seann William Scott also star. The good: The humorous dialogue and witty bars keep the movie edgy and funny and the surprise element high. The ominous message of teen-agers dying young by a weird twist of fate is the kind of movie teens will flock to see because it toys with their feelings of invincibility. The not-so-good: Parents are minimally shown or alluded to and are never used to help or rescue their children. This lack of parental authority makes the doom that much creepier and the isolation of dying more intense. Offensive language: Lots. Violence: There are several bloody deaths that aren't so much gory as they are shocking. Sex: None. Parental advisory: This movie is too intense for younger audiences. However, it could serve as a catalyst for a discussion between parents and older teens about issues relating to religion and death. Entertainment value: B

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Women students feel stress more Kind act surprises frightened woman

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — UCLA freshman Courtney Luckhardt is taking three classes this semester, spends 24 hours a week on homework and an additional 10 or more grading high school papers to earn money.

Last week she had a quiz on Christian iconography one day, a term paper on Sophocles' "Antigone" due the next, and an astronomy midterm to take the day after. All that on top of a busy work schedule.

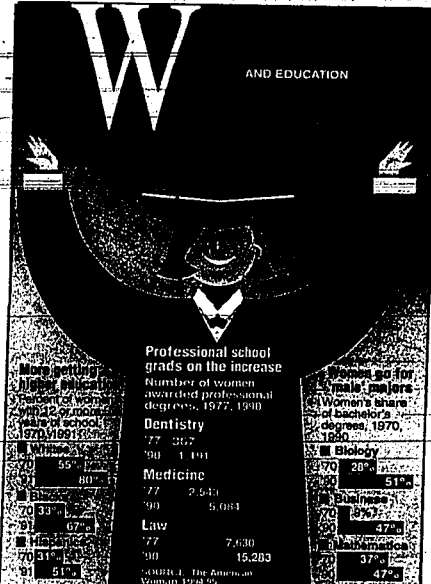
On her own for the first time, the biggest challenge for the history major is balancing school, work and a social life.

"I'm feeling pretty stressed out because not only do I have a lot of essays to do, but at the high school where I correct essays all the teachers are giving tons of papers," said Luckhardt, 18. "I'm supposed to read 10 to 15 hours a week. It's usually closer to 18. In the last week, I've worked 21 hours."

Luckhardt is in good company. A record 30.2 percent of freshmen reported feeling "overwhelmed" by all they have to do, according to a survey released last week by the American Council on Education and UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute. That's up from 16 percent who reported feeling stressed out when the national survey of students on campuses across the country first incorporated the question 15 years ago.

By a wide margin, freshman stress is a women's problem. Thirty-nine percent of the women surveyed reported feeling overwhelmed, up from 19.6 percent in 1985. Among male freshmen, 20 percent reported feeling frequently overwhelmed, up from 12 percent in 1985.

Linda J. Sax, the UCLA education professor who directs the American Freshman Survey, said she believes the responses repre-



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sent more than mere whining. "It all centers around the busy lives that students have."

While there is little argument that stress among college students is on the rise, the gender gap is a riddle. Experts — and students themselves — can't agree on whether it is real or perceived. Sax said she believes it.

"These gender differences in stress, part of it has to do with men and women spending their time on more stressful activities, or more time-consuming activities, like studying, volunteer work, helping with the household and also student clubs and groups," Sax said. "Men are spending more time on recreational or stress-relieving activi-

ties — partying, watching TV, exercising and playing video games."

Kathleen Frithcay, a clinical psychologist who has been a counselor at California State University, Northridge, since 1966, doesn't buy the gender gap.

"We have many more women than men, and I think it's not because the stress is very much different. But I think women are able to identify that they're kind of stressed and admit it and get help if they recognize it. I think men are just as stressed, but they don't identify it as such."

Dan Idell, a first-year business major at UCLA in San Diego, said he doesn't see a difference in men's and women's stress levels. He said the pressure he feels is "not that bad."

"There's some stress, but most of it's what people put on themselves," he said.

The 18-year-old said he relieves his stress by partying and lifting weights. To Luckhardt, the pressure feels very real.

Thursday is her busiest day — the best glimpse into the coed's frenetic life. After studying until 1 a.m., the night before, she wakes at 7:30, stops in her dorm's cafeteria for a quick muffin, then treks 20 minutes to a two-hour literature lecture that begins at 9 a.m.

"I worked hard last quarter," said Luckhardt, who so far has a 4.0 grade average, "but this quarter I'm doing a lot more."

She said she sees a difference in how her male and female friends cope with stress. "It's not like men are lazy, but they say that I know spend a lot more time just relaxing. They like to work out. They like to brag about how much weight they lift. I work out, but I do it because I want to be thinner. I don't do it because it relieves stress for me."

"But all God's angels come to us disguised."
— James Russell Lowell

Pregnant for the first time at 38, I was one of those intensely monitored soon-to-be moms who endured every technological advance known to modern obstetrics for the well-being of my beloved only child. In my third trimester, with gestational diabetes, I trudged dutifully each week to a major metropolitan hospital for additional observations.

My last hospital visit before the scheduled birth happened on a bleak, cold January morning. Old snow caked the city, and I pulled on the only pair of boots that fit. Too fat to bend over to zip them, I hurried to my appointment — my boots flapping as I walked.

With doctors and nurses nervously convinced that my unborn child was fine, I was released back into the cold winter to await her birth. I dreaded leaving the warmth of the hospital and made my way to the hospital parking garage elevator. I was embarrassed that my boots were unzipped, but I knew that I'd soon have my baby in my arms. Who cared about sloppy boots, anyway?

I entered the old, dirty elevator to make my descent into the darkness of the garage. The doors clanked shut, but slowly they choked open again to admit another. He was young, very tall, very dirty and terribly malcontent looking. My gut reaction was

Chicken Soup for the Soul

In this vignette by Donata Glassmeyer, a woman learns that appearances can be quite deceiving.

He eyed me, and I prayed for him to take my purse but leave me and my unborn child alone and safe. Almost sick with fear, I watched him turn to me as the elevator doors banged closed. My prayers intensified and I clutched my coat tight over my belly, too scared to think and desperate to get to my car.

We descended and as the elevator doors creaked open on my floor, the boy knelt down before me. He said, "Mama, you need help," and he zipped up my boots. He was gone in an instant, my relief and gratitude profound. His simple gesture remains a warm reminder that "random acts" may, indeed, be kind.

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Some outbursts merit only a parent's shrug

Here's a collection of "parenting shorts":

First, an absolutely true story from my "A Rose, By Any Other Name" file, told to me by the mother herself.

A 6-year-old boy had become a major behavior problem. He was disobedient, disruptive, defiant, destructive, disrespectful, and all the rest of the anti-social things today's children do so well. After several school conferences, the parents agreed to see a psychologist for an evaluation. After extensive testing, the psychologist told the parents their son was afflicted with attention deficit disorder, a gene-based malady that greatly hindered self-control. He recommended medicine and extensive therapy.

On the way home from the psychologist's office, the mother turned to the father and said, "I don't think Jeremy has ADD. I think he's just plain old B.A.D."

A mother asked my advice about a 5-year-old picky eater. She ended her description of the child's behavior by saying she didn't want to put too much pressure on her daughter to eat what was put in front of her because she didn't want her to develop an eating disorder.

I thought about that for a moment and replied, "You know, it occurs to me that one never heard of children developing eating disorders in the days when children were told they couldn't leave the table until they'd finished everything because children were starving in Europe." To paraphrase Forrest Gump, "Picky is picky does."

A father told me that his 4-year-old daughter, when sent to her room, can be heard talking about her manners in disrespectful language. He asked who they should do about it. I asked how they were able to hear her. Why, the father told me, they have a monitor in her room. Interesting. I thought such things were called "infant" monitors. What, pray tell, is a monitor doing in a 4-year-old's room? Never mind.

My brilliant solution to this most perplexing problem: Take

PARENTING

John Rosemond

the monitor out of her room. What you don't know won't hurt you.

Is it disrespectful for a child to yell "I hate you!" at a parent? Most people, it seems, think so. I don't.

The difference between a disrespectful statement and a harmless emotional outburst is whether it begins with "You" or "I."

For example, the statement "You are a jerk!" is clearly disrespectful because it refers to the parent. Therefore, it merits a punishment. But "I hate you!" does not refer to the parent. It clearly refers to the child, and the child alone. It is an expression of the child's feelings at the moment. Therefore, it merits a shrug of the shoulders and perhaps a statement such as: "Well, I'd probably hate me too right now if I were you. Not a problem sweetheart." At which point it would be in everyone's best interest if the parent walked away, whistling.

The more such outbursts are given credence, the worse they become, to the point where the child is in danger of beginning to believe he/she really does hate the parent. "I hate you" is nothing more than proof of what was written in Proverbs 22:15 some 3,000 years ago: Foolishness is bound in the heart of the child. So it is nearly three millennia ago, so it is still three, and so it will still be three millennia from now.

Addendum: If, however, a child screams "I hate you!" at a parent in a public venue, then punishment is indeed merited. Not for yelling "I hate you," but rather for disturbing the public peace with a private matter.

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In social behavior, little things stand out

Chicago Tribune

Late on the night of April 18, 1775, a horse-drawn carriage out of Boston with a startling message: The British were coming the next day to arrest two key colonial leaders and seize a cache of British weapons.

No one paid attention. Either the messenger — a tanner named William Dawes — didn't invest his news with enough urgency, or he told it to the wrong people, or, likely, a combination of both. As a result, the midnight ride of William Dawes was a bust.

Luckily, there also was Paul Revere.

In a two-hour ride over a more northerly 13-mile route, Revere was hugely successful in arousing the countryside against the imminent British march. He rang drums, beat a drum, and, hours later, colonial minutemen, out in force at Concord, defeated the redcoats, marking the start of the American Revolution.

"Paul Revere's ride," writes Malcolm Gladwell, "is perhaps the most famous historical example of a word-of-mouth epidemic. A piece of extraordinary news traveled a long distance in a very short time, mobilizing an entire region to arms."

Gladwell has a thing about epidemics. Much of what is confusing about life, he argues, is less mysterious and more understandable once we recognize that ideas, behaviors, products and messages often act like viruses.

A flu virus for example, can hang around for a long time, infecting a small number of people, and then suddenly spread like wildfire, sickening an entire neighborhood or city.

In a similar way, the urge to buy a certain brand of shoe can become contagious, seemingly all of a sudden. Or the urge to see a certain movie. Or to eat a certain type of food. Or to proclaim a certain belief. Suddenly, all the young boys in the nation want to buy and trade Pokemon cards? Why? Suddenly, "The Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood" by Rebecca Wells is on the best-seller lists? Why? Suddenly, troops of angry, determined colonists show up at

Concord to meet and beat the British? Why?

That's what Gladwell, a staff writer at New Yorker magazine, set out to discover, ranging widely in such academic fields as sociology, psychology, anthropology and criminology, and the results are in his amiable, readable new book, "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" (Little, Brown).

"There is no question the world is littered with epidemics that never took off," Gladwell said in a recent interview. "We

all can recall reading a book and not understanding why it was a best seller." On the other hand, he noted, "We've all walked by the restaurant that's empty one week and crowded the next."

The difference is the tipping point.

"What really interests me most, what I think is cool, about epidemics is that there are very particular points of vulnerability when things can change by a little push," Gladwell said. "They are, at that particular moment, these incredibly sensitive phenomena."

Often, that little push involves just a few key people — like Paul Revere.

If Revere had been more like William Dawes, nobody would have showed up at Concord — with who knows what consequences to the Revolution. But the difference is that Revere was the force because Revere who he is.

"He was ... gregarious and intensely social," writes Gladwell. "When he died, his funeral was attended, in the words of one contemporary newspaper account, by 'troops of people.' He was a fisherman and a hunter, a cardplayer and a later-adopter, a frequenter of pubs and a successful businessman. He was active in the local Masonic Lodge and was a member of several select social clubs. He was also a doer, a man obsessed ... with an uncanny genius for being at the center of events."

Parents need to know when to help, when not to

The Dallas Morning News

In the beginning, this is all it is: a boy, a block of wood, an adult to guide him.

In the end, it's a sleek — or funky — race car, as individuals the person who crafted it.

For Matthew, 9, and his father, Gene Dickson, of Plano, Texas, it will be their third handmade car in as many years. The two have come a long way since their first effort, when Dickson put Matthew's car in the oven to make it grey. But they ended up with bubbles in the orange enamel, making it look like a bad cheese pizza.

"We learned our lesson from that," says Dickson.

"Yeah, never use enamel paint," adds Matthew. "It was pretty ugly," his dad admits.

for Cub Scout packs. Over the years, more than 35 million have participated in these races, according to the Boy Scouts of America. And that number will go up as the races run through April.

Someone will walk home with a trophy. But experts say that the real winners are parents and kids who have used the project as an opportunity to draw closer together, to solve problems, to lay the blueprint for working together in the future, as the larger problems of childhood inevitably pop up then.

And then there are those who will make mistakes and will learn from them.

Knowing how much to help is the key issue at the heart of any project or problem parents and kids work on together. You may want the best for your children. But does that mean helping them make the best project? Not necessarily.

"One would assume that the project is important but secondary to the goal of helping kids grow up and feel successful," says Dr. W. Robert Beavers, executive director of the Robert Beavers Family Studies Center at Southern Methodist University.

"The first thing you're trying to do overall is to help kids get better self-esteem, or good self-esteem."

You do that by listening to your child and letting him do as much as possible — even if that means the he'll end up with a racer that looks like a child-made it, says Beavers.

Or like a pizza. At the Dicksons' kitchen table, Dickson sits near his son while Matthew tapes a pattern drawn on a piece of paper to the side of the block of wood.

through the pattern lines hard to make an indent in the soft pine. When he's done, he removes the paper and can see where he needs to cut.

"I had the idea at first that it was going to be a wedge," says Matthew, who recently learned about wedges in school. "But Dad said the front would be too small. I wouldn't have space to put the wheels."

"So I showed Matthew how to use a French curve," Dickson says, looking at the graceful line of the design. A French curve is a template for drawing curved lines.

Dickson knows that a little fatherly intervention might speed up the process, but he says he sees this as a chance to teach his son.

"The important thing is to keep this thing really straight," he says to Matthew as, hand over hand, they start to saw through the wood.

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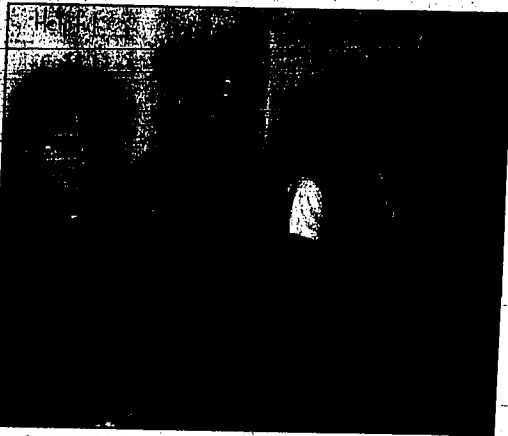
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POSTER WINNERS



Declo Elementary School students won awards in the school division of the Family A Fair poster contest. Winners are, left to right, third-graders Kaitlin Stoker, first place; Tucker Edgar, second place; and Nathan Garner, third place; and second-grader Dillon Robbins, third place overall.

EAST MINICO HONORS



East Minico Junior High honored January's Students of the Month. They are ninth-grader Brittin Mohlin, eighth-grader Kasey Johnson and seventh-grader Jordan Ruckler. The students receive a plaque and a gift certificate courtesy of the East Minico Renaissance Program, which recognizes excellence in academics.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Department of Commerce awards Heyburn resident an internship

Darren Dallio, son of Shane and Janelle Dallio of Heyburn, has been awarded an internship with the Idaho Department of Commerce in community development.

Dallio, a junior political science major at Boise State University in Boise, was recently employed with Moffatt, Thomas law firm in Boise.

He graduated from Minico High School in 1996.

Idaho Walleye Unlimited meets first Tuesday of month

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Walleye Unlimited, a nonprofit organization, meets the first Tuesday of the every month at the Idaho Power building on South Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Lila Rue at 324-2405 or Jeff Roberts at 678-1428.

Minidoka County Historical Society meets at museum

RUPERT - The Minidoka County Historical Society will meet at 8 p.m. Monday at the museum.

Extension service invites public to meet new educator

RUPERT - Area residents will have an opportunity to meet the new Minidoka County Extension educator Matt Schuster at an open house from 2-4 p.m. on Friday at the extension office, 614 7th St.

4-H, vo-ag scholarship opportunities are available

RUPERT - The Minidoka County 4H has released information about scholarship opportunities for area students.

The Idaho 4H Endowment Fund is offering two \$500 college scholarships to assist

Idaho 4H members. Applicants, age 16-20, must have been a 4-H member for at least four years within two years during high school. Applications are available at the exten-

sion office or web site and are due in the state office by April 15.

The Minidoka County Grain Producers Association will fund two scholarships for Minidoka seniors planning a career in vocational or academic agriculture.

Scholarships are based on need, achievement record, personal qualifications and leadership activities.

Applications are available in the vocational-agriculture department at Minico High School or at the extension office.

The scholarship deadline is April 14 at the Minidoka County Extension office.

Magic Valley Bank is offering five scholarships to 4-H or Future Farmers of America members in Minidoka, Cassia, Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Camas and Lincoln counties.

Applicants must be current members of either organization and entering their freshman year in a college of agriculture program. Applications are due May 1.

For more information, call 736-2400.

Cassia Regional offers breast feeding class this week

BURLEY - Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering a breast feeding before delivery class from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday in the board room at the hospital.

The course will cover breast feeding advantages, physiology and common problems and solutions.

Job Service representative assists veterans this month

BURLEY - Job Service representative Roy Applewhite will assist veterans at

several Magic Valley area locations this month. Assistance is available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the third Monday at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce in Heyburn and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday at the National Guard Armory in Burley. Services include work registration; job

referrals; veterans, education, training and other programs; vocational guidance; and referrals to community-based organizations. Veterans are encouraged to contact Applewhite at any of the above locations or at the Magic Valley Job Service Office, 771 North College Road. For more information, call 735-2028.

SCHOOL LUNCH

All schools serve milk with meals.

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day.

Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day.

Monday: Pizza or cheese square, green beans, peaches, chocolate milk; salad, finger steaks, roll.

Tuesday: Hamburger or burrito or cheeseburger, french fries, orange half, chocolate milk crispito.

Wednesday: Taco or corn dog, corn, fruit cup, chocolate milk; salad, mini corn dogs; pizza bar.

Thursday: Chik niks, roll, taqueritos, applesauce, no-bake cookie, chocolate

milk salad, chicken fried steak, roll.

Friday: No school, parent-teacher conference.

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu:

Monday: Cereal, toast, juice.

Tuesday: Waffle and syrup, mixed fruit, nut cup.

Wednesday: Oatmeal, raisin toast, applesauce.

Thursday: Cereal, graham crackers, juice.

Friday: No school.

Lunch menu

Monday: Corn dog, potato wedges, orange half, peanut butter cookie.

Tuesday: Beef-A-Roni, green beans, roll, power gelatin.

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, peaches, roll.

Thursday: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce and pickle, tater tots, pears.

Friday: No school.

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Menu not available.

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu, (breakfast menu if desired) printed with

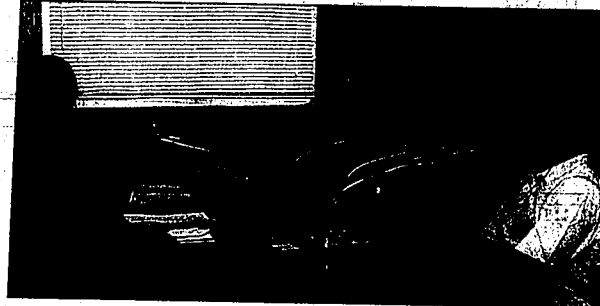
the menus in Sunday's paper, send the

request to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548

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5538, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

TALKING SAFETY



Left to right, Lt. Eric Nebeker of the Heyburn Police Department, Idaho State Police Trooper Ked Wells and Minico High School Senior Cassia Isaak promote seat belt safety on a recent HealthNet radio talk show. Isaak and the officers gave first hand

accounts of the results of not wearing a seat belt as well as information on proper seat belt use. The talk show is at 8:30 a.m. Fridays on 1230 AM KBAR

and sponsored by Minidoka Memorial Hospital. HealthNet is a coalition of agencies dedicated to improving health in the southern Idaho.

Photo courtesy Minico High School

Cassia District honors teacher for 2000 activities

BURLEY - Diana Gill, a second grade teacher at Mountain View Elementary School in Burley, was honored as Employee of the Month for January by the Cassia School District.

She was chosen because of her dedication and commitment to teaching, district representatives say.

Gill developed and implemented two school-wide projects for the countdown to the year 2000.

Many extra hours were given to accumulating more than 2,000 food items to donate to the Christmas Council and in recording more than 2,000 acts of kindness by all students in the school, the district says.



Diana Gill

Born and raised in Burley, Gill is a graduate of Burley High School. In 1993, she began working for the Burley School District after earning her bachelor's degree from Idaho State University.

She taught sixth-grade at Raft River Elementary for one year, and grades kindergarten through second-grade at Albion Elementary for two years before transferring to Mountain View to teach the second-grade.

Gill is a member of the National Education Association and the Mini-Cassia Reading Council.

She is also active in her church. Besides doing things with her children, she likes to create scrapbooks and read, the district says.

The Gill family lives in Burley. Gill's husband, Bob, works for Boise Cascade. They have two daughters, Sydney, who is in third-grade at Mountain View, and Jessica who is age 4.

As Employee of the Month for January, Gill received a gift certificate for dinner for two at George K's Restaurant in Burley, compliments of the Burley School District and George K's.

Eastern Star Worthy Grand Matron visit highlights meeting

RUPERT - An unofficial visit from the Eastern Star Worthy Grand Matron Melba Merkey highlighted the January meeting of the Rupert Chapter 39, Order of the Eastern Star.

Ferne Studebaker, grand matron of Tyhee, presented Marsha Kienzle, secretary, with an appointment of grand representative to Georgia in Idaho at the Jan. 12 meeting.

Other activities at the meeting included, Worthy Matron Merkey announcing her honor station for the evening and Linda Osborn, associate matron, being escorted and presented a tribute.

Merkey presented a tribute and gift to Pamela Day, chaplain. Nancy and Elizabeth Jones delivered a winter scene cake for refreshments but did not attend the meeting.

Kienzle and Clyde Annis, grand representative to Wisconsin, were honored with gifts representing the states of their appointments at the Jan. 27 meeting.

The special guests for the evening included Virgil Fenton, past grand patron of Idaho; Elsie Marsch, grand representative to Minnesota; and Annis' sister and Lucile Whistler, worthy matron of E-dah-o Chapter 77 of Paul.

Refreshments and decorations by Elaine Gordon and Lucile Downs mirrored the theme of the states of Georgia and Wisconsin.

On Feb. 9, the chapter served dinner for the Masonic District Meeting with Linda Meulman as chairman.

The worthy matron selected the Star Points of the Chapter as her honor stations for the evening of Feb. 10. She gave a tribute to the "Sweethearts of the Chapter" and presented each with a

emblematic pin of their stations. Ruth Freeman and Ann Weeks were the evening's hostesses and carried out the sweetheart theme of Valentine's Day.

The month of February was set aside for fund-raising for the Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leaders. Marge Noriyuki, chairman of District 6, read a letter at the Feb. 10 meeting about the awards. Each year at Grand Chapter, recipients receive a cash grant to be sent to the school of their choice to defray tuition, books or educational expenses.

Students interested in applying for an award should contact a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for more information.

The Rupert chapter held a dinner to "Honor all Masons" on Feb. 24 at the dining hall.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A certified lactation educator teaches the classes.

Participants should bring a doll or stuffed-animal to class.

The class is \$20 and includes several other childbirth classes.

For more information, call 677-6500.

4-H, FFA announce winners at growers association dinner

RUPERT - The 1999 4-H and Future Farmers of America Sugar Beet Growers awards were announced Feb. 18 at the Sugar Beet Growers Association awards dinner.

Each winner received a jacket donated by Butte Irrigation and a check for their placement.

The winners were: 4-H winners: ages 8-13: Bryan Young, first, \$50; Mackenzie Smith, second, \$20; and Jerica Smith, third, \$20; and ages 14-19: Gary Fassett, first, \$50; Zach Fatterson, second, \$30; and Lisa Patterson and Cress Poter, third, \$20 each.

FFA winners: Jeremy Jensen, first place, \$50; Beth McCall, second place, \$30; and Kenny Ball, third place, \$20.

several Magic Valley area locations this month. Assistance is available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the third Monday at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce in Heyburn and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday at the National Guard Armory in Burley. Services include work registration; job

referrals; veterans, education, training and other programs; vocational guidance; and referrals to community-based organizations. Veterans are encouraged to contact Applewhite at any of the above locations or at the Magic Valley Job Service Office, 771 North College Road. For more information, call 735-2028.

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ANNIVERSARY — ENGAGEMENTS — WEDDING

THE BUTLERS

RUPERT — Mr. and Mrs. Dale H. Butler of Rupert will be honored at an open house Tuesday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the primary room at the Acequia LDS Church.

Butler and Verla Feigh Noble were married April 4, 1950, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

They have lived in Rupert since their marriage.

He farmed, worked a few years at Amalgamated Sugar Co. and then decided to become a carpenter. He spent 33 years doing carpentry work, his second love. She worked at home caring for their seven children.

They have been active in the community and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Verla was the Acequia Ward bishop for five years, high councilman for six years, served in many church positions and has had a lifetime commitment to scouting.

Verla served in the LDS Relief Society, Primary, Sunday School, Young Women's and more. She is a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and the Burley Music Club.

The event is being given by their children, Sheila (Harold) West of Glendale, Ariz.; Kim (Sheri) Butler of Mesa, Ariz.; Mark (Becky) Butler from



Verla and Dale Butler



Arlington, Texas, Susan (Galen) Chandler of Mendon, Utah; Maureen Butler of Layton, Utah; Brent (Emilia) Butler of Mesa, Ariz.; and Karla (Scott) Eastman of Salt Lake City. The couple has 32 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

TALAMANTES-KELLY

TWIN FALLS Maria Talamantes of Twin Falls announces the engagement of her daughter, Christina Alicia Talamantes, to James Kevin Kelly, son of Donna and Ray Dennis of Twin Falls.

Talamantes is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed by the United Parcel Service in Twin Falls.

Kelly is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is employed at Addison West Restaurant in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for



Christina Talamantes and Kevin Kelly

July 7 at the Blue Lakes Country Club.

CROCKETT-WINSON

DECLO — Owen and Loretta Crockett of Declo announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Marie Crockett, to Kevin Russell Winslow, son of Russell and Lana Winslow of Twin Falls and Barbara Fisher of Burley.

Crockett is employed at Burger King in Jerome. Winslow graduated from Twin Falls High School and is employed at Gem State Stucco in Jerome.

The wedding is planned for



Amy Crockett and Kevin Winslow

Saturday.

MONTGOMERY-WHITAKER

ALBION — George and Gwen Montgomery of Albion announce the wedding of their daughter, Tia Montgomery, to Andy Whitaker, son of Art and LaRene Whitaker of Malta.

Montgomery graduated from Declo High School and attended Idaho State University in Pocatello. She is employed at John's Hair Jungle in Burley.

Whitaker graduated from Raft River High School and Utah State University in Logan. He works for Interstate Feeders in Malta.

The wedding was held March 10 in Burley.



Amy Whitaker and Tia Montgomery. A reception and dance honor the couple will held from 7-10 p.m. Friday at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 200 W. 85 S. They will reside in Malta.

Anniversary or wedding planned?
Let us know soon!
The Times-News welcomes wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements. Deadline to get them into Sunday's Family Life section is 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Questions? Call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262.

Invest in your future
Read the Money pages in The Times-News

Daughters of boomers launch own boomlet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women in their 20s helped fuel a baby boomlet that pushed U.S. births up 2 percent in 1998, the first increase in several years, said a government report released last week.

The increase reflected growth in the number of women entering child-bearing years. These daughters of early baby boomers are having their own kids, but getting married first is a not necessarily a prerequisite to becoming a parent, the report shows.

Births to unwed mothers, on the rise for years, hit an all-time high in 1998 and accounted for nearly half of all babies born that year, reported the National Center for Health Statistics. But unlike the early 1990s, when teenagers were having children at alarming rates, today's unwed mothers are more likely to be in their 20s and 30s.

Researchers attribute the change to a big drop in teen births, confidence in the booming economy and more relaxed attitudes about unwed mothers.

The social disapproval factor

has definitely lessened," said Stephanie Ventura, lead author of the report compiled from state birth data.

There were 3.94 million births in 1998, compared to 3.8 million children born in 1997. The fertility rate, a measure of births among women of child bearing age, was 65.6 births for every 1,000 females, up from 65 births per 1,000.

These were the first increases in births and fertility rates since 1990, when 4.1 million children were born and the fertility rate was 70.9 births per 1,000 women. Between 1990 and 1997, the number of births fell 7 percent as women waited longer to have children and teen births declined amid the availability of more reliable contraceptives, an emphasis on abstinence and fears about AIDS.

Some 1.29 million babies were born to single women in 1998, up 3 percent from the prior year and the highest number reported since the government started collecting birth data in the early 1900s.

Lost socks hit pocketbooks

You've heard the old saying that nothing is more inevitable than death and taxes. Add losing socks. Where they go is one of the great mysteries of life. But between losing them and poking holes in the toes, the typical American consumer goes through almost 13 pairs of socks a year, hosiery industry experts say. That may not seem like a very big bill to foot, but add up all those socks and it comes to a nationwide total of \$4.7 billion annually.

Frozen assets
You've told your loved ones a million times where to find your will, your health-care directive, the durable power of attorney and other documents. But will they remember you put them in the third drawer of the guest closet? A more unforgettable place is the freezer or the refrigerator, says the Funeral Consumers Alliance, which is selling a \$10 packet including a plastic pouch and an Edward Gorey-designed refrigerator magnet that says "Matters of Life and Death Inside." To order, call 1-800-765-0107.

— Compiled from wire service reports

Magic Valley Wedding Planning Directory

The following businesses can help make your wedding a memorable occasion.

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Marriage is not for dummies...or is it?

The Orange County Register

What perfect timing those folks at IDG Books Worldwide have.

How else could you explain the recent arrival of "Making Marriage Work for Dummies" (\$19.99)?

On first glance you might think, "Oh, brother." But the book actually contains useful information.

The authors, husband-and-wife marriage-counseling team Steven Simring and Sue Klavans Simring, are no slouches.

He's the vice chairman of the department of psychiatry at New Jersey Medical School and the co-author of "How to Win Back the One You Love." She specializes in working with couples and families.

The book covers a wide range of topics that include making

Rx for happiness

Here in authors Steven Simring and Sue Klavans Simring's prescription for a stronger marriage:

- **Protections:** Treat each other with kindness and consideration.
- **Empathy:** Understand your partner's feelings and concerns.
- **Respect:** Treat each other as equals.
- **Flexibility:** Be ready and willing to give more than you receive at any given time.
- **Empowerment:** Make fun and humor central to your relationship.
- **Care:** Be attentive with the attention time and energy you give to each other.
- **Trust:** Maintain the affection

and affection that come from close physical contact.

And these are the 10 things they say you should never say to your partner:

- "You never... or You always..."
- "Yes, but..."
- "It's all your fault."
- "Are you getting fat?"
- "I'm not my job."
- "Why can't you be more like...?"
- "I'll try."
- "Forget it, I don't want to fight."
- "I'm getting a divorce."

— Adapted from "The Orange County Register"

Unexpected fees boost Web airline ticket costs

Travelers long have encountered unexpected fees such as passenger facility charges and departure taxes that boost the price they thought they'd be paying. (The Federal Transportation Department recently reminded airlines that the industry's latest add-on, a \$20 round-trip fuel surcharge some carriers hoped passengers would think was government-mandated, must be included in the advertised ticket price.)

But these traditional supplements sound like pocket change compared to the extra charges you can rack up buying tickets via the Internet.

Consumer Reports Travel

Letter recently studied 12 major online travel providers and found that fees for services such as processing bookings, delivering tickets and making changes can add as much as 85 percent to the original price quote. What's more, these charges are hard to avoid because online discounters don't always disclose or plainly display them on their Web sites at least not until the traveler submits a credit card number, and the ticket purchase is confirmed, the newsletter said.

More than half the sites that Consumer Reports Travel Letter studied charge fees from \$4 to \$30 to book and ship a paper ticket — as much as a 7 percent premium on a \$350 fare.

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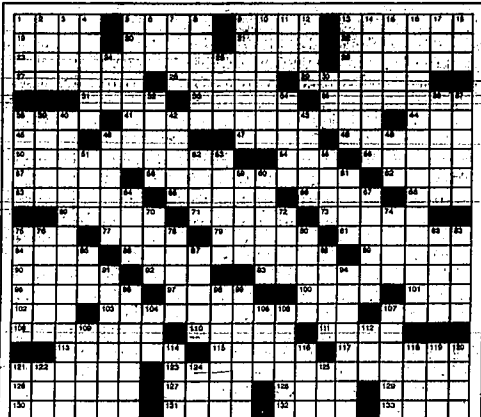
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THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

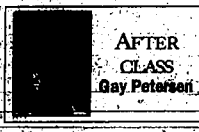


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Attitude determines your altitude

What constitutes a bad attitude? Is it determined only by your outlook on everyday life, or can it be noticed even in your physical appearance? Do only your facial features indicate how you feel inside, or does this indication extend to how you stand, how you walk, even to how you speak?



AFTER CLASS
Gay Peterson

Are you an optimist or a pessimist? Do you see every day as having new potential, as a chance to do better than the day before, as sunshine and roses? Or do you see each day as just another "miserable day," no chance at all to improve, rain clouds and weeds?

Your appearance to the world is not only important in self-esteem, but it also gives an immediate impression to everyone as to what kind of person you are - whether or not you are fun to be around, outgoing, personable - or likely to be a real downer. Your attitude can affect not only those at your place of work, but friends, acquaintances, even strangers. Most of all, it can affect your family, and, in the doing, it can affect how you feel about yourself.

Nothing goes wrong, nothing goes right, everything seems destined to ruin this day if not your entire life - at least in your limited opinion.

So - what do you do? Do you get out of bed and face the world as though the entire planet is against you? Or do you present the world with as great an attitude as you can possibly muster? It is, in reality, a difficult choice. It is easy to say that you need to put your best face forward, but if you have a miserable job, if you have suffered a devastating loss, if you have a debilitating illness or face death, can anyone tell you to shape up and quit wallowing in self-pity?

I don't think so. Still you owe it to yourself and those you love to struggle forward, stand up straight, look the world in the eye and get on with it. If you have a miserable job

work at getting enough skills, get a better one. If you have faced the loss of a loved one, you know that they would not want you to be devastated for the rest of your life.

Facing illness or death is something I am certainly not qualified to discuss - yet it seems to me that for your own sake you must try to face each day with as positive an attitude as possible.

I will not and cannot say that it will make you better, that it will cure an illness or put away grief. Yet it also seems to me that facing life with a positive attitude not only improves your physical well-being, but from a spiritual perspective a good will that permeates all you touch. Your attitude gives others strength or breaks them down - gives you strength or breaks you down.

Your attitude determines your altitude - you can stand tall, figuratively speaking, in the eyes of yourself and others, or pull others down - down to a low level, neither you nor those who love you can escape. The choice is yours.

Gay Peterson is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at peterson@gmatlink.com

Representative payee can step in to help

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. My dad is currently receiving Social Security retirement benefits. I've noticed he hasn't been managing his money very well. I'm worried about him and wonder what you would suggest I do in his case?

A. If a person, like your dad, has difficulty managing his money, a representative payee can be appointed. This person can be a relative, friend or even a

Social Security Q&A

member of a community group or organization. A person must apply to be a representative payee and agree that the Social Security benefits they receive on behalf of the recipient will be used for the recipient's needs and in his or her best interest. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to find out about the procedure.

Q. Can I file for my retirement benefits at any other place besides my neighborhood Social Security office? If I want to eventually retire and live in India?

A. Yes. You may file an application at any nearby U.S. consulate or embassy.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

Spring-bored? Redirect that excess energy

Knight Ridder News Service

Your fingers are tapping. You haven't noticed it before, this jittery hand that no longer seems a part of your body. Then again, concentrating on anything seems to be hard of late. When someone speaks to you, all you see are lips moving, but you nod knowingly anyway and mumble, "ahhh, yeah, mmmhmmmm."

But back to the hand. It's tapping out a rhythm on your desk, some bouncy little ditty from your childhood. And now you notice your leg has this nervous tremor, but your hand is too busy tapping to stop it from shaking. Now you feel warm; you're windstarved in your stifling, claustrophobic office. You want to stand up, strip off your clothes and run out singing Julie Andrews songs, leaving your office workers agape - but secretly envious.

You don't need an RMO lummy to tell you your restlessness is spring fever in sensuous full-bloom. Running naked from the workplace might not be the best cure (trust us on this one), but then, who needs a cure? What you need is a plan to drag out this affliction as long as it can hold over. We have some suggestions even though we had to sit chained to the keyboard to tell you.

Geriatric care manager seeks solutions

Q. My parents are in their mid-80s and live several hours away from my sister and me. Although my folks are in reasonably good health, during our visit over the holidays and when we talk by phone, my sister and I have both noticed a slow decline in their memories and abilities. My sister and I have discussed suggesting assisted living, but they want to continue living in their own home. They drive and socialize with friends and neighbors. My sister and I want to make sure their progress is monitored. We have looked into community services, but that seems so confusing. How can we find a trustworthy person to handle these things for our parents and us?

A. Because the health and other needs of aging parents are more than many people can handle on their own, specialty care distance is thrown into the equation, more families are turning to a relatively new breed of professional: the geriatric care manager. Generally, geriatric care managers have degrees in nursing or social work and act as personal health and care managers for elderly and disabled people. After assessing your parents' conditions and needs, the geriatric care manager will create a proposed plan that will include recommendations about your parents' care. Once everyone signs off on the plan, the geriatric care manager will be in position to coordinate and oversee your parents' care.

Working in conjunction with either law attorneys and medical doctors who specialize in elder issues, geriatric care managers will monitor your parents' conditions and coordinate various services for your parents in order to help them remain in the community for as long as possible. If and when necessary, the geriatric care manager can act as a referral source to a suitable assisted-living or long-term-care facility, in which case he or she will help your parents in the transition from home to the facility and will act as an advocate for your parents.

These professionals generally work on a fee-for-service basis, with charges from \$60 to \$150 per hour depending on the care manager's experience and where your parents live. Typically, an initial assessment will cost between \$300 and \$500. Since insurance does not cover these fees, the



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins and

family is responsible for the charges; however, we have found that using geriatric care managers can often save the family money because they are very knowledgeable about the "ins and outs" of Medicare, Medicaid, and insurance issues. In addition, experienced GCMs can find free community services and help your parents receive the best care available.

The best way to seek out an experienced geriatric care manager is to contact an elder law attorney in your parents' area of the country who deals with GCMs on a regular basis, or call the National Association of

Professional Geriatric Care Managers at 602-981-8008 in Tucson, Ariz. This group publishes a directory, and although there is a cost to purchase it, you can receive a referral for just one state at no cost.

Taking the NextStep: A few suggestions: Don't bring in a care manager without talking to your parents first, since a unilateral act like this will surely cause suspicion on the part of your parents. We suggest that you and your sister handle this conversation in person with your folks, not by telephone. We also suggest that you and your sister make sure your parents understand that you are working with them, not against them, and that the purpose of your suggestion is so that they can stay at home as long as possible. Finally, always interview the GCM either by phone or in person. And, make sure you receive and check out references.

Jan Collins is a writer and editor. Jan Warner is a matrimonial, tax and elder-law attorney. Both are based in Columbia, S.C. Please send your questions to P.O. Box 11704, Columbia, S.C. 29211.

Stroke Clinic

Thursday, April 20, 2000

Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
Education Center, Sage Room

The Stroke Treatment Team from the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital will be able to suggest ways to help stroke survivors become more independent. If you, or someone you love, has suffered a stroke, ask your family physician if you might benefit from a comprehensive evaluation. The hospital will bill Medicare or your insurance for this service.

To make an appointment, call (208) 333-2363.

How to spring forward

Spring has sprung, and with it comes the time for those pesky daylight saving time changes. While the time change is a nuisance, it's not the end of the world. The world is still rotating, and your body will adjust. The only real problem is the extra hour of sleep you'll lose. To make the most of your extra hour, try to go to bed an hour earlier than usual on the night of the change. This will help you adjust to the new time zone more easily. Also, try to get up an hour earlier than usual on the day of the change. This will help you adjust to the new time zone more easily. Finally, try to stay hydrated. Drinking plenty of water will help you adjust to the new time zone more easily.

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Knowing we're a lot like you.

That's Community!

That's Service!

When it comes to supporting our community, we don't mouse around. By taking little nibbles out of big challenges, we're able to lend a hand on provide a solution where it might not otherwise be possible. From scholarships for local area students to community service right here at home, there's always something we can do to help. If you're interested in what we do, or if you'd like to get involved, please contact us. It's possible - if it wasn't for you.

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