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Protesters pour into D.C.

Demonstrators march into arrests

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Anti-globalization protesters swarmed through the heart of the capital late Saturday and came face to face with lines of helmeted police in a tense show of will sparked by animosity toward international lending institutions.

Several hundred people were arrested for parading without a permit and led peacefully to waiting buses. Police pulled the fake red nose off one protester made up as a clown as he filed

into the bus. Riot-ready police made some 50 blocks off-limits around the World Bank headquarters, barring everyone from getting past metal barriers.

Arrests which began early in the day when police raided protesters' headquarters continued into the into the cool, damp night - weather reminiscent of Seattle, scene last December of similar demonstrations against international financial policy.

"About 600 people have been arrested," said Police Chief Charles Ramsey. He said they

would be charged with "parading without a permit and refusal to disperse, among other things." Some might also be charged with blocking traffic, he added.

Ramsey said it would take several hours just to get the protesters, loaded, transported and processed at two locations in the city and that how long they remain in custody would depend, in part, on how cooperative they are.

Those who provide identification

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Police men handle world finance demonstrators near the World Bank in Washington Saturday.

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A search for answers



Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough takes a phone call while touring a site near Bliss, where Tommy Lynn Sells said he buried a body 12 years ago. Gooding County authorities have yet to find a body. Sells has also confessed to killing two people in Twin Falls County, among 61 killings nationwide.

Investigators try to piece together reported killings

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They have no bodies, few leads and a decade gone by.

Local investigators face a stacked deck in trying to confirm the confession of 35-year-old Tommy Lynn Sells, a drifter who said he killed three people in the Magic Valley 12 years ago, two in Twin Falls County, one in Gooding County.

"This is the needle in the haystack," said Staff Sgt. Rob Nejezchleba of the Twin Falls

County Sheriff's Office.

The Texas Rangers brought Sells by private jet to Twin Falls earlier this month, another stop for the man who says he has killed 61 people across the country. About a dozen of those slayings have been confirmed so far, Nejezchleba said.

Local authorities hope to confirm three more, but time is not

on their side.

The best chance to crack a homicide case comes within 48 hours of the killing. As time passes memories fade and evidence changes, said Capt. Clark Rollins, an Idaho State Police detective.

"The longer it goes, the weaker the case,"

- Capt. Clark Rollins, Idaho State Police

the case," said Rollins, whose office is helping the Gooding County investigation.

So far investigators have no bodies and few clues to the victim's identities outside of Sells' confession, which is only the beginning of a homicide investigation.

"He might have admitted it, but who did he kill?" Nejezchleba said. "We have no idea."

All Nejezchleba knows is Sells admitted to killing a woman and her young son in 1988 near the Hansen Bride overlook, before dumping their bodies in the Snake River. Nejezchleba has

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Price of piping TF city leaders, developers will look at irrigation system feasibility

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - As the population in Twin Falls grows, so do water demands.

But since southern Idaho is mostly desert, water conservation is necessary. So a plan by the Twin Falls Water Co. to conserve drinking water by setting up a pressurized irrigation system in the city has piqued interest. But it comes with questions.

City leaders have questioned how much a new, pressurized irrigation system would cost, and if it would be better in the long run than the system the city is working on.

One thing is for sure, though - the cost to lay pipe and develop a

new system can and will be expensive. But the cost of lost drinking water could be even more expensive.

Pricey piping

More than 10 new subdivisions and developments are under construction in Twin Falls. Those developments are required by city ordinance to be hooked up to a city pressurized irrigation system.

The city's pressurized irrigation system, designed about 10 months ago, is supposed to work as follows: The city pays for an irrigation pump, which would pump water from a water lateral to the subdivision.

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Other Idaho cities adopt water systems

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls city leaders don't have to look far to see models of pressurized irrigation systems.

Nampa, Meridian and Caldwell have similar systems in place. Nampa's system, much like the one being proposed by the Twin Falls Water Co., pipes irrigation water to residents, separating irrigation water and drinking water.

There is a key difference, though. Nampa's system is paid

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Clinton reassures public on economy

The Associated Press

President Clinton sought to reassure Americans about the economy Saturday, a day after Wall Street's sharp sell-off wiped out billions of dollars in mutual funds and brokerage accounts,

sprooking American investors who say they're starting to rein in their spending.

It could be the prescription to cool the economy and put curbs on inflation just as something the Federal Reserve has been trying to achieve through interest rate hikes.

Or it could help push the country toward a recession.

"I still think we're going to have a very good year" with modest inflation and strong growth, the president said.

He said the investment climate and markets "will take care of themselves. I think that they'll go up and they'll go down but I think long-term trends are quite positive."

He spoke with reporters briefly after setting aside 388,000 acres of land to protect giant sequoia trees.

"Everybody that invests their money will want to look at what it is likely to look like over the year," the president said. "All I can do is try to keep the economy strong and that's what I'll do."

He said the projected inflation rate for the year "is still quite modest and the projected growth rate for the year is still strong."

"If we stay with our economic policy and the American people's productivity continues to increase, as it is going to, I still think we're going to have a very good year."

Still, Friday's huge drop, the biggest single-day point drop in history for the Dow and Nasdaq, created a few jitters.

"There are a lot of people out there now saying, 'Oops, I don't have as much money today as I did last week,'" said Kathleen Stephansen, senior economist with the investment firm Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. "If they then go on and change how they spend that could really slow this economy down."

The U.S. economy has been expanding for a record 109 consecutive months, and it is showing few signs of leveling off. Fed policy-makers, concerned that too-rapid economic growth could spark inflation, have raised interest rates five times since June, but their efforts have done little to cool the economy.

The economic slowdown they're seeking could be hitting now, thanks to the stock market.

Prices have plunged on Wall Street in recent weeks - losing almost \$2 trillion in value last week alone.



President Bill Clinton

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Central Idaho

High 50 Low 36
Cloudy today and tonight with a chance of rain. Same Monday, but a slightly greater chance of rain, high 50.

Treasure Valley

High 63 Low 44
Cloudy today and tonight with a chance of rain. Same Monday, but rain likely, high 63.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 54 Low 34
Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain showers. The same on Monday with highs in the mid-50s.

Eastern Idaho

High 64 Low 41
Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon rain showers. Westerly winds 10-15 mph. Mostly cloudy on Monday.

Northern Idaho

High 58 Low 44
Mostly cloudy, with scattered rain showers. Westerly winds 10 mph. Partly cloudy on Monday with a slight chance of showers.

Northern Utah

High 65 Low 37
Partly cloudy and warmer than Monday with highs near 70.

Northern Nevada

High 61 Low 42
Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Same tonight.

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 61 Low 40 Cloudy with chance of rain. Same tonight.	High 61 Low 40 Cloudy with good chance of rain.	High 60s Low 40s A chance of showers and thunderstorms.	High 60s Low 40s Partly cloudy.	High 60s Low 40s A chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Idaho weather

Sunday, April 16
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

U-V INDEX: 6 (moderate)
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National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for North America, Sunday, April 16

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Yesterday's Weather

Yesterday	High	Low	Precipitation
61	47	32	0.00
Last year	62	32	0.00
Normal	66	35	0.00

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High
Boise	63	41	.03	degrees at Payette
Meridian	66	39	.07	degrees at 19,000 ft
Coeur d'Alene	52	32	1.12	Stevley
Grangeville	m	m	m	National 20, low, ash, 19 at
Hagerman	m	m	m	Garlow, N.D., 19
Idaho Falls	59	37	.25	National 20, low, ash, 19
Lewiston	53	47	.21	at 19,000 ft
Malta	m	m	m	Garlow, N.D., 19
McCall	53	33	.05	National 20, low, ash, 19
Pocatello	61	37	.01	National 20, low, ash, 19
Salmon	61	36	0.00	National 20, low, ash, 19
Stanley	47	19	0.00	National 20, low, ash, 19
Sun Valley	m	m	m	National 20, low, ash, 19

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Rain poured onto the central Atlantic Coast on Saturday while unusually cold air spread across the north-central states. Showers and locally heavy rainfall fell from North Carolina to New Jersey around the middle of the day, moving steadily toward the northeast. The storm system developed over eastern North Carolina, where a tornado warning was issued for part of the early afternoon and 1.88 inches of rain fell at New Ben. By late afternoon, light showers had reached southern New England. A few light showers also were scattered over sections of the Carolinas and Virginia. Farther south, isolated thunderstorms developed over parts of Florida during the afternoon, and a severe thunderstorm warning was posted for the east-central part of the state. Cold air flowed southward across the area stretching from the northern Rockies to the western Great Lakes, producing afternoon temperatures only in the 20s and 30s in much of the northern Plains. Rapid City, S.D., had a mid-afternoon reading of only 21 degrees.

—The Associated Press

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	66	49	0.00
Anchorage	70	48	0.00
Atlanta	60	49	0.12
Boston	70	44	0.00
Buffalo	72	52	0.00
Dallas	77	57	0.00
Denver	73	50	0.00
Des Moines	68	49	0.00
Detroit	68	50	0.00
Honolulu	81	70	0.00
Houston	79	57	0.00
Indianapolis	71	50	0.00
Jacksonville	61	50	0.00
Las Vegas	76	53	0.00
Los Angeles	67	55	0.00
Memphis	77	53	0.01
Miami	85	71	0.02
Milwaukee	60	53	0.00
Minneapolis	69	49	0.00
New Orleans	76	58	0.01
New York	75	58	0.04
Oklahoma City	70	57	0.00
Oklahoma City	70	57	0.00
Omaha	66	59	0.03
Phoenix	78	61	0.00
Pittsburgh	77	51	0.00
Portland, Me.	71	42	0.00
Reno, Nev.	59	43	0.00
Phoenix	78	55	0.00
San Diego	73	56	0.00
San Francisco	63	46	0.00
Seattle	62	47	1.20
Spokane	62	51	0.00
Washington	79	57	0.00

Canadian Cities

City	High	Low
Calgary	14	0
Montreal	69	50
Ottawa	56	40
Vancouver	56	35

Water

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A pump's cost ranges from several thousand dollars to tens of thousands of dollars, depending upon its size.

The subdivision developer must then run irrigation lines into the development.

The cost for a developer to lay irrigation pipe is between \$6 and \$8 per foot.

Each lot will be charged a fixed rate to use the pressurized system, whether the homeowner uses the system or not.

Most likely it will be a monthly rate based on lot size, though the rates have not been determined yet, Twin Falls City Engineer Gary Young said.

The developer's cost to lay down irrigation lines varies with the development's size.

It will cost an estimated \$20,810 to set up irrigation lines in the 34-lot Arrowood subdivision off Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, an engineer's cost estimate says.

Developers of the Canyon Trails West subdivision on the other side of town are looking at a cost of about \$53,000 to set up an irrigation system for 51 lots, an engineer's cost estimate says.

That's about \$1,000 per lot for each subdivision.

Pressurized irrigation water could be supplied to all of Twin Falls in the next 20 or 30 years, or perhaps longer, city engineers have estimated.

Pumping money

The cost to set up a new city-

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That breaks down to \$35 million for the irrigation system, a about \$5 million for a storm water retention system and about \$10 million for a recharge system.

Tom Mikeseil, a former city councilman and water company representative, said those figures were taken from estimates from J-U-B Engineers.

The estimates were done over the last few years and have likely increased with inflation. But Mikeseil didn't know the extent of the inflation.

Bill Block, regional manager for J-U-B, also did not have an updated estimate. "It would be premature for me to say," Block said.

Consumer costs

But water company heads and city staff don't have to look far to see how much a system could cost.

In Caldwell, the Caldwell Lateral Irrigation District plans to spend at least \$5 million to convert its gravity-flow irrigation

system to pressurized irrigation.

User rates will double with the crossover, district engineers said.

But Caldwell Irrigation is not dealing with the amount of space on the Twin Falls Water Co. "Caldwell Irrigation is looking to hook up a portion of Caldwell, about 900 acres.

The Twin Falls Water Co. wants to hook up the whole city at least several thousand acres. That's a larger undertaking, but it would carry with it some economies of scale, developers say.

"Our plan is to design it and then construct it and we would put the pipe in," said Jack Straubhar, a company investor and hydroelectric engineer.

Straubhar said the water company would run a water line to a homeowner or business property line.

"What they do from there on is their concern," Straubhar said.

Residents already hooked up to the city's irrigation system would likely not have to worry about hooking up to the water company's line.

It could be a different story for people not hooked up to the city system.

Irrigation pipes vary in price. But residents could use smaller pipes than the \$6- to \$8-per-foot pipe developers would use. Most likely, residents would pay about \$2 to \$3 per foot for irrigation pipe on their property.

Then come the user fees, which have not yet been calculated.

"We would install the system and recover our money by user fees," Straubhar said.

Those fees would most likely be based on lot size, and would be separate from the city's drinking water rate, a monthly rate based on gallons used, Straubhar said.

Mikeseil, with a lawn of about a quarter of an acre, paid a water bill last year of about \$185. His company hasn't set up a fee for

multiple use, but he expects a rate based on lot size would be cheaper than a rate based on gallons used.

"It's not affordable then we would have to do it," Mikeseil said.

What's next?

Water company representatives and city leaders will meet soon to discuss the proposed project and a possible feasibility study.

"I think we'll get it done and we'll get it done a heck of a lot quicker," Straubhar said. "It's not uncommon to privatize a system. It's basically a city and private partnership. There are rules and ordinances that would make it work."

Mikeseil said the water company and city leaders would have to reach an agreement before a feasibility study will be done.

"We're willing to pay for a feasibility study if (city officials) are willing to give us the job," Mikeseil said.

But the problem is, nobody seems to know exactly what it will cost to set up a new irrigation system, and connect city residents to the system.

"And to make the system work, the water company needs at least 12,000 customers on the system to make it profitable. The city has about 12,000 water accounts now."

A feasibility study is a crucial step, Block said.

"We've recommended that the next step and process they need to go through is to have a master plan and feasibility study completed," Block said. "We would develop a master plan of the system. That would help us determine where the demand for water would be and when that demand would occur."

Systems

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lily owned and city-operated, said Paul Raymond, Nampa's public works director. The Twin Falls Water Co. is a private, for-profit company that would lease water shares from the city of Twin Falls for its irrigation purposes. Tom Mikeseil of the water company said he did not know of any other private for-profit companies running a city pressurized irrigation system.

In Nampa, the system appears to be working, Raymond said.

"This certainly has some advantages. It's more efficient and it seems to be that it's a little cheaper to have them separated," Raymond said.

Each resident is charged an annual rate, based on acreage. That charge is separate from the bimonthly water rate charged to residents, Raymond said.

"My lot is about a quarter of an acre and I pay \$75 a year," Raymond said.

The Twin Falls Water Co. has not determined possible rates, and whether they would be charged monthly or annually.

Raymond said pressurized irrigation systems are starting to catch on, and are usually worth the time and money in the long run.

"It's not a real common practice but it seems to be a pretty popular thing. It saves water and it's more convenient," Raymond said.

Rex Barrie, manager of the Caldwell Lateral Irrigation District, said Caldwell Irrigation is converting from gravity-flow irrigation to pressurized irrigation. That will cover part of the town.

Caldwell Irrigation has budgeted about \$5.5 million for the con-

version. That number includes the cost of about 120 feet of pipe, to do sidewalk, curb and alley restoration, and put in three pump stations.

Before the conversion, Barrie said, the 2000 year water use per acre was \$36.25 per year per 3,000 square feet.

With pressurized irrigation, that rate will increase to \$73.50 per year per 3,000 square feet.

Users will get improved access to water, though.

"With the gravity system, the user could only use water irrigation water one day per week. We did not have enough water allocated to us to allow for everybody to use. Now they can use irrigation water seven days a week," Barrie said.

Caldwell Irrigation provides irrigation water to about 900 acres of city property, including parks, the city's golf course, four schools and several hundred residents.

"It isn't the only irrigation district supplying water for Caldwell. Three other irrigation districts — including the oldest, Pioneer Irrigation District — supply irrigation water, mostly to the agricultural parts of Caldwell."

Mikeseil said his company is looking to service all of Twin Falls, except for a few hundred users in the downtown core.

"The city's water department has about 12,000 water users accounts, including residents and businesses. The water company would want to service close to this many customers."

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Killings

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In the meantime, authorities are checking with Canadian authorities for a possible identification.

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NATION

FREEZE ON FUN?

Recreationists take sides on Clinton's roadless proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adena Cook says there's nothing like the thrill of revving her snowmobile past 20 mph, whizzing up a steep hill and glimpsing a herd of deer as the scent of pine trees breezes by.



Adena Cook of Idaho Falls enjoys an outing near Alpine, Wyo. She's afraid President Clinton's roadless plan will bump her from her favorite winter mountain in the Targhee National Forest.

"It gives you a feeling for the land you just can't get any other way," says Cook of Idaho Falls. "When you can go through fresh powder, it's like lying."

But Cook has a nasty feeling the clock is ticking on her fun. Her favorite cruising zone is a roadless area in the Targhee National Forest.

She and some motorcycle buffs, horseback riders and all-terrain vehicle users fear President Clinton's initiative to ban development in roadless areas of national forests will keep them from pursuing their passions in the woods.

Environmentalists and some non-motorized recreationists hope the president's initiative — a rule-making process announced last fall — will do exactly that. They are people like Mary Margaret Sloan, president of the American Hiking Society in Silver Spring, Md., who relishes few things more than a quiet walk in the woods. "We actually are advocating that these (roadless forests) be closed to all-terrain vehicles," she said.

Kim Hedberg of Boulder, Colo., executive director of the Backcountry Skiers Alliance, couldn't agree more.

She contends that all-terrain vehicles are noisy, degrade the environment, harm wildlife and even endanger other people in forests. "I would not be unhappy if the roadless initiative limited snowmobile access to certain areas," Hedberg said.

But outdoor enthusiasts of the two-legged and motorized kind may have to continue co-existing in the deep woods for sometime to come.

The proposed regulation that could ban development in more than 50 million acres of roadless forests is still a month away, but limits on all-terrain vehicles seem unlikely.

The Forest Service is analyzing rational prohibitions in roadless areas, such as road construction, while other issues — including off-road vehicle use — will likely be addressed through local forest planning, said Chris Wood, a top aide to Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck.

"Roadless area conservation need not affect recreational access to public lands," he said. "The Forest Service will not pit one important public value, recreational access, against an equally important public value, protecting roadless areas."

However, local forest supervisors have authority to amend local forest plans to restrict motorized vehicles in sensitive areas, and they won't be losing that authority any time soon.

"Despite Forest Service assurances, Republicans on Capitol Hill say the national roadless initiative could include a crackdown on recreation.

They point out that environmentalists have been pressing administration officials to restrict off-road vehicles as part of the initiative, and that such activities seem to carry clout with the

administration. They also say recreation groups have been increasingly complaining about road closures and other actions in forests that seem to be giving the administration a track record of restricting recreational access.

"To me there's no question about it, that this will be an outcome of these processes — that there will be a reduction in access," said Doug Crandall, chief of staff for the forests and forest health subcommittee of the House Resources Committee.

Carla Boucher, an attorney for

the United Four Wheel Drive Associations in Chesapeake, Va., told the subcommittee earlier this month that a host of Forest Service efforts — proposed planning regulations, a proposed transportation policy and the roadless initiative, among others — spell trouble for members of her group.

Cook, public land director of BlueRibbon Coalition in Pocatello, a recreation industry group, said the combined efforts seem to say "that human intervention in natural process is always negative."

Clinton protects sequoias

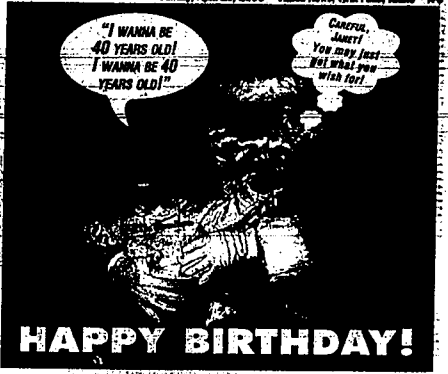
SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST, Calif. (AP) — Dwarfed by towering trees that are among the oldest and largest living things on earth, President Clinton set aside 328,000 acres of federal forests Saturday to permanently preserve 34 groves of giant sequoia.

"These giant sequoias clearly are the work of the ages," the president said. "They grow taller than the Statue of Liberty, broader than a bus."

In a decision praised by environmentalists but scorned by loggers and others as a federal land grab, Clinton ordered the formation of a national monument that will halt commercial timber sales, mining and some recreational activities.

Motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles will be allowed only on regular roads while snowmobiles will be restricted to well-traveled areas. Hiking, horseback riding and other recreational activities will be permitted. "This is not about locking lands up," Clinton said. "It is about freeing them up for all Americans for all times."

For a lame-duck president seeking an environmental legacy, the declaration gave Clinton perhaps the best conservation record in the lower 48 states since Theodore Roosevelt, who created the national park system. Clinton already had carved out 2.8 million acres as federal monuments in Utah, Arizona and California.



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Debbie Stewart, 42, describes the skateboarding adventures of her son Raymond, 4, Wednesday at the St. Vincent de Paul homeless shelter in San Diego. She has six children, the oldest age 14.

Homeless in paradise

With winter shelters closing, homeless see uncertain future

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Each spring, San Diego, like other communities around the country, closes some of its wintertime homeless shelters and turns hundreds of people out onto the streets. This year, though, the homeless may have a harder time than ever finding a place to live. And more mothers, fathers and children will be among those turned out. Paradoxically, the economic boom in San Diego has made many poor families worse off. Prosperity is driving up demand for housing and pushing rents to record levels. On Saturday, San Diego closed two of its three winter shelters, forcing out about 150 veterans and 200 single adults. The city last week granted a one-month reprieve for the third shelter, which houses families — some 200 people in all, 140 of them children. Among them is Debbie Stewart, who holds out hope she will find housing for her and her six children, ages 4 to 14, by the May 15 closing of the St. Vincent de Paul Village shelter. But, she says, "it's

not that easy." The West's hot technology market has helped drop San Diego's unemployment rate to just 2.6 percent. But for someone with no high-tech skills, or with no ability to read, there is little opportunity. At the St. Vincent de Paul Village shelter, an average of more than 300 men, women and children — twice the number last year — sought refuge each night. "That's a huge increase," says the Rev. Joe Carroll. "Five or 10 percent you can understand. But doubling? There's tremendous growth in the number of families on the streets all over America, and particularly in San Diego." Observers blame a combination of factors: welfare reform, which has cut benefits and pushed people into jobs that pay little; a change in skills needed for new jobs; and rising rents in a tight housing market. Nationally, a record number of low-income families — 5.4 million — need help because of a striking supply of affordable housing, the Department of Housing and Urban Development said in a

March report to Congress. Between 1991 and 1997, rental units affordable to families with incomes in the bottom 30 percent for their area shrank by 5 percent. Housing shortages were most severe in the West, the report said. Stewart had rented a five-bedroom home south of San Diego for \$450 a month. When she was earning \$10 an hour as a landscaper, that was easily affordable. But when the landscaping company shut down suddenly in December, the 42-year-old single mother was out of work. Then in February, a lawsuit against her landlords forced the home onto the market, and she was evicted. The children's father, a delivery truck driver, gave financial help but couldn't offer any room in his mother's home. With her own sisters and mother crowded into small homes; themselves, Stewart sought refuge for her family at the city-funded shelter. "It's kind of hard to find people who will rent to six kids and a mother on welfare," she says.

IRS audits target working poor

Low-income taxpayers last year faced Internal Revenue Service audits at a higher rate than high-income filers for the first time in recent history, raising troubling questions of fairness and sparking new concern that IRS reforms might have gone too far. Figures released Friday by the Transactional Access to Consumer Clearinghouse, a nonpartisan data research organization at Syracuse University, showed a reversal of a longtime trend that once had wealthy taxpayers audited at more than 10 times the rate of the working poor. "It's outrageous. It's almost as if the IRS has nothing better to do than hassle the working poor," said law professor Edward J. McElffery, executive director of the University of Southern California Tax Institute. A Treasury Department spokesman said the IRS is not unfairly targeting low-income taxpayers and that the majority of the agency's time and resources is spent reviewing returns of higher-income filers. IRS officials say they have been following the directives of Congress, which has ordered the agency to crack down on abuse of a popular low-income tax break, the earned income tax credit. The earned income credit is refundable, which means low-income taxpayers can get money back from the government even if they paid little or no taxes during the year. More than 70 percent of the low-income audits were related to misuse of this credit, designed to help the working poor climb out of poverty. Eligibility for the credit is based on a complicated formula that includes income, marital status and number of children, if any. At the same time, lawmakers demanded massive reforms that have hobbled the IRS' ability to audit the more complicated returns of the well-off. "The fact is, it's easier to beat up on the little guy who can't pay somebody like me \$250 an hour to represent him," said Ernest Howard, a certified public accountant and chairman of the California Society of CPAs. Hollywood actor Steve Buscemi's brother. "The IRS is going after the little guy because it's easier to get him to cave in."

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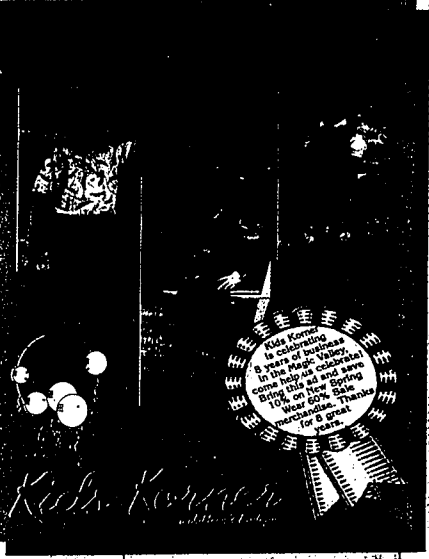
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1990	2.85	1.87
1991	2.27	1.28
1992	1.66	0.90
1993	1.15	0.90

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The bulk of the IRS audits are not grueling face-to-face confrontations, but semiautomated "service center" reviews that on average take only an hour of an auditor's time and resulted in the assessment of \$2.085 in additional

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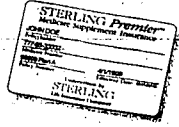


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Life on base appears good for women

Female cadets adjust well at Virginia Military Institute

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — Erin Claunch is proof that women can do what men can do — sometimes even better. Three years after she and a handful of other women broke gender barriers at Virginia Military Institute, Claunch has risen to battalion commander — the second-highest student military post.

"I just wanted to blend in and be a good cadet," said Claunch, who will lead half of the 200-member cadet corps during her senior year this fall.

The assimilation of women, who first enrolled at VMI in 1997 after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the school's all-male policy unconstitutional, appears to be going smoothly. Last month, a federal judge said he's inclined to close the 10-year-old case that forced VMI to admit women.

On her way up the ranks, the 5-foot-4, 125-pound Claunch even outperformed men on the school's stringent physical fitness requirements.

"Not a day goes by that you don't read something about how there should be changes in certain standards for men and women," VMI Superintendent Josiah Bunting III said. "But this young woman and the others in her class said, 'Judge us as cadets and recognize us if we achieve on your system.' And she has."



Erin Claunch, a Virginia Military Institute cadet, has risen to the ranks of battalion commander, the second-highest student military rank at the school.

Under an agreement between VMI and the U.S. Justice Department, the school would file more extensive reports on its

transition to coeducation through May 2001, after which U.S. District Judge Jackson Kiser would dismiss the case.

Today, there are 53 women among the 1,200 cadets at VMI, less than 5 percent of the student body. All four of the school's classes will be co-educational for the first time this fall. Ebony McElroy, of San Diego, Calif., who entered VMI with Claunch, said she was surprised a woman climbed the ranks so quickly. But she wasn't surprised it was Claunch.

"She's an all-around nice person, who's not opposed to helping out if anybody needs it," McElroy said.

There have been a few problems, including instances in which male and female cadets were caught in compromising situations. And in 1997, VMI's highest ranking cadet, Jerry B. Webb II of Casper, Wyo., was expelled after being accused of demanding sex from three female cadets.

Claunch said she's never experienced sexual harassment or discrimination, but admits rumors of the torturous first year at VMI made her nervous.

VMI freshmen endure a harsh system of discipline to test their physical, mental and emotional limits. Every year, several freshmen improve their performance on physical fitness tests by organizing early morning workout groups.

"It was hard, but I was motivated the entire time because I knew it would be over soon," Claunch said.

Claunch plans to use her new leadership post to help women improve their performance on physical fitness tests by organizing early morning workout groups.

Opposition from lawmakers creates battle for S.C. flag

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A proposal that would remove the Confederate flag from South Carolina's statehouse dome faces an uphill battle in the state House, where most black lawmakers say they will vote against the bill.

At least 24 of the 26 black members of the House feel that the bill passed by the Senate on Thursday doesn't go far enough, said House Minority Leader Gilda Cobb-Stanter.

The bill would take the flag off the dome and out of the House and Senate chambers, but place a similar flag behind the Confederate Soldier Monument on the Statehouse grounds. "It left a bad taste, and our job is to take that away so it's more acceptable to people like me," said Cobb-Stanter, who is black.

"We've been very clear with the Senate side that we were not

going to support a flag on Main Street," said Rep. John L. Scott Jr., a former chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus, referring to the Confederate monument's location where Main Street runs into the Statehouse complex. The flag debate had long focused on the Democratic-controlled Senate, where all seven black senators supported the bill that passed 36-7.

The House is controlled by Republicans, 64 to the Democrats' 59, with one vacancy. A number of the Republicans oppose removal of the flag. But House Republicans and black lawmakers joined to pass a bill creating a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The vote was 82-35, with the majority including 30 Republicans.

Many black lawmakers say that coalition appears unlikely on the flag bill.

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Science teacher donates kidney to student

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Fifteen-year-old Michael Carter had a new kidney Saturday, thanks not to a close relative but to his science teacher.

Carter and Jane Smith, a teacher at R. Max Abbott Middle School in Fayetteville, were both in fair condition Saturday, said officials at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, where the transplant took place Friday.

Michael had one kidney that failed to grow and another that functioned only minimally. A woman of Michael's relatives and friends were tested as potential kidney donors but were rejected. Then last August, Ms. Smith told Carter to pull up his baggy jeans at recess. He explained that his loose-fitting pants were more comfortable because he was

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undergoing dialysis and was waiting for a kidney transplant. "I looked at him and said 'I've got two, do you want one?'" Ms. Smith said later. "He said 'What's your blood type?'"

'Ride for justice' departs for Coca-Cola meeting

ATLANTA — With a nod to the civil rights activists before them, a busload of demonstrators left Saturday for a five-day journey to draw attention to their struggle with Coca-Cola, which they accuse of racial bias.

The trip, called "the ride for justice," will have its first stop

today in Greensboro, N.C., the scene of lunch counter sit-in demonstrations 40 years ago.

The trip ends Wednesday in Wilmington, Del., where the group will attend Coke's annual shareholders meeting. They hope to press the beverage maker to settle a racial discrimination lawsuit filed by eight current and former employees.

Ohio woman insists: 'I think I'm alive,' agency said dead

DAYTON, Ohio — Annamary Bierley thought it odd when Medicare refused to pay for her visit to the doctor in January. Then she found out why: the Social Security Administration thought she was dead.

Bierley, a retired art professor

and painter, found out last week that the agency listed her as having died last Halloween. "I've made a lot of art since Oct. 31," she said. "I renovated my kitchen. I taught four courses winter quarter. I think I'm alive."

Bierley immediately went to the Social Security office in Springfield.

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World finance leaders seek a calm unity

WASHINGTON (AP) - The world's leading financial officials, hoping to calm jittery investors, projected an air of unity and cooperation Saturday in the face of throngs of anti-globalization protesters and one of the worst weeks in Wall Street history.

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan held closed-door talks with America's rich allies to review financial conditions in their respective countries and compare ideas on ways to reform the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Officials said Summers' main message was that the fundamentals of the U.S. economy remain strong despite a week which saw nearly \$2 trillion in wealth evaporate on Wall Street.

The finance discussions were being held under extraordinarily tight security as local police and federal authorities closed dozens of city streets to keep demonstrators blocks away from the Group of Seven finance meetings and the headquarters of the IMF and World Bank.

The protesters, operating under the umbrella group Mobilization for Global Justice, have vowed to disrupt the opening sessions of the IMF and World Bank today in a replay of their victory last December when mass protests in



A world finance protester talks to a Washington police officer outside the protesters' convergence center Saturday. Police staged a lightning raid and closed the headquarters of world finance protesters Saturday, declaring the old warehouse unsafe and saying they found a container that could have been used for a firebomb.

Seattle resulted in the cancellation of the opening session of the World Trade Organization. Finance officials from the Group of Seven countries were

working on a joint communique that they hoped would reassure nervous investors that the world's richest countries planned to cooperate closely on economic

matters and currency exchange rates last signs of discord further roll financial markets when they open again on Monday. A draft of the final G-7 joint

statement expressed optimism that prospects for the global economy continued to brighten and noted that Japanese authorities had pledged to keep interest rates low as long as needed to boost domestic demand. Dow Jones reported. A Treasury statement said Summers and Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa had agreed to cooperate closely to ensure "constructive and fruitful" discussions.

The world's two largest economies have frequently been at odds in recent years with the United States expressing displeasure at the widening trade gap between the two nations and Japan's inability so far to mount a sustained economic recovery.

Summers and Greenspan held a series of discussions with finance officials from several countries in Summers' office before the start of the afternoon G-7 talks, being held at the Blair House, the government's official guest house across the street from the White House. Miyazawa told reporters that Summers told the Japanese delegation that the plunge in American stock prices had not altered the strong fundamentals of the U.S. economy, which is currently enjoying the lowest unemployment rates in three decades and is in the midst of the longest economic expansion in the country's history.

Protesters hold vigil for Elian

MIAMI (AP) - Demonstrators chanted and prayed outside the home where Elian Gonzalez has been living with his Miami relatives, and fretted that the little boy might be spending his first weekend in Little Havana.

More than 250 people kept their vigil on a hot, muggy Saturday with many waving American flags. In the afternoon the crowd began chanting that the boy's father is a coward and a traitor, and that he should return to Cuba without his son.

The 45-month custody struggle was in the hands of the federal appeals court in Atlanta, which issued a temporary injunction Thursday blocking Elian from leaving the country. The Justice Department also agreed that day to hold off on reunifying Elian with his father for a few days.

The government wants the appeals court to suspend the injunction and order the 6-year-old's great-uncle to hand him over. The relatives want the court to let them meet with Elian's father, Junn Miguel Gonzalez, without being required to let Elian go.

French ambassador's legacy: Best nap places

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The United Nations is known for its marathon talks that can put even the most seasoned diplomats to sleep. Now there's hope for an antidote.

Former French Ambassador Alain Dejammet has done a service to all his colleagues by writing a 14-page, tongue-in-cheek guide to the best places at U.N. headquarters to escape the boredom and catch a catnap.

"Sleeping at the United Nations," a pocket-sized guide in French with a little kitty on the

cover, was one of Dejammet's parting gifts before leaving the post in March for a new assignment. In the book, the dis-witted ambassador ranks 12 lounges, consultation rooms and sitting areas around the U.N. complex on a scale of 1-20 for their comfort, light, calmness and frequency of use.

Dejammet then gives an overall ranking, ranging from "ill-advised," (known by its symbol of !!!) to "exceptional" (which gets a ranking).

"Impression of being in an abandoned monastery, in spite of

the snores." Dejammet wrote of the periodical room at the U.N. library, which got three stars very agreeable. The conference room of the European Union liaison office got high marks for comfort: "Abundance of coffee and delicious little cakes." But it lost points for calmness. "Even without meetings, a nap can be interrupted at any moment by the sudden arrival of an Eurocrat demanding details of the French position concerning the promotion of rights of young girls in crises affecting landlocked countries,"

he explained. The U.N. Meditation Room, which sits across the street from U.N. headquarters, got the worst score. Its blue Chagall windows evoke a "draculesque crypt," while the squeaking sneakers of tourists allow for little meditation, he wrote. Only the French office at the United Nations, which is used for private consultations, earned four stars and the unflinching praise of Dejammet who evoked a Matisse masterpiece in saying it was where everything was "luxe, calme et volupte."

Clinton announces new grants to prevent youth violence

WASHINGTON (AP) - Marking the first anniversary of the shooting deaths at Columbine High School, President Clinton announced \$120 million in new federal grants Saturday to place more police officers in schools and help even the youngest kids cope with their problems.

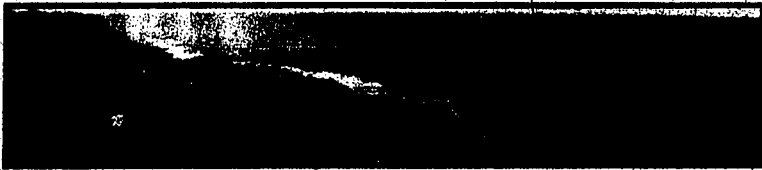
"In our national struggle against youth violence we must not fail our children; our future depends on it," the president said in his weekly radio address.

Clinton announced that he and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will host a White House Conference on Teen-agers on May 2. Parents, teens, teachers, youth workers and others will discuss research that indicates the pre-teen years set patterns for behavior and success in adulthood. Other subjects will include the risks, challenges and anxieties faced by young people today and what can be done to avoid dangerous or risky behavior. "We

need to talk about safety and security in every house in America," Clinton said.

Republican critics said the federal government is a clumsy middleman in trying to cope with problems that should be addressed locally. They cast doubt on whether the teen conference would accomplish anything, accused Clinton of ignoring media violence, and said he should support stiff jail sentences for anyone carrying a firearm in a violent or drug-related crime. Clinton announced \$40 million in grants for 23 school districts that he said have found successful, comprehensive approaches to help troubled young people. "These districts are bringing school nurses and counselors together to respond to warning signs like depression or bullying," Clinton said. "They are improving classroom security and expanding after-school and mentoring programs."

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This year's budget fight: Some hype is true

Lawmakers focus on spending bills
By Alan Fram
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the annual budget fight, Congress' budget left a message by the authors and fiscal policymakers: The budget for the fiscal year 2001 that will be passed by the House and the Senate is not a budget of zeros. Sometimes, some of the predictions even come true.

The battle over the \$1.83 trillion budget for fiscal 2001 that Congress passed last week is no exception. With lawmakers ready to start focusing on spending and tax bills that should prompt contentions with President Clinton, here is a guide to some of the key claims.

Unlikely to happen: A big, significant reduction in the \$36 trillion publicly held national debt. The budget has no provision for Social Security, neither party wants to spend the program's huge surplus. Add two more priorities: Debt reduction is popular with the public, and law-

makers have found non-Social Security surpluses adequate to pay for the tax cuts or extra spending they want. The result: The \$1 trillion In Social Security surpluses projected for the next five years, starting with \$161 billion in 2001, could well end up going to debt reduction.

Unlikely to happen: Social Security and Medicare will be "saved." Neither party has proposed cutting either program's benefits or raising taxes so they can afford the retirement of the baby boom generation. Using Social Security surpluses for debt reduction can help indirectly by lowering interest rates, strengthening the economy and making it easier for the government to raise revenue. But worried about voter retaliation, lawmakers will duck tough choices in either program this year. They might even do the opposite and create prescription drug benefits under Medicare, making that program even costlier.

Likely: Plenty of political

posturing with an eye to the November elections. To draw contrasts, Republicans will doubtless send Clinton tax-cut bills to the Senate. They will also accuse Republicans of skimping on education, even though the GOP proposed spending more than this year in a doubling of Thursday's House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said the GOP budget would "threaten our record property tax underpinning the values of middle-class families." Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said Democrats "want to spend all your money" and have "no real programs that you ever heard of."

Not likely: Any dramatic changes in federal tax or spending policy, despite the doomsday predictions each side uses for the other's budget plans. With divided government, neither party's fiscal vision can completely trump the other's. That means that of the tax cuts Republicans want and the spending increases Democrats prefer,

only portions are likely to become law.

Likely: More spending this election-year for defense, schools, farmers and medical research; some of the priorities both parties agree on and are sure to show up on their constituents' minds.

Unlikely: Lawmakers will deliver on their promise to hold spending on many domestic programs at \$289 billion. Republicans say that would be \$7 billion more — 2.5 percent — than this year. But in recent years, Congress has usually boosted spending by twice that amount. And Democrats say Republicans are using accounting gimmicks and are actually cutting spending by \$6.5 billion from this year. Either way, Republicans will be hard-pressed to meet their spending goal.

Likely: The budget will be balanced in fiscal 2001 for what would be the fourth consecutive year, the first time that has happened since 1927 to 1930, when

Babe Ruth was playing for the Yankees. Right now, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projects that if lawmakers do nothing, there will be a \$381 billion surplus next year, with all but \$15 billion coming from Social Security. Even with the tax and spending changes legislators want, most of that black ink is likely to remain.

Unlikely: Budget peace. Though incremental changes in tax and spending policy are likely by year's end, that will not be a signal of political compromise. Rather, it will underline a tacit agreement between the two parties that their disputes over taxes and spending should be taken to the voters, who will decide who will control the White House and Congress next year.

Cancer strikes Rupert Murdoch

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Media baron Rupert Murdoch has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is to receive several weeks of radiation treatment.

A News Corporation spokesman said that Murdoch, chairman of the News Corporation learned last week that he has prostate cancer after undergoing routine medical tests in Los Angeles.

The spokesman said doctors told Murdoch the prognosis for halting the cancer is very good. The Australian native does not plan to change his work schedule during the radiation therapy.

News Corporation is a worldwide communications company whose holdings in the United States include the Fox television network, the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Post.

Protest

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tion will be fine \$50, Ramsey said. Those who don't will be fined \$300.

"We have a right to be here and we also have a right to protest and we also have a right to walk away," said protester Larry Holmes, complaining that police had penned demonstrators in a barricaded area to arrest them.

Protesters complained that there was no warning before arrests began, but Ramsey said they were warned to get back on sidewalks when they began to turn into the street.

"Maybe you didn't hear it with the people, but we did give you warnings," Ramsey told reporters.

"No matter how many of us are arrested today, we are resolved to carry our message to the streets tomorrow," said Alyse Smith of the Mobilization for Global Justice, the key organizer of the weekend demonstrations.

Protesters, pouring in by the thousand all day for demonstrations meant to mark Sunday and Monday, took over an abandoned row house in a poor part of the city as neighbors shouted at police to do something, and another group stripped down to their underwear in an anti-war demonstration in trendy Georgetown.

But the largest group of protesters congregated as close as they could get to the World Bank at its site, leading institution of the International Monetary Fund, until that police had shut down their protest headquarters early in the day declaring it to be a danger zone.

Protesters still holding their breakfast plates streamed out of their headquarters, an old warehouse where they were making signs, banners and puppets, and drifted 10 blocks away to another singing center.

There, they practiced hymns, sang theater and passive resistance songs.

"This was a dramatic day," said Molly McCarty, 27, of Seattle, a protest organizer.

"We looked at food, and said,

cooking supplies, and we've got thousands of people to feed," said another organizer, Antonia Jahasz, 29, of Washington. "With one of the highest homicide rates in the country, D.C.'s finest are guarding our dangerous puppets."

But as they moved through the first headquarters, authorities also found a plastic container with a rag stuffed inside to serve as a wick, said Terry Gainer, executive assistant police chief.

He said it "looks like a Molotov cocktail." Police also found soda bottles with the tops or bottoms cut off, Gainer said.

Protest leaders said police had merely come across an supplies. "They found a plastic bottle that had rags in it that were being used to get paint off of people's hands," said Adam Edinger, 26, of Washington.

Several blocks after the raid, and well before the mass arrests at nightfall — Ramsey said police did not intend "to violate anyone's First Amendment rights" and allowed some protesters to retrieve the puppets.

In a light rain, with police sirens sounding almost constantly downtown, tourists who normally stroll to the gates of the White House to snap pictures were held behind barriers across the street.

In a poor section of northwest Washington, more than 100 protesters gathered by an abandoned row house and a few went on the roof and chained themselves there, holding signs saying, "Stop the evictions," and "Housing for all."

Bush's call results in a big tax break

The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN, Texas — George W. Bush's call last year to help beleaguered independent oil producers resulted in a \$1 million tax break for the company of former Bush business partner Richard Rainwater, according to state records.

Pioneer Natural Resources Co., based in Irving, Texas, was the biggest beneficiary of the tax cut, which Bush expedited with an emergency declaration because of low oil prices.

Bush urged the Legislature to take action to "help small producers" because of "desperate conditions" in the oil patch.

According to state tax records, Pioneer reaped a \$1 million savings in severance taxes, the most of any company that got relief.

Rainwater engineered a 1997 merger that created the company and is its largest single individual stockholder.

A Bush spokesman said the governor and Rainwater never discussed the tax relief effort, but critics said the transaction illustrates how supporters and business partners have benefited under Bush's tenure in Texas.

"It's a practice we see throughout this administration," said Tom Smith of Public Citizen, a non-profit consumer watchdog group. "We have to ask whether or not this is another opportunity for Bush to benefit his business buddies."



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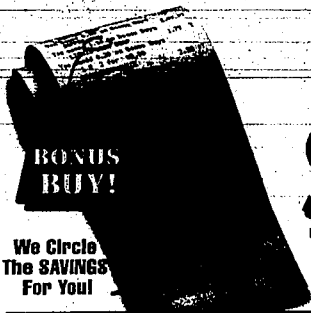
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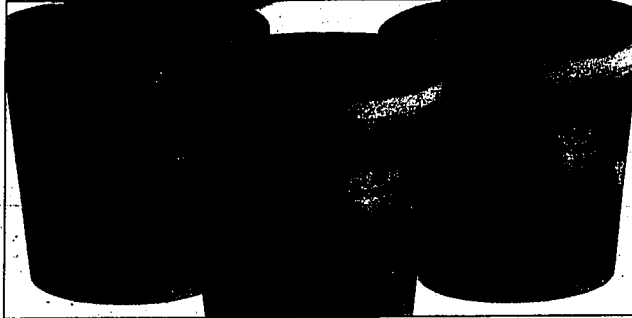
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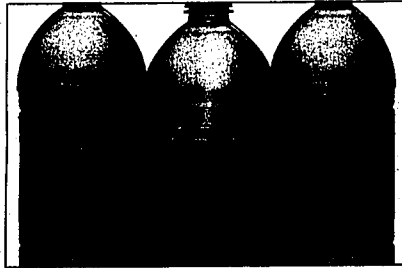


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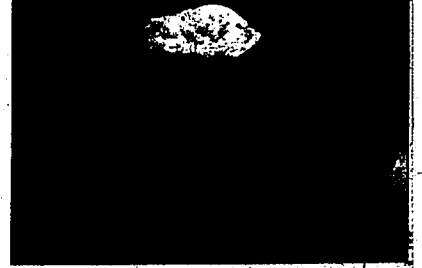


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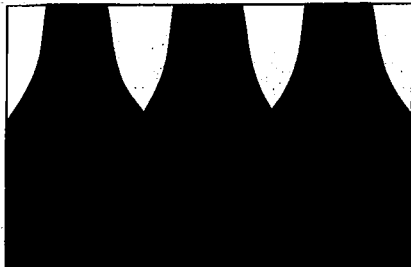


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Historians, authors shoot down the Old West; conference upcoming

By Karen Bossick
Times-News Correspondent

KETCHUM - Her sharp-shooting tongue, a blazing, righteous author Patricia Limerick shot down the romanticized view of the Old West this week in Ketchum.

Limerick said people desire the simple romanticized people and stories they see at the movies and read about in many history books, but no version of American history is accurate unless people pay attention to all points of view - the good, the bad and the ugly.

Limerick, professor of history at the University of Colorado-Boulder, spoke at the last of a four-part lecture series examining Western issues Thursday night at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts. The series was the prelude to a Western Issues conference that will be held June 23 and 24 at Sun Valley.

Limerick recalled debating the role of Lewis and Clark's discovery of the American West.

"Imagine having a couple house guests that you take in come back with a couple thousand of their friends," she scoffed before a standing room only crowd of about 100 people. "I can't imagine having anything more annoying than having (pioneer missionary) Narcissus Whitman coming into your life telling you what to do."

One time, Limerick recalled, she saw a typo turn "lessons of

Conference info

at Sun Valley, the conference, titled "Western Family Reunions," will examine such issues as land values. For information, contact Sun Valley Center for the Arts at 728-9491.

history" into "lessons of history." When you stop to think about it, it was only too true, she said. Many of the events we applaud today as noble, such as Columbus' founding of America, had some very real hurts associated with them.

"The public debate over the Columbus celebration in 1992 gave us two versions - a romanticized Columbus and a wicked Columbus who degraded New World paradise," she said.

To put issues of interpretation in a modern day context, Limerick recalled flying over Boise next to a couple of Easterners.

"There's nothing down there," she recalled the Easterners say. "Yet, to some of us, Boulder, Colo., is getting too crowded but it's certainly not crowded by Japanese standards. There's space and there's our interpretation of space."

Limerick came full circle with this week's lecture and her coming appearance at the Western Issues conference in June.

She got her start on the public speaking circuit at Sun Valley Center's 1981 Conference on the American West titled "Western Colonies in Revolt," a theme

spawned by the Sagebrush Rebellion debate over public lands.

Not only did it give her the idea for a book but it spurred her to become a total conference animal. She since has spoken at 15 resume pages worth of conferences before such diverse groups as West Point Military Academy, the Western Governors' Convention, and Radioactive Waste Management Conference.

She has written several books, including "The Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West" and her latest, "Something in the Soil: Testing the New Western History." Her new book examines such topics as the changing missions of national parks and the ineffective ideals of American environmentalists.

"She's been criticized for being too critical. But she qualifies to be critical," said High Altitude Gardens owner Bill McDorman, citing Limerick's stint at Yale, Harvard and as co-founder of the Center of the American West. "She's been a dominant force among New Western historians for two decades. Her work transcends critique."

Limerick's arguments are very relevant to a number of issues today, such as the issue of grazing on public land, McDorman said.

"A friend of mine (who is trying to preserve the lands) told me, 'I finally figured out what we're fighting is the myth: the myth of the cowboy, the myth of the West.'"

Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Halley at 578-2111.

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

Misdemeanor sentencing
City of Twin Falls
Miles L. Swanson, 36, 381 Jackson, Twin Falls; petty theft; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Judicial Law Dept., 19, 551 W. S. Locust, Twin Falls; count 1, harboring a vicious dog; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 30 days' jail time, suspended; 12 months' probation; count 2, allowing dog to run at large; pleaded guilty; count 3, failure to appear for misdemeanor citation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine, with \$250 suspended; 178.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, with 120 days' suspended; 30 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Patrick G. Davis, 30, 7817 N. Van Housen Ave., Portland, Ore.; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine; \$78.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, with 90 days' suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Twin Falls County
Rodolfo Trevino, 58, 140 Clear Springs Drive, Portland, Ore.; driving under the influence to exhibition or use of deadly weapon; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Matthew Edward Kelly, 23, 113 Eighth S. Buhl; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, with 90 days' suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Juvenile appearances
Freddie Hernandez, 15, 856 S. 1900 E., Hazelton; petty theft; public defender appointed; pretrial April 20, released to parents on strict house arrest.

Amy Smith, 15, 112 12th Ave. N. Buhl; battery; public defender appointed; pretrial April 20, released to parents on strict house arrest.

Nathan Jacobson, 17, 469 Park Terrace, Twin Falls; count 1, delivery of controlled substance; count 2, delivery of controlled substance; public defender appointed, in custody of the juvenile detention center.

Juvenile sentencing
Kenneth Kelly, 17, 1099 Sparks Ave., Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; 90 days' detention, suspended; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Tyler Bohannon, 15, 19 Road 3546, Artee, New Mexico; count 1, rape; amended to battery; count 2, rape; amended to battery; pleaded guilty; 180 days' detention, 12 days' probation; 30 hours community service; shall not possess or use any alcoholic beverage; have no association with anyone else on probation; shall not possess weapons; shall not possess or use any alcoholic beverage; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Steven Saanugan, 15, 406 Gardner W. 11, Twin Falls; trafficking in methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; 180 days' detention, 13 days' probation; 30 hours community service; shall not possess or use any alcoholic beverage; have no association with anyone else on probation; shall not possess weapons; shall not possess or use any alcoholic beverage; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Bryan Amos, 12, 821 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls; petty theft; pleaded guilty; 90 days' detention, 10 days' probation; 20 hours community service; shall not possess or use any alcoholic beverage; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Bradley Papko, 16, 420 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls; count 1, possession of controlled substance; count 2, possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; 180 days' detention, 10 days' probation; 20 hours community service; shall not possess or use any alcoholic beverage; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Driving Under the Influence; count 2, petty theft; count 3, formation; count 4, formation; pleaded guilty; 360 days' detention, 10 days' probation; 30 hours community service; shall not possess or use any alcoholic beverage; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Kevin Lee Randall, Seeking \$311 monthly support plus 63 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide insurance; 0-3 attorneys fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Carla Rena Daniels, Seeking \$683 attorney fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Mark S. Buhl, Seeking \$1245 prior period; \$95 monthly support, plus 40 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide insurance; \$260 attorneys fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. David A. Webb, Seeking \$200 monthly support plus 54 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide insurance; \$763 attorneys fees and costs.

FOR THE RECORD

Judy Ellen Dixon vs. AHM Dixon.
Valerie Anna Roth vs. George Randall Roth.
Rebecca Arrington vs. Nicholas Arrington.

Other filings
Ray Klein, Inc. vs. Jane George. Seeking judgment against the defendant in the amount of \$33,338.98, plus interest; attorneys fees, for costs of suit, for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Provident National Bank vs. Melanie J. Westraar. Seeking judgment against the defendant for \$33,338.98, plus interest; attorneys fees, for such other and further relief as Court deems just.

Provident National Bank vs. Brian L. Davis. Seeking judgment against the defendant for \$5,635.44 plus interest; attorneys fees, for such other and further relief as Court deems just.

Arraignments and appearances

Joel Lynn Anderson, 29, 1122 Washington St. S., No. 61C, Twin Falls; aggravated battery; warrant preliminary hearing, Friday; public defender appointed; \$3,500 bond.

Cristina Hernandez Aquino, 26, 510 S. Broadway, Buhl; driving under the influence; transporting an open container; failure to purchase driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; \$2,300 bond.

Slay Iyethawong, 33, 148 Monroe St., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance.

Susan Janna Curiel, 26, address unavailable; two Ada County warrants; \$10,200 total bond.

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STORY HOUR



Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard reads a story Friday to students at The Developmental Preschool Program at University of Idaho in Moscow.

Grant allows for hearing screening

BOISE (AP) - A four-year Health Resources and Services Administration grant will allow more Idaho babies to be screened for hearing loss.

The federal \$377,226 grant was given to the Idaho Council for the Deaf and Blind of Boise. It will allow the council to increase the number of hospitals that screen newborns for hearing problems and increase the number of children who receive early treatment.

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Kempthorne blasts tern decision

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne says a federal judge's decision to halt relocation of Caspian terns from an island in the Clearwater River is shortsighted and makes salmon recovery more difficult.

The Army Corps of Engineers says it wants to move ahead with plans to protect salmon by relocating the world's largest colony of Caspian terns from an artificial sand spit near the river mouth, U.S. District Judge Barbara Rothstein of Seattle ruled. "It's an outrageous situation," Kempthorne said Friday.

"A variety of state and federal agencies agree that a moving the terns off Rice Island is the best way to help get the smolts to the ocean."

The ruling halts plans by the National Marine Fisheries Service and Army Corps to push the birds to another spot farther away from the fish run. The Corps sought to move the terns after the service decided they were eating about 650,000 smolts each year. The island was created by dredging. A coalition of environmental groups filed suit seeking full environmental

review of the plan. Rothstein ruled the order should remain in place, pending another hearing April 24.

Arguing that there is no evidence the birds are hurting salmon numbers and there is too little information on how relocation would affect the terns, the suit asked the corps be ordered to conduct an environmental impact study.

Kempthorne contends a bird sitting on a federally-formed island should not be allowed to prey on federally protected salmon.

Projected number of returning salmon drops

BOISE (AP) — About 27,000 spring chinook salmon are projected to cross Lower Granite Dam into Idaho this year, but only 10 percent will be naturally produced wild fish, state Fish and Game biologists report.

Still, a fishing season for hatchery produced chinook could be a real possibility.

The chinook which have been away are the progeny of 750 adults which spawned naturally at Lower Granite in 1995 and

1,360 in 1996. It is positive that the 2,700 returning adults exceed the parents that produced them, but the number of fish reaching Idaho still will be inadequate to seed all the available spawning habitat. This year's projected wild spring chinook return is lower than the 1990s average or 3,420 or the 1980s norm of 5,960.

The large disparity between the number of hatchery and natural adults returning relates to the number of smolts leaving the

state. For example, in 1998 — which is the outmigration year for most of the adults returning this year — biologists estimated about 350,500 natural spring chinook smolts arrived at Lower Granite for the entire Snake basin.

In contrast, 2.56 million hatchery smolts arrived, so the natural fingerlings made up about 12 percent of the outmigration. It is similar to the ratio biologists expect in the returning run.

Court

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Dominique Felix, 21, 4775 E. 2900 N., Murrain; driving without privilege; operating a drunk truck without a permit; warrant for arrest; public defender appointed; \$5,000 bond.

Daniel Drake Schmidt, 20, 352 1/2 Sixth Ave. E., Twin Falls; failure to purchase driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$500 bond.

Jacob R. Sison, 21, 608 Parnell, Buhl; driving without privileges; possession of a controlled substance; carrying a concealed weapon; warrant for failing to appear at pre-trial hearing; pleaded guilty; driving without privileges dismissed; sentenced to 90 days in jail, 88 days suspended; \$300 fine; 100 hours of community service.

Trullina Dawn Snyder, 21, 810 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; driving without privilege; failure to appear; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$5,000 cash bond.

released on own recognizance.

Daniel Drake Schmidt, 20, 352 1/2 Sixth Ave. E., Twin Falls; eluding an officer; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$5,000 bond.

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Trullina Dawn Snyder, 21, 810 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; driving without privilege; failure to appear; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$5,000 cash bond.

Rosendo Torres-Martinez, 43, 3743 E. 3600 N., Hansen; driving under the influence; warrant; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$500 cash bond.

Genaro Guman Vasquez, 24, 2100 E. 4200 N., Filer; failure to purchase driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$500 bond.

Brentlin James Wiggins, 27, address unavailable; forgery; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender denied; private lawyer hired; released on own recognizance.

Edward David Willard, 32, 217 Sydney, Twin Falls; obstructing an officer; threatening an officer's life; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$1,500 bond.

Ronald Edward Wisdom, 32, 3822 Wallaley Ave., Spokane, Wash.; two counts of possession of methamphetamine; warrant for failing to appear at preliminary hearing; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender continued; \$10,000 cash bond.

Kia Van Lam, 38, no address available; malicious injury to property; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$500 bond.

Joseph Z. Leon, 30, 850 E. 200 S., Jerome; transporting an open container; malicious injury to property; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$25,000 cash bond.

Shawn Michael Hoffman, 24, 1743 Arroyo Sierra, Santa Rosa, Calif.; driving without privilege; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$2,000 bond.

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Dennis Shawn Montgomery, 33, 415 Third Ave. N., No. 1, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; \$500 cash bond.

Dennis Shawn Montgomery, 33, 415 Third Ave. N., No. 1, Twin Falls; felony injury to a child; felony domestic battery; misdemeanor injury to a child; warrant; preliminary hearing Friday; private lawyer hired; released on own recognizance.

Dennis Shawn Montgomery, 33, 415 Third Ave. N., No. 1, Twin Falls; violation of civil protection order; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; \$50,000 cash bond.

Sheri Lynn Montgomery, 36, 3210 Highways Drive, Twin Falls; aiding and abetting violation of civil protection order; pleaded innocent; private lawyer hired; \$50,000 cash bond.

Daniel Preston Owens, 18, 1310 Spruce Ave., Twin Falls; obstructing an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance.

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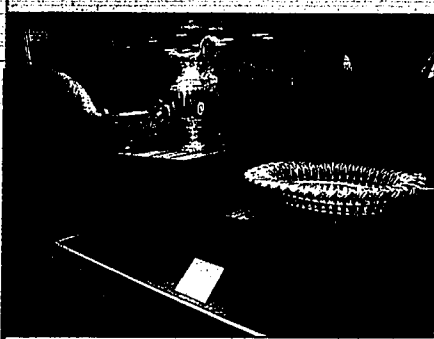
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Sir Arthur Gilbert looks at a selection of his private collection of microscopes, silverware and gold which he is donating to the British public in Somerset House, central London, Monday. The exhibition will be officially opened on Monday by California Gov. Gray Davis.

Man bestows gift to Britain: A stunning art collection

LONDON (AP) — Sir Arthur Gilbert made a fortune in real estate — "halfheartedly," he says — and spent 35 years building a multi-million-dollar collection of decorative gold and silver arts and Italian mosaics.

Then he gave it all away — to the British public.

"The challenge is in the chase," Gilbert explains. "I'm in it for the hunt, and I was a marauding collector."

"Conservatively" estimated at \$200 million to \$240 million, the 800 pieces are unmatched anywhere in the world for a private collection, according to Tim Schroder, who looks after the pieces and has written two books about them. The amazingly rich collection is housed in the renovated Embankment Building of Somerset House, a huge complex designed in the 18th century by Sir William Chambers, architect

to King George III.

When it opens to the public on May 26, it will become a must-see on any visitor's itinerary.

"Quality, quality — I always went for the best," said Gilbert, a resident of Beverly Hills, Calif., who was awarded a knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II in gratitude for his gift.

The last thing he bought, a gold box at an auction in Switzerland, cost him \$1.85 million, he said.

Gilbert, 86, recently talked about his treasures as he led the way through rooms filled with fiber-optic lit display cases of historic gold and silver pieces, mosaics and portrait miniatures.

He waved an arm, saying: "These boxes belonged to Frederick the Great ... That cabinet was made for Rudolph II in 1610 ... Catherine the Great gave these silver gates to a monastery in Kiev in 1784."

Rash of thefts strikes Garden variety of gnomes

Los Angeles Times

PARIS — Someone in France is stealing garden gnomes again, those cheery and fuzzy-checked symbols of smug suburban contentment.

In an after-hours raid on a Paris park where 2,000 of the elfin figures had been assembled for an exhibition, members of a group calling itself the Garden Gnome Liberation Front swiped a score of the sculptures last weekend. The unknown thieves, in a statement, demanded the "immediate closing of this odious exhibit, as well as the unconditional liberation of the garden gnomes still detained." Act now, they warned Paris authorities, or we will strike again.

Is this for real? Patrick Boumard, professor of anthropology at the University of Rennes and author of a study on the French relationship with the decorative sculptures, believes that gnome-napping, which first surfaced here in the mid-1990s, started out as a simple student prank but struck some profound chord in French life.

The garden gnome, the anthropologist says, is a totem of the times we live in and is fraught with all sorts of symbolism — eco-

nomie, cultural, emotional.

In the 1997 film comedy "The Full Monty," the gnome plays a significant part in highlighting Britain's stark class differences. When the unemployed working-class heroes of the movie want to mock an uppity, bootlicking comrade, they abduct the gnomes from his front yard and use the figures to ridicule him. "For my paper, I went out and talked to people who have gnomes in their garden or on their lawn,"

Boumard said. "I often found surprisingly strong affective connections. Some owners, for instance, wash their gnome every day. Others take their gnome in for the night and put him to bed. Many people talk to their gnome as if it were their favorite child."

These objects allow a regression into childhood without a visit to the psychiatrist. I call them the "Freud of the poor."

To proprietors in France or other countries, the gnome is a

badge of middle-class ease. Is it an accident, inquires Boumard, that the gnome in its current state, with pointed red hat and wooden legs, first appeared in 15th-century Germany, along with the nascent European bourgeoisie?

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Migrants' dangerous trek north ends in death and deportation

PALENQUE, Mexico (AP) — For a month, dreams of food, homes and happiness drove 250 Central American migrants on a grueling journey north toward the United States.

They stumbled through the rugged mountains of their native lands and southern Mexico, shivering with hunger, cold, fear and fatigue.

When they ran out of money, they got jobs on ranches that paid \$2.50 a day — enough to buy a few tortillas so they would have strength to continue the journey.

But just after crossing the Mexican border Wednesday, their quest came to a deadly halt.

Shortly after climbing into an open train car in a Mexican town near the Guatemala border, the car door slammed shut, trapping the immigrants for more than five hours in temperatures that immigration officials estimate at more than 122 degrees.

Seven died of suffocation and dozens were hospitalized. "We were all on the edge of death," said Ana Delys Marquez, a 30-year-old El Salvadoran mother of four who attempted the trip north with her husband, Angel Bustillo.

"We started screaming. We want to get out. We want to get out. Help us, because we're going to die." Some became delirious and others started kicking at people because of the heat in the car, which was like an oven.

Salvadoran migrant Jose Ernesto said he and his desperate companions tried unsuccessfully to beat the doors with axes and clubs in order to let air into the car, which only had one small window.

Soon people started to faint. Many believed they would die.

Five hours later, in the Chiapas municipality of Playas de Catanzaj, the dying immigrants were rescued by the most unusual of saviors: the immigration officials who would later deport them.

"Thank God they put a car in front of the train to block it, because if they hadn't we all would have died," Marquez said.

"All of us in that car felt very close to death," said 32-year-old Salvadoran migrant Kamiro Quintero.

When Mexican immigration inspectors opened the train car,



Salvadoran men receive medical attention Thursday in Chiapas, Mexico, after being found on a train by immigration officials.

two people had, in fact, died shortly after. Two others died at a hospital in Palenque on Wednesday, and two more on Thursday.

The bodies have not been identified and, because they are decomposing, are to be buried in a common grave, said an official from the attorney general's office, speaking on condition he not be named.

All the other immigrants but one — a Honduran woman with broken ribs — have been deported, he said.

A separate group of 100 illegal migrants traveling in an open car of the same train escaped when it stopped. But several of them later turned themselves in after getting lost and scared, authorities said.

Sitting in an immigration office in this southern Mexican state, a tearful Marquez recounted the dream that made her decide to

take the risky journey north. "We decided to go out of need, because of the poverty that we were experiencing with our four children," she said, adding that she and others spent days and nights endlessly walking, and suffering from hunger, cold and isolation.

"It's poverty that makes us take these risks," added Quintero.

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EDITORIAL

Don't give up the fight to equalize CSI's tax burden

Someday, someone will find a way to fund the College of Southern Idaho without inequitable tax burdens. Maybe, just maybe, that day will soon dawn.

The 2000 Legislature recognized there is a problem, but lawmakers failed to create an interim committee to study the issue. Nonetheless, several Magic Valley legislators have vowed to study the CSI funding question on their own.

We wish them luck. It's a thorny issue.

Property owners in Twin Falls and Jerome counties often complain they are being singled out to carry a disproportionate share of the load for CSI. The complaints have some validity because CSI is a state school, not just a local one. Resentment is particularly strong in Jerome County, where property owners run a dizzying gamut of state and local taxes, including a community college tax of nearly \$1 million annually.

Every year, CSI is on the receiving end of nearly \$4 million in property taxes. In fairness, some of that money comes from taxpayers beyond Twin Falls and Jerome counties. Other counties provide money in proportion to the number of residents enrolled at CSI; individual taxpayers in those counties never see a CSI assessment.

Property owners in Twin Falls and Jerome counties are taxed directly, and they provide the lion's share of CSI's property tax-supported budget. That's not the way it works for Idaho's universities, which are funded by taxpayers statewide.

For example, taxpayers from Bear

Lake to Bonners Ferry will pay for Boise State University to open a modest campus in Canyon County. Why should that \$3.5 million appropriation come from all of Idaho's taxpayers, while CSI's tax burden falls heavily on property owners in Twin Falls and Jerome counties?

The difference is that BSU's Canyon County campus is the scion of Idaho's educational aristocracy - a university, dahling - while CSI is hewn from mere community college stock. Both are public institutions of higher learning, but they aren't created equal.

Maybe it's time for that to change. Idaho's two-tiered system, with community colleges at the bottom, needs revision.

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What's the solution? We liked the idea of giving Twin Falls and Jerome county residents a rebate on their income taxes to offset their CSI property taxes. It wouldn't be an eye-for-an-eye solution, but it would be a good first stab at equalization.

This, and other ideas, should be on the table.

No one, however, should be under any illusions about the trade-offs inherent in any CSI tax revision. If state support, then local control will diminish. Authority of the CSI board would probably be reduced, or possibly eliminated.

We applaud House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and other local lawmakers who have pledged to investigate the inequities of CSI's funding. These are tough questions.

It's heartening that our representatives are willing to fight for fairness on this issue. We wish them well.



Judge all of Silak's record, not just part

Since 1993 when Justice Cathy Silak began serving on the Idaho Supreme Court, the court has issued more than 700 decisions. Justice Silak authored more than 150 of those decisions. Three of those decisions have been recently criticized in the press. It is misleading to single out isolated cases. We should consider the other 637 decisions, such as the court's holding (which was given almost no publicity) that there is no federal reserved water right for national forest land and no federal water right at the Minidoka Wildlife Refuge.

Courts are expected to follow the law, and this sometimes results in decisions that are not popular. When considering the record of any particular judge, however, individual decisions must be tempered by consideration of the jurist's overall record; otherwise the criticism is unbalanced and unfair.

Taking it a step further, let's look at the record of the court as a whole. First, the so-called "employer liability" case, a case against a hospital that had hired a pedophile who later molested a child whose identity and address he had learned while on a job which required him to treat the child. The decision did not create new liability law in Idaho and certainly did not expand existing tort liability as it affects employer-employee liability. Negligent hiring has long been recognized as a tort in Idaho. At the time the suit was started, there was no law precluding suit against an employer after the employment terminated; after all, the point at which the employer was potentially negligent, either through failure to check background or guard patient records, had already occurred and led to the wrongful

READER COMMENT John D. Hansen

The court correctly sent this case back for trial. If the Legislature wants to change the law, that is its prerogative, but the decision itself was a correct application of existing laws at the time.

School funding. Almost every state has had to confront school funding in the courts. The Idaho Supreme Court's rulings have been extremely narrow. The Idaho court has not required the state to equalize all funding or all facilities. The Wyoming Constitution, which has very similar language, has been interpreted by the Wyoming Supreme Court to require equalized funding for all operations and all facilities. The same has been true of other states which have similar constitutional language. The Idaho court, however, limited its ruling to the obligation to provide safe facilities, a position previously advanced by some members of the State Board of Education, and I believe readily accepted by the general public. More importantly, our court did not interpret the wording in the Constitution in the abstract; rather it looked to the Legislature which had enacted a law that said the Legislature interprets thoroughness to mean a safe environment.

The wilderness water decision, which incidentally is not final, has received the most publicity. There are thousands of separate federal water-right claims in the Snake River Basin adjudication. Each is based on different theories, statutes or, in some cases, treaties. Each case is different. As noted above, the court has shown

integrity by treating each one, case-by-case, based on the law and facts presented. The majority opinion in the recent water decision looked to legal precedent in rendering its decision. The result may be controversial (actually less so now than in the rehearing the federal government relinquished any claim to the Main Salmon River under the Wilderness Act) but the decision-makers followed the law, as they understood it. As such, this single decision signals neither bias by the court nor a new direction for future Idaho water cases. And as noted above, this decision is still before the Idaho Supreme Court. After the initial decision, the court unanimously granted a petition for rehearing to allow the parties to provide additional briefs and argument to the court following which a final decision will be reached. We must give the court a fair chance to work through this complex water adjudication which will require scores of decisions.

Courts are not, and should not be, immune from public scrutiny. However, singling out individual judges and specific decisions for criticism without considering the whole record is, at best, grandstanding and, at worst, it politicizes and undermines the independence of our courts. As the fourth amendment clearly recognized, a judiciary independent of politics and politicians' influence must be the hallmark of our justice system if we are to realize their hope that we be a government of laws and not of men.

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LETTERS

We're asking too much of teachers

I was very glad to read Bert Remaley's letter in the April 10 issue. I, too, am much frustrated and dismayed at the constant criticism leveled by this newspaper at the teaching profession. It is obvious that you spend no time with teachers and have no knowledge of the difficulties of their task.

Teachers would dearly love to use all of their teaching time educating our children, but they cannot. They must enforce discipline (which frequently results in the teacher being disciplined), they must teach manners, and they must deal with the dysfunction that children often bring to school with them. In short, we are asking the schools to assume the parenting roles that we either cannot or will not fill. Then, when the test scores go down, we place the blame on the teachers. They earn every penny of their inadequate salaries.

I am also frustrated by your long-standing claim that your editorials are a consensus viewpoint. If we who write you must sign our names, why can you not? I know, by looking at the writing style, that you do not sit as a committee around a computer terminal writing the editorial. There is a consensus who sits down to write the editing. Show some courage: come out from behind your list of names and own up to your opinions. It would show a great deal more integrity than your current practice.

JOHN R. KERR
Buhl

Frankly, I think your idea literally stinks and shouldn't be passed in any Idaho county.

ERIC ANDERSON
Jerome

Good job on Dierkes story

Give that man a raise. My thanks to Mark Weber for the fine article he wrote concerning our park at Dierkes Lake. Lived here 30 years now and come to take this fine park for granted. Mark's description and photos make me want to visit again after not going down there for the last four years. Last time I went, had many of the same thoughtless youth of the valley like those Turley had to deal with and, quite frankly, even the finest parks can be ruined if "control measures" are not used and rules enforced.

JACK HAYES
Twin Falls

Good work, Gene

Gene Turley, as a friend and as a citizen of Twin Falls, I say job well done. I agree with many letters written in the editorial section. What kind of message are we sending to future skateboarders - break the law, they won't do anything to you; they will prosecute the person trying to uphold the law.

I have known Gene for more than 25 years, and I know that if he lost his temper it was due to someone provoking him in his job he was assigned to do. If there is a sign that says "No Skateboarding," then that is what it means, not you can do it as long as no one sees you. In the many malls and shopping centers here in Twin Falls, I have almost been run over by these kids. They seem not to care who they hurt or the law they break; what the heck they will always come out on top anyway.

This city should take a good look at the problem and if the money that I and other citizens pay is going to be wasted on this skatepark, that the skaters have demanded to be built. The city might as well put a gun to our backs for the money, because that is just the way it feels. What makes the city think these skaters will use the park? Those who don't want to go to Harmon Park will still skateboard on the sidewalks in our malls.

So, Gene, I support you and your actions in the incident at the Lynnwood; keep up the good work.

GALE CARLOCK
Twin Falls

A simple dam solution

I have read both sides and both have full of their perspectives. It is a tough decision, pro and con.

I like the dams because I am interested in constructive and awesome buildings, and I strongly support ecosystems because a demolished nature can bring us into tragic, helpless lives unless we can protect and limit its uses.

So, what is the best solution while we need both of them at the same time? To my best knowledge, compromise is to make a man-made natural-looking river around the dams. I mean no concrete walls because fish may dislike the smell. According to Mike Todd's saying, "Fish know where to go back to their mutants where they originated by smelling."

Economically, I personally think that Idaho Power Co. should pay for the man-made rivers because their dams block the fish's migration.

I hope that experiment will last for 10 years to find out if it works. If so, then I want to have the law passed for every dam to be built with a man-made, natural-looking river!

I encourage you people to tell the legislators to use this before it's too late.

EARL HAFER JR.
Gooding

Give nature a break

Nature's been lots of lat for quite a while about the wilderness bill. Political foot-dragging by groups who "haven't had time to reply," really? Not serious?

Resources aren't only for industrial uses. What will industry say when America is asphalt and concrete from coast to coast? One thing's sure - they still won't be satisfied.

The silver to God will grow higher when trees disappear from all but industrial areas.

And vehicular access? Why either open the door completely or you don't open it. In this instance, you can't accommodate both without forests becoming parking

lots and stump yards.

Ask ranchers and the Nature Conservancy in desert Southwest states (Arizona and New Mexico, particularly) what dirt bikes, three- and four-wheelers have done there. Qualified experts say nature will need 100 years to recover.

And try communing with nature while the "camps" in the next site treats you to soap operas from a recreational vehicle with New Jersey plates!

Forget roads! Give nature and nature lovers a break for a change.

BILL WOODFIN
Twin Falls

Snickering over drug antics

I was very amused but not too surprised when I read in the paper about Billy Crystal's foible-minded Keystone Kops in their latest drug bust. It sounded like they had taken Kathy Gann along to finger the right room.

MILDRED LYNCH
Burley

Cut out the middleman

So the Internal Revenue Service is now accepting plastic payments. How convenient. I haven't been on the other side of a credit card transaction for more than 20 years, but back then, the Visa and MasterCard folks were taking 3 percent as their cut of every purchase. I'm guessing they're not taking less these days or making any special allowances for the federal government.

Since Uncle Sam doesn't appear to mind accepting at least 3 percent less in order to make it a little more convenient for us to go bankrupt, I'm sure he wouldn't mind accepting 3 percent less if we just cut out the middleman, right? Just keep 3 percent for yourself if you don't use plastic to pay your taxes.

Eventually, I'm sure, there will be a line at the end of our tax forms that says, "Deduct your personal 3 percent transaction fee here. If paying by check or money order. In the amount, while they're getting the forms to you, they'll be a few in the box."

top of your 1040A will do just fine.

Hey, in the civil disobedience for profit game, this one beats the heck out of The Times-News' favorite of sticking out the Snake River National Recreation Area on day-use fees. I'm hoping the editorial board will sign on to this idea and give it about a third of the space it has given to that other, less-profitable venture.

DOLG MAUGHAN
Twin Falls

And the nominees are...

With all of the awards that have received so much attention in the last few weeks, I suggest we add one more to be known as the "Golden Glob Award." (The spelling is intentional.) This award is to be awarded to the person for the most inconsiderate act of the year.

I would have to nominate Bill Reid, or his supporter, for the car in the Elza Hall funeral procession with the placard in the window bearing the message "Vote for Bill Reid." In case you were not aware, this occasion was meant as a tribute to Elza Hall, not a time of fun and games. There is a world of difference between a parade and a procession. Perhaps we should advertise an escort service, too. The display was completely inappropriate.

The compassion and consideration a man displays toward his fellow man allows a glimpse of the true character of that man. What I have seen to date does not lead me to the conclusion that Mr. Reid is the man to fill the office of sheriff.

Mr. Reid has made it abundantly clear in past statements to the press that he is his own man and walks to the beat of a different drummer than the rest of us. I think this is a scary thing a little outside the envelope of proper decorum.

I believe the very least that is called for in this situation is a public apology to the family of Elza Hall and the members of the community.

GLEN COLELEY
Jerome

Hog farm Idea stinks

This letter is directed to Ron Achs, who would like to build the largest hog operation in the Magic Valley area.

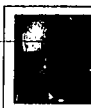
Get real. Who do you think you are that you can sit in your Sun Valley office and proclaim to be the visionary of Cassia County any other county in southern Idaho? The people who live in the Magic Valley area also have great insight, and they've already answered "no" to your smelly idea. If you're the innovator and thinker that you say you are, then think of a way to get your hog operation passed in the Wood River Valley.

OPINION

Look who's getting rich – and who isn't

LOS ANGELES - The janitors on strike at the office buildings near the downtown hotel where I stayed for a couple days last week were the most polite picketers I have ever seen. The largely Latino groups of men and women standing on the plaza from which several of the city's highest offices rise greeted visitors with elaborate courtesy and seemed genuinely grateful when anyone accepted one of their handouts explaining why they had stopped using their brushes and brooms.

It was about money, they said, about struggling to support their families and themselves at a pay scale ranging from \$7 to \$8 an hour – about \$300 a week before taxes.



DAVID S. BRODER

As Shawn Hubler, a Los Angeles Times columnist, noted last week, "the janitors' strike ... has brought to the surface something deeply resonant about the lives, now, of all 1.3 million of the region's working poor." Hubler described how the janitors arrive to begin their tedious, wearying chores just after most of the tenants have left the building, and how she watched one late-working executive push open the door to a freshly cleaned bathroom, with many a nod of acknowledgment to the woman janitor who has her equipment cart just a few feet away. "There is a dimension now," Hubler wrote, "in which whole human beings can be rendered invisible, just erased."

The Service Employees International Union, representing about 8,500 janitors, called the strike to back up its demand for raises of \$1 an hour each year for the next three years. If granted, that would allow members of these overnight crews to make the magnificent sum of about \$21,000 a year in 2003.

The janitorial service companies that have contracts with these towering buildings, filled with banks, law firms and corporate offices, were counter-offering raises of about one-third that size, also spread over three years.

This is part of the overlooked reality of this era of record prosperity – a story that receives far less attention in the press and on television than the gyrations of the NASDAQ. Understandably so, for the Nasdaq determines the value of the stock options held by the high-tech millionaires who are the "masters of the universe" in the new economy, the stars whose spectacular success draws envious glances from those Americans who cannot imagine enjoying such riches, unless they hit the lottery or have a spectacular run of luck on one of the TV game shows.

top executives of these firms in 1999 was \$1.68 million. That's about \$120,000 higher than it was in 1998 and just about what 80 of the striking janitors combined would make three years from now – if they got what they are asking. But it's only one-hundredth as much as the \$170 million in salary, bonuses and stock options the highest-paid executive in the survey, L. Dennis Kozlowski of Tyco International, made in 1999.

How do you justify those extremes? The Journal quotes Jeffrey D. Christian, head of a Cleveland executive recruiting firm, as explaining that the business heads he meets "all want the same opportunity for extreme wealth creation and legacy creation as their dot-com counterparts. It's billionaire envy."

Another article in the special section – and remember this is

The Wall Street Journal, not Mother Jones – reported about the increasing use of bonus guarantees to recruit or retain executives. One boss named Thomas Evans "will collect as much as \$10 million if his vested stock options would yield a profit of less than that by August 2002," the Journal said. And then there are the sweetheart deals, in which outside directors on a firm's compensation committee grant lavish salary increases or stock options to the CEO, who in turn arranges lucrative consulting contracts for those same directors.

It's doubtful many of the striking janitors have read the Journal's special section. If they did, they wouldn't be quite so polite.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

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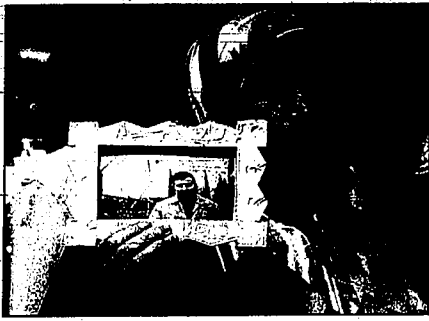
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A Palestinian woman shows a photograph of a loved one incarcerated in an Israeli prison during a demonstration by a cross-section of Palestinian political factions calling for the release of Palestinian prisoners in the West Bank tower of Hebron Saturday.

Prime Minister Barak appears to lose control

JERUSALEM (AP) — After taking office last July, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak confidently set out to revive talks with Syria and the Palestinians and promised peace accords by the end of 2000.

Nine months later, the talks with Syria have collapsed, and its leaders speak darkly of war. On the Palestinian track, President Clinton suggested this week that he may dictate terms to salvage the floundering negotiations — something Barak swore would never happen.

Barak looks increasingly like history's victim instead of its master, and even his supporters are wondering whether he will be able to deliver the goods.

"His nine months in office have passed," columnist Yoel Marcus wrote on Friday in the pro-peace process Haaretz daily, referring to a Barak timeframe for tangible results. "Barak must understand that from now on, he will be judged by his deeds, not his words."

At first, Syria seemed to be the most promising track. Syrian President Hafez Assad made clear his price for peace: the Golan Heights, a strategic plateau Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war.

Barak reversed the territorialist policies of his hard-line predecessor and strongly hinted he was willing to concede the heights. The land-for-peace formula appeared to be more clear-cut than the complexities posed by the Israeli-Palestinian problem, which requires delicate solutions for two peoples who live among each other. Barak's preference for the Syrian track led to a summit in Washington in December with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharara, and a second round of lower-level negotiations. Yet within weeks, the talks collapsed: Barak refused to meet a Syrian demand for a prior commitment to withdraw from all the heights.

Barak, who said he wanted to know what the dividend would be before making a commitment, was also not prepared to return a small patch of land on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Syria had gained the land in raids in the

early 1950s, and Barak regards it as Israeli soil.

Assad maintained his tough line at a Geneva summit with Clinton last month. That put the Americans on Israel's side — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said afterward that the "ball was in Syria's court."

However, Barak did not emerge unscathed. The hard-line opposition is already mocking the prime minister for misreading Assad. Barak wanted a meeting with the Syrian leader, but "Assad never called, he never even faxed," Hagai Segal, a peace process critic, wrote in Maariv.

In chats with reporters during his Washington trip this week, Barak and his aides made an admission that once would have been highly unlikely for

the supremely confident ex-army chief-of-staff: Assad baffled them. Asked about the Geneva fiasco, Danny Yatom, Barak's top policy adviser, sighed and said, "No one knows what went on there."

Hagai is still planning a July troop withdrawal from south Lebanon, where Israel has occupied a buffer zone since 1982. The prime minister committed himself to the pullout during his election. He had hoped to do it through an agreement with Syria, the main power in Lebanon, but the collapse of the talks means that the withdrawal will be unilateral. That raises the specter of cross-border raids on Israeli civilians by the Islamic militants in nearby Lebanon who have targeted Israeli troops.



Prime Minister Ehud Barak

Mexican teen-ager loses abortion fight; rights activists take on state

MEXICALI, Mexico (AP) — A teen-age girl pressured by a state and religious officials to drop a request for a legal abortion after she was raped has given birth to a little boy.

Paulina, a 14-year-old from the state of Baja California, delivered a 7-pound, 12-ounce baby by Caesarean section Thursday night.

Her pregnancy — and her ultimate decision to give birth — has provoked a furor among human rights officials and feminist groups, who accuse state authorities in this intensely Catholic country of overstepping their legal bounds.

Baja California's governor, meanwhile, has refused to honor a recommendation from a human rights prosecutor that he punish the state attorney general who

tried to dissuade Paulina from having the abortion and the doctors who refused to perform it.

Paulina's parents, trembling and tearful after the 30-minute birth in the city of Mexicali, said they would do their best to take care of the boy, named Isaac, but would never forget what the state put them through. "I am happy because everything went well, but I have a lot of anger," said the teen's mother, Maria Elena Jacinto, who broke down sobbing.

The nightmare for Paulina began on July 31, when a robber broke into her family's home, tied her up and raped her.

Despite the family's intense Catholic roots, Paulina and her parents decided she could not bear the rapist's child.

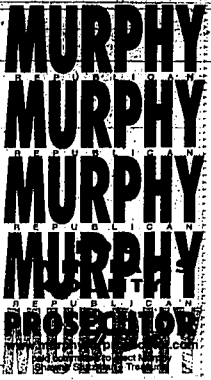
The law in Baja California —

and a majority of other states in Mexico — allows abortion in cases of rape or when the life of the mother or the baby is in danger.

Outside of these instances, having an abortion is considered an offense punishable by one to five years in jail for the mother and 10 for the doctor who performs it. When Paulina arrived at a hospital for poor people in Mexicali, the chief of obstetrics refused to obey the state's orders to provide an abortion. During her week-long stay in the hospital, Paulina was visited by two women who identified themselves as government social workers and showed her graphic abortion videos meant to discourage her from having the procedure.

The social work agency later denied that any of its employees had visited Paulina.

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An Easter scramble for eggheads

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James Joyce

"Eggward rabbit slouches from the burrow beyond the humor for the burrow are light shadows fall upon hues of lavender hues of puce hues of violet yes yes I say pastels lest I dye and in the dying be egged onward homeward downward thirdward LDS where on Saturday yes yes I say Saturday Saturday come Saturday yes urchins will be bid bend and in the bending bind grimy fingers to sticky treats ere those eggs laid unfound by foundlings will rot sulfurous in the sun ere June yes June nay May is done."

William Faulkner

"Slipping out of the waters of Ottowamottowalome Creek, colloid the dregs of dank retribution, Rabbit made for Hutchtown, little more than a squalid Delta trapezoid of congruent corrugate held together by pressboard and a promise, knowing but not hoping that the fowl deeds of generations heaventst might be, by knavery redeemed, hell-bound, nowtstanding the hand-painted sign that stood, like Lot's wife, staring mutely back across the bright redoubt of unrequited animal husbandry: 'Eggs, 2 cents the dozen,' it read, red paint dried in rheumy rivulets and pooled in the dust just below like tears of those damned to be righteous. 'No peddlers or bun-ies.'"

Ernest Hemingway

"It was a good egg. It was a strong egg. It was a clean, well-lighted egg, and when Jake Barnes would remember it in years to come he would remember it as poached. 'Hard-boiled?' Brett would draw, much later, sipping the red wine of Cordogundy in a two-table boite in Biarritz. 'Not you, Jake. Rabbits come and rabbits go, and when they leave, their leavings are unwholesome. But shellshock? That's damned amusing, but you're not so bourgeois. Give me a Gauloise, Jake, and kiss me hard.'"

Dr. Seuss

"I will not hide green eggs and Span; you turn my stomach, Sam-I-Am."

William Shakespeare

"Shall I compare thee to a rotten egg,
Thou art more fragrant.
Rough winds do blow downwind
Whence chickens uncouped have peeped.
But soft! Thine eggs are boiled
And dipped in toast, or hidden in heather
They lead, as thistles lead, to breakfast."

Raymond Chandler

"Marlowe scanned the faded Formica counter for salt shakers and seeing none, began to peel the egg that had arrived, seconds earlier, on a tray borne by the alabaster arms of a waitress with a past. 'Want more coffee, hon?' she asked, her grin broad into a question mark turned inside out. He nodded, but wished at once that he hadn't, and when the eggshell gave way in his hand like a broken promise, the yolk pooled in separate lakes atop his gris and his topst.
'Wasn't cooked,' he said.
'Guess not,' she replied, pouring coffee past the rim of his cup and onto his lap.
'That hurts like hell,' he replied coolly.
'I would guess it does,' the waitress said. 'My name is Fay, and I get off at midnight.'
'Marlowe limped down Oliveira Street toward County General, and as he limped, every football was kicked by a thousand of a bigger flopper, more insistent stride behind him. He stopped short, turned, and looked over his shoulder, seeing nothing. But before he had taken two more steps, the sidewalk came up to meet him and he fell at a pair of fuzzy feet.
'Doc,' said a smirking broken promise, the yolk pooled in separate lakes atop his gris and his topst."

New candidate's roots run deep

But Swan's song includes many measures other than cattle and horses

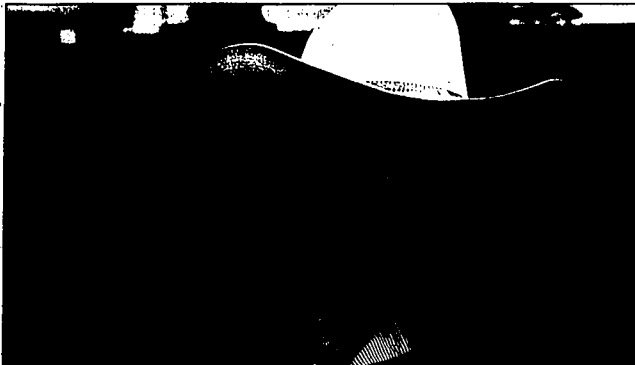
By Michael Joumee
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The few minutes it took a group of Twin Falls County Republicans to anoint Randy Hansen's likely successor in the Idaho House speak loudly about the job they think he can do.

With thirty-plus years of working a ranch in the Three Creek area and a second career that took him all over the world as a beef industry spokesman, George Swan's credentials have local GOP leaders excited about his potential as a law maker.

The former National Cattlemen's Beef Association president has a reputation as a man who listens before he speaks. His expertise includes not only the first-hand experience of a rancher and being a national-level advocate for the cattleman colleagues, but also knowledge of world trade issues, the environment, property rights, federal grazing permits and food safety.

"He's one of the best there is," Idaho Cattle Association Executive Vice President Sara Braasch said. "I don't know any-



Former National Cattlemen's Beef Association president George Swan was selected by the legislative District 23 Central Committee to replace Randy Hansen on the May 23 GOP primary election ballot. Swan hopes that one day the recent economic hard times the cattle industry will ease enough for him to return to the range.

one who doesn't respect George Swan."

The legislative District 23 Central Committee Wednesday selected Swan to replace Hansen on the May 23 GOP primary elec-

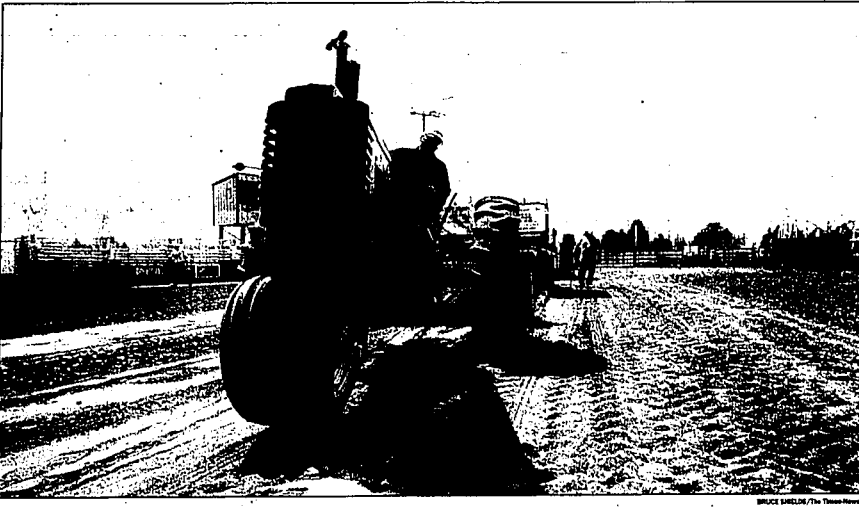
tion ballot from a slate of six Twin Falls area residents interested in the job. Hansen opted not to seek reelection to his seat, so he could devote his time to a new position in his church.

Because Hansen bowed out after the candidate registration deadline, the local committee was left to find a new candidate. Swan beat out several candidates with a long history of public service, including a former 12-year House member, getting a majority of the committee's vote after only one ballot.

Though his once expansive ranch has dwindled to a few dozen cattle and horses kept on small leased plots just outside of Twin Falls, Swan hopes that one day the recent economic hard times the cattle industry - and agriculture in general - will ease enough for him to return to his roots.

Running a large cattle herd on thousands of acres of private and federal land with a dwindled-down staff consisting of himself and another employee just became too much to handle. He sold his Three Creek operation last year after his father died.

He wants to get back to the range. Please see SWAN, Page B3



Robert Heath of Edin gets a little air under the front wheels of his 1951 John Deere tractor during an antique tractor pull in Gooding on Saturday. The pull was just one of the events held to celebrate Founder's Day in Gooding.

Gooding celebrates Founder's Day

By Lorraine Caverer
Times-News writer

GOODING - Saturday was Bill Gehrig's 66th birthday and he was doing one of the things he likes to do best - driving a tractor at the Gooding Founder's Day Tractor Pull.

His friend Jim McLin came to watch. Ever since Gehrig and McLin were 12 years old they frequently argued about whose dad had the best tractor. Things haven't changed much since their elementary school days. The two still argue about tractors every chance

they get.

"In school we drew pictures of the other guy's tractor stuck in the mud," McLin said.

At least that's the story McLin told while visiting with friends at the event. Gehrig disagreed with him and said that never happened.

McLin said he wasn't lying, but maybe he was embellishing the story.

The tractor Gehrig brought with him for the event from Sand Hollow - 150 miles away - was rescued from a manure pile several years ago, said Gehrig's wife, Terri.

"When we go someplace we never look at the road - we look at that tractor laying out there," she said.

Gehrig saw the tractor and thought it looked like one McLin's dad had at one time.

"He sees tractors out in a field and asks if it's up for sale," said Bill Miles, Gehrig's daughter. "He has them in every nook and cranny around the house."

Gehrig admitted to having about 70 tractors. He said 30 or 35 of them run.

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Doggie first aid comes to the rescue of pet owners

By Karen Boselick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Molly Goodyear can pretty much guarantee her Chesapeake Bay mutt Kirby is going to get into something every time they go on a hike.

Last summer she got cut by a barbed wire and stabbed in the eye with a plant. She's had cheagles in her ears, gotten hung up flying over sagebrush and had a run-in with foxgloves.

Goodyear is prepared this year, thanks to a class in canine first aid she took Saturday morning from Ketchum veterinarian Randy Acker.

The class covered most everything you might encounter back-packing, rafting, or biking with your pooch-in the wilderness - even ticks to make bites.

was the official veterinarian of the 1995 National Animal Field Trial Championship. He developed the first aid class at the request of friends and subsequently wrote "Dog First Aid: A Field Guide to Emergency Care for the Outdoor Dog," which The Retriever Journal described as "one of the finest little first aid books available."

The important thing to remember is safety first - your own safety, Acker said. An injured dog is often a dangerous dog. Muzzle it before you treat it by lying a rope or belt over the dog's nose, tying an overhand knot under the nose and then tying the knot behind the neck. You can also wrap the dog's legs with duct tape to prevent thrashing.

Here are some scenarios you and your dog might encounter:



Ketchum veterinarian Randy Acker and assistant Robin Potts demonstrate various ways of bandaging a dog, using Acker's own Labrador, Kate.

Blaine schools explain levy

By Barb Newert
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Blaine County voters will get three chances this week to learn more about a \$40 million plant facilities levy election scheduled for May 2.

School district Superintendent Jim Lewis and others will explain plans for the levy at 7 p.m. Monday at the Carey School, at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Wood River High School Auditorium in Hailey, and at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Hemingway Elementary School in Ketchum.

Lewis will present an overview of the plans, and a proposed construction timeline for the coming decade.

Roger Quarles, director of professional and technical academies at Wood River High School, will explain the community planning used to develop the levy. District business manager Mike Chatterton will illustrate the benefits of a levy compared to a bond issue, and answer any questions regarding taxpayer costs.

After 10 months of research, and with the aid of more than 125 parents, patrons, teachers, administrators and students, the district tried to plan to meet its immediate and longer-term needs.

The levy would provide money to build a new high school, a new elementary school and a new bus garage, make major additions to the Carey School and minor improvements to district elementary schools.

Nearly half of the \$40 million would go toward a new high school, a new elementary school and the district and the county.

If a new high school is built, the old building would be used under a three-way consortium involving the school district, the College of Southern Idaho and the Blaine County Recreation District.

It would house high school technical classes, college classroom and office space, and could provide space for a community recreational facility.

A 55 percent majority is needed to pass the levy.

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Gooding

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"These tractors have seen all their work life," he said. "It's kind of nice to get one someone else will get up on and get it running again."

The two men, who graduated from Gooding High School in 1952, continued to argue about tractors and even buy one.

"We still argue about who is the smartest and who is the best looking," McLin said.

"Gehrig shook his head and rolled his eyes."

"We had to duke it out several

times to decide to be friends," he said.

Terri Gehrig said the argument always comes back to the important issue at hand — tractors.

"It's all about fun," she said. "It's a big toy. He loads it up to bring it 150 miles away, unloads it to play with it, then loads it up again to take it home."

While the two argued, the tractor pull went on with contestants pulling up to 10,600 pounds. Jan Hedge, the only woman in the contest, beat out Warren Helms in the 7LM category.

Hedge said she participates in tractor pulls because she likes tractors. "I like to beat the guys," she said. "It's a healthy sport, but very addictive."

The tractor pull was just one of the activities at Saturday's Founder's Day celebration. The event also included an antique tractor display and a craft show.

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Governor signs loan, measures

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed scores of bills into law on Friday, including the final two pieces of the package of legislation lawmakers developed to address safety problems in the state's deteriorating public schools.

He also signed a bill embodying one of the priorities proclaimed in his State of the State address in January. It is aimed at ensuring the murderer of any police officer is subject to the death penalty.

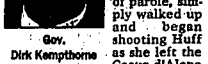
Kempthorne proposed the legislation following last year's decision by a district judge that the killer of State Police Trooper Linda Huff did not fall under the existing aggravating murder circumstance of killing a law enforcement officer for performing their official duty.

The bill makes it clear that Huff is almost finished with his sophomore year at North Idaho College.

Stephens is in line to be the first student in northern Idaho — and possibly the state — to complete an associate's degree and his high school diploma at the same time. He has not attended classes at Coeur d'Alene High since he finished his sophomore year.

for a judge to consider exception.

Scott Yeager, who was ultimately sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole, simply walked up and began shooting Huff as she left the Coeur d'Alene district headquarters to get into her patrol car. The governor also signed much of the 2000-2001 state budget, although key appropriations for public schools and higher education still await his signature. Agencies with budgets approved on Friday include the Fish and Game Department, the new independent Division of Veterans Services, Medicaid, which includes bringing the veterans homes under that federal



state health program and the court system, including a 3.5 percent pay increase for judges.

The school facilities measures that won Kempthorne's signatures included one mandating development of statewide school building safety standards and establishing a process for closing schools that pose any "imminent safety hazard." The state had a caretaker-and-strict plan for addressing school safety problems; the bill was a companion to two proposals for making low-interest loans available to schools facing safety problems. The first of those bills, which Kempthorne signed on Wednesday, created a special \$10 million revolving loan fund that school districts can tap once they exhaust all other revenue sources. It was seen by lawmakers as the most critical of the three measures to showing a good-faith effort in response to a lawsuit from school districts alleging the state has shirked its constitutional duty.

Utah Rep. debates opponents on 'electability'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — U.S. Rep. Merrill Cook shrugged off a loss in a civil trail during a debate on Saturday with two Republican challengers for Utah's 2nd Congressional District.

Delegates for the May 6 state Republican convention packed a room to hear Cook, R. Utah, Derek Smith and Jeff Wright debate who was more electable.

All three expressed support for fiscal restraint from government,

elimination of the capital gains and estate taxes, local control over education, and enforcement of existing gun laws rather than enactment of new laws.

"When we see a Columbine, when we see a tragedy that happens to our children, we want to react," said Wright. "But we have to be logical. We have to be reasonable. We need to be constitutional."

Cook's two challengers, espe-

cially Smith, each argued they are the candidate who could beat Democrat Jim Matheson, keep the seat Republican and retain GOP control of Congress.

"I'm here to talk about one thing: electability," said Smith, who also filed to run for office on the last day. "I got in this race as many of you know at the last minute because I was looking for a candidate who could beat Jim Matheson and I didn't see him."

Services

Natalie Ann Hoss of Twin Falls, friends and family are invited to a remembrance of Natalie at 9 a.m. today at the scension Priory, 541 E. 100 S. in Jerome (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

church.

Luther Albert Kesterson of Twin Falls and formerly of Baker City, Ore., service at 10 a.m.

Wednesday at the Coles-Strommer Funeral Home, 1950 Place St. in Baker City (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICE

Blanche A. Taylor John of Shoshone, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Gooding LDS Church; friends may call from 1-7 p.m. Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel and one hour before the service Tuesday at the

Rev. Atty L. Blades

JEROME - The Rev. Atty Loren Blades, 77, of Jerome, died Saturday, April 15, 2000, at

his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

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Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted

Merlin Hill of Burley.

Admitted

Mark Boatwright of Rupert; Shirley Stauffer of Heyburn; and Lloyd Sager of Bingham, Maine.

Dismissals

Amber Oregon, Elaine Dougal and Tara Tamez, all of Rupert; and Helen Truesdell of Heyburn.

OBITUARIES

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BUHL

Reese H. Romans

Reese Hans Romans, 81, a former longtime resident of Buhl, passed away April 12, 2000, at his home in Weiser after a long illness.

Reese was born January 16, 1919, in Twin Falls. He married Rose E. Bunker on Dec. 16, 1945, in Elko, and she passed away in 1982. Reese farmed in the Buhl area and also operated a mobile butcher for many years, retiring in 1996 and moving to Weiser in 1997 along with a close friend, Cora McMurrin. He served in the U.S. Navy during WW II, and was a former member of the Cedar Draw Grange and the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his daughter, Debbie (Bon) McMurrin of Weiser; granddaughters, Roselee McMurrin of Weiser and Alicia Shepherd of Buhl; grandson, George Shepherd of Buhl; five sisters, Lorene Brown of Kimberly, Betty Walker of Ohio, Mary Mohr and Alice May Prescott, both of Twin Falls, and Erma Arbuckle of Emmett; three brothers, Dale of Buhl, Gerald of Filer and Ernest of Twin Falls; and six nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Rosa, parents, six brothers and a sister.

A graveside service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl on Sunday from 3-5 p.m. and on Monday until noon.

HEYBURN

Lyle B. Cameron

Lyle B. Cameron, 69-year-old Heyburn resident, died peacefully at his home on Friday, April 14, 2000, with his family by his side.

He was born April 19, 1930, in Rupert, Idaho, the youngest of six children to Bert and Hazel Buchanan Cameron. He attended schools in Rupert. Lyle served our country in the United States Army during the Korean War. On January 21, 1951, he married Esther Scholler. They had two children, Stephen Bert Cameron, who preceded him in death and Leslie C. Long of Burley. Esther preceded him in death on January 20, 1994. He married Judy Brown on October 14, 1998, in Heyburn, Idaho. Lyle was a member of the Masonic Lodge #354, served as a Master

SUNNYSIDE, WASH.

Gordon R. 'Bud' Handy

Gordon R. Handy, known as "Bud," left his earth to join the Kingdom of Heaven on Sunday, April 2, 2000, at home surrounded by his family. He was our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Bud was born July 28, 1923, on the family farm in Jerome, Idaho, to Walde and Hazel (Ambrose) Handy. As a young man, he left the call to defend his country and enlisted in the U.S. Army. Bud served at the European Front during WW II and discharged in August 1945 as a 4-SGT. Bud married Rose Marie Guard (from Rupert) on December 5, 1945, in Elko, Nevada. They lived and farmed in Idaho until February 1954 when they moved to Sunnyside, WA. In July 1954, they purchased the home he resided in until death. Bud took great pride in his home and garden. He was a family man and loved having them around him. Besides his family, Bud loved entertaining with his guitar. He led all family singing at gatherings and also volunteered in nursing homes and schools. He loved making people happy. He put up a courageous fight until the end against pulmonary hypertension. Bud was a leader and we feel he may become a director of music heaven and possibly the gardener.

Bud is survived by his wife of 54 years, Rose Marie Handy; brother, Wes in Las Cruces, New Mexico; five daughters; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his only sister, Margaret June; two brothers, Eldon and Glen; and his parents.

Our beloved will always be with us in heart. He never let us know he was in heaven, but he was there. WELL DONE, BUD!

Memorial Services were held April 6 at the Grace Brethren Church in Sunnyside, WA. Burial. Donations may be made to the Union Gospel Mission in Yakima, WA. Valley Hills was in charge of the arrangements.

GILROY, CALIF.

Alice M. Porter Ryman

Alice Mae Porter Ryman, born May 8, 1927; to Carl and Katherine Porter in Colbran, Colo.

Mrs. Ryman retired from American Weaving Supply in 1990. She was raised on a large ranch in Colorado. She enjoyed cooking for the ranch hands and later for family and friends. Mrs. Ryman was a resident of Twin Falls for many years. She survived a 1972 battle with thyroid cancer. She did not survive her recent battle with breast cancer. In retirement, she enjoyed gardening, cooking, reading, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Loving mother of Leslie (Ibelle) of Indianapolis, Ind.; Michele Ryman-Lewis of Galveston, Texas; Greg Ryman of San Jose, Calif.; Loving grandmother of Rachel Nishita, Jennifer and Amanda of Gilroy, Cal. and by Lewis, Heyler, Callin and Shelby Ryman. Great-grandmother of Johnny, Justin and Joshua.

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Student earns dual credits

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Drew Stephens will become a college junior before he graduates from high school.

The 18-year-old is a senior at Coeur d'Alene High School. He also is almost finished with his sophomore year at North Idaho College.

"I've got a big head start on everything, pretty much," Stephens said. "I'll be done with college two years sooner."

Stephens is an extreme example of what is possible through dual enrollment, where students can take college classes and receive both high school and college credit for them.

Other students have amassed large amounts of credit, but Stephens is the only one who will complete requirements at both North Idaho and his high school within a matter of weeks. The college graduation is May 18; the high school is June 8.

He plans to attend college in southern Utah, and eventually go to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to obtain a master's degree in aerospace engineering and work for NASA.

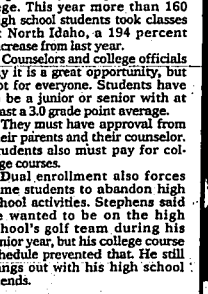
Dual enrollment has become enormously popular since it began two years ago at the college. This year more than 160 high school students took classes at North Idaho, a 194 percent increase from last year.

Counselors and college officials say it is a great opportunity, but not for everyone. Students have to be a junior or senior with at least a 3.0 grade point average.

They must have approval from their parents and their counselor. Students also must pay for college courses.

Dual enrollment also forces some students to abandon high school activities. Stephens said he wanted to be on the high school's golf team during his junior year, but his college course schedule prevented that. He still hangs out with his high school friends.

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Burley ponders strategic plan

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A downtown that is comfortable and walkable, inviting locals and outsiders alike into its mix of worthwhile destinations, is what some Burley residents say they want for their hometown.

With diligence and resourcefulness, this is what they might see by the city's centennial in 2005.

The city has received a strategic plan drawn up by the Virginia-based economic diversity firm HyettPalma and is now ready to move ahead with revitalization. At this point, the city can't sure just how much the revitalization project will cost. The city spent \$35,000 on the HyettPalma study, but Mayor Doug Manning said he doesn't have a clue as to how much the entire project will cost the public and private sectors.

Manning said that something that can't be hammered out until focus groups know exactly what work will be done as each part of downtown has different needs.

Manning said the first step will be to form a Burley Lender Consortium - a group of local

lending institutions - to encourage improvements in the private sector. He said he will tackle that task this week.

HyettPalma also advised Burley to utilize the city's Urban Renewal District to benefit downtown. The city hopes to attract industry by offering tax-incentive financing if businesses locate within the revenue allocation area in the city's URD. Such financing allows taxes assessed on property improvements to go back into the URD's infrastructure. Burley's downtown is located within the URD.

The report also recommended the city form a Downtown Revitalization Partnership to lead the revitalization effort and coordinate fundraising efforts, and to create a new staff position to lead the group. Manning said the city might look at hiring someone in the future, but for now he will have to fill that part himself.

Manning is confident the community will be generous in its support. Residents have helped out with previous projects, such as the "Enough is Enough" drug prevention program and in making the corner of Overland Avenue and Main Street into a welcome monument for visitors.

"I've always felt for really good causes in the area people are willing to donate their time and support for them," he said.

One former Burley retailer said the challenge will be getting business owners to bear the costs of improvements.

"Whether people can do that - and how long they can wait on the returns for their investments - is the question," said Jim Roper, whose family-owned Roper's department store closed in December after 87 years.

HyettPalma recommended the city look into matching grant incentive programs to help owners improve the exteriors of their businesses.

After the commercial environment has been substantially improved, the city can work on recruiting more business.

Monica's Antiques owner Monica Knussen said it will be a challenge for the city to recruit businesses and keep them here. But she believes Burley has the right team of local business, community and city officials to make revitalization possible.

"I know it won't happen overnight, and it's at least what will keep our town from drying up and blowing away," she said.

City unites to work on renovations

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A gathering place, a place where people would want to have a band concert in the park - this is what Rupert residents and city officials would like to see in their town.

From volunteer groups to local improvement districts to tax dollars, a number of components have been used to not only rekindle a sentimental mood, but to spur economic growth and draw more businesses to Rupert.

Rupert Renaissance Initiative committee members gleaned a vision for Rupert's future from memories of the past - going to movies at the Wilson Theater, Fourth of July parades on the Rupert Square and activities at the Civic Auditorium.

Restoration of the Wilson Theater is a priority of the Renaissance group.

The committee is also working to improve the city's recreation facilities. With help from community donations of money and labor, basketball courts were built at 12th Street Park and K Street Park.

Renaissance committee members also hope to get business owners involved in efforts to renovate Rupert's downtown area to the 1920s era. Said Chris Jackson, Rupert Renaissance coordinator.

The group recently held a workshop with speakers from the Idaho Department of Commerce.

The workshop goal was to help business owners determine what needs to be done to get the city listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Register status can bring economic benefits. The town could become a draw for tourists. The town could also qualify for grant money, Jackson said.

"Rupert is a community we can brag about around the state," said Greg Seibert of the Department of Commerce.

But the Renaissance group is not the only entity interested in Rupert's revitalization efforts.

Budgeting by city leaders along with some low interest loans has helped accomplish several major infrastructure projects.

There was a time when 52 downtown blocks were torn up, said Theo Schut, former public works director.

Renovation was hard on businesses while in progress. But in the long run, efforts are paying off, Schut said.

Businesses - once vacant - are beginning to prosper around the Square, including a large volume of Hispanic business, which fills a void in the growing Hispanic population and introduces others to the Hispanic aspect of Rupert's culture, Jackson said.

While revitalization of the downtown area has helped Rupert businesses, several local improvement districts have been completed in residential districts.

The LIDs are financed by the city and residents are able to pay back their portion over a 10-year

period, said City Administrator Roger Bagley.

City officials have steered away from using urban renewal districts as a revitalization tool.

The city has not seen a need yet for tax incremental financing, Bagley said. The city has benefited from low interest loans and grants.

As the City Hall renovation gets closer to completion, Bill Rickert, one of the contractors working on the building, talked about the things that make the building unique. Crews are trying to keep some of the original features intact, he said.

When eight layers of paint were peeled off the city vault door it was learned the door once belonged to First National Bank, which may have been the bank that was once located where the Drift Inn is now, Rickert said.

The upstairs room, which was turned into the new council chambers, was once the city library.

Historic pride extends to the Minidoka County Courthouse, which is nearly 85 years old and in need of repairs.

Even though it would be more costly to renovate the building, than to tear it down and build a new one, residents would rather see the building restored. At a recent meeting, city commissioners agreed with them.

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Mini-Cassia teachers receive awards

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

KETCHUM - Two Mini-Cassia teachers recently won awards for their dedication, immersing students in and teaching them the importance of protecting nature.

Eddy Kelsey, Declo Junior High School teacher, and Royce Young, a teacher at St. Nicholas School in Rupert, recently won Teacher of the Year Awards from Mini-Cassia Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The awards recognized their involvement in the annual Summer Natural Resources Workshop in Ketchum, a week-long excursion in June involving 50 to 90 youths aged 12 to 14. The group is sponsored by the University of Idaho and the

Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

Also involved are the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho Soil Conservation Commission and U.S. Forest Service.

Kelsey, who teaches math and science to sixth graders, said he's been a counselor for the past 10 years and has coordinated classes and helped other teachers get grants.

Young will be Young's fourth year of involvement in the camp, and his third year as a staff member. Young, who teaches fifth- and sixth graders at St. Nicholas, helps students learn about the complex soil, on which they tread.

Experiments and exploration characterize the weeklong event. Students learn to identify wildlife, collect plants, examine soil and habitat, while learning how all parts of the environment work together. They also learn the functions of the land and discuss the complex issues surrounding natural resources.

Young said he's only a minor player in the program.

"They do a wonderful, wonderful job," Young said. "University of Idaho has just done wonderful things for the kids."

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Dogs

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and ways to deal with them:

- Snake bites: Western diamondback rattler bites are getting more common, Acker said. Fortunately, most are non-lethal. The dog hears a buzz in the bush, sticks his nose in to investigate and gets zapped. Some snake bites contain venom and others don't contain any venom at all. The key is to play it safe to delay absorption of the blood-toxin there is into the bloodstream.
- The best thing to do is to stop hiking and quiet the dog to prevent the toxin from spreading through its system. If the bite strikes the paw, you might raise the paw in the air to prevent the toxin from working its way to the heart and wrap the leg with a wide band that's snug, but not too snug. If you want, you can give the dog a steroid like Benzydri to alleviate pain.
- Porcupine quills: If your dog gets a handful of quills, pull them out by grasping the quill near the skin with a hemostat or pliers. Hold the skin close to the body as you pull the quill to prevent nearby quills from slipping under the skin. If the quills are in the mouth,

Book available

Randy Acker's book, "Dog First Aid: A Field Guide to Emergency Care for the Outdoor Dog," is available for \$15 at the Sun Valley Animal Center and most bookstores.

Just a stick in the back of the mouth and hold down while you pull quills. Try not to break quills off under the skin where they can cause infection. And don't pull quills out of the eyes because they can pop the eyeball.

Don't sweat it if your dog ends up with a face full of quills the second day of a four-day backpack trip. It does not hurt the dog to leave the quills in for a few days.

- Lacerations: If the wound is clean, take a Suture stapler, available for about \$15, and staple the flap of skin into place. Superglue works well only if it's a thin flap. If there's much tension, it will pop apart. If you do use it, don't get much glue in the wound, Acker cautioned. If the wound is dirty and contaminated, you're better off leaving it alone.

- Ticks: Don't bother with a vaccine for this area - the risk of Lyme disease is low enough here that you're more apt to have problems from the vaccine than you are a tick bite, Acker said. If your dog does get a tick, grasp the tick near its head, give it a quarter turn to the left and pull it out.
- Severe bleeding: Acker recalled one dog that fell off a cliff near Mahoney Butte and landed on a stump, tearing a gash in its neck. By the time the owner got the dog to the veterinary clinic, it nearly died from loss of blood. Try to stop the bleeding before you attempt to move the dog, he said. Apply direct pressure, soak up the blood with a light pad wrap, even tie off the end of the artery or vein, if necessary.
- "I feel much more comfortable that I can handle whatever Kirby gets into this year," said Goodyear.
- "The stapler idea will definitely come in handy for our English Springer spaniels," chimed in Stacie Bolenstein. "They're always getting cut up in barbed wire."

Police investigate thefts of more than 400 pairs of pants

POCATELLO (AP) - Chubbuck police are continuing an investigation into a robbery that cost Sears more than \$23,000.

On March 18, at least five people robbed Sears and took more than 400 pairs of Levi's pants and Dockers slacks.

Police suspect that a group of five to 15 accomplices hit Sears stores in Idaho Falls, Pocatello

and Ogden, Utah in three days, taking almost \$50,000 worth of pants. The Ogden Sears was able to collect the most information about the suspected thieves. That store lost almost \$21,000 in merchandise, Chubbuck Police Capt. Richard Webb said.

From the information supplied by the Ogden store, police were able to determine the group was

well-prepared. Robbers avoided looking at the store's security cameras while making trip after trip to the clothing racks that hold pants. The entire robbery took no longer than a few minutes. Webb suspects the robbers fence the merchandise or sell it at second-hand clothing retailers for half its worth.

Swan

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range someday.

"My kids have had the opportunity to learn that kind of great work ethic. I hope their kids have that same chance to learn and understand. I want the generations that follow me to understand what role we played in the world," he said.

But he'd wouldn't do it the same way.

"I'd want a different type of ranch," said Swan, who's making ends meet these days by selling livestock feed. He would want a smaller ranch on private land - something to pass on to his four children but not big enough to consume his life.

"When you're a kid, you want to be the biggest rancher around. Now I just want enough to have a role to play and be happy."

Though the former University of Utah football player, who turned 50 on Sunday, still has to win a November general election race against a third-party candidate, few doubt he will be District 23's next House member. And House Speaker Bruce

Newcomb, R-Burley, is excited about what Swan's past experience brings to the table and what his possible addition to the Legislature's Magic Valley delegation will mean.

"I've wondered where they keep digging up the good ones," Newcomb said about the quality of replacement-legislators local party officials send to Boise.

Swan is one of several who have taken over seats outside of the normal election process.

Newcomb, who assigns House committees, and Swan are unsure of what issues the former rancher would focus on in the Legislature if he gets by his November opponent. But Swan is looking forward to getting into the nuts and bolts of state government and being part of the broader conservative ideology prevalent at the Statehouse.

"We've got to bring pendulum back to the middle of road," he said about the initiatives in many areas brought on by the Clinton Administration. Swan was among the critics of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's grazing reform now being scruti-

nized by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"There are a lot of things that have been done over the last eight years that will take a long time to reverse," he said.

Swan said the Legislature must continue its fight against the weakening of private property rights, and he's interested in looking into the inner workings of the state education and general budget.

The former Three Creek area school board member questions whether administrative costs are too high among the state's school districts.

"There are a lot of school districts and lot of administrators. Maybe there's more money there that should be spent in the classrooms," he said.

He was also disappointed in the relatively small tax cut the Legislature finally settled on after a long and contentious debate.

"I think business as well as individuals need to invest their money, instead of having government try to do it for them," he said.

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 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM
 Church services: 9:30 & 11 AM
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 "Hallelujah Praise the Lamb"
 Breakfast Bar - 10:15 AM

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April 23rd
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 9:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL
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Thursday, April 20th
 Seder Service 7-9 p.m.
 (Passover meal)
Friday, April 21st
 Good Friday Service 7-9 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 23rd
 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



Friday, April 21 - 7:30pm
Good Friday
 Dramatic Presentation & Communion

Sunday, April 23
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 (208) 326-5424

April 16 Palm/Passion Sunday
 11:00AM Children's Palm Procession and special music
 12:00Noon Fellowship Time

April 20 Maundy Thursday Agape Meal
 6:30PM Potluck Dinner - Remembrance of the Last Supper.

April 23 EASTER
 7:00AM Easter Sunrise Service - Filer Baptist Church.
 10:00AM Easter Egg Hunt - Filer United Methodist
 11:00AM Filer United Methodist Easter Celebration,
 Experience the Joy of the Resurrection!

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES AND WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, April 16: Palm/Passion Sunday, remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with palms and cries of Hosanna, only to lead to betrayal, arrest, trial, scourging, crucifixion and death

Thursday, April 20: Maundy (Holy) Thursday (Buhl UMC)
 5:00 Footwashing in Fireside Room
 6:00 Palestinian Dinner in Fellowship Hall with meditation, Holy Communion, stripping of the sanctuary, departure in silence

Friday, April 21: Good Friday (Castelford UMC)
 7:00 PM. Good Friday Tenebrae Service (extinguishing of the light), stripping of the sanctuary, departure in silence and darkness

Sunday, April 23: Easter
 6:30 A.M. Sunrise Service at Wall's Butte, Castelford 832 E 3800 N. look for signs.
 in case of inclement weather, service will be field at Castelford UMC
 Breakfast following at Castelford First Baptist Church
 9:00 A.M. Celebration of the Resurrection, Castelford UMC
 9:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School, children's Easter egg hunt, Buhl
 11:00 A.M. Celebration of the Resurrection, Buhl UMC

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 Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8:30 - 11:00

Good Friday, April 21, 2000
 Stations of the Cross - 12:10 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.
 Confessions - After Stations of the Cross:
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 22, 2000
 Solemn Paschal Vigil - 9:00 p.m.
 Reception to Follow in Parish Hall To Welcome New Members into our Community

Easter Sunday, April 23, 2000
 Mass at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Spanish Mass 12:00 Noon

Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel
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 Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday, April 23, 2000
 Mass at 9:00 a.m. Bi-Lingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate the Miracle Of Easter

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 Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene
 1231 Washington St. N. 733-6610

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 21st
 Spend a few private moments remembering what Jesus has done for you. Communion available in the Sanctuary between 5:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 22nd, 11:00-12:00, Fellowship Hall
 Ages 2 yrs thru 4th grade!

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 23rd
Three Services
 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
 NO Sunday School
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Sunday, April 23rd, 6:00 p.m.
 the "Jesus" Film
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April 16 - 10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship
9:30 pm Pot Luck Fellowship
April 20 - 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion
April 21 - 5:00 pm Good Friday Worship
April 23 - Easter Sunday
6:30 am Sunrise Service at First Baptist Church
9:30 am Continental Breakfast
10:30 am Resurrection Worship & Church School Celebration
First Presbyterian Church of Jerome - 282 East Avenue A
Rev. Bob Stebe, Pastor 324-2972

Magic Valley Bible Church

P.O. Box 5041
Twin Falls, ID
College of Southern Idaho
Shields Bldg. Room 118
Meeting 10:00 am
April 23
Guest speaker:
Jack Hughes of Grace
Bible Church, Boise
Sermon:
"Who killed Jesus?"
based on selected
scriptures.
(Nursery provided)
All are invited to this
special service to worship
the Lord in word and song.

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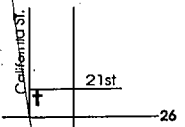
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Palm Sunday
Rejoice Service - Upper Chapel - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages - 9:45 a.m.
Worship with Children's Palm Processional - 11 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Symbolic Seder - 7 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service - Shoshone Falls - 6:30 a.m.
Breakfast 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Rejoice Service - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Children's Egg Hunt - noon
Come celebrate with us!
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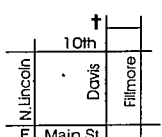
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EASTER BREAKFAST - 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
hosted by OSL Youth (\$4/person; \$12 family).
Easter Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Special Drama and Music - Theme: "The Face of Jesus"

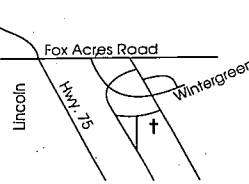
GOODING Calvary
(Rev. J. Michael Dannon)
21st & California
934-5355
Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Worship - 10:00 a.m.



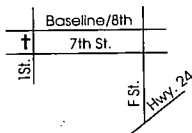
JEROME St. Paul's
(Rev. Baldwin A. Camin)
1301 N. Davis • 324-2842
Maundy Thursday Services - 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday - 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Pageant - 9:00 a.m.
Easter Worship - 10:30 a.m.



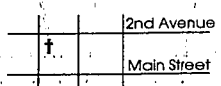
HAILEY Valley of Peace
(Rev. Christ/Rev. Latham)
Woodside & Wintergreen
788-3066
Easter Worship - 5:00 p.m.



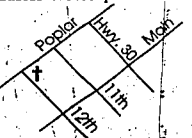
RUPERT Trinity
(Rev. Leonard G. Mietzner)
909 8th • 436-3413
Maundy Thursday - 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday - 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service - 7:15 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
Easter Worship - 10:30 a.m.



WENDELL Christ
(Rev. Camin/Rev. Vedder)
175 2nd Ave. W. • 536-2588
Easter Worship - 7 p.m.



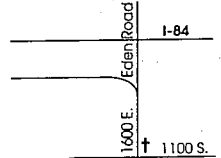
BUHL St. John's
(Rev. Mark E. Latham)
1128 Poplar • 543-4282
Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil - 7:00 p.m.
Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
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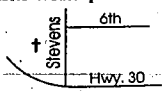
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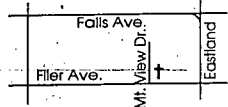
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(Rev. Jeffrey R. Potter)
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Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday - 7:00 p.m.
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Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
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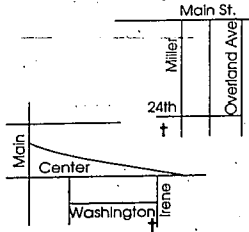
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Good Friday - 7:30 p.m. Communion
Easter Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.
Easter Worship - 9:00 a.m.



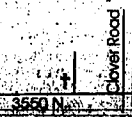
TWIN FALLS Immanuel
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2055 Filer Ave. E. • 733-7820
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Good Friday - 7:30 p.m.
Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Worship - 9:00 a.m.



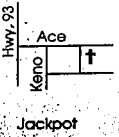
BURLEY Zion
(Rev. Camin/Rev. Melvin R. Wolters)
2410 Miller • 678-9621
Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Worship - 11:00 a.m.



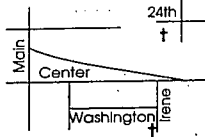
CLOVER Trinity
(Rev. Mark E. Christ)
3552 N. 1825 E. • 326-4950
Maundy Thursday - 6:00 p.m. (Seder)
Good Friday - 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 9:00 a.m.
Festival Worship - 11:00 a.m.



JACKPOT Hope
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Jackpot Community Church Facility
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Easter Worship - 2:00 p.m.



KIMBERLY Redeemer
(Rev. Charles R. Symank)
Irene & Washington
423-5139
Maundy Thursday - 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday - 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.



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Utah prison investigates computer security breach

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A pair of investigations at the Utah State Prison — one into a computer security breach, the other into an apparent suicide — could have severe ramifications for the prison system.

Michael P. Moore was found hanging from a bed sheet in his cell Thursday morning.

Three years ago, Moore, a double-murderer described as a remarkable programming talent, was one of four inmates who lost their jobs in the prison's inmate-employment program.

They were removed after an informant told authorities the convicts were accessing Internet documents that could aid in an

escape. Department of Corrections Director Pete Haun has launched a criminal inquiry into the alleged security breach.

State computer experts discovered the irregularities during a routine audit last week. By Friday, they had searched every staff and inmate computer in Utah's Correctional Industries, including Moore's, said UCI Director Dick Clasby.

Prison spokesman Jesse Gallegos said Friday that, until now, administrators were confident of the computer security.

"With these new developments we have to look at that more carefully — whether there were irregularities or holes in

the system," Gallegos told The Salt Lake Tribune in a copyright story Saturday.

"We will act immediately to correct those after a thorough

investigation is completed."

Moore, 43, wrote two programs key to operations at the prison print shop and UCI's 28 private-public partnerships.

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Ricks College works to make room for more students

REXBURG (AP) — When Ricks College mailed out acceptance letters last month, 97 percent of the 6,700 applicants were offered some sort of slot at the school.

For officials at the Rexburg junior college, that 97 percent is a landmark. The 3 percent not accepted is the fewest number of applicants they turned away in more than four years.

Previously, school officials had to inform thousands of applicants there was no room for them. The college, owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, only has room for 8,600 students, but thousands more apply each year hoping for one of the coveted slots.

In 1996, Ricks turned away 2,300 hopeful students.

The 97 percent also means the work college officials have done to give more students a chance to attend is paying off. The last few years, they have introduced programs to provide alternative

ways for students to attend Ricks.

School administrators increased the number of classes they offer via the Internet. And they started Fast Track, a program that lets incoming students complete a two-year degree in one year.

This summer they are launching a new split-track program that will allow up to 800 more students to attend Ricks. The students will attend during the summer and then in either the fall or winter semester. The only drawback is they would have to sit out either the fall or winter semester because there is not enough room for students to attend both.

"We've been trying as hard as possible to admit as many students as we can," said Don Sparhawk, Ricks' spokesman.

"We could just accept kids for the fall and turn away everybody else, but we've been over backwards to give them some sort of Ricks experience."

B.C. lawmaker gets stuck with bogus bill from Vegas

VICTORIA, British Columbia (AP) — Provincial lawmaker Rick Kasper is a gambler with a winning streak. But he feels like a loser after his most recent trip to Las Vegas.

One crank on the arm of a Las Vegas slot machine in February lined Kasper's pockets with \$1,300 US.

But back in Canada, the New Democratic Party member from Vancouver Island got a rude awakening when one of his American \$100 bills was confiscated by police on suspicion that it is counterfeit.

"It was quite a shock for me," Kasper said. "I mean, I got the money from a reputable hotel."

When Kasper attempted to deposit the 13 \$100 bills at his local credit union, one was red-flagged as suspicious and police were called in.

The questionable bill now is in an Ottawa crime lab. Kasper goes to Las Vegas twice

a year and usually comes back with cash in his pocket.

He is the only lawmaker in British Columbia who, every year since being elected in 1996, has declared gambling winnings as income on his disclosure statements. In 1997, he won \$2,500 U.S.

Cpl. Jack Gallop, of the Langford RCMP, says it is highly likely that the bill is counterfeit. If it is, "Mr. Kasper would be financially liable for the loss," he said Friday.

But Kasper, who still has receipts from the Vegas hotel that gave him the bill, won't be in any trouble for attempting to pass a false bill.

"In most of these cases, people receive the fake bills quite innocently and they pass them quite innocently," Gallop said. "It's just an unfortunate occurrence."

To add insult to injury, Kasper will have to pay U.S. tax on his winnings — even on the fake bill.

food fun & entertainment

THREE NEW BETTY BOOP SLOTS

The vixen, The Flapper, The timeless Jazz Age beauty with her name up in lights. And now she's at Cactus Petes with her three popular game versions, "Born To Boop," "Roaring 20s" and "Double Jackpot."



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THE GUESS WHO

APRIL 18-23
The group has had a succession of American pop chart hits including "No Time," "Laughing/Undun," "Tessa Eyes" and "American Woman."

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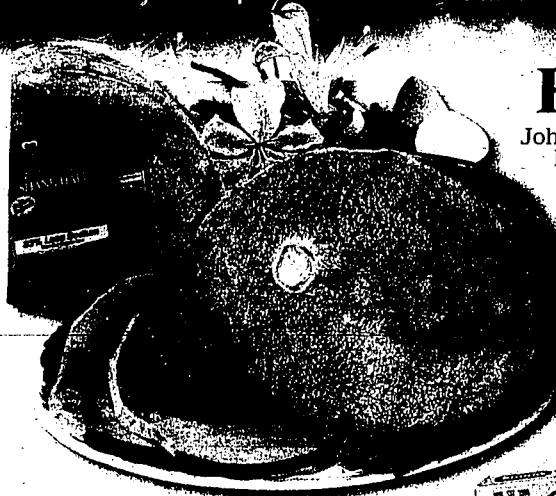
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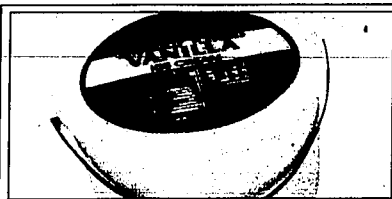
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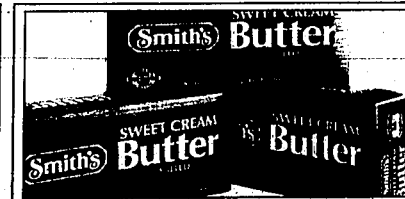
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“I’m proud of the fact that I’ve been able to be productive for a long period of time. That’s what it means to me.”

—*Baltimore infielder Cal Ripken, who on Saturday became the 24th player in major league history to reach 3,000 hits*

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
Buhl Amateur, at Clear Lake C.C.

IN BRIEF

Twin Falls Travelling All-Stars hold tryouts

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls All-Star baseball clubs are holding tryouts at the College of Southern Idaho's Frontier Field next Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, for Little Leaguers.

Tryouts for 11-and 12-year-old boys begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday. Tryouts for 9- and 10-year-olds are Saturday at 10 a.m. For more information, call Gary Cook at 733-1915 or 733-1804.

Women win Candleridge opening day scramble

TWIN FALLS—The annual Ladies Opening Day Scramble at Candleridge Golf Course was held Saturday. The men's Opening Day Scramble will be held today.

Women's winners were as follows: First net - Laura Madron, Marta Lemoyne, Kathy Salisbury, Wj Duro, 59; second net - Linda Hamilton, Jerine Smith, Kelley Huddleston, Julie Stadelman, 61.25; third net - Cindy Byers, Bonnie McCall, Colleen Florke, Colleen Brown, 61.50; fourth net - Carolyn Satterfield, Barbara Short, Carol Cunningham, Kim Jones.

It's not too late to join

Oasis Best Ball field

TWIN FALLS—Some spots remain for next weekend's Oasis Two-person Best Ball golf tournament at Canyon Springs and the Jerome Country Club golf courses. Entry deadline for the Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23 tournament is Wednesday. Greens fees are \$120 per team for men's and women's flights. For more information, call 734-7609.

Burley Ladies Night golf events start on May 3

BURLEY—The Ladies Night Golf League starts May 3 at the Burley Golf Course. The league plays at 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Individuals or four-member teams can join by calling league officers Marsha at 678-1369, Nanette at 678-7636 or Sherma at 678-2339, or by calling the pro shop at the golf course, 678-9807.

Minico baseball program sponsors block party

RUPERT—The Minico baseball team will host a "Baseball Block Party" for baseball alumni and program supporters this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the newlylighted Warburton Field. The event will feature the retirement of two numbers, those of Richard Warburton (1968-72) and Rick Baumann (1978-82), and a seven-inning all-star game under the lights. Food will be provided. RSVP to Russ Wright (208) 436-6875, or Trent Ferrin (208) 678-7507.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Speedway opener



Kelly Chappell, in the No. 7 car, narrowly beats Thomas Powoli across the finish line in the main event of the Budweiser Grand National Sportsman class at Magic Valley Speedway on Saturday night.

Jones motors to Modified win

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—One of the largest Opening Day fields in Magic Valley Speedway history got Idaho's only NASCAR track off to a rousing start Saturday night.

Fourteen Mountain Dew Modifieds, including defending champion Bruce Quale, fired up their motors for the first of 18 scheduled appearances at the 1/3-mile oval.

And when the raucous field hit the gas at the starting line, many in the trackside crowd clasped

hands to ears and opened eyes wide at the crackle of exhausts roaring into the night.

And the Speedway's featured class didn't disappoint, with an exciting race that was decided with three laps to go as Kuna's Steve Jones caught a hot-running Rus Ward in turn 2 to pull away for the season's first Modified checkered flag.

"The car really is outstanding," Jones said, clutching his trophy in the winner's circle. "Rus did an awesome job and really, everybody did an excellent job tonight."

Jones caught a break when a

fast Harold Wartluft, who ran near the lead most of the way, spun out following the race's third caution on lap 37. Wartluft's mishap allowed Jones to regroup, and when the green flag flew, the "wild-haired" one found himself in Ward's rearview mirror through lap 40.

Jones had victory on his mind as he swerved high and low behind Ward to try and find a hole to fly past the leader. But Ward had the horsepower in the stretches to stay with Jones through lap 47. But a second later as both leaders rounded turn 2, Jones finally caught and passed

Ward with two and a half laps remaining. He sped away from there to capture the first Modified race of the season. Bruce Quale took third with Dave Minico finishing fourth. "Luckily, we got a lot of breaks, and we're starting the year like we ended the last - in first place."

There were only two lead changes in the race that finished with a dozen cars. Racing returns to the track next Saturday at 7 p.m. when the Modifieds, Grand National Sportsman, Pony and Thunder Stocks resume their pursuit of the points championship.

High school wranglers ride in Buhl

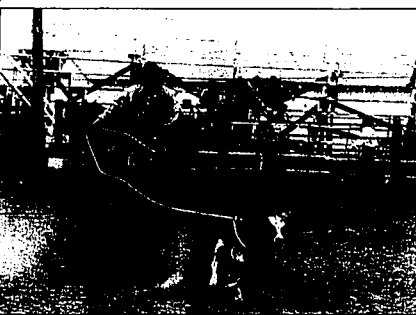
By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

BUHL—The greenish stain on the back of Jordan Hitt's starched white shirt wasn't grass. But as the DeLoe sophomore gathered his belongings behind the bucking chutes Saturday afternoon, laundry was the furthest thing from his mind.

Minutes earlier, he had won the bull riding competition - just one of the 10 events contested Saturday by some of the Magic Valley's top young cowboys and cowgirls at the Sixth District High School Rodeo in Buhl. The same clubs competed in a separate rodeo Friday evening, also in Buhl.

Hitt's 65-point ride on a bull named Choke Start bested Raft River's Chase Erickson by one point, and Buhl's Ben Kimball by two. Friday night, Dan Tracy won the event with a 73-point ride on the same bull.

"I just tried to stay up, stick my chest out at him and keep my feet shufflin'," said Hitt, who was bucked in Friday's rodeo, "and



Filor's Zack Chadwick ropes his calf during Saturday's calf roping competition at the Sixth District High School Rodeo in Buhl. Chadwick timed in a time of 12.97 seconds and won the event by nearly six seconds over second-place Broden Matthews of Oakley.

try not to get over the front of him."

Five bull riders rode to the horn Saturday. The afternoon

proved more difficult for the bronc riders. No bareback rider recorded a score and only one saddle bronc rider - Raft River's Jason Sears - lasted the mandatory eight seconds: Sears rode a horse named Kadophy for 63 points and sole possession of first place.

For the girls, the day belonged to Buhl senior Brandy Rodig, who finished first in the goat tying (8.48 seconds), second in the barrel racing (17.470) and third in the pole bending (21.444).

"I'm happy with those times," said Rodig, who won the barrel racing and pole bending competitions Friday. "We've only had two rodeos this year, and this is the best one so far."

Rodig, who has been riding since age 3, said she will attend the College of Southern Idaho next year on a rodeo scholarship.

Minico's Amber Rogers also turned in a fine performance Saturday, winning the pole bending in a time of 20.650 seconds, despite being the last of 25 riders to run. She also finished fourth in

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Hat trick Lapointes Wings in right direction

The Associated Press

DETROIT—Larry Murphy has played in over 200 playoff games and he's still seeing new things. Murphy watched in surprise Saturday as his Detroit Red Wings beat the Los Angeles Kings 8-5 in the highest-scoring playoff game since 1993, taking a two-game lead in their Western Conference first-round series.

"Before playoff games, you think the game through in your mind, and you think you have a pretty good idea what is going to happen," said Murphy, who also

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played in the highest-scoring game in postseason history, Edmonton's 10-8 win over the Kings in 1982.

"I never dreamed anything like this would happen," Murphy said. "It'll just be that even if we win the Stanley Cup, there won't be another game like this."

Martin Lapointe scored three times and Kris Draper and Nick Lidstrom each added two goals for Detroit, while Ziggy Palffy

had two goals for the Kings and Luc Robitaille had a goal and two assists.

The series, which the Red Wings lead 2-0, continues at Los Angeles on Monday and Wednesday.

"I think we proved today that we aren't going to go away," Kings coach Andy Murray said. "They had a lot of chances to bury us tonight, and we wouldn't let them. We kept hanging around."

The game was the highest-scoring playoff game since Los Angeles won 9-6 at Calgary on

April 29, 1993. Lapointe's only other NHL hat trick came in Detroit's 8-2 victory over the New York Rangers on March 26.

"Obviously, it is really special to get three goals in a playoff game, but this isn't the type of hockey that we are used to," Lapointe said. "I'm sure that both teams are going to make some serious defensive adjustments before Game 3."

The game got off to one of the wildest starts in playoff history, with six goals in the first 6:56.

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DRAFT'S A KICK

Brown goes first

The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Leave it to the Raiders to provide a kick to an otherwise predictable NFL draft. No first-round trades for the first time since 1983 - those came before Saturday's lottery. Penn State players, as expected, went 1-2. And a first-round bonanza for Washington, whose owner tolerates nothing short of a Super Bowl.

But then came the 17th pick, and a move sure to raise eyebrows among the NFL's character police, especially after a season in which two players were charged with murder and dozens more with various lawbreaking. That's when Oakland picked Florida State kicker Sebastian Janikowski - a player facing bribery charges that could get him deported to Poland. He's the first kicker taken in the first round in 25 years.

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Buhl gets even at Mid-Season

By Ryan Bevan
Times-News writer

BUHL—Sweet, sweet revenge. The Buhl Indians' colossal performance in the championship game of the Buhl Mid-Season Classic tournament was a fitting one. Buhl invited five other teams from around Idaho to compete in the tournament, only to meet Bear Lake in a rematch of last year's championship contest at the same tourney.

The powerhouse Indians smashed the Bear Lake Bears at Clint Faux Memorial Field 11-3 Saturday night, avenging that disappointing 9-6 loss.

"Our second-line pitchers got us where we are," said Buhl coach Gary Krumm. "We didn't have to use Seth (Mathews) so we were able to save him for the championship game."

The Indians didn't waste any time getting started, as their defense, behind the hot hand of Mathews, held Bear Lake scoreless until the fourth inning.

Buhl opened the bottom of the first inning with three runs off doubles from TJ Cline and Sean Van Elderen, driving in three runs to take a 3-0 lead heading into the second inning of play.

"The first three runs in the first inning really got us going," said Buhl coach Gary Krumm. "Our 1.6 guys really had a nice tournament for us - TJ Cline, Sonny Thornborough, and Cody Chandler hit the ball great."

The Indians had one run in the third inning off of RB single from Chandler. After giving up two runs in the top of the fourth - the first runs the Bear Lake had seen all game - Buhl outscored the Bears 7-1 over the next two innings to take a 3-0 lead heading into the fourth inning.

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Courtney Brown

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SPORTS

Eagle baseball splits pair with Cardinals

The-Time-News
SPOKANE, Wash. - The College of Southern Idaho baseball team was rained out Friday...

The first three batters he faced before allowing a leadoff walk to start the second inning...

In the nightcap, Adrian Thomas belted a two-run home run to jumpstart a three-run third...

fourth starter Craig Kilshaw, whose elbow is too sore to throw...

Els watches, learns, surpasses Love at MCI

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) - Ernie Els applied the lessons he learned in the first two rounds of the MCI Classic...

III, pick apart Harbour Town's narrow fairways and tiny greens on the way to the second-round lead...

three straight bogeys. By the end of the first round, Els had moved within three strokes of Els...

since Nissan Open last year. "I feel like my game's a lot closer than it seems."

Warburton leads Bruins over Vallivue

CALDWELL - Tyler Warburton threw only 85 pitches all day, never facing more than six batters in any one inning...

Falls High School Bruins stepped onto the softball field at the Teton-Tri-City Tournament Saturday ready to avenge their only loss of the season...

Madison 9, Minico 11
RUPERT - Madison racked up 21 hits in two games and capitalized on numerous Minico errors...

Northwest College in Powell, Wyo., next season, joining teammate Camille Brittain...

Wood River sweeps Wendell 14-1, 13-2

WENDELL - Matt Zachary had only one walk and one hit batsman in the five-inning first game, leading the Wolverines to a doubleheader sweep of the Wendell Trojans...

Glenns Ferry 22, Nampa Christian 2

NAMPA - The Glenns Ferry Pilots committed three errors and allowed two runs in the first inning, but that was the only break Nampa Christian was given...

Filer 14, Malad 1
Filer 7, Shelley 6

DAYTON - The Filer Wildcats took two games played Saturday against Malad and Shelley at the Westside Softball Tournament...

Madison girls win

Madison 8, Minico 3
Madison girls won their first game of the season Saturday at home...

Softball
Twin Falls 6, Idaho Falls 5
Skyline 5, Twin Falls 4

IDAHO FALLS - The Twin Falls softball team won its first game of the season Saturday...

Wanier joins Britann at Northwest College

JEROME - Jerome High School standout Cyrita Wanier has signed to play basketball at Northwest College...

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Rupert
Snyder's Results

Barbed wire: No score recorded.
Rupert - 1st Place, 17,988...

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"Seth did a great job on the mound for us," Krumm said. "He put the ball in play and our defense came up with some great plays..."

championship with a 13-3 run-rule shortened win over the Minico JVs.

Needling a win against a game Spartans squad to avoid a tiebreaker scenario, Buhl pitcher Cody Chandler shook off a rough first inning on the hill to get the Indians into Saturday's finale...

Down 3-1 in the second, Buhl went to work, grinding out six runs in the second on only two hits - an RBI single past third base from Chris Flynn and a Cline two-run single through second base.

Otherwise, the Indians took advantage of three Holland walks and two errors for their other three runs.
" We started off well, but we just kicked the ball around a little bit and that's what killed us," said Minico coach Mike Hoey.

matchup with Vallivue.

"I think our sophomores were a little intimidated by this varsity squad," said Twin Falls coach Kevin Sandau. "They were an older team and we made a lot of mistakes..."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Junior high girls' soccer coaches needed

7 TWIN FALLS - Assistant coaches for the Robert Stuart & O'Leary seventh and eighth grade girls' soccer clubs are needed for the fall soccer season.

Golfer Fiala records first hole-in-one

TWIN FALLS - Ryan Fiala hit his first career hole-in-one on the 124-yard No. 5 at Canyon Springs Golf Course April 6.

Undhjem, Lee take Muni Ladies golf tourney

TWIN FALLS - Results are in for the Thursday morning Muni Ladies Golfer of the Month tournament.

CSI track records pair of national qualifiers

LOGAN, Utah - The College of Southern Idaho track team traveled to the Utah State Invitational, held at 4,600 feet in Logan, Utah, planning to use the event as a training meet.

Defending champ Rupert takes early lead

BUHL - Brett Rupert, defending champion, leads the pack in the first round of the Buhl Amateur Golf Tournament with a 66.

Nampa, BYU product drafted by NFL's Colts

PROVO, Utah - Rob Morris boarded a Lear jet with his parents at 4 p.m. and flew to Indiana after being drafted by the Indianapolis Colts.

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Wranglers
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the barrel racking (17,988) and tied for fourth in the goat tying (10,311).
Onkley's Tabatha Zollinger won the breakaway roping in 6.76 seconds and Sara Lockwood took the barrel racking in 17.434.
For the boys, Filer's Zack Chadwick won the calf roping in 12.97 seconds and Jed and Tyson Hutchinson won the team roping with a time of 10.46.
Murtaugh's Jesse Perkins finished as the only steer wrestler to record a time Saturday, a mark of 19.65 seconds.
Eleven Magic Valley schools (Buhl, Burley, Castelford, Declo, Filer, Kimberly, Murtaugh, Minico, Oakley, Raft River and Twin Falls) participated Friday and Saturday. The next local high school rodeo will be next Friday night and Saturday afternoon in

SPORTS

Wait no longer: Racing season begins at Speedway

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS—Excitement ran heavy in anticipation of the 2000 Magic Valley Speedway racing season as 51 cars representing the track's four regular classes—Modified, Grand National Sportsman, Pony and Thunder stocks—took to the oval.
And fans who braved the spring chill saw some exciting track action as Gene Goodfellow, Kelly Chappell and Ken Vanderham opened the season by taking the first checkered flag of the season.
Chappell returns to form
The former Budweiser Street stocks may have undergone a name change to the Grand

National Sportsman class, but the bumper-to-bumper racing remained the same.
A field of 17 race cars made the start of the 35-lap race, but when it was over, only 13 had crossed the finish line. First to do so was Hagerman's Chappell in his red No. 7 Chevrole. Chappell, a former season champion at the track, hopped onto the roof of his car and raised in arms in victory after the race.
"It was running pretty good," he said. "I thought we were going to have to settle for third but the No. 24 got past the leader, then he slipped up with a couple of laps to go, left it open and it was a good run."
Charlie Hamm fell victim to a spate of yellow flags as he held his lead through the first 16 laps

of the 35-lap main event. But he couldn't fend off fast newcomer Craig Bell, a former multi-time champion from Meridian.
Hamm held the lead over Bell until lap 19, when Bell bolted out in front the Hagerman driver who rode his exhaust pipe.
Goodfellow wins main event of season in Pony stocks
The inaugural main event of the new season witnessed seven NAPA Auto Parts Pony stocks on the green flag lap with Cory Kehrer speeding out to the early lead.
But heat winner Gene Goodfellow became the first main event winner of the new season when he held the lead on lap 3 and pulled away for the uncontested victory.
"Too just out here for the fun," Goodfellow said. "It ran great."
But heat winner Gene Goodfellow in his newly painted Mustang took the lead on lap 3 as 1999 defending champion David Caldwell Jr. exited the oval with a flat tire. Goodfellow stretched his advantage to a full four seconds on lap 11. Goodfellow was being challenged by Kimberly's Alan Larson.
Ten laps into the 25-lap race still saw Goodfellow out to a comfortable advantage while Prara and Larson fought for second. Caldwell reentered the race on lap 12. After Larson was Kehrer followed by Andy Going and Randy Norris.
On the crucial lap 18, Prara had wriggled free of Larson's draft, still far behind Goodfellow's lead.

at this point, the cars had spread themselves out while Goodfellow set the pace all the way into the winner's circle. On the white flag lap, Prara suddenly pulled off the backstretch to lead. But he slid down to fourth as Larson zoomed into second with Kehrer taking third.
Ken Vanderham wins first Thunder race
In a relatively crash-free race of 19 Thunder stocks, Ken Vanderham claimed the checkered flag. More details will be available in Monday's paper.
Pit stops: The track got off to an accident-free start in its first official race of the new season, the Pony stocks heat. Gene Goodfellow became the first official victor of the season winning the heat in his Mustang II. ... Meads is the first woman to get behind the wheel of a Modified, who led with a "twisting" try. Meads ran in back of the back for the heat race, eventually leaving the track after six laps. ... Attendance was estimated at 1,500 for the Saturday's opener. ... Four rookies made their debut in the Modifieds class. ... Last year's Modifieds Rookie of the Year Dana Pruett, of Filer, became the first woman to win a young season, spinning his No. 33 out in Turn 2 on the final lap of the Modifieds A heat. ... Burley Super Stocks driver Clint Kidd, who had a wild race, tragic race recorder last year, was in the stands Saturday night.

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Indiana Pacers 120, Washington Wizards 10

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SPORTS

Super Stockton

Guard still going strong at age 38

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Long after John Stockton dishes out his final assist or swipes his last steal, he'll surely be honored with a monument outside the Delta Center.

After all, the Utah Jazz point guard makes history almost every time he flips a ball to Karl Malone on the pick-and-roll or squirms out of a cluttered lane to find Jeff Hornacek for an open 3-pointer.

With every assist and steal, the 38-year-old Stockton extends NBA records in both categories. He often makes his work seem routine and insists what he's doing is nothing special.

"Honestly, I don't think about it," Stockton said. "I enjoy the playing part. I just look forward to the challenges and then I don't put a lot of thought into the rest of it."

It's vintage Stockton. Without the flash and swagger of many younger players, he has quietly rekindled his game after slipping during last year's lockout-shortened season.

In 1998-99, Stockton averaged 11.1 points a game, down from 14.4 two seasons earlier. After leading the NBA in assists every year from 1987-88 to 1995-96, his average dropped from 10.5 in 1997 to 7.5 last season.

Stockton has been healthier for his 16th NBA season, and it shows. After offseason elbow surgery, a topic he regularly dismissed in preseason interviews, Stockton was averaging 12.3 points and 8.6 assists a game going into the weekend.

To the Jazz, it's just another day at the office.

"I'm never amazed by what John does," Malone said. "In fact, I think I'm spoiled by it. John does what he does every night because he always gets ready to play every night."

When Stockton pushes the ball upcourt, he's intense and extremely focused. His eyes dart in all directions, surveying the receding defenders and sifting up the chance for a fastbreak basket.

Sometimes Stockton zips a no-look bounce pass for a layup, leaving fans ogling in awe. More often, he starts the Jazz offense by curling off a pick, then tossing the ball to Malone when the defense collapses on him.

The two have mastered the play, making "Stockton-to-Malone" synonymous with "pick-and-roll." It epitomizes Stockton: short on glitz but with a meticulous efficiency that commands opponents' respect.

On day after his 38th birthday last month, Stockton had 16 points, 14 assists and zero turnovers in 37 minutes in a loss to Dallas.

"It's a shame more and more young players aren't paying attention to him," said Phoenix coach Scott Skiles, a former NBA point guard who's two years younger than Stockton. "They could learn a lot. Instead of trying to be so fancy, they could be more efficient."

Opposing fans might mock Stockton's midlength shorts, but he often ends up burning their teams with precision passes and his keen sense of court awareness.

"No matter how you try to play him, he's going to find a way to wear you down," Hornacek said.

"He knows the little things to do and he's proved himself night in and night out for the last 16 years."

That consistency carries over to the interview room. Over the years, Stockton has been extremely cautious in what he tells reporters, especially when the topic isn't the Jazz or that night's game.

When his alma mater, Gonzaga, made a run in last month's NCAA tournament, Stockton politely but repeatedly refused to discuss the Bulldogs for a television crew. He said he didn't want to put undue pressure on the team.

"It's an unusual guy when it comes to talking about some things," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said.

Another topic that doesn't sit well with Stockton is Stockton himself. Ask about the secrets to Utah's decade of success and he credits Sloan, owner Larry Miller, Malone and other teammates.

Stockton has played a huge role, too, not just in making Utah a perennial playoff team.

Entering the weekend, his NBA career assists record was up to 13,753 and his steals record stood at 2,835.

When pressed, Stockton insists he's as awed as anyone by his career.

"I could not have foreseen this," he said. "As far ahead as I ever looked was trying to make the team I was on, and I usually thought that was a long shot at best. Everything has been gravy." Stockton followed the powerful Seattle SuperSonics teams of the late 1970s. He recalled cheering for Gus Johnson, Jack Sikma and Dennis Johnson.



Utah's John Stockton, left, swings around Portland's Scottie Pippen during a game in November in Salt Lake City. Long after Stockton has dishied out his final record-setting assist or swiped his last steal, there's sure to be a monument outside the Delta Center in his honor.

No Win, no win

Seattle needs a productive Baker

SEATTLE (AP) — As Vin Baker goes, so go the Seattle SuperSonics' playoff chances. And Baker isn't going well now.

The Sonics' \$87 million power forward was benched this week as coach Paul Westphal decided to send him a message: produce or sit.

"Win is one of the most talented big men in the league," team president Wally Walker said. "He's just so skilled; he's got great hands and touch. When he's on the top of his game, he's unguardable in the low post, and he has to be double covered."

Unfortunately for the Sonics, who will begin the playoffs as the seventh- or eighth-seeded team in the West, Baker is not at the top of his game. In fact, he's probably playing as badly as he's ever played in his seven-year NBA career. Opposing teams can stop him with one player.

In a 27-point victory over Minnesota on Wednesday night, Baker played 14 minutes, scored four points, didn't make a basket, had one rebound and almost fouled out.

As good as Gary Payton is, the Sonics need Baker to produce, too.

"He's struggling now," Walker said. "He's struggling with his confidence. He's trying to find a way. We need him because we're not going very far without him playing well. Whatever he's been doing lately that has caused him to struggle, he needs to change it up his routine."

Even with Baker playing at his

best, the Sonics would be underdogs in the playoffs against the Los Angeles Lakers or the Utah Jazz. The Lakers, with Shaquille O'Neal, have the NBA's best record. The Jazz, with Karl Malone and John Stockton still possessing magic in what are supposed to be their declining years, present a major obstacle, too.

With a Key Arena that is not as full as Sonics owner Barry Ackerley would like it to be, the pressure is on Westphal to have some playoff success. Remember, the Sonics are coming off a season when they didn't make the playoffs.

"I'm doing OK," said Westphal, who was Walker's hand-picked choice to succeed George Karl when Karl was fired two years ago despite a .719 winning percentage, the best in team history.

"I like to compete," Westphal added. "I've competed long enough to know that things don't always go your way. But the only way you can turn them around is to stay aggressive and you can turn them around. That's what we're trying to do."

The Sonics' victory over Minnesota followed a three-game losing streak and nine losses in 11 games. In that span, they had a five-game homecourt losing streak that included a loss to San Antonio the day after the Sonics had a practice blowup with left center Horace Grant out with a shoulder injury.

Payton and Vernon Maxwell, the principals of the practice-day trouble, are pals again.



Seattle's Vin Baker puts up a shot in front of teammates Ruben Patterson (21) and Dallas' Michael Finley and Hubert Davis in Dallas Friday.

MVP for Shaq: Is there any doubt?

The Associated Press

The most valuable player in the NBA is Shaquille O'Neal.

It'll become official sometime next month. The voting won't even be close. O'Neal has a chance at becoming the first unanimous MVP selection in league history, a claim not held by the likes of Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell, Larry Bird or Michael Jordan.

Jordan and Bird have come the closest. Jordan received 109 of 113 first-place votes (96.5 percent) in 1995-96 — his first full season after his first retirement. Bird got 73 of 78 first-place votes in back-to-back seasons, 1984-85 and 1985-86.

The Associated Press does not take part in official NBA voting, but the selection here would go to O'Neal.

Remember a couple years ago when all he could do was dunk, miss free throws, get swept out of the playoffs and remind everyone that he had, as he himself said in 1996, "won at every level except college and the pros?"

But O'Neal has refined his offensive game into a devastating combination of power and skill this season. He's added jump hooks, finger rolls, bank shots and finesse moves, and has hit more free throws over the second half of the season.

He still gets his dunks, that's for sure. But he now scores so easily in other ways, too, that he has become the most unstoppable

low-post force since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, at the peak of his career.

Named player of the month three times, O'Neal became the first NBA player to have a 60-point, 20-rebound game in the Chamberlain in 1968-69. O'Neal had 61 points and 23 rebounds against the Clippers on March 6. He also scored 40 points in consecutive games, becoming the first Laker to do so since Jerry West in 1970.

O'Neal entered the weekend leading the league in scoring (29.5) and field goal percentage (.574) and was ranked second in rebounding (13.6) and third in blocks (3.11).

His assists are at a career-high 3.8 a game, and his total of 882 is 68 more than his previous career best. He also anchors the NBA's most improved defense.

Perhaps most impressive of all is his 53rd victory total — 65 and counting — and finished the final four games of the season.

Runner-up: Gary Payton, SuperSonics.

The choices for other awards aren't as clear as the voting for rookie of the year and coach of the year should be especially close.

As impressive a job as Doc Rivers has done with the Orlando Magic, the choice here for coach of the year is Phil Jackson for the way he has instantly turned a team with a history of upheaval and underachievement into a winner.

Elliott steps up in Duncan's absence

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sean Elliott scored a season-high 15 points and the San Antonio Spurs overcame the absence of Tim Duncan to defeat the Utah Jazz 106-83 Saturday night and keep alive their slim hopes for a Midwest Division title.

David Robinson had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Spurs, who must win their final two games and hope Utah loses its final three in order to win the division.

Malik Rose also had 15 for San Antonio, which has won four of its last five. Starting in Duncan's absence, Saniaki Walker added 14 points.

76ers 100, Pistons 94
PHILADELPHIA: Allen Iverson, his sore elbow getting more swollen by the minute, scored 30 points as the 76ers

pulled within a game of the Knicks for the third spot in the East.

Pistons star Grant Hill lasted only 16 minutes on his sprained left ankle and scored a season-low four points as the Pistons missed a chance to clinch a playoff berth.

Cavaliers 108, Knicks 96
CLEVELAND — The Knicks' chances of winning the Atlantic Division took a huge hit as they lost decisively on the road for the second night in a row.

Andre Miller scored 18 points to lead six Cleveland players in double figures. New York (49-31), coming off a 15-point loss at Toronto, fell 1.5 games behind Miami.

Allan Houston had 21 points for the Knicks, who could never mount a comeback after Cleveland used a 13-4 run to open a 23-12 lead.

Edmond Murray scored 16

points, Shawn Kemp had 15, Bob Sura and Mark Bryant 14 apiece and Wesley Person 12 for Cleveland.

Bucks 120, Wizards 116, OT
WASHINGTON — Sam Cassell scored 34 points, including consecutive baskets at the start of overtime, as Milwaukee moved within a half-game of the Eastern Conference's final playoff spot.

Glenn Robinson added 31 points and 11 rebounds and Ray Allen scored 29 points for Milwaukee, which has two games remaining. The Bucks travel to Orlando, which currently holds the eighth seed, on Monday and play host to the Wizards, who they've gone 2-1 against, on Wednesday.

Juwan Howard and Mitch Richmond each scored 21 points for the Wizards, who didn't trail until 3:34 remained in the fourth quarter.

Field set for Top of the World Classic

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — The field has been set for this year's Top of the World Classic, a preseason college basketball tournament hosted by Alaska Fairbanks.

It includes two teams that played in the recently completed NCAA playoffs — Auburn and Utah State — and two more that played in the National Invitational Tournament — Colorado and South Florida.

The other four teams are Santa Clara, Davidson, Austin Peay and UAF, the only Division II school in the November tournament.

Santa Clara may be a popular draw, with Kyle Bailey, a former Fairbanks Lathrop star, on the roster and expected to see action.

"We probably went through a dozen or so teams before we finally got things sorted out," tournament director Mike

Kramer said. "It was very difficult because of the new NCAA rules."

Kramer was referring to a rule that states Division I teams can only attend exempt tournaments twice in a four-year period, and if they do, then they lose the ability to schedule one game.

Division I schools can schedule up to 27 games per season. Those games don't count if they play in Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico, so they could have as many as 30 games. With the new rule, however, teams now can play only 29 games during the regular season.

"Coaches were playing their cards very close to their chest," Kramer said. "They weren't sure how the rule would affect their programs and were reluctant to make commitments."

"If that's the same game is worth a lot of money, they might not want to go to one of these tournaments."

Auburn is the highest profile team in the field. The Tigers posted a 23-record and finished second to Arkansas in the Southeastern Conference tournament.

Auburn beat Creighton in the opening round of the NCAA tournament before losing to Iowa State in the Midwest Regionals.

Utah State won the Big West Conference regular-season title with a perfect 16-0 record and then went on to win the conference tournament. Utah State lost its opening-round NCAA tournament game to perennial power Connecticut.

Colorado and South Florida posted similar records in advancing to the NIT. Colorado (Big 12 Conference) was 18-13 and South Florida (Conference USA) went 17-13.

Colorado lost in the second round, while South Florida lost its opening-round game.

SPORTS

Without a trade, Yashin knows he's stuck

Knight Rider News Service

PHILADELPHIA - In a temporary victory for the NHL and the Ottawa Senators, the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) refused last week to allow Alexei Yashin to participate in the world championships for his home nation of Russia.

Yashin mistakenly thought he could play in Europe once the Senators' regular season ended. However, because he was suspended for the entire season while under contract, the IIHF upheld Ottawa's suspension.

"I still believe I was absolutely right to go on strike," Yashin said. "It's not over. Yashin has the support of Sergei Samoilov, secretary general of the Russian Hockey Federation, who said Thursday that, if necessary, he would appeal before an Olympic tribunal in Lausanne, Switzerland, to have Yashin eligible for the tournament, which opens April 28 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Aside, one of the most important legal battles in NHL history will be fought sometime next month when Yashin challenges whether he owes the Senators one more season or whether he can be declared a restricted free agent.

Yashin, 26, said he would sit out the final year of his contract this season, forfeiting \$3.6 million. He tried to force the Senators to trade him because he realized that as a restricted free agent, it was unlikely he would get an offer from another club that the Senators wouldn't match. The team suspended him in November.

Many clubs can afford Yashin, but few would want to part with five first-round draft picks. There has been only a small market for



Alexei Yashin, right, and Zinetula Bilyaletdinov, coach of the Russian hockey team, get together before training in Moscow Thursday.

restricted free agents in recent years. Colorado's Joe Sakic and Detroit's Sergei Fedorov received offer sheets that were matched by their clubs and the Flyers' offer to Chris Gratton turned into a trade.

Yashin knows he's stuck in Ottawa unless the club trades him. He believed his holdout would force a trade to a club such as the Rangers.

In a three-part arbitration hearing that pits the NHL against

Yashin and the NHL Players Association, which under the collective-bargaining agreement is forced to defend Yashin, the union won Part I earlier this season, an arbitrator ruled that the union had acted properly in not forcing Yashin to play this season under the language in the collective-bargaining agreement.

Part II of the arbitration hearing, to be held sometime next month, is crucial. This will determine whether Yashin owes his

club a year on his contract. This strikes at the foundation of Group II free agency. If the arbitrator finds that Yashin doesn't owe Ottawa another year, then any player who is facing free agency with one year left on his deal could hold out, take a suspension, and play the odds the following year as a restricted free agent. The player would lose a season's worth of salary and playing time, but he might think the gamble is worth it.

WAS IT A GOAL?

Sabres remain in middle again

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Thought last year's dispute to decide the Stanley Cup was controversial enough? Welcome to the sequel.

"Now we're counting goals that didn't go in," Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said Saturday. "That's a tough pill to swallow."

The Sabres returned home, trailing Philadelphia 2-0 and preparing for Game 3 Sunday. But John LeClair's phantom goal that helped seal their fate Friday night is not easily forgotten.

Ruff was too incensed to speak to anyone about it in Philadelphia.

"I'm going to admit that it was a rough call, but I think the tools were there that the right call could've been made," Ruff said after reviewing two separate broadcast feeds of the game.

"We've got video, we've got the best technology around, you got all kinds of feeds. How can that be human error? I don't buy human error."

Last year, the Sabres lost the sixth and deciding Stanley Cup final game to Dallas on Brett Hull's disputed overtime goal.

"That goal was allowed despite the fact replays showed he was clearly in the crease. NHL officials said they let the goal stand because Hull maintained possession of the puck."

On Friday, LeClair's goal came as a result of a different demon altogether in a game the Flyers went on to win 2-1. Trailing 1-0, LeClair's shot entered the net when the puck went in through a hole in mesh.

It wasn't until a few minutes

after play resumed that ESPN's net camera showed the puck going in outside of the post. By then, under NHL rules, it was too late.

NHL senior official John D'Amico, stationed in the video replay booth, said the net camera angle wasn't available to him immediately after the goal.

"I think everybody feels in this dressing room that (the NHL) owes us something, definitely," Sabres forward Miroslav Satoh said. "This is supposed to be the best league and it seems like this shouldn't happen."

And it seems like Buffalo, just the Sabres, always find a way to get snookered.

Consider the Buffalo Bills, who have lost on all four trips to the Super Bowl, including Scott Norwood's wide-right field goal with four seconds left in January 1991.

Then there was last January when the Bills lost their playoff opener to Tennessee on a last-second kick return, dubbed "Buffalo 'The Immaculate Deception'."

No one in Buffalo was accused of the NHL of having the fix in the Sabres, but there were calls for the league to straighten out act.

"While the argument isn't always made that the Sabres still need to win the game despite bad calls or even bad breaks, this latest blunder by NHL defies comprehension," columnist Jim Kelley wrote Saturday in the Buffalo News. "A good goal is a good goal. A bad goal is a bad goal. But no goal at all is indefensible."

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They were the fastest six goals opening a playoff game since records were first kept in 1943-44. It broke the previous mark of 10:25 set by Detroit and Toronto on April 7, 1988.

Penguins 2, Capitals 1

PITTSBURGH - Jaromir Jagr snapped a wrist shot past Olaf Kolzig at 5:49 of overtime and the

Pittsburgh Penguins seized a two-game lead in their playoff series by beating the Washington Capitals 2-1 Saturday.

Pittsburgh was 0-for-8 on the power play until Jagr scored his 56th career playoff goal and fourth game-winner in overtime.

Sharks 4, Blues 2

ST. LOUIS - Mike Ricci led to a power-play goal with 5:42 left

to lead eighth-seeded San Jose over St. Louis, the top seed.

The best-of-7 series is tied 1-1 and heads to San Jose for Game 3 on Monday night.

Owen Nolan added an empty-net goal. Steve Shields made 18 saves for the Sharks. Bryan Marchant and Gary Suter also scored for the Sharks. Suter, who also had an assist, was credited for his goal when defenseman Marc Bergevin threw the puck

into his own net.

Avalanche 3, Coyotes 1

DENVER - Peter Forsberg had an assist in his first game back from a shoulder injury, and Colorado took control of its first-round playoff series with a victory over Phoenix.

Chris Drury, Alex Tanguay and Milan Hejduk - all in their first two years in the league - scored

for the Avalanche, who took a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 Western Conference series. Game 3 is Monday at Phoenix.

Maple Leafs 5, Senators 1

TORONTO - Steve Thomas scored twice and Darcy Tucker, Mats Sundin and Sergei Berezin added one each in a Toronto victory that gave the Leafs a 2-0 lead over Ottawa in

the first-round NHL playoff series.

Samu Salo was the only Ottawa player to put a puck behind Curtis Joseph. Game 3 in the best-of-7 series is Monday at Ottawa. After a scoreless first, the Leafs took control with three goals in a 3-0 span early in the second. Ottawa's outshot Toronto 30-25, but the Leafs had the best scoring chances.

Lofty names chase Mayfield in Talladega's DieHard 500

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) - Jeremy Mayfield might want to avoid looking in his rearview mirror when the green flag drops today.

Mayfield, winner of just one NASCAR Winston Cup race in his life, starts from the pole in the DieHard 500, surrounded by three drivers who have accounted for 138 victories in their celebrated careers.

There's Bill Elliott, the sentimental favorite and Dale Earnhardt, the master at Talladega Superspeedway. And Dale Jarrett, the defending Winston Cup champion.

Mayfield, who only victory came at Pocono in 1998, didn't seem the least bit worried about being chased by such an impressive cast.

"That's what I like," he said. "Those are fast cars and guys with a lot of experience. We race with them every week and it would be good to come here and

show everybody that we can beat those guys. They're the best here."

No one is better at Talladega than Earnhardt, who will start on the outside of the second row. It's as if the seven-time Winston Cup champion can see the Alabama air as it flows over the cars, because he has the uncanny knack of using the draft better than anyone in this restrictor-plate era.

Earnhardt has won 13 times at the 2.66-mile tri-oval, including nine Cup races and a sweep of the DieHard and Winston 500 a year ago.

Most drivers were tinkering with their setups Friday morning. The Intimidator was hunting turkeys in neighboring Georgia. Even when his car failed inspection, forcing the crew to hurriedly rebuild the back end, it didn't matter. Earnhardt still posted the third-fastest qualifying time.

"It was an OK qualifying deal," he said with a shrug. "But we've got to draft and race. That's what's important."

Concerned that speeds were creeping a little too close to 200 mph, NASCAR altered the rules on restrictor plates once again. Mayfield's Ford Taurus captured the pole at 186.969 mph - the slowest speed since 1974 and nearly 11 mph under Ken Schrader's pole effort a year ago.

"That should push everyone closer together for today's 188-lap event, which worries Jarrett."

"To make a pass here, you're going to have to have help and you're going to have a split-second to make that decision," said Jarrett, who starts just behind Mayfield in the second row.

"You're never going to get away from the pack or anything like that. You're always going to be bunched up and that tends to make you lose your patience."

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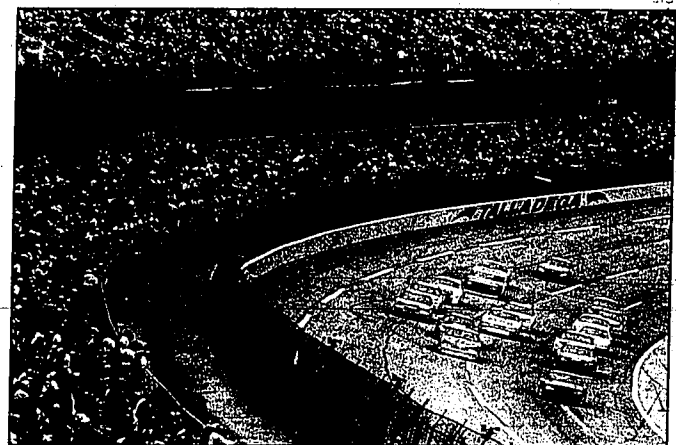
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LONG BEACH, Calif. - If ever a race owed a driver a victory, it's the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach.

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Drivers travel through the tri-oval of the Talladega Superspeedway during 'Happy Hour', the final hour of practice Saturday.

Labonte holds off Earnhardt in IROC

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) - Bobby Labonte never had to worry about one of Dale Earnhardt's signature last-lap passes.

Labonte held off a late charge from Earnhardt on Saturday, but he was edged out from his rearview mirror

Auto racing The Intimidator got lost in a pack of cars in the International Race of Champions.

The traffic prevented yet another Earnhardt victory at Talladega Superspeedway and allowed Labonte to cruise in his first-ever IROC victory in the second leg of the all-star series.

"First place is not where you want to be on the last lap of an IROC race because it makes for some hair-raising moments," Labonte said. "In this case, it

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But de Ferran has never finished better than fifth on the downtown circuit, thanks to some horrendous luck.

In 1996, he started from the front of the field and led 100 of 105 laps before being victimized by a disconnected turbocharger hose that ended his day and gave the win to Vasser.

Asked what kind of a race he expected today, de Ferran joked, "Hopefully, I'm going to disappear into the lead and make this the most boring race in the history of Long Beach."

Vasser, sitting alongside, interrupted, saying, "Yeah, just like in '96."

De Ferran winced and replied, "Don't remind me. It took me two years to forget that."

In 1998, de Ferran led a race-high 51 laps, but went out while leading with 11 laps remaining due to a transmission failure.

DeMar leads race into runners Hall of Fame

BOSTON (AP) - Clarence DeMar, winner of the Boston Marathon a record seven times, and Norway's Grete Waitz, women's champion of the New York City Marathon nine times, were elected to the National Distance Running Hall of Fame.

Joining them are Steve Prefontaine, former American record-holder in the two-mile, 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters, and Alberto Salazar, the NYC Marathon champion three times and winner of the Boston Marathon once.

"I'm very honored to be inducted into the Hall of Fame," Waitz, the first non-American to be recognized in the hall's three-year history, said Saturday at an announcement in connection with the Boston Marathon. "It doesn't seem like 10 years since

I've been retired."

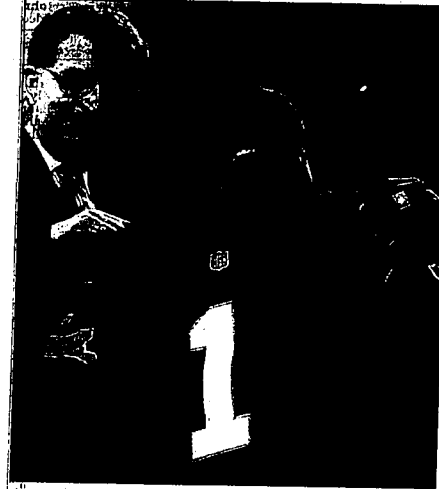
In addition to her remarkable record at New York, Waitz won the silver medal at the 1972 Olympic women's marathon in 1984, she won the marathon gold medal at the 1983 World Championships, she won the 1988 London Marathon and she won the World Cross Country Championships five times.

DeMar, who died in 1958 at 70, won his first Boston Marathon in 1911 and his last in 1930 at 41. He ran the Boston Marathon 33 times, the last at 65, and was a member of three Olympic marathon teams, winning the bronze medal in 1924.

Salazar was a member of the 1984 Olympic marathon team and won the 53-kilometer Comrades Marathon in South Africa in 1994.



Warrick goes from national champs to NFL chumps



Florida State wide receiver Peter Warrick, right, and National Football League commissioner Paul Tagliabue hold up a Cincinnati Bengals jersey after Warrick was selected as the Bengals' No. 1 pick, fourth overall.

CINCINNATI (AP) — There was no suspense for Peter Warrick. Only relief.

After a slow 40-yard dash time, an arrest and suspension last season at Florida State, and a change of philosophy by the Cleveland Browns, Warrick knew where he stood — no better than fourth.

"I mean, after all the controversy and stuff ...," he said, his voice trailing off.

And fourth was where the Cincinnati Bengals drafted him Saturday, ending three months of uncertainty for the star receiver.

"I'm glad it's over with, going through the process from January to today," he said. "That's all behind me. I'm ready to start playing football now."

But Warrick's relief won't last long. The elusive receiver and kick returner who drew comparisons Saturday with Deion Sanders gets to play for Cincinnati's other pro team, the one that wins much, much less than the Reds.

When commissioner Paul Tagliabue called his name, Warrick went from one of the top college football programs of the '90s to the NFL's worst team of the decade.

The national champion Seminoles didn't lose a game last season, going 12-0. By contrast, the Bengals lost a dozen games and haven't had a winning season since 1990.

Warrick hadn't followed the

Bengals, hadn't seen them play, hadn't even been to Cincinnati when he was drafted. He knew they don't win much.

"I ain't never played for a team like that," he said.

And that's not going to change once he arrives, at least not immediately. He knew that, too.

"I heard that," he said. "In time, though, in time."

Six months ago, draft day was supposed to be the culmination of a joyous year for Warrick. He returned for his senior season at Florida State to win a national championship and did just that, becoming the catalyst in a 46-29 win over Virginia Tech that clinched the title.

But Warrick missed out on the Heisman Trophy because of his arrest in October. He was suspended for two games and pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of petty theft — he paid \$21,400 for \$412.38 worth of clothing at a Dillard's department store in Tallahassee.

"I made a mistake. He owns it now. I think he paid a tremendous price," Bengals general manager Mike Brown said. "He may have been the Heisman award winner. To lose that opportunity is a tremendous sanction in and of itself beyond what he paid otherwise."

"He's been punished. He's been straightforward about all this. He regrets it and says so. I think in the future he'll fly straight and fly

First-rounders

- NEW YORK (AP) — First-round selections from the 2000 NFL draft with jersey players, projected position and college (winner of Saturday's selection is in boldface):
1. Cleveland, Courtney Brown, de, Penn State.
 2. Washington, LaVar Arrington, lb, Penn State.
 3. Washington, Chris Samuels, of, Alabama.
 4. Cincinnati, Peter Warrick, wr, Florida State.
 5. Baltimore, Jamal Lewis, rb, Tennessee.
 6. Philadelphia, Corey Simon, dt, Florida State.
 7. Kansas, Thomas Jones, rb, Virginia.
 8. Pittsburgh, Plaxico Burress, wr, Michigan State.
 9. Chicago, Brian Urlacher, lb, New Mexico.
 10. Baltimore, Travis Taylor, wr, Florida.
 11. New York Giants, Ron Dayne, rb, Wisconsin.
 12. New York Jets, Shaun Ellis, dt, Tennessee.
 13. New York Jets, John Abraham, lb, South Carolina.
 14. Green Bay, Bubba Franks, to, Miami.
 15. Denver, Delha O'Neal, db, California.

16. San Francisco, Julian Peterson, lb, Michigan State.
17. Oakland, Sebastian Janikowski, qb, Florida State.
18. New York Jets, Chad Pennington, qb, Marshall.
19. Seattle, Shaun Alexander, rb, Alabama.
20. Detroit, Stockar McDougle, ot, Oklahoma.
21. Kansas City, Sylvester Morris, wr, Jackson State.
22. Seattle, Chris McIntosh, ot, Wisconsin.
23. Carolina, Rashard Anderson, db, Jackson State.
24. San Francisco, Ahmad Plummer, db, Ohio State.
25. Minnesota, Chris Hovan, dt, Boston College.
26. Buffalo, Erik Flowers, db, Arizona State.
27. New York Jets, Anthony Becht, to, West Virginia.
28. Indianapolis, Rob Morris, lb, Brigham Young.
29. Jacksonville, R. Jay Soward, wr, Southern California.
30. Tennessee, Keith Bulluck, lb, Syracuse.
31. St. Louis, Trunc Cantelante, rb, Arizona.

high. We don't have real concerns about his character."

The Bengals are known for producing receivers like Isaac Curtis, Eddie Brown, Cris Collinsworth and Carl Pickens. And they fig-

ure they have gotten another one.

Although the Bengals were willing to consider offers to move down in the draft, they didn't come close to any deal.

Redskins hook their coveted Nittany Lion

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — In less than 20 minutes, the Washington Redskins added two impressive starters to a team already considered a Super Bowl contender. Those smiles and hearty rounds of applause in the war room weren't just for show.

Mining a rare draft-day gold vein that came about after a series of trades over the past few years, the Redskins chose Penn State linebacker LaVar Arrington at No. 2 overall and Alabama tackle Chris Samuels at No. 5 in Saturday's NFL draft.

Not long afterward, owner Dan Snyder celebrated his first NFL draft by lighting a cigar, crossing his legs and propping his feet on the desk.



The Washington Redskins' first-round draft picks, Penn State linebacker LaVar Arrington, left, and Alabama tackle Chris Samuels, great fans at FedEx Field in Landover, Md., Saturday.

"When you look at the two guys, that's why our war room looked like it did," coach Norv Turner said. "It's really hard to change an entire room, but in a half-hour period, we pleased the defensive staff with Arrington and turned around and pleased the offensive staff with Samuels."

The Redskins' one major concern was alleviated when the Cleveland Browns opted for Arrington's Nittany Lions teammate, defensive end Courtney Brown, with the first overall selection. While Brown and Arrington are considered certain Pro Bowl prospects, the Redskins already have Bruce Smith, Marco

Coleman and Kenard Lang at defensive end.

But Arrington, often labeled as the new Lawrence Taylor, gives Washington the dominating linebacker presence they've been missing since Ken Harvey's retirement. The Redskins, using a trio of young linebackers, ranked 30th in total defense last season.

"When you have the needs that we had, it was very fortunate for us," said director of player per-

sonnel Vinny Cerrato, in charge of a draft for the first time. "The impact guys were there in the positions we really needed them. It fell right into our laps. It was great."

Shortly after the draft, the Redskins flew Arrington and Samuels to Redskin Park for an introductory media. The players' entourage — 40 people with Arrington and 14 with Samuels — stayed behind.

Arrington, 6-foot-2.5 and 233

pounds, won the Dick Butkus Award for the nation's top linebacker last season. He had 72 tackles, nine sacks and 20 tackles for losses. He also made famous the "LaVar Leap," a move in which he hurdles the line of scrimmage to stop a ball-carrier or block a kick.

The Redskins will start Arrington on the weak side, making Greg Jones a reserve, but Turner said he wouldn't hesitate to use Arrington on the weak side or on the line on passing downs.

The Redskins have designated Arrington to wear No. 56, Taylor's number.

"Great expectations have already been put on me," Arrington said. "But if you want to chase greatness, No. 56 is a great place to start."

Samuels will become the instant starter at left tackle, joining last year's second-round selection, Jon Jansen, to form a formidable pair of bookends on the offensive line for perhaps the next decade. Andy Heck, last year's starting left tackle, has resigned with the team, but he is 33 and probably will serve as the rookie's mentor.

Samuels, 6-5 and 291 pounds, did not allow a sack or quarterback pressure for Alabama last season, but he missed the Orange Bowl and the Senior Bowl with a knee injury.

Seattle bags back and big blocker

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — Ricky Walters has a new understudy and the Seattle Seahawks' offensive line has a potential new starting tackle.

In his second NFL draft in Seattle, Seahawks general manager-coach Mike Holmgren followed up his trade of running back Ahmad Green by going for Shaun Alexander with the 19th pick in the first round on Saturday.

"When Ricky comes out, I'll go out and try to make big plays," said Alexander.

Alabama's all-time rushing leader.

With the 22nd choice, Holmgren went for Chris McIntosh, a 6-foot-7, 317-pound blocking machine for Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne at Wisconsin. When Seattle's training camp opens in Cheney in July, McIntosh will compete with Todd Weiner and Floyd Wedderburn for the starting right tackle's job.

"Their reputation at Wisconsin is running the ball and knocking the stuffing out of people," Holmgren said.

The Seahawks went into the draft needing a lot of help after losing eight starters during the offseason, but getting another running back to back up Walters became the team's premier need on Friday.

"I can understand why a team would take a running back over a big tackle," McIntosh said.

Holmgren dealt the disappointing Green, who had injury and fumbling problems last season, to Green Bay for promising cornerback Fred Vinson, who will chal-

lenge Willie Williams as a starter next season.

In Alexander, he drafted the Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Year. The Seahawks won the AFC West title last season, but they were hurt when they made the playoffs for the first time since 1988 after Walters suffered a knee injury in the next-to-last game of the regular season.

Walters was held to 40 rushing yards in Seattle's playoff loss to Miami.

Walters is still the starter in Seattle, but he's headed into his 10th NFL season. Alexander is expected to play a lot more than Green, who had 26 carries last season.

"I would like to have Ricky fresher at the end of the year," Holmgren said. "Ricky is still our halfback, but you need more than one halfback. Ricky's played a long time and I don't know how long he's going to play."

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Arrington: Washington lands a real character

NEW YORK (AP) — A draft that was supposed to be all about character yielded at least one.

His name is LaVar Arrington, and no one who has seen him play or stood within earshot of him — will have trouble remembering it.

"That son of mine," Carolyn Arrington said, shaking her head. "He sure can talk."

Yes, he can, and seconds after the Washington Redskins used the No. 2 pick Saturday to draft her middle son, Arrington put to rest any fears all the personality had been squeezed out of this rookie class.

Standing next to commissioner Paul Tagliabue, but moving to a spot only he could hear, Arrington pulled a brand new Redskins jersey taut between his fingers and started shimmying. Nothing fancy, just a sweet little sway to match the mischievous smile dancing at the corners of his mouth.

"I'm saying he comes by the grin honestly doesn't begin to tell the story. Within minutes, the entire Arrington clan, 40 strong, joined him on stage, nearly every one wearing that same Sweet smile."

"This," Arrington said, surveying a dozen reporters taking note of every quiver, "is going to be fun."

COMMENTARY

Jim Litke

Let's hope so.

The NFL has timed, weighed, poked, probed, profiled, interviewed and investigated past incoming classes with a zeal worthy of "The X-Files." But this one has come in for even more attention.

With two current players under indictment for murder and nearly two dozen others arrested for a variety of offenses, the face the NFL often presented to the public last season was a mug shot Tagliabue has no idea how to identify the potential criminals sprinkled among the 2,500 players already in the league, but he's clear about one thing: Teams can't begin searching early enough.

That message of alarm rings through this draft like no other. It might explain why Cleveland made Courtney Brown, a buttoned-down, gentle giant of a defender who was Arrington's teammate at Penn State, the No. 1 pick. It may also explain why Peter Warrick, the Florida State wideout suspended for four games last season for his infamous shopping spree at Dillard's,

fell to Cincinnati at the No. 4 spot.

Granted, caution is not the first quality that comes to mind watching Arrington. He asked the Redskins for the same number Lawrence Taylor wore. Yet underneath the brush exterior lurks a thoughtful young man. Arrington's game, his clothes and his hairstyle all speak to the moment, but his upbringing was definitely not that.

"Everybody that sets foot within the NFL has a responsibility," Arrington said. "If you have any type of association, whether it be family or friends, you have something to uphold. I will do everything in my power to help restore the character of this league."

Sounds like something someone who played for Joe Paterno would say.

The best that bind Arrington's character are stronger than reputation. He was brought up middle-class in Pittsburgh, by a family with strong, skilled ballplayers on every side. Yet the man who taught him the most, his father Michael, couldn't run a yard.

Almost 30 years ago, barely a year out of high school, Michael Arrington headed for Vietnam. Months later, assigned to a tank unit, he found himself in the middle of a firefight. In a heartbeat, his left leg became tangled in the

tank's tracks; in another heartbeat, he jammed his right leg into the gears to free himself.

"Lost my left leg above the knee and all of the right foot," he said matter of factly. "But I managed to save my life."

Michael Arrington was standing in the theater at Madison Square Garden retelling the tale. He spent some time in a Veterans' Administration Hospital, where both legs were fitted with prostheses. Then one day, without complaint, he walked out, found work and went about the business of raising his children.

Michael couldn't run after his three boys in the backyard, but throwing the ball around, well, that was never a problem.

And when a game required grit or perseverance, when one of his boys had to dig deep and come up with something extra, well, that wasn't a problem, either. Not after watching their father navigate the daily hazards of life.

"I think by playing ball, they thought they could become my legs," their dad said. "That if I couldn't run, I could at least watch them. It was their way of giving me something."

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Wuerffel shines in Europe

DUESSELDORF, Germany (AP) — Danny Wuerffel made a successful debut in NFL Europe on Saturday, throwing three touchdown passes to lead Duesseldorf to a 28-17 victory over Barcelona.

Wuerffel, the 1996 Heisman Trophy winner at Florida, helped the Rhein Fire erase a 14-7 halftime lead by connecting on 14 of 22 passes, three of them for scores to Kevin Drake.

Wuerffel threw a 21-yard

touchdown pass to Drake in the first quarter, but former Tennessee receiver Jeremine Copeland caught two scoring passes to give the Dragons the lead.

Tony Graziani threw a 16-yarder to Copeland, and Cory Sauter connected with Copeland on a 22-yard scoring pass.

But Wuerffel teamed up with Drake for touchdown passes of 15 and 13 yards, the second with 4:43 remaining in the game.

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SPORTS

Suarez knocks Kournikova out in three sets

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (AP) — Argentina's Paola Suarez beat Russia's Anna Kournikova 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 on Saturday in the quarterfinals of the rain-plagued Bausch & Lomb Championships.

Suarez, who upset second-seeded Serena Williams earlier in the week, struggled in the first set, failing to hold serve on all four attempts and committing seven double faults and 23 unforced errors.

But she took control in the second set, using deep, accurate ground strokes to keep Kournikova off balance. She'll play Monica Seles in the final today.

"I think the key was that I continued to get better during the match," Suarez said. "I did not play well in the first set, but even then I thought I was getting better all the time."

"I started to think more about each shot, exactly where I wanted to place it. I tried not to think about winning the match, I was just concentrating on winning one point at a time."

Kournikova, frustrated by her play and several calls, slammed her racket into the clay surface late in the match, drawing a



Paola Suarez of Argentina returns a shot during her match with Anna Kournikova Saturday. Suarez upset Kournikova in three sets 2-6, 6-2, and 6-4.

warning for a code violation from the chair umpire. "I was probably playing too defensive in that second set," Kournikova said. "She (Paola) kept a lot of her shots low, so it was tough to come to the net on her."

Grosjean to meet Vicente in Moroccan final

CASABLANCA, Morocco — France's Sebastian Grosjean moved closer to his first ATP title by beating Mariano Puerta in the semifinals Saturday at the

\$350,000 Grand Prix Hassan II tournament.

The fourth-seeded Grosjean took command in the final set to beat the Argentine, the No. 7 seed, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. In today's final, Grosjean takes on sixth-seeded Spaniard Fernando Vicente, who beat Arnaud Di Pasquale of France 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

Moya downs Medvedev, advances in Portugal

OLIVEIRA, Portugal — Former world No. 7 Moya of Spain beat the rain and Ukrainian Andrei Medvedev to advance Saturday to the finals of the Estoril Open.

Moya ranked 46th in the world. Moya will face either compatriot Francisco Clavet or third-seeded Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador. Their semifinal match was interrupted in the second set as Lapentti led 2-0 after losing the first set 6-4, and organizers hoped it could resume today.

In the women's event, top-seeded German Anke Huber, who is ranked 16th, notched a 3, 6-2 win over Italian Tathiana Garbin.

Stevenson says no to South Carolina

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Alexandra Stevenson has chosen to play in next week's Family Circle Cup despite the NAACP's boycott of South Carolina for flying the Confederate flag on its Statehouse.

"I've always planned to play the Family Circle Cup tournament because I am a tennis professional and that is where I do my job," said Stevenson, the daughter of basketball great Julius Erving. "I want to come into this state and work alongside all races."

The tournament, which begins Monday, lost two players because of leg injuries: top-ranked Lindsay Davenport and Jennifer Capriati.

On Wednesday, Serena Williams withdrew from the tournament to support the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People boycott. The NAACP has called for economic sanctions until the flag is

removed from the Statehouse.

Lisa Thomas, director of the Family Circle Cup, said she was proud of Stevenson's decision.

"She understands she has a job, a job to play professional tennis," Thomas said.

Stevenson plans to meet with South Carolina Gov. Jim Hodges on Monday to explain her decision.

Stevenson reached the Wimbledon semifinals last season, the first woman qualifier to do so. She is ranked 43rd on the Sunex WTA Tour.

Davenport hurt her left ankle at the Ericsson Open last month. She said there is no major damage but rest is recommended.

Davenport will not play at the Bausch & Lomb event this week. She also missed the Family Circle Cup a year ago because of a sprained wrist.

Copyright has a tendonitis of the right Achilles' tendon that began troubling her during the Ericsson Open.

Bowe battles brain damage, family woes

The Associated Press

All Riddick Bowe ever really wanted to do was be a Marine.

He still does, perhaps forgetting through the fog of his everyday existence that he lasted only a few days when he joined the Marines as a former heavyweight champion.

The damage Andrew Golota's fists wreaked on his brain has done nothing to diminish his desire.

"I'd give a million dollars to be a Marine," Bowe said.

The Marines don't want Bowe, and he couldn't join now even if he wanted. He's a felon serving a 30-day federal sentence for obstructing justice by putting his wife and five children in a bizarre effort to reunite his family.

It could have been worse. Only when a judge was convinced Bowe's brain damage was the boxer able to escape a two-year prison term.

One evaluator wrote that Bowe was in the "borderline range of intellectual functioning," according to court documents. He understands what is said to him, but his ability to process that information is "grossly impaired."

That might explain why Bowe somehow thought his kidnapping charges could be resolved by putting him in the Marines instead of prison.

"By imposing a sentence of the Marines on me it can benefit the community and in that way I can be a Bowe told a doctor last year. "I will be a happy camper. This will make the world a better place for you and your children and your grandchildren."

At 2, Bowe's speech is thick and slurred, and his ability to think is limited. He's worth millions, but he's irritable, easy to agitate and suffers from depression.

He knows he's been hurt — one expert calls it Frontal Lobe Brain Syndrome, another says it's just too many blows to the head — and he knows he shouldn't fight against it. "I'm slower," he said. "It takes me longer to think about things."

But he was planning to return to the ring until the judge who sentenced him last month banned him from boxing during his four-year probation.

"He didn't need the money, but he had the memory of being heavyweight champion and he didn't have his family," former manager Rock Newman said. "He wanted to be to his kids what he never had. The rejection and inability to serve that role just crushed him."

Bowe once seemingly had everything a man could want — enormous wealth, a loving family and the heavyweight title.

He still has the money but little else. And those who know him best can't bear what they now see.

"It's so sad," said 88-year-old Eddie Futch, the trainer who guided Bowe to the title. "So sad that I hate to even talk about it."

Once a champion

Life is good when you're the heavyweight champion of the world. And Bowe was the undisputed champ after beating



Heavyweight boxer Riddick Bowe's two-year-old son, Julius, admires his dad's new headgear after Bowe received the "real heavyweight crown" at a boxing promotion outside New York's Madison Square Garden in 1996.

Evander Holyfield in November 1992 for the three major crowns.

One of 13 siblings who grew up in devastating poverty in Brooklyn, N.Y., Bowe somehow made it all the way to the top.

The rewards were sweet. Promoters paid him millions for a single fight. He jetted with Newman to South Africa to meet Nelson Mandela and on to Rome

from the outside and was one of the best fighters for a big man in a long time. He had it all.

But almost as quickly as he got to the top, his career began falling apart.

Soon after Bowe won the undisputed title, he gave one part back in a Newman-promoted stunt in which he threw the WBC belt in a garbage can in England. Three bouts later, he lost the other two parts of the title in a rematch with Holyfield after a man wearing a paraglider flew into the ring in one of the most bizarre fights ever.

Bowe, who hated to train, would bludge up to 300 pounds between fights. Losing the weight each time seemed to take a little something more out of him.

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Golota gave a wobbly legged and fat Bowe a beating when they met July 11, 1995, at Madison Square Garden. But Golota also kept hitting below the belt, forcing the referee to declare Bowe the winner by disqualification in the seventh round.

A riot broke out, with members of Bowe's entourage jumping in the ring and one hitting Golota on the head with a cellular phone.

They fought again five months later. This time Bowe was in shape, but it didn't matter.

Golota gave him another tremendous beating, knocking him down with legal blows twice and then with blows under the belt a third time, resulting in his disqualification once again.

Golota threw 418 power punches at Bowe's head, and two of every three landed.

Meeting the press afterward, Bowe insisted he was on the verge of knocking Golota out anyway. But something was different as he talked.

His speech was slurred and he seemed to have trouble putting his thoughts together.

"He got hit with a lot of shots to the head in the second fight with Golota," Futch said. "I thought those punches were the ones that caused this. He spoke very clearly before that fight. He didn't afterward."

'Big Daddy' in trouble

Newman gave him the nickname "Big Daddy" after watching Bowe tenderly stroke the head of his son when he was with him on his father's lap with a headache.

The name fit, and Bowe wore it proudly.

He and his wife, Judy, whom he met when he was in Brooklyn, had five children, and Bowe had pictures of his children tattooed on his back.

But when Bowe's career ended after his second fight with Golota, his marriage quickly unraveled.

Judy Bowe left their Maryland home to be closer to her church in North Carolina, took the children with her, and started divorce proceedings.

Bowe became obsessed with the idea of reuniting his family. He later said he thought he was following his mother-in-law's advice to "put your family back together when you're broken."

He had a plan that would land him in prison.

In February 1998, Bowe and his brother, Aaron, picked up three of the children, who were in bus ston on their way to school. The men had spent the night waiting outside Judy Bowe's home.

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Morocco's marathon world record holder, Khalid Khannouchi, stands with his record time in front of London's Tower Bridge Tuesday.

Moroccan-born runner heads to London race

LONDON (AP) — For now, Khalid Khannouchi wants to put his citizenship worries aside and concentrate on the London Marathon.

Racing in the strongest field in the 20-year history of the event, the Moroccan-born star is the world's fastest marathon runner. He ran the world's best time of 2 hours, 5 minutes, 42 seconds in Chicago last October.

Khannouchi is trying to become a U.S. citizen in time for the Sydney Olympics. He has lived in the United States for seven years and has a wife who is an American citizen and works for a U.S. company in Madrid, Spain.

negotiations are at such a delicate stage that he doesn't want to talk about the situation.

He prefers to discuss his chances of running about 2:06 in the race through London's streets. He could earn \$130,000 by winning inside 2:07, which would easily be a record for the event.

With the weather varying between sunny and dry and cold, wet and windy, the chances are the times will be slower.

But the average time for the three marathons Khannouchi has run so far is 2:06:44 and he sees no reason why he shouldn't get inside that time.

"This course is right for 2:06 or better in good conditions," he said. "We will go out Sunday and hope that it is good weather. The weather is something we have no control over but it is a fast course."

Pegasus cruises to Wood win

NEW YORK (AP) — Fusaichi Pegasus will head to Churchill Downs on Monday as the clear-cut favorite for the Kentucky Derby on May 6.

The \$4 million colt cruised to a 4.25-length victory over Red Bullet at Aqueduct in the \$750,000 Wood Memorial, one of three major Derby prep races around the country Saturday.

At Keeneland, High Yield outduelled More Than Ready to win the \$750,000 Toyota Blue Grass, with Florida Derby winner Hall of Hope last in the eight-horse field.

At Oaklawn Park, Graeme Hall, an 18-1 shot, led wire-to-wire to upset Snuck In in the \$500,000 Arkansas Derby.

But the talk of the racing world these weeks from the Derby centers on Fusaichi Pegasus, trained by Neil Drysdale and ridden by Kent Desormeaux, who rode Real Quiet within a neck of winning the Triple Crown in 1998.

"This was a major, major step," Desormeaux said. "This horse showed me the capability of being able to sprint to a spot, go on cruise control, sprint to a spot later on, go back on cruise control and then really stretch out when you ask him for his life late in the race."

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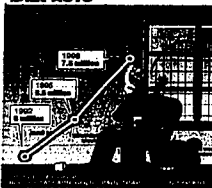
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Tax commission has these ideas for returns

BOISE - With this year's income tax filing deadline one day away, the Idaho State Tax Commission offers some last-minute income tax tips when filing paper returns.

- Make sure the copies of wage and tax statements (W-2s) are attached and readable.
- Verify your Social Security number and be sure it matches your W-2s and is clearly written on the form.
- If you are filing Forms 40 or 43, attach a copy of your federal return and schedule.
- Make sure you take the right standard deduction and the correct amount from the tax table for your filing status.
- Most common errors are caused by simple addition and subtraction errors and unsigned returns.

Grant proposal is on child task force's agenda

TWIN FALLS - The Child Development Center Task Force will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the meeting room at Lamb-Weston, 825 Russett.

Items on the agenda include:

- StartSmart, a grant proposal involving this task force, by Jo Leuze and Candy McElfresh.
- Success Before Six, a grant received by United Way from Bank of America involving child development.
- Presentation of an employer questionnaire from the Nevada Commission.
- Introduction of Cheryl Boyd, chairwoman, and Suzette Behring of the College of Southern Idaho business department, who will put together a business plan.

The task force is part of the Work Force Development Committee sponsored by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. The committee said it has chosen not to have full committee meetings unless information to be presented will be of value to everyone.

For more information, call Chuck Byler, chairman of the Work Force Development Committee, at 733-9095.

State Tax Commission offers training sessions

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho State Tax Commission is offering budget and levy training sessions May 4 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Two sessions will be held, one from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for training district administrators, and one from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., designed mainly for county clerks. Participants are asked to bring calculators.

Training will include information on legislative changes and instruction on how to complete paperwork for property tax budgets, which must be submitted to county commissioners by Sept. 11. The training is designed for non-school taxing districts. The tax commission has been invited to offer budget and levy training for school districts at Idaho Department of Education workshops.

For more information, call the tax commission at 334-7733.

Organizations to discuss noxious weed program

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Idaho Crop Improvement Association, will host an open house meeting to address the Noxious Weed Free Forage Certification Program from 9 a.m. to noon April 26 in the conference room at the Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E.

The meeting will provide a comprehensive look at all aspects of the program in Idaho, including its basic rules and regulations, application process, regulation and enforcement on Idaho national forests and Bureau of Land Management ground, and what growers and users can expect from the program. The meeting is free and open to all growers and users of the forage program are invited. For information, call the Idaho Crop Improvement Association at 733-2463.

Compiled from staff reports

Population numbers count in business

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Plenty of folks have an eye on the count. Retailers. Manufacturers. Hospitals and care centers. Cities' public works departments. They all want to know the latest population counts, and they compare historical data to learn which communities are on the rise and which are declining.

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released county-by-county population statistics that also detail some demographic shifts in the Magic Valley.

The charts printed here show some highlights from those reports:

- Youngsters abound in Mini-Cassia. From mid-1998 to mid-1999, Cassia and Minidoka counties had two of the Magic Valley's highest rates of births, measured as percentages of their mid-1998 population totals. Only Elmore County, home to Mountain Home Air Force Base, had a higher percentage of births.

- Sparsely populated Camas County during that year-long period grew faster than all but four Idaho counties. Blaine and Gooding counties were among the slower-growing half of the state's 44 counties. But no Magic Valley counties lost population during that year.
- The eight central Magic Valley counties by July 1 reached an estimated population of 1,251,700 - up just less than 1 percent from the estimated 1,230,923 of July 1, 1998. These eight counties had 136,831 people at the April 1, 1999, census.
- No Magic Valley counties lost population between the April 1, 1999, census and the mid-1999 estimate. In that period, only Cassia, Minidoka and Elmore counties had a net domestic out-migration; that means more people moved out of those counties to other U.S. locations than those who moved in from elsewhere in the nation.
- Yet during the nine years and three months, every Magic Valley county had positive international migration except Camas County, which had no net out-of-country population gain.

It's reasonable to expect that plenty of businesses will ferret out those and other insights from the recently released statistics.

"Normally what people will ask for is not only the most recent data but historical data," said Dave McAlindin, the city's economic development director, whose office is a clearinghouse for information of interest to



Samantha Ford of Burley holds her baby, Isaac Xaxler Ford, born Thursday morning at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. From mid-1998 to mid-1999, Cassia and Minidoka counties had two of the Magic Valley's highest rates of births, measured as percentages of their mid-1998 population totals.

Magic Valley population estimates

County	Number of change			Percent change		
	July 1 '98	July 1 '99	1998-1999	rank in the state	1998-1999	rank in the state
Blaine	17,323	17,326	123	-20	0.7	26
Camas	841	885	44	29	2.9	5
Cassia	21,324	21,573	249	13	1.2	17
Elmore	25,359	25,627	268	12	1.1	18
Gooding	13,658	13,743	85	21	0.6	27
Jerome	17,957	18,110	153	18	0.9	20
Lincoln	3,778	3,899	121	25	1.6	13
Minidoka	20,205	20,284	79	23	0.4	28
Owyhee	10,284	10,406	122	19	1.5	17
Twin Falls	62,222	62,970	748	5	1.2	16
Idaho total	1,230,923	1,251,700	20,777		1.7	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

potential and expanding employers. They're looking at whether a particular market is gaining population, stagnant or declining.

"Certainly if you're a retailer it's critical," he said. But manufacturers, too, pay attention to

population for an indication of the future employee base.

Care facilities and assisted-living homes want to know when the population segment needing those services will grow, McAlindin said. Hospitals might

use population numbers to predict health-care needs.

In short, industries across the board care about population when they consider moves, expansions or additional locations. Please see NUMBERS, Page D3

Demographic components of population change July 1, 1998, to July 1, 1999

County	Births		Deaths		Net Migration	
	'88-99	'98-99	'88-99	'98-99	'88-99	'98-99
Blaine	222	63	54	-88		
Cassia	46	4	13	23		
Camas	388	166	118	-84		
Elmore	541	162	109	-220		
Gooding	221	126	58	-67		
Jerome	269	139	79	-83		
Lincoln	54	37	4	-21		
Minidoka	393	162	127	-251		
Owyhee	169	82	94	-29		
Twin Falls	947	611	470	-41		
Idaho total	19,414	9,212	2,866	7,457		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Demographic components of population change 1990-1999

County	7/1/99		4/1/90		Births		Deaths		Net Migration	
	Estimate	Census	Estimate	Census	'90-00	'90-99	'90-99	'90-99	'90-99	'90-99
Blaine	17,326	19,552	2,014	53	668	248	0	126		
Camas	841	855	727	64	1,406	632	-755			
Cassia	21,573	19,532	3,616	4,506	1,268	765	-417			
Elmore	25,627	21,205	4,506	1,817	1,197	396	-1,145			
Gooding	13,743	11,633	2,110	2,579	1,259	1,308				
Jerome	18,110	15,338	2,772	448	7	674	1,305			
Lincoln	3,778	3,308	448	1,372	329	314	-58			
Minidoka	20,284	19,361	3,360	1,372	674	1,643				
Owyhee	10,406	8,392	1,524	703	620	607				
Twin Falls	62,970	-53,580	8,250	5,167	1,946	4,560				
Idaho total	1,251,700	1,006,734	166,298	77,951	18,044	136,339				

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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
ABB	ALBERTSONS	32 1/16	32 1/16	NC	56 15/16 - 23 1/16	2.37%
ASCA	AMSTAR	4 1/2	4 1/2	1/32	4 1/2 - 2 1/2	NA
CAG	CONAGRA	19 3/16	18 3/4	7/16	28 1/4 - 15 1/16	4.22%
COST	COSTCO	50 7/8	52 13/16	-1 15/16	60 1/2 - 32 1/16	NA
FD	FEDERATED	37 11/16	39 5/8	-1 5/16	57 1/16 - 31 5/8	NA
FSCO	FIRST SECURITY	13 3/8	12 3/4	1/16	31 - 10 3/4	4.10%
HNZ	HJ HEINZ	37 3/4	36 1/16	1 1/16	54 - 30 13/16	3.89%
HDI	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	36 3/8	41 17/32	-3 5/32	48 5/8 - 22 1/2	0.23%
HD	HOMER DEPOT	67 9/16	64 7/8	2 1/16	67 1/2 - 35 3/4	NA
IDA	IDACORP	32 3/16	33 1/16	-1 5/8	53 - 25 15/16	5.78%
JCP	J.C. PENNEY	13 9/16	13 5/16	-3/8	54 7/16 - 13 9/16	8.48%
JPR	JP REALTY	17 3/16	18 9/16	-3/4	21 5/16 - 15 5/16	11.01%
KM	KEY CORP	17 3/16	18 1/16	-7/8	38 1/8 - 15 9/16	6.52%
KM	KMAART	8 15/16	9 3/8	-7/16	18 3/16 - 7 3/4	NA
KR	KROGER	18 15/16	19 1/4	-5/16	31 3/8 - 14 1/16	NA
LRW	LABOR READY	8 3/16	9 1/8	-1 5/16	28 5/16 - 7 1/16	NA
LONGVIEW	LONGVIEW FIBRE	13 3/8	13 5/8	-1/4	14 3/4 - 11 1/16	3.59%
MCD	MCDONALDS	33 3/8	37	-3 5/8	49 1/2 - 29 7/8	0.57%
MU	MICRON TECH	95 1/2	128 1/4	-32 3/4	143 - 34 1/4	NA
OMX	OFFICEMAX	5 1/2	5 1/16	-3/16	12 1/2 - 4 7/16	NA
PHA	PHARMACIA	53 1/8	53 5/16	-3/16	58 1/8 - 32 3/4	0.11%
RAD	RITE AID	6 1/4	5 1/4	1	30 - 4 9/16	7.36%
SKO	SEARS	36 9/16	37 1/4	-1 1/16	53 3/16 - 25 1/4	2.52%
TGT	TARGET	68 13/16	74 1/4	-7 7/16	40 3/4 - 16 1/8	0.80%
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	41 1/16	40 3/4	5/16	67 7/8 - 34 1/4	1.85%
USB	US BANCORP	21 5/16	22 3/8	-1 1/16	38 1/16 - 16 7/8	4.04%
USW	US WEST	66 7/8	70 1/2	-3 5/8	81 1/2 - 51 9/16	3.20%
WMT	WAL-MART	55 1/16	61 13/16	-6 3/4	70 1/4 - 38 7/8	0.44%
WFSL	WASH-FEDERAL	18 9/16	17	7/16	25 11/16 - 14 5/8	5.80%
ZION	ZIONS BANCORP	38 13/16	39 3/4	-1 5/16	49 15/16 - 31	2.27%
ZION	ZIONS BANCORP	45 3/16	40 5/8	4 9/16	75 7/8 - 32	2.57%

Compiled by Rob Weaver, investment representative for the Edward Jones office at 1445 Fillmore St. in Twin Falls.

Dismal week sends investors groping for bottom

By Ellen Glanton
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - When will it end? Stocks continued their awesome plunge this past week, with the Nasdaq composite index and the Dow Jones industrials dropping by record amounts Friday as a resurgence of interest rate worries intensified Wall Street's distress over technology shares and sent the overall market into a tailspin of its own.

When Friday's devastating session ended with the Dow Jones industrials down more than 617 points and the Nasdaq off more than 355, analysts were unsure whether the market had finally hit rock bottom. Many uncovered technology stocks are now at bargain levels, and many other stocks are at more attractive prices, but the bearish sentiment hanging over Wall Street could prevent the bottom-fishing that has lifted the market out of previous slides.

"There are some cracks in the foundation,"

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Debra Heatherington of Twin Falls recently was named the District 5 Agent of the Year for 1999 by the BlueShield of Idaho. She was selected from among the 170 agents in District 5. Heatherington works at McDonald Insurance Agency in Twin Falls.

To qualify for the award, an agent must be No. 1 in sales and service of individual products and meet retention standards established by Regence BlueShield of Idaho, a press release said.

Regence BlueShield of Idaho said it is the state's largest health insurer, providing benefits, services and support to more than 300,000 members. It is a Regence Group company, an affiliate of leading health insurance plans in the Northwest, and is headquartered in Lewiston with an office in Twin Falls.

RUPERT - D.L. Evans Bank said Greg J. Pence was promoted to senior vice president and manager of the new D.L. Evans Bank office at 3845 W. Deane St. in Boise, set to open in May. Pence, a native of Weiser, graduated from Weiser High School and attended North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, majoring in business administration. He graduated from Northwest Agricultural Credit school at Washington State University in 1984 and from Pacific Coast Banking School in Seattle in 1989.

Pence has been involved in banking for 23 years. He began his career in 1977 as a management trainee with a commercial bank in Caldwell. In 1978, he was transferred to the Blaine area as a consumer loan officer and was promoted to agricultural loan officer in 1982. He was a senior credit officer for another bank before joining D.L. Evans Bank in 1996 as vice president and manager of the Rupert office. While in Rupert, Pence was active in the Rupert Rotary Club and the chamber of commerce; he says he plans to continue his community service in Boise. He and his wife, Lou, enjoy riding in Bourle.

BURLEY - D.L. Evans Bank announced promotion of Valrie Praegitzer to operations officer for the Burley office at 397 N. Overland Ave. The announce-

ment was made during the bank's annual stockholders' banquet. Praegitzer, an Idaho native, began her banking career 13 years ago as a teller with First Interstate Bank. She joined D.L. Evans Bank in 1996 and served as financial services representative and operations supervisor. She is working on a business degree through the College of Southern Idaho. She lives in the Burley area with her husband, Dave, and their two children.

TWIN FALLS - Lance Meyers and Dave Mathis of Specialty Painting Inc. recently received certification in specialized industrial floor applications at a workshop presented by Rustoleum Concrete Protective Systems in Tulsa, Okla.

The classes covered application techniques for a variety of industrial floor-coating systems, used especially in the food-processing industry, tank coating and linings, and epoxy and urethane floor systems.

GOODING - Drs. Kevin L. Hamblin and John R. Garrard have opened an extension dental office at 325 Main St. in Gooding. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Appointments may be made at 934-8080. New patients are welcome.

JEROME - Canyonside Realty Inc. GMAC Real Estate welcomed Jeanette Jeffries as a sales associate. Jeffries was born in Lima, Peru. She went to college and law school at Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru, where she also took English. She has 20 years' management experience in various businesses. She lived in Saratoga, Calif. for 15 years before coming to the Magic Valley in 1994. She will serve both sides of the canyon, a press release said.

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Brewing Co., Muggers Brewpub and Vito's Old Towne Pasta House welcomed chef John Callahan to the management staff. After graduating from Twin Falls High

School in 1978, Callahan started his career with the Pocatello Sandpiper. He then became a chef for the Shilo Inn Corp., where he worked his way into the executive chef position. After mastering his culinary talents, Callahan became vice president of the Jackson Hole Chefs Association, a press release said. Callahan said he then received an opportunity to open a steak house in Steamboat Springs, Colo., which proved successful, but his family and the lure of Idaho brought him back to Twin Falls.

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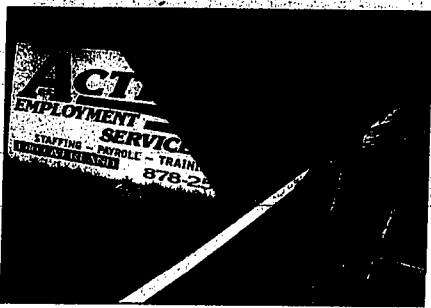
The classes covered application techniques for a variety of industrial floor-coating systems, used especially in the food-processing industry, tank coating and linings, and epoxy and urethane floor systems.

TWIN FALLS - Thirty-five International truck and engine dealer personnel from around the United States and Canada gathered at Table Rock Lake in Branson, Mo., April 6-9. The dealer parties and service managers were winners of an expensive-paid fishing trip sponsored by International and Springfield Remanufacturing Corp.

Jon Jacobson from Magic Valley International in Twin Falls qualified for the competition by selling diesel engines and parts produced by SRC Corp. for International, a press release said. Dealers had to be in the top 35 in the nation to win the trip. Jacobson placed 14th in the fishing tournament and received a cash prize. Springfield Remanufacturing said it has sponsored the fishing tournament annually with International since 1989.

said Patrick Hayes, senior director and founder of The Big Day program. "Our history causes us to be passionate about the power and potential of small businesses. It is very exciting to see how technology, when used effectively, really can level the playing field and allow them to compete on more equal footing." Products demonstrated at the seminar include Microsoft Office 2000, Outlook 2000, Publisher 2000, Finance 2000, MapPoint 2000, FrontPage 2000, Small Business Server 4.5, Exchange Server 5.5, Proxy Server 2.0 and Internet Information Server 4.0. The Big Day is co-sponsored by Compag, Interland and Softchoice. For information and to register, call (877) 435-7638.

NEW BUSINESS



Chuck Gummerson installs the Action Employment Services sign at 1510 Overland Ave. in Burley. The new business will offer temporary and full-time staffing, payroll services, training, mobile bookkeeping and employee and employer relations services. For more information and prices, call 878-2555.

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In addition to its annual Arbor Day tree-planting giveaway, U.S. Bank has teamed up with a check-printing company to give away free Tree Top-style checks to enhance the Arbor Day celebration. Any Idahoan who wants to set up a new checking account with U.S. Bank or has an existing checking account can visit one of the 96 U.S. Bank branches in Idaho to order a free box of the checks from Monday through May 13. The forestry-themed checks are printed on recycled paper. Customers have the option of having a personalized statement such as "Save the Earth" imprinted on their checks. For each box of Tree Top checks ordered, U.S. Bank will donate 50 cents to the Idaho Department of Lands. A minimum of \$250 from the bank will be used to plant trees in public schools throughout the state.

MILESTONES

United Electric slates second annual meeting
HEYBURN - United Electric Co-op has scheduled its second annual meeting of members for May 20 at United Electric's new office building at 1330 21st St. in Heyburn.

Registration opens at 10 a.m., and the meeting begins at 1 p.m. United Electric is the result of a consolidation of Rural Electric Co. and Unity Light and Power Co. It has served the Mini-Cassia area for the past 82 years. This is the first meeting in the new office building. The company said it is looking forward to a large membership turnout.

Crapo plans to attend tax bash
The Times-News

IDAHO FALLS - Cooper Norman & Co. said Rep. Mike Simpson will attend Cooper Norman's 2nd Annual Tax Bash, set for 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Willard Arts Center, 450 A St. Appetizers will be prepared by The Sandpiper restaurant; entertainment will be provided by a local band, Equinox. During the evening, Simpson will address current federal tax issues and elimination of the marriage tax penalty. More than 500 of eastern Idaho's top businessmen and women are expected to celebrate the end of tax time. This year's event will benefit the local Youth Men's Christian Association, which is raising money for an indoor soccer arena in Idaho Falls.

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Microsoft will host free seminar in TF

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - Redmond, Wash.-based Microsoft Corp. said it will host The Big Day seminar at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center on Thursday. The Big Day is a free seminar designed for owners, managers and technology assistance makers of small to medium-sized businesses. These companies represent the fastest-growing sector of the economy, and The Big Day is a way to help them optimize their technology resources and increase productivity, a press release said. Attendees will learn the latest application tips and tricks,

clipboard functions, online development features, network compatibility and Excel pivot tables, as well as have the opportunity to ask technology questions based on their own business needs. "The Big Day is Microsoft's approach to accelerating opportunities for small-business owners in the global marketplace," said Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft Corp. "Growing a business today depends on the right technology coupled with empowered knowledge workers." "People can forget that Microsoft was founded 25 years ago by a guy with a good idea. The company has grown from a small operation out of Bill Gates' garage in New Mexico to a leader in the high-tech industry,"

Builders group plans pig roast
The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Builders Association will hold a pig roast beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the new location of Sawtooth Door Co., 2440 Eldridge. National and state association representatives will attend. Building contractors and subcontractors are invited to come see what MBVA has to offer, a press release said. For more information, call 736-8991 or send e-mail to mvba@maglink.com.

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Your business 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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Bean dealers offer, seek security

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — For bean folks, the 2000 season brings good news and bad news.

The good news is that bean production will be down this year. With Idaho dry soils currently averaging about 135 per hundredweight, a shorter crop for 2000 might mean better prices next year.

"We think prices are at or near the bottom," said Kelley Bean Company co-owner Bob Kelley. "No one's happy. We're all looking for higher prices."

The bad news is that bean production will be down this year. At least, it's bad news for warehouse owners who need to maintain a high volume of beans so they can fill their orders for packaged dry beans.

"We need farmers, just like farmers need us," says Soranco Bean Products Inc. owner Jim Soran.

The projected 2000 season acreage for dry beans is 90,000 acres in Idaho, down 15,000 acres from 1999's 105,000 acres, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

As for production, 1999 was not a record-setting year, but still it was close, following close behind 1991's 33,751,000 cwt. at 33,230,000 cwt. in Idaho.

Jim Perkins, owner of Valley Bean and Grain Company in Murtagh, can verify the government's projections that farmers are getting out of beans this coming season.

"We've been putting out more spring wheat seed than we have in years," he said.

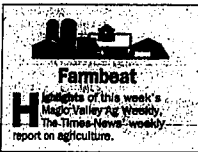
The lower bean acreage certainly doesn't guarantee higher prices, though. In the '80s, it was five years before prices fully recovered, but when they did, it was with record prices of over \$29, 1991's high acreage and low prices recovered sooner, and by 1993 the average price was \$24.40.

But dynamics in the world market have changed dramatically since the early '90s, and everyone into beans is all too painfully aware of it.

In the past, a 14 percent reduction in bean acreage could well have reflected a dramatic rise in bean prices, but there is a big difference now.



Steve Hadley, left, Jim Soran, center, and Wayne Jagals of Soranco, Inc. of Twin Falls prepare to send out new grower information packets.



once in the world out there from 1991," said Carter Wilson of J.P. Wilton Brokerage.

Kimberly research lab reaches milestone

KIMBERLY — Imagine you're a freshman in high school struggling to write your first term paper. Now imagine a career that requires you to periodically write the equivalent of a term paper.

That's what researchers have been doing on at the Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory at Kimberly for the last 36 years. As they recently published their 1,000th research paper.

Of course, writing a research paper for publication involves a bit more work than a freshman term paper. Researchers begin by asking questions about what is happening with phosphorus movement in soil or animal preference in forage, and then design a project to test their hypothesis.

Only after spending years collecting and analyzing data do the researchers sit down to write the actual paper.

Sometimes spending that much time on a research project begins to affect a researcher's home life. To Hank Mayland has spent the last few years studying livestock preference for morning versus afternoon cut hay. He's been known to call his wife and ask her if they're having any fun p.m. hay for dinner.

Dale Westermann, research leader at the USDA-Agricultural Research Service Laboratory, said the results of all that effort have helped farmers in the Magic Valley. He points to the soil-saving research done at the station with polyacrylamide. Some of the very first farmers to begin using farmers in the Magic Valley had to reduce soil erosion off surface irrigated fields were those who farm alongside the laboratory's research farm.

Word-of-mouth spread the story of polyacrylamide throughout the area, but it was trial results published in peer-reviewed publications that gave credence to what producers were seeing.

"Our research has had a significant impact on agricultural practices and improving water quality," Westermann said. "It has helped agricultural producers stay in business, and do things better and more efficiently."

Chinese delegation visits Southern Idaho

BURLEY — Big. That was the impression a visiting trade delegation from China had of Southern Idaho on the visitors' first day in Idaho. The 14-member malted barley trade team was the first to visit Idaho in nearly nine years.

Even though China is the largest importer of malt barley in the world, the Coors elevator facilities in Burley dwarfed anything available in China, said Wang Zhenhe, director of the China International Exchange Center for Light Industry, which represents brewing interests in China. He led the trade delegation to America. Each delegation member is a brewer or trader.

China imports more than 2 million metric tons of barley annually, 70 percent of that is supplied by Australia and 17 percent by Canada. The European Union has been aggressively using export subsidies to increase its share of the market in recent years.

Until the TCK smut issue was resolved, the Pacific Northwest had been shut out of the market for nearly 27 years. Under a U.S.-China Agricultural Cooperation Agreement signed between the two countries last April and finalized in December, China has agreed to lift the ban on imports of wheat and other grains shipped from the Pacific Northwest. China has established a tolerance level for TCK (30,000 spore per 50 gram spore), a level Idaho's malted barley shippers can easily meet.

Not only is China the largest world buyer of malted barley, but utilization is booming too. China is second only to the U.S. in total utilization.

The annual growth of China's beer manufacturing sector has been in the double digits for several years and shows opportunities for expansion in the future, said Kelly Olson, administrator for the Idaho Barley Commission. China prefers 2-row malted barley varieties that are produced in Idaho and other western states.

Stocks

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said Eric Wiegand, director of the private client group at Westburg Financial. Technology stocks still have the potential for the strongest growth, but investors are showing some very real concerns about their high prices.

The Dow lost a record 805.71 points, or 7.3 percent, during the week, while the Nasdaq ended the week down a record 1,125.16 points, or 25.3 percent.

Investors who have sent high-tech stocks sharply lower recently were looking for reasons to sell this week, and they found plenty. On Wednesday, respected Wall Street analyst Rick Sherlund of Goldman, Sachs & Co. raised concerns about Microsoft's earnings and a slowdown in personal computer sales.

Also this week, the consulting firm Forrester Research warned that many one-hot Internet retailers will be out of business or swallowed up by more traditional companies by next year. And finally, a pair of government reports showed burgeoning signs of inflation, bringing interest rate worries to the surface for the first time in several weeks.

The bad news set off a long, broad selloff as investors dumped newfangled Internet companies and volatile biotech stocks first, then turned on long-time market darlings like chipmaker Intel and network equipment maker Cisco Systems. It was clear that the same investors who had sent the technology-dominated Nasdaq hurtling 86 percent higher last year now believed many high-tech stocks

didn't deserve the super-high prices they had commanded.

Blue chip stocks, which lately had enjoyed some new-found immunity from investors' fury, joined the debacle. By Wednesday, investors stopped moving money from technology stocks to blue chips, opting instead to take their money and flee the market.

In a true sign of bearishness, good news fueled the market from its funk. Chip maker Advanced Micro Devices and computer maker Sun Microsystems posted earnings reports that far exceeded analysts' expectations.

The fact that the market ignored them convinced analysts that investors' stampede from the technology market had reached critical mass.

"As much as one wants to believe that behavior in the market is rational, it isn't," Wiegand said. "The stunning path up was not rational, and the path down isn't either. We're really going from one extreme to the other."

Cut-wrenching as it may seem, the market may have farther to fall, analysts said.

Because the Nasdaq plummeted so rapidly past 4,000 and then 3,500, some analysts fear investors will continue groping for a bottom that may not yet be in place. And the Dow's unexpectedly severe drop further undermined analysts' confidence in the market.

"This market has broken down," said Gary Kaltrbaum, chief technical analyst at J.W. Genesis Securities. "The selling is feeding on itself."

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tion. Certainly that's information that they've always asked us for," McAlindin said. "It pretty well cuts across all kinds of lines."

For big-box regional retailers, 200,000 seems to be a magic number.

"It seems like you get their attention when the market area approaches 200,000," he said. For those analysts, Magic Valley's regional market includes its eight central counties plus Elko County, Nev.

Existing smaller retailers, too, sometimes ask McAlindin for the numbers, and municipalities pay attention to populations to plan sewer, water and other services.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, too, receives tons of requests for population statistics, office manager Mary Brand said.

They come from businesses thinking of coming to Twin Falls; chains in Boise or in other

nearby markets, thinking of expanding into a second market; existing local businesses considering second ventures; potential entrepreneurs; and College of Southern Idaho business students.

Most are looking for an indication of how many people come to Twin Falls to shop, Brand said, adding that the city draws shoppers from Nevada and the Sun Valley area.

The information often contributes to huge, hush-hush business decisions.

Orders for population numbers come from all over the United States, Brand said.

"And we never know who it's from," she said. People often stay anonymous when they send requests, or they come into the chamber office and decline to identify themselves.

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Attorneys try to stop suit against U.S. West

Knight Ridder News Service

Lawyers for U.S. West tried last week to prevent the filing of a customer-service lawsuit in New Mexico by alleging that the basis of the claim came from confidential information in a Colorado case.

Attorneys in the Colorado case allege that U.S. West had a companywide policy that cut costs at

the expense of service. They argue that the problems extend beyond Colorado to the other 13 states the company serves.

The plaintiff's attorney in Colorado, Daniel Reilly, told Chief Judge John Sullivan of Larimer County District Court on Tuesday that they should be allowed to file the same complaint in other states that they have filed in his court.

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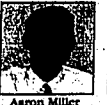
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By Tom Kershaw
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Question: My family owns a small business. We have been having problems with writing bad checks. While most of the checks are for less than \$500, their cumulative effect really hurts. What legal recourse do we have?

Answer: Prevention is better than the cure. You can subscribe to a check protection service (CheckRite in Twin Falls is one) which maintains a database of people who have written bad checks. You can then review that database before accepting a check from a customer. You should also make sure that the identifying information on the check is current so that you can contact the customer later.

Once a check is returned for no funds or insufficient funds, you may have a couple of options. Knowingly writing a bad check is a crime. In order to get a criminal conviction, it is necessary to prove that the bad check was written "willfully with intent to defraud..." (and) knowing at the time that the check is a crime. Sometimes just proof is easy (the account was closed before the check was written) and sometimes it is hard (the customer made an honest mistake). If there is a criminal conviction, the court will generally order the customer to pay restitution.

If you can't or don't want to pursue a criminal remedy, you may sue the customer civilly for your loss. If the amount of the loss is \$5,000 or less, you can sue the simplified and less expensive procedure of small claims court. Before filing a lawsuit, you can also design a payment by certified mail. If the check is not made good within ten days, you can then file a civil suit and you are entitled to recover both the amount of the check and a penalty in the amount of \$100 or three times the amount of the check, whichever is greater. The maximum penalty allowed is \$500.

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Software giant turns 25

From scrappy startup to 'monopoly power,' Microsoft has left its mark on the technology world, and the world in general. In particular with its ubiquitous Windows operating system. Here's a look at the key events in the company's history over the past 25 years.

1975 to 1982

February: The first personal computer language program, BASIC, is licensed by Bill Gates and Paul Allen.
November: Microsoft trade name is registered in New Mexico.
July: Microsoft ships its second PC language program, FORTRAN.
November: Microsoft's first international sales office opens in Japan.
June: Microsoft reorganizes into privately held corporation with Gates as president and chairman and Allen as executive vice president.
August: MS-DOS introduced. IBM introduces the Personal Computer, which utilizes Microsoft's MS-DOS 1.0.

1983 to 1989

February: Allen resigns as vice president but remains on the board.
May: Microsoft moves is introduced.
November: Microsoft Windows is introduced.
November: The company ships the first retail version of Microsoft Windows.
March: Stock goes public at \$21 per share. Initial public offering raises \$61 million.
October: Spreadsheet program, Excel, for Windows is introduced.

1990 to 1993

May: Microsoft announces Windows 3.0.
March: Microsoft announces that the Federal Trade Commission is investigating claims that the company monopolizes the PC operating systems market.
April: Microsoft releases Windows 3.1.
May: Company formally launches Windows NT.
1993: The Justice Department and European antitrust investigators begin independent probes.

1994 to 1995

July: Microsoft agrees to change contracts with PC makers and eliminate some restrictions on other software makers, ending the U.S. and European antitrust investigations.
October: Microsoft makes a deal to buy Intuit, maker of personal finance software Quicken. The tentative takeover raises further concern about Microsoft becoming a monopoly.
April: Justice Department blocks Microsoft purchase of Intuit.
August: Windows 95 released.
November: Company announces release of Internet Explorer 2.0 and gives it away free in challenge to Netscape's Navigator.

1996 to 1997

July: MSNBC makes its debut.
April: Microsoft acquires WebTV.
August: Apple and Microsoft announce broad product and technology agreements.
September: Internet Explorer 4.0 released.
October: Justice Department files a motion in U.S. District Court alleging Microsoft violated a 1994 antitrust consent decree.

1998 to 1999

June: Microsoft launches Windows 98.
July: Steve Ballmer named president of Microsoft.
October: Microsoft added to the Dow Jones Industrial average, along with fellow technology giant Intel.
November: Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson releases his findings of fact, which label Microsoft a monopoly.
December: Microsoft releases the code for Windows 2000 to manufacturers.

2000

January: Gates steps down as chief executive. Ballmer becomes CEO.
February: Judge hears final round of arguments, rejects key legal defense for Microsoft. Microsoft releases Windows 2000.
March: Microsoft fixes detailed settlement offer to government lawyers; government rejects proposal to days later.
April: Talks between federal government and Microsoft break down. Two days later, judge finds that Microsoft Corp. violated the Sherman Antitrust Act, "maintained its monopoly power by anticompetitive means" and attempted to monopolize the Web browser market.



Microsoft's staff, 1978 (Bill Gates, front left)



Sources: Compiled from AP wire reports, Los Angeles Times; Microsoft Corp.; Industry Week

Microsoft at 25

Software giant basks in tale of brilliance and luck

The Associated Press
 REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — In the summer of 1980, Bill Gates had a little problem. IBM had just asked Gates' tiny company, Microsoft, to provide an operating system, the software that runs a computer's basic functions, for its new personal computer project. But Microsoft, which at the time wrote programming languages for microcomputers, didn't make operating systems. Luckily, its biggest would-be competitor, Digital Equipment Corp., believed the PC would never take off and decided not to license its operating systems to IBM. Gates leaped at the chance. His partner, Paul Allen, purchased an operating system called QDOS (literally, the Quick and Dirty Operating System) from a rival company for \$50,000. The two renamed it MS-DOS and licensed it to IBM. Coming five years after

Microsoft was founded in 1975, this deal led the company to its true calling — providing operating systems that would eventually run most of the world's computers. From \$7.5 million in revenues that year, it would grow to \$19.75 billion in 1999 — making more money in four hours than it did in all of 1980. It would also lead Microsoft to one of the country's biggest antitrust battles just as Gates begins reinventing his company for the next 25 years. If DEC hadn't turned IBM down ... if Apple Computer hadn't had a late-'80s meltdown ... if IBM's OS/2 project had worked out ... if Netscape Communications Corp. just had enough time ... Time and again, Microsoft has been the beneficiary of good old-fashioned luck. Decisions its rivals made and stumbling blocks they encountered gave this company its biggest breaks.

Company insiders and outside observers agree an even larger part of Microsoft's success has been a uncanny grasp of the marketplace, always looking for the 'near big thing' and jumping on it with an aggressive, take-no-prisoners mentality.
 "Yes, there have been times when our competitors have blown their toes off," said Jeff Raikes, Microsoft group vice president for worldwide sales and support. "That's not the whole story, though."
 Company insiders and outside observers agree an even larger

part of Microsoft's success has been a uncanny grasp of the marketplace, always looking for the "near big thing" and jumping on it with an aggressive, take-no-prisoners mentality. "Bill has a personal gift for assimilating large amounts of information, and he's willing to place big bets and place them early," said Craig Mundie, Microsoft's senior vice president for consumer strategy. Others, such as Microsoft's competitors, see paranoia in the company's approach. "They still see themselves as a scrappy little start-up company, and they've acted this way for 25 years," said Bob Young, chairman of Red Hat Software, which distributes Linux, a Windows rival. "They see something that might someday affect their position and they move against it immediately."
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 In late 1982, Apple Computer

co-founder Steve Jobs proudly showed his business partners — including Microsoft — Apple's latest computer, the Lisa. The Lisa flopped, but it incorporated a relatively new technology: a graphical user interface. Instead of typing in text commands, users could point and click on an icon. Microsoft is often accused of copying Apple's interface. However, the graphical user interface was developed in the late 1970s by researchers at Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center. At the time, Xerox wasn't interested in making computer software. That gave Apple the lead in providing easy-to-use, point-and-click computers to the public in the form of the Macintosh in 1981. Microsoft introduced Microsoft Windows in November 1985, although it would take the company until 1991 to perfect its version of the graphical interface.
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Microsoft, AOL wage battle for homes

Knight Ridder News Service
 LOS ANGELES — America Online Inc. and Microsoft Corp. are taking their rivalry into a new arena — your house. Moving beyond the personal computer turf, the companies are rushing to get their software and new Internet gadgets into your kitchen, bedroom and even your pockets. AOL's Netscape division unveiled its new browser at the Internet World 2000 conference in Los Angeles last week, aimed at the next wave of Internet-ready devices — home appliances, interactive televisions and mobile phones. AOL and personal computer maker Gateway are building three new appliances for home Internet access that will run on the Linux operating system, an emerging competitor to Microsoft's Windows. The new appliances are scheduled to hit store shelves late this year and early next year, AOL officials said. Microsoft has been feverishly developing new gadgets of its own — the Portable PC, a pocket-size organizer that connects to the Internet using a condensed version of Microsoft's Explorer



John Gallagher works in front of a large video screen in the living area of the Microsoft home earlier this year in Redmond, Wash. The home was developed at Microsoft Corp. to try out a networking system in which every device has just enough of a brain to recognize every other device in the home.

browser, and the Web Companion, a family of small screens and keyboards designed to let first-time Internet users surf the Net from anywhere in the house. Various hardware makers are developing different sizes and shapes of the products. The Portable PC — manufactured by Casio, Compaq, Siemens, Hewlett-Packard and Symbol — will make its debut April 19. The Web Companion, made by Compaq, Acer, Phillips, Thompson and Vestel, will come out later this year, Microsoft officials said. Microsoft and AOL are trying to sell consumers on the long-awaited promise of using the Net wherever and whenever they want without a personal computer.

Experts expect Microsoft to stay united

New York Daily News
 As Bill Gates continues to schmooze politicians, wade to his public and make nightly prime-time TV appearances looking like a benevolent schoolteacher, legal experts said the government probably won't try to split apart his company. "Judges don't want to break up big, efficient ongoing businesses," said Bob Lande, a University of Baltimore law professor, summing up the predictions a many antitrust experts who have been following the case. Their comments came on the heels of fresh news reports last week that the Justice Department and 19 states were leaning toward proposing restrictions on Microsoft's behavior rather than

trying to break the company up. Such proposals, which mostly focus on requiring the company to change certain details about the way it makes and sells its software, were reportedly being discussed by the two sides before settlement talks broke down earlier this month. But days later, on April 3, Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson declared the world's largest software company a law-breaking monopoly. The judge has given the government until April 28 to file its proposed remedies to restore competition to the marketplace. Microsoft must file its reply by May 10, less than two weeks later. Hearings on the matter are scheduled for May 24, and the

judge is expected to issue his decision soon after. Microsoft has vowed to appeal. "The fact that Jackson gave the company such a short time to reply is evidence that he isn't expecting a breakup, some legal experts said. The company would need far more time to respond to such a radical remedy, they said. Possible remedies reportedly have included forcing Microsoft to reveal more about how its popular Windows operating system works, so that other companies can make software that's compatible. Another possibility would be to require Microsoft to publish its software prices to prevent it from using discriminatory pricing as leverage against computer makers who license its software.

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That Microsoft recognized its importance would eventually be enough.

Microsoft has rarely been first with new technologies. Nearly all the company's core products were first released into extremely competitive markets.

"We're always accused of having never innovated, and of course we don't think that's true," said vice president Raikes, who started at Microsoft 19 years ago. "We've had technological innovations, but our business innovations, our integration of products, our customer service — those are all strong keys to our success as well."

Microsoft Word is an example. Until the late 1980s and early 1990s, Word battled with other frontrunners like WordPerfect. But by integrating Word into a suite of products called Office that worked with the underlying operating system, Word became the dominant word processing software on the market.

In December 1987, IBM and Microsoft released their biggest joint product to date: the first version of the OS/2 operating system. OS/2 was designed to replace MS-DOS, although Microsoft continued to independently develop both DOS and its new Windows graphical user interface.

In 1990, the relationship between IBM and Microsoft fell apart. Microsoft found Windows 3.0 was more successful than it thought, and began to devote more time to its successor, Windows 3.1, than to the OS/2 project. The two companies eventually ended the relationship and divided the project's resources between them.

IBM went on to develop OS/2 and, later, OS/2 Warp, which failed to catch on in the mass consumer market. Meanwhile, Microsoft went on to develop Windows 3.1 with OS/2 technologies, Windows NT.

The killing blow came when IBM decided to make OS/2 programs compatible with Windows. Thus, software programmers could write programs for Windows and have them run on both platforms, or write for OS/2 and have them run only on OS/2. The choice was obvious.

One of Microsoft's biggest advantages is the base of consumers already using Microsoft products. Using that base, Microsoft has successfully encouraged upgrades and gotten independent software programmers to write for Windows instead of OS/2, Mac OS and other operating systems.

"I was lucky enough to be in charge of marketing for the MS-DOS 5.0 launch," said Brad Chase, now a senior vice president at Microsoft. "It was the first time we provided an easy consumer upgrade for people who already had computers running past versions of DOS."

"Everyone was amazed when people were lining up at midnight for it. The response really helped us sell DOS to developers and everyone else."

The lines would continue for the launch of Windows 3.0 in 1990, Windows 3.1 in 1992 and Windows 95 and 98.

There have been times taking advantage of Microsoft consumers hasn't worked.

"With Microsoft dominating the desktop, everybody thought MSN (The Microsoft Network online

service) would just kill America Online," said Rob Enderle, an analyst with the Giga Information Group. "Sometimes their gambles don't pay off. But a lot of them do."

"There have been crises when we've been forced to bet the company on one decision," said Nathan Myhrvold, currently on leave as Microsoft's chief technology officer. "That's one heck of a thing to do, but we knew we had to make the bets, and we have."

As early as 1994, Microsoft claims to have been watching the Internet, wondering whether it would become a consumer medium or a backwater for hobbyists and computer geeks.

The company wandered through 1995, through the release of its Windows 95 operating system, and throughout the summer, Bill Gates published a book, "The Road Ahead," which barely mentioned the Internet. Industry observers thought Microsoft had bet against the Internet and lost.

By mid-1995, it was becoming clear that the Internet was real, the company was behind, and it had to move fast," recalled Brad Silverberg, a former Microsoft executive. "The strong direction from the top was great, but it was the creativity and enthusiasm of the product teams who really ran with it."

Silverberg led the Internet push, developing the Internet Explorer Web browser to compete with Netscape's Navigator. The marketing guru, led by then-executive vice president Steve Ballmer, were aggressive, giving IE away for free and cutting deals with Internet service providers to exclusively offer IE over Navigator.

Microsoft won the browser war. But others, such as the U.S. Department of Justice, took notice.

The recent decision by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson that Microsoft violated federal antitrust laws by building a monopoly and trying to take over the Web browser market came as no surprise to the company. Yet from Gates and Ballmer (who's now Microsoft's CEO) down to the newest recruit there is a firm belief Microsoft will ultimately prevail.

Rank-and-file employees who spoke on condition of anonymity have told The Associated Press they are taking recent developments in stride, and noted the company hasn't lost a major battle yet. Some are taking the recent \$37-plus drop in Microsoft's stock price — which was due partly to Jackson's decision and partly to weakness in the entire high-tech sector — as a buying opportunity.

This may smack of hubris, although the employees have a point — Microsoft has never really lost a major gamble. Whether it's the Internet or Windows or legal battles, Microsoft has either triumphed outright or come from behind to win.

Thus, as Jackson decides how to best restrain Microsoft and fix the marketplace, Microsoft is going about its business.

"You don't really know why the government you care a lot about is doing this when you know you did nothing wrong," said senior vice president Chase, who has testified a number of times in court at various trials. "Sure, it's frustrating. But you do it, put it aside, and get on with the real stuff you're doing."

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Still, his calculations are revealing: That \$15 drop in stock, translated according to its effect on the economy, equals the layoff of 19,000 Boeing workers.

While Sohn and others insist that doesn't mean a "bust" or a crash, they talk of a slowdown, a "rationalizing."

Some believe cooling off the superheated local economy could be a great idea. Not everyone likes to engage in house-buying bidding wars, watch their property taxes skyrocket, or worry they'll never be able to afford a vacation home.

Economists are just now realizing the astounding power unleashed over the last few years as droves of employees cashed in their stock options, that stealth wealth driven sky-high by Microsoft's jet-propelled stock prices in 1998 and 1999.

Last year, software industry stock options — many from Microsoft — pumped an estimated \$7 billion into the local economy. That amounted to 14 percent of King County's total wages, according to Roberta Pauer, regional economist with the state's Employment Security Department.

"This is critical for Puget Sound and Washington State — just enormous," says Pauer.

Under way now, too, is a Boeing layoff cycle that's cut more than 20,000 jobs in Puget Sound since mid-1998. Dual downturn, say economists, are never a good idea.

Historically, Puget Sound has long ridden a boom-and-bust bronco, from the Klondike gold rush to World War II aircraft.

In the past few years, though, the familiar up-and-down curve tracking Puget Sound's economy has morphed into a skyward-bound rocket, fueled in large part by Microsoft's exponential growth, its fertilizing effect on the software industry generally, and those fat stock options.

Like Boeing at the time of the bust, Microsoft is big — very, very big.

Although the software giant employs far fewer people in Washington state than does the aerospace giant — 18,500 at the end of 1999 versus 78,900 at Boeing — the potential economic impact from Microsoft employees could be much larger than that of Boeing employees, state economists believe.

That's because they make more.

A lot more.

Last year, employees in the aircraft industry — read Boeing — made, on average, about \$54,000.

Employees in the software industry — read Microsoft — made on average an estimated \$350,000 to \$400,000. That's excluding Microsoft's top five earners.

Wages alone account for only about 15 percent of that number. Eighty-five percent of it, says Sohn, is exercised stock options. Options give employees the right to buy stock in the future at today's price, exercising that right gives them possession of the stock.

In 1990, wages were just wages. But in 1998, a steep rise in average state wages — nearly 8 percent — tipped off state economists that something was hap-



It's clear that over the past several years, Microsoft employees, under the leadership of Bill Gates, have fueled changes in the Seattle-area economy.

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pening, says Dennis Fusco, chief economist for the state Employment Security office.

Oddly, the huge rise in wages seemed to echo the huge rise in Microsoft stock, and economists began to unravel the mystery: Software industry wages — mostly stock options — had driven up all wages nearly 3 percent.

It's clear that over the past several years, Microsoft employees had their new-found wealth fueled changes in the local economy, business culture and social structure.

When stock optioners decided they wanted stylish woodwork in their new kitchens, suddenly the field boomed, and formerly struggling remodelers could afford new pickups and vacations in Tuscany.

When Microsofties found they didn't have time to leave work to run errands, a new category of helper appeared: the concierge service. Event planners, "household managers" and caterers emerged as growth industries.

But restaurant owner Paul Mackay worries about the Justice Department somehow putting the clamp on Microsoft. "Deep down inside, I worry if I want to keep expanding, money might be a little tight."

Pauer thinks his worries are realistic.

If Microsoft stock is flat or down, people aren't going to exercise their stock options this

year. People are going to wait until the stock price stabilizes or recovers."

If that happened, more than \$5 billion could vanish from King County's economy for the rest of this year — about 10 percent of total wages, Pauer says.

About \$69 billion of stock options not exercised are outstanding, the company says.

Microsoft stock has fallen more than 25 percent from its high of about \$119 earlier this year, more than 14 percent of it after Monday's ruling.

At a closing price of about \$89 Friday, the stock dropped back to its November range but remained well above the \$75.50 of a year ago.

Everyone in the economic-forecasting business anticipated some adjusting, if not slowing down, in the software sector, says Pauer. And it was no surprise that Microsoft and the government didn't settle the federal antitrust lawsuit against the company.

"But I think we all failed to anticipate what really did happen — which is that Microsoft stock price would range between two levels: flat and down. And that it will stay within the flat-to-down range until this whole thing is settled."

Pauer doesn't believe there's a recession in sight.

But Microsoft's new stock prices, she predicts, will prove to be "the economic event of the year" for Puget Sound and the state.

Microsoft's new, lower stock price is just one of the many signals people are now getting, says Sundermeyer at John L. Scott. "People are worried about the price of raw materials, and the price of oil is rising," she says; fears of inflation, too, are troubling.

"I think everybody thinks Microsoft will land on its feet, but I think it causes everybody to pull in their horns a little — wait to buy. It's definitely more cautionary."

Cautionary, but not run-for-cover. Wait-and-see, but not dig-in-toile.

Many observers say Puget Sounders are old hands at coping with boom-and-bust cycles and this blip, termed by some a "hiccup," hardly scares them.

In part, that's because Seattle is no longer a company town.

Today, aircraft employees (most working for Boeing) make up only 3.5 percent of the state's work force. Other super-employers have emerged.

Software industry employees — the vast majority Microsoft's — number about 24,000, about 2 percent of the state work force.

And other big employers — the University of Washington, health, biotechnology and research firms — now claim a larger share.

In fact, it was likely those Microsoft stock options that insulated the economy from the effects of the most recent Boeing layoffs. Even with the cuts, unemployment stayed low.

"Why? Microsoft stock prices and the exercised stock options, that's why," Pauer says. "It's been a completely successful counterbalance to Boeing."

That Boeing was no longer the only game in town caught politicians and state budget leaders by surprise in 1993, when Boeing announced that it expected to lay off as many as 19,000 workers.

The state revenue forecast nose-dived by \$610 million, the largest single drop since the last aerospace crash, in the early '80s. Working for then-Gov. Mike Lowry, Len McComb, former state budget director, rammed through the legislature a controversial tax increase of \$717 million to offset the expected crash.

Ultimately, though, the hike was unnecessary, McComb says, because other areas of the economy took up the slack.

Now a bit wiser, McComb advises cautious optimism regarding Microsoft and predicts the stock will come back slowly.

When Boeing slumped, what was at risk was current employment, Sjoblom says. "With Microsoft, what's at risk is our future and future growth."

There was a breathless half hour on Tuesday when he thought the market might be heading for a free fall, admits Scott McAdams, president of McAdams Wright Rugen, a regional investment firm managing \$2 billion for clients.

But the fall slowed, and so did the phone calls from anxious investors.

"For good or worse, many investors have weathered a lot of these hiccups. They know in the past they haven't led to protracted downturns. They haven't been harbingers of disaster," McAdams says. "A little hiccup is not going to slow the party."

And even if the dreaded "something" were to happen to Microsoft, he believes, "there's an enormous demand for technology employees — they'd be scooped up in a minute."

Even "with one arm tied behind their back," Microsoft will be strong, he believes.

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Plan for the unthinkable - bad illness

Thinking ahead can guard your financial assets, experts advise

Knight Ridder News Service

It's something most people take for granted - inhaling and exhaling.

But for Don Rogers of Kansas City, Kan., breathing has become a nonstop struggle. Every breath is a reminder of the economic and emotional frustration he lives with every day.

Rogers, 49, became unable to support his wife, Dana, and two sons nearly three years ago. Rogers has emphysema and is awaiting a double-lung transplant. His lifeline is a 50-foot hose connected to an oxygen tank. "I'm supposed to be the provider," he said. "I feel bad that my wife has to work and I can't help."

Like the Rogerses, more and more families are grappling with financial issues involving a chronic illness or condition. Some researchers estimate that chronic illness affects nearly every family in the United States. A report by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation placed the number of Americans with chronic health problems in 1995 at 100 million - and growing.

The foundation, in Princeton, N.J., is a national institution devoted to health and health-care issues in the United States.

Chronic conditions require continual care and cannot be cured. Examples include arthritis, respiratory disorders, heart disease, cerebral palsy, cancer, head injuries, depression, diabetes and blindness.

Medical problems came to a head in the Rogers household when Don found himself unable to work in August 1997. He had been hospitalized with pneumonia and was diagnosed as 100 percent disabled. Six months later, he began drawing supplemental Social Security benefits.

Rogers attends weekly sessions at the Lung Center of Bethany Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan., walking on a treadmill to exercise his lungs and build endurance.

The center also educates patients about health-improving lifestyle changes, such as losing weight or giving up cigarettes.

Rogers is trying to lose 20 pounds, but he said he didn't need the stop-smoking classes. He gave up a two- to three-pack-a-day habit when he checked into the hospital three years ago.

Any money he saves by not smoking goes toward paying for oxygen and medicine. Most of the costs come out of his wife's earnings.

Dana Rogers said she felt compelled to stay in her current job, which pays \$7.50 an hour, to hang on to the family's health insurance coverage. "If I stay with the company, our insurance will cover the lung transplant," she said.

Rogers, 41, said she looked at other jobs last year after her company changed owners and her pay was cut from \$11.25 an hour to \$7.50. At the same time, her health insurance premium went from \$30 a month to \$50 a week.

Other jobs pay more, but Rogers said she couldn't get the health insurance to cover her husband's condition.

"I worry more about him than I do about the money," she said.

Sharon Anne Lockhart, a Certified Financial Planner with Raymond James Financial Services in Prairie Village, offered some advice for those thrust suddenly into a battle with chronic illness.

To determine how serious the strain will be, she said, first review the family's resources.

"Get all financial documentation together - bank statements, savings accounts, IRAs, qualified retirement plans, brokerage statements, cash value of life insurance and equity in the home," Lockhart said.

Then determine liabilities: creditors, debt owed on mortgage, car loans, credit cards and personal loans. The family should consider contacting creditors to ask about putting payments on hold, with interest accruing, until things stabilize.

To cover health-care costs, Lockhart advises first drawing upon resources that will not involve a repayment obligation.

"A good place to begin is with available cash and low-earning assets, such as passbook savings," she said.

Other assets to be tapped can include stocks, bonds and mutual funds, and the cash value of life insurance policies.

Refinancing a mortgage, getting a reverse mortgage or taking out a home-equity loan might provide great relief.

"IRAs can be withdrawn with-

out penalty for disability and hardship," Lockhart pointed out. "You may also be able to borrow from a 401(k) if the plan allows."

Credit cards should be regarded as the last and least-favorable method of payment, she said.

Planning for the unthinkable remains the best way to protect assets. To avoid financial catastrophe, individuals need to consider buying health and disability insurance - before they have "pre-existing" conditions.

"A person in her 40s is three times more likely to be disabled than to die by the age of 65," Lockhart said.

When an illness is chronic, a person's ability to make money can be greatly reduced or erased.

Disability	Percentage
Chronic disability	32%
Chronic disability	32%
Sensory limitations	8%
Intellectual limitations	7%
Other	19%

Examples:

1. Arthritis, heart disease, cancer, diabetes
2. Dementia, hearing impairment
3. Mental retardation, senility

Source: Social Security Administration, "The Social Security Bulletin," Vol. 30, No. 10, 1998.

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"Short-term or long-term disability purchased through an employer probably will cover only 60 percent of your income," said Jody Carroll, an insurance agent with Fowler/Carroll Insurance Professionals in Lee's Summit. To compensate for the gap, consider buying individual disability coverage. Or, Carroll said, "if you are close to retirement, a long-term care policy may be more suitable for you."

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GenXers jump into the new generation job market

Knight Ridder News Service

At 26, Sandy Mechal is burning up the career ladder. On only her second job out of college, she leads a 12-person team whose job is to launch a Fortune 500 client's business.

She can handle that. It's not tough for her, either, to explain to a clueless older person the deal that GenXers, those 52 million Americans ages 23 to 37, have made with their own careers.

"We're not going to do what our parents did," she says. "We're not going to work 40-hour weeks for 30 years and come out with a pension plan. We're not going to have that. We'll work harder at a younger age to get what we want."

When they first arrived at work, GenXers earned a reputation for being lazy and demanding.

But that's turned out to be the glass-is-half-empty view. GenXers can also be seen as simply more conscious of their time and money than previous generations. They don't want to get stuck in boring jobs. They don't expect one employer to be there for their entire careers. They're eager to learn and rushing to get ahead.

And they've been lucky. They've come along at a time of great technological change — and they tend to like technology and learning new skills. They've landed in an economy where there's a shortage of skilled workers. That's caused a lot of managers to revise their view of this group.

As a result, GenXers have been able to turn what they want into what employers have to give: flexible work hours, access to training, fast-track career paths. In fact, "employee convenience" is why hundreds of employers told the Hay Benefits Report in 1998 they started flexible scheduling.

"They're asking for things we all want, but I think a lot of us would never have had the guts to ask an employer for," said Michael Coffey, human resources boss at Xcelerate, the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., consulting firm where Mechal works. Like a reasonable amount of time off.

Working tips

- **Establish personal boundaries:** Set the parameters of the same word, phrases, events and same early work schedules.
- **Keep lines:** Open channels of communication, inform — don't hide information.
- **Flexibility:** Implement flexible work schedules, including telecommuting.
- **Pay for performance:** Compensate the producers; don't reward the ones just getting by.
- **Measure performance:** Focus on work output, not on hours worked.
- **Training:** Xers constantly want to learn, use Web-based training when available.
- **Discipline:** Be tactful, focus on what is right — not who is right. Repetition privately, help employees learn from mistakes.
- **Recognition:** Praise publicly and frequently.
- **Mentor:** Be a mentor, not a dictator.
- **Personal life premium:** Don't begrudge personal lives and don't begrudge personal time left in the past.

Or, Coffey said, they want guarantees that they'll be given increasingly challenging assignments.

When GenX issues started showing up in the ranks of managers at Burdines, "We've had to ask ourselves, how can we deal with this? Are we willing to alter or rewrite the policy book?" said Ann Rupert, senior vice president for human resources.

Working with GenXers can be a challenge to co-workers, too. Richard Ginsburg, the 31-year-old chief executive of Guardian International, a security firm in Hollywood, Fla., knows his fast-paced ways can rub people the wrong way.

While having a conversation in his office, Ginsburg thinks nothing of whipping out his pager and sending an e-mail. He likes techno-gadgets and has even installed a weather satellite dish on the company's roof, so the staff can anticipate the typical deluge of false alarms when it rains.

Looking into a pager rather than at a visitor may seem rude, but Ginsburg thinks it's an efficient use of his time.

He uses e-mail a lot, he said, in part because he logs 80,000 or more miles on the road a year. In the last four years, he's acquired more than 30 companies. E-mail is how he stays in touch with the operations.

However, Ginsburg also knows, "Multitasking is a big thing non-GenXers don't understand."

Some employment experts say this group is just what the New Economy ordered. Flexible people more committed to the project than to the employer are what you might expect to find among the children of parents who went through downsizings in the 1980s and 1990s. They want to increase their skills, because they know that's what it takes to be marketable.

"They grew up in times of political turmoil and scandal. That was a very different type of environment from baby boomers. I think a lot of Xers have come to mistrust institutions such as government and big business. They

have come to basically trust in themselves," said Richard Thau, head of a Generation X think tank in New York called Third Millennium.

"They demand more, and they give more," said Jeffrey Rubenstein, the 29-year-old chief operating officer of Cybergate, a Fort Lauderdale Internet service provider that has worked out about three dozen different work schedules to accommodate its employees' needs.

Survey after survey shows the main thing GenXers want out of work is to be challenged.

"I think a lot of people in my generation are going to smaller companies that allow them to grow themselves much faster," said Mechal, the e-commerce project manager. "That's promoting the ambition of this generation. Before you waited until

your 30s or 40s to do things on your own."

The point is to get to the end of the road.

"Because the opportunity to make decisions, to shape our careers, is more within our control, the decisions we make will end up making us happier," she said. "We'll reach happiness sooner."

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Castoff materials may last longer than boards and nails

BOISE (AP) — Prospective homeowners and contractors are lucky these days to have a wealth of natural or recycled materials for construction — knock on wood or straw or Rastra or Trex.

The supply of large trees on U.S. Forest Service land is drying up and so to the inventory of dimension timber for solid beams and 2x4 studs. It leads the visionaries in the building industry to find substitutes.

Straw-baled construction is one of the more radical answers.

"It probably was funny when people started building houses out of nails and 2x4s; it seemed 'hokey,'" said Moscow designer-builder Kurt Rathmann, who has created several straw-bale homes in the Palouse region. "Straw-bale is not going to take over conventional building, but it's a niche and something alternative that works very well."

Rathmann also works with another castaway in modern life: plastic.

Rastra is made from cement and recycled polystyrene, mixed into light cinderblock-like bricks. They are stacked, and cement and rebar are inserted into the cavity for additional strength.

If revolutionary materials like Rastra are more expensive than wood walls, they also need no Fiberglas insulation, have no gaps to lose heat and can be easily shaped to fit designs.

Hundreds of building products are being developed from recycled materials that may last as long as the pyramids of Egypt. A popular one is Trex, a substitute for lumber made up of recycled plastic that is impervious to sunlight, splinters and bugs.

"The worst thing with recycled products is when they try to make them look like something else, like wooden shingles made of rubber," Rathmann said.

But while straw-bale has a Woodstock counterculture ring to it, the medium is millennia old and has been thoroughly studied by the U.S. Department of Energy. English homes made of "cob," a mix of earth and fiber such as straw or reeds, have stood for centuries and still demand high real estate prices.

Homesteaders in the Nebraska "Sandhills" area turned to baled-hay construction in response to a shortage of trees.

The Energy Department in 1995 estimated 200 million tons of straw were under utilized or just wasted in this country each year.

Tightly bundled bales are skewered on rebar rising up from the foundation like giant shishkabobs. They are built layer by layer like bricks or squeezed in between wall posts, then covered with stucco on the exterior and plaster on the interior.

Straw bale construction is the rage in Southwest communities such as Santa Fe, N.M., but what about the Northwest where snow and rain are the rule for much of the year?

"It's the same kind of consequence as with any material, wood or straw. It is all right if properly covered," said Joelee Joyce of Out On Bale By Mail in Arizona, which holds workshops

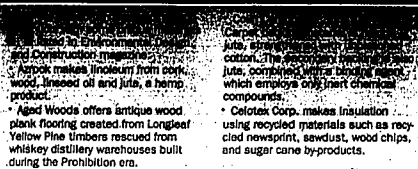
on straw construction.

That means properly sealing the walls, providing drainage on window sills and constructing overhangs for extra protection from precipitation. Joyce said she knows of straw-bale houses in Nova Scotia and all along the Pacific coast.

The Uniform Building Code allows for alternative materials. The builder assumes the burden of proving the home will satisfy requirements for strength, fire resistance, sanitation and other issues, said Jack Rayne, building programs manager for the Idaho Division of Building Safety.

If the straw walls bear the whole load, it is a different engi-

The new stuff



neering matter than if wooden posts hold up the building and straw is wedged between them, he said.

In a 1995 demonstration project on a Navajo reservation in the Southwest, the Energy Department found a straw-baled

wall 23 inches wide may have a whopping R-50 insulation value compared with R-23 in a six-inch-wide insulated wooden wall.

Joyce said the temperature outside her Tucson straw-bale home was 98 degrees, but she did not need an air conditioner. Likewise, a small space heater suffices in the winter.

The National Research Council of Canada tested plastered straw bales for fire safety and found they stood up to temperatures of about 1,850 degrees for two hours before any cracks developed.

The Energy Department said the cost of the 988 square-foot home on the reservation was about \$57,000, about the same as

a wood-frame house. But the overall project cost more because of modifications. Subsequent ones could run less.

Joyce said some straw-bale houses can cost \$200,000, but that is because many homeowners are intrigued by the new wave in construction and want a large, expensive home with all the amenities.

Building the walls is much easier than wood frame and many homeowners get help from friends in a barn-raising party, which can cut costs, she said.

"We do encourage people without experience to answer their questions from what has become a huge network of information."

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The Associated Press

As CEO pay points toward a record-breaking year, shareholders are urging companies to share profits with employees.

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Woman crusades against debt

The Orange County Register

Here's how Mary Hunt can impact your spending habits: I'm driving back to the office after interviewing Mary for a couple of hours when I remember the shoes I bought last week at the Nordstrom outlet store.

A great buy, reduced from \$198 to \$72.38. Time for my Visa card. But now Mary's message sounds in my head: Don't use credit cards. And: By the time you eventually pay for those sale items, you will pay twice or three times the sale price in interest on the debt.

OK, maybe those shoes aren't such a good deal. They're going back to the store, and the debt is going off my credit card.

Mary Hunt's advice to the world, distilled, is this: "Do not spend more money than you earn."

Learn to manage your money, she says. Give away 10 percent, save 10 percent and live on 80 percent of your income. It's all there in her new books for brides and new parents, "Tips for the New Bride" and "Tips for the New Mom." (Broadman & Holman)

Millions are buying her message. Her Web site http://www.cheap2k.com logs an average of 500,000 hits a month. More than 20,000 people subscribe to her Cheapsteak Monthly newsletter. She has written 11 best-selling books explaining how to get out of debt and stay out. She's been on "Oprah," on Home & Garden Television network, on stage in edicts coast-to-coast, evangelizing America.

Hunt, 52, is a passionate preacher for debt-proof living, a redeemed credit-card sinner who saddled her family with \$100,000 in unsecured debt and faced the yawning abyss of bankruptcy. She weathered her personal purgatory as she paid off the bills.

With her husband, Harold, 51, she spreads a message of financial salvation:

"Our society has trained us to believe we are entitled to have whatever we qualify for on our credit cards," Hunt says. "Thirty-five years ago, we were entitled to what we actually could pay for. It all happened with bank cards. The Master Card is accepted everywhere so we can spend

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everywhere! "We must stop!" Sounds simple? Hahl Hunt spent 25 years learning that "money is not for spending. It is for managing first and then for spending."

She and her husband are both preachers' kids, used to the even-handed, slightly tattered lifestyle of a local pastor. Mary Hunt put herself through college in Spokane, Wash., teaching children to play the piano. Harold Hunt studied to be a banker.

They moved to Garden Grove, Calif., 25 years ago. Harold Hunt managed a local branch bank. Mary Hunt went shopping.

"To me, shopping is like a blank canvas. I can't wait to create something on it. Stuff coming into my life is a great anti-depressant."

Today, she irons instead of shopping. To fight occasional blues, she will do laundry just to have something to iron. Mary Hunt is obsessive about ironing, the same way she once was obsessive about shopping. Harold Hunt bought his wife a Rowenta iron for Christmas, the Mercedes of irons, she says. The iron is one of her few luxuries.

She wears inexpensive clothes, claims to have only three or four outfits. The Hunts' cars - a Cadillac and a BMW - are gone, replaced by a Chevy pickup with an oversize cab.

Harold Hunt drives Mary Hunt to work in the Paramount, Calif., industrial park where their real estate brokerage and debt-proof living businesses co-exist in one

office. "If I really need a car, I rent one," she said. "Otherwise I stay home. I am passionate about crafts and sewing."

Mary Hunt remembers the turning point. Sept. 17, 1982: "We were horribly, horribly in debt. I told Harold he could never work hard enough, never make enough money as a banker to get us out of debt. I convinced him we needed to be self-employed. An outfit came breezing into the county from Florida with a marketing scheme for cheap toys from the Orient.

"It cost us \$20,000 to get into the scheme. It was a disaster. We lost everything in four months and I hadn't been paying the house payments during those months."

"In the end, Harold went from being a tenured banker to unemployed."

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played: "We weren't even speaking to each other. I was terrified we would lose the house, I would lose my marriage and my kids."

When Mary Hunt talks about her past, her eyes widen in astonishment at her own stupidity. She is sitting at a conference table in her office. Her sweater is appliqued with colorful flowers. Her black slacks are off-the-rack.

There are no false images left for the Hunts. "I had to fall on my face before God and cry out for help," she said.

She promised God she would do all she could to get out of debt. When she got an offer to become an industrial real estate manager, she took the job, leaving her husband at home to care for their boys, then 6 and 7.

"He resented that," she said today. "I now see how important it was for him to be the one making the living."

In three years, the Hunts opened their own real estate management operation. "We did it without putting up any money," she said.

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Teen-agers learn networking, valuable skills with summer jobs

Knights Ridder News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — Idella Ries hopes to parlay her poodle skirts and roller skates into a career in design.

The high-schooler dons the outfit for her job at Disney MGM Studios' Sci-Fi Dine-In Theater. Along with learning to be a perky restaurant hostess ("If you're working at Disney, you'd better be cheerful"), Idella is picking up the art of networking.

"I'm really interested in the professional aspect of Disney as well," said Idella, 17, a senior at Cypress Creek High.

Idella has worked at the theme park part time and during the summers for the past two years. She hopes that getting to know people at Disney will help her return for a career at Imagineering, the research and development arm, to design rides and hotel interiors.

She's on the right track, says Beverly Hill, a career coach who often works with high-school students.

Teen-agers seeking summer jobs should consider looking beyond burger-flipping and baby-sitting — unless they want to work in the restaurant or child-care industries. (In that case, go for it.)

"I try to teach kids to be selfish with their experience, because that experience can help them when they go to college," said Hill, president of Hill & Associates in Altamonte Springs.

In Idella's case, she's counting on her contacts at a specific company, because she already knows she wants to work there. But others can pick up skills for their future careers wherever they work or even by working for themselves.

It seems obvious, but it bears reminding: Look for a summer job at your dream company or in your dream field, even if it means being a coffee-fetcher or photocopy guru.

"I don't care if they're cleaning the floor, they're learning — just by being around the professionals and hearing the lingo and learning what the demands are," Hill said.

Even if you don't know what you want to be when you grow up, that's OK. You don't have to

Interviewing tips for teens

Here are some tips about the job search process:

- **How would my success in this position be measured?** (This is a question you will be asked.)
- **What are the most important skills for this job?** (This is a question you will be asked.)
- **What are the most important qualities for this job?** (This is a question you will be asked.)
- **What are the most important responsibilities for this job?** (This is a question you will be asked.)
- **What are the most important challenges for this job?** (This is a question you will be asked.)
- **What are the most important rewards for this job?** (This is a question you will be asked.)
- **What are the most important benefits for this job?** (This is a question you will be asked.)
- **What are the most important reasons for leaving your current position?** (This is a question you will be asked.)
- **What are the most important reasons for wanting to work for this company?** (This is a question you will be asked.)
- **What are the most important reasons for wanting to work for this position?** (This is a question you will be asked.)
- **What are the most important reasons for wanting to work for this industry?** (This is a question you will be asked.)
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decide now. Just start exploring your interests.

Are you a good student? Make up fliers or business cards and offer tutoring to summer-school students. Budding musicians can pitch lunchtime performances to cafe managers (no punk rock, please). For animal lovers, summer is a good time to be a pet-sitter because so many people go on vacation. "Whatever it is, you can turn it into a job," said Susan Bach, vice president of consulting services for Right Management in Maitland.

Don't discount the power of knowing people. Some companies officially say they wouldn't hire a high-schooler for the summer, yet right there at that very office

there will be a high-schooler working for the summer.

Why? Because an aunt's neighbor owns the business. Because a parent's friend works there. Take advantage of all the connections you have.

Don't pooh-pooh your talents and skills. Pooh-pooh to Ray Walls as an example.

At 15, the Orlando boy started his own free-lance gig fixing computers for companies. Now 16, the Edgewater High senior has business cards and a steady stream of referrals.

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How's that again? Investors confront dense language

Knight Ridder News Service

Readers wading through the documents that companies must file to attract investors used to need a legal/babble dictionary to decipher verbose phrases such as "a special unit of beneficial interest" or "certain specified assets of the origination trust." But for the past year, the Securities and Exchange Commission has been schooling the country's law firms and corporate legal departments in the art of, well, writing in plain English.

The SEC's language-arts textbook, the aptly titled Plain English Handbook, is an 85-page regulators' guide to simplifying corporate prospectuses, the legal documents companies must publish when they want to sell shares to the public. Prospectuses list terms and potential risks that people and institutions need to know before investing.

The SEC and investor rights advocates long have argued that company officials and attorneys too often cloak these documents in an impenetrable thicket of legalese. The rules are particularly important now, the SEC argues, because so many investors use the Internet to invest, bypassing traditional investment advisers. Clearer language will help ensure better choices.

So, SEC staffers who review prospectuses before they can be used to sell shares have been combing through documents, highlighting every line that looks like hieroglyphics. Then they have kicked back passages they see as muddled English to be rewritten by a bunch of increasingly crusty securities lawyers.

The SEC language-arts tutorial forces attorneys to strike passive

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and weak verbs, shorn windy sentences and paragraphs, and cut superfluous phrases as well as legal and financial jargon.

And the agency also requested rewrites of prospectuses to make them appear more like mainstream publications than legal documents.

Curiously, there is not a chapter offering caveats about using Latin or other non-English phrases.

SEC officials say they are

pleased that the rewritten prospectuses are much easier to read and investor-friendly. Still, the SEC's grammar and style manual has gotten - oops, sorry - received a cool review in some law firms.

"Simplifying the language is a good idea," said Joel Lauderdale, a partner in the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., office of Atlas Penitman Trop & Berkson. "The problem comes in the process of putting the concept into reality."

As he speaks, Mayersohn holds a letter from the SEC critiquing a prospective prospectus submitted by a client. The letter offers more than 30 writing pointers, and Mayersohn shakes his head as he pokes at one after another that he considers inconsequential.

For example, note No. 17 requires shortening paragraphs longer than 12 lines. Note No. 11: Roman numerals must be replaced with letters or just plain numbers.

And then there's No. 6: A list of about two dozen words - including "heretofore," "foregoing" and such - that need to be stricken.

"I just don't see where all this provides that much of an improvement," Mayersohn said.

Mayersohn praises the new rules making summaries and cover pages, which describe what the company does and why it needs money, easier to understand. But he complains that excessive nit-picking may cause

weeks of delays and increase costs for his clients.

Other lawyers predict more significant problems from being forced to write "plain English."

Dale Bergman, the senior corporate securities partner at Broad and Cassel, opposes SEC guidelines that aim to limit summaries and risk-factor sections that warn people what could go wrong - and how they could lose their money.

Because the agency insists that many companies toss in too many generalized warnings and risks, the SEC wants lawyers to include only potential problems that may directly affect the company. For example, the SEC would consider a recession an example of an overly broad risk.

But Bergman said his job is to protect his clients against lawsuits alleging they failed to disclose certain dangers.

In such cases, he said, his defense cannot simply tell a court he omitted listing a risk because plain English rules said it was superfluous legal talk. "This is an anti-liability document," Bergman said of prospectuses. "You know when people read this? When something goes wrong?"

That used to be the problem, plain English advocates insist. When investors got around to looking over prospectuses, they found an unreadable maze of jargon.

So, SEC Chairman Arthur Levitt made installing plain English specifications, originally proposed 40 years ago, a priority. The crusade for clearly worded investment documents enlisted support from well-known and respected investors such as Warren Buffett, who wrote the foreword to the Plain English Handbook.

No time to relax just because the end of tax season approaches

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - With the end of tax season, you're probably congratulating yourself on having gotten your return filed and feel that now you can kick back and not worry about IRS forms for another year.

Not so fast. This is the time to look at your tax situation and think about how much you need to pay the government during 2000. It's also time to get used to thinking of tax planning as a year-round process.

A good place to start is with your just-completed return. Did you pay the government too much and get a huge refund? Or end up owing a lot in taxes?

Either way, you probably should change the number of allowances on the W-4 form you filed with your employer, or if you pay quarterly estimated taxes, adjust the amount of each installment.

In the case of taxpayers with big refunds, "you made an interest-free loan to Uncle Sam," said Larry Elkin, a certified public accountant and financial planner based in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. "Don't be shy, or nervous about claiming large numbers of allowances on your W-4 if you're entitled to them."

The W-4 form includes a worksheet to help you compute how many allowances you can take. All you need to do is ask your employer for a new one (or download one from the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov), fill it out and return it to your employer.

If you owed taxes, and the amount was so large that you had to pay the government an underpayment penalty of 9 percent per year, then you'll want to reduce the number of allowances on your W-4, or increase the estimated tax you pay.

If you haven't paid estimated taxes before, get a copy of IRS Form 1042-ES, which contains instructions on computing and making estimated payments and a payment form. It's available at the IRS Web site or by calling (800) TAX-FORM.

Even if you weren't hit by a penalty for the past year, you might need to think about making estimated payments if you're expecting a large amount of income from such sources as investments, rental property and alimony. Income tax is not usually withheld from such income and, depending on how much you make and how much tax you pay, you could face a huge tax bill and possibly a penalty when you complete your 2000 tax return next year.

If you have an accountant or financial planner, get some advice about your 2000 taxes soon, because some of the investment decisions you make this year will affect your tax situation.

For example, let's say you're expecting a windfall from some of your investments, and so you'll be paying tax on your gains. If you also have some stocks that are down from when you bought them and show no sign of recovering, you might want to sell them and use the losses to offset your gains and lower your tax bill.

If you plan to invest in a mutual fund, you might want to be sure you purchase your shares after the fund makes capital gains distributions, which must be reported as income to the IRS. Elkin advised investors to call fund companies and ask when the distributions will be made.

Similarly, if you're buying a house or vacation home or thinking of starting a small business, each decision has tax consequences that will affect your taxes for years to come, not just for 2000.

Financial advisers uniformly suggest taxpayers begin thinking about tax planning as soon as possible. The accounting firm Ernst & Young, in its "Tax Savers Guide," recommends an early start because "this allows you time to take advantage of strategies that may take several months

to implement." Moreover, if for example you need to change your W-4, you can get the full benefits of whatever adjustments you make.

It might not be possible to predict exactly how much tax you'll have to pay next year, but the important thing is not to have an

unpleasant surprise next April. So along with thinking about your tax strategy, it's a good idea to be sure that if you end up owing money, you have enough cash available.

Elkin recalled the case of a client who received a million-dollar bonus. The client's employer

withheld 28 percent of the bonus for taxes, but that was far below the client's actual tax rate.

"Fortunately, he realized this and he took an additional 12 percent and set it aside and had almost the right amount of money" available at tax time, Elkin said.

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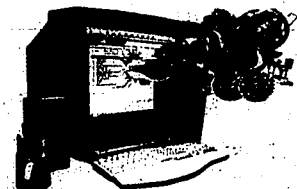
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California car builders weld Detroit dreams into reality

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Shiny cars from Detroit, Munich and Tokyo crowded the carpets at the Los Angeles Auto Show this year, but the true stars were built in Orange County:

- The chopped and lowered candy-apple orange EldoR0Do - built at a hot-rod shop off Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach.

- The cutting-edge Cadillac Evoq - built in a small industrial park in Fountain Valley.

- The majestic 1932 Lincoln Boat-Tailed Speedster - hammered out by three metalcrafters from Anaheim Hills.

"This is probably the mecca of the world for hot rod and custom shops," says Chuck Lombardo, owner of California Street Rods of Huntington Beach, which built the EldoR0Do for Cadillac. "This is the birthplace. You see Lincoln and GM coming back to Southern California. They realize that there is something different here."

For nearly 100 years, Southern Californians have trekked to the Los Angeles Auto Show to see the newest in automobiles, first from Detroit and later from England, Italy, Germany and Japan.

But increasingly the concept cars - show cars that illustrate designers' best thinking for the future - are being built in Orange County in a group of small custom body shops.

This thriving cottage industry grew out of the pioneering shops of the '70s which built hot rods, lowriders and road racers and converting coupes to convertibles.

They hew to an Old World model of craftsmanship, their employes artists rather than factory laborers.

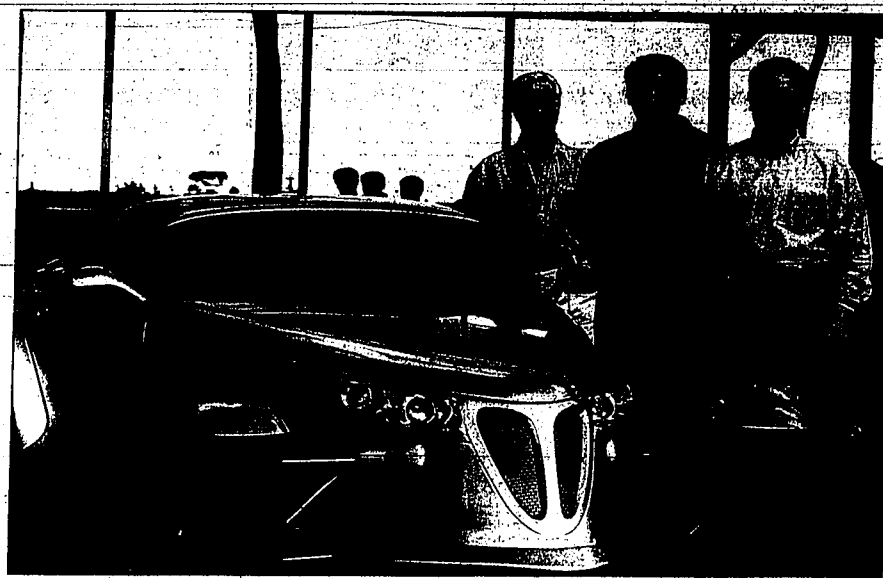
"With the work they have done, they have contributed a lot to bringing up the level of concept cars for the whole industry," says Tom Tremont, director of Chrysler's Pacific design studio, which has its show cars built at Metalcrafters in Fountain Valley.

John Gaffoglio was a sheet-metal apprentice in Argentina at age 13, and by 18 he ran his own shop in Buenos Aires. In 1955, Gaffoglio moved his family to California, and he and his sons went to work in a series of Orange County body shops.

In 1979, the family opened their own shop and quickly built a reputation for uncompromising quality. They were tapped to build a Chrysler Imperial show car and the first drivable versions of the K-car.

Those early prototypes were so successful that Chrysler later hired them to create virtually every show-stopper of their stylists: including the Plymouth Prowler, the Dodge Viper, the Chrysler Citadel, PT Cruiser and Pronto Spyder.

Metalcrafters sprawls across an industrial park in Fountain Valley - the operation's size matching the enormity of building a fully drivable prototype.



Members of the Gaffoglio family, from left to right, John, Marcelo, George and Ruben, kneeling, run Metalcrafters in Fountain Valley, Calif. This production model of the Plymouth Prowler is a model of the concept show cars that Metalcrafters focuses on building.

from little more than a set of computer drawings.

"Concept cars today, everything is brand new; everything from the radio knobs to the headlights is made from scratch," says George Gaffoglio, the oldest son and CEO.

In about six months, Metalcrafters builds everything from the wheels - machined from billet aluminum - to the glass, shaped and tempered in the company's own ovens.

"There are 700 different steps, each with 10 smaller steps - 7,000 to 8,000 jobs on every car," Gaffoglio explains.

The \$1 million to \$3 million Metalcrafters charges begins to seem cheap, which brings a laugh from Gaffoglio: "On some of these \$3 million projects we lose \$500,000."

Cadillac trusted its edgy new Evoq to Metalcrafters. Mercedes-Benz tapped the company for its new M-class SUV; Mazda for the predecessor of its new MPV minivan.

"Concept cars a lot of times are just fiberglass models, pushable, or just barely drivable. Metalcrafters' cars are coach built, fully drivable. In a lot of cases they really give you a feeling of the dynamics of the car. I think that's quite an achievement," says Chrysler's Tremont.

Another custom builder quit his job so he wouldn't have to leave Orange County's auto-creation mecca.

"I started getting real distraught," recalls Chuck Lombardo, an auto hobbyist who was Dow Chemical's Western sales manager when asked to transfer to Cleveland.

Instead, Lombardo sold a '33 Ford coupe he'd hotrodded in his back yard and used the money to

start a little shop in Anaheim called California Street Rods. Within five years Lombardo's fame had spread across the Southwest.

When the Texas rock band ZZ Top hired him in 1979 to build a

'34 Ford for the cover of its "Eliminator" album, Lombardo became a national figure.

Today, California Street Rods spills out of four buildings on Fairdale Avenue in Huntington Beach. His workshop build more than a dozen '32 roadster replicas every year, along with dozens of custom rods, including show cars for Chevrolet, Lincoln, and most recently Cadillac.

Marcel De Ley was pounding out truck fenders in an Airwep, Belgium, shop when an American stationed in Germany brought in pictures of a sports car he'd seen in Europe. De Ley reproduced the body out of sheet-metal stock.

Ten years later the Yank sponsored the Belgian when he immigrated to California.

Like the Gaffoglios, De Ley went to work at a body shop, where he developed a reputation for building fenders for rare vehicles out of sheet metal.

In 1975 Marcel and his son Marc started their own operation, Custom Metal Shaping in Anaheim, and quickly carved out a niche as Old World-style coach builders.

The De Leys, who moved their shop to Corona a few years ago, stretch steel and aluminum on giant rollers and weld seams with so little rod that the joint is invisible.

They rebody Rolls, Packard and Duesenberg touring cars from the '20s and '30s, build fill-metal hot rods, and hammer out difficult panels for other custom coach makers smart enough to know who the experts are.

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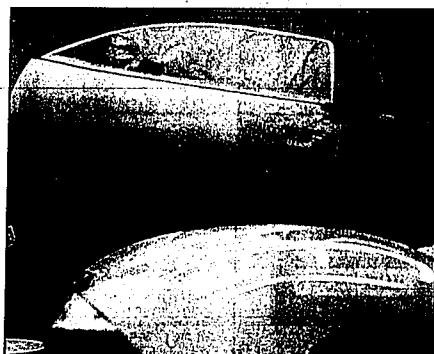
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Violence in the workplace results in three deaths daily

The Associated Press

Violence in the workplace results in three deaths daily, and costs employers \$36 billion annually. So it's no surprise that workplace violence is the number one security threat to businesses.

According to a survey by Pinkerton, a security services company, workplace violence not only topped the list for the second year in a row, but it scored 10 percent higher than last year in importance. Concerns over

Internet security jumped to second place from seventh on the Top 10 list of workplace threats.

The survey, which was mailed to corporate security professionals at Fortune 1000 companies and completed by about a third, found that most respondents are worried about internal threats.

Nonetheless, 20 percent of companies do not consistently perform criminal-records checks on job applicants, the survey found.

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Let me finish that sentence for you, dear

"Unrequited love: You think you've got it all going, but in the end you'll find yourself upon your derriere!"

"Loathsome love: I really don't care that you walked out on me/my only concern is you have a TV!"

Obviously, there's something wrong with the relationships depicted in these "humorously correct" love poems from comedian Mike Daniels, who wrote "Living, Loving and Loathing." But relationships can be very confusing.

Whenever my husband and I bicker, I say things like, "It's a wonder we have such a happy marriage because we don't agree on anything." And he says things like, "I disagree with this."

The biggest difference between my husband and me is that I am a confirmed worrywart, from vintage stock. Or, as the old story goes, I'm one of those people who's never sent out a bag of laundry without telling it good-bye forever - just in case. But my husband, like many other men I know, tends to take few of his wife's worries seriously.

Rather, he seems to vacillate somewhere between fearless and comatose.

And we are the ones with the happy marriage.

There are some couples who can identify with the danger signs that author Daniel Raphael discusses in his "Sacred Relationships: A Guide to Authentic Loving." "Does your mate trivialize your feelings? Use shared confidences against you in attacks? Constantly interrupt you while you are sharing intimate problems? Try to 'fix' you without your invitation?"

A while back, I saved a marriage survey, reprinted from a 1938 newspaper, which listed the things that women found unacceptable in their partners - "blowing one's nose at the table, leaving shoes in the living room, teasing one's wife regarding fat, and so on." My husband, too, had his list of unacceptable habits in wives included "delaying coming to bed until your husband is asleep, wearing pajamas while cooking and reminding your husband it's your money the family is living off of."

I wonder how much has changed since 1938. I also wonder how many of the men and women in the survey ever told each other how annoyed they were.

Communication has always been a problem. And we often enter into our love relationships with lots of assumptions.

When I got married, I think I half expected that living with my beloved, day in and day out, would be extremely romantic. All the time. But life isn't like that. Some days, it's hard to live with him.

I had several roommates in college, and they were all hard to live with.

My first roommate and I split up over the correct way to mop the floor.

My next roommate and I got together, and I almost got married that year just to escape her. My third roommate finished my sentences for me.

"I guess I should feel lucky," I remember telling my mom. "The girl down the hall has a roommate who sleeps nude - with the windows open."

I know. Living with a college roommate isn't really like living with someone you love. But in some ways, it is. And when you live with someone for many years, strange things can happen.

One Sunday, I heard a minister talk about a study where people were asked to match up a group of married couples from individual photographs taken the year the couples got married. No one got many right.

Then the people were given individual photographs of men and women taken after they had been married to each other for 25 years. This time, almost every couple was matched up correctly.

The conclusion: Married couples eventually start to look alike - partly by mimicking each other and acquiring the same facial expressions.

This is kind of scary. And it gets even more complicated.

When the researchers did more research, they ended up with a particularly startling conclusion: Among long-married couples, the greater number of facial features the happier the marriage.

"I just hope I don't have to grow a mustache."

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Friends in need

Juvenile probation volunteers turn young lives around

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After she lost her daughter, Kathy Meyer began searching for ways to help fill a hole in her life.

That search has taken her, 22 years later, to cramped kitchens where Lesson 1 is sometimes as basic as how to boil water.

"I think I've gotten far more from these young people than I've given," said Meyer, 52, who is the founder of Messengers to End Crimes of Children and Abuse, a group that educates the public on child abuse in Idaho. "My refrigerator door is filling up with pictures of their children."

Several times a week, Meyer goes into the homes of new, teen-age moms - and sometimes dads too - with bags of groceries and teaches them how to cook. It's a survival skill that many new parents simply don't have.

"I think one of the most frightening things in the world is to be a teenage parent," Meyer says as she goes home to try to teach them something, but also to show them that somebody cares.

Meyer goes back regularly as long as she's needed, and with each visit becomes more of a friend - a surrogate mom, in some cases - and less a visiting chef.

"I really get attached to these kids," she said. "They're so young, in many cases, they just need someone to talk to."

Meyer is among about 300 adult volunteers who work in various programs affiliated with the Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation Department. Some of them deal with youngsters in the criminal justice system; others - like those whom Meyer helps - are simply defined as at-risk.

"There's a way a public agency like ours could afford to pay for the services that these volunteers provide," said Amber Crossen, volunteer coordinator for the department for the past five years. "Volunteers are saving the taxpayers thousands of dollars, and just as importantly, they're keeping kids out of the criminal justice system down the line."

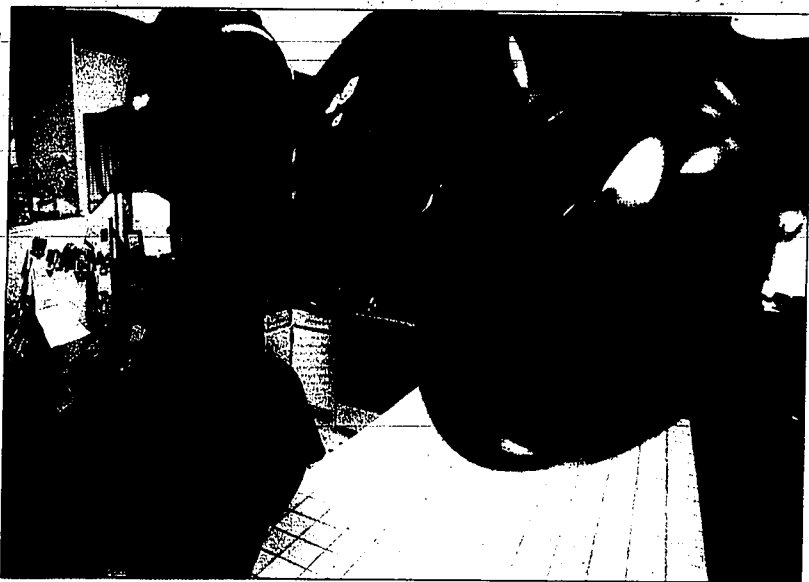
That's what motivated Ricky Garcia, a 35-year-old who's long worked in the juvenile justice system. She became a member of a diversion board, or a group of adults that works with teenagers in trouble.

"We're honest with them," Garcia said. "In exchange for staying out of court, there are certain things that we expect them to do and they and their parents have to sign a contract to do them."

Most do pretty well.

When I got married, I think I half expected that living with my beloved, day in and day out, would be extremely romantic. All the time. But life isn't like that. Some days, it's hard to live with him.

"Kids don't want to go to court, and their parents don't want them in the juvenile justice system, so that's pretty strong



Kathy Meyer helps teach teen and unwed mothers how to cook and shop for food.



Ricky Garcia, a volunteer coordinator for the juvenile probation system, stands in front of the Snake River Experiential ropes course. This course encourages individuals with teamwork, anger control, and courage. The juveniles are usually required to do things like community service or attending preventative classes, but this ropes course is also used by the Juvenile Probation Department's diversion boards.

incentive," she said. "But once they get into diversion, I think it's a valuable title to encounter adults they can talk to who care about them."

"We get a lot status offenders and kids who have been charged with petit theft," Garcia said. "We hold them accountable, give them some clear objective."

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How to help

The Times-News

If you're an adult who'd like to volunteer for any of the Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation Department programs, call Amber Crossen at 733-4215, Ext. 3118.

You'll have to fill out an application, undergo a background check, and go through an interview.

Juvenile Probation is looking for volunteers to sit on its diversion boards and to take part in its lunch buddy, mentor and Born to Succeed programs. Or, if you have your own ideas about how to help, they'd be happy to hear them.

Individual schools are also seeking volunteers. In the case of Twin Falls' Oregon Trail Elementary School, there's a need for adults who can assist teachers in the classroom or participate in the school's "reading buddy" program, in which grown-ups listen to students read and offer assistance if necessary. If you're interested, call the school office at 733-8686 and arrange a meeting with Principal Ted Popplewell.

Similar programs exist throughout the 5th Judicial District. To find out about them, call the juvenile probation officer or department in your county.

And as always, HealthNet - a coalition of public agencies, health-care institutions and the College of Southern Idaho dedicated to the welfare of kids in south-central Idaho - is looking for volunteers and for adults to serve on county committees. To learn more, call Karen Goodale at the South-Central District Health Department in Twin Falls, 733-5300, Ext. 281.

What to look for in a good school

1. A good principal - Spend at least 30 minutes with the principal. Five or more years' experience at the school is a good sign.

2. What it feels like - Don't discount the mood and the atmosphere at the school is already rated? Are the teachers friendly? Do the children seem happy?

3. Active parents - Never put your child in a school without speaking to at least two parents already there, including at least one PTA officer. If there's no active PTA or equivalent organization, beware.

4. Good teachers - If average scores are in the 70th percentile, or are rising year to year, that's a good sign. But more important is the quality of the teachers. Ask experienced parents about them.

5. Long-term superintendent - A small city? Does it system with rapid superintendent turnover is a matter for concern.

6. A well-stocked and well-used library - Are there enough books, and computer terminals? A library full of kids is a sign of health.

7. Using every minute - Are there before-school classes for students with special needs? Is

there tutoring available at lunch or after school? An active summer school?

8. High expectations - Are there accelerated classes? Gifted student services? Are these available for all students who want them, not just for those who have high grades? Look for signs of enrichment outside the classroom - student-musicals, publications and athletic contests.

9. Connections to adults - Some schools have set up systems to ensure that at least one school employee knows each child and his or her family well. Such schools are rare gems.

10. Safety - This is less likely to be a problem than the headlines would suggest. If you are comfortable living in your community, then the neighborhood school will almost certainly be safe enough for you. If you are looking at a school far from home, talk to parents who send their children to that school.

11. Challenges ahead - Does the high school your child is headed for have Advanced Placement courses? Does it provide dual enrollment in local college courses? Are such programs open to any student who wants them?

12. Listen to your heart - The school may pass all these tests, and yet you're still not sure. If there's another school you like better, even if it doesn't look as good on paper, go there.

Source: The Washington Post

Get those Easter baskets out of the closet

It's Easter-egg hunt time. Here are some of those scheduled for Saturday around south-central Idaho:

Twin Falls

The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department the Twin Falls Optimists will sponsor their annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday in City Park. Prizes will be awarded to four different age groups: 3 and under, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-10.

For further information, call 736-2265.

Burley

The Cassia County Sheriff's Benevolent Association will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at Freedom Park (next to the National Guard Armory at the airport).

The hunt is for mentally challenged children.

Jerome

The Jerome Optimist Club will sponsor its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday at 10 a.m. at Forsyth Park.

Prizes will be awarded in three different age divisions. Three \$30 savings bonds will be given out.

Rupert

The annual Rupert Easter Egg

To do for families

Hunt begins at 11 a.m. Saturday on the Minidoka County Courthouse lawn.

The hunt will be divided into three age groups: Under 3, 4-8 and 9-11. It's sponsored by the Organization of Rupert Businesses.

For more information, call the Mini-Cassia Chamber at 670-4793 or Sherri at 436-9600, Ext. 21.

Gooding

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at the West Park for children 3 through 12.

Prizes will be awarded to the children who find the winning eggs. This event is sponsored by the Gooding Recreation District.

Buhl

The annual Buhl Easter egg hunt is planned for Saturday at 10 a.m. at Bowers Field and Eastman Park, sponsored by the Buhl Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association.

Kids in grades 1-4 will hunt eggs at Eastman Park; preschoolers and kindergartners will go to Bowers Field.

Eggs can be redeemed for

Buhl Bucks at the name of the business written on the egg.

Wendell

Kids aged 10 and younger can participate in the annual Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. Saturday in McGinnis Park, 757 E. Main St.

Wendell Elementary School kitchen staff will cook the eggs and students will color them. Some eggs will have prizes donated by merchants.

The egg hunt is sponsored by the Wendell Fire Department Auxiliary and the Chamber of Commerce. For further information, call 536-5431.

Shoshone

The Shoshone Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

There will be prizes for three different age divisions, and three golden eggs worth \$5 apiece. Other eggs will contain candy, and redeemable coupons from local merchants.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family-oriented events around south-central Idaho. If you'd like to have an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

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Take a bite out of crime by joining McGruff, a dog who loves kids as much as he respects law and order. Sniff out <http://www.mcgruff.org/> and hang with the crime-fighting canine to learn how to be safe and healthy. The site has some fun activities, including the ABC Maze and the Color Me Scruff coloring book. Or help out McGruff's nephew Scruff as he tries to find his way home without running into danger. You'll also find several Scruff and McGruff comic book stories. If you want to talk to McGruff some more, then send him your thoughts using a way-cool letter writing machine. There's also smart info about cyber-safety, back-to-school safety and dealing with schoolyard bullies. At McGruff.org, safety always comes first. So be careful out there.

THE MAGICAL MERRY-GO-ROUND

If there's one ride you can't miss at your local fair, it has to be the merry-go-round. Ride in circles at Carousel, your carousel information center at <http://www.carousel.org/>. The Carousel Art Gallery has everything from prancing goats to a fairy tale lion. You'll also find amazing photos of carousels from the early 20th century. You can see the Eden Palais Salon Carousel in Europe—an entertainment place that includes live performers and music. If you still want to learn more, follow the Carousel Network link, where you'll find calendars, auctions, event info and current news. Ride the circuit today!

BE A TECHNO GIRL

Maybe you've played around on a computer or surfed the net a little, or maybe the whole dot-com thing is not in your vocab. Either way, Girlstart is a sparkly cool site to get you more techno wise. Dot-com this Girlstart at <http://www.girlstart.org/> opens the fun to the marts. You'll probably want to play around with the fun stuff first, right? Learn to send electronic greetings to game girls, join the birthday club, and help you with your homework, such as online dictionaries, general interest sites for kids and some science, NASA-style. Whether you want to ask Dr. Math for help or learn more about women's history, there's something cool to find at each click. You can also make Girlstart your home page, so every time you log on, you'll be linked up with all the other smart young females getting into technology. You go, girl!

Dear Amy: What's the tallest roller coaster? —Patti, Charlottesville, Va.

Dear Patti: The great thing about the Internet is that so much information is available and easy to find with few simple clicks. I found a way-cool roller coaster database at <http://www.rcdb.com/> that gives facts and figures about most every roller coaster. To answer your question, Superman The Escape (415 feet tall) at Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia, Calif., is 105 feet taller than any other roller coaster. If you get a chance to ride it, keep your seatbelt on and e-mail me about your ride.

Dear Amy: Do you know where I can find maps of old-time China for a history report? —Bill, Oxford, Miss.

Dear Bill: For help with history, I like to go to the HyperHistory Online site at <http://www.hyperhistory.com/>. Click on HyperHistory Online to find what you're looking for, whether it's info on people, history, events or maps. It's a really cool "synchronopical" (meaning, "seeing at the same time") chart. You can look at the timeline and then click it to bring up the info in a side window. Everything is color-coded so you can find your way around easily. Have fun with this site.

Send your questions about the WWW to: Ask Amy, 3001 Dole, Lawrence, KS 66045 or AskAmy@4Kids.org

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Be a 4Kids Detective

Visit these Web sites to find the answers, then go to <http://www.4kids.org/detectives/>

When did McGruff first appear on television? When did the Postal Service issue carousel stamps? The SmartGirls' Technology Center is in which state?

Unbeknownst to the general public, the search for genetic explanations of human behavior has not panned out. In fact, studies of identical twins reared apart have debunked the notion that specific behavioral traits are passed from generation to generation through any reliable genetic mechanisms.

Poor sports need to be taken out of the game

Q. My 7-year-old is a poor sport, gloating when he wins a game and crying when he loses. My husband's entire family shares this trait with him, so it's more than just his age.

A. Games and competitive sports with his peers are especially problematic. When we play board games at home, he cries when he loses and makes fun of us when he wins, just like he does with his peers. By the way, my husband is coming to grips with this about himself, but he's still got a way to go.

A. If by "so it's more than just his age" you mean your son inherited this tendency, I doubt it.

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Leave 'Skulls' for mature teens and adults

The Orange County Register

• "Return to Me" (PG) - Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.

Best for Young teens to adults will enjoy this old-fashioned romantic movie.

What it's about: Bob (David Duchovny) is an architectural engineer who loses his zoologist wife (Joely Richardson) in a fatal car wreck. In memory of her, he tries to pick up the pieces of his life by building a gorilla habitat that she wanted for Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo. Meanwhile, Minnie Driver is a woman who lost her mother to heart disease but gets a second chance when she gets a heart transplant. As she slowly gains a new life she keeps busy by working for her Irish grandfather (Carroll O'Connor) and Italian uncle (Robert Loggia) in their restaurant. The two meet, sparks fly and love takes on a whole new meaning. Bonnie Hunt, James Belushi and David Alan Grier co-star.

Parents

John Rosemond

The not-so-good: An overdose of offensive language by Belushi's character.

Offensive language: Showing a dad using foul language in front of his kids and having a child repeat it back may be funny to parents who've had that moment happen, but it may also offend others who don't want to give their kids any ideas.

Sex: None

Violence: None

Parental advisory: Romantic advice, dating dilemma and issues such as language and the desirability of a spouse make this an adult comedy. Older kids might enjoy while their parents, but it's really a movie that mature teens and adults will enjoy. Other than language, this movie promotes good family values.

Entertainment value: A-

"Skulls" (PG-13) - Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley.

Best for: Mature teens to adults.

What it's about: Luke (Joshua Jackson) comes from a prestigious background but goes to a prestigious college by working in the school cafeteria. Rowing is the one thing he excels in, and he's so good a secret society named the Skulls (originally in their club. The young men get cars, money, women and loyalty from the Skulls, but trouble begins when Luke's best friends (Hill Harper and Leslie Bibb) become suspicious.

The good: Joshua Jackson proves he can carry a leading role. Now if only he could get a decent script.

The not-so-good: Aside from language and some violence that's not graphic, there's a brief implied sexual situation between Jackson and Bibb.

Language: Yes

Sex: Implied but not graphic, no nudity

Violence: A man is hanged, another is shot in the chest.

Parental advisory: Don't take your kids, teens or yourselves to this movie. It's boring, silly and too adult for kids to enjoy or understand.

Entertainment value: D.

Friends

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lives, and follow up and make sure that they do what they've promised to do."

That involves an array of options that can range from community service to volunteering in nursing homes. It also involves writing letters apologizing for their offenses, and making financial restitution.

"The court has pretty broad discretion about what cases it sends to diversion," said Grossen, who guesses that about one-fourth of the kids who enter the juvenile justice system in Twin Falls County end up in diversion.

"We have runaways and incorrigibles, but we also have kids who've been charged with battery for the diversion program."

"I think for a lot of kids, it's a real turning point in their lives," Garcia said. "It's nice to hear a kid come back and say, 'Thanks, you made a difference.'"

Parents benefit too, Grossen said.

"Some parents whose kids get into trouble start out defensive, saying, 'I did everything I could.' But this is a learning process for them, too, and the fact that they obligate themselves to participate makes them more involved in their kids' lives even after diversion is over."

But one of Julie Probst's goals into prevent youngsters from getting into trouble in the first place.

That's Eric Miller's job. The 22-year-old works at the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley, and spends a lot of his spare time eating cafeteria food in Twin Falls-area grade schools.

"I'm a lunch buddy," he explained. "That means that once a week I go eat lunch with (an at-risk) kid, and we talk."

Actually, it's more involved than that: It's Miller's case. He's a lunch buddy to several Twin Falls youngsters.

"I sometimes end up eating lunch with a bunch of kids at once," he said.

Miller also volunteers as a mentor, meaning that he hangs with kids away from school.

"It's just getting together with them regularly, doing something together and talking to them," Miller said. "A lot of these kids don't have somebody else in their lives who does that."

And that's just the point, Crossen explains.

"If you talk to kids who get into trouble, you find that in so many cases there's just not an adult in their lives who spends a significant amount of time paying attention to them," she said. "Maybe the parents are working, or maybe it's a single-parent household, or maybe for one reason or another the parent doesn't have time for them."

"That's contact that a child needs so much," she said. "It literally makes all the difference in the world."

"You don't have to have any particular skills to be a volunteer," she said. "You just have to have some time and be willing to spend a little of it with a kid."

A state of bliss

"My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it."

—Mark Twain

They say ignorance is bliss. I believe this saying applies to a lot of things. I am totally blissful that I don't know the actual ingredients of a hot dog or how many dust mites are in my mattress. It thrills me that I have no clue when Elvis' birthday is, how many stomachs a llama has, or the best way to clean a trout.

There is a wonderful freedom in declaring, "I don't know and I don't care."

There are definitely things about becoming a mom I am glad I didn't know before I joined the ranks of the progeny enhanced. I am very glad I did not know that my son would weigh 9 pounds 8 ounces when he was born, or that he would have a big burp. (When asked what kind of baby she wanted, a woman I know replied, "One with a small head.")

No one ever told me that I was going to have a big baby, and for this lack of knowledge I am truly grateful.

What possible good would it have done if the doctor had said at the end of my pregnancy, "When you sign up for heavy drugs now because you'll have a lack of a time getting that one out!"

I could have guessed I'd have a big baby. Unlike some of my friends that just looked like they'd had a big dinner when they were nine months pregnant, I was a lot more bulbous in nature. I couldn't see my feet after about month seven, and I had to have the US man tie my shoes on more than one occasion.

It must have been hormonally induced insanity that forced me to buy a knit dress at Rich's with a mocha stripe. Anyone who reads "Vogue" faithfully or has done a little people watching at Six Flags knows horizontal stripes make you appear wider.

When I look back at pictures of myself, I realize I looked like a gigantic, mobile blue-and-white beach umbrella. The joke, "When God said, 'Let there be light,'" he asked you to move," applied to me.

It became really embarrassing when I was standing on the hill at St. Phillip's Cathedral watching the Peachtree Road Race and a mother carefully spread out a blanket and placed her three children in my shadow. When her husband asked me how long I would be there and then strategically placed the cooler next to me as well. I almost felt something.

I've heard it said that childbirth is like trying to squeeze a St. Bernard through a cat door. In my case it was more like a baby hippo.

Chicken Soup for the Soul

In this lighthearted story by Jan Butsch, a woman is grateful for the things she doesn't know.

I'm also glad I didn't know that I wouldn't like shopping for myself anymore. It happened time and time again. I'd go shopping for some clothes that were nonmaternity and had been manufactured somewhere within the current presidential term. My body was still not recognizable as my own; my weight was redistributed in places that were pleasing (my thighs), I read somewhere that nursing mothers maintain fat on their thighs so they can continue to feed their babies should a famine occur. I could rest quite comfortably at night knowing that should my food supply be totally cut off, I could nourish my children until they were through grade school and could forage for berries in the woods on their own.

So none of my clothes fit right. At the mall I'd think about what I'd need to wear to an upcoming party and which stores I'd visit. Hours later I'd head home with a full trunk of you guessed it—clothes for the baby. The thing about baby clothes is that they are all so adorable and would look especially adorable on my baby. I couldn't risk another baby wearing my baby's outfit, so I bought them all.

At the party I would make sure my conversation was especially scintillating, hoping no one would notice I was wearing my lime-green prom dress. Being 100-percent polyester, it was stretchy enough to fit over my hips, and this time the fit without the benefit of a padded bra.

I've been a mom for 10 years this month. I've recovered my old body. I don't have a baby to shop for anymore, but now I don't have time to shop. The good news is my lime-green prom dress is back in style. And I took the blue-and-white striped one and made a canopy for our beach trip this month.

To submit a story for future publication, send it to P.O. Box 30880-K Santa Barbara, Calif. 93130.

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Serving the Twin Falls area

Bruins take first at competition

MERIDIAN - The Twin Falls High School Bruin Cheer Squad took first place in the large co-ed division at the Idaho Cheeseland Championships March 18 in Meridian.

The stunt group, including Erika Gasser, Dana Jensen, Kristi Beckley, Britney Crandall and Bobby Trivette took first place in the co-ed stunt group division. Lindsay Wagner, Twin Falls High School Mascot, took first place in the mascot division.

Twin Falls Bruin Cheer Squad also includes Kendra Colter, Ashley Higginson, Brandi Lee, Michelle Williams, Erin Grigg, Noelle Jensen, Alyssa Johnson, Rachelle



Twin Falls High School Bruin Cheer Squad members took first place honors at the recent Idaho Cheeseland Championships in Meridian. Mueller, Kate Phipps, Hamilton, Pat Hobbs and Ryan Thueson, Stacie Wallin, Tim Haney.

Sunnyside Beef 4-H club elects officers

CASTLEFORD - The Sunnyside Beef 4-H Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. today at the Methodist church in Castleford. The club met March 13 in Castleford. Members discussed the 4-H Dairy Heifer sale held April 15 at Producers Livestock Market in Jerome. A beef weighing in was held in March 31 at the Twin Falls Commission Company.

New officers elected to the Sunnyside Beef 4-H club for 2000 are president Katie Atkinson, secretary Jill Wiseman, vice president Ben Rodgers, treasurer Cassie Kunkel, reporter Cali Henslea, beef photographer Drew Tverdy, dairy photographer David Wiseman and historian Jana Davidson.

Club leaders are Rick Rodgers, Scott and Teresa Tverdy, Mary Comer, Jeannette Fuller and Andy Wiseman.



New officers of the Sunnyside Beef 4-H club include, left to right, back row: vice president Ben Rodgers, president Katie Atkinson and secretary Jill Wiseman; front row: treasurer Cassie Kunkel and reporter Cali Henslea. Not pictured are beef photographer Drew Tverdy, dairy photographer David Wiseman and historian Jana Davidson.

Kimberly Middle School lists honor students

KIMBERLY - Kimberly Middle School announced the honor roll for the second trimester of the 1999-2000 school year.

Sixth-grade students with a 4.0 grade-point average are Daniel Bulcher, Cassandra Clayton, Marcelline Glenn, Johnny L. Hanchez, Zachary Jones, Carie Lentz, Kara and Morgan Price, Kristi Randa, Morgan Richards, Kelly Stout, Megan Stradley and Laura Warts. Students with a 3.99-3.0 GPA are Jared Anderson, Morgan Ellis, Gretch Kravanzovik, Natasha Meyers, Karayn O'Dell, Ashley Vasquez, Stacy Wakefield, Sophia Jacob, Jacob Gerren, Lacey Hays, Ashton Upton, Matthew Fisher, David Fowers, Kyra Fullmer, Elizabeth Pleist, Sophia Conway, Caleb Hopwood, Clayton Lammer, Leeta Love, Joseph Mason, Samantha Roberts, Laycia Williams, Jessica Briclet, Ashley Brown and Sarah Lippin. Students with a 3.49-3.00 GPA are Janie Cheate, Kelli Carter, Kaitlyn Gentry, Lindsay Johnson, Zachary Medley, Brady Overacre, Bryce Richman, David Kiefer, Kaitlyn Gentry, Amanda Bae, Timothy Thorne, Amanda Bringsht, Patrick Brown,

Kahler Nield, Bill Poulton, Joshua Archer, Skoler Gardner, Danielle Jenke, Brandon Wilcox, Paul Woraham, Kendall Gardner and Vanessa Webb.

Seventh-grade students with a 4.0 grade-point average are Cameron Allen, Jordan Atkinson, Whitney Egbert, Logan Godfrey, May Jamison, Erin Lehmann, Justin Roberts, Zachary Taylor and Misty Vawser. Students with a 3.99-3.50 GPA are Jared Ewins, Kayla Gardner, Brent Higley, Cole Howard, Kody Krieger, Melissa Larsen, Shayn Fisher, Arton Phinney, Jamie Cunningham, Devin Endley, Kayleigh Lawler, Emily Fowers, Caleb Maxwell, Matthew Talbot, Morgan Will, Emily Molise, Jacob Avichausser, Lisa Feldhusen, Natalie Fowers, Kara Gambrel, Jayde Graham, Corey King, Tara Nelson and Sonya Silva. Students carrying a 3.49 to 3.00 GPA are Jerid Egbert, Andrew Foukal, Shanea Harmon, Tony Lee, Thomas Marvin, Chelsea Reed, Katie Shirley, Jennifer Workman, Barbara Dille, Tyrell Hanson, Ashley Miller, Kendall Nield, Jordan Peterson, Chad Scholtes, Tane, Trevor Mulberry, Amanda Peters and Joey Silva.

Eighth-graders earning a 4.00 grade-point average are Ashley Andrew, Andrew Clayton, Chelsea Cochran, Cheise DeMarco, Lindsay Hill, Curt Lindley, Chantelle Meyers, Meaghan O'Donnell, Joel Price, Sarah Sargeant and Alyssa White. Students with a 3.99-3.50 GPA are Justin Beumer, Nikolai Hunt, Rachael Luff, Scott Olsen, Christina White, Ashley Carlton, Zach Abel, Andrew Pike, Tara Schwabedissen, Ashley Smith, Melissa Webb, Matthew Feurer, Heather Jones, Kort Vawser, Kelsey Bondell, Casey Paulk, Candace Wright, Ricky Zdrovok, Elizabeth Albright, Kert Eyring and Gabe Gilles. Students with a 3.49-3.00 GPA are Ashley Bellwinkel, Shaunte Bringsht, Holly Denney, Matthew Koch, Corey Krieger, Dustin Lammer, Travis Platt, Krista Gambrel, Brittany Climer, Chris Johnson, Tyrry Trappen, Ashley Weich, Lindsay Belin, Jaci Dille, Megan Gerren, Kelton Richards, Ashley Rowbury, Amber Hopwood, Ashley Remebeth, Darlene Smith, Logan Allen, Whitney Bellwinkel, Jeff Burkholder, Jennifer Gardner, Heather Higgins, Andrew McGrew, Millie Mulberry Marie Torres-Leon, Micah Campbell and Kent Wade.

SCHOOL LUNCH

BUHL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Milk served every day
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast.
Tuesday: Donuts.
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy.
Thursday: Little smokies, hash browns.
Friday: Cereal, toast.
Lunch menu
Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad with ranch, crackers, french bread, apple strudel.
Tuesday: Breakfast for lunch, french toast sticks, ham sticks, peaches, biscuits.
Wednesday: Cheeseburgers, ketchup and mustard, french fries, fresh fruit.
Thursday: Sloppy Joes, french fries, corn, cookie.
Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, crackers, pickles, fruit.

Breakfast menu

Monday: Oatmeal, toast, juice.
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit.
Wednesday: Cereal, toast, juice.
Thursday: Cheesy buns, fruit.
Friday: No school.
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburger, french fries, fruit.
Tuesday: Sub sandwiches, potato chips, cherry crisp.
Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich, green beans, fruit.
Thursday: Finger steaks, potato wedges, carrots, fruit.
Friday: No school.

wedges, cherry sauce over cake.
Tuesday: Chef salad, cheese sticks, Corn Nuts, pineapple chunks, Super Pretzel.
Wednesday: Beef tacos, lettuce, cheese and tomatoes, spudsters, chilled applesauce, cutie pie.
Thursday: Easter dinner, baked ham, au gratin potatoes, seasoned green beans, fruit salad, hot cross buns.
Friday: O'Cheese sandwich, potato chips, fresh strawberries, Little Debbie's Easter Snack.

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Menu not available.

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal, apple juice, toast, jelly.
Tuesday: Peanut butter sandwich, apple juice, toast, jelly.
Wednesday: Cereal, apple quarters, cobbler bar.
Thursday: Scrambled eggs and hash, tater tots, applesauce.
Friday: Cereal, strawberries, cutie pie.
Lunch: Junior highs have a choice of main line or second line menu. Sold bar, soup and sandwich bar, taco bar and potato bar available on alternate days.
Monday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce and mayonnaise, potato wedges, cherry sauce, angel food cake, soft fruit, cutie pie.
Tuesday: Deli sandwich, mini pretzels, school boy apple, chocolate pudding; foot-long hot dog, potato bar.
Wednesday: Pizza, vegetable dip, hot turkey sandwich, baked ham, au gratin potatoes, seasoned green beans, fruit salad, hot cross buns, stink chintichangas, soup and sandwich bar.
Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, potato chips, fresh strawberries, Little Debbie's Easter Snack; nachos supreme, salad bar.

VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day.
Lunch menu
Monday: Soft shell burrito, salsa, corn, potato wedges, cherry crisp.
Tuesday: Spaghetti, meat and cheese, green beans, hot roll, peaches.
Wednesday: Open menu.
Thursday: Hoagie sub, soup, cheese sticks, fruit, cookie.
Friday: No school.

FILER SCHOOLS

Milk served every day.
Monday: Burritos.
Tuesday: Chicken patty sandwiches.
Wednesday: Turkey gravy.
Thursday: Pizza.
Friday: No school.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day.
Monday: Crisp taco, tater tots, salsa, catsup, fruit, cookie.
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, assorted dressings, focaccia bread, peaches.
Wednesday: Dippy day, chicken dippers, barbecue sauce, veggies and dip, bread sticks, spaghetti sauce, apples and caramel sauce.
Thursday: Easter ham, scalloped potatoes, fruit Jell-O, hot cross buns, easter cake.
Friday: No school.

KIMBERLY SCHOOLS

Breakfast served every day.
Monday: Nachos, salsa, bread sticks, pears.
Tuesday: Turkey sub, tomato soup, pickle spear, cinnamon apples.
Wednesday: Roast turkey, potato wedges and gravy, carrots, whole wheat rolls, peach half.
Thursday: Chicken fillet, french fries, celery stick, apple crisp.
Friday: Taco salad, rolls, Teddy Grahams, half orange.

CASTLEFORD SCHOOLS

Breakfast:
Monday: Donuts.
Tuesday: Pancakes with syrup.
Wednesday: Hot scones.
Thursday: Muffins.
Friday: Scrambled eggs.
Lunch:
Monday: Baja chicken.
Tuesday: Hoagie sandwich.
Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich.
Thursday: Chicken nuggets.
Friday: Soft shell tacos.

ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL

Milk served every day.
Monday: Donuts.
Tuesday: Spaghetti.
Wednesday: Turkey chow mein.
Thursday: Cheeseburgers.
Friday: Rainbow treasures.

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Milk served every day

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch: Choice of milk offered every day.
Monday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce and mayonnaise, potato

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies everyday.

SERVICE NEWS

Parrish graduates from tech school, goes to S.D.

Air Force Alumn William A. Parrish IV, the son of William Parrish III and Sandra K. Parrish, has graduated from technical training school where he studied civil engineering at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He is stationed in Rapid City, S.D., his family says. Parrish is a 1999 graduate of

Twin Falls High School.

Ghan arrives for duty at Fort Leonard Wood

Army National Guard Pfc. Joshua D. Ghan has arrived for duty at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. Ghan is a motor transport operator assigned to the 48th Infantry Regiment. He is the son of Sandra M. Olson of Twin Falls and Steve D. Ghan of Lacey, Wash. The private graduated in 1993 from Shoshone High School, Idaho, and received an associate degree in 1997 from the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.

Conner goes to duty in Shawnee, Okla.

Army Sgt. Shawn A. Conner has arrived for duty in Shawnee, Okla. Conner is a recruiter assigned to the Oklahoma City Recruiting Battalion, and has served in the military for more than eight years. He is the son of Mildred A. Conner of Lumberton, Texas. His wife, Roxanne, is the daughter of Conrad and Terri Matkin Twin Falls. In 1991, he graduated from Lumberton High School, and in 1997 received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

Twin Falls Historical Society joins celebration

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Sunnyside Courts Community Center, north of Addison Avenue West on Sycamore Street in Twin Falls. The society will take part in the 100th year celebration of the city of Twin Falls. The newly organized Centennial Commission named Carol Stephens, news director for KTRF-TV, has worked as a committee. She will report on activities planned for the centennial. The public is invited to hear about the many events, organizers say. For more information, call 423-5907 or 733-5081.

Parkinson's Support Group plans meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parkinson Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital at 560 Shoshone St. in Twin Falls. Speaker JoAnn Larsen has a doctorate in social work, is a former associate professor in the graduate school at the University of Utah, and has worked many years as a social worker and therapist. She is a newspaper columnist and co-authored a text book

on social work, organizers say. Participants are asked to wear name tags. For more information, call Don Arrington at 733-8868 or Ray Clark at 324-5013.

Cancer center hosts skin cancer screening clinic

TWIN FALLS - The Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center is sponsoring a "Made in the Shade" skin cancer screening clinic, in conjunction with Twin Falls dermatologists Dr. Alan Olanstedt, Dr. Chris Scholtes and Dr. Thad Scholtes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at its location at 656 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. The public is invited to have suspicious moles or lesions checked free of charge. Persons with fair skin; blonde or red hair; unusual lesions or moles; or, as a child or young adult suffered a severe sunburn that blistered or peeled may be susceptible to skin cancer, organizers say. Screenings will be by appointment only and coupled with educational information about skin cancer, how to avoid it and what treatments are available. Participants may enter through the main hospital entrance on the north side of the building at the cancer center facility. For more information or to make an appointment, call the center at 737-2441.

Retired employee group announces meeting

TWIN FALLS - The National Association of Federal Retired Employees will hold a business meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Mandarin House Restaurant in the Fred Meyer plaza on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls. All retired and current federal employees are invited to attend. For more information, call Russell Rosenau at 733-0969.

Magic Valley Symphony League holds meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Symphony League will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at 2280 Longbow St. in Twin Falls. Helen Lightner will give a short talk on Dan Marshall, the life of Mary, a work relating to all the arts, visual, musical and literary. Anyone interested in the symphony is invited to attend. For more information, call Geri Speckert at 733-6124.

Archaeologist addresses cave explorers group

TWIN FALLS - Silver Sage Gratto will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room, room 276, of the Taylor building on the College of Southern Idaho

campus in Twin Falls. After the business meeting, Herrett Center Director Jim Woods will present a lecture entitled, "Shelters from the Storm: Prehistoric Use of Caves in Southern Idaho." Anyone interested in caves and cave exploration is invited to attend. For more information, contact Chris Anderson at 733-9554, 2663.

CSI offers Back to School workshop later this month

TWIN FALLS - Adults considering classes or a return to college are invited to a Back to School workshop from 1-4 p.m. April 28 at the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho. Participants will learn about services available at CSI, including financial aid resources and college procedures. Coordinators will also explain some of the myths that prevent adults returning to college from reaching their goals. This free workshop is designed for anyone considering full- or part-time college classes and who is not sure where to start or what resources are available. Students must call to register. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or 1-800-680-0224, Ext. 2680.

Master Gardeners holds monthly meeting

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Master Gardeners will hold its monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the county extension meeting room at 246 Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Darren Olson, horticulturist from Moss Greenhouses, will present a slide show on perennials, followed by a question and answer period. A short business meeting will follow. For more information, call Sharon Hartman at 736-9301.

AARP meeting focuses on political issues

TWIN FALLS - Issues on this year's political agenda and the political action of the American Association of Retired Persons has adopted regarding them will be highlighted at the April meeting of South Magic Valley AARP Chapter 4352 at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Area Agency on Aging Annex on the CSI campus. Evelyn Davavenport, chapter president, says those attending also will learn about progress made toward local observance of AARP's fifth annual National Independent Living Week, which takes place May 1-7. Focus for this year's observance is on home safety and modifications that will

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ANNIVERSARIES

THE TAYLORS

HEYBURN - Mr. and Mrs. Melbert Taylor will be honored at an open house for their 70th wedding anniversary on April 23. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at their home, 576 S. 300 W. of Heyburn. Taylor and Thelma Barker were married by a justice of the peace April 23, 1930, in Elba. They later joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and were baptized June 30, 1945. They were married and sealed to their children Dec. 12, 1950, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

They moved in 1948 from Albion to Heyburn to farm rented land they later purchased. He worked with the Boy Scouts and, in 1967, received a Silver Beaver Award. Active in his church, he served as second counselor in the Albion LDS Ward and second counselor over the mutual improvement association, high priest group leader and home teacher in the Heyburn 2nd Ward.

She served in many church positions including teaching, young women, primary and Sunday school, primary president, stake primary worker, visiting teacher, music director and many ward and stake genealogy



Melbert and Thelma Taylor

classes. She has been a member and an officer in the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Elizabeth McIntire Chapter and the Rebekah Lodge in Albion and a leader in the Heyburn beautification club.

The couple served in organizing and volunteering at the Magic Valley Genealogical Chapter and served 40 years as librarians in the Regional Branch Family History Center in Burley. They were recently called to serve a part-time mission as librarian specialists. They taught 4-H clubs and judged at local fairs at Jerome, Twin Falls and Blackfoot.



The event is hosted by their children, Meldean (the late Forest O.) Son of Heyburn, Vaud (Saundra) Taylor of Heyburn, Juanita (Bob) Brady of Chesapeake, Va., and Ferris (Karen) Taylor of Carlisle, Mass. They have 18 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren with two more on the way.

In honor of their anniversary, their children are editing their life histories and ask that friends and relatives share special memories. Memories can be included in cards, e-mailed to mhunt@idvans.com or by calling Meldean at 678-1509.

THE MONCURS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Melvin E. Moncur of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 5 to 8 p.m. at the home of Lyle and Deisa Moncur, 955 Tanglewood Court in Twin Falls.

Moncur and Georgia Seamons were married April 20, 1940, in American Falls.

They lived and farmed in the Rupert area for many years. In 1964, they moved to Twin Falls where they now reside. They spend the winters in Yuma, Ariz.

They have always been active in the LDS Church. He served as bishop of the Rupert 3rd Ward and on the High Council of the Minidoka Stake. She served in the primary, MIA and Relief Society organizations. They served missions in Monterrey, Mexico, Micronesia, Guam, Boise, Idaho, Temple and a stake mission in Yuma, Ariz.

The event is hosted by their children, Marilyn (Royal) Blacker and Eugene (LoAnn) Moncur, all of Hazelton, Joyce (Eldon) Bott of Provo, Utah, and Lyle (Deisa)



Georgia and Melvin Moncur
Moncur and Georgia Kay (Jim) Brown, all of Twin Falls.
The couple has 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

THE CURRYS

SHOSHONE - Col. (Retired) and Mrs. Lawrence B. Curry of Shoshone will celebrate their 50th anniversary Friday with a dinner at the Sun Valley Lodge.

Curry and Geraldine N. Westphal were married April 21, 1950, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

They resided in Iowa, Oregon, and in North Idaho before settling in Shoshone in 1972.

He retired from the Bureau of Land Management in 1981. She worked as a registered nurse, and most recently taught nursing at the College of Southern Idaho. She now volunteers with the Red Cross.

Their children are Timothy A. Curry of Seattle, Ami (Richard) Ruffing of DuQuoin, Ill., Terence P. Curry of San Diego and Alyssa (Richard) Swartz of Coeur d'Alene.

The couple has five grandchildren.

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ENGAGEMENTS

EDWARDS-HANKS

POCATELLO - Leslie and Carrie Edwards of Gunnison, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tresa Edwards, to Chad D. Hanks, son of Luanne Hanks of Pocatello and formerly of Burley and the late Dennis Kay Hanks.

Edwards is a graduate of Southern Utah University, where she received a bachelor of science degree in special education/elementary education. She served in the Missouri St. Louis Mission and is currently employed at Provo Canyon School as the special education coordinator.

Hanks is a recent graduate of Brigham Young University, where he received a bachelor of science



Chad Hanks and Tresa Edwards degree in agronomy. He served in the Scotland Edinburgh Mission and is currently employed with Soil Basics Corporation in Visalia, Calif.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Manti LDS Temple.

HALVERSON-BURNICKEL

JEROME - Judith Halverson of Jerome and Gordon Halverson of Hansen announce the engagement of their daughter, Candace Jo Halverson, to Brian Burnickel, son of Tom and Sue Burnickel of Twin Falls.

Halverson is a 1987 graduate of Jerome High School and a graduate of the University of Idaho in Moscow and the School of Acupuncture in Seattle. She was a member of Delta Gamma and the University Dance Theater. She is teaching school in Seattle.

Burnickel graduated from Twin Falls High School and attended



Candace Halverson and Brian Burnickel the University of Idaho. He was a member of the Phi Delta Fraternity. He is employed at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 11 in Maui, Hawaii.

KENYON-PICKETT

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kenyon of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Corinne Kenyon, to Eddy Pickett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pickett of Twin Falls.

Kenyon is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Emery and Kershaw in Twin Falls.

Pickett is a graduate of Wendell High School. He is self-employed in the Magic Valley area. The wedding is planned for May 20.



Eddy Pickett and Corinne Kenyon

WOODFIN-WHITLOCK

TWIN FALLS - Shirley and Monroe Cranney of Elko, Nev., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherri "Lynn" Woodfin (Baker), to Monroe Russell Whitlock Jr., son of Monroe and Violet Whitlock Sr. of Twin Falls.

Woodfin is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Western States Bus in Twin Falls.

Whitlock is a graduate of Del Rio High School in Del Rio, Texas. He is employed at Turn Key Inc. in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 2:30 p.m. May 21 at Foursquare Christian Church on Morrison Street in Twin Falls.



Sherri Woodfin and Monroe Whitlock Jr.

WEDDING

THOMASON-GAILEY

TWIN FALLS - Jan A. Thomason and Max Dewain Gailey were married April 11 at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

Officiating was Fifth District Judge Daniel Mechl.

The bride is the daughter of Andrea Shendal of Twin Falls. Andrea Shendal served as the bride's matron of honor.

Richard Shendal served as best man. Special guests included Darlene and Randy Babbitt, Teresa Randal, Scott Shendal, Marvin Shendal and Trinia.

A reception was held following the ceremony at Motel III in Twin Falls.

The bride is a graduate of R-5 High School in Grand Junction, Colo.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

FAMILY NEWS

YOU CAN USE

Weather to make love

A survey conducted for AccuWeather.com found that 28 percent of people had sex more, than once when it was foggy compared with only 11 percent who did so when it was sunny. In fact, 63 percent of couples reported they didn't make hay at all when the sun shined.

A-mazing sense of direction

Follow that man. Men are generally better than women at finding their way in unfamiliar settings, and use different parts of the brain to do it, a study suggests. The findings, reported in the journal *Nature Neuroscience*, add a biological counterpart to prior research that indicated men and women tend to use different strategies to navigate. As for why men can't seem to ask for directions, however, that will have to await another study.

We like to watch

Voyeurism through television perpetuates our tendency to speculate rather than participate. So says Clay Calvert, assistant professor of communications law at Pennsylvania State University, who reports that broadcasting revealing information and images about others in apparently unguarded, real-life moments has become a staple of TV. Calvert said shows such as Fox's "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire" and MTV's "The Real World" are visual sensationalism - entertainment based on the forbidden fruit fascination of "watching things that perhaps we shouldn't see."

-Compiled from wire reports

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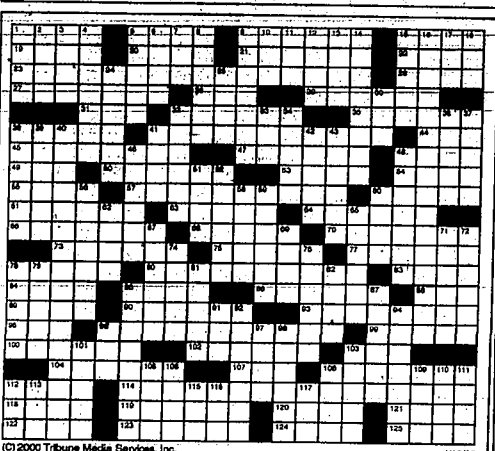
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Family balances parents' gift, Medicare eligibility concerns

Q. I wanted to ask you about our situation. Because no family lived near them should there be problems later, my parents, now 77 and 79, sold their home last year and moved in with my wife and I until they could get situated. They looked at condominiums and independent living facilities, but the cost was out of sight. Since two of our children are still at home and our house does not comfortably accommodate all of us, it was decided that my wife and I would add an apartment area for my parents and they would help with the cost, which turned out to be \$100,000. My parents do not own any part of the property, which belongs to my wife and me.

In addition, my parents share one monthly living expense by paying part of the utilities, groceries, etc. Now we have concern about what will happen if either of my parents needs care. They only have \$25,000 in the bank, and their total income from Social Security is \$1,000 per month. My wife and I have protected them in our wills by making sure that if we die, they will have a place to live until their deaths. However, if either needs nursing home care down the road and applies for Medicaid, how will their contribution to the cost of their apartment affect them? I understand that the government looks at the last three years of their financial transactions, and we assume that they will not be able to apply for three years. Also, are there limits on what they can give us to help



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

pay for utility bills, food, etc? We are also concerned about any gift taxes. They are both in good health now, but learning from other peoples' experiences, you can never be too prepared. We would really appreciate any advise on this.

A. Since your parents made a gift to you and your wife of \$100,000, even though there is no gift tax due, they are required to file a gift tax return by April 15 of this year. However, the gift could impact a future application for Medicaid for Medicare aid by either of your parents if made during the disqualification period, which is not necessarily three years. A popular misconception is that if a gift is made today, there will be an automatic three-year disqualification. This is not the case.

Here's how to determine the period of disqualification: Each state determines the average monthly private pay cost of a nursing facility on an annual basis, so let's assume that the average rate in your state is \$3,000. By dividing the amount of the gift (\$100,000) by the average private pay rate (\$3,000), your parents' period of disqualification would be 33.3 months. This means that based on current law, if either of your parents applies for Medicaid in the 34th month after the gift was made, there will be no disqualification assuming they meet the other criteria.

When it comes to your parent sharing living expenses with you, there are several issues that should be considered. First, you and your wife certainly don't want these payments to be considered as rent, which would come to you and which could affect your tax basis in your home. For this reason alone, I want these payments to be considered as rent, which would come to you and which could affect your tax basis in your home. For this reason alone, I want these payments to be considered as rent, which would come to you and which could affect your tax basis in your home.

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Seniors take on 100-year challenge

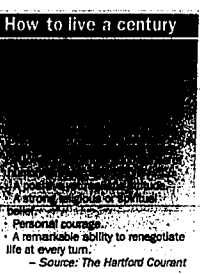
The Hartford Courant

Call them the elder-boomers. Centennarians - those individuals 100 and older - are the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. Right on their heels are the 85 pluses.

Not living for a century or longer is still science fiction anymore. "It's as if a door has opened onto the real prospect of an unexpected 30 or 35 additional years of life," says neuropsychologist Dr. Gregory Silver, associate director of the New England Centenarian Study with headquarters at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School in Boston. "It's a recent phenomenon to even consider that we could live that long. But the numbers show that it's happening."

The ranks of 100-somethings have almost tripled over the past 25 years. In 1985, there were about 25,000 centenarians in the United States. New Census Bureau figures show that there are now 72,000 individuals 100 or older. By the year 2050, some demographers project there will be more than 4 million. With those numbers, it's no surprise that Hallmark Cards last year added a selection of centenarian birthday cards.

Researchers are interested in taking a closer look at these individuals who appear to have discovered the modern-day equivalent of the Fountain of Youth. Across the United States, projects such as the New England Centenarian Study, the University of Georgia Gerontol-



How to live a century

ogy Center's Centenarian Study and the National Centenarian Awareness Project of Phoenix are studying older adults looking for the secrets to successful aging.

"Common wisdom was that if you lived to be 100, you would be demented, but that was based on general assumptions, not scientific studies of the old," says Silver. "In fact, we've found that centenarians are a select group of people who have a history of aging slowly and escaping many of the diseases normally associated with getting older, including Alzheimer's. We're trying to find out why."

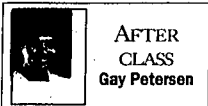
Experts agree that advances in health care, environmental awareness, better nutrition and medical breakthroughs over the past century have all contributed to longer and healthier lives. The lifestyle choices you

Everything in life takes practice

When I was little I remember going to the doctor if I was really sick or needed a shot. There was a sign outside his office that said, "practicing physician." I didn't give that sign a thought then, but I have thought since of what an odd statement that was. If he was "practicing" wasn't he knowledgeable? And was he "practicing" on me?

Not a comforting thought. Of course the idea was that he was in practice - that practice being a doctor. But perhaps we should think a bit about the idea of "practicing."

I was a "practicing" teacher in Wendell, that is teaching was what I practiced, but at the same time I was, in actuality, "practicing" on my students. If one idea for teaching worked for one student, perhaps it would not work for another, and so I "practiced" various methods, hoping to come up with ideas that would help all those I taught to learn, regardless of their abilities. I felt that this was not only important, but also necessary so that those I taught would learn and retain whatever



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

it was I was trying to impart to them.

The idea of "practicing" can carry over to everything in our lives. Every time I go to improve my abilities, hoping to improve my abilities. Every time I write an article I am, so to speak, practicing, hoping to improve my writing skills.

The same can be said for any skill, whether it be a profession, a hobby or recreation. It can also apply to daily living.

I used to tell my students not to be too hard on their parents, but rather to understand that parents do not automatically come equipped with all the answers. They too must "practice" being parents, learning as they go, trying, hopefully, not to make the same mistakes over and over

again, but rather learning by practice to do better. The same can be said of grandparents or anyone who works with and loves children.

It is, perhaps, the duty of all of us to practice doing better in all aspects of our lives - to practice being more attentive to our spouses and our children, to practice being more loving toward our families and our fellow man, to practice being less critical and more positive in our attitudes, to practice less prejudice and more understanding in every thing we do.

We influence far more people than most of us realize. We should practice becoming as expert as possible with those responsibilities we have been given.

"Practice makes perfect," so they say. Perfection may be beyond us, but the practice of becoming better people is not beyond the reach of any of us.

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@magicklink.com.

'Family maximum' affects benefits total

Q. My husband died and I applied for Social Security survivors benefits for myself and my two children. When the Social Security representative took my claim she mentioned something about a "family maximum." I don't fully understand what she meant by the family maximum. Would you please explain this to me?

A. When a person dies, the survivors receive a percentage of the wage earner's Social Security benefit - usually in a range from 75 to 100 percent each. However, there is a limit to the amount of money that can be paid each month to a family. The limit is

generally referred to as the "family maximum." This limit varies, but is generally equal to about 150 to 180 percent of the deceased's benefit rate. If the sum of the benefits payable to the family members is greater than this limit, the benefit to the family members is reduced proportionately.

Q. Can my child who is a citizen and resident of China collect Social Security survivors benefits if I pass away even though she has never been to the United States?

A. No. Assuming all of the

other requirements for survivors benefits are met (i.e., relationship, under age 18, unmarried, you pass away fully or currently insured, etc.), your child must have resided at least five years in the United States in order to collect survivors benefits. If your child cannot meet this requirement but the surviving parent can, and the surviving parent meets the required relationship with you, then your child will be deemed to have met the requirement.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

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Royal Air Force Marham 13th Squadron Cpl. Kev Morgan signals the pilot of a Tomado fighter he's clear for take-off Thursday at Hill Air Force Base in Layton, Utah.

Brits wrap up training at Utah base

The Associated Press

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah — A Royal Air Force squadron has wrapped up two weeks of training here and pronounced both the base and pronounced both the western desert training range and the skiing on Powder Mountain as excellent.

The 116 members of the Royal Air Force's 13 Squadron left Friday to return to their base in England.

"It's been fantastic," said RAF Wing Commander Jeremy Fradley of 13 Squadron's stay. "It's been a wonderful detachment for the crew and a pleasant respite from some of the flying we normally do."

That flying usually involves England's rainy weather. While the Tomado GR1 fighters used by the squadron are considered an all-weather fighter bomber, Fradley said the clear skies above and variable terrain below, the western desert's training range an optimal area.

"You have to train in peace as



Royal Air Force Marham 13th Squadron flight attendants Jeremy Fradley and Wing Commander Jeremy Fradley, Air Force Cross, check out their Tomado, carrying a live 1,000-pound bomb, Thursday at Hill.

you would expect to fly in war," the wing commander said. "And the (Utah Test and Training Range) provides an excellent

array of targets, wonderful terrain and a sparse population. The range is so complex, far more extensive and flexible than any-

thing we have at home."

A mainstay of the RAF, the Tomado was designed from the outset as a low-level supersonic aircraft, capable of reaching maximum speeds of 1,452 mph.

Since its March 29 arrival, the squadron has flown its nine available Tomado GR-1s in training missions alongside the F-16 fighters of Hill's 388th Fighter Squadron.

And in its free hours? "We've been skiing at Powder Mountain, playing golf. It's a lovely state," Fradley said.

While the squadron's nine RAF Tomado GR-1s will remain at Hill.

Airman Brian Barrett, public affairs specialist for the 388th, said the British force maintains a "small number of jets at various U.S. and Canadian air bases," meaning they can continue to rotate crews for stateside training without paying to relocate the planes.

The next RAF deployment to Hill likely will come at year's end.

Targhee program targets education

Ski resort's expansion proposal results in new position for Forest Service naturalist

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — It's nice work if you can get it: sking five days a week and educating people about their government.

Natalie Kruse, the resort naturalist at Grand Targhee Ski and Summer Resort, is part of a team guide, answering basic questions about where to find the groomers, bumps and powder.

She's part biologist, giving snowshoe tours, identifying local wildlife and offering tips on identifying trees.

On the foggy days when all anybody wants is to avoid hitting those, she's part angel of mercy, letting nervous skiers follow her dark green U.S. Forest Service jacket down the hill.

Her actual job is to gently remind people that the mountain they're skiing on is public land managed by a federal agency that has to protect natural resources and let people enjoy them.

"It's kind of start giving them an awareness of the forest," 43-year-old Kruse said. "At least there's a Forest Service presence here. I think that's a good thing. It's a start."

This is the first winter that the U.S. Forest Service, which owns the land on which Grand Targhee operates, has had a naturalist there. The job was created after local citizens voiced concerns about the resort's plans to build more lifts and lodging, Kruse said.

"They thought it would be a good idea to educate and inform people about those impacts," she said. "A lot of people come here and all they think about is skiing. They don't realize wildlife have a home here."

So part of her time is spent educating a mostly white-collar, two-busy-counting-pays, how the Forest Service works with Grand Targhee to balance the impacts of recreation on a national forest.

But the resort's plans to build a new trail or lift, the agency conducts studies to make sure owls or other animals won't suffer if trees are cut, she said.

Kruse spent part of last summer counting how many resort visitors were using trails into the nearby Tiedholm Smith Wilder-ness Area. There's a difference between one person enjoying a view and a group of 20 people trampling alpine wildflowers, Kruse said. "People recreating can have just as much impact on a forest as a clear cut," she said. "It's an industry just like any other industry. If you don't manage it, it can get out of control."

Kruse recognizes that most people out for a day of skiing aren't really up for lectures, so she slips in information about the Forest Service and its role between chatting about the weather or people's vacations.

She gives tours from the top of the Dreamcatcher lift, telling stories about the resort's history and the history of the area. One time, Fred's Mountain got its name from an explorer, a shepherd or a snowmelt.

No snowboarders have taken her up to the top, but she sometimes guides a handful of skiers down the mountain, offering a little bit of biology about Wolverines or grizzly bears on the way down.

The job is always glamorous. Standing in a stiff, bitter wind at 10,200 feet isn't that much fun. On the other hand, Kruse said she had her finest day of skiing on a recent Friday when the wind blanketed the mountain with three feet of powder.

Kruse was born on a ranch in Swan Valley, grew up in Idaho Falls and learned to ski near Pine Creek Pass.

She remembers the time when the roads to what was then called Fred's Mountain were so bad that people left town at 5 a.m. to open the lifts.

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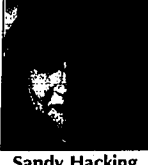

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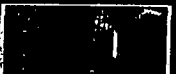
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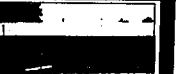
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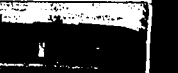
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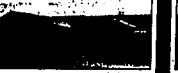
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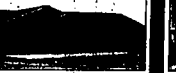
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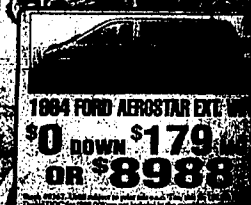




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