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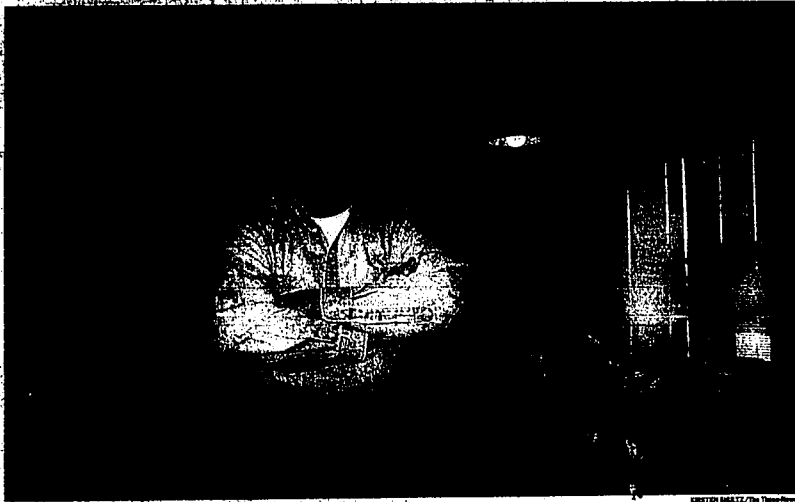
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# His biggest challenge

### About these stories

The Times-News staff writer Ruth Streeter, who has covered Achs' proposal before Cassia County commissioners, looked into a field where Achs has a track record - the world of trading.



Ketchum entrepreneur Ron Achs aspires to set up a 50,000-sow hog farm in the Raft River area. "I have this passion ... for building things and doing things, innovation and leadership," Achs said.

## Entrepreneur Ron Achs aspires to be Idaho's largest hog operator

By Carol Ryan Dumas and Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writers

**KEETCHUM** - He says he wants to reinvent agriculture in Idaho, return prosperity to an ailing industry and include local farmers in the equation.

But Ron Achs - the man aspiring to be the largest hog operator in Idaho - is held suspect by the community, an affluent outsider whose motives are assumed to be those of big business.

Achs is offended by the stereotype, even if he understands it.

"I'm a guy that worked hard. I don't come from money, I'm no trust-funder," he said, dressed in overboots and faded jeans. "I love Idaho. I'm not a Chicago kid. I've been out here a long time."

Aspiring to set up a 50,000-sow hog farm in the Raft River area, Achs' best headlong into fearful community sentiment, a county moratorium and state legislation. His aspirations, having landed in Cassia County, carry the battle scars of an earlier attempt to locate in Owyhee County and the tolls of environmental testing in several counties to find the

## About Ron Achs

RAFT RIVER - As an experienced businessman and commodities broker, Ron Achs is trying to take a dollars-and-cents approach to the most controversial venture of his life - a proposed 50,000-sow hog operation that has drawn criticism from Cassia County neighbors, lawmakers and farmers alike.

"There's no mistaking the industry has a stigma to it because of past problems," he said. "But it's like that in everything. You can't judge one by another. We have to earn our

## Big Sky Farms banks on alliance

By Carol Ryan Dumas and Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writers

Well aware of the environmental, economic and social challenges before him, Achs is banking on financial resources, tenacity, and a solid plan.

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respect, earn our trust, not just in the permitting process, but long after we're there. It's an ongoing process."

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## U.S. officials fear potential for violence

### Tensions could flare up at Elian's transfer

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Justice Department, concerned about Elian Gonzalez's safety, has formally appealed to the boy's relatives to cooperate in the search for a peaceful transfer of custody to his father, an administration official said Saturday.

The possibility of unrest leading to violence at the time of the exchange has haunted officials for months, and a department official acknowledged Saturday "there are people who have given thought to an enforcement option and how to about doing it."

"But there is no developed plan to use force," the official said, adding, "Nothing's been presented to senior officials, let

### Castro's daughter speaks in Boise - B5

alone been approved by any senior official."

With time running short, Justice Department has faxed a request to Elian's Miami relatives that they meet Monday with psychiatric experts to discuss ways of achieving a smooth transition.

On Friday, Cuban-American leaders opposed to the transfer called off demonstrations aimed at clogging traffic near the Miami airport but indicated the respite may only be temporary.

Miami Mayor Joe Carollo, asked Saturday by NBC's police will respond when the transfer takes place, said: "Our police department will act in a professional manner."



Supporters of Elian Gonzalez staying in the United States line a police barricade near Gonzalez's relative's house Saturday in the Little Havana district of Miami.

## U.S. tax take hits post-WWII high

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - For millions of middle-class families singled out for tax relief by Congress, the federal income tax burden is hundreds of dollars a year less than it was just four years ago.

Yet the overall U.S. tax take from the economy is higher than at any time since World War II.

"As Americans scurry to file their income tax returns before this year's April 15 deadline, debate rages between Republicans and Democrats, congressional leaders and President Clinton: Should the federal budget surplus be used to cut taxes, boost spending or guarantee that Social Security and Medicare are on sound financial footing?"

What had been a loud, national outcry for tax relief a few years ago

## November election could affect outcome of Microsoft case

### Microsoft gives generously to both parties

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - With years of legal appeals anticipated, Microsoft's antitrust case seems destined to spill over into the next White House administration. Who the new president is could change how the case is resolved.

George W. Bush has signaled he would be more friendly to the company. Al Gore generally has stayed silent.

There is precedent for a new administration changing course in a major antitrust case. In 1982, the year of a Reagan Justice Department, IBM that had lingered since 1979.

Legal scholars say the next president could have an even bigger impact on Microsoft through his selection of justices to the Supreme Court, where the case may ultimately be settled.

Texas Gov. Bush and Vice

President Al Gore, the current Republican and Democratic presidential nominees, already are talking about how replacing possible members on the nine-member court could affect the legality of Microsoft's antitrust case.

Vice President Al Gore takes questions following a talk to Microsoft employees Nov. 15, 1999, in Redmond, Wash. Gore, the administration's point-man on technology, took some heated questions Saturday from Microsoft's antitrust prosecution of Microsoft. Just days after a federal court ruled it is a monopoly.

If the question is 'Could the outcome of the election have an impact on the case?' the answer is yes. But it is less because of the control over the Justice

Department, but again has been more

Microsoft has become a generous campaign contributor to both political parties, although the money leans in the direction of the Republicans, who control both houses of Congress.

The company and its employees have contributed \$727,850 in unregistered soft money since Jan. 1, 1996, or slightly less than the \$774,816 spent between Jan. 1, 1997, and Dec. 31, 1998, says the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan research group. Microsoft gave 53 percent of the money - \$388,800, to Republicans and the remaining \$341,250, or 47 percent, to Democrats.

Two years ago, however, the company tracked its Republican tilt, giving 81 percent of its soft money - \$629,816, to the GOP and just 19 percent, \$145,000, to the Democrats. Microsoft's PAC also leans Republican, but again has been more

# THE REGION

## Carnegie Prairie

High: 54 Low: 23  
Mostly cloudy and windy with a chance of showers. Partly cloudy and breezy tonight.

## Treasure Valley

High: 64 Low: 38  
Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow.

## Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 56 Low: 32  
Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers and afternoon thunderstorms.

## Eastern Idaho

High: 57 Low: 34  
Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers and afternoon thunderstorms.

## Northern Idaho

High: 65 Low: 38  
Partly cloudy with light northeast winds. Clear tonight, sunny tomorrow.

## Northern Utah

High: 67 Low: 38  
Partly cloudy with a chance of late afternoon showers. Same tonight and tomorrow.

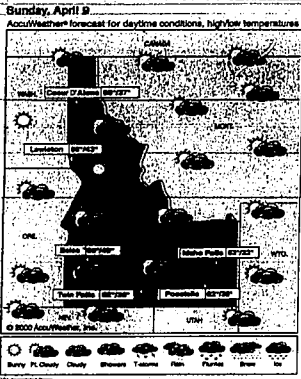
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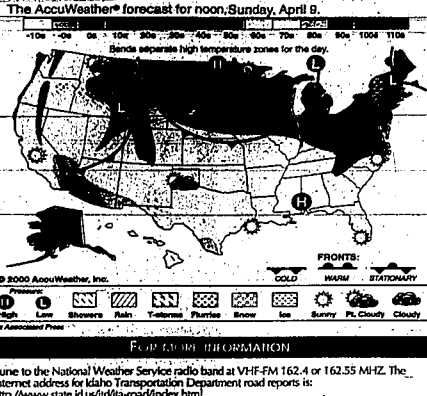
# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 62 Low 38 Mostly cloudy and windy, with a fair chance of showers.	High 64 Low 36 Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.	High 60s Low 30s Sunny.	High 60s Low 30s Sunny.	High 60s Low 30s Sunny.

## Idaho weather



## National weather



# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 72 24	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Last year 42 26	Month to date
Normal 62 32	Normal mo. to date
	Water year to date
	Normal year to date

## Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High/Low
Boise	74	29	0.00	74 degrees at Burley, Low 12 degrees at Starke
Burley	74	29	0.00	Nadwin High, 102 at Thermal, Call Low 6
Coeur d'Alene	64	27	0.00	at West Yellowstone
Grangeville	m	m	m	
Hagerman	m	27	m	
Idaho Falls	68	19	0.00	
Lewiston	71	36	0.00	Comfort factor
Malad	m	m	0.00	Noon humidity 58%
Maika	61	25	0.00	Noon barometer 30.00
McCall	56	16	0.00	Pollen and mold counts
Pocatello	68	23	0.00	Pollen: 54, moderate
Salmon	64	21	0.00	mountain cedar, cedar
Stanley	57	12	0.00	wood juniper box elder, Mold: 350, low
Sun Valley	m	m	0.00	srms.

## The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	64	41	0.00
Anchorage	58	27	0.00
Atlanta	63	60	0.02
Boston	51	27	0.00
Chicago	61	27	0.33
Dallas	62	47	0.00
Denver	69	40	0.00
Des Moines	52	23	0.01
Detroit	40	34	0.08
Houston	70	57	0.15
Indianapolis	42	17	0.00
Kansas City	54	37	0.00
Las Vegas	91	65	0.00
Los Angeles	54	33	0.00
Memphis	55	43	0.47
Miami Beach	80	72	0.00
Minneapolis	60	37	0.00
Philadelphia	53	24	0.00
Pittsburgh	69	61	0.00
Portland	57	36	0.03
Reno	50	27	0.00
Salt Lake City	67	34	0.00
San Francisco	57	49	0.00
Seattle	62	60	0.00
Spokane	63	31	0.00
Washington	59	65	0.40
Yuma	99	65	0.00

## Canadian Cities

City	High	Low	City	High	Low
Calgary	51	19	Edmonton	47	16
Montreal	47	35	Quebec	45	35
Ottawa	55	36	Vancouver	55	37

# Alliance

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biggest victim in the world." His goal is to produce an end product partnered with a commitment from the retailer.  
"I'm in the niche-market business, not the commodity business," Achs said.  
While it all sounds very corporate and smacks of vertical integration, Achs said Big Sky Farms isn't as big as it sounds.  
"Are we big? Yes, we are," he said. "Are we producing a product that we have a market for? Absolutely," he said. "But Big Sky Farms is no big, damn company. You know who Big Sky Farms is? My wife and me and my kids."  
Achs said his plan is based in a local cooperative approach. "Pockets of alliances," he calls it.  
As opposed to vertically integrated corporations where ownership, decisions and the profit go primarily to the top of the pyramid, Achs' design is to make each player in the process - from farm to supermarket - a member/owner. He dismisses claims by detractors who say his business would harm family farmers and contribute to hard times for the local rural community.  
"We are absolutely pro-family farmer. (And) our economic ben-

efit will stretch out into the area," said Achs, citing his company's plans to buy 480,000 tons of feed a year and spend \$210 million on startup construction.  
Still, Dave Roper with the Idaho Pork Producers Association - one of 35 Idaho hog farmers with operations greater than 100 cows - is skeptical of Achs' long-term commitment to his operation.  
As a trader, Achs is used to high-dollar returns, said Roper, of Kimberly. That would happen for a while, but when it stops, Roper expects to see Achs sell out.  
"He's just going to market it - that's his business," Roper said.  
Achs said he is skeptical of Roper's plan to sell and never has. It doesn't make sense to spend years building something only to turn around and sell it.  
And when he talks about Big Sky Farms - a cooperative alliance that will be good for the community, support family farms, and compete with corporate agriculture - Achs sounds like someone priming up for the long haul.  
"It gives us a chance to kick ass and take names out of the industry," Achs said.

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# Columbine families fear anniversary

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) - Like other parents of victims of the Columbine High School massacre, Phyllis Velasquez fears the approaching one-year anniversary may unleash emotions held at least partly in check since 15 people died at the school.  
"If there were a way to stop time and have April 20th not come, I would do that," said Velasquez, whose son, Kyle, was the first person shot in the school library. "It's like a flashback. You remember what you were doing that day. I remember waiting in the gymnasium at the elementary school, hoping to see my child walk through."  
Velasquez and relatives of 11 other victims, thrown together by tragedy and united through mutual grief, met with reporters Saturday to talk about their feelings.  
They hoped to answer questions now and avoid being hounded on the actual anniversary. They also wanted to promote their effort to raise \$3.1 million to replace the library where most of the victims were killed.  
"We really pray, and hope, that you will respect our privacy after this," said Dawn Anna, a former Columbine volleyball coach whose daughter, Lauren Townsend, was killed in the library.  
A protectiveness has developed over the past year as the families have met socially and as part of Healing of People Everywhere, a group formed to



Dawn Anna, the mother of slain Columbine High School student Lauren Townsend, clings to her husband Bruce Beck during a news conference in Littleton, Colo., Saturday.

raise money to build the new library.  
Tom Mauer has become a vocal gun-control advocate since the death of his son, Daniel. He has traveled to Washington and is pushing a state ballot measure that would require background checks of all buyers at gun shows.  
The other families have helped him cope with the tragedy, Mauer said.  
"No one would know what you've been through like they do," he said. "It's an undeniable bond, it really is."

# Microsoft

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Department and more because of the control over the Supreme Court," said Bill Kovacs, a professor at the George Washington University Law School.  
Last Monday, U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ruled that Microsoft violated the Sherman Antitrust Act by bundling its Internet Explorer Web browser with its Windows operating system software.  
Microsoft pledged to appeal, but Jackson could undercut that move, not just the possibility of having it reversed on appeal or by the Supreme Court.  
The longer the delay, "The better chance there will be that technological change will reinforce Microsoft's argument that there's no need to take drastic action," said Robert Litan, a former Justice antitrust official now at Brookings Institution in Washington.  
Warren Grimes, an antitrust professor at "Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles, noted that the president elected in November also will appoint new attorney general and a different antitrust chief.  
Those appointments could bring a different opinion-of-the-case to the Justice Department.

# Taxes

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ago has muted considerably, in part because many middle-class families are paying less to Uncle Sam.  
The Congressional Budget Office, for example, estimates that the total federal tax takes on a family of four at the national median income - a gross income of about \$39,000 last year - was 18.9 percent in 1999, down from

19.7 percent four years earlier. The Joint Committee on Taxation says the 1999 figure for families of four earning between \$40,000 and \$50,000 at 16.1 percent, compared with 17.3 percent in 1995.  
Taking only the federal income tax - the Treasury Department estimates a family of four earning \$54,900 in 1999 paid a tax rate of about 7.5 per-

cent, down from 9.3 percent in 1995 and the lowest rate for people in the median income group since 1965.  
"Their tax burden is lower than it has been, depending on which measure you use, than any time in the last two decades," Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers there told Congress.  
There are many reasons for

this. President Reagan's huge tax cuts in 1981 and the tax credit repeal of 1986 removed millions of lower-income taxpayers from tax rolls and reduced taxes on high-income people.  
During the 1990s, Congress and Clinton have focused tax relief on the middle class, particularly in the 1997 tax bill that created the \$500-per-child tax credit and credits for education.

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## CIA fires one, sanctions nine

Los Angeles Times  
WASHINGTON - Eleven months after the CIA mistakenly sent U.S. warplanes to bomb the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, the spy agency has fired one employee and sanctioned six others, including a senior official, in the first disciplinary action since the bombing.  
The airstrikes on the embassy May 7, at the height of the NATO air campaign to force Yugoslav forces out of Kosovo, led to a near rupture of relations between the U.S. and Washington.

Talks between the United States and China on human rights and nonproliferation still have not resumed.  
The State Department informed the Chinese Embassy in Washington on Saturday of the actions by the CIA, which were taken in the wake of the bombing.  
The CIA declined to identify those who were disciplined for the bombing, which killed three Chinese civilians and wounded 20 others. But a U.S. official said the agency "will fire one, will sanction the target," and "essentially put an X on the map in the wrong place."

OUT-ON-ROUTE 66



Earl and Stella Stanton enjoy the passing scenery of Route 66 in their 1924 Studebaker touring car last week near Baxter Springs, Kan. The couple, who have lived in Baxter Springs since they were married 28 years ago, have seen many changes take place on the famous highway nicknamed 'the Main Street of America.' 'I never really gave it much thought,' Earl said about the legend of the highway. 'It was just another highway to get from here to there.'

Judge says Marine is guilty

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A Marine captain charged in the heart-stopping death of a prisoner was found guilty Saturday of dereliction of duty and failure to obey an order.

The military judge hearing the case said Capt. Victor Arana was guilty of both charges, but removed language in one charge that contended Arana failed to stay with his unit after a grueling July 7 hike that led to Lance Cpl. Giuseppe "Joey" Leto's death.

Arana showed no emotion as the verdict was read. He faces a maximum sentence of nine months in prison and dismissal from the Marines during the sentencing phase, which began Saturday afternoon.

Prosecutors had argued in closing arguments Saturday morning that Arana, 28, of Chicago, had violated standard operating procedures for conditioning hikes and that he showed a careless disregard for his men.

"He was like a horse with blinders on..." Maj. Chris Hamilton told the judge. "He was head down, focused forward. There was absolutely no supervision of that conditioning hike."

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President urges Congress to take action on gun control

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton scolded the Republican-controlled Congress on Saturday for planning a spring break without first acting on gun safety, a patient's bill of rights and his other priorities.

In every case, he said in his weekly radio address, delay has real consequences for Americans' health and safety.

Also Saturday, the president attended a fund-raising lunch in New Orleans that took in \$400,000 for the Democratic National Committee. He also planned to attend an Easter-season musical production in Alexandria, La., before returning to Washington.

GOP blames Clinton for soaring gas prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The reason prices are so high at the gasoline pump is the Clinton administration has let OPEC monopolize U.S. oil supplies while failing to allow further exploration of possible domestic energy sources, a Senate Republican alleged Saturday.

"With only a week to go before recess, I ask the congressional leaders to think about these daily tallies: 12 children dying from gunfire, thousands of managed-care patients suffering unnecessary injuries in health millions of working families missing out on a long-overdue raise," the president said.

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Julia Stockton stands in front of her tarpapered homesteading shack in this photo taken in the early 1900s. Rene Graff of Aberdeen, S.D., found letters written by Stockton more than 80 years ago to a friend, Anna Kittleson, who lived in Aberdeen.

# Homestead letters

## Correspondence found in attic revives children's memories of homesteading

By Brett French  
The Billings Gazette

BILLINGS, Mont. — Out of the clutter of aged letters rescued from the attic of an old South Dakota home, the life of a charming Montana woman has blossomed anew.

Bill Stockton, a retired sheep rancher, author, crusty social critic and French-trained artist, knows the charming woman. She was his mother, Julia, now deceased. She was resurrected in his memory when he received an unusual phone call at his Grass Range home. The call was from Rene Graff, of Aberdeen, S.D. She said, "You don't know me, but I know Julia."

Stockton, who recently turned 79, wasn't a bit dumbfounded. "As soon as she mentioned Aberdeen I knew what she was talking about," he says. "Mother always talked about (Aberdeen)."

"I had an awful experience this morning behind my house. We have a little box dug down in the ground where we keep our butter and milk. Well, the board we have over the box is about 8 inches longer than the box.

"Well, after I had taken the board off and put the milk in and was just trying to find a place for the butter, I saw one of the largest rattlesnakes I have ever seen coiled up right by the box. Last week I killed three but four is all we have seen since we came out and I have killed every one." — June 27, 1911

Graff had found letters Stockton's mother had written more than 80 years ago to a friend, Anna Kittleson, who lived in Aberdeen.

The letters had been forgotten in the attic of Graff's home, part of which was built in the 1890s. It was there that an insulation contractor found piles of papers and magazines.

The home's original owner was a traveling immigration agent who worked for the railroad. Anna, Julia's friend, worked as a stenographer for the agent. Somehow, Anna's personal letters got mixed

in with the business correspondence, books and magazines that ended up in Graff's attic.

When the Graffs went to insulate the attic, Rene's husband suggested that they "burn the crap." She disagreed. Instead, she filled sack after sack — a pickup-size load of old receipts for coal, the ice man and a surrey rental, National Geographic magazines from 1912 and old medicine books — and carried them to the basement. Someday, Graff promised herself, she would sort through the papers.

Twenty years later, she began. What she found, as she meticulously culled the material, was a treasure of historical items. Most touching to her were the personal letters from George, Melvina, Carl and a woman named Julia Erickson — Stockton's mother. They became "the dead friends" in her basement.

"Some are young, some are old," Graff says. "They're like my family. They've taught me different things. Melvina taught me poetry. Julia taught me guts."

It's easy to see why. "Mrs. Beers (a neighbor) is one of the grandest women I have ever met. Good hearted is no name for it. If she can't give us anything else she will have us take some drinking water home so as not to have to make an extra trip down to the spring. I like Montana so well. Perhaps it's because I have had such nice times and am feeling so much better." — Sept. 27, 1911.

In 1911, Julia Erickson, at the age of 29, set out with four other single women to homestead near Winnett, on Montana's eastern plains. Although single, she was

determined to prove up on her claim of land. All she had to do, under the Homestead Act, was live

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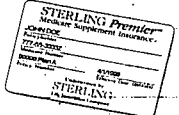


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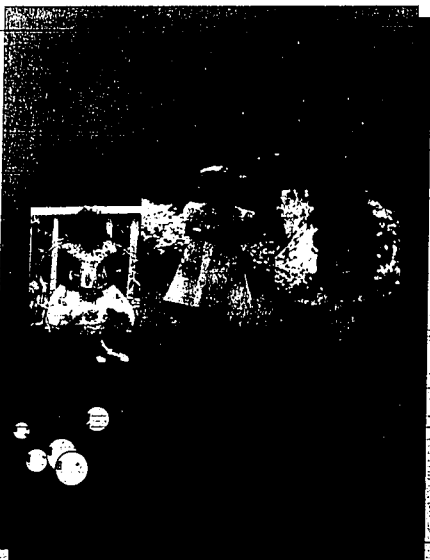
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To fill in the lonely times on the desolate plains, Julia wrote to her childhood friend, Anna. Julia talked about encounters with rattlesnakes, told of a simple gift of jared water and drew a floor plan of her small shack on the prairie. Sometimes parts of the letter were written in Norwegian. She often signed off, "with oceans of love."

"Julia was so cute," Graff says. "Her letters were funny. She had a good sense of humor. It took a lot of guts for a single woman to do what she did."

Two years after her arrival, she married William "Pat" Stockton, a civil engineer surveying the Chicago-Milwaukee line into nearby Grass Range. Two years after that, their first daughter, aptly named Patience, was born.

After toiling on the homestead for two years, Julia knew about patience. And now, Patience knows more about Julia.

"Dear Anna how I wish you were here this morning, everything looks just beautiful. Have been down in the garden, Bill, Mother and I. Have radishes up onions to eat and will have lettuce and spinach in a few days. I have 39 young chickens. Some are large enough to eat but neither of us has the heart to kill them. Oh this farm business is mighty interesting I tell you." - April 18, 1914.

After hearing from Graff, Bill Stockton telephoned his sister, Patience Hillius, with the unusual news: A woman from South Dakota had found old letters from their mother. Intrigued, Hillius wrote Graff and requested copies of the correspondence.

"It amazes me that these letters lay in an attic and basement for 80 many years," Hillius says. "It is still hard for me to believe that anyone would go to all the effort and trouble that Rene Graff did to make copies of all those letters, find us and send them to us."

After reading copies of some of the letters, Hillius wishes that she would have asked her mother more questions about her home-

stead life. "I learned the answers to a number of questions I wished I had asked her and was surprised to learn of her enthusiastic love for Montana," Hillius, 85, says from her Hamilton retirement home.

The letters reminded Hillius and Stockton of stories their mother once told and gave some insight into a father they barely knew.

"In 1911 when my mother came from Minneapolis to take up a homestead in Montana she had very little more than a woman's courage and high hopes and dreams," Hillius says of the optimism that filled her married life.

Unfortunately, those hopeful days were soon tarnished by the death of Tex Stockton in 1920, leaving Julia with four young children and a homestead to work as the Great Depression bore down. For three years the family struggled to stay afloat, but after the house burned down the family moved into the small town of Winnett and the property eventually reverted back to the government.

"The hopes and dreams lasted only a few short years, but her courage lasted a lifetime," Hillius says.

"It was pretty tough times," Stockton says matter-of-factly. Julia ended up working odd jobs to feed and clothe her family. "My mother was a washer woman in the dirty '30s," he says.

"Thanks so much for the trouble you had in getting that croch cotton. Have been having the worst time getting paper money or trying to. Will give it up as a bad job and send it in silver." - Dec. 3, 1914.

The 40 letters that Graff found from Julia to Anna stopped in 1917. But across the span of over 80 years, Julia's letters have spoken once again.

"As I reread the letters, those in her handwriting, I laughed with her during her happy homestead years and cried when I remembered the hard, difficult years that followed," Hillius says.

In a way, reading the old letters was like reaching out across time.

"It was just interesting to find out her attitude about homesteading," Hillius says. Stockton agrees. "The insistence my mother had to homestead was incredible."

"Got \$58.90 clear after express was paid on the 24 turkeys we sent to Butte. Sold a gobbler the other day for \$4.20." - March 24, 1916.

Graff says the process of culling the old correspondence was time-consuming. First, she had to decipher which letters belonged to which writer, trying to match handwriting. Then she had to try to organize them chronologically, since many had no dates. Graff retyped letters in fragile condi-

tion. Some of the letters were 10 pages long and eloquently written.

"It was like a personal visit," Graff says of how the letter writers made the reader feel. "Now, with e-mail, we don't even write in complete sentences."

It wasn't always like that. On a lonely stretch of central Montana prairie, a young woman of Norwegian descent once worked diligently to scratch out a living as a homesteader. It was 1911. The work was hard, town was miles away and the accommodations were Spartan. Yet the woman was full of dreams.

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# Challenge

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 from a humble background and hardworking parents with a good work ethic, said the young Ketchum entrepreneur. But it also comes from a need to accomplish.

## Growing up

At 39 and with a wife and two children of his own, Achs' perspective on his parents and his upbringing is one of appreciation "but also one of no-nonsense drive."  
 German-born immigrants from Brazil, his parents came to the States in 1955 "with \$300 and a suitcase." They settled in the Chicago suburb of Arlington Heights, where his father found work as an electrical and mechanical engineer and his mother, a homemaker who also worked as a store checker, made their home and raised Achs and two older brothers.

While other youngsters had a newspaper route, Achs negotiated a deal to have a weekend newspaper stand in the neighborhood grocery store where it was "nice and toasty" and very profitable. He opened the stand in grade school and operated it through junior high, earning twice as much two days a week as his counterparts did in seven.

"I was a maverick kid, you know, always entrepreneurial," he recalled.

In high school - where the 6-foot-6-inch Achs excelled in sports, particularly track - Achs always found time to hold down a job, stocking shelves or parking cars at a restaurant.

By the time he was ready to set out on his own, he had \$6,000 in the bank and several offers to colleges hungry for athletic talent.

"I ended up going to the University of Iowa. I competed there a few years," he said.

But athletics were not his goal. Achs wanted to be a physician, a thoracic surgeon, or perhaps a physical therapist. During his undergraduate work as a lab tech, however, he changed his mind.

"I was looking at 13 more years of school," he said, "I decided I didn't want to be a doctor anymore."

So in 1982, Achs switched gears and headed for sales, hawking ads for the Yellow Pages in Milwaukee.

"I was district sales manager after four weeks on the job; made a lot of money," he said.

But after 1 1/2 years, the challenge lost its charm and Achs started clerking on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Still, even the fast-paced setting wasn't enough to hold his complete attention.

Achs dabbled in small entrepreneurial projects - primarily in the areas of commodities, futures, finance, and business support service. One venture found him producing and promoting an off-Broadway tour.

The projects, he said, "were mostly unsuccessful, but you're learning."

Between those projects and his job at the exchange, he was able to swing expenses at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, where he graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in enterprise management.

"I basically had to start over," he said, adding that he needed three years worth of courses but finished them in 15 months.

## On the trading floor

Meanwhile, Achs' time on the trading floor made its mark on his business ideas. The dynamics of trading intrigued him.

"I stood by the different pits, observed, watched and learned," he said. "In the late '80s, I started writing a computer program."

The program of about 900 equations was capable of making its own trading decisions and Achs quickly took his trading off the floor. He traded on his own for two years and tested the program for seven years.

"The program eliminates subjectivity from trading," he said, "and it made a lot of money."  
 Achs eventually sold 40 percent of the stock in the program to a group of investment bankers and now leases the program to a few select clients through the Seven Partnership in Chicago.

Along the way, Achs met a developer from California, who had sold out, bought a cattle ranch in Montana and moved to Sun Valley. Achs knew there was more money to be made hedging cattle than raising them, and the two formed a trading company. In 1992, Achs and his wife Amy, moved to the Wood River Valley, where he and his business partner focused on ag futures, brokering for other people and trading for themselves.

The partnership was successful, but after four years Achs moved on and continued trading ag futures solo and later acted as an independent introducing broker for Cargill Investor Service.

"I'm a thinker. I'm a guy that does things. It's just the way I am. I have a passion for innovation; it is one of the biggest motivations for me, and I was always like that," he said.

## Track record

Tom Mauro, vice president of the commodities group at Cargill Investor Service, a trading firm, has favorable impressions of Achs. From a company perspective, he recalls a broker who stood up for his clients and represented them well.

From a personal perspective, Mauro also has good memories of Achs.

"I appreciated Ron's innovativeness, energy level and creativity for other people," Mike Brennan, a former trader at the Chicago Board of Trade now living in Ketchum, tells of a different experience with Achs.

"I was looking for an advantage of him by offering him a job in Ketchum in exchange for connecting Achs to influential people at the board."

Brennan said he met Achs in Ketchum in 1995, when Achs was affiliated with the Ketchum trading firm JW Welch. Brennan said he wanted to apprentice under Welch, but lacked the needed experience.

After he worked his way up at the Chicago Board of Trade, Brennan said Achs led him to believe he still worked for Welch, and lured him back to Idaho with the promise of a job.

After Brennan and his wife spent their savings moving to Idaho, he said he found out there was no job, and Achs was no longer affiliated with JW Welch. These days Brennan makes a living performing miscellaneous jobs until he can earn enough money to do what he loves - trading.

It's a dispute fraught with claims and counterclaims:

- Achs says he didn't hire Brennan, because a background check revealed Brennan had a pending judgment against him. This judgment would have prevented Cargill Investor Services from approving of the hire.

And Achs said Brennan had an obligation to be upfront about his track record.

"I never misled Mike Brennan," he said.

Brennan - who said he had not settled a small claims ruling, in which he was ordered to pay to Achs - calls Achs' reason for hiring him "bogus." He said the ruling had not affected work on the Board of Trade, which he was

doing for Cargill Investor Services.

Achs said he secured a job for Brennan in Chicago, and Brennan was interested in working for Achs' firm, not for Welch.

Brennan emphatically denies that he ever wanted to work for Achs, or that Achs helped secure a job for him with the Chicago Board of Trade.

"That is a big-time lie," Brennan said.

Meanwhile, Achs was fined last year by the group that regulates traders.

Achs had been charged in 1998 with falling out of compliance with the National Futures Association, the regulatory body that presides over futures traders. A settlement was reached in June 1999, with Achs paying a \$7,500 fine.

Achs had said medical issues and a death in the family were what caused him to neglect his futures business, Sun Valley Futures LLC. The NFA alleged that Achs did not maintain adequate financial books, record keeping, and Achs said no customer service had been jeopardized.

## Networking

While he had long traded futures, venturing into the live-stock market opened a whole new world to Achs. The livestock business is a brotherhood, he said, and when he earned respect in those circles, he started getting invitations to join the players for weekend trips skiing, fishing and floating.

"I started getting phone calls, from the largest companies to the Ma and Pa operations," he said.

Achs called the outings "mini-summits," because while they were recreational, there was still a lot of business that took place. Achs found out about his new friends' businesses and developed hedges for them. What he was most interested in, however, was their handicaps - what kept them from achieving their big objective.

What Achs found specific to agrusiness was "there's a big difference between productivity and viability," he said. It would mean that when a company starts producing, it's a money-making process. That's not necessarily so, he said, because agriculture's cyclical nature.

In addition, he consistently found four things in common in ag businesses that weren't achieving their potential: a poor overall structure; incorrect financing; lack of long-term legislative support and a lack of good communication with the public.

But, Achs said he knew how to fix those things. He could visualize a formula that would work.

"I've been blessed with success trading futures because I can visualize," he said.

In 1997, Achs joined forces with businessman Bob Allison of Sun Valley to build a 250,000-sow operation in Oneida County under the Sawtooth Farms label. The bid to put his plan into action suffered a setback when Allison died in February 1999.

With the momentum already in motion, however, Achs reorganized and formed Big Sky Farms, now hoping to locate in Cassia County.

Roberts farmer Dave Robison joined the Big Sky Farms fold, not long after Robison lost a bid in September 1999 to build a 96,000-sow farm in Jefferson County.

A fifth-generation farmer, who runs 5,000 acres and owns a fresh-pack business, Robison says he believes he has found the right partner for a concept he considers the future of agriculture.

"Ron has kind of invented this program," Robison said.

Achs is a hard-working, driven entrepreneur, who has upheld

several verbal agreements, which demonstrates his honesty, said Robison, who has a 70 percent stake in Big Sky Farms.

"He's an advantage-taker, he's had plenty of opportunities in the past," Robison said.

## Facing a challenge

Achs knows he is facing huge challenges - a myriad of obstacles from evolving regulations to adverse public sentiment. It has put him in the limelight - a place that isn't always comfortable.

Several weeks ago, Achs testified before the House Agricultural Affairs Committee, in which he said certain legislators were backing a livestock siting bill, which eventually passed the Legislature, because they had personal issues with him.

One of the men Achs singled out was Sen. Denton Darrington, R-DeLo, who represents Cassia County. Achs said Darrington "has a personal distaste" for him.

Darrington said he's present when Achs testified, but he denies Achs' assertions. The simple fact, Darrington said, is that Achs is proposing the largest facility of its kind that Idaho has yet seen.

"It has nothing to do with him personally. It has everything to do with a 50,000-sow facility that could produce up to one million hogs per year," Darrington said. "We're concerned with mega-hog farms, not Ron Achs."

The senior senator, with almost 20 years experience in the Statehouse, said his rare witness testimony becomes personal. Because it is considered unacceptable, Darrington said it is common for a speaker who crosses the line to become "gavelled" by the committee chair, as Achs was.

Achs says he would have taken the same approach again if he had felt that legislators were acting with prejudice.

And in the same way, the lifetime entrepreneur and former collegiate athlete savors the challenges before him, and Big Sky Farms.

He admittedly has big ideas, but Achs also said he has the experience, planning and passion to make this project work. He said he's been blessed with - or cursed by - a need to accomplish.

"It's something I feel like I need to do. Yeah, I could have sat in my office in Sun Valley, Idaho and made a million bucks, but it wasn't enough," he added. "I have this passion for building things and doing things, innovation and leadership. For the it's exciting, very interesting."

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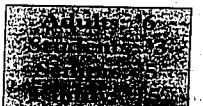
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# Hillary can't count on soccer moms

Some women prefer her to stay first lady

SCARSDALE, N.Y. (AP) - They helped Bill Clinton score in '96. But soccer moms in the New York City suburbs Hillary Rodham Clinton now calls home aren't cheering for her Senate campaign. "I like her as a first lady, I like her very much," said Maryann Mancino, as she rooted for her daughter's team at a field in Mamaroneck. "I think she's smart and very focused, but I don't think she's right for New York state."

Most polls show voter support for Clinton and her rival, Republican New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, running about even. But among suburban voters and white women, the mayor has led the first lady roughly 5-to-1 for Senate.

The gap is contrary to what might be expected. After all, New York's suburban voters picked Bill Clinton over Bob Dole nearly 2-to-1, and Hillary Clinton is not unlike the women whose votes clude her - an edu-



A Westchester soccer mom watches as her daughter picks up her gear last week after a game in Scarsdale, N.Y.

Soccer moms in first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's New York neighborhood might not be as helpful in her run for Senate as they were in Bill Clinton's 1996 run for president.

cated, middle-class, working mother whose top issues are education and health.

As Gerri Jaffe put it as she watched her daughter's team chase a ball across a field in Scarsdale, a short drive from Clinton's new Chappaqua home:

"I always vote Democrat, but I am not committed to Hillary."

Some say Clinton lacks experience and are critical because she had never lived in New York prior to moving earlier this year to Chappaqua, north of New York City, to meet the residency

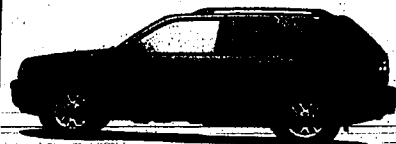
requirement for her Senate run. "I'm appalled she's even running," said Marjorie Sagiv, a mother of two and owner of a small import-export business. "She came out of no place. She's not even a New Yorker."

Even though she's practically your neighbor? "Especially because she's my neighbor," Sagiv said. "Who does she think she is? She's the president's wife. But that doesn't give her a right to run."

Among all voters, recent polls have shown the Senate race is about even, though the Republican mayor's support has waned since last month's fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man. A CBS News/New York Times poll released Friday gave Clinton a slight lead over Giuliani.

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# New allegations surface in sex harassment case

WASHINGTON (AP) - Turmoil in the Army's upper ranks, which became public last week with the disclosure that the highest-ranking woman had charged a fellow general with sexual harassment, intensified Saturday as the Pentagon confirmed that Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy herself is now accused of misconduct.

A senior defense official said Saturday the Defense Department's Office of Inspector General was notified Friday by a retired Army officer that he was aware of personal misconduct on the part of General Kennedy.

The nature of the alleged misconduct was not disclosed, and the official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the evidence offered was very limited. "It is not nearly enough to do something with,"

the official said.

Nonetheless, Donald Mancuso, the deputy inspector general, is required by law to determine whether a formal investigation may be merited, the official said. Mancuso is handling the matter because the inspector general post is vacant.

The name of the retired officer who made the allegation against Kennedy was not disclosed but is known to Mancuso, officials said. The accusing officer said the misconduct happened in the mid-1980s.

"What Mancuso is doing at this point is trying to ascertain additional information in order to make a decision as to the way ahead," the senior defense official said.

The new allegation against Kennedy was first reported Saturday by The New York Times.

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Would-be rescuer remains haunted by moment life slipped from his grasp

The Providence Journal

BRISTOL, R.I. — The images keep running through his mind: a barefoot woman, her hair flying, on a bridge railing, his hand grabbing the seat of her overalls, the corduroy slipping out of his fingers as she launched herself into the air.

"The worst part is I had my hands on her," said John Gaboriault, 29, a Bristol boat builder and father. "If I had never touched her, I wouldn't feel this way — like I didn't do enough."

Christy Thomas, 27, of Plymouth, Mass., died last week after plunging 250 feet from the Mount Hope bridge. She was suffering from depression, and had just been released from the hospital the day before, state police said. No one knows why she was in Rhode Island or why she jumped to her death.

Gaboriault, his wife and two young children were driving home from Newport when they saw a white Plymouth heading toward them, coming from the Bristol side of the bridge.

Suddenly, the driver of the Plymouth pulled a U-turn at the foot of the bridge and headed back toward Bristol. The driver kept slowing down and pulling over to the curb of the bridge. Gaboriault was two cars behind hers. His wife was driving.

Near the top of the bridge, the Plymouth stopped. As Gaboriault's wife tried to pass her car, Thomas opened the door and got out. Gaboriault remembers thinking that she looked like a college student, with her bare feet, green farmer's jeans and T-shirt.

"I had my window down and I said, 'What the hell are you doing?'" he said. "She looked me right in the face and said, 'I'm jumping.'"

"I said, 'No you're not.' I remember my wife saying how beautiful she looked."

By the time Gaboriault jumped out of his car, Thomas had one foot on the bridge railing, which is only about 3 feet high, he said. "I ran over to her," he said. "She had both feet on top of the railing and she was leaning forward. I grabbed her by the seat of her pants, but she was already lunging forward. The corduroy pulled through my fingers."

"It wasn't like TV. There was no hesitation. It was two steps and then it was like she was walking out the door."

Gaboriault watched her fall, belly-first, toward the waters of Mount Hope Bay. When she landed, Thomas kicked her head and feet and flipped over on her back. She yelled something, but Gaboriault couldn't understand what she was saying. "I didn't know what to do," he said. "I tried at first as if I could save her. I keep thinking, 'Could I have gotten out of the car faster?'"

Gaboriault screamed for someone to dial 911, and minutes later, both state and local police had arrived on the bridge.

His wife and children, Austin, 4, and Haley, 2, had seen Thomas jump and they were hysterical. Gaboriault tried to calm them down before going to the state police barracks in Portsmouth, to give his statement.

When he returned home later that afternoon, his son, Austin, kept asking, "Daddy, is she dead? Is she OK?"

"I told him she was going swimming," he said. "I said she jumped into a circus net."

As he went about his nightly routine, eating dinner and putting his children to bed, Gaboriault said he tried to push the images aside, but they kept surfacing, an instant replay he couldn't control.

"You don't know how to feel," he said, looking tired and pale. "You don't know what to think. You can't explain it. As a young man with a split-level ranch, his own business and a family he loves, Gaboriault said he can't understand why someone only two years younger, a pretty woman with short-length dark hair, would do something this final.

*'She looked me right in the face and said 'I'm jumping.'*

John Gaboriault, Bristol, R.I.

do that? and then you think how bad things could be in her life." Gaboriault now finds himself

wondering what he would say to her family, who must be asking the same questions and suffering from an unspeakable sadness and loss. If he ever has a chance to speak to her parents, "I'd tell them, 'I'm sorry. I did my best.'"

He mentions one final image from that moment on the bridge. After Thomas jumped, he could see the imprint of her bare feet on the damp railing. A moment later, they were gone.

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Actor decries TV. LOS ANGELES (AP) — Blair Underwood says the furor over the lack of minority faces on TV and in films hasn't changed the big picture much. Blacks and other minorities still are shortchanged by the big networks and the big screen. She is the black actress who plays Dr. Ben Stone on the CBS show "City of Angels" and has a role in the new film "Rules of Engagement." On film, minorities have a varied presence. In the independent production, she plays a big name actress who is being

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# Researchers dive into mysteries of the deep

## Marine life 'floats' to oceans' depths, enabling them to conserve oxygen

and a northern elephant seal diving in Monterey Bay.

"Basically, they're turning the motor on and off in the course of the dive, and that enables them to reduce oxygen consumption by 10 to 50 percent compared with what they would need if they swam all the way down," said Terrie Williams, an associate professor of biology at UCSC.

Williams, working with collaborators from several institutions, found that marine mammals take advantage of a change in buoyancy due to increasing pressure with depth, which enables them to sink effortlessly through the water to depths of up to one-third of a mile.

Their lungs are designed to collapse progressively with

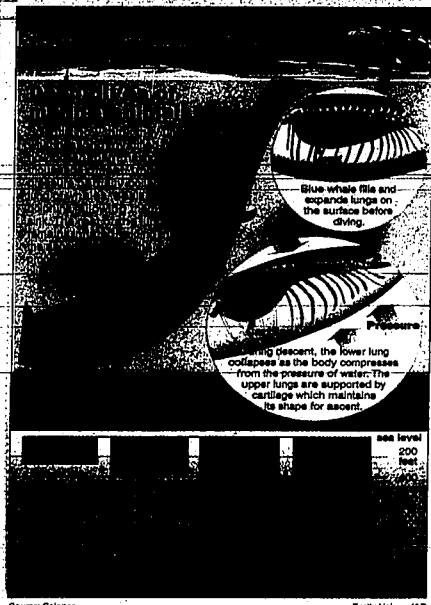
increased pressure, forcing oxygen from the alveoli, or air sacs in their lungs, and into the upper part of their respiratory system. This allows their bodies to be compressed into smaller volume, while their mass remains the same, causing them to sink, Williams explained.

The research - published in the April 7 edition of the journal *Science* - is remarkable, said Graham Worthy, a professor of marine mammalogy at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

"Traditionally, researchers have only studied marine mammals, particularly cetaceans, only at the surface," Worthy said. "But that means we see only about 5 to 10 percent of the animal's life."

"These are animals that have a major impact on the ecology in the deep waters. Understanding what they're doing when they're down there is really important," he added.

Brooks Hanson, deputy managing editor of *Science*, said it's particularly interesting that the researchers found similar behavior among animals with wide differences in body mass, evolution, and feeding habits.



Source: Science Emily Holmes/AP

# Re-creation of ancient grasslands wows critics

land. In the blink of an eye, it was gone."

**PRAIRIE CITY, Iowa** - The rolling landscape here, pure prairie as far as the eye can see, is something of an illusion.

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What exists at the Neal-Smith Wildlife Refuge is real but not quite real - a small, re-created echo of the vast prairie that once stretched unbroken across entire states.

Pauline Drobney, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, walks through grass that chafes against her green pants, making a sound like two pieces of corduroy brushing against one another. The stalks crack beneath her boots.

"Within 10 years of settlement in any area of Iowa, the land was converted from prairie to farm-

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On these 5,000 acres about 25 miles east of Des Moines, the wildlife service is attempting to reconstruct a bit of the ocean of tall grass that covered America's midland for a million years or more.

The project so far has used \$13 million to purchase, seed and maintain 2,000 of the 5,000 acres as grassland; the refuge has funds to buy 3,600 more acres.

Critics have ranged from those who questioned whether the government should be buying farmland to conservationists who thought the money would be better spent preserving existing prairie rather than creating "fake" prairie. But over the last eight years, as the refuge has blossomed, even they have been impressed.

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# Bosnians choose new local officials

**SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina** - Amid Western appeals to oust leaders that dragged the country into war, Bosnians held local elections Saturday, choosing officials for all but one of the nation's 146 municipalities.

The outcome of the vote, Bosnia's second since the 1992-95 war ended, may determine whether the United States and the Europeans continue efforts to rebuild the nation.

Since the war ended, Bosnians have generally supported the ethnically based parties Muslim, Serb and Croat, which led the country into conflict. Western officials have appealed for voters to step away from that pattern by electing leaders intent on securing the interests of the region, rather than any individual ethnic group. Changes appeared likely only in some Muslim-dominated cities, where the Social Democrats have a good



A Bosnian man casts his ballot during the municipal elections Saturday in Sarajevo.

chance of ousting the Muslim Party of Democratic Action.

## Bolivia declares state of siege, tries to quell riots

**LA PAZ, Bolivia** - Bolivia's president declared a state of siege Saturday, sending police with tear gas and rubber bullets into the streets of the country's third-largest city to try to quell demonstrators who hurled rocks and Molotov cocktails back at them.

It was the seventh time the emergency measure, which suspends many constitutional guarantees but is much less serious than a call for martial law, has been used since democracy returned to Bolivia in 1982.

Two protesters were reported killed in separate clashes, and Government Minister Walter Guitera said scores of protest leaders were detained and confined to San Joaquin, a remote town on the border with Brazil, 460 miles from La Paz. The government's move came after a week of protests over rising water rates, unemployment and other economic difficulties plaguing this nation in the heart of South

America. Thousands of people were involved in the protests, which began in Cochabamba, the country's third largest city.

## Sinn Fein warns about 'slide back to conflict'

**DUBLIN, Ireland** - Northern Ireland risks "a slide back to conflict" if Britain doesn't speed its transfer of power to the Protestant politicians to resume sharing power with Catholics, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said Saturday at his party's annual conference.

"All of the good work of recent years could be frittered away," Adams told members of his Irish Republican Army-linked party in Dublin. He appealed to British Prime Minister Tony Blair to transfer powers immediately back to the province's four-party government, which was created under the 2-year-old Good Friday peace accord and suspended in February. He did not, however, offer any new gestures from his party.

- compiled from wire reports

## Rape prompts mass-DNA search

**SYDNEY, Australia (AP)** - Police searching for the man who raped a 31-year-old woman began Australia's first mass DNA screening Saturday, starting tests on the entire adult male population of a small rural community.

Police say the mass testing in Wee Wee, 310 miles north of Sydney, is aimed at narrowing the list of potential suspects in the beating and rape of the woman in her home two years ago.

Villagers were free to refuse the test, and Assistant Police Commissioner Clive Small has said those choosing not to be tested will not automatically be thought of as a suspect.

New South Wales state lawmaker Richard Jones questioned that. "The DNA testing at Wee Wee is not really voluntary because any person who refuses to do it will obviously be deemed to be guilty by the rest of the community," he said.

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# Thailand reduces population growth - with help

Los Angeles Times

**BANGKOK, Thailand** - There's good news for Thailand on two fronts: Emergency aid from the International Monetary Fund will end on schedule. And, confounding that economic recovery is truly under way. And the nation's population growth has dipped below 1 percent a year.

The linkage between the unrelated news items is more than casual. For a generation, Thai governments have believed that economic well-being is impossible without restrained population growth. Their policies have greatly reduced one of the world's highest birthrates and transformed Thailand into a model of family planning for Asia.

Ask anyone how Thailand managed to reduce the number of children in an average family from seven to two and its annual population growth from 3.3% to 0.9 percent in 25 years and the answer is almost always Mechai Viravadya. Thailand's leading philanthropist is so closely associated with birth control that Thais refer to him as "Mr. Condom" and often call condoms "mechai."

Mechai, 58, the Australian-educated son of a Scottish mother and a Thai father, decided after touring rural Thailand often in the early 1970s that the best way to reduce poverty and the size of families was to take the condom out of the closet. The contraceptive, he reasoned, should be as common and noncontroversial as household items as salt and sugar.

But how to overcome the Thais' shyness about even mentioning condoms, which then were

rucked away in the back of shop shelves? Be outrageous and humorous, he reasoned.

"I wanted to desensitize the condom, make it a friendly product rather than something embarrassing," he recalled recently. "Why be embarrassed by it? Our kitchens are full of knives, and we're not all murderers. Why? Because of our upbringing. If your mind is clean, the condom is not a dirty product."

Under the patronage of a non-profit organization he founded in 1974, the Population and Community Development Association, he passed out condoms to a somber and perplexed Vietnamese delegation in 1975 and startled bankers and finance

ministers when he appeared at a World Bank meeting here in 1991 with fistfuls of the contraceptives. He also opened what would become a popular Bangkok restaurant, Cabbages and Condoms.

Nowadays, any male dining at the association clinic next door. One menu specialty is spicy condom salad (Shanghai noodles with chili sauce and herbs). In lieu of after-dinner mints, patrons receive condoms.

C&C grosses \$60,000 a month, with all profits going to the association, which has become Thailand's largest private non-profit agency. Its focus has broadened to include rural

development, environmental conservation and AIDS awareness.

Mechai's parents were dedicated physicians who, he recalled, did very well "treating the poor for free and charging the rich." Asked why a social conscience had become the pillar of his life, he brought up something his mother told him in 1964 when he returned to Thailand with an economics degree from Melbourne University.

She said: "You got an education not because you are bright, but because we had the money. If people like you work for profit, who is going to work for the poor?"

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# Vietnam general urges America to rebuild his country

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) - Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap masterminded the guerrilla war that drove the American military from Vietnam, and now at 88, he's inviting them back - but this time, as a friend. Dressed in an olive military uniform with four gold stars on each shoulder, the somewhat reclusive Giap succumbed Saturday to a barrage of media requests seeking his reflections on the Vietnam

War, which ended 25 years ago this month with the communist victory that reunited the country. "Americans are not only welcome back, said the white-haired general, but they have an obligation to return and rebuild the impoverished southeast Asian nation where more than 58,000 Americans and an estimated 3 million Vietnamese died in the conflict.

"We can put the past behind, but we cannot completely forget it," Giap said. "As we help in finding missing U.S. soldiers, the United States should also help Vietnam overcome the extremely enormous consequences of the war." The United States has refused to talk about war reparations, although the Americans are negotiating to share research on the

effects of Agent Orange and other toxic defoliants that U.S. planes sprayed to strip away cover for the forces Giap commanded. The two countries re-established diplomatic relations five years ago, a limited number of U.S. firms have invested money, and American pop culture is rapidly seeping into the fabric of traditional Vietnamese society.

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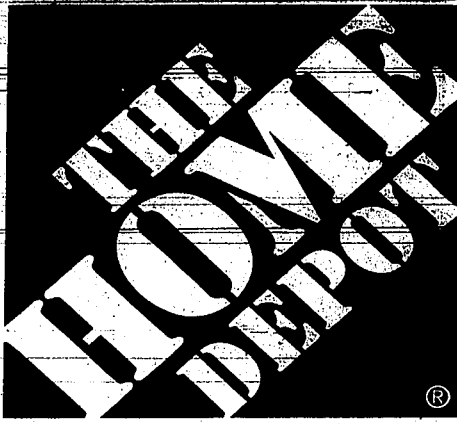
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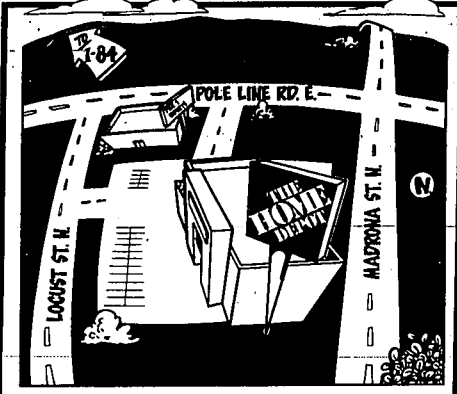


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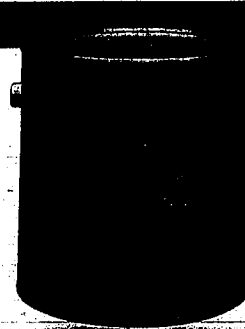
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WORLD

# Violence mars Haitian funeral

Mourners pay respects to slain journalist who fought for democracy



The headquarters of the opposition coalition Espace de Concertation party was set on fire by supporters of the former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide Saturday in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, following the funeral of a pro-government journalist.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Violence broke out Saturday following the funeral of prominent Haitian journalist Jean Dominique, with protesters throwing stones and setting fire to an opposition party's headquarters as political tensions continued to flare over delayed elections.

Dominique, 69, was assassinated this week. The jammed memorial service had just ended at a Port-au-Prince soccer stadium when about 100 militant supporters of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide ran down the street throwing stones and then set fire to the nearby offices of the Confederation of Democratic Unity party. Party supporters shot into the air before fleeing. Police were present but did not intervene.

A few protesters also gathered outside Radio Vision 2000, a station known for its anti-government stand, and threatened to burn it down. The radio station had called on police earlier this week to give reporters security after repeated death threats.

Street violence has raged in the capital this week as the government continued to delay calling elections. Officials have been bogged down in organizing the long-delayed vote to install a new parliament and have not been able to set a date. At least nine people have died in political killings.

Dominique, the country's most influential journalist and opinion maker, was gunned down Monday morning as he pulled into the courtyard of Radio Haiti Inter, the station he owned and directed. He was about to do his morning newscast when the two unidentified gunmen killed him and the station caretaker.

Police were still investigating the killings but had not made any arrests.

About 15,000 people attended Saturday's services, including President Rene Preval and Aristide, both allies of Dominique.

"You died for Haiti," Dominique's sister, Madeleine Fallere, said tearfully over his casket. "You died because you told the truth."

The journalist's slaying, "coming in the midst of an electoral campaign, is an attack on the freedom of the press in Haiti as well as democracy," the Organization of American States electoral observation mission said.

The government honored Dominique with a three-day period of national mourning that began Thursday. Stores shut down Saturday to honor the man who had championed free speech against civilian and military dictatorships for the past 40 years and was one of most influential figures in this strife-torn Caribbean nation.

Mourners filed by to pay their respects to Dominique, whose open casket was displayed under a white canopy in the middle of the soccer field. "He struggled to change the system radically," said Sony Esteus, who worked at Dominique's radio station.

During the otherwise peaceful and solemn ceremony a few dozen militant Aristide supporters shouted death threats at opposition politician Evans Paul and vowed revenge on the people who did the killing. After the service, hundreds of protesters threatened to ransack Paul's party headquarters.

Dominique had obtained a degree in agronomy before his radio career and passionately followed the government's attempt at land reform to settle disputes between peasants and landowners.

In the 1970's, Dominique spearheaded the free-speech movement against the dictatorial regime of Jean-Claude Duvalier. Duvalier shut his station down in November 1980, and Dominique fled into exile. He returned after a popular uprising toppled Duvalier and reopened his station, which was closed down again in September 1990 when the army ousted then-president Aristide, whom Dominique supported and followed into exile in the United States.

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## EDITORIAL

### 2000 session produces some good achievements

The 2000 Idaho Legislature has been criticized here for giving too little to wage earners in the form of tax relief and too much to teachers in the form of raises. But the recently completed session also yielded a number of less-noticed accomplishments that will change Idaho for the better. Some of those quiet accomplishments include:

#### None for the road

Incredible as it may seem, it heretofore has been legal for passengers in motor vehicles to drink alcohol while the vehicle is hurtling down the road. A bachelor party atmosphere inside a 60 mph car may boost business at funeral homes, but it does society no good whatsoever.

*Idaho's legislators earn a few kudos.*

The new law exempts people drinking in the passenger areas of motor homes or commercial buses. It also preserves Idaho's eligibility for \$8.28 million in federal highway construction money over the next three years.

#### One step at a time

Another antiquated practice was abolished as Idaho merged into the mainstream of national driving policy. Henceforth, simply completing a driver's education course won't be enough to automatically grant a driver's license to anyone under the age of 17.

Like 36 other states, Idaho has finally recognized that young drivers need a graduated license system that eases them onto the road. In Idaho, that means 50 hours of supervised driving during a four-month period, plus a driver's ed course, before young drivers get their licenses.

The upshot is that parents will have to play a more active role in teaching their children to drive - and that's a good thing.

#### A smarter Image

When other Americans think of Idaho, many envision it as a haven for neo-Nazis and others who spew intolerance and hate. Goofballs goose-stepping through Couer d'Alene shouldn't define the Gem State - yet, in the minds of many Americans, they do.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne asked for and the Legislature approved, \$100,000 for a campaign to improve Idaho's image. Half of the money will be used to research the problem, \$20,000 will be spent to develop a public relations strategy, and the final \$30,000 will be used as seed money for an advertising campaign.

All of that is appropriate, but the image campaign should focus on what Idaho is - not what it isn't. No matter how you slice it, Idaho will never match many other states in cultural diversity. The image campaign should focus on Idaho's egalitarian tradition, in which merit and ability are rewarded with advancement.

#### An elementary deduction

State lawmakers voted to fund Idaho Public Television's conversion to digital technology. About \$2 million was appropriated for the task, which is expected to cost \$11 million to complete.

Accompanying that money is intent language that will require IPTV to show more discretion when deciding whether to air controversial programs. If IPTV doesn't exercise discretion, the State Board of Education will.

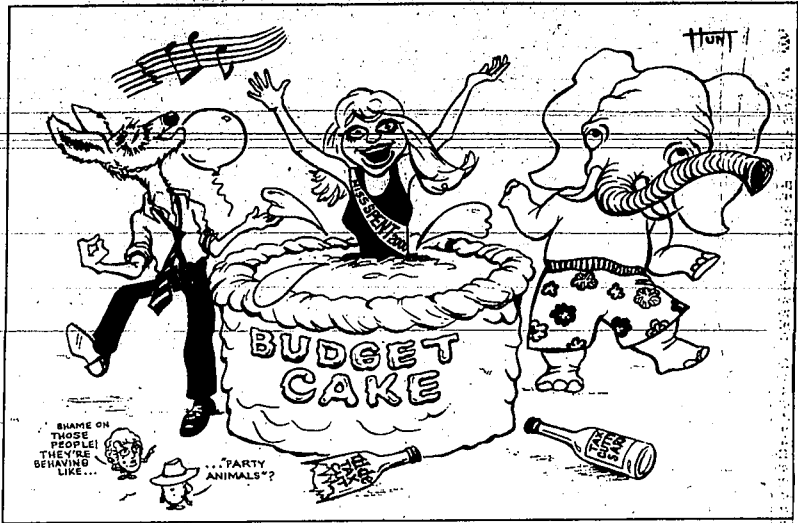
We're obviously not big fans of censorship, or the chilling effect of executive branch oversight. But IPTV brought this on itself. Choosing to air "It's Elementary," a controversial program that painted opponents of homosexuality as bigots, was the equivalent of IPTV sticking its thumbs into the eyes of conservative legislators.

The new oversight is excessive micromanagement, but IPTV should have known what to expect.

#### Protecting employers

A bad decision from the Idaho Supreme Court was partially rectified with a new law that puts sideboards on employer liability for criminal acts committed by off-duty and former employees.

This change, correcting a wronging through Court d'Alene shouldn't accomplish. Let's hope it puts the issue to rest.



## Lifting the limits on missile defense

JACK SPENCER

Skeptics of national missile defense often fret about whether the White House's favored system, a ground-based site in Alaska, will comply with the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty signed by the United States and the Soviet Union in 1972. It most likely won't.

But considering what an obstacle the treaty is to U.S. national security, a little non-compliance would be welcome. Far from being "the cornerstone of our strategic security," to quote administration officials, the ABM treaty has been forcing the United States to dumb down its missile defense programs for years. The treaty says neither party can "develop, test nor deploy ABM systems or components which are sea-based, air-based, space-based or mobile land-based."

That leaves only a fixed ground-based national missile defense, even though it will provide less effective protection than the systems prohibited by the treaty. As a result, a missile-defense program known as Navy Theater Wide, which could be adapted relatively quickly and inexpensively into a national missile defense, is being constrained to comply with the treaty.

The Pentagon has said NTW - based on a system that has been protecting U.S. ships from aircraft and cruise missiles since the 1970s - could be upgraded easily enough to intercept longer-range ballistic missiles. But that requires testing what amounts to a sea-based national missile defense, which the treaty forbids. An upgraded NTW would require the use of external sensors, such as the low-altitude satellite system known as Space-Based Infra-Red Sensor, to help track the launch and trajectory of incoming missiles. Such a system can help long-range

missile interceptors based on Navy cruisers destroy incoming missiles relatively early in flight, when they are traveling more slowly and haven't released decoys designed to confuse interceptors.

A ground-based system, by contrast, can shoot down missiles only when they are directly overhead and traveling more than 15,000 miles per hour. A missile at this stage has already released its decoys, and - if it is hit - could possibly shower the United States with fallout from any nuclear, chemical or biological warheads onboard.

External sensors aren't very helpful at this point. A sea-based national missile defense with external sensors obviously would provide much greater protection against enemy missiles.

But such a system has been ruled out by the White House because it would turn NTW into a national missile defense. In fact, the Clinton administration negotiated with Russia and three other former Soviet states in 1997 to forbid any "networking" of tracking data - meaning that NTW can't rely on anything other than ship-based sensors. The treaty has been used to dictate other restrictions. For example, the White House pressured the Pentagon to reduce the speed of the Aegis interceptors so that it defends a smaller area than it would otherwise be capable of protecting.

Why? Because then the Russians can't accuse the United States of trying to turn NTW into a national missile-defense program, a clear violation of the treaty. Current U.S. missile-defense policy

thus creates a classic Catch-22. Critics say that rule does not require further testing to be effective. Yet compliance with the ABM treaty prohibits the sort of testing regimen needed to field an advanced system.

The question naturally arises: Why would the United States sign such a treaty?

Recall that in 1972, Americans lived in a two-superpower world, with both players armed with hundreds of long-range missiles. The ABM treaty was based on a theory of "mutual assured destruction," the idea that deliberate vulnerability to attack would keep the peace because an unprovoked first strike by either side would be answered with devastating retaliation by the other.

But the world has changed considerably over the last 28 years. The Cold War ended, the Soviet Union collapsed, and missile technology has spread to two dozen nations, including such rogue states as North Korea and Iran. Adherence to the treaty under these circumstances is tantamount to courting suicide.

Most Americans agree. A recent poll by Zogby International shows that by a 2-to-1 margin respondents believe "our best hope for long-term defense is developing our own missile defense system - and not relying on treaties."

They're right. It's too bad the Clinton administration doesn't seem to be listening.

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## The Times-News

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## LETTERS

### Volunteers provide special help

April 9-15 is National Volunteer Week. Since 1974, this has been a week aside every year to celebrate the efforts of thousands of men and women who volunteer their time to help others. Nationwide, more than 150,000 volunteers provide more than 16 million hours of service annually to Americans with terminal illness and to their families.

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Hospice volunteers go through educational programs that prepare them for the services required by client need and the hospice team. Training includes the hospice philosophy, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, listening, communication skills, patient care techniques, grief and bereavement and caring for the family.

Hospice is a program designed to help patients facing a life-threatening illness remain comfortably in the home or home-like setting with their families. The hospice team addresses the symptoms of illness, with the aim of promoting comfort and dignity.

Hospice volunteers make this team complete by providing special caring and offering themselves as a resource when needed. There are things to do whatever needs to be done. They can read to the patient, help with family members, run errands or give the caregiver a break from caring for his or her loved one.

We appreciate our volunteers, both as individuals and as a group. If you would

like to know more about hospice or the volunteer program, please call 734-0600 or, outside the Twin Falls area, (800) 303-0602.

**SUSAN HARRIS**  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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### It's time for us to work for change

More crime and punishment in the USA:  
Los Angeles Times, July 19, 1999:  
"Crime plummeted nationwide last year, for the fifth straight year, to its lowest levels since the government began keeping records a quarter century ago, the Justice Department said," from which the executive director of the National Fraternal Order of Police concluded: "Unless crime efforts are intensified, we're going to be in for a horribly rude awakening."

National Criminal Justice Commission: "Prison costs are rising faster than any other category of state spending. Increases in prison spending average twice as high as increases in education spending."  
The Justice Policy Institute: "From 1984 to 1994, California built 21 prisons and only one state university. The prison system realized a 209 percent increase in funding, compared to a 45 percent increase in state university funding."

Justice Policy Institute, "The Punishing Decade," December 1999: "America spends 50 percent more incarcerating 1.2 million non-violent offenders than the \$16.6 billion the federal government is currently spending on welfare programs that serve 8.5 million people." Educated citizens can help change these data. Isn't it time for us to work

for change?  
**DOUGLAS CHRISTENSEN**  
Ketchum

### What's with anti-teacher editorial?

Across the years, I have become increasingly upset and disgusted with the undeserved vendetta you have waged against our public school teachers, the Idaho Education Association and the National Education Association. I have continued to subscribe to your paper because I thought perhaps that sometime you might have an awakened expert - one that would cause you to realize that the educational personnel, with their years and years of training and education, might just know more about education than you apparently know. No, however, seems to be the case, and with your growing criticism of the educational system, I can no longer keep silent. Please cancel my subscription immediately and remit to me the remaining funds of mine that I prefer to no longer subsidize your arrogance.

Yes, I am from a family of educators. Our family has been taught the value of education. Our children have been called to teach just as any clergy, physician or newspaper editorial person has been called to his or her vocation. We have four children who are all educators, and three of them are married to educators. I personally have my degree in education and believe that I have more knowledge of who our teachers are. It seems to me that if you want to conduct a vendetta against someone, you would conduct it against the parents who do not teach their children how to conduct themselves in school, and that they should consider the caliber of persons who have committed themselves to trying to teach their children how to conduct themselves. P.S. You will note that, unlike the writ-

ers of your editorial board, I signed my name so that it would not appear to be anonymous.

**DELBERT P. (BERT) REMALEY**  
Ketchum  
(Editor's note: Times-News editorials represent a consensus viewpoint of the Editorial Board, whose members are listed below each editorial.)

### Editorial shows cultural ignorance

Obviously you don't really "get" the movies that were nominated at the Oscars this year. Like usual, your editorial staff has taken issues that aren't cut and dried, aren't preachy (unlike your editorials) and made them into a makeshift podium from which to lecture us about family values once again. In case the writer(s) of this editorial didn't see the movies in question (which I imagine they didn't) or didn't understand them (even more likely) let me explain to you why you are incorrect in jumping to conclusions again.

"The Cider House Rules," while not a terrific movie, isn't a glorification of abortion or the "other-sucking doctor" who performs them. The Cider House Rules is rather a snapshot of the world as it is. Abortion overall is portrayed as a bad awful thing. At the same time, babies who are carried to term and abandoned have sad lives and thus the consequences of this choice are laid out as well. I didn't leave the movie thinking the writer or director felt one way or the other, but rather that they gave us a snapshot of a terrible decision and the consequences of this decision. They showed us the wonder of life (the hope and the personalities of the children) as well as the importance of choice. It was a very fair movie. A harsh subject, but a fair treatment.  
"Girl Interrupted" is the once untold

story of thousands of kids in this country who live every day in fear of the kind of bigotry the Magic Valley is famous for. Because they are different, they are put down, feel left out and generally don't fit into our society. If you don't get this movie, that could partially be because you are part of the problem.

"American Beauty" is also an examination of something awry in our world. It's the story of a family that doesn't connect, doesn't communicate and values the wrong things. Thus they hurt each other and themselves because of their selfish ways. If anything, this is a film you should celebrate because it shows the dark side of the modern soul, less existence where the bottom line is success and fortune.

All in all, the Oscars were a wonderful opportunity for your paper to make an intelligent stand on issues close to the heart of the Magic Valley. Instead, you only showed your ignorance by falling to relay. You failed to see that these movies aren't the causes of a sick society but rather examples of why our society is in trouble. And we are even worse off if a keeper of the public trust, such as the local paper, is incapable of debating the issues fairly and in a balanced manner to individuals reading and hearing.  
**FRESTON CRAWFORD**  
Hillboro, Ore.

### Don't buy into party propaganda

Regarding "CSI Drug Policy: A Good Step."  
Read the Fourth Amendment. The most heinous and deadly drug, alcohol, is this to be tested for? Educate yourself before buying the party propaganda. A newspaper, huh? Hah!  
**JIM GRIFFIN**  
Clapp Hill, N.C.

OPINION

# In California, education rules the agenda

**S**ACRAMENTO—Texas Gov. George W. Bush came here last week to press his favorite issue of education reform, knowing that it is the No. 1 concern in the No. 1 state. It is also his only plausible ticket to making California competitive in his battle for the presidency against Vice President Al Gore.

Recent private polls have the prospective Republican nominee trailing Gore in California by 12 points—a showing that caused nervous leaders of the California GOP to seek fresh reassurances from Bush that he would not concede the Golden State's board of 54 electoral votes to Gore and devote his time and money elsewhere. Bush assured them he would not abandon California, as his father did in 1952 and Bob Dole did in 1996.

But despite his promise, Bush faces the kind of odds here that could lead him to pull out for greener pastures in late September or October. He is staunchly anti-abortion, and California voters have shown a marked preference for supporters of abortion rights. He is pro-gun in a state that has enacted tough gun laws and appears to be ready to support even more. He has a spotty environmental record in a state where the environmental movement finds some of its strongest support.

Gary South, top strategist for California Gov. Gray Davis, says that when focus groups of mildly pro-Bush voters are given information about Bush's stands on these three issues, "his support collapses." So Bush clearly has his work cut out for him in California.

On the other hand, his cordial relationship with Latino voters, the fastest-growing voter bloc in California, gives him a potential advantage other recent Republican candidates for statewide and national office have lacked. And leaders in the California education community, who normally see the Democrats as their natural allies, concede



DAVID S. BRODER

that Bush's school reform ideas could resonate with the state's voters.

In a survey taken last month by Democratic pollster Mark Mellman, 40 percent of likely California voters named elementary and secondary education as the biggest problem facing the state. That is more than the combined total for the next four issues—crime and drugs, health care, immigration and taxes.

Other polls demonstrated wide support for some of the ideas Bush has emphasized, notably tougher academic standards, an end to social promotions and clear reports to parents on the performance of their children's schools.

Adding to the likelihood that education will be at the center of the political battle in the No. 1 state are a pair of initiatives that are headed for the November ballot here.

Several Silicon Valley millionaires have reached agreement with Gov. Davis to try, for a second time, a ballot measure to reduce the percentage of votes needed to pass a local school bond issue. A measure to cut the required margin from two-thirds to a simple majority failed by a narrow 52-to-48 percent margin on the March 7 primary ballot, with the loss being blamed on a high turnout of older, more conservative voters in the Republican primary and a much weaker turnout of Democrats.

Now the same high-tech executives have agreed to try again, this time with a measure that would reduce the needed margin from 67 percent to 55 percent. Their hope is that this will make it easier to break the logjam on local bond issues that has caused

a crisis of overcrowding in many California schools and contributed to the downward spiral of education performance in a state that once prided itself on the quality of its public schools.

But their initiative likely will have to compete for the voters' favor without school voucher legislation being pushed by yet another Silicon Valley entrepreneur. A somewhat similar proposal to subsidize parents who choose private or parochial schools for their children failed to muster a majority a few years ago, but backers of this new plan think providing public discontent with public

schools may fuel a success for their plan this time.

Gore has strongly opposed voucher plans, while Bush's proposals include vouchers as a last resort when failing public schools cannot improve enough after three years on probation to meet the performance standards set by their states.

You can expect to hear much about these issues as Bush and Gore—and rival Silicon Valley camps—square off in California this fall.

David Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

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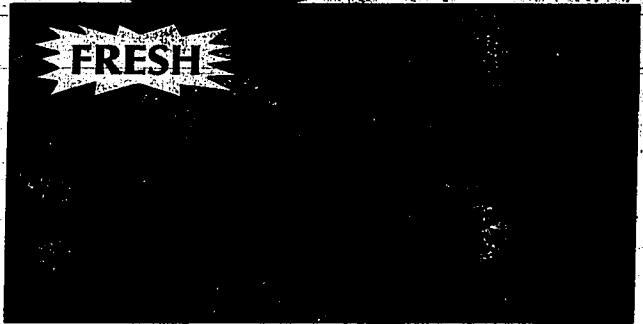
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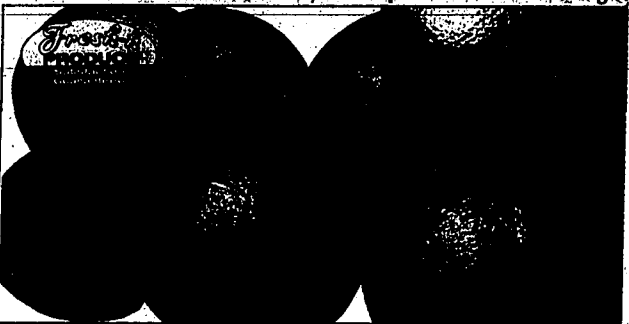
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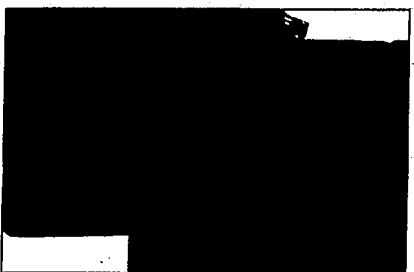
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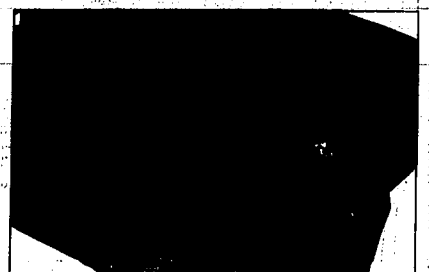
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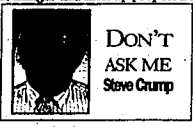
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# Legislature ends volatile session

By Michelle Johnson Times-News writer

BOISE - After cranking out 486 bills in 86 days, the 2000 Idaho Legislature was the most productive legislative session in the state's 110-year history... From beginning to end, despite the volumes of legislation and the many high-profile issues addressed, the session was a grimy, down-and-dirty exercise in the unpredictability of the democratic process.

Perhaps most telling of its volatility was the infighting between various factions of the Republican Party. Debates on many issues in the nation's most Republican state legislature pitted the GOP's right wing against its more moderate members.

With a supermajority in both houses of the Legislature - and a Republican governor who might not veto a single bill this year despite the record number of measures on his desk - one might have expected smooth sailing for GOP lawmakers.

But by most accounts the session didn't work out that way. In years past, the Republican-dominated Legislature typically had a common opponent - usually a vocal Democratic governor - on which it could focus.

Add to that an unexpected shakeup in Senate leadership, the hands-off attitude of leadership in both houses and a budget sur-



plus - notoriously more difficult to deal with than a budget deficit - and the session was seen for what many Statehouse insiders say was one of the most ignoble sessions they can remember.

"People have been more rude," House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, said. "There hasn't been the civility that existed in the past."

Things went sour on the first scheduled day of the session with news of President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg's fatal heart attack early that morning on a Boise jogging path.

Twigg's death came on the heels of the death of popular long-time House Minority Leader Jim Stoicheff, who died in late December.

"It was a tough (session) primarily because it started out tough," said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley. The deaths of Twigg and Stoicheff cast a dark shadow over the opening of the session.

After delaying the session for a week after Twigg's death, the legislators had a hard time getting things on track.

for longer than the week we delayed the start," said Senate Assistant Majority Leader John Sandy, R-Hagerman. "It was very slow getting the things in the channel."

Twigg's death also threw the Senate into an unexpected leadership shakeup. In the end, the majority of Republicans chose a mild-mannered veteran lawmaker, Sen. Robert Geddes, R-Soda Springs, to lead them. Geddes and Newcomb's laid-back leadership style drew some criticism, especially as the session dragged on.

"This was a year we needed strong leadership," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. "At the same time we needed a leader that was sympathetic to the concerns of the body. Senator Geddes is very sympathetic. He's not a great man with a gentle personality. He's not, however, a dynamic personality that inspires everyone to follow."

On the House side, Jaquet sensed a similar attitude. "I think people believe it could have been managed better," Jaquet said. "We were here longer than we needed to be."

Jaquet said that the relationship between the new House and Senate leadership - this was only Newcomb's second year as speaker - has not yet solidified. That uncertainty made the going rough. There was much more animosity between the House and Senate and even within the two houses this year, she said.

But Newcomb defended his tactics, pointing to the session's productivity.

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### Lawmakers produced record number of bills

BOISE - The 2000 Legislature approved a record number of bills during the legislative session.

The following is a brief look at some of the more significant pieces of legislation that passed. House Bill 802 - Perhaps the most visible and controversial legislation of the year, this bill creates about \$29 million in tax reductions for Idaho taxpayers. It includes the abolition of the so-called "marriage penalty" tax, gives self-employed Idahoans the option of deducting their health insurance costs from their state income taxes, and gives a one-time one-tenth of one percent personal income tax reduction.

House Bill 463 - Replaces

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## FFA: Not just for farmers anymore

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The best kept secret of FFA, members say, is that it's not just for farmers.

About 1,400 students Saturday from across Idaho concluded the FFA's 65th Annual State Leadership Conference. It began Thursday at the College of Southern Idaho and covered more than two days of workshops, lectures, and a lot of fun.

FFA changed its name in 1988 from Future Farmers of America to the National FFA Organization to recognize the business, science and technology aspects of agriculture.

"It's not a big old country boy thing," said Kristina Holt, a junior at Deary High School. Students compete in speech debates, leadership positions and talent contests.

Fifth High School Junior Katie Weirber said that it's not just for farmers. She participated in the conference's business management competition.

She and her fifth teammates took home an award in the agribusiness contest. They scored last year's highest on a test that covered a number of business bookkeeping aspects such as taxes and account management.

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## Agency hoping to get input on poverty

By Lorraine Caverer Times-News writer

BURLEY - Hearing stories from the low-income community is one of the goals of a local poverty-fighting group.

The South Central Community Action Agency is sponsoring a forum to gain knowledge about poverty in the Magic Valley. The forum is one of several throughout the region. Officials hope a large turnout of people with low incomes will provide some insight into the nature of poverty in the area.

"Are the issues still the same as in 1996, when the last poverty dialogues were held?" said Terry Pendleton, executive director of the agency.

### What is FFA?

FFA offers competitive programs to help build skills in a number of areas including public speaking, agribusiness, accounting and environmental planning. The National FFA Organization awards more than \$2 million in scholarships to more than 800 FFA members each year. And many local and state businesses offer scholarships to FFA students.



Sam Barrus, a Burley High School freshman, gets acquainted with 3-month-old Brock Godfrey following the Future Farmers of America convention in Twin Falls. Brock is the son of Burley High School FFA advisor Lor Lythe.

### Agency plans forum

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In 1996, people said they needed good-paying jobs, Pendleton said.

Other issues, such as an increasing Hispanic population, will be discussed.

"What does that mean for your community?" she asked. "Listening to what the low-income community has to say will help the agency develop an action plan, Pendleton said."

Proposed solutions will be offered for improving jobs, raising income, meeting basic needs and providing decent, safe and affordable housing. Those solutions will be included in a survey to be handed out at the forum.

Too often, voices of low- and middle-income people simply are ignored in the decision-making process that directly and significantly affects their lives," Pendleton said.

"Community Action is sponsoring this community forum so everyone can join in conversation about the realities of living in poverty and how individuals, families and communities can become self-sufficient."

Community Action Agencies (CAAs) are nonprofit private and public organizations estab-

lished under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty, according to the National Association of Community Action Agencies website. The goal of Community Action Agencies is to help people achieve self-sufficiency, the website said. There are about 1,000 Community Action Agencies in the United States.

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Ranchers fear watery demise in methane boom's wake

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) — A blizzard suffocated half of Tom and Helen Jones' cattle in the 1980s. The grasshoppers descended the next year. Then the Joneses had the sheep, the financial problems like all agriculture at the time.

But the trials were not too much for it meant clinging to the spread settled by Mrs. Jones' great-grandfather in 1883 and bought by Mr. Jones' family in 1944.

Now the Joneses face an especially cruel twist for this arid prairie. More than 1,000 cubic feet of methane wells planned in the area could pump 80 million gallons of water to the surface every day, transforming a bubbling brook on their ranch into a river about six times the water used by a city the size of Cheyenne, population 50,000.

"Sure, methane's going to bring some money to some people," Mrs. Jones said. "But at what cost?"

Gas companies, state and federal regulators and environmental rights owners are eager to reap a pure financial windfall by tapping into the vast underground methane gas reserves in north-east Wyoming. But the ranchers who live on and work the land fear losing precious underground water reserves and seeing their land scarred by runoff and heavy development.

The Joneses own miles of dry sagebrush hills that cradle Dead Horse Creek, which meanders through a grove of cottonwoods. For now, the stream flows more than a trickle that can be crossed with a running jump.

All told, the family has more

'Sure, methane's going to bring some money to some people, but at what cost?'

—Helen Jones, rancher

land than some countries and run more cattle than many Wyoming towns have people. They won't say exactly how much because they dislike descriptions in terms of acres and head, except among kin.

In ranching, land is like money in the bank. A rancher studies the land like a stockbroker, pursues price-to-earnings ratios. This draw should provide succulent grass come spring; that one a life-saving windbreak come calving time.

Little did they know that some of their water wells, the ones that caught fire when a match was put to them, could have also told them what to expect.

Natural gas seeped in coal was once primarily an explosive hazard for underground miners. Then a few years ago, it was discovered that pumping water from coal seams can also get the gas out cheaply.

A conservative estimate of the value of gas that will be produced is \$75 million a year, not to mention what the thousands of unutilized wells and hundreds of miles of unutilized pipelines will mean for the local construction industry.

Meanwhile, over fences and

between pickup trucks, ranchers throughout the coal-rich Powder River Basin worry how their way of life and land will be affected.

Although many ranching families like the Joneses go back a century, only about half of the mineral rights in the basin are in private hands. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management auctions the federal government's mineral rights off twice a month in Cheyenne.

The companies arrive ready to drill. The best many ranchers can hope for is fair compensation at a rate of \$250-\$500 per well and \$2.50-\$25 per rod, or 16.5 feet, for roads and pipelines. Annual compensation is also negotiated at a rate of 50 percent to 100 percent of the upfront payment.

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# Castro's daughter speaks out in Boise

BOISE (AP) - Sending refugee Elian Gonzalez back to Cuba will mean a lifetime of deprivation as a ward of the state, dictator Fidel Castro's daughter warns.

Alina Fernandez told a Boise forum on freedom Saturday the boy would face the same fate as other young Cubans: a life without property, sufficient food or the rights found in the United States.

"No one wants a 6-year-old boy to go back to a senseless system," she said. "The state is supposed to take care of everyone, but no one has any protection from the state."

She addressed the "On Liberty" conference sponsored by local Republicans. Also speaking at the gathering was Sergei Khrushchev, the son of the late Communist ruler Nikita Khrushchev and a scientist with the Soviet

space program who was recently sworn in as an American citizen.

Fernandez escaped from Cuba in 1993, disguised as a Spanish tourist. Her daughter, Alina Maria Salgado, was allowed to join her 10 days later. Fernandez has written a book, called "Castro's Daughter."

"I left my dictator, not a father," she said. "Life was unacceptable here. I took the side of my fellow Cubans."

She said Castro saps the resources of his country to further military aims in Angola and Latin America. She accused him of spending millions on propaganda about the Gonzalez case while his country goes hungry.

"They don't produce anything in Cuba. The money goes to other wars," she said. "This regime exists because of hunger, because of fear."

While she has expressed concern about the possibility of chaos in Cuba upon Castro's death, Fernandez said she hopes the Cuban refugees - the "balseros" who escaped on flimsy rafts - can return to the country with the hope and skills they have acquired.

Fernandez said there are no traditional parental rights in Cuba. Youngsters are taken to a kind of boarding school as wards of the state and are allowed to see their families a couple days a month.

She questioned the motives of Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, to bring him back to the repressive regime.

"It's a pathetic little circus for Elian," she said. "I'd like the psychiatrists to see the father, not the boy."

# Utah bankruptcy court sees record filings

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A record number of Utah residents filed for bankruptcy protection during the first quarter of 2000, according to the state's federal bankruptcy court.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Utah received 3,605 bankruptcy petitions during the first three months of 2000, 47 more

than in the first quarter of 1999, said court clerk William Stillgenbauer.

Of those, 57 percent filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which allows debts to be forgiven.

The rest sought Chapter 13 reorganization, which gives individuals the opportunity to repay debts over time.

# Utah officials disappointed with response

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah officials are disappointed by the state's lackluster participation in the first round of the U.S. Census.

The Census Bureau had hoped for a 70 percent initial response rate nationwide. In the last census, 67 percent of Utah residents mailed back their questionnaires.

"We challenged local governments, mayors and community leaders to get out the word and do better than our response rate in 1990," said Janell Olgeirson, regional media specialist for the Census Bureau.

"This year, the bureau spent \$167 million on its first paid advertising campaign to promote participation, so the initial rates are even more of a disappointment."

rate than urban areas, but are often more effectively counted with census takers because post office boxes are more common than street addresses in some areas.

Even though the population in outlying farming communities or Indian reservations may be harder to count than urban concentrations, Lisa Hillman of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget said they are just as important.

"This is data that's used to determine where things like schools and libraries are built, and it matters just as much in

rural Utah as it does in cities," she said.

Census data is used to determine city, county and state populations as well as congressional reapportionment and political redistricting.

After Friday, the bureau will determine which addresses did not return forms so census takers can visit those households beginning April 27.

Olgeirson said Utah residents may mail their questionnaires

early this week to improve the initial response rate. The more questionnaires the bureau receives by mail, the cheaper the entire process will be.

"The sad thing is I think a lot of people haven't even opened these things up to see what they've got," said Brent Laurence, manager of the Utah South Office of the Census Bureau. "It's not as complicated or time-consuming as a lot of people perceive it will be."

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"I think the bureau has done everything it possibly could to get the response rate up," said Richard Griego, manager for the Utah North Office of the bureau.

"I think whatever we're seeing is just a normal amount of resistance to this type of government thing."

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# Preliminary hearing set for former deputy

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An April 27 preliminary hearing has been set for a former Bonneville County deputy accused of having sex with a jail inmate last fall.

If found guilty, Shane Ackerschott, 26, could face a maximum sentence of life in prison. The incident is alleged to have happened Oct. 28, while he was on duty at the Bonneville County Jail.

It is a felony for an officer to have sex with an inmate. Officers

sign documents saying they are aware of the law, Sheriff's Captain Ken Campbell said.

A woman called the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office at the end of December to make a report, said Detective Leslie of the Caribou County Sheriff's Office, who investigated the complaint.

Because it involved a Bonneville County Sheriff's deputy, the matter was turned over to the Tri-County Sheriff's Association, which consists of

departments that assist each other with investigations.

Ackerschott, of Idaho Falls, was a deputy at the jail for 16 months before resigning in late January.

At a probable cause hearing Tuesday, Haderlie said there were no witnesses to the alleged encounter.

The inmate, a 30-year-old woman, was being kept by the Bonneville County Jail for the Idaho Department of Corrections. The county often rents beds to

the state for its inmates.

Haderlie said Ackerschott told him he had gone into the woman's cell to get water for an inmate in a neighboring cell where the plumbing was not working.

Haderlie said the woman claimed the two of them had sex, but said Ackerschott told him he was "dazed" and did not know what happened.

The woman confided in another inmate soon after the alleged incident, Haderlie said.

# Medical board calls for doctor's suspension

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A Silverton physician violated a state order that restricts his ability to prescribe narcotics 171 times since it was issued, according to an Idaho Board of Medicine complaint.

It asks that Dr. Chris Christensen receive a suspension of more than 14 years and a \$342,000 fine.

Christensen has been monitored by the state board since 1998, when he was accused of feeding seven patients' drug habits without treating their medical problems.

At that time, Christensen agreed to limit his prescriptions of controlled substances, consult another

doctor when treating chronic pain sufferers, and not prescribe painkillers for any patient for more than three months.

But the state board alleges Christensen continually violated those orders.

His case is scheduled for an administrative hearing late next month, said Nancy Kerr, interim board director. A hearing officer will decide whether the charges have merit and will determine what, if any, punishment Christensen will receive.

Chronic pain treatment has had a troubled history in northern Idaho. As state officials

clamp down on controlled-substance prescriptions, desperate patients scramble to find doctors who will ease their pain.

In 1993, Kellogg physician Delamar Gibbons lost his license after the board found him guilty of prescribing narcotics to drug addicts, misdiagnosing patients and endangering their health and safety.

At least two of his former patients killed themselves after Gibbons' license was revoked, and two others were later charged with possessing illegal narcotics.

Jennifer Davenport of Deer

Park, Wash., said her son, Bryan, went to Christensen to seek treatment for back pain and acid reflux.

In less than three months, Christensen had prescribed Bryan Davenport 26 different drugs, "an ungody amount," she said.

Bryan Davenport, 31, died Jan. 2 after a day of skiing. The cause of death was "acute pneumonia due to aspiration of gastric contents," but Jennifer Davenport believes the prescription drugs were, at least in part, to blame.

The Davenports have filed a complaint against Christensen with the state board.

# Church changes name to Community of Christ

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Delegates to the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints took a big step toward finalizing their identity conference.

With a vote of 1,979 to 561 Friday, the church's world conference voted to change its name to "Community of Christ." Delegates debated the emotional topic for two hours before the agreement. Legally the group will still be RLDS.

"We are very gratified by what certainly was an emotional issue for many people," W. Grant McMurray, church president, said at the Independence world headquarters.

Friday's name change culminates a process that began in 1996. Other world conferences considered renaming the group the Church of Jesus Christ Restored, the Restored Church of Jesus Christ, the Restored Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the World Church of Jesus Christ.

The weeklong conference ends Sunday and has attracted 7,000 members, including 2,800 delegates.

Church leaders will spend the rest of the year working out the name change, which does not take effect before Jan. 1, 2001. McMurray said the new name reflects a new vision for the mil-

lennium.

"There is a strong sense of our mission as a church in the new era and to symbolize that with a name that more effectively communicates what we are about in the world," he said.

Changing the name ends some degree of confusion between the church and the Salt Lake City-based Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Delegates also said the new name translates better into other languages as the church expands to other countries.

"The new name represents what we are seeking to become today and in the future, while at the same time preserving our heritage," said Wallace B. Smith, church president emeritus, speaking in favor of the new name.

At least one delegate did not approve of the change. Timothy Hitchings of Newark, Del., sees the move as "a retreat from the church's original identity."

Like Mormons, RLDS followers trace their history to Joseph Smith Jr., who believed he was chosen to restore the true church of Jesus Christ. The movement fragmented after Smith's death in 1844. The group that followed his son, Joseph Smith III, became known in the mid-1860s as the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

# Favorable weather conditions let farmers plant ahead of schedule

LEWISTON (AP) — A light dusting of snow on the Camas Prairie Thursday and Friday is not stopping farmers from starting spring planting two weeks ahead of schedule.

"The ground is in excellent condition," Cottonwood farmer Cliff Tacke said. "This year has been on the drier side but it's been very pleasant. We'll be getting seed in the ground this month."

This year is a sharp contrast to the seeding dates of the past three years, Ken Blakeman of Lewiston Grain Growers said. Wet spring weather delayed some planting until early June.

Drier conditions in soil from valleys to the prairie is allowing the early start.

"That snowstorm slowed them down, but I think they're running again so it's moving along very rapidly," Blakeman said.

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## Snow Day

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# Radio storytelling gives north Idaho woman another audience

**BÖNNERS FERRY (AP)** — Everything about the place is low-budget.

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A moment later, Shaela Connor shakes her head out of KBFT's back room. She's blond, refined and dainty with her surroundings in the Bonners Ferry radio station.

But her sound is all that matters. Hers is the voice of the North Idaho Family Radio Reader. On April 17, it will become the voice of the Radio Reader on Spokane's public radio station, KPBC.

Verne Windham, KPBC's music and arts director, heard a recording of Shaela reading from Jack London's "Call of the Wild."

Her Bonners Ferry producer, Rich Simpson, pitched Shaela to Verne as a possible local replacement for Dick Estell, the Radio Reader for National Public Radio for many years.

"I like the balance she's caught between dramatic and declamatory," Verne says. "None of her dialogue is overstated."

Verne isn't happy with Dick Estell's book choices. Shaela and Rich offered him "The Brothers K," a story about family, faith and baseball by David James Duncan.

"It's the best book I've read in the last 10 years," Verne says. "I think our airwaves are worth more than second-rate books."

Dick Estell is reading Bill Bryson's "In a Stranger Here Myself" now.

Shaela, 41, planned a life on stage. She performed as a teen in Seattle community theater and in her parents' dinner theater. Then, pregnancy changed her direction.

She found her way back into acting and singing in Bonners Ferry in 1988. When she wasn't on

*"I like the balance she's caught between dramatic and declamatory."*

— Verne Windham, KPBC public radio, Spokane

stage, she ran Bonners Books.

A friend in community theater wrote a radio play about Billy the Kid last year and asked Shaela to read a role. Verne decided the play wasn't for KPBC, but wanted to hear more of Shaela.

She's read books for KBFT and

KSPJ in Sandpoint on Saturdays at 12:15 p.m. since December. To earn a living, she also runs the bookstore, gives massages and spends one night a week at Echo Springs Transition Study Center watching kids.

"The Brothers K" will take her about three months to read on KPBC, weeknights at 6:30. She wants to replace Dick Estell permanently.

Verne is open to the idea.

"This is the practical version of my initial dream," Shaela says, her voice pleasantly resonant even during conversation. "I can't imagine going out there now and making a living on the stage. This is a great life present for me."

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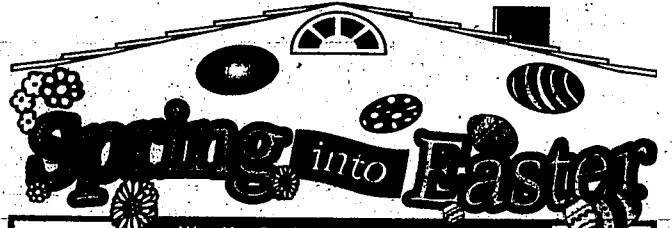
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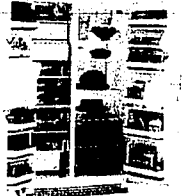
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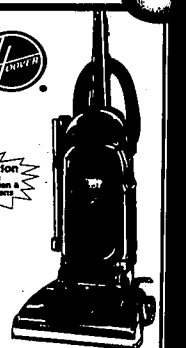
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# Nevada battle brews

Protection plan pits Old West vs. New West thinking

**BLACK ROCK DESERT, Nev.** (AP) — Flying 10,000 feet over one of the West's wildest deserts, Kevin Mack and his companions are overwhelmed by the spectacle below.

Sprawling desert plains, snow-capped mountains and sheer-walled canyons can be seen for up to 100 miles in all directions. Scarcely a sign of man exists over a remote region the size of Delaware.

It's easy to see why a 1962 National Park Service report hailed the Black Rock Desert 120 miles north of Reno as "one of the great sights of Western America."

"On one that everyone agrees. "Once you see the area you can't say it's not nationally significant," said Mack, a coordinator with the Nevada Wilderness Project. "You may have to go to Alaska to find something as spectacular."

His conservation group is taking reporters on flyovers of the desert to generate support for legislation by Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., that would protect it.

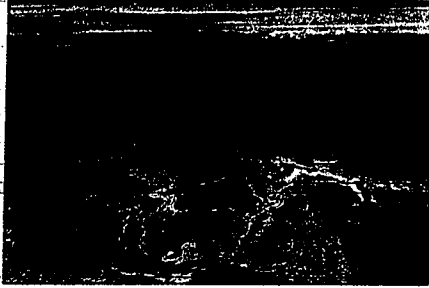
Mack acknowledges supporters face an uphill battle because of a hostile Congress and stiff opposition by a coalition of ranchers, four-wheel-drive enthusiasts, hunters and others.

Bryan's proposal would protect more than 600,000 acres of the region as a National Conservation Area and as much as 1 million acres more in 11 adjoining wilderness study areas.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., has said Bryan's plan has no chance of passing this year because of limited time left in the session. Bryan disagrees.

If Reid is correct, it would mark only the latest failure in a nearly 40-year effort to protect the region little changed since pioneers crossed it on the Applegate-Lassen Trail during the California Gold Rush.

The effort began in 1962 when a National Park Service study urged national historical landmark status for two notable emigrant landmarks: Black Rock



The Black Rock Desert near Reno, Nev., is shown in this March 17 photo. The Calico Mountains, in the upper left corner, and the South Jackson Mountains, in the center, are all part of the proposed National Conservation Area.

Point and High Rock Canyon. No action was taken.

In the 1970s, the first large-scale protection plan — a 750,000-acre Emigrant Trail National Historical Monument — surfaced but went nowhere.

At least two later efforts to protect the desert and historic trail as a National Conservation Area — the last time in 1993 — failed when conservationists and miners clashed.

Now, a coalition of various public land users is leading the charge against the legislation. All but one of Nevada's 17 counties also have weighed in against it.

Citing a precedent established at eight existing conservation areas, opponents complain Bryan's plan would lead to restrictions and effectively close the region to them.

"Bryan can say whatever he wants to, but the bottom line with the other NCAs is, out went grazing, out went off-road vehicles and out went multiple use," said John Estill, whose Soldier Meadow guest ranch could become surrounded by the conservation area.

Conservationists disagree, saying a check with federal land managers found there has been little or no change in grazing levels at other National Conservation Areas.

Bryan's measure specifically states that new mining and geothermal activity would be prohibited, and grazing and hunting would be allowed, they note. The vast majority of roads would remain open, they insist.

"What you have is a few people who are trying to get others stirred up by exaggerating, distorting and relying on fear," said Brian O'Donnell of The Wilderness Society.

"The (anti-environmental) Wise Use movement is behind it.

They just don't like the feds telling them what to do."

Such anti-federal suspicion is nothing new in a state where 87 percent of the land is managed by the federal government.

In the late 1970s, Nevada miners and ranchers spawned the Sagebrush Rebellion, an effort to shift control of public land from the federal government to the states.

Last year, a group of rebels calling themselves the Shovel Brigade threatened to defy the U.S. Forest Service by rebuilding a dirt road to a wilderness boundary near Jarbidge.

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### IN BRIEF

#### McDowell ends Funny Car career with bang

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - Jerome professional drag racer Mitch McDowell and his Funny Car went out with a bang at the NHRA Nationals on Friday. McDowell's crew worked through the night to ready a backup rig for the Magic Valley driver, whose 2000 Pontiac Firebird was left without an engine following a horrific explosion on the track during qualifying. But damage to the car incurred in the \$100,000 mishap was too great for him to participate in further qualifying on Saturday.

Now, McDowell, who was not seriously injured in the accident, furries his attention to his next endeavor - Top Fuel Dragster racing. Backed by a post-event sponsor out of Beverly Hills, Calif., he plans to race this June in Salt Lake City and in July at the Mile High Nationals in Denver.

Jim Epler, driving the WWF Funny Car "Big Red Machine," recorded Saturday's quickest early time, running a 4.94 seconds at 305 mph. World champion John Force, meanwhile, was fastest with a 3.18-32 mph at 5.03 seconds. The finals are today.

Out of a half-dozen other local racers competing in a number of sportsman brackets this weekend, only Diana Anderson survived first day qualifying. She was eliminated in second-round action on Saturday.

#### Bengals hold first spring football scrimmage

FOCATELLO - Idaho State University held its first football scrimmage of the spring season Saturday outside Holt Arena, and the Bengals offense and defense each produced some key plays.

The offense scored on a pair of David Steel receptions, one of 70 yards from Cameron Olson and another of 19 from Kevin McCarthy. The offensive unit ran 12 full drives, scoring two touchdowns and getting within field goal range once.

Steel racked up 132 yards receiving on five catches, while three BSU quarterbacks combined for 49-of-36 passes for 225 yards with two interceptions. Mike Jones produced the most rousing yardage, rumbling for 71 on nine carries but Pocatello High School product Isaac Mitchell went 15 yards on six touches and sophomore Mackay graduates Nick Whitworth added 5 on six downs.

# An ill wind blows for all but Singh

### The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. - Tiger Woods was the least of anyone's worries. This time, intimidation came from cold, wicked wind that threatened everyone's but Vijay Singh under submission at the Masters and set the stage for a final round today that promises to be thrilling, if not torturous.

"We've never seen a day like this before," Jack Nicklaus said Saturday after his 155th round - and worst - in the Masters.

The wind gusts to 42 mph, which knocked down David Duval's tee shot into Rae's Creek, and impaled a branch as big as a driver into the 18th fairway.

The temperatures dipped into the 40s, causing eight poor soles left on the course to put an every piece of clothing they had in

their bags and trudge off the course shivering.

When the third round was suspended as darkness fell over Augusta National, Singh stood tall - no small feat, considering some players could hardly stand at all.

With pine cones and limbs strewn all over the course, Singh managed to forge ahead with two birdies when the conditions were at their worst. He was at 7 under with three holes to play and had a three-stroke lead over Duval.

Nice and warm, sitting in the interview room discussing a round of 4-under 68 he fashioned earlier in the day under much more agreeable conditions, he was looking toward a chance to stage the greatest 36-hole comeback in Masters history.

Davis Love III was right there

with him, at 1-under 215 and trying to disguise his glee as the winds started howling even stronger.

"Well, I'm not going to feel sorry for them," said Love, who also had a 68 interrupted by a two-hour rain delay that brought in the really nasty stuff. "In the course of playing major championships, sometimes you get funny draws, and it doesn't work out quite right."

"But these guys playing right now are not real happy with their situation, and I don't blame them."

Singh and Duval will return to the 15th fairway at 6:15 a.m. to finish the third round.

Ernie Els (3 under) and Phil Mickelson (2 under) will return to the 16th hole and try to stay within shouting range of Singh.

"Small price to pay to have the opportunity to win this tourna-

ment," said Duval, the 36-hole leader who took double bogey when he went into the water on No. 12.

"It's the coldest I've been in a long time, not even in the British Open," Els said. "We got a bad break playing when we did."

Loren Roberts had a three-putt on the 17th when he couldn't punch his putter hard enough through the wind. He had a 71 and was the clubhouse leader at 3-under 213.

Woods and Love were joined at 215 by Mike Weir of Canada, who almost didn't make it to Augusta until his wife gave birth to their first child on Tuesday. He had the best round of the early finishers, a 2-under 70 in wind that blew a steady 30 mph.

"My round today feels like a 65," Weir said. "I have as good a

### At Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - A look at Saturday's third round of the Masters:  
Leading: Vijay Singh, who was 7 under and three strokes ahead when play was suspended  
Following: David Duval at 4 under, Loren Roberts and Ernie Els a stroke further back  
Returning: Four bogeers, back to the course this morning to finish their rounds that were suspended by darkness  
TV today: 2:5 p.m. MDT, CBS.

shot as anybody." Don't count Nicklaus among them. His 81 was his worst score in 41 Masters, ending his faint dreams of a seventh green jacket.

# Best Ball tourney enters final round

By Matt Peterson  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The father-son team of Jim and Tony Purves fired a 6-under par 62 Saturday to take a two-stroke lead entering today's final round of the Cove-Pepsi 2-Person Best Ball Municipal Golf Course.

Virginia Undhjem and Linda Fennen hold a commanding five-stroke lead in the women's field with a 2-over par 73.

Trailing the Purves' by two strokes in the men's championship flight are Doyle Dugger and Gary Jenkins (64). Bill Cook and Jim Ochsner (65) stand in third place, while Denny Simpson and Steve Studer (66) enter today's round in fourth place.

The Purves' combined for seven birdies on the day, including four in their last seven holes, to claim the first-round lead. After sinking birdie putts on Nos. 10 and 13, the Purves played even through the next five holes to make the turn at 2-under.

Sell 2-under through 11 holes, the team caught fire down the stretch, connecting for birdies on Nos. 3, 5, 7 and 9 to enter the clubhouse at 6-under. Six of the team's seven birdies came from father Jim.

The team's only bogey came on the par-3, 172-yard, second.

"We have a lot of fun (playing together)," Jim Purves said. "Other than No. 2, we really hand-icapped it the rest of the way."

The second-place team of Dugger and Jenkins birdied Nos. 1, 6, 13, 15 and 18 and bogeyed No. 16 for a 4-under finish.

"(Tony) had three birdies and I had one today," Dugger said. "The course is playing beautifully right now, but it was a little icy this morning."

In addition to the light morning frost, gusty winds also played a factor in what was otherwise a perfect day for golf.

"The wind was a factor out there," said Undhjem, who won the event last year playing with Shauna Robinson. "But it was a factor for everybody."



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Virginia Undhjem puts during the opening round of the Cove-Pepsi 2-Person Best Ball at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Saturday afternoon.

### Tee off

What: Final round of the Cove-Pepsi 2-Person Best Ball, presented by Mel's Oak Warehouse  
When: Today, 8 a.m.  
Where: Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course  
Tee times & first-day standings:  
See Scores and Stats, page C3

The leading ladies team got only two birdies on the day, both from Undhjem, but maintained a large, first-round lead nonetheless.

Three teams in the women's championship flight shot a 7 to tie for second place. Those teams included: Linda Lathrop and Mary Oberst, Sally Lesya and Shauna Robinson and Marguerite Astorquia and Chris Sterling.

Mark Keith and Jerry Thompson (65) lead the men's first flight, while the teams of Randy Gentry and Dave Uley and Cory Ochsner and Brad Richards stand tied for second with a first-round 66.

Women's first flight leaders include the teams of Barbara Firth and Billie Mason, and Linda Stout and Margaret Watson. Both teams finished



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Doyle Dugger of Twin Falls chews on his pipe while lining up his putt during the Cove-Pepsi 2-Person Best Ball at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Saturday morning. Dugger and partner Gary Jenkins shot a 64.

with a 79 Saturday.

Joining Cove this year as tournament sponsors are Pepsi and Mel's Oak Warehouse. The additional support has made the tournament better for everyone involved, said Twin Falls golf professional Mike Hamblin.

"This just makes the tournament better for all the players,"

Hamblin said. "There's more money to play for (\$3,000 more than last year) and we just really appreciate the sponsorship."

Today's final round begins at 8 a.m. The women's championship flight will tee off from No. 1 at 9 a.m., while the men's championship flight will go off from No. 1 at 1:30 p.m.

# Ex-BSU deep threat remains in coma

### The Associated Press

BOISE - Gerry Washington, Boise State University's all-time three-point leader, lapsed into a coma during a pick-up basketball game at Bronco Gym.

He was placed in coronary care and was in critical condition on Saturday.

Washington collapsed around 9:45 p.m. Thursday. Former teammate Justin Lyons helped perform CPR on Washington before he was rushed to the emergency room at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

Although the exact cause of his collapse was not released by this hospital, Boise State sports information director Max Corbett said,

"Some type of cardiac event happened, which is not known specifically, but it caused him to go into the coma. It just happened in the middle of the game during his 23rd birthday."

No autopsy is planned. Washington is on life support and his condition, and his life, depends on how his body responds.



Former Boise State University basketball player Gerry Washington, left, collapsed during a pick-up basketball game Thursday night on the Boise State University campus. Washington was taken to Saint Luke's Regional Hospital, where he remains on life support in a coma.

Washington is breathing primarily on his own, with some help from machines, and his vital signs are stable.

Corbett said Boise State athletic trainer Gary Craner knew of no prior heart problems with Washington.

# Bruin softball batters Borah in 10-2 victory

By Jeff Rosen  
Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS - Somer Hayes was her dependable senior self for the Twin Falls Lady Bruins on Saturday, striking out six Borah batters on the way to a 10-2 shelling.

After walking two batters in the first inning, Hayes allowed just two more freebies the rest of the way throwing a complete game.

"She limited her walks, and that was important," said Twin Falls coach Nick Baumer. "We've talked a lot about that lately, and she did it again today."

But Hayes didn't have to beat the Lions alone.

She had plenty of help when Twin Falls went to the plate, as the Bruins, whose only loss was to Idaho Falls earlier this season,

slapped a mad 15 hits to Borah's scalp.

"I kind of got on the girls," Baumer said. "I thought the first two or three innings we weren't being very aggressive. We were aggressive out of the strike zone, but not when we got good pitches to hit."

That changed late in the third inning, when Megan Stanger got the Bruins going with a single then scored on the play thanks to back-to-back Borah errors. Twin Falls scored two more runs in the frame on four hits and another Lion error.

"Once we started getting the ball in play, we picked it up," Baumer said.

Hayes got out of a rare jam in the Borah fourth, getting Jennifer Manchaca to ground out with her third out with two





SPORTS

# Spurs chop Lakers down to size

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Without Shaquille O'Neal, the Los Angeles Lakers are mere mortals, and it showed Saturday night.

With O'Neal sidelined by a sprained left ankle, Tim Duncan and David Robinson dominated the middle of the defending NBA champion San Antonio Spurs beat Los Angeles 98-80, snapping the Lakers' 11-game winning streak.

The Lakers lost for just the second time since the Spurs beat them 105-81 in San Antonio on Feb. 1 — their most one-sided setback of the season. They have since won 30 of 32 games.

Duncan had 26 points, 16 rebounds and four blocked shots, and Robinson added 15 points and eight rebounds as the Spurs snapped a three-game losing streak and beat the Lakers for the seventh time in eight games, including a sweep of the Western Conference finals last May.

However, perhaps this victory should be accompanied by an asterisk. Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 26 points, eight rebounds and five assists, and Glen Rice added 17 points.

O'Neal, who leads the NBA in scoring (29.5 points) and field goal percentage (.574) and is second in rebounding (13.6 average), sprained his ankle in the first half of Wednesday night's 111-104 win at Golden State. He continued to play despite the injury and had 49 points and 13 rebounds.

Lakers spokesman John Black said O'Neal's ankle began bothering him Thursday. O'Neal, a virtual lock for his first Most Valuable Player award, didn't practice Friday, and X-rays showed no fracture or ligament damage.

The Lakers have already clinched the NBA's best record



San Antonio Spurs' David Robinson, left, blocks Los Angeles Lakers' A.C. Green (45) from getting to the basket during the first quarter in Los Angeles, Saturday.

and homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs, so the game meant little to them. The Spurs, meanwhile, are battling for playoff position in the West with Phoenix and Minnesota. The Spurs outscored Los Angeles 9-2 to start the second half, extending their lead to 63-

43, and the Lakers weren't closer than 12 points after that. Terry Porter's 3-pointer as the third quarter ended made it 64-67. The Spurs held the Lakers to two points in the first 8.5 minutes of the fourth quarter in pulling away. The Spurs went on a 12-2 run early in the second period to go

ahead 39-29, and led by as many as 15 points before settling for a 54-41 halftime lead. Even without O'Neal, the Lakers got off to a fast start, making their first four shots in taking an 11-2 lead. The Spurs responded with a 19-6 run to go ahead 21-17, and it was 25-all entering the second period.

Player	PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL	FT%
Shaquille O'Neal	41.0	15.8	2.5	2.5	1.5	57.5
Tim Duncan	26.0	16.0	2.5	4.0	1.5	57.5
Allen Iverson	31.0	4.0	6.0	0.0	1.5	41.0
Steve Nash	25.0	3.0	9.0	0.0	1.5	88.0
Ray Allen	25.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	41.0
Grant Hill	25.0	6.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	57.5
Tracy McGrady	25.0	5.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	41.0
Scottie Pippen	25.0	5.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	41.0
Chauncey Billups	25.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	41.0
Chris Paul	25.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	41.0
Andre Miller	25.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	41.0
Kevin Garnett	25.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	41.0
Paul Pierce	25.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	41.0
Wade Gilbert	25.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	41.0
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# Birds' win streak reaches four

BALTIMORE (AP) — Delino DeShields singled in the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning as the Baltimore Orioles stretched their winning streak to four by defeating the Detroit Tigers 2-1 Saturday.

The Orioles trailed 1-0 in the eighth before coming back. Mike Bordick scored both runs for Baltimore, which used solid pitching to win after scoring 31 runs in its previous three games.

Bordick led off the 10th with a single off Doug Brocail (0-1) and



Toronto Blue Jays Craig Grebeck (4) slides under Texas Rangers second baseman Luis Alica as Grebeck was forced out on a fielder's choice from teammate Rau Mondel during the first inning, Saturday night in Arlington, Texas.

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took second on a sacrifice. DeShields then dumped a single to left and Bordick slid into the plate an instant before the throw from Bobby Hinson.

All Reyes (1-0) stranded the potential tiebreaking run at second base in the ninth and 10th.

## Blue Jays 4, Rangers 0

ARLINGTON, Texas — David Wells pitched a nine-inning shutout in the first complete-game shutout in the majors this year as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Texas Rangers 4-0 on Saturday night to end Kenny Rogers' 19-game home winning streak.

Rogers' streak was the third-longest in major league history, dating to June 28, 1997, for the New York Yankees. He also pitched for Oakland and the Mets in the streak before winning No. 19 on Monday for the Rangers.

Wells, 14 in his seven previous starts in 1999, was the one who felt at home, allowing eight hits and one walk and not allowing a runner past second base in an efficient 85-pitch outing. Wells (3-4) struck out five in his 10th career shutout.

## Royals 5, Twins 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Carlos Beltran broke out of a slump by driving in two runs and Johnny Damon scored twice and drove in a run as Kansas City won its fourth straight.

Jeff Suppan (2-1) allowed two runs and five hits in six innings as the Royals matched their longest winning streak from last season. Jose Santiago pitched three hitless innings for the save. Brad Radke (0-2) had allowed just two

baserunners and led 2-1 when Damon singled with one out in the sixth.

## White Sox 7, Athletics 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Frank Thomas had three hits, including a three-run homer, as Chicago won its fourth straight game.

Mike Sirotka (1-1), who allowed a career-high four home runs in Chicago's season-opening 10-4 loss at Texas, kept Oakland batters in the park while allowing six hits and three runs — one earned — in 5 1/3 innings. He struck out three and walked two.

## Indians 6, Devil Rays 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Manny Ramirez and Jim Thome hit the 199th home runs of their careers five pitches apart to lead Cleveland.

The sluggers remained tied for sixth on Cleveland's career list, connecting off right-hander Steve Trachsel (1-1) with two outs in the fifth inning to give the Indians a 6-1 lead for Dave Burba (1-0). Greg Vaughn homered twice and drove in four runs of Burba for the Devil Rays, including a 462-foot solo blast to deep left center that was the third longest in the three-year history of the stadium.

## Yankees 3, Marlins 2

SEATTLE — Paul O'Neill's RBI double in the ninth inning broke a tie and gave New York the win. With two outs in the ninth, Derek Jeter singled off Jose Mesa (1-1) and stole second base. O'Neill then hit a line drive to right-center to score Jeter and give the Yankees the lead.

Jeff Nelson (1-0) came on with a runner on second and one out in the eighth and got two outs for the win. Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his first save. Tino Martinez and Alfonso Soriano homered for the Yankees.

# Old home run mark is outta here

BALTIMORE (AP) — There it goes! The old record for home runs in one day is going, going, gone.

Fifty-seven homers were hit in the major leagues Friday night, two more than the previous mark set last Aug. 13. The record is even more impressive because it was set over 15 games compared to 17 for the previous mark.

The Baltimore Orioles and Detroit Tigers contributed nine homers in a 14-10 slugfest. Charles Johnson, who had 16 home runs all last year, hit his fourth in three games.

"I'm not up there trying to hit home runs," he said. "It's just happened."

Before the Orioles and Tigers played Saturday, Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Palmer gripped a baseball and noticed that the ink on it was easy to smudge and the leather was "sleeker" than usual.

A juiced baseball? Actually, Palmer has a different explanation for the power surge during the first week of the season.

"The hitters are good and the pitchers are trying to acclimate themselves to the umpires," Palmer said. "It's hard to pitch now unless you're good. You look at the pitches last night, in a park like this, they should have been hit. You take hittable pitches in a friendly environment, you're going to hit a lot of home runs."

Detroit hit three homers in the top of the fifth and the Orioles responded with successive drives by Johnson and Mike Bordick. The five homers in an inning tied a major league record.

"The wind was blowing out and there were a lot of pitches up over the plate," Baltimore manager Mookie Hargrove said. "You do that to big, strong hitters and

you get the results that happened here last night. There were no cheap ones."

The 36 homers in the American League were a record for a league in one day, topping the previous mark of 30, accomplished twice in the AL (June 10, 1962, and June 14, 1964), and three times in the NL (May 6, 1970, last July 2 and last Aug. 13).

Texas and Toronto hit seven at The Ballpark in Arlington, and Cleveland's Omar Vizquel hit his fourth career grand slam in the Indians' 14-5 victory at Tampa Bay.

Royce Clayton hit two home runs for the Rangers and Mike Sweeney of Kansas City homered twice in the Royals' 10-6 victory over Minnesota.

"What's going on? "Every time the hitters start lighting up the board, everyone starts saying the ball is juiced and they're using corked bats," Hargrove said. "The fact of the matter is that these guys are bigger, stronger hitters. They generate a lot of bat speed with good strength, and when that happens, the ball's going to go out of the park."

Johnson is leading the way. Although he has a reputation as a catcher whose strength is defense, Johnson is temporarily hitting like a modern-day Babe Ruth.

"I look to make contact and hit the ball hard," he said. "Sometimes you hit the ball at the right angle off the bat and it happens. I heard about all the home runs that were hit last night. Sometimes, the game goes through changes. Maybe yesterday was just one of those things."

# D-backs show Pirates the meaning of the word 'clutch' in 6-5 win in the ninth

PHOENIX — Bernard Gilkey's bases-loaded single with two outs in the ninth gave Arizona a 6-5 win over the visiting Pittsburgh Pirates on Saturday.

It was the second time in three days that Arizona won in its last at-bat, something the Diamondbacks did 24 times in winning the NL West title last year.

Felix Gonzalez and Jay Bell both hit their second home runs of the season for Arizona. Brian Giles hit his third homer and Pat Meares hit his first for the Diamondbacks in the 10th and 11th.

Arizona's slug Swindell (1-0) allowed two hits in the ninth but struck out Kevin Young on a 3-2 pitch with runners on first and second to end the inning.

Jason Christensen (1-1) took the loss.

## Dodgers 6, Mets 5

NEW YORK — Devon White hit a game-tying three-run homer with two out in the ninth and Eric Karros hit his second homer of the game in the 10th as the Los Angeles Dodgers rallied Saturday to beat the New York Mets 6-5.

Former Mets closer John Franco wasted a 5-1 lead in the ninth, first allowing a leadoff homer to Karros. White connect-

## National League

ed with two outs off Franco, and Mike Fetters (1-0) escaped a two-out, two-out jam in the bottom half when Melvin Mora struck out. Karros then homered with two out in the 10th off Armando Benitez (0-1). Jeff Shaw got his first save.

## Reds 4, Cubs 3, 11 Innings

CINCINNATI — Pokey Reese's hard-hit single off third baseman Jeff Huxton drove in the winning run for Cincinnati.

Mark Guthrie (0-1) gave up a one-out walk in the 11th to Alex Ochoa, who stole second. After Aaron Boone was intentionally walked, Guthrie struck out Benito Santiago with the infield drawn in. Matt Karchner came in and gave up Reese's single, which Huxton deflected but couldn't stop.

Danny Graves (1-0) pitched the last two innings for the win. Ken Griffey Jr. had an RBI single — only his second hit for his hometown team — and Boone and Dante Bichette hit solo homers for the Reds.

## Expos 10, Padres 9

MONTREAL — Pinch-hitter

Geoff Blum's two-run double in the eighth inning rallied Montreal and Vladimir Guerrero hit his fourth homer of the year.

The Expos trailed 8-7 following Bret Boone's solo homer off Anthony Tafard (2-0) in the top half of the eighth. Blum doubled off reliever Donne Wall (0-2) to score Mike Mordecai and Wilton Guerrero with the go-ahead run in the bottom half. Rondell White doubled one out later to make it 10-8.

## Cardinals 10, Brewers 8

ST. LOUIS — Mark McGwire hit his first home run of the year and Fernando Tatis went 3-for-4 with four RBIs for St. Louis.

Darryl Kile (2-0) allowed four runs and six hits in 5 1/3 innings to pick up his second straight win. Dave Veres got the final five outs for his first save with the Cardinals. Johnny Burnitz hit two solo home runs for the Brewers, giving him five for the season. Steve Woodard (0-1) took the loss.

## Astros 8, Phillies 5

HOUSTON — Moises Alou hit a two-run single in the fifth inning and a solo homer in the seventh for his first RBIs since 1998.

Alou, who missed all of last season recovering from knee

surgery, put the Astros ahead to stay 6-4 with his single off Kirk Bullinger. His first homer since Aug. 24, 1998, made it 8-5. Ken Caminiti hit a two-run homer off Chris Brack (0-1) in the third inning to put Houston up 4-2 and add a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

## Braves 7, Giants 5

ATLANTA — Andres Galarraga hit a grand slam in the fifth inning to rally Atlanta past San Francisco.

The Braves have won three games in the first week of the season and Galarraga has put them ahead to stay in each with home runs.

The Atlanta first baseman, who missed all of last season with cancer, hit a 425-foot drive over the center-field fence on the first pitch from Ivan Hernandez (0-2), giving him three homers and nine RBIs on the season.

## Rockies 4, Marlins 2

MIAMI — Shortstop Alex Gonzalez's eighth-inning error allowed the tying and go-ahead runs to score as Colorado beat Florida.

Jose Jimenez (1-0) pitched a scoreless seventh for the win. David Lee pitched the ninth for his first career save.

# Brown fractures pinkie, warms bench for a month

NEW YORK (AP) — For Kevin Brown, a broken finger is nothing.

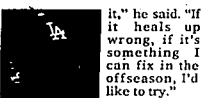
"It's like a paper cut. Maybe less. He's the \$105 million man, baseball's toughest hombre. "If I can pitch with it, I'll do it," he said. "If it heals up wrong, if it's something I can fix in the offseason, I'd like to try."

He talked about how Charlie Hough pitched with a broken pinkie, how a crooked finger wouldn't affect his pitches.

Johnson, who spoke with Brown just before leaving the ballpark, is going to be as conservative as possible. He won't let Brown talk the team into letting him pitch through it or even coming back quickly.

"We're not going to let that happen," the manager said forcefully. "We have the best doctors in the world and we're not going to endanger a great career by having him back too soon. That's just not going to happen."

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# New promotion: Battery Day at Shea

NEW YORK (AP) — Usually, batteries at the ballpark refer to the pitchers and catchers. At Shea Stadium, they refer to John Rucker's reception.

The Atlanta reliever had better run fast if he pitches for the Braves when they return to Shea Stadium in June.

Photocopied flyers were passed out at the ballpark Saturday advertising "John Rucker Battery Day" for Atlanta's first season in New York this year.

The "One was in the Mets' clubhouse before Saturday's game against Los Angeles.

Friday, June 30th is John Rucker Day," the flyer said, referring to Braves teammates four games series between the Braves and Mets. "All fans attending the game will get New York Mets Battery Day (sic) to be shared with Rucker's Batteries."

are provided by the No. 7 train riders, so buy your ticket early."

Rucker is suspended for the first two weeks of the season after colliding with New-Yorkers, gays and foreigners in a magazine interview and referring to a teammate — believed to be former Brave Randall Simon — as a "fat monkey." Rucker has been roundly criticized by many players, but the talk has quieted since he apologized to Braves teammates during an emotional meeting after he arrived at spring training last month.

"Hopefully whatever anger people have will not endanger

John or the rest of us that had nothing to do with it," Braves pitcher Tom Glavine said Saturday before Atlanta's game with San Francisco.

"We hope that people are smarter than that. I hope the Mets will do something about it."

Braves manager Bobby Cox said Saturday he had not heard about the flyers.

In the spring, Braves catcher

Eddie Perez joked about wanting to stay away from Rucker when they went to New York.

"I don't want to be sitting next to him in the bullpen," Perez said only half-kidding.

The penalty originally was a four-week suspension and \$200,000, but the players' association filed a grievance and an arbitrator cut it to two weeks and a \$500 fine.

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SPORTS

# Advantage crumbles at Davis Cup

## Czechs again lead Americans.

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) - So much for the advantage of playing on a fast hardcourt before a partisan crowd in the Forum.

Factors supposedly favorable to the United States have been rendered moot by a lightly regarded Czech Republic team that has the Americans in trouble.

Jiri Novak, who stunned Pete Sampras in Friday's opening singles match, and David Rikl defeated Alex O'Brien and Jared Palmer 7-5, 6-4, 6-4 Saturday to give the Czechs a surprising 2-1 lead in the best-of-5 Davis Cup quarterfinal.

The Americans were in the same situation in the first round against Zimbabwe, where John McEnroe made his debut as U.S. captain. But they won the final two matches for a 3-2 victory - only the fourth such comeback by a U.S. team in Davis Cup history.

Now, the Americans have to do it again today.

Sampras and Andre Agassi must win their reverse singles matches to send the United States into the next round in July.

Novak and Rikl had lost twice to O'Brien and Palmer on the ATP Tour this year. But the Czechs stayed even until they broke Palmer for a 6-5 lead in the first set. Then they stayed off two break points on Rikl's serve to



David Rikl, left, and Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic return a shot to the United States' Alex O'Brien and Jared Palmer during a Davis Cup match on Sunday in Inglewood, Calif. Rikl and Novak won the match 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.

close out the set 7-5.

O'Brien and Palmer led 3-2 in the second set when they held two break points on Novak's serve. But O'Brien netted a backhand service return to waste the first one and Rikl's crosscourt poach erased the second break point. O'Brien netted a service return to let the Czechs tie the set 3-3.

O'Brien's backhand error gave the Czechs the only break of the

second set, which they won on Novak's scrambling smash.

Trailing 3-1 in the third set, former Stanford teammates O'Brien and Palmer briefly roused themselves to win three consecutive games and take a 4-3 lead.

They blew a 40-love lead on Rikl's serve in the sixth game, but won the game when he committed his second double fault of the match. That got the crowd of 9,520 on its feet cheering and

waving American flags. McEnroe stood cheering even as umpire asked for quiet.

O'Brien followed with a 40-love service game that gave the Americans their last lead. Novak lost one point on his serve to tie the set 4-4. The Czechs broke in the next game when Novak's volley handcuffed Palmer on his backhand side, then Rikl served out the match as O'Brien's backhand service return landed long.

# Orlando Brown's eye shows no sign of improvement

CLEVELAND (AP) - As they prepare for this year's NFL draft, the Cleveland Browns are also facing the possibility of beginning the season without their starting right offensive tackle.

Orlando Brown, struck in the right eye by an official's weighted penalty flag last season, still is suffering from blurred vision and could be sidelined for six to eight months.

"If we had to practice tomorrow, he would not practice," Browns coach Chris Palmer said. "He is not pondering retirement," the coach said.

If Brown is not ready to practice

owner's meeting in Florida, Palmer said Brown's injury was potentially career threatening.

However, Palmer said Brown, who is under doctors' orders not to work out until his eye improves, told him he is not considering retirement.

Palmer spoke with Brown on Thursday in his office and the two reviewed game film together of Penn State defensive stars LaVar Arrington and Courtney Brown.

by the time the Browns open training camp in July, the team could place him on the physically unable-to-perform list. That move would not cost the Browns a roster spot and Brown could rejoin the team when he's cleared to play.

There's also a possibility the Browns could put Brown on injured reserve, which would sideline him for the 2000 season. He would still be paid his \$2.1 million salary.

During a Dec. 19 home game against Jacksonville, referee Jeff Triplett accidentally struck the 6-foot-7, 350-pound tackle in the

eye with his penalty flag, which was weighted with BBs. Brown pushed the official to the ground after being hit.

Brown, whose father is blind from glaucoma, said concern for his eyesight caused him to storm back on the field and shove Triplett. Brown was hospitalized for six days with bleeding behind the eye.

The league initially suspended Brown indefinitely, ending the penalty in late February. Brown missed one game - the Browns were off in Week 17 - and lost more than \$49,000 in salary.

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Omaha Beef grills Stallions in IPFL opener

OMAHA, Neb. - The Idaho Stallions dropped their Indoor Professional Football League opener on Friday, surrendering a 23-point outburst in the first quarter of a 25-12 loss to expansion Omaha.

After the opening kickoff, the Beef needed just one play from scrimmage to score. Wideout Vong Kaykoy hauled in a 15-yard Troy Travis pass in the end zone. Idaho scored on the ensuing possession, with Stallions quarterback Albert Higgs looking up with John Henry from 25 yards out, but did not score again until the second quarter, when Higgs hit Brian Condit with a four-yard strike. Both teams went scoreless in the second half.

## Vandals announce tentative volleyball schedule

MOSCOW - The University of Idaho volleyball team has set a tentative schedule for the fall which includes three tournaments and two home games vs. Pac 10 opponents.

U of I will open the season with two tournaments in early September - one at Iowa State and one at Portland State. The Iowa State field will include the host Cyclones, Creighton and North Carolina. The Portland State tournament features the host school Oregon State, St. Mary's and San Diego State. Idaho's season will also end with a tournament, as the Vandals travel to Boise to take on Gonzaga and Eastern Washington Nov. 24 and 25.

## Kerry Wood throws 74 pitches in fifth start

MESA, Ariz. - Kerry Wood threw 74 pitches in an extended spring training start Saturday for the Chicago Cubs, another step in his comeback from a torn elbow ligament.

Wood, the National League's rookie of the year in 1998, made his fifth rehabilitation start exactly one year after he had reconstructive surgery performed on his elbow by Dr. James Andrews. Wood went five innings Saturday, giving up three hits and one walk while striking out eight. His fastball topped out at 95 mph.

## Cards' new park could open as soon as 2004

ST. LOUIS - Seeking the revenue of higher-priced seats, the St. Louis Cardinals announced plans Saturday for a 47,900-seat ballpark that would cost \$370 million and open as soon as 2004.

While the new ballpark would have 1,800 fewer seats than Busch Stadium, which opened in 1966, Cardinals president Mark Lamping said there would be "more premium seats," which cost more money. The ballpark would be built on a site currently a bus parking lot owned by the Cardinals. It would be funded through tax-exempt revenue bonds.

## Av's Forsberg injured as playoffs approach

DENVER - The Colorado Avalanche's charge into the NHL playoffs took a hit Saturday when they learned that star center Peter Forsberg will be sidelined indefinitely with a separated right shoulder.

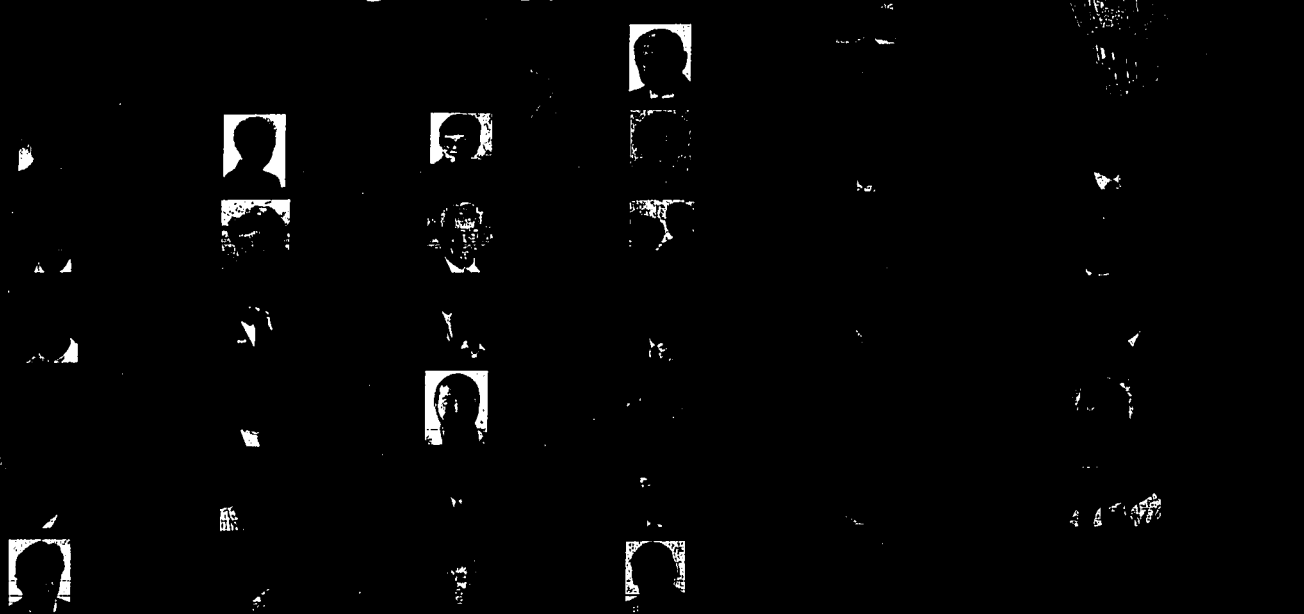
Forsberg will not play in today's regular-season finale against Detroit. He missed the first 23 games of this season following surgery on his left shoulder, which was injured in the sixth game of the Stanley Cup semifinals against Dallas.

## Knicks sign G/F Williams to 10-day contract

NEW YORK - The New York Knicks signed swingman Brandon Williams to a 10-day contract Saturday, filling out their active roster two days after John Wallace was placed on the injured list. Williams, a 6-foot-6 guard/forward, played with LaCrosse of the CBA this season and averaged 19.8 points. He had brief stints in the NBA with Golden State in 1998 and San Antonio in 1999.

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# 'Second-round qualifying is a joke,' says Waltrip

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Darrell Waltrip leads active Winston Cup drivers with 11 career victories at Martinsville Speedway, the last one in 1989.

Now in his final season and relegated to the back of the starting grid in most races, the three-time series champion wants changes in Winston Cup's second-round qualifying rules that he says "won't make it fair for everyone."

"They know I know and you know that second-round qualifying is a joke," Waltrip said, referring to NASCAR officials. "It's out of control."

"We can go down there and fix cars ... but we can't fix procedural things that need fixing. That's what they need to make a hard look at."

Rusty Wallace won the pole for today's Goody's 500 on the 526-mile oval, with brother Kenny on the outside of the front row. Winston Cup points leader Bobby Labonte will start 13th, and defending race champion John Andretti 26th.

NASCAR sets the first 25 positions in a 43-car field in first-round qualifying, then gives those outside the top 25 an option of trying to improve their fast lap in the second round or keep their time and hope it's good enough.

## Auto racing

Most of the time, the 26th- through 36th-fastest opt to stand on their first-round times without fear of being bumped from the race. The final seven positions in the field — provisionals — are set based on team owners' point standings.

Waltrip, the beneficiary of several provisional spots in recent years, said starting over on the second day of qualifying would "be a little concerning."

His team was 36th-fastest in Friday's first round of qualifying, and Waltrip decided to stand on his time Saturday because it was the surest way into the race.

"Everyone down there might as well just load up and go home," he said of the teams out of the top 36. "They've got to fix that."

## Montoya takes Bosch GP

NAZARETH, Pa. — Now that Juan Montoya has given Toyota its second CART pole, he has his sights set on putting the engine manufacturer in the winner's circle for the first time.

"It will be great if we win with the Toyota, but I don't feel any

more pressure," Montoya said Saturday after locking up the top starting spot for the Bosch Spark Plug Grand Prix for the second year in a row. "Like when we ran here last year, I'm just going to give it my best."

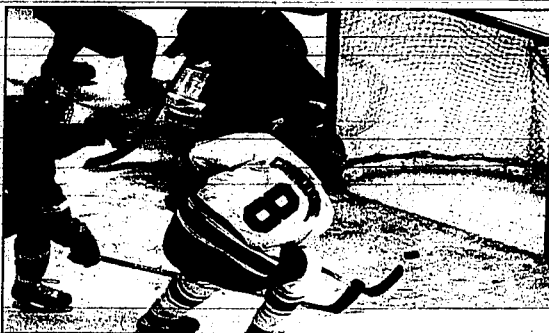
The only previous pole in Toyota's five years of CART racing came when Scott Pruett started off front in the 1999 season finale at Fontana, Calif.

## LaJoie wins Busch Series

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Randy LaJoie won the NASCAR Busch Series BellSouth Mobility 320 on Saturday, surviving an early spin and a late-race wreck involving most of the leaders.

LaJoie, who edged Mike McLaughlin by 1.491 seconds on the 0.596-mile track, is the first Grand National regular to win a race this season. Winston Cup drivers, competing this week in Martinsville, Va., won the first seven races.

"If somebody had to be the first Busch Series driver to win a race this year, it might as well have been me," said LaJoie, the two-time series champion who ended a 38-race winless streak with his 13th career victory.



North Dakota defenseman Mike Commodore (8) shades Boston College defenseman Mike Mottau (3) and shoots the puck past goalie Scott Clemmensen for the first goal in the first period of the NCAA Division I championship in Providence, R.I., Saturday evening.

# North Dakota beats Boston College for Frozen Four title

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Lee Goren might someday find himself welcome in Boston. For now, though, Hub hockey fans will curse his name.

The North Dakota forward scored the tying goal and assisted on Jason Ulmer's game-winning Saturday night as the Fighting Sioux won the NCAA championship with a 4-2 victory over Boston College.

Goren also added an empty-netter with 45.2 seconds left to clinch North Dakota's seventh title, and its second in four years.

Karl Goehring made 21 saves for the Sioux, who were playing before a partisan Boston College crowd just an hour south of the Eagles' Chestnut Hill campus. Boston College, which won the title in 1949 — the tournament's

second year — is still looking for No. 2.

Jeff Farkas and Marty Hughes scored for BC, and Scott Clemmensen stopped 32 shots as the Eagles lost in the Frozen Four for the third consecutive year.

North Dakota trailed 2-1 after two periods, but Goren tied it 2-1 into the third when he took a drop pass from Ryan Bayda and put it through the legs of a defenseman and the screened goalie.

Ulmer rebounded Goren's shot with 5:38 left and slapped it into the net to give the Sioux a 3-2 lead. Clemmensen came out for an extra skater with 1:12 left, and Goren split the empty net from the blue line.

North Dakota took the lead just 3:48 into the game when Bryan Lundbohm's shot

rebounded to Commodore on the right side of the net and he swept it in.

Boston College tied it with 3:13 left in the first period when Blake Bellefeuille one-timed a pass from Brian Gionta just under Goehring's right pad. The goalie fell backward — almost sitting on the puck — but Farkas was able to swipe it the last few inches over the goal line before he was checked into referee Matt Shegos.

The goal light never came on, and the teams kept playing. But as soon as Shegos could get to his skates he signaled a goal, which was confirmed by the replay official.

Hughes gave BC a 2-1 lead 6:51 into the second period when he came around the back of the net and stuffed it past Goehring.

# BC defenseman wins Hockey Heisman

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Boston College defenseman Mike Mottau, a New York Rangers draft pick, beat two teammates and seven others to win the Hobey Baker Award as the top player in college hockey.

"I think he'll be right up there with Doug Flutie, Dana Barros and (1991 Hobey Baker winner) David Emma as ambassadors for Boston College," Eagles coach Jerry York said. "We're certainly

pleased to have him on our team."

Mottau is the third defenseman to win in the award's 20-year history, joining Harvard's Clark Fusco and Minnesota-Duluth's Tom Kurvers in 1983 and '84.

"It's been a long time coming," York said, noting also that Minnesota's Robb Stauber, who won in 1988, is the only goalie to win the award. "I think it's time

we look at the goaltenders, too."

The finalists included two of Mottau's teammates, Brian Gionta and Jeff Farkas — just the second time three teammates have been among the finalists.

"I'm really proud of the two guys on my team who were finalists," Mottau said. "Hockey is a team game. This is an individual award, and there's no possible way this could be accomplished without my teammates."

# Sprinter Bailey is persistent in comeback

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Donovan Bailey is smiling again and, he says, running well.

Victories aren't coming yet for the Olympic 100-meter champion but he remains determined to defend his title despite setbacks that threatened to end his career.

Bailey ran his usual anchor leg in the 4x100 relay for a Canadian national team Saturday in the Texas Relays.

Bailey, who ran the anchor leg for the Canadians' 1996 Olympic champion relay team, was in third when he got the baton and crossed some ground on the leaders. The former world record-holder in the 100 couldn't quite close the gap before cruising the last 10 meters.

39.18 and Bailey and the Canadians finished in 39.59 in the meet's premiere invitational event.

There was a time Bailey might have groused after a loss. Instead, he was all smiles.

"It's my first run outdoors where I felt really good since 1998," the 32-year-old Bailey said. His career took a devastating blow that year when he ruptured his Achilles' tendon in a pickup basketball game.

It's been a long road to recovery. Bailey, who trains in Austin with Texas assistant Dan Pfaff, attended the Texas Relays last year but wasn't yet ready to run.

That's what made Saturday's race special, even if he didn't win.

"Every step felt confident," Bailey said. "The last thing I'm worried about right now is the guys in front of me. I'm not trying to prove anything to anyone."

But he is. Bailey has yet to approach his

pre-injury times and has until Aug. 13 to beat the Canadian qualifying time of 10.23 seconds in the 100 or the 1996 Olympic champion could miss out on the games.

"That's my big goal right now, to get out there and do what a lot of people said couldn't be done, coming back from the Achilles injury and winning the Olympics twice," Bailey said. "I'm still the Olympic champion."

But no longer the world's fastest man.

He lost track's premiere title to American Maurice Greene, who set the 100 world record of 9.79 last year in Athens, Greece, shattering Bailey's mark of 9.84.

The two were expected to race in a highly anticipated matchup in the 4x100 relay Saturday. But Greene and his ISI teammates pulled out of the race on Friday when Greene said his left leg was sore after mid-week workouts.



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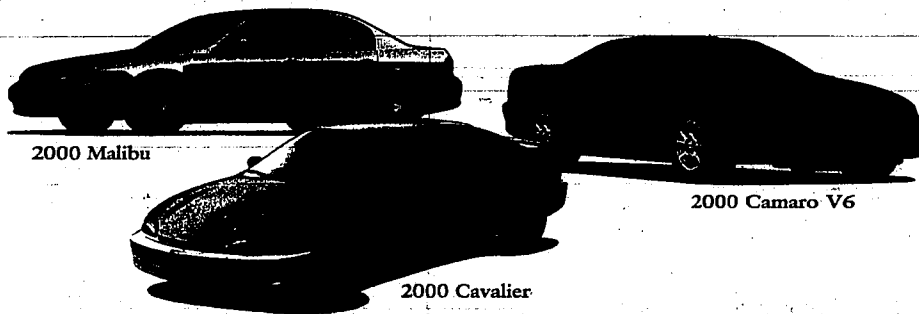
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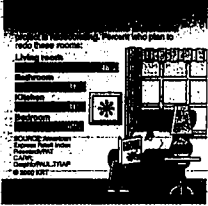
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### BIZFACTS



## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Cactus Petes starts drug-free program

JACKPOT, Nev. - Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot, Nev., has joined the other Magic Valley businesses that are designated drug-free workplaces.

In an effort to provide a safe, healthy workplace for employees and guests, Cactus Petes has instituted a special program in cooperation with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

"It is our goal to continue to recruit quality employees and increase our overall customer satisfaction," said Robin Bammert, Cactus Petes' risk manager.

As the Magic Valley's largest employer, Cactus Petes' management said it recognizes drug and alcohol dependency poses a serious problem to employee health and safety, as well as property security. To safeguard employees and the integrity of the property operations, all full- and part-time employees will be required to participate in drug and alcohol testing, the company said.

The policy states testing will be completed by all job applicants, and offers of employment will be contingent on results of the screening. Other testing will be done post-accident, randomly and by reasonable suspicion.

Also, the policy includes a self-report section which allows employees with substance abuse problems to seek assistance from their supervisors before being tested under the guidelines. Those individuals will be referred to the Employee Assistance Program to undergo treatment, the casino said.

### Classes will teach basics of home-buying

TWIN FALLS - "Finally Home!" classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and again April 19, Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education Inc. said. Students should preregister by calling the College of Southern Idaho at 733-9554, Ext. 2288.

The classes are designed to teach first-time home buyers everything they need to know - such as how to qualify for a mortgage and closing cost credit or credit. How much cash is needed for closing, how to choose a Realtor and how to make an offer. Students who complete the class may be eligible for incentives such as down-payment and closing-cost assistance and reduced mortgage insurance premiums through participating lenders.

Qualified industry professionals volunteer their time as instructors and teach home-buying education to potential or existing homeowners in a traditional classroom setting.

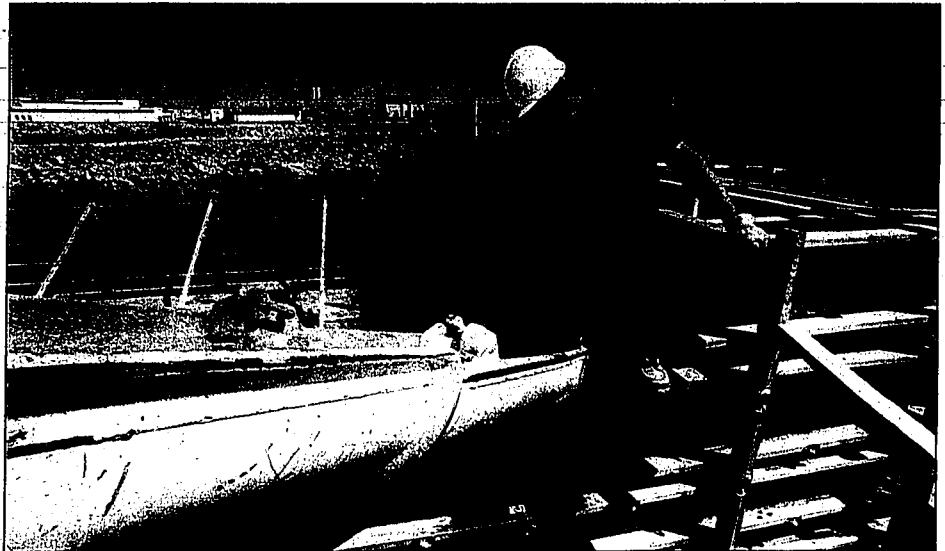
CSI is a regional training partner for the IPHEE and offers free classes in Twin Falls regularly.

### State Farm offers discounts to customers

SALEM, Ore. - State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. is introducing a 5 percent premium discount for eligible new customers in Idaho. Qualifying policyholders who have less than three years of experience with State Farm less than three years also will receive this discount.

To be eligible, all drivers in a household must have had no accidents or traffic violations for the past five years and must have been licensed for at least two years. The discount, effective May 1, will apply to premiums for liability, medical payments and collision coverage. State Farm said it insured about one of every five insured cars in Idaho.

# Construction activity jumps



Kirby McCandless guides a flow of concrete into a wall form at a new office building being built in the North College Office Park in Twin Falls.

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A flurry of new and expanding businesses last month shifted Twin Falls' construction activity into high gear.

Building, Twin Falls' construction in March jumped 17.4 percent above year-earlier totals. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling \$4 million - that's \$594,259 more than in March 1999 - for combined construction types.

That jump put year-to-date 2000 about \$700,000 ahead of 1999 for combined types. This year got little help from January's performance, when absolutely nobody started new commercial buildings in Twin Falls. But February more than offset that slow start.

Much could happen in the next nine months. But it's time for a good performance in this sector of the economy, the city's permit values in 1999 closed the year 1.5 percent short of 1998's total construction values and 17 percent below 1997's total.

The residential side, however, didn't do its part last month. March's number of permits for new single-family homes in the city fell to 14 - down from 23 in March 1999. And the homes' average value fell 10 percent to \$88,807 from the \$98,319 of a year earlier. The March average, however, beat the \$83,975 of February.

Stardust Homes was the only builder to get permits for new apartments in March, but those projects will open eight new units. The permit for a new four-plex at 570 Jackson St.

lists an estimated value of \$199,229, and its new four-plex neighbor at 578 Jackson St. is listed as \$211,818.

Stardust owners James and Marlene Marlon are their own general contractor and hire few subcontractors on their apartment projects.

The Marions retain ownership and management of those properties.

Elsewhere in the commercial sector, Twin Falls saw wide variety in March.

### Auto options

By mid-July, Bob Latham Jr. hopes to complete a Hertz-franchised automobile sales, leasing and rental dealership at 636 Pole Line Road.

The new dealership under construction - separate from other operations in town with the Latham name - will specialize in rentals and short-term leases and offer for sale lease-return vehicles with anything from 10,000 to 20,000 miles on the odometer.

"What we're trying to offer the public is a way to buy vehicles cheaper," said Latham, co-owner of franchisee RLS Inc. He expects to stock \$5 million worth of fairly new lease-return cars, trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles for sale.

The \$583,306 listed on the building permit is just a portion of the Pole Line project, Latham said.

## Commercial projects give boost to valley's March numbers

### Construction values

Type	March '00	March '99
New single-family homes	\$1,243,295	\$2,261,329
New multifamily units	\$411,048	0
New commercial projects	\$1,308,290	\$527,206
Commercial alterations/additions	\$788,857	\$148,688
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations and additions and signs)	\$4,012,195	\$3,417,936

Source: City building department.

"The total project is going to come in around \$2.2 million," he said. Weather delayed the work last month, but it's moving rapidly now, he added.

RLS is busy at the south end of town, as well.

At Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, RLS has expanded its Hertz rental franchise from 20 vehicles to a fleet of 50, Latham said. So it needed a place to detail returned cars and fuel them without bringing them into town - a practice which has consumed time and money.

The new wash bay in progress at 444 Airport Loop should be finished in six weeks. The building permit lists a \$37,997 value.

Even in high-demand seasons, RLS customers will notice a quick turnaround on rental vehicles at the airport, Latham said.

"If they're waiting around, actually, they're not too happy,"

### Trash transfer

A twin Falls County prepares to send its garbage to a regional dump, the Southern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District is starting construction on a new transfer station south of Twin Falls, on the southwest corner of Eastland Drive South and Orchard Drive East.

A March building permit is for just a tiny part of the project, a \$32,640 office to serve as the Twin Falls County transfer station's gatehouse. Trucks bringing trash will weigh in and out at scales on either side of the gatehouse, said Tom Miller, environmental engineer for the solid waste district.

Inside a separate building at the transfer station, the trucks will tip their loads onto a large, concrete tipping floor. For there, trash will be pushed into larger trucks and taken to the Miner Butte landfill in Cassia County, he said.

Workers are just starting at the site, removing excess material. Miller expects the gatehouse to be finished in July.

### Picnics at the park

Picnickers at Harmon Park can soon enjoy their meals under two new shelters, which will replace two old, dilapidated ones in the picnic area on Please see CONSTRUCTION, Page D4

## 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	32 1/16	31	1 1/16	56 15/16 - 23 1/16	2.37 %
ASCA	AMERISTAR	4 3/32	3 5/8	15/32	-4 1/2 - 2 1/2	NA
CAG	CON AGRA	18 3/4	18 1/8	5/8	28 1/4 - 15 1/16	4.32 %
COST	COSTCO	52 13/16	52 9/16	1/4	56 1/16 - 32 1/16	NA
FD	FEDERATED	39 5/8	41 3/4	-1 3/4	57 1/16 - 31 5/8	NA
FSD	FIRST SECURITY	12 3/16	12	3/16	31 - 10 3/4	4.50 %
HDC	HOME DEPOT	64 7/8	64 1/2	3/8	69 3/4 - 35 3/4	0.25 %
HNZ	HJ HEINZ	36 1/16	34 7/8	1 1/16	54 - 50 3/4	4.08 %
IDA	IDA CORP	33 13/16	34 3/4	-1/16	53 - 25 1/16	5.50 %
JPC	JC PENNEY	13 15/16	14 7/8	-15/16	54 7/16 - 13 9/16	8.25 %
JPR	J.P. REALTY	18 3/16	17 13/16	3/8	21 9/16 - 15 5/16	10.56 %
KRY	KEY CORP	16 1/16	19	-15/16	38 1/8 - 15 9/16	6.20 %
KR	KROGER	19 1/4	17 9/16	1 1/16	37 3/8 - 14 1/16	NA
LFB	LONGVIEW FIBRE	13 5/8	14 3/4	-1 1/8	17 3/4 - 11 1/16	3.52 %
LRW	LABOR READY	9 1/8	9 7/8	-3/4	26 5/16 - 7 11/16	NA
MU	MICRON TECH	128 1/4	128	1/4	143 - 34 1/4	NA
PHA	PHARMACIA	53 5/16	51 1/2	1 3/16	58 1/8 - 32 3/4	0.11 %
SEARS	SEARS	37 1/4	36 3/4	3/8	53 9/16 - 25 1/4	2.42 %
TGT	TARGET	74 1/4	74 3/4	-1/2	78 3/8 - 53 3/4	0.54 %
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	40 3/4	39 1/8	1 5/8	67 7/8 - 34 1/4	1.98 %
WFC	WELLS FARGO	39 3/4	40 15/16	-2 1/16	49 15/16 - 31 7/16	2.21 %
WFL	WASH. FEDERAL	17	18 1/16	-1 1/16	25 1/16 - 14 5/8	5.85 %
WMT	WAL-MART	61 13/16	55 1/2	6 1/16	70 1/4 - 38 7/8	0.39 %

## TF office offers extra tax help

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Extra tax help is available this week.

The Idaho State Tax Commission's Twin Falls office, at 1038 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., will be open for both phone and walk-in assistance from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, and weekday office hours will be extended to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and April 17.

Taxpayers may call 736-3040 or 1-800-522-2660 during those hours. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about tax preparation on the phone and in the office, and visitors can pick up both state and federal income tax forms.

Walk-ins also can use a direct phone line to the Internal Revenue Service for answers to federal tax questions.

# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

**TWIN FALLS** - Sherry Olsen-Frank, owner and operator of The Bookkeeper, is now a certified public accountant.

With more than 22 years' bookkeeping and accounting experience in all phases of small business, the company provides QuickBooks and Peachtree setup, training and support in addition to a full range of accounting, bookkeeping and payroll services, she said.

Olsen-Frank can be reached at The Bookkeeper, 734-4708, or by e-mail at thebkpr@magiclink.com. She offers free estimates.

**JEROME** - Mass Greenhouses Inc. announced the following personnel news:

**Darren Olsen**, an ornamental horticulture graduate from Utah State University, is starting his third season this year and is a customer service and sales representative. He has worked in the greenhouse industry for 10 years and brings a wealth of plant knowledge and experience to the staff. He recently passed the Idaho Nursery Association Certified Nurseryman Exam.

**Jacob Shobe**, who has worked at Moss Greenhouses for a year, was promoted to maintenance supervisor. He is a native of Jerome and brings a strong agricultural knowledge to the business, a press release said.

**Michael D. Wisshack** is a new staff addition as director of operations. He graduated from California State University Chico with a degree in ornamental horticulture in 1988. After graduation, he worked as a grower for Dahlstrom & Watt in Smith River, Calif. Following a stint as a landscape designer, he moved to Encinitas, Calif., in 1991 and joined the horticulture staff at the Paul Ecke Ranch. During his 8 1/2 years at the ranch, his primary responsibility was the poinsettia blooming program, developing and managing

schedules, budgets and cultural elements of the finished crop. The ranch grows 15 forms of poinsettias, encompassing more than 20 acres of production, Wisshack said.

**Pam Thompson**, who has been office manager since October 1998, was promoted to human resource manager. She is in the position because of the growing number of employees each year, Thompson said.

**Irma Calderon** was named Employee of the Year and awarded a plaque, a trip to the Lagoon estate park and an overnight stay for her and her family, including spending money. She is starting her sixth season at Moss Greenhouses.

**TWIN FALLS** - An open house to celebrate the retirement and 65th birthday of Dorothy Berry will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the Asher residence, 473 Eastgate Drive. Friends and family are welcome.

Berry worked as a housekeeper and nanny for Buck and Joann Levy in Sun Valley for 15 years. She also worked Oregonia Foods in Burley for many years. She has six children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**TWIN FALLS** - Three employees of AmeriPride Linen and Apparel Services in Twin Falls recently returned from a full week of training from Ace University, at AmeriPride's corporate headquarters in Minneapolis.

**Roger Stocum** is the store's sales manager. He has been with AmeriPride for six years and was depot manager in Sun Valley before being promoted

to sales manager in Twin Falls in 1999. He and his team won several awards while at the training school.

**William "Red" Brady** has been with AmeriPride since 1998.

**Gerald Dalton** was recently promoted to area sales consultant in Boise after working as depot manager for two years.

**Brian Gilliland** was hired as production manager in October 1998. His new position will encompass all facets of operations within AmeriPride's local region, including Boise, Sun Valley, Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Twin Falls.

**Nancy Lewis** is the new office manager at AmeriPride Linen and Apparel Services in Twin Falls. Lewis was hired in April 1998 as payroll, accounts receivable, payable, inventory and accounting. She has an accounting degree from Tennessee University. She and her family have lived in Twin Falls for six years.

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services hired three key people as employment service specialists. Their primary responsibility is to provide vocational services (job development, training and maintenance) to people with disabilities, meeting the expectations of participants, sponsoring agency counselors and support persons, Magic Valley Rehabilitation said.

**Jim Holbrook** obtained a bachelor's degree in theology from Northwest Christian College. He has pursued interests in counseling programs, as well as administration skills. He also spent time as a guest service manager for Mountain Lakes Bible Camp in Klamath Falls, Ore., and the Burns Palute Tribe in Burns, Ore., as an education specialist.

**Mary Linn** began her position in March. She recently taught in the Twin Falls and Buhl school districts and worked 10 years for a national food service company, Kelley Clarke Inc. Linn is scheduled to graduate from Idaho State University this spring with a bachelor's degree in corporate and vocational training. She plans to pursue a master's degree in human resource and development and vocational education. She also plans to become a certified alcohol and drug counselor.

**Karen Page** began a part-time position in March. She is a graduate of Southern California College in Costa Mesa and said she has spent a great deal of time with her husband in various missionary positions, traveling throughout Britain, eastern Europe, East Africa and Zimbabwe. She continues these positions in Jerome. Before her appointment at MVRS, she worked for Terry's Bestway Food Center in Jerome.

**BURLEY** - Hiedi Williams Skaggs was promoted to human resource officer at D.L. Evans Bank. The announcement was made during the bank's annual stockholder meeting on Feb. 26. Skaggs has been at D.L. Evans Bank for three years and has been a teller, financial services representative, loan secretary and, most recently, human resource and executive assistant. She graduated from the University of Idaho in 1993 with a degree in

organizational communications with an emphasis in human resource management. She lives in the Burley area with her husband, Brent.

**TWIN FALLS** - Edward Jones investment representative Rob Sturgill announced a second investment representative, Lynn R. Hansen, joined his office in Twin Falls.

Hansen is a native of Twin Falls. He has a wife, Ronda, and six children. Before joining Edward Jones, Hansen was an executive for Boy Scouts of America.

Hansen said: "I'm looking forward to working with Rob Sturgill and investors in this area. I've come to admire his professionalism, and I believe working with him will make me a better investment representative." Hansen will work out of Sturgill's office over the next several months then will open a fifth Edward Jones office in the Magic Valley area in the near future. With more than 5,500 offices in all 50 states, Edward Jones is the largest financial services firm in the nation in terms of offices. The firm also has offices through affiliates in Canada and the United Kingdom. Plans are under way to expand to 10,000 offices in the next decade, a press release said.

**JEROME** - MaryAnn Hernandez joined North Side Medical Clinic, 133 W. Ave. A. She has been a practicing bodyworker since 1986 and was a

practicing licensed massage therapist in Oregon.

With nearly 700 hours of formal training, she is certified in a variety of massage therapy techniques, including Swedish, Relaxation, Shiatsu, Polarity, Western Clinical and Russian Therapies, a press release said. She specializes in cases needing medical therapeutic massage - not just relaxation or stress relief. Her patients have included everyone from infants to people in their 90s, the release said.

Hernandez can be reached at North Side Medical Clinic, 324-0300.

**JEROME** - Dr. Robert J. Lotstein of North Side Medical Clinic said he specializes in family health care for the entire family. He is a board-certified family practitioner with hospital privileges at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Lotstein has delivered more than 1,000 babies and is accepting new obstetrics patients. He also is experienced in pediatrics, sports and general medicine.

Lotstein graduated from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine and completed his family practice residency at Idaho State University. He is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

North Side Medical Clinic works with most insurance companies and accepts Visa and Mastercard, he said. It has been at 133 W. Ave. A, next door to R & R Pharmacy, since September.

**TELL US YOUR BUSINESS**

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

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Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at [virginia@magicvalley.com](mailto:virginia@magicvalley.com)

Or contact her at: The Times-News, P.O. Box 549, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, 733-0931, Ext. 242, Fax: 677-6433 or 734-6538.

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**MILESTONES**

**Subway unveils new and improved bread formulation**

**SALT LAKE CITY** - After more than a year's research and development, Subway Restaurants announced its reformulated Italian and wheat breads.

The new bread brings Subway customers an enhanced product with improved flavor and visual appeal, the company said.

In keeping with Subway's commitment to a healthier alternative to fatty fast food, there is no significant change in the nutrients in the bread. In fact, total carbohydrate content went down by 1 gram in the 6-inch Italian bread and by 3 grams in the 6-inch wheat bread. And the new breads have very little additional sugar, the company said.

"We are excited about the new bread," said Subway Twin Falls development agent Bob Hucklestep. "It continues Subway's tradition of great bread."

The new bread recently became available at Subway stores throughout Twin Falls.

**A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. will move Twin Falls office**

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls office of A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. will move to new facilities this spring.

The new office will be at 1435 Filmore St. in Twin Falls and will open for business May 15. The office's phone number is 733-6019.

"We're pleased to announce the relocation of this office and look forward to continued service in the Magic Valley," branch manager Fred Nelson said.

The Twin Falls office of A.G. Edwards has been in operation for 10 years and currently has three financial consultants to help individual clients with their investments.

**Ketchum company notes new website, anniversary**

**KETCHUM** - Marketing Success, a Ketchum-based promotional products distributor, announced the activation of its website and web store in March.

Quick Technologies Inc. of Dallas, Mike Thompson, president of Marketing Success, said he believes that with more than

3,500 suppliers nationwide participating and a product database of more than 500,000 products, this site is one of the most complete and largest promotional product sites on the Internet, thus ensuring the best quality, selection and pricing in the industry.

Imprinted promotional products include advertising specialties, premiums, incentives, awards, trophies, business gifts, commemorative and souvenir items.

Marketing Success was established in 1987 and is celebrating its 13th anniversary. For more information, call 726-9728 or 1-800-574-9728, or e-mail to [marketing@success.com](mailto:marketing@success.com).

**RE/MAX dollar volume jumps nine percent in 1999**

**SUN-VALLEY** - Real estate professionals in Idaho affiliated with RE/MAX International helped 5,770 families buy or sell homes in 1999, a company press release said. Dollar volume statewide was \$660 million, a 9 percent increase from the previous year. Average volume per agent was \$111,000.

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ALL STONES

**Dealership earns Toyota's customer service award**  
**TWIN FALLS** - Willa Toyota earned the 1999 Toyota Customer Service Dealership Excellence Award.

It joins a select group of only 17 Toyota dealers, out of 1,195 nationwide, that earned all three 1999 customer service excellence awards: service, parts and customer service. The award is Toyota's acknowledgment that the dealership is a leader in the key areas most critical to long-term customer satisfaction, a press release said.

Also, for the fourth consecutive year, Willa Toyota received the Toyota's President's Award, one of the highest honors for a Toyota dealership, the release said. Ernie Wills called, if on the award in Napa Valley, Calif., on the

company's behalf.  
 Willa Toyota is one of 13 dealerships, out of 73 in the region, that performed at levels of sales, professionalism and customer satisfaction for inclusion in the President's Award. For helping make these awards possible, the company hosted a dinner for all its employees and their spouses.

**Company headquarters applauds TF Meineke store**

**TWIN FALLS** - Meineke Discount Mufflers in Twin Falls just received the Outstanding Customer Service Award for 1999 from Meineke corporate headquarters.  
 This is the third year in a row the Twin Falls store has received the award, which is based on customer service and on having received no complaints for a full year - now three years for the Twin Falls Meineke, led by Randy Hocking and Ted Kubart. Meineke Discount Mufflers in Twin Falls was chosen to receive the award out of a thousand Meineke Discount Muffler stores nationwide, a press release said.

Better Business Bureau calls for nominations

**Panel will select this year's Integrity Counts! honorees**

The Times-News

**BOISE** - The Better Business Bureau serving southwest Idaho is calling for nominations for the millennium celebration of a business excellence honors program, "Integrity Counts!"

The BBB established Integrity Counts! in 1997 to recognize companies whose business practices and related activities demonstrate a commitment to ethics and integrity in the way they do business. Since program inception, more than 100 organizations have been nominated, and 13 businesses have received awards.

Participation is open to all companies who have been in business for at least three years, are located in southwest Idaho or eastern Oregon, comply with all legal

business requirements for their industry and are free from any

evidence that they do not meet their financial and contractual obligations. Customers, suppliers, shareholders, friends and even employees of a business may submit nominations, the BBB said.

Nominations can be submitted by sending a letter of recommendation to the BBB, 4619 Emerald, Suite A2, Boise, ID 83706. Deadline for nominations is May 26.

Four companies will be presented with the Integrity Counts! award at a banquet Oct. 26 at the DoubleTree Riverside Hotel in Boise.

Companies previously honored with an Integrity Counts! award include Bob Rice Country, Northwest Mutual Life Insurance Co, Parks Body Works and Sneak Preview, all in 1997; Bea's Business Products and Gifts, Home Innovations,

Intermountain Gas Co., Molenaar Jewelers and Workman Outfitters, all 1998; and Hurless Brothers Foreign Car Service, Idaho Youth Ranch, Meeting & Management Essentials and Stapley Engineering, all 1999.

An independent panel of volunteer community leaders will select recipients of Integrity Counts! 2000. Nominations are asked to provide supporting information in the areas of company philosophy, integrity in action (narratives), testimonials and

external and internal communication. Companies do not need to have a full-scale ethics program in order to submit information; they simply need to demonstrate they meet the judging criteria, the BBB said.

Recipients will represent these categories based on business size: Category 1, independent contractor, self-employed, or with up to two employees; Category 2, three to 20 employees; Category 3, 21 to 99 employees; Category 4, 100 or more employees.

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E-commerce seminar paves way to Internet

The Times-News

**JEROME** - Internet marketer and website author Michael Hofferber will offer an e-commerce seminar April 26 and May 3 at the Sawtooth Inn Best Western in Jerome.

Designed for small businesses and organizations seeking advice and instruction on how to include e-commerce in their existing operations, the two-session seminar will offer practical, low-cost solutions that can be implemented with limited resources, Hofferber said. It will also cover strategies and options for starting up a new e-commerce enterprise.

The focus of the seminar is on using commonly available equipment, programs and services to gain a foothold in e-commerce

with limited resources. No previous Internet experience is necessary.

"Our goal for this seminar is to send each participant back to the office with a personalized plan, or set of options, that matches his or her needs and resources," Hofferber said.

Presented by Outrider News Service of Shoshone, which operates the Farmer's Market Online (www.farmersmarket.com) and Outrider Books (www.webcom.com/outbooks) websites, the seminar is limited to 12 participants and costs \$120 for registrations completed by April 17.

Details are available by phone at 886-2936; by mail to Outrider, Box 277, Shoshone, ID 83352; or by e-mail to outrider@webcom.com

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The Associated Press

Americans expect to spend \$15,210 this year on day-to-day expenses.

A national survey of 800 adults by American Express found the amount that people spend on

items like groceries, gasoline, fast food, cellular and Internet services will remain relatively unchanged from 1999 to 2000. In last year's survey, respondents reported spending \$14,917 on household expenses.

The survey also found that more women (72 percent) than men (52 percent) handle the bill-paying at home, while more men (57 percent) than women (43 percent) make financial investment decisions.

Employee envy

If you're feeling cheated by your employer, you're not alone. A recent telephone survey of 1,015 adults found that half of the respondents feel the same way.

The respondents said they felt cheated because they weren't being paid comparable wages to others in their industry (25 percent), receive inadequate vacation time (16 percent), insufficient retirement savings (16 percent), aren't paid for overtime (15 percent) and feel they have no privacy or are spied upon at work (14 percent).

The poll found women feel cheated more than men 56 percent to 47 percent. And 56 percent of African-Americans felt cheated, versus 47 percent of whites.

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BUSINESS FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE - Following is the list of business entities starting February with the Idaho secretary of state's office including both new and existing ones that had been filed with the secretary of state's office with the following information:

The Handyman Co., James N. Peterson, 3430 N. 2100 E., P.O. Box 83328, Pocatello, Idaho 83403.
Hawthorne Agency Inc., Gregory S. Harwood, 205 E. Ella, P.O. Box 83347, Pocatello, Idaho 83403.

Sun Rico Enterprises, Loreta Hall, P.O. Box 1988, Sun Valley, ID 83353, retail/wholesale trade, services.
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# REAL ESTATE

**OPEN HOUSE**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 9  
1:00PM-3:00PM



**1946 Granada Dr.**  
All brick home located next door to Candy Cane Park. This 4 bedroom, 2 bath home has a partial basement with room for another bathroom. Mature landscape and trees and quiet location make this a wonderful home.

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**TWIN FALLS. 0.6 ac. 4 bedrm. 2 1/2 bath, 2000 sq. ft., 4-bdrm., dbl. garage, central heat, AC, fireplace, patio, lg. garden. O'Leary School Dist. \$139,500. 734-9557**

**TWIN FALLS. CORNER LOCATION WITH FULLY FENCED YARD and very nice landscaping. 3 bdrms. 2 baths, double garage, vaulted ceilings & maintenance free exterior. Priced to sell quickly. **BRAWLEY REALTY 734-5558****

**TWIN FALLS. For sale by owner. 3000 sq. ft. brick house, 5 bdrms. 3 baths, gas heat, hardwood floors, mature landscaping, lg. fenced back yard. Automatic sprinklers, quiet & a n e d. S w - tooth/O'Leary Dist. Open House Sat. April 8, 10:00-3:30. April 15, 10:00-2:00. Sun. April 16, 2:00-4:00. 1156 No. Walnut St. Twin Falls. For info. 734-2994**

**TWIN FALLS. INVITING for an investor or first time home buyer. 2 bdrms. 1 1/2 baths, new carpet, priced at only \$49,900.00. **BRAWLEY REALTY 734-5558****

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**TWIN FALLS. SMALL ACRESAGE CLOSE TO CITY. Nice home with finished shop & outbuildings, ready to move into. Priced at \$112,900.00. **BRAWLEY REALTY 734-5558****

**TWIN FALLS. VINTAGE CHARM AND CHRISMA awaits you in this 3 bdrms. home with so many extras...beautiful hardwood & tile floors, main level laundry & family room plus extra laundry & family room in finished basement. This one won't last long. **BRAWLEY REALTY 734-5558****

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**CAREY - 1 acre building lots. Near town, within city limits. Call 623-4534**

**JEROME - City lot on 15th Ave. E. great neighborhood. Call 324-3640**

**TWIN FALLS**  
Building Sites. 1 acre residential lots in established subdivisions near TF. \$22,000-\$22,500. Call Neil Harpster 734-1328 or 734-1991. #81168 Meadowridge lot. 3 acres with covenants and restrictions. \$29,900. Call Steve Kohnopp. CRB, CRS. 734-1991. #51298

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**MAGIC VALLEY REALTY 734-1991**

**KIMBERLY. 1+ac. on golf course. Membership incl. Good area. 734-8119**

**TWIN FALLS. Oregon Trail passes through this 5 1/4 acres with water, includes home with 8 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal living room, family room with pellet stove, deck, fruit trees, mature landscaping, satellite dish, hot tub, oversized double car garage, and more. All for \$187,000.**

**FILER. 6.71 acres with live water plus a 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, pellet stove in family room, and over 3700 sq. ft. Outside has lots of trees and machine shed. \$220,900**

**JEROME. Just listed. 4 bdrms. 2 1/2 bath. 3 1/2 acres with water, 2 fireplaces, walk out lower level. Big Little Ranches. \$220,900**

**NELSON REALTY 734-3930**

**514 INCOME PROPERTY**  
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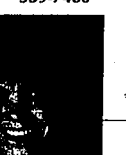
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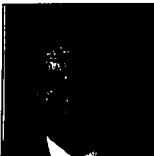
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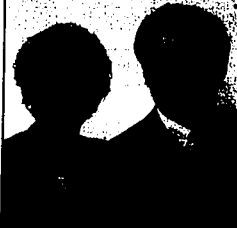


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**\$149,000. FANTASTIC BUSINESS LOCATION** available in Jerome. 6620 sq. ft., plus LOADS of parking. For years this was a popular grocery store corner. Will also consider lease or possible lease-option. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN @ 737-3900 OR 420-2807. #90006

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**\$179,900.** Now under construction! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is near the Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Kimberly. This home features 2,011 sq. ft. on one level, central air, brick & synthetic siding, with a 2-car garage. CALL DAN BEARD AT 737-3908 OR 731-2121. #94483

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I deal and open one club, holding 1-K-8-3, ♠ 6-5-2, ♠ K-9-4, ♠ A-6-5. Partner responds one heart. After RHO overcalls one spade, I raise to two hearts. Two passes follow, and RHO bids two spades. After two more passes, partner bids three hearts. If RHO persists to three spades, should I double or bid four hearts? Neither side was vulnerable.

**ANSWER:** You should not double and pass quietly. Partner's pass to two hearts signified no interest in game, and his three heart bid was merely competitive. A penalty double would be a very poor gamble — one that is likely to give you cause for much regret.

Dear Mr. Wolff:  
At duplicate, no vulnerability, partner deals and opens three clubs. Should I bid or pass with A-4, ♠ A-K-Q-10-6, ♠ A-5-4, ♠ 2?

**ANSWER:** Much depends on partnership tendencies. However, given a "normal" first-seat preempt, I suggest a forcing bid of three hearts. If partner can raise, you will hold two diamonds and two clubs, my vote would go to one heart. The reason? If I double and partner bids spades, a spade contract should be best. However, if he bids two clubs, this hand is not strong enough to bid two hearts. At duplicate, it's dangerous to play in a minor-suit partial when a major-suit fit is available.

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At duplicate, I open one heart, and partner responds one spade. With ♠ A, ♠ K-Q-5-2, ♠ K-Q-4, ♠ K-10-6-5, am I strong enough to jump to two no-trump?

**ANSWER:** I would not recommend that bid for two reasons. First, his high cards are below requirements. Second, your distribution is unbalanced. Better to bid two clubs (not three), hoping for another move from partner.

Dear Mr. Wolff:  
At duplicate, I open one spade with ♠ A-10-7-6-5-2, ♠ A-Q-4, ♠ 10-6-3, ♠ 8. If partner responds two hearts, should I rebid my six-card suit or support his hearts?

**ANSWER:** With such good hearts, I favor the raise of partner's suit. His two-level response in hearts, after a one-spade opening, should promise at least a five-card suit. Bidding spades tends to emphasize spades rather than hearts, and your heart holding is too strong for that choice.

Dear Mr. Wolff:  
At duplicate, RHO opens one diamond, and I hold ♠ K-Q-6-4, ♠ A-K-9-8-5, ♠ 8, ♠ J-10-8. Should I overcall one heart or double?

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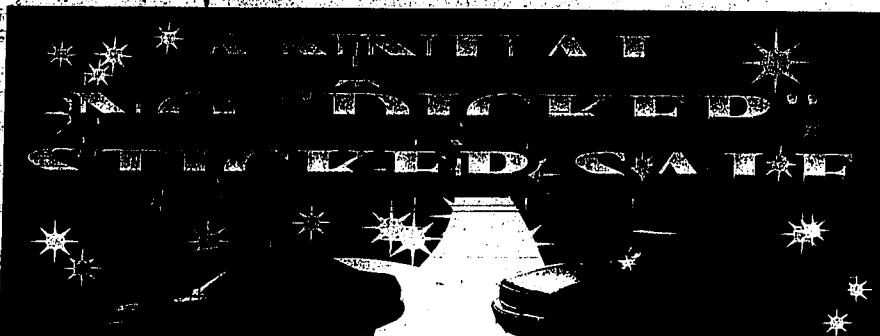
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Dear Abby... Dear Abby, I need to have some advice about the new girl in my class. Her name is Lisa, and she's really nice.

Use tickets to stop bad table manners

Our 8-year-old snacks horribly when he is eating. We have tried nagging, threatening and sending him away from the table. We obviously are not doing something right. It's driving us crazy.

PARENTING John Rosemond

When Eric, our now 31-year-old married corporate pilot son, was about your son's age, he drove us crazy at every meal by slurping his drink.

The success parents in my practice were having with this simple technique caused me to think that maybe a modified version would help Eric become more aware of his slurping and, therefore, control it.

He'd pick up his glass, hold it horizontally, and then try to suck the liquid up the side. That's what it looked and sounded like, anyway.

So, I made three tickets and put them at the top of Eric's place setting, explaining that when he slurped, I'd no longer nag or even make him get out of his seat. Instead, I'd just reach over and take a ticket. Each ticket represented 30 minutes off his normal bedtime of 9:30.

It was around that same time that I came up with my "three strikes, you're out" method of controlling misbehavior. No original ideas, really, just a variation on the old Boy Scout demerit system.

This method, which can be modified to deal with a variety of discipline issues, helps the child become aware of what he is doing and provides the child with a consequence that motivates him to bring it under control.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 9247 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260 and at his Web site: http://www.rosemond.com/

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DEAR ABBY: Because your name is synonymous with good advice, we wanted to share with you and your readers some of Uncle Sam's best advice for today's woman.

DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren. "The best things in life are free!" I have reviewed the booklets you are offering, and they're chock-full of information on food and women's health, home and finance, Social Security and Medicare.

Readers, the survival kits will be sent to you for NO charge, no fees. God bless America! DEAR ABBY: My fiancée, "Ric" and I share a home and a child, and very soon a marriage certificate.

friends continue to exclude me. Am I wrong to be hurt by his inconsiderate behavior, or to feel as if he has betrayed me by letting this continue? DEAR ABBY: Since you share a home and a child together, it should have been clear to your fiancée's friends a long time ago that he is in a committed relationship.

Panic gives way to joy for pregnant woman

"The potential possibilities of any child are the most intriguing and stimulating in all creation." -Ray L. Wilbur. I stared at the stick in disbelief. Two straight, pink lines. No doubt about it - I was pregnant.

Chicken Soup for the Soul. In this vignette by Kristen Cook, a mother's love and physical discomfort falls to the wayside when she realizes the joy her firstborn will bring.

I'm almost a 30-year-old woman, but my complexion is that of 16-year-old girl. Nausea is my constant companion. My friends even ask for updates. I never drive anywhere without an air sickness bag by my side.

truly realized this was our baby. Our baby. The nausea and frequent urination, all the inconveniences, well, they just melted away. They didn't matter any more as I looked at this amazing person. Our baby.

Homework website can help students out

Have you ever needed homework help and not known where to go? From now on, try Homework Central. You can get a notebook to take notes on when you sign up, find answers to your math, science, history, and social studies.

KIDS ONLINE: Nicole Ridgeway. This week's site: Every week we'll have a new website oriented toward kids. Today's site is: http://www.homeworkcentral.com/

Young kids will like 'The Road to El Dorado'

The Orange County Register. "The Road to El Dorado" -Twin Cinema, Century Cinema, Kinetic Cinema, Jerome Cinema, SKI Time Cinema. Best for: Children, who will enjoy the colorful story, and adults, who will enjoy the mature humor.

Family Flicks. complete with a unique basketball game that will delight the kids. When the high priest uses his powers to create a giant beast that tries to eat the kids, it's scary enough to be intense but isn't overly evil or demonic for children.

ster is intense and scary, but when he steps on a man we hear the man say, "I'm OK!" so kids knew he didn't die. Best for: The mature industry. This could have been more enjoyable for kids if it featured a child as one of the main characters, but it's still family-friendly, funny and entertaining.

when Sam meets Kelley, she sees things in him that tap into a deeper place in her heart, and she knows the feelings she has for him are true love. The dialogue is fresh, intelligent and real, which gives this story a sophisticated feeling. This romantic movie deals with mature themes in a delicate, sweet way and will remain a classic.

Lousy service? Bad product? Get satisfaction by complaining

Knightrider News Service. DETROIT - On a recent Saturday night, Richard Smith and his friends spent two hours at a Detroit restaurant waiting for their entrees. The staff was rude. Nobody offered to refill their drinks. By the time the food arrived, the group was running late for a comedy show, so they asked for it to go.

The best way to complain. Appalled, and Dismayed! How to Write Letters of Complaint That Get Results! (Vintage Books, \$12).

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# COMMUNITY

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## TRAFFIC SURVEY



Robert Stuart Junior High School FCCLA members who conducted seat-belt use surveys are, left to right, back row: Grace Brown and Valerie Foster; front row: Shellie Annis and Stephanie Ford.

## FCCLA members conduct traffic survey

TWIN FALLS - Members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America at Robert Stuart Junior High School taught seventh-graders about the importance of wearing seat belts and also conducted a survey to see who buckled up.

In January, the FCCLA students conducted a seat-belt survey of students being driven to school by parents. Their results

showed 37 percent of motorists and passengers wearing seat belts, the group says.

During March, reminders were read each morning in the school bulletin about the importance of wearing seat belts. Another seat belt survey was conducted, and this time, the results were 54 percent of motorists and passengers wearing seat belts, FCCLA members say.

## Twin Falls High School

**PTSO plans meeting**  
TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls PTSO will meet at noon Wednesday in room G6 at Twin Falls High School at 1615 Fifer Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Parents of students are invited to attend.

## East End Head Start Center

**holds carnival and raffle**  
HANSEN - East End Head Start will hold a carnival and raffle from 5-8 p.m. Friday at its location at 465 Highway 30 in Hansen, across from the Hansen Market.

Raffle items include a handmade quilt, gift certificates from area restaurants, and many other items. Proceeds benefit the Head Start graduation program.

## Local learning center

**hosts ADHD presentation**  
TWIN FALLS - "Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder," fifth in a series of presentations hosted at the Southern Idaho Learning Center, will be held from 7-9 p.m. April 18 at 200 Eighth Ave. N. in Buhl.

The presentation, sponsored by a grant from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, is designed to help parents, teachers and other people interested in learning more about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, or ADHD. Presenters are Cory Alexander, child psychiatrist, J. C. Burdick, director of special education for the Buhl School District, and Virginia Alberdi, a parent and founder of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder or CHADD.

The public is invited to attend and there is no charge.

For more information, call the Southern Idaho Learning Center at 734-3914 or J. C. Burdick at 443-9208.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Gooding County Founders Day event set Saturday

GOODING - Gooding County Founders Day starts at 2 p.m. Saturday at the War Memorial Hall on North Idaho Street in Gooding.

Social hour will be held from 2-3 p.m. with light refreshments served. More than 60 posters of Gooding County families, veterans and memorabilia will be displayed.

A program honoring Gooding County families is from 3-4 p.m. Families honored this year include the Luther family, the Glauner family, former school superintendent Hazel McCoy and Minnie Miller of Thousand Springs Dairy.

Speaker Sharon Cheney will discuss short histories about the honored families and preserving the history of Gooding County, organizers say.

The veterans program includes speakers Donald Walbrecht and Fred Locke, and master of ceremonies Paul Koonce, commander of American Legion, Perry Byam Post 30. County veterans will be honored with an emphasis on World War II veterans. Special honoree is James Kephart, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

All county veterans and families are encouraged to attend.

### Desert Sun Dancers plans dance Saturday

SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun Dancers will host a regular dance starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B Street in Shoshone.

Round dancing will be held at 8 p.m. Dancers are asked to bring finger foods. Cost is \$3 per person.

For more information, call the Porters at 866-2510 or the Bradleys at 866-2808.

### Job's Daughters holds

**'Hike' for hearing impaired**  
TWIN FALLS - Job's Daughters Bethel 43 will hold a Hike for the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment or HIKE at 5:30 p.m. Friday at 774 Quincy St. in Twin Falls.

Job's Daughters members and families will walk, run or jog to the College of Southern Idaho campus, take a hike around the campus and back to 774 Quincy St. for hot dogs. Proceeds benefit the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment.

Job's Daughters seek hearing impaired children and teens to assist them in obtaining hearing aids and communication devices. Individuals who know of a child or teen in need of hearing assistance equipment are encouraged to call Job's Daughters, Bethel 43.

Hike participants are also seeking fund-raiser donations from the public. Donors may call Job's Daughters, Bethel 43 to support the HIKE event, call Midge Albrecht, sociability chairman, at 734-8670 or 733-1076.

### Red Cross registers for several April courses

RUPERT - The Mini-Cassia American Red Cross is registering participants for several April courses.

Community Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation is set from 6-10 p.m. April 10 at the American Red Cross building, 707 F St.

Standard First Aid class will be held from 6-10 p.m. April 27, at the Red Cross office.

An instructor course in HIV/AIDS Education is sched-

uled at the Idaho Youth Ranch. The Red Cross works with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to educate people on how to stop the transmission of HIV, encourage people to respond in kind and ways to people who have HIV and helps people apply the facts about the illness to their own behavior. Red Cross representatives say.

The \$125 course has five sections.

Instructor Candidate Training will be held from 5-9 p.m. April 20. The course is a pre-requisite for all instructor level classes. Instructors active in other Red Cross disciplines are not required to retake the course.

Starter Facts will be taught from 8 a.m. to noon and Facts Practice will be from 1:15 p.m. on April 21.

The Basic HIV/AIDS Fundamentals is a two-day class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 29-30.

Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 436-7333.

### Mount Harrison group sets try-outs for melodrama

BURLEY - Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation has scheduled try-outs for future events.

The summer melodrama, "Dust and Dynamite in Little Tree or The Bank Goes Boom," will hit the stage in June and July. The drama, written by Sally Cheney, will be directed by Diane Rock.

Tryouts are set from 6-9 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday in the Little Theater at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave. Rehearsals will be on April 22.

Tryouts for the fall show will be held August 30-31 with the show set for early October.

"Man of La Mancha" tryouts will be held Oct. 3-4 with the show set for January 2001.

## SERVICE NEWS

### Marine Corps promotes

**Addington to sergeant**  
Marine Corps Sgt. T. J. Addington, son of Jade A. Boruff of Twin Falls, has been promoted to sergeant while serving with the Second Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, at Marine Corps Base in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Addington was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty, the Marine Corps says.

He joined the Marine Corps in 1996.

### Twin Falls resident graduates from training

Air Force Airman David J. Clark, son of James O. and Shirley A. Clarke of Twin Falls, has graduated from military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, Clark studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Clark is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

### Elko resident completes USMC basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. Nicholas G. Beitia, son of Fred Beitia and Camille Pico, both of Elko, Nev., has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif. Beitia successfully completed 12 weeks of training, including a 5 a.m. three-mile run and "biting" tall-thenics.

Beitia and fellow recruits spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, including first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assault on a building.

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## SERVICE NEWS

### Elko of High School

They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Beitia and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team effort problem solving evolution, ending with a ceremony where the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem and addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Beitia is a 1999 graduate of Elko High School.

### Son of Kimberly resident graduates from basic

Air Force Airman Robert S. Garrett, son of Sheila A. Garrett of Kimberly, and Cary H. Garrett of Honolulu, HI, has graduated from basic Air Force training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, Garrett studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Garrett is a 1999 graduate of Radford High School, Honolulu, HI.

### Twin Falls resident enlists in U.S. Air Force

Brian A. Piper, son of Michael and Jennifer Piper of Twin Falls, has enlisted in the United States Air Force.

Piper is attending Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Piper will earn credits toward an associate's degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force upon completion of basic training and technical training school.

He is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

## Buhl Library adds more new books to shelves

- BUHL - The Buhl Public Library recently announced the arrival of many new titles. New westerns include "Gunsman's Goal" by Max Brand.
- The "Holliday's Game" by Jane Candice Coleman.
- "Bendin Invaluable," "Buck Cassidy" by Suzanne Lyon.
- "New Science Fiction Titles" include "The Cassini Division" by Ken MacLeod.
- "The Year's Best Science Fiction" and "The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror" by John H. Johnson.
- "New Fantasy Titles" include "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight" by J.R.R. Tolkien.
- "Science Fiction Titles" include "Think the Coward," "Hank," "Coward," "Zack," and "Hank, the Coward," all by John B. Erickson.
- "Kiss a Third Grader" by B.B. Hillier.
- "The Phantom Tollbooth" by Norton Juster.
- "The Case of the Mummy Mystery" by James Preller.
- "The Case of the Stolen Baseball Cards" by James Preller.
- "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling.
- New junior non-fiction include "Shipal. Come Aboard" by Signet Ltd.
- "Henry's Cooking with Mickey and Friends" by Pat Beary.
- "Jack the Puppy" by Jane Burton.
- "Favorite Stories and Songs" "The Kid's Guide to Reading" by Deborah Halligan.
- "What Were Dinosaurs?" by Eliza Kumbhokar.
- "Help! A Girl's Guide to Divorce and Stepfamilies" by Nancy Holvock.
- "Gentle Wind, A Story for Children about Dying" by Joyce C. Mills.
- "The Oxford Book of Story Poems" by Joyce Kilmer.
- "Making Things Move" and "Travel by Road and Rail" both by Michael Pollard.
- "The Best Birthdays Ever" and "Christmas Decorations Kids Can Make" both by Kathy Ross.
- "Inventors and... Pioneers" both by Maria W. Jackson.
- New juvenile books include "Squid Will Be Squid" by Jo Jo Whilden.
- "The Defeat Book of Story Poems" by Purgen J. Laung.
- "My Birthday Surprise" by Michael Gay.
- "My Big Brother" by William Hooks.
- "Eey, Meeee, Diddle" by Ken Engh.

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The Times-News would like to profile your organization, along with your name, a photo and your phone number to: Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.



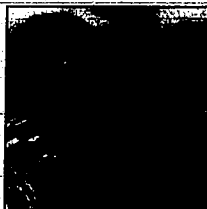
# ENGAGEMENTS

## CHILDERS-POWERS

**JEROME** - Wayne and Mary Childers of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Tina Childers, to Russell Powers, son of Curtis and Linda Powers of Texas and Merle and Belinda Francis of Jerome.

Childers is a graduate of Jerome High School and the College of Idaho in Caldwell with a degree in education. She taught seventh and eighth grade at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls for three years and is currently employed with the Oasis in Mesquite, Nev.

Powers is a graduate of Filer High School. He worked in construction in California for a while, moving back to Twin Falls to work at Jackpot. He is currently working in manage-



Tina Childers and Russell Powers

ment at the Casa Blanca in Mesquite. The wedding is planned for Friday at the White House in Twin Falls. A reception and dance to honor the couple will be held following the ceremony.

## VOGEL-PATTERSON

**JEROME** - Lawrence and Donna Vogel of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Lee Vogel, to Bret Patterson of Helena, Mont.

The couple met while attending Carroll College in Helena. Vogel is employed at US West in Boise.

Patterson is employed by Direct TV in Boise. The wedding is planned for May 5 in Jerome.



Bret Patterson and Christina Vogel

Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, Ga., and Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. Cheatwood attended Villa Rica High School in Villa Rica. He is employed by ERM as lieutenant of security at Arbor Place Mall in Douglasville, Ga.

The wedding is planned for April 22 in Twin Falls. A reception will be held in Georgia following the couple's honeymoon to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and a cruise to many of the islands. The couple resides in Villa Rica.

## OCHSNER-HICKS

**TWIN FALLS** - Kylie Hicks announces the engagement of her parents, Jamie Florence Ochsen and Matthew Wayne Hicks, son of Michael and Mary Hicks.

Ochsen graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1994 and June's College of Hair Design in 1999. She is employed at Hairtech in Twin Falls.

Hicks graduated from Bishop Kelly High School in 1988 and Carroll College in Helena, Mont., in 1993. He is employed by the



Matthew Hicks and Jamie Ochsen

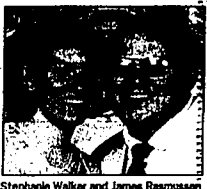
Twin Falls Police Department. The wedding is planned for June 3 at the Blue Lakes Country Club.

## WALKER-RASMUSSEN

**TWIN FALLS** - John and Beverly Walker of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Walker, to James Rasmussen, son of Rocky and Sharla Rasmussen of Jerome.

Walker is attending Idaho State University. She is employed at Frosty Mug Drive-In in Twin Falls.

Rasmussen is a graduate of Jerome High School. He is employed by Falls Brand Independent Meat in Twin Falls.



Stephanie Walker and James Rasmussen

The wedding is planned for June 17.

## ANNIVERSARY

### THE SILVERS

**JEROME** - Mr. and Mrs. George Silver Jr. of Jerome will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday. They will have a quiet anniversary celebration with family.

Silver and Joyce Wall were married April 12, 1950, at the home of Ogle and Lussie Wall in Jerome.

The couple has three children, George (Doc) Silver III, Susan Murray and Kathi (Andy) Stein, all of Jerome; nine grandchildren.



George and Joyce Silver

dren and six great-grandchildren.

Are you dating a loser? Open your eyes to red flags

The Dallas Morning News

In "Red Flags! How to Know When You're Dating a Loser" (Plume), a well-meaning book designed to help female readers screen out men who create problems in a relationship, authors Gary Aumiller and Daniel Goldfarb profile 25 loser archetypes, such as the Liar, the Cheater, the Show-off and the Leech.

"A 'red flag,' they say, is a 'warning, a notice that danger is looming over a relationship. ... By looking for Red Flags, you can learn how to determine the all-important Loser potential within the first three dates..."

But, say the authors, take heart with these five so-called "good news" principles:

1. All men are Losers at some time in their lives.
2. Do not get attached too early.
3. Do not look for potential.
4. Assess yourself first.
5. If you get involved with someone wrong, move on quickly. There. Feel better now?

## BURGESS-LAGASSE

**CASTLEFORD** - Linda Burgess of Castleford and Charles (Sonny) Burgess of Jackpot, Nev., announce the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Burgess, to Louis L. Lagasse, son of Louis J. and Faye Lagasse of Ethel, La.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Castleford High School and is a specialist E-4 in the Army. The groom is a 1987 graduate of East Jefferson High School in Metairie, La., and is a staff sergeant in the Army. Both are stationed in Japan. They plan to reside in Louisiana after the groom retires from the Army.



Jennifer and Louis Lagasse

The couple was married Aug. 4, 1999, in Japan. A ceremony will be held May 25 at Shoshone Falls.

## WEDDING

# Too many verbal battles in a relationship can signal trouble

"What's not tolerable, at any time, is the verbal battle of the sexes. "In life, as in the movie American Beauty, constant bickering may be a sign that a relationship is on the rocks," Health magazine reports. Nagging is the result - not the cause - of marital problems, Health says.

### Live and let love

Because it is so hard to get decent hired help these days, bosses may look the other way if you strike up an office romance. Despite the potential for litigation, a survey by the Challenger, Gray & Christmas outplacement firm found, dating a colleague isn't the taboo it used to be. Managers realize that employees have less time for a social life.

"With a serious labor shortage in many industries and the competitive demands of a 24-hour global economy, employers realize they need employees to remain at work extra hours, more than occasionally," says company chief executive officer John A. Challenger. "If that means being more tolerant about an intra-office romance, then so be it."

### Brand-name value

Those who think going to an elite college is crucial to their financial success should think again, a study says. Researchers from Princeton University and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation reviewed the earnings of people who were accepted at top colleges in 1976 - most of them Ivy League schools - but chose instead to go to less selective colleges. Twenty years later, those graduates had a slightly higher average salary than a group of their peers who went to

### Family news you can use

the selective colleges. The difference was \$77,700 a year vs. \$76,800 a year. The study involved 14,239 graduates and 30 colleges. The average freshman SAT score was 1,200 at the selective schools, and 1,000 at the less selective ones.

### A permanent pain

Unfortunately, you may never forget the day your baby was born. Labor and childbirth can trigger post-traumatic stress symptoms usually associated with war or other violence, psychologists report in the British Journal of Clinical Psychology. The researchers suspect that up to 3 percent of mothers may suffer from fear, anxiety, recurrent nightmares, intrusive thoughts and flashbacks weeks after the birth, especially if the pregnancy was unwanted or the woman feared for her own safety. The symptoms can be severe enough to deter some women from having more children.

### Distance learning

Researchers have come up with a list of 24 benchmarks for measuring the quality of college distance-learning programs, which have become increasingly popular in the Internet age. Many programs do not meet all those standards, according to education analysts. The study, conducted by the Institute for Higher Education Policy here, said distance learning should include, among other things, e-mail or voice-mail interaction

between students and professors; technical training for both; sufficient library resources; and a plan to ensure against computer breakdowns and violations of privacy. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the number of distance-learning courses increased by 72 percent from 1949 to 1997-98 and more than 1.6 million students were enrolled in the courses in 1998.

### Money matters

Not everyone has billions to throw around. Seventeen percent of people responding to a USA Weekend online "Quick Poll" on money management said: "I'm in deep debt. I can't get out." Twenty percent said: "I have ups and downs. It's precarious." Thirty-nine percent said: "If I have debts, I pay up on time." Twenty-three percent exulted: "Cash only. I'm debt-free!"

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Read The Orange County Register's "Family Flicks" column on Page E7-2 to decide if a film is appropriate for your child.

# Remembering the way things were

By Karen Bosack  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** — Lucille Ball will be forever known for her sitcoms. But it was Ketchum resident Janette Barr Johnson who raked up the antics — by accident — when she doubled for the red-haired comedian during a film shoot in Sun Valley.

When producers asked the 1952 Olympic skier to stand in for Lucy on a ice skating skit, she obliged by accidentally slipping and falling on the ice.

"They said it was perfect. But I had a big concussion," said Johnson, who made \$500 a day as Ball's double.

The next day Johnson joined Lucy at the top of Bald Mountain where the filmmaker supposed to grab actor Fernando Lamas and accidentally push him down the mountain. In the process, Johnson said, she "ended up in a heap with a broken femur sticking out of her hip pants."

"I remember my Mom saying, 'Don't worry, it's probably just a bad sprain,'" Johnson recalled.

Johnson was among several long-time Ketchum residents who gathered recently at the Ketchum/Sun Valley Heritage and Ski Museum to swap stories about yesteryear in Sun Valley.

The event was designed to point out that there's more to Sun Valley than Wagon Days, said Sue Barney, office manager for the museum.

In Sun Valley's early days you could hire a carman down Main Street during slack time and not even hit a dog, said Jack Flaherty, who earned \$6 a day working in a bakery when he moved to the Wood



Ketchum resident Janette Barr Johnson remembers breaking her leg while sliding on a double for Lucille Ball in Sun Valley. The famous couple later gave her a color television.

River Valley in 1951. One morning around 2 a.m., Flaherty remembered, he was kneading dough in the bakery across from Sturtevant's on Main Street when he heard an engine outside. There he found one of the townspeople sitting in his car in the middle of Main Street, his head fast asleep on the steering wheel, his foot on the gas pedal, the car sputtered because it was out of gear.

"You couldn't do that today, Slack or no Slack," Flaherty said. Marilyn Walker, who moved to Sun Valley in 1953, recalled treating many of the celebrities who flocked to the resort in its early days. The patients were doctored on the third floor of the Sun Valley Lodge, which served as a hospital ward until Morris Community Hospital was built.

Among the temporary residents of the third floor: actress Marilyn Monroe, who suffered from pneumonia and temperatures reaching 105 degrees the entire time she was filming the movie, "Bus Stop."

"She did a wonderful job on the film, regardless," Walker said.

Jim Harris recalled the year he spent on the Sun Valley Ski Patrol where he made \$3.72 a day plus room and board.

One day, he recalled, he flew down Warm Springs at 50 miles per hour, toboggan in hand, to attend to an accident in The Narrows, a "really narrow site" at the bottom of Warm Springs. Just before he got to the accident victim, he took his own spill and first-aid gear and blankets went flying through the air.

There he was, heading straight for the man who had dislocated his shoulder, Harris recalled. All of a sudden, the man's friends sank their skis in the snow around the injured man and then planted themselves, making a ski-hound fence protecting their friend.

"I slammed into the barrier, stuck my face in through the skis and said, 'Hi,'" Harris recalled with a sheepish grin.

"He said three words: 'Don't touch me!'"

# Making the most of Justin

Justin (not his real name) had dyslexia. In the early days of my teaching no one had heard of such a thing, and it wasn't until years later that a name was given to this problem.

But because he had dyslexia, and I learned a bit about it, it changed the way I taught forever.

When I was growing up there were just three kinds of students — smart, average and below average. There was never a real reason given for any of the categories, only that one had been "born that way." It was automatically assumed that the "smart" students would do well and become tomorrow's leaders, the "average" kids would probably work hard, but have a pretty ordinary life, and the "below-average" kids would either work at low-paying jobs or be "on the dole" as it was called then.

We were tested each year — given a scholastic aptitude test to see how we compared to others our age — and again, these tests put us in categories because it was believed that they really did show our capabilities.

Now of course we all knew people who had been in the average and below average categories who had done well in life, but it was assumed that their success was somewhat accidental, or because they had good luck or because they knew someone. Seldom were they given the total credit for their own achievements. On the other hand the smart kids sometimes didn't do as well as expected, but that was raked up to the fact that they "didn't live up to their potential."

Thus it was when I was in school, when I graduated from college and when I became a teacher. But the first year I taught, my students generally



**AFTER CLASS**  
Gay Peterson

did so well that I believed I had the special-education-to-the-standard category. Although some were better than others, all were passing, most with pretty high grades.

Justin was one of these students. He had been preparing to discuss grasshoppers in Biology as part of the unit on insects. I had given lectures, drawn a large picture of a grasshopper on the board and described all the parts both internal and external. We had gone over everything pretty thoroughly in class, and I had used lots of pictures and discussions to help the students understand.

Everyone had always told me that Justin had a difficult time learning, and that I shouldn't expect too much, but he had consistently earned good grades from me. I could not understand why he was considered below average by the majority of teachers.

"I was working at my desk after class that day when I heard a knock at the door. Justin entered and stood looking at me with his eyes aglow. 'Mrs. Peterson,' he said, excitement causing his teenage voice to quiver a bit. 'Mrs. Peterson, I understand everything in this class.'" I smiled at him. "It's so glad you do, Justin. That makes my day."

He looked down, then back up at me. "Did you know I can read — at

least not well. I couldn't have been more shocked if he had slapped me. "Why not, Justin? How do you know how to read my face or hear it in my voice. "But but — you do so well for me."

"I knew words backwards," Mrs. Peterson. "I always have, but they didn't know I had a couple of years ago. Everyone always just thought I was dumb. They still don't know what to do about it. I've continued. I understand pictures and letters, and that's what I need to run the letters around when I write about a subject. But," he added shyly, "I'm really slow."

"I reassured him that he was doing outstanding work, and I truly meant it. I could not imagine what it would be like to see words as backwards when I read words and letters, and that's what I must take to accomplish all he had accomplished. I was SO PROUD of him, and I told him so. He just glowed."

Justin went on to be very successful in his life. He had overcome obstacles that I would never understand, and I think we could all learn from him. Some of us are fortunate enough to have what are considered "normal" faculties, but when we assume that everyone should be able to learn as easily as we do, we are forgetting that we never live up to our capabilities. Others, like Justin, overcome their problems and achieve far beyond what a test would indicate.

Maybe we all be less critical, more understanding and more helpful.

Given a chance, the Justins of the world may just show us up.

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