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U.S. plan has U.N. officials worried

Missing laptop contains secret data

WASHINGTON (AP) — A laptop computer missing from the State Department since January contained highly sensitive information about U.S. intelligence gathering, The Washington Post reports.

If the laptop was stolen for information about weapons technology, the theft would be one of the most serious losses of U.S. classified information ever, the Post said Saturday, quoting an unidentified source familiar with the case.

The computer vanished in January from a State Department conference room, and its disappearance was reported in early February to the department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security, officials told the newspaper.

The Post said the missing computer contained thousands of highly classified documents about arms proliferation issues, including sensitive secrets about how the United States collects intelligence and sources of the information.

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ISTOK, Yugoslavia (AP) — A U.S.-backed plan to start resettling Serbs in Kosovo soon has U.N. officials fearful that events are moving too fast and could unhinge efforts to calm the province.

They note that estimations of mass graves are expected to resume this week, ethnic Albanians are facing political trials in Serbia and relations between ethnic Albanians and Serbs remain strained.

Some U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, also have expressed alarm over the potential for a surge of revenge attacks.

Diplomats working in the U.N.-led Kosovo administration said British

moderate Serbs joined ethnic Albanian leaders Wednesday in urging tolerance, an unusual mutual gesture of conciliation.

The U.S.-supported proposal calls for 700 Serbs to be settled in the village of Osojane as early as next month, and there is also a vaguer U.N.-sponsored plan to bring back 20,000 people.

Opponents of the idea contend the effort is motivated by political reasons — to demonstrate to skeptical voters in the NATO nations that the alliance's bombing of Yugoslavia was a good idea and that things are turning out all right in Kosovo.

"We have a pressure to prove that everything was done for the right reasons and that there has been a success. A success would be the large-scale return of people," said Paula Ghedini, a spokeswoman for the United Nations refugee agency.

In Istok, close to the desolate and shattered Serb village of Osojane, there are doubts a return will work just now.

"It could be dangerous," said Martin Dvorak, the U.N. administrator of Istok, a mountain town of about 7,000 people in western Kosovo. At the same time, he said, he understands "the need to see visible progress."

EARTH MOVING



Two models of a single-passenger electric car known as the 'Sparrow' lead an Earth Day parade in downtown Los Angeles Saturday. The manufacturer claims the cars will go 70 mph. For more Earth Day stories, see page A7.

Clinton, Giuliani race may set records for cost

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — In a campaign that's been making history since Hillary Rodham Clinton announced her candidacy, the first lady and New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani are on a pace to shatter the record for the most expensive U.S. Senate race in history.

California set the bar in 1994 when Diane Feinstein and Michael Huffington spent \$43.3 million; New Yorkers Alfonse D'Amato and Charles Schumer spent \$40.9 million in 1998.

Clinton and Giuliani have raked in more than \$32 million so far, federal campaign finance records show, and the election is still seven months away.

"We were saying early on, \$50 million, but I think that's going to be low," said Larry Makinson, executive director of the nonpartisan, Washington-based Center for Responsive Politics that studies campaigns and their financing.

When soft-money spending by special interest groups and the two national parties is factored in, the total could easily top \$100 million, said Peter Eisner, managing director of the Center for Public Integrity, another Washington-based watchdog.



Rudy Giuliani



Hillary Clinton

Report suggests agents may not have fired at Davidians

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A simulation of the deadly 1993 Branch Davidian siege showed that flashes caught on videotape were most likely sunlight reflecting off debris, not government gunfire as claimed in a wrongful death lawsuit, according to a preliminary report.

Vector Data Systems, the British firm that conducted the March 19 simulation at an Army base in Texas, submitted its report earlier this month to U.S. District Judge Walter Smith Jr., who is presiding over the Branch Davidian lawsuit, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Saturday, citing unidentified informed sources.

Vector found that flashes produced by sunlight reflecting off debris lasted considerably longer than flashes produced by gunfire, the newspaper said.

That finding would support the government's claim that similar flashes seen on a 1993 infrared tape of the siege were the result of sunlight reflecting off the crumbling complex, not gunfire.

But an attorney for Branch Davidian survivors and relatives, Michael Caddell, insists he does not have to prove government gunfire caused the deaths of more than 80 members of the sect.

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NATION

Protests

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 Protesters started more than 207 fires, mostly burning tires and trash. Emergency crews answered 69 injury calls, while a nearby hospital treated 11 people, all for minor injuries.
 Three police officers who were struck with a baseball bat were hospitalized in stable condition, said Miami Police Lt. Bill Schwarz. A 29-year-old man was charged with attempted murder for the assault.
 As evening fell, much of Little Havana appeared calm as police blocked cars from entering the area and urged pedestrians to leave. On 27th Avenue, the focus of many of Saturday's protests, no cars could be seen — except for police cruisers at every intersection.
 "From what I hear, it's going to

get a lot worse. It's going to get pretty nasty," said David Gonzalez, 23, who had participated in the day's protests. "They're waiting for the night to fall."
 At a news conference earlier in the evening, Miami Mayor Joe Carullo and Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Pendas called on the community to be peaceful, but also talked of their shock at the federal action.
 "That never should have happened in such a way," Carullo said. "Not in America."
 Minutes after the mayors urged calm, an angry crowd tore down the CNN tent at the house where Elian had lived. Shouting "Get out, get out," several dozen stormed into the tent and knocked its equipment over.
 Scores of police wearing gas masks and helmets cleared the street. Later, police officials told

reporters they could no longer protect them.
 A few hours later, no protesters remained. But a few blocks away, 70 police in riot gear faced off against 60 boozing protesters on street corners, with more waving

flags from apartment buildings. Earlier, police in small groups or walking 30-strung down the avenues shooed away protesters and scuffled with those that remained.
 An elderly man was handcuffed

and dragged on his knees toward a police wagon. Officers threw down a pit in the 2½ wearing his hope and handcuffed her. A teenager riding a bicycle was knocked down by police in an unmarked car, beaten and handcuffed.

"This is terrible," said Cristina Valdes, 67, who was among dozens of people venting their anger by banging on a parked van. "I'm ashamed to be an American. Clinton is a coward, coward, coward."

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 remain in the United States.
 Unrest spread through Miami's Little Havana neighborhood as protesters spilled into the streets, lighting street fires and struggling with police carrying batons and shields. More than 180 were arrested.
 "What's happening?" Elian yelled in Spanish as riot-clad agents armed with automatic weapons burst into the Miami relative's home. They found him in a closet in the arms of the same fisherman who had rescued him from the sea on Thanksgiving Day — and now had to hand him over.
 Hours later, the boy whose mother drowned fleeing Cuba was getting reacquainted with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez.
 Elian smiled as he posed for a picture with his father, and was seen in another photo playing with 6-month-old half-brother Flanny. Elian wore a Batman T-shirt.

use of force.
 Marileydis Gonzalez, the 21-year-old cousin who had cared for the boy like a mother, wailed and wept through the shouting and shouted her disdain for the government.
 "To have a 6-year-old crying, I can't take me, don't take me... This is not America," she yelled as hundreds of Cuban-Americans poured into the streets to protest what they saw as Washington's betrayal and what they feared would be Cuban President Fidel Castro's propaganda victory.
 She and her father, Lazaro Gonzalez, who had temporary custody of Elian, later arrived in Washington to try to see Elian and his father, Donato Dalrymple, the sports fisherman who had rescued Elian on an outing with his cousin, was with them. They met with Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., who accompanied them in a failed attempt to meet with the father and son at the air base.
 As protests mounted in Miami, police fired tear gas into one crowd, stationed two gray buses with bars on the windows in the center of Little Havana and began handcuffing demonstrators.

"He seemed to be very happy to be back with his father," said Gregory Craig, Juan Miguel Gonzalez's lawyer. "It is amazing how quickly that bond re-established itself. It was almost instantaneous."
 There was no independent corroboration of the lawyer's account of the reunion.
 In Havana, an estimated 400,000 people rallied for a government-organized celebration of the boy's reunion with his father. A chant arose: "Elián, friend! Cuba is with you."
 After the months-long tug of war and failed all-night negotiations, it took officers only minutes to retrieve the boy from the relatives who cared for him since his rescue — and defied all previous efforts to have him released to his father and returned to Cuba.
 The boy who had so often turned an impish face to the world looked terror-stricken in pictures taken by an Associated Press photographer who captured the raid inside the house on film.
 "Elián is safe and no one was seriously hurt," Attorney General Janet Reno said afterward. She said the relatives' intransigence left her no choice but to order the

The few protesters who put up a struggle were beaten down by police and arrested.
 At 5 a.m., more than 20 agents in white vans arrived at the house of Lazaro Gonzalez, the boy's great-uncle, and used battering rams to get through the home's chain-link fence and front door.
 Maria Elena Quesada, who was at the home, said Elian was screaming "¡Ayúdame! ¡Ayúdame! ¡Ayúdame!" in Spanish. "Assassins!" shouted supporters who had been keeping constant vigil outside.
 Rushed into a van as officials fired clouds of pepper spray to keep the crowds back, Elian was soothed by an immigration agent who told him he was being taken to "papa."
 "This may seem very scary," she told him, according to Doris Meissner, commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. "It will soon be better."

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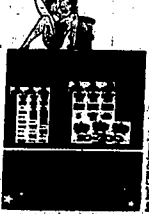
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Politicians, celebrities, activists mark Earth Day's 30th anniversary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Politicians, celebrities and activists celebrated the 30th anniversary of Earth Day on the National Mall Saturday and issued new calls to combat global warming at the source.

President Clinton, speaking on radio, blamed the Republican Congress for failing to recognize what he called the global warming threat and failing to act on legislation promoting clean and efficient energy.

Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic presidential contender, unveiled policy initiatives aimed at curtailing the flow of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. These heat-trapping gases, mainly carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels, are believed by scientists to be contributing to a risky warming of the earth.

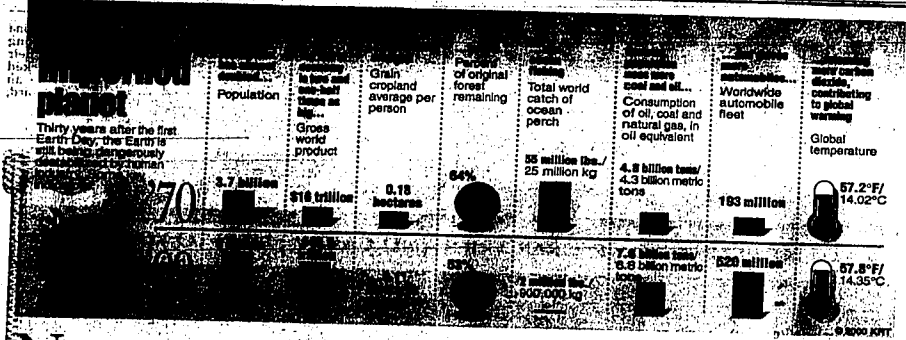
Gore proposed tougher requirements for power plants to reduce air pollution, while giving the industry the flexibility to meet the new goals. He called for approaches like emissions trad-

ing, which allows coal-burning plants that pollute more to buy credits from cleaner-burning plants until the dirtier plants can meet tougher pollution standards.

"We have to stand against apologists for pollution — those who believe in the old politics of environmental irresponsibility," said Gore, the presumptive Democratic nominee for president.

David Hawkins of Natural Resources Defense Council praised Gore's proposal for targeting carbon dioxide and mercury, which are not controlled at power plants now, along with trying to reduce sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions.

Republican National Committee spokesman Chris Paulitz called Gore's proposals "small ideas to help the environment" and criticized Gore's book "Earth in the Balance," which he said highlighted Gore's "extremist ideas" on the environment that would assure that gas prices would be raised 50 cents and our economy would crumble.



New generation fears for environment

Light Rider News Service

Thirty years ago, the seminal generation of environmentalists gathered for the first Earth Day with a sense of panic.

"We are in an environmental crisis that threatens this nation," warned Barry Commoner, a Washington University biologist and one of the foremost environmental advocates, in 1970.

Since then, key air pollutants have been cut nearly 60 percent in the United States, more than 100 million acres have been dedicated to wilderness, the number of clean lakes and rivers has doubled and the bald eagle is no longer threatened with extinction.

An estimated 6,000 communities have curbside recycling programs, and more than 60 million tons of paper, glass, metal, and compost — 30 percent of the nation's trash — are now diverted from landfills each year.

New rules have cut sulfur dioxide emissions from power plants in half and dramatically curbed acid rain. Since 1988, industrial emissions of toxic chemicals has dropped 42 percent.

And yet, as a new generation — with film star Leonardo DiCaprio serving as master of ceremonies — gathers in 185 countries for the 30th Earth Day, the sense of panic persists.

"There is a global emergency going on," DiCaprio proclaims from the front of an Earth Day brochure.

Will the crisis never end? Critics contend the environmental movement is always exaggerating the situation to provoke

action, raise contributions and boost membership.

But environmentalists maintain the problems simply multiply faster than they can be solved.

"The progress, and we have made progress, just doesn't keep pace," said Fred Krupp, director of the Environmental Defense Fund. Peter Huber, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and author of "Hard Green — Saving the Environment from Environmentalists," said the reason for the ever multiplying number of problems is that environmentalists are focusing on "ever smaller levels of pollution."

If everything is measured in parts per billion, Huber said, "at some point, everyone is a polluter and everything gets polluted."

That, environmentalists counter, is simply an overstatement.

"Where environmental problems were tangible and visible we've made tremendous progress," said Carl Pope, executive director of the Sierra Club. "Lake Erie isn't dead anymore, the Cuyahoga River doesn't burn, levels of air pollution in cities like Los Angeles are down," he said. "Blood lead levels in children are down three-quarters."

"The brown pelican is back, and so are the bald eagle and the peregrine falcon. Even the wolf has found a little room to roam," Pope noted. "But where the problems have been less visible and tangible, progress has been hard to come by."

One of the greatest environmental successes of the last two decades is the Montreal Protocol — an international treaty designed to stop the use of chemicals

linked to the destruction of the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer. This naturally occurring layer — 10 to 25 miles above the planet's surface — screens the Earth from deadly ultraviolet radiation.

In 1987, more than 120 nations agreed to stop using the chemicals — coolants and solvents — responsible for the destruction.

Worldwide use of the chemicals has been cut 70 percent since the treaty was passed. Last year, there was already a measurable decline in the level of the chemicals in the atmosphere, where they can bounce around for years.

Scientists now are fairly confident that the layer will repair itself later this century.

"The Montreal Protocol was a great success," Pope said, "but it wasn't until we were able to see a big ozone hole over Antarctica that we took action."

Among the problems the environmental movement faces is that laws and regulations have become increasingly complex and ponderous.

They have even become daunting for federal and state environmental agencies to enforce.

"A lot of the '90s was spent fighting over rules and legislative riders," said Jill Johnson, a campaign organizer with Earth Day 2000. "We sort of got sidetracked from the issues."

One group trying to deal with this problem has been the Environmental Defense Fund, which is working with corporations and government agencies to develop new regulatory approaches.

EDF was instrumental in developing the sulfur dioxide emissions trading program that helped dramatically cut power plant pollution while giving utilities flexibility.

Which of These Costly Homeseller Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Home?

SOUTHERN IDAHO — A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9-Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

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As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable.

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Vietnam's war: 25 years after communist victory

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B-52 bomber: Became the symbol of U.S. technology that failed to defeat communists

"Huey": Vietnam war saw the first use of helicopters to land behind enemy lines

Viet Cong guerrilla: Supplies and high-quality Eastern Bloc weapons came down Ho Chi Minh trail

AK-47 assault rifle

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M-16 assault rifle

South Vietnamese Army: Before 1968, only elite units got M-16 rifles; the rest had to make do with outdated U.S. weapons

North Vietnamese soldier: Served until war's end with poor food and no leave or social contact

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THE WAR'S TOLL: More than 3.5 million dead

South Vietnamese: 223,748 soldiers dead; 2 million civilians dead

North Vietnamese, Viet Cong (1964-79): 1.1 million dead; 600,000 wounded

Americans: 58,223 troops killed; 10,820 other deaths; 2,029 missing

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Watching the fall of Saigon

Refugee tries to make sense of a nation's collapse

By Tim Tran
Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — The crescendo of bomb sirens, the frantic crush outside the gates of the U.S. Embassy. The jostling to board a chopper. The smell of fear and sweat and sorrow in the cramped hold of a U.S. Navy ship. Vivid fragments of memory that I still keep close.

When my family left Vietnam, I was a child of 3 1/2. I have virtually no memories of living here, but the terror of leaving imprinted itself forever.

We escaped from Saigon on April 29, 1975 — the day before communist troops barreled through the gates of the Presidential Palace to accept the surrender of U.S.-backed South Vietnam.

We fled during the final, tortured hours of a nation facing defeat, the bitter ending to a grievous war.

Twenty-five years later, I have come back to a reunited Vietnam as a reporter for The Associated Press — the first Vietnamese, or overseas Vietnamese, allowed to join the resident foreign press corps.

And I find that my old memories are giving way to new impressions, for the child who left a country at war has returned to discover the rebirth of a nation at peace.

In the twilight, the neon signs

that light up the warren of streets in Hanoi's Old Quarter cast a warm glow on the eager young faces that race by on their Honda motorbikes past shops selling Levi's and Calvin Klein, Madonna and Santana, Nokia and Motorola.

In the distance, glassy high-rises are beginning to build up the flat skyline. Luxury hotels and new restaurants seem to open every other week.

From a streetside coffee shop, I can hear the honking motorbikes and rattling bicycles converging a

screaming tangle. The energy is palpable.

This is the new Vietnam. More than half of the population was born since the end of the war. Saigon has long since been renamed Ho Chi Minh City. Though 3 million Vietnamese lives were lost in the conflict, and though people still recall the collectivized farming and other repressive controls that followed, the war itself is now a chapter in high school history class.

When I recount tales of my new life here, my parents back in

Texas shake their heads in wonder and disbelief. This is nothing like the Vietnam that they knew, and hated to leave.

My father felt we had no other choice. He was an Army physician and a small-town politician in the South Vietnamese government; my mother worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Most likely, they would have been marked as traitors by the victorious communists and sent to back-breaking labor in a re-education camp.

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Phan Huu Luan, 10, recovers this past February at his home in Vinh Chap, Vietnam, from injuries incurred when he and two friends accidentally exploded a small bomb. His friends were killed.

Leftover bombs, grenades still kill

VINH CHAP, Vietnam (AP) — It probably looked like a ball to the two boys who found it. One hurled it against a rock, and it exploded.

Ten-year-old Phan Huu Luan was 20 yards away watching over a water buffalo when a swarm of fragmentation pellets knocked him into an old bomb crater. Bleeding from head to toe, his leg badly broken, he crawled to the edge, saw his two friends dying and began crying for help.

In the 25 years since the Vietnam War ended, tens of thousands of people have been killed by nasty leftovers — land mines, bombs, grenades and mortar shells that still lie in the ground.

Children find and play with them. Adults try to scavenge the metal and explosives. The results are often tragic.

Quang Tri province, population

564,000, was the site of some of the fiercest fighting of the "American War." The badly misnamed Demilitarized Zone that split Vietnam into the communist North and the U.S.-backed South went through the province at the 17th parallel.

Most civilians fled. The hills were denuded by defoliants like Agent Orange that have left their own toxic legacy in what is one of the poorest provinces in one of the world's poorest countries.

The countryside is pocked with bomb craters that now are waterholes. Schools and public service announcements warn against handling war leftovers. The message does not always sink in: Although the annual toll is declining, 700 people still are killed or wounded each year.

Quang Tri General Hospital has a rehabilitation center, set up in 1994 and financed by Handicap

International, that produces 130-150 prosthetic legs a year.

"Most are for victims of unexploded ordnance; some are from traffic or work accidents," chief technician Nguyen Van Hien said.

Luan was herding the family buffalo a 10-minute walk from home last Oct. 26. He wasn't close enough to his friends to see what they were playing with.

"When it exploded, it knocked me two yards away," he recounted in a near whisper.

Foreign mine experts say his friends, Nguyen Dang Khai and Nguyen Dang Luan, probably found a BLU-26 cluster bomblet. Hundreds of thousands of Bomb Live Units — BLU-26s and BLU-61s — rained down on Vietnam during the war from U.S. planes, 2,500 at a time in clamshell-like pods that opened and scattered them over the countryside.

A town still mourns a beloved son, one of the last two killed

Knight Ridder News Service

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa — Between baking cherry pies for potluck dinners, tending to their green bean and potato gardens and playing bridge twice a week, Henry and Ida Judge, both in their 70s, have little time to dwell on past tragedies.

But that doesn't mean they don't remember.

Everywhere in their cozy, mint-green ranch house warmed with an old wood stove, are memories of their son Darwin, one of the last two American servicemen killed in combat in the Vietnam War.

The maple grandfather clock he carved during his senior year of high school chimes in the living room at a quarter-past every hour. His weathered pocket Bible often turns up when they rummage through the cupboards. And his acoustic guitar rests silent in the closet.

Darwin was killed just a day before American helicopters swooped over the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, evacuating the last Marines. Darwin and Charles McMahon of Woburn, Mass., died while guarding the city's Tan Son Nhut airport amid a three-hour North Vietnamese rocket barrage.

On Saturday, Marshalltown will gather to mark the 25th anniversary of his death and commemorate the sacrifice of all those who gave their lives in the Vietnam War.

Though the piercing pain has subsided, a numbing heartache remains. Over the years, the Judges, like their town, have found a way to live with their loss.

Henry was two hours into his mail route when he got the news. Ida was home. When she saw the Marines marching up the fourth path, she knew.

On a bright spring afternoon, Ida rearranges the red silk curtains in the vase above the bronze plaque marking Darwin's grave, just a few miles from their house.

Henry said, "If you didn't have the faith that the Lord wanted him early, you wouldn't be able to live with yourself."

He stares at the little American flag fluttering next to Darwin's grave. A brisk breeze rustles the leafless branches of a nearby pine oak. A tear slides down his cheek.

Saigon

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They walked away from home, family and country, carrying nothing more than two small bags loaded with school diplomas and baby formula for their three small children.

The final day was nothing more than luck. The city had called a curfew that morning. He risked it anyway, his father punning a red cross on a white sheet as our cover. Heading to the U.S. Embassy, our car spluttered out of gas. I was at having been siphoned off by thieves in the night. Desperate, my father coaxed a gallon from another driver, using up nearly all our money. As it turned out, South Vietnam's pinstraps would be worthless within hours anyway.

Shoving through the crowds surrounding the embassy, we made it in through a back entrance. I remember crouching under the stone benches of the embassy's small courtyard when the bomb sirens went off.

A helicopter flew us to a U.S. Navy ship in the South China Sea, where we huddled with thousands of others in the darkened hold. The sound of weeping, the rank smell of sweat and my own gnawing fear remain with me today.

We ended up in rural Alabama, sponsored by a tiny farm town, Millity. That was in search of a doctor. In time we moved on, and I grew up in Mississippi and Texas, developing a taste for fried chicken and grits. I spent my childhood at Sunday school picnics and Girl Scout camping trips.

considered myself All-American — only to have my parents emphasize that I was not American, but instead a Vietnamese living in America.

They always clung to our identity culturally, but, perhaps because it was too painful, they never really talked about why we left Vietnam. Growing up in the United States, my only understanding of the Vietnam War came from school books and movies like "Platoon" and "Apocalypse Now."

Still, as I finished school and then became a reporter, I never lost the longing to understand what we left behind that day in 1975.

These days, slim rays of morning sun dance through the weeping willows surrounding Hoan Kiem Lake, the symbolic heart of Hanoi, as I watch old people gracefully bend to their tai chi exercises and country women pedal into the city hauling flowers and produce for sale.

Since my return last year to Vietnam — to Hanoi, where foreign journalists must live — I have come to love the beautiful tree-lined avenues, the historic, melodic ambience and the colonial architecture that make this city distinctive.

I have come at an interesting time. Vietnam, officially communist, it is at a crossroads economically, politically and socially. As a foreign observer, I have a front-row seat to the decision-making that will shape the country's course for the next century.

A personal belief, it is the fulfillment of a dream.

It was with some trepidation and a puzzled anxiety that my parents finally gave me their blessing to come. It was my grandmother, happiest when surrounded by her 11 children and 30-plus grandchildren, who plaintively asked the question my relatives were all thinking:

Why would you want to go back?

We risked so much to come here, she said. There is nothing there for you.

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Media, military fought their own battles amid Vietnam War

NEW YORK (AP) — It was called the first "living room war," the beginning of a communications revolution that has fundamentally changed battlefield reporting and left a legacy that still affects, sometimes bitterly, the way America's wars are covered.

"For better or worse, Vietnam was the most important story of the time, and it shaped us — and journalism — ever since," says Don Sherin, a veteran war correspondent who first arrived in Saigon as a freelance reporter in 1964.

Until it fell to the communists 25 years ago and became Ho Chi Minh City, Saigon was the capital of South Vietnam, and was filled with hundreds of journalists and would-be journalists with ambition and a taste for adventure.

That spirit hasn't changed, but the 20-pound tape recorders, film cameras and other tools of that era are now museum pieces — replaced by laptop computers, digital cameras and portable satellites.

Vietnam also triggered a war-within-a-war — a battle of credibility between the editors and the media that has ebbed and flowed for nearly 40 years.

The sourness was felt in 1983, when U.S. officers tried to bar journalists entirely from the Grenada invasion, and in 1989 in Panama, when even Pentagon-organized "media pools" were kept away from the action.

These controversial incidents led to new "rules of engagement" for journalists, including media pools — small, selected groups of journalists who cover for all — and "security review" of news material before sent. Both were used in the 1991 Gulf war, but failed, largely due to abuses by the military itself.

The Gulf War showed "resentment of the press was still there, part of the lore," says William Hammond, senior historian at the Army's Center of Military History.

Today, training in media relations is mandatory for the Pentagon's top uniformed and civilian officials, and it is taught, at least obligatorily, at the nation's military academies and war colleges.

But there was none of that in Saigon in the early 1960s, where the budding conflict was being covered by a tight group of newcomers, notably Malcolm Browne and Peter Aronson of the Associated Press, David Halberstam of the New York Times and Neil Sheehan of United Press International.

At first uncritical of the U.S. commitment, these reporters became disillusioned by what they saw as hypocrisy, incompetence and corruption. Their harsh assessments infuriated officials at the U.S. Military Assistance Command in Vietnam, known as MACV, and in Washington. President Lyndon Johnson even tried to have some reporters reassigned out of the war zone.

"It became clear early on that there was a great deal of difference between what the Americans in the field were saying, and the hype — artificial optimism of high Americans in Saigon," says Halberstam, who went on to publish several books, including the acclaimed Vietnam War study, "The Best and the Brightest."

"Gradually, the American people began to see what we saw — that you could grind this war on forever, and the other side, no matter how many we killed, would keep coming."

Between 1962 and 1975, some 5,100 journalists from 64 countries kept coming, too, according to a recent study by Hammond for Harvard University's Joan Shorenstein Center for the Press and Public Policy.

The peak number was about 600 during the 1968 Tet offensive; about 100 were still there as North Vietnamese tanks rumbled into Saigon on April 30, 1975.

By contrast, 1,095 journalists were accredited during the one-month Gulf War, according to retired Army Col. William Mulvey, who ran the military's media operation in Saudi Arabia. Non-registered and one-time visitors pushed the total considerably higher, say former officers. And they estimate more than 2,000 media people were in Kosovo.

Many reporters in Vietnam, too, were one-time visitors; the Saigon press corps also drew its share of drifters, adventurers and even spies. MACV officers estimated in 1966 that fewer than 35 percent of the accredited press — mostly wire service, print and television journalists — actually covered combat.

At war's end, more than 70 were dead or missing.

Photographers won the most Pulitzer Prizes and suffered the most casualties. Despite their high profile, TV crews dodged death until 1970 when eight people working for NBC and CBS were ambushed and killed in Cambodia.

In other major incidents, four reporters — three Australian and one British — were killed at a Viet Cong roadblock in Saigon in 1968, and four photographers, for AP, UPI, Life and Newsweek, perished in a South Vietnamese helicopter shot down over Laos in 1971.

Saigon's media centerpiece was the daily command briefing, a battle of semantics that ranged from hilarious to hostile and was known as the "Five O'Clock Rollies."

Though derided and ridiculed, the briefings served to put information — true or false — on the record.

Competition was fierce, especially among wire services and TV networks. But "in the field we were mutually supportive and cooperative — without New York's knowledge," recalls ex-ABC correspondent Steve Bell.

World War II-type censorship was impractical in a country where military secrets hardly existed, so U.S. officials would "embargo" reports of field operations until fighting began.

The policy worked, says Hammond. Only eight journalists were ever cited for violating security, and "no one has ever been able to demonstrate that any damage resulted."

Retired Col. Robert Burke, MACV's chief of information in 1972-73, said military officers held "grudging respect" for journalists, especially those who shared the perils of combat. "But no one got up in the morning saying, 'God, I'm so happy the press is over here reporting the war!'"

What most rankled officials, says Burke, were "inaccurate stories" that affected policy, and a perceived media bias that "ignored NVA and Viet Cong atrocities and errors, while exaggerating those of the U.S. and South Vietnamese."

This, and the TV images of battle being beamed into American living rooms, led to a widespread perception that the mes-

dia "lost the war in Vietnam." But historian Hammond doesn't believe it.

"What finally alienated the American people wasn't news cov-

erage but casualties," he said in an interview. "Public support in both the Korean and Vietnam wars dropped 15 percent each time casualties rose by 10 percent."

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Ingredients for violence bubble in French suburbs

LILLE, France (AP) - Riad Hamlaoui was almost one of the lucky ones. He had finished high school, had no police record and was about to start a job. That made the Algerian-born young man a role model in Lille-Sud, a run-down suburb on the edge of this northern French city.

His death at the hands of a policeman has made him a symbol of the poverty, hopelessness and racism that plague many of France's largely immigrant suburbs.

Hamlaoui, 24, was shot to death last week by a police officer on a canine squad while allegedly trying to steal a car.



A protestor Saturday shows a newspaper story about the police shooting Tuesday of a 25-year-old Riad Hamlaoui in Lille, France.

The officer, not identified, has been placed under investigation for homicide - the first in France since 1997 that a police officer has become a suspect in such a death.

But that has not quelled the sorrow and outrage in Lille-Sud, where Hamlaoui spent most of his life.

"For many of us, Riad was an example to follow," his sister Nouria told a gathering Friday of more than 2,000 people who held a silent march in his memory.

Such bouts of violence between police and youths have become an oft-repeated scenario in France. They occur in poor suburbs like Lille-Sud, built after World War II to fill a housing deficit, and are often triggered by what police insist are mistakes but end in injury or death.

"As long as we haven't attacked the fundamental causes of the problem, we can always fear the worst," Amar Lasfar, rector of the main Lille-Sud Mosque, said in an interview. The mosque played a key role in calming the violence.

Sabri, a 17-year-old, said police stopped him for an identity check two weeks before Hamlaoui was shot, put a gun to his mouth and disengaged the safety catch.

The policeman told him the bullets were rubber. "His colleague took out real bullets and said that for Lille-Sud you have to use the real thing," said Sabri, who was then let go. Like others, he refused to provide his full name for fear of police reprisals.

Sabri's story could not be confirmed, but people familiar with the situation in Lille-Sud said such intimidation tactics are not uncommon.

The shooting triggered a three-night rampage by youths who threw stones and Molotov cocktails at police and burned scores of cars. Some 500 police were brought in to help the 30 who normally patrol Lille-Sud, a suburb of some 23,000 residents, more than half of whom are of Muslim North African origin.

Peacekeepers arrest indicted suspect

THE HAGUE, Netherlands - NATO peacekeepers have arrested a Bosnian Serb detention camp commander more than five years after the Yugoslav war. A tribunal accused him of raping, torturing and killing Muslims.

Dragan Nikolic, 42, had been the first suspect ever indicted by the U.N. court.

He was brought to the tribunal's detention facility in The Hague early Saturday, a day after NATO troops detained him in the American-run sector of northern Bosnia. There were no casualties in the capture, according to a NATO statement, which gave no more details on the operation.

The Nov. 4, 1994 indictment, amended in February 1999, charges Nikolic with war crimes, crimes against humanity and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions at the Susica camp.

Nikolic is accused of personally raping women, clubbing two inmates to death with wooden sticks and torturing and beating four more, in addition to his command responsibility for the abuse of other detainees.

World in brief

with thousands of Indians and their supporters protesting what they called Portugal's "invasion."

Police used clubs and tear gas to break up the protests, and there were unofficial reports that 15 Indians were injured. More than 140 people were detained and could be charged with disturbing public order, said Gustavo Rios, the local public security chief.

President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, who stayed on a nearby island overnight for security reasons, cut short his official program because of the protests.

"We are unable to say either way at present," Fernando said. A military statement issued Saturday said that heavy fighting was continuing and that troops had "readjusted their defense, line north of Elephant Pass."

Ex-Rwandan rebel leader becomes Tutsi president

KIGALI, Rwanda - Paul Kagame took the oath Saturday as this central African country's first Tutsi president, calling on Rwandans to shun ethnic divisions and vowing to create a nation that all its citizens could call home.

Tens of thousands of people witnessed Kagame's chief justice swear in Kagame at Amahoro Stadium, where six years earlier minority Tutsis sought refuge from murderous Hutu mobs.

Kagame's ascent to power mirrors the life of many Tutsis in Rwanda, which won its independence from Belgium in 1962. An estimated half million of them grew up in exile after being persecuted for their ethnicity at home, only to return as a victorious rebel force that stopped the 1994 genocide and defeated an extremist Hutu government.

- Compiled from wire services

Victories get Putin off to powerful start as president

MOSCOW - A string of victories in parliament has solidified President Vladimir Putin's authority and appears to be setting the stage for a calmer, more conciliatory era in Russia after the frenzied confusion of the Boris Yeltsin years.

Since taking office as acting president in December, Putin has persuaded once-combative lawmakers to do two things they steadfastly refused to do under Yeltsin: approve the START II nuclear disarmament treaty and fire Russia's top prosecutor. Lawmakers also approved the nuclear test ban treaty on Friday at Putin's urging.

Sri Lankan rebels say they've captured complex

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka - Sri Lankan rebels fighting for an independent homeland said they captured a key military complex Saturday after a furious two-day battle, and inflicted heavy casualties on government troops.

Military spokesman Brig. Palitha Fernando said he could not confirm or deny the rebels' claim to have seized the vital Elephant Pass base, which houses at least 10,000 troops, and the adjoining Yakachchi camp.

Police, protestors in Brazil clash during celebration

PORTO SEGURO, Brazil - Celebrations marking Brazil's 500th anniversary were tempered by violence Saturday as police clashed

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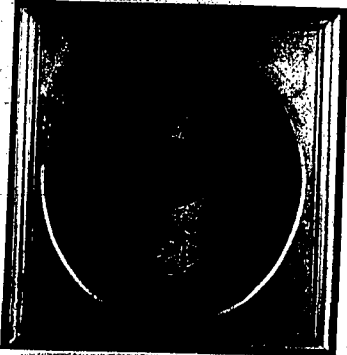
New feature pays homage to Jefferson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking forward and backward, the Library of Congress is holding a 200-year birthday bash on Monday, opening a new Web site for kids and showing off a reconstruction of Thomas Jefferson's own library — the core of the world's biggest collection.

It's not just books. Last time it counted, the library had 9,429,184 books, including music, bound newspapers and other printed material. It also had 53,120,327 manuscripts and over 25 million films, prints, photos, drawings and posters.

Almost 119 million items in all. They include clay tablets 4,000 years old with information about the economy of Sumer in Asia Minor, Librarian James H. Billington notes.

The library has been putting about a million items annually on



A reconstruction of the library of Thomas Jefferson, sold to the Library of Congress in the early 1800s, is scheduled to be featured during a 200-year birthday party Monday at the Library of Congress in Washington.

AP Photo

its Web site called American Memory, largely historical material like the papers of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Maps and photos, too. It expects to reach 5 million by the

end of this year.

The new Web site — www.americanlibrary.gov — was due to go on line Monday with 3,000 items, educational items for children and families. Additions will

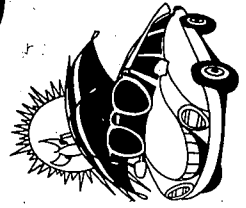
depend largely on private contributions, which spokesman Guy Lamolina estimated as covering three-quarters of the costs.

For the year that ended last Sept. 30, Congress appropriated \$391,660,000 for all the library's activities.

In 1813 U.S. troops invaded Canada and burned the parliament's library. The next year the British burned Washington and the 2,000 book library was ruined.

Jefferson, 71 and deep in debt, sold the government his collection of 6,487 books, one of the country's best, for \$23,940. The library calculates that would be \$213,000 in today's money. Later fires destroyed many of them.

The reconstruction contains not only the same titles as Jefferson owned but precisely the same editions that he bought. They are arranged in a circle of tall shelves as they once were above the entrance hall to his home at Monticello. Mark Dimunation, head of rare books at the library, is still looking for several hundred and his meticulously marked the gaps in his reconstruction.



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-LETTER- Gore misses the point about conservationism

Lafferty's the fall guy
The Lafferty case has the Times-News editorial staff all lifted up. Any who have had much to do with the court system know quite well that Lafferty isn't making a mockery of anything. He's just the dupe. The legal system has full power to do anything it wishes whenever it wishes, so after the case has been milked for all it is worth, the ax will fall. The game is to take the taxpayer to the cleaners. After all, it should be obvious by now that if Ron Lafferty were worth \$50 million, the bell of justice would ring even more hollow. Everybody knows this, and it is one of several reasons why all other western counties did away with the death penalty. It's just easier and cheaper to give them life without.

What is interesting here is that Lafferty's homicidal tendencies are exciting homicidal tendencies in so many others. He kills some decent people so others feel the need to kill. Would the judgment be the same if the victims were innocent people? What we forget is "a killing is a killing" no matter who does it or for what reason. Sugar-coating the bitter pill with all the legal mumbo-jumbo will not change the fact that Ron Lafferty's death, or anyone's, is still a killing. Lafferty will get his sooner or later, but for those who can't wait, I suggest you go kill 'em yourself. Oh! I forgot. You're law-abiding citizens. That means you'll excite the situation into a frenzy then draft someone else to do your killing for you. If you're successful, you can claim the responsibility and be the hero. If you're wrong, you can decline responsibility by stepping back into the shadows of respectability and somebody else takes the fall.

It would be wise indeed, if indeed wisdom is what we seek, that the staff at The Times-News, and those in Magic Valley as a whole, make the essays, "The Disgraceful Persecution of a Boy" and "The United States of Lynchism," both by Mark Twain, mandatory reading. One of the biggest mistakes we make as a society is assuming things were different 50, 100 or 200 years ago; they weren't. The American people were just as corrupt, murderous and perverted then as they are now, and all this thrashing around will only make it faster.

MARK SCHUCKERT
Twin Falls

Early in his 1992 book, "Earth in the Balance," Al Gore describes a close encounter with a "startling image of nature out of place." Driving in suburban Arlington, Va., Gore had almost run over a pheasant that was crossing the street. "Why would a pheasant, let alone such a large and beautiful mature specimen, be out for a walk in my neighborhood?" Gore wondered.

Some weeks later he felt he had "solved the mystery." "I remembered that about three miles away, along the edge of the river, developers were bulldozing the last hundred acres of untouched forest in the entire area. As the woods fell to make way for more concrete, more buildings, parking lots, and streets, the wild things that lived there were forced to flee."

That vision — of humanity advancing, and the wilderness retreating — has troubled Americans since the days of John Muir and Theodore Roosevelt. And so it should. A comprehensive survey published recently by the Nature Conservancy confirms that an unusually diverse array of native plants and animals inhabits U.S. lands and waters — some 200,000 species documented so far, with perhaps as many more yet to be counted.

By and large, however, Gore's own environmental agenda has had a very different focus. The pheasant anecdote is one of the few mentions of anything like traditional "conservation" in "Earth in the Balance." "Wilderness," "national parks" and "national forests" don't figure in his index at all. For Gore, the "balance" of the earth is mainly about such things as global warming, chlorofluorocarbons, ozone depletion and birth control. Only recently has Gore made any effort to envision himself as a land-use environmentalist. In January 1999 he proposed a \$10 billion program of "Better America Bonds" to help cities buy up neighboring farmland to curtail urban sprawl.

But wilderness conservation has little to do with urban sprawl. Our cities, suburbs, highways and local roads now cover about 60 million

PETER HUBER

acres, well over double the area they occupied in 1920 — but still under 3 percent of the land area of the continental United States. Most of what the wilderness has lost to Americans it has lost to our agriculture. For every acre of land we use for home or office, roads and highways, we currently use six acres for crops. Another eight acres are designated as range-lands for our livestock, which pound for pound, outweigh us. And bucolic though they appear to the casual eye, farms and ranges aren't wilderness. Endless miles of what are not biodiverse prairie.



Happily, however, our agricultural footprint has been shrinking a lot faster than our cities have been sprawling. When Europeans first arrived on this continent, the area now represented by the lower 48 United States had about 950 million acres of forest. That area shrunk steadily until about 1920, to a low of 600 million acres, as Americans began to spread across the landscape.

Then, astonishingly, we began to retreat, and the wilderness began to expand once again. Precisely how fast is hard to nail down: The continent is large, most of the land is privately owned, and the definitional debates rage. But all analyses show more, not less, forest land in America today — somewhere between 20 million and 140 million acres more — than in 1920. Roughly 80 million more acres of cropland were harvested 60 years ago than are harvested today.

This remarkable reversal was made possible by the very technologies that Al Gore urges us to abandon — technologies that have permitted us to consume more food and energy while using less of the surface of our continent to produce it. Cement, steel and synthetic

plastics displaced hardwoods in our ships, dwellings and furniture. Fossil and nuclear fuels displaced wood in our residential and industrial furnaces. We traded farm acres and huge expanses of horse pasture for trains, trucks, highways, internal combustion engines and fossil fuels. An advanced transportation infrastructure allowed us to abandon inferior acres of farmland in the Adirondacks for much more productive acres in Iowa.

High-tech agriculture did the rest: Better genes, fertilizers and pesticides dramatically increased yields per acre further still.

Few of these technologies find any favor with Al Gore. To his eyes, they represent only "dangerous bargains with the future."

How risqué such bargains may be is a legitimate subject of debate. But so far as conserving wilderness is concerned, the critical balance to be struck is one that Gore overlooks entirely: a balance between technologies that are frugal with land and technologies that aren't. Some alternatives may indeed be better in every respect — land-frugal and also cleaner, safer and more "natural" or "organic"; others may be worse in every dimension. But most of the real choices are a lot more difficult than that. Some of

the most difficult, such as fossil and nuclear fuels, involve technologies that are very frugal with land when they work properly, but potentially profligate when they don't.

Much though he has emphasized his green sensibilities, Gore has expressed little real interest in conservation. And he clearly distrusts the technologies that have made possible our own retreat from the wilderness in this century. Republicans ought to put

wilderness conservation, and the technologies that promote it, at the center of their environmental agenda. There is politically important space here that Gore has left wide open for others to occupy.

Peter Huber is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and the author of "Hard Green: Saving the Environment from the Environmentalists." He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

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You hidin' extra toes in your socks?

The Census Bureau says Idahoans are slittish as a coyote at a roadrunner reunion about answering questions this year. Seems to me you just have to know what to ask.

Introducing the 2000 True Idahoan Census form:

1. Please describe the size of your household:
 - A. Broad.
 - B. Fasel.
 - C. The size of a Mormon family.
 - D. The size of a Mormon family that married Catholics.
2. How ya'll make ends meet?
 - A. We supplement with rock-chucks.
 - B. The wife works.
 - C. The wife works two jobs.
 - D. The husband's thinkin' pretty hard about gettin' hisself a job too.
3. How many big wheels you got settin' in the yard that are actually covered by an inflated tire?
 - A. None.
 - B. I think there's some air in the spare.
 - C. Countin' the tire on the swing?
 - D. Just pa.
4. Describe the comfort facilities in your primary residence:
 - A. A two-seater.
 - B. A one-seater that pinches.
 - C. A sagebrush.
 - D. The fillin' station down the road.
5. Circle the item that best describes your family's roots:
 - A. Dubious.
 - B. Duboi.
 - C. Equine larce-ry.
 - D. The people's republic of home-ly.
6. Circle your highest level of educational attainment:
 - A. The Sorbonne.
 - B. The school of sore bunns.
 - C. Hardt mocks.
 - D. I'll take off my boots and get back to you.
7. How many of the following major purchases have you made in the past year:
 - A. Caise n' loon Pies.
 - B. Mud flaps.
 - C. Mud flaps with stainless-steel silhouettes of necked woman.
 - D. Teeth.
8. What do you drive?
 - A. An F-100 with mostly GMC parts.
 - B. A green hatchback of indeterminate ancestry.
 - C. Something built in the former Yugoslavia.
 - D. A snowmobile on Roller Blades.
9. Income:
 - A. A hamlet in southeastern Idaho.
 - B. Less than \$22.
 - C. More than \$22.
 - D. None of your damn business.
10. Ya'll got a big screen?
 - A. Is the WWF tacky?
 - B. Damned straight; \$200 cash money at Repo Depot.
 - C. Two. The bigger one sets out in the front yard.
 - D. Not since the wife discovered the Hee-Haw Shopping Channel.
11. Which auto part could you most readily do without?
 - A. Miller.
 - B. Tailgate.
 - C. Floor boards.
 - D. Turn signal.
12. Which home amenity could you most readily do without?
 - A. Linoleum.
 - B. A tub.
 - C. Screen mesh in the door.
 - D. Goat (for the lawn, stupid).
13. What is your opinion of live-stock in the home?
 - A. Milkin' at the kitchen table is a big time-saver.
 - B. Fair enough, but the divan is a no-oo-zone.
 - C. OK, as long as the mare's got her own room and everything.
 - D. You talkin' about the mister?
14. Please circle to health-care services to which your family has access:
 - A. Bag baln.
 - B. Old Granddad.
 - C. The vet makes housecalls.
 - D. A poultice with somethin' smelly inside.
15. Are there any couples in your household living in sin?
 - A. No, but got a cousin livin' in Clauibuck.
 - B. Yes, but we cleaned it all up with the Shop-Vac.
 - C. Mabe so, but they're havin' much fun, are they?
 - D. If this is sin, then purgatory's a doggy.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Steve Crump is the managing editor. We're just kidding.

Fish & Game, lawmakers discuss issues facing sportsmen and sportswomen

By Jay Howser
Times-News writer

EDEN — A top Fish and Game official and two state legislators paid a visit to Eden Saturday afternoon to field questions about issues facing Idaho sportsmen and sportswomen.

The non-turnout baffled Idaho Fish and Game Commissioner Fred Wood; Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome; and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. They all said they get plenty of phone-calls from sports enthusiasts upset with certain policies, especially when it comes to hunting license fee increases and the management of Fish and Game Department funds.

Wood said many concerns he hears stem from misunderstandings of Fish and Game policies. He said he tries to respond to phone messages, but some of the angrier callers don't leave any contact information.

Saturday's failed attempt to reach Magic Valley residents face-to-face frustrated Wood because again he wasn't able to get his message out.

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THE BIG EGG HUNT



With 5,000 plastic eggs up for grabs at the annual College of Southern Idaho Easter egg hunt Saturday, parents lend a lift, a push and a tug in the youngest division. While most eggs were filled with candy, some had prizes from local merchants and three grand prize bicycles were given away.

Police consolidation hangs in the balance

By Lorraine Cavenor
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A committee has recommended a permanent merger between the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department and Rupert Police Department, but that doesn't mean it's a done deal.

The Rupert City Council and Minidoka County commissioners are not quite ready to make a decision, said Rick Bolzar, who serves as attorney for Rupert and Minidoka County.



Minidoka County Sheriff Paul Fries looks over paperwork in his office. Officials are considering a permanent merger between the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department and the Rupert Police Department.

Stephan Bywater said, "It has been really nice to have one agency to deal with... one set of detectives and one set of policies to work with," he said.

The agreement would permanently continue between the departments, he said, but mechanics of pay scale, benefits, responsibilities, training and details need to be worked out whether the agreement becomes permanent or not.

Many churches will celebrate Easter with special services today

TWIN FALLS — Many churches will celebrate Easter with special services today. Here's a rundown of some of those services.

The First United Methodist Church of Twin Falls will sponsor a community Easter sunrise service at 8:30 a.m. at Shoshone Falls. The public is invited to the service and to breakfast, which will be served from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Twin Falls church, 360 Shoshone St. E. A rejoice service is set for 8:30 a.m. at the church and a traditional service will be held at 11 a.m.

In the Twin Falls Catholic community, the St. Edward's and Guadalupe parishes will hold mass at their normal times today.

Avenue E. For free transportation, call 734-7213. Services for wards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held at normal times.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-6370, Ext. 276, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadlines is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 8 p.m. every day.

JEROME



Theodor Z. Miller

Theodor Zorn Miller, cowboy, Marine officer, hay dealer and dairyman, died at his home in Jerome on April 19, 2000. Ted was born at Wisdom, in the Big Hole Valley of Montana in 1919...

grave in the Wisdom Cemetery, in a family cemetery later this year. In the fall of 1946, the family suggested donations to St. Jerome's Tijuana Orphanage Project, the Elmer H. Scholership Fund at Jerome High School in Ted's name, or to the American Heart Association.

GOODING



Hazel Lenoir Suddeth Loucks

Hazel Lenoir Suddeth Loucks, 90, of Gooding, passed away April 21, 2000, at the Sunbridge Care Center in Twin Falls.

She was born May 16, 1909, in Lenoir, North Carolina, the daughter of C.O. Lum and Lillie Dyer. She moved with her family to Idaho in 1910, and graduated from Hollister High School in 1928...

Scout leader and Cub Scout Den Mother while operating a small day care center out of her home. As her children grew, she was able to return to her first love, music.

Martha is survived by her husband, Jerry; five children; and one foster son, Batti Carol Vance Taylor (James) of Buhl, Dorothy Stevens (Richard) of Buhl, Marilyn Wendel (Joseph) of Stanwood, Iowa, Robert "Bob" Copp (Rosemary) of Denver, Colorado, David and Valerie (Robbecca) of Parker, Colorado, and foster son, William J. Butler (Arline) of Castle Rock, Colorado. Their descendants include 16 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and eight siblings. A Celebration of Life Service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home at 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS

David W. Britt, 76, of Twin Falls, and formerly of Garland, Texas, passed on to His Heavenly Father on Friday, April 21, 2000, at Bridgeview Estates, after a nine-year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

David was born in Fallsview, Arkansas, on September 11, 1923, to Agnes and Hugh Britt. He attended school in Oklahoma, and worked in Commerce, Texas. He married Mildred Marie Wilson on March 31, 1946. They had two daughters, Debra and Doreen. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 32nd degree mason. He was active in his lodge for many years.

Local arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

HAGERMAN

Private family graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Private family visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Martha Grow VanEpps, 91, of Hagerman, died peacefully Thursday, April 20, 2000, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care in Jerome, surrounded by her loving family.

Martha was born July 19, 1908, in Hoven, South Dakota. The daughter of Fred C. and Nina (Roberts) Grow, she was the sixth of 13 children. Martha graduated from Watertown High School in 1926, and attended Yankton College in Yankton, South Dakota. At college, she took an active part on campus in music affairs.

Survivors include his daughters, Sherry Britt of Rowlett, Texas, and Darlene (John) Blair; grandsons Jonathan David Blair and Jacob James Blair, and granddaughters Kristina Kinika Blair, all of Twin Falls, Idaho; a sister, Mildred Bailey of Anadarko, Oklahoma; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred. Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at the Wildwood Chapel in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Local arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

FILER

James H. Olson

James Harris Olson, 73, of Filer, died Friday, April 21, 2000, at his home. He was born March 19, 1927, in Viking, Minnesota, the son of Arthur and Hulda Olson. He served in the Navy during WW II. He married Patricia Notlander at Clearbrook, Minn., on April 23, 1951.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two grandmothers, two uncles, aunts, nieces, and nephews.

SERVICES

Jessie Gonzalez of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Monday at Rupert Cemetery (Emanuel Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Mildred C. Henshaw of Boise, service at 7 p.m. today at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Boise. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Boise.

Adelaide McGowan Walters of Shoshone, service at 4 p.m. Monday at the China Cemetery in Challis (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

James "Jim" Chastern of Albion resident, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Albion LDS Ward Chapel. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home at 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Ella Rose Fletcher Tremewan of Caldwell, and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Monday at Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell. Friends may call from 10-145 p.m. at the White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Gary M. Rodabaugh of Burley, service at 11 a.m. April 25 at the LDS First and Second Ward building at 550 Villa in Heyburn.

Biviano and Benvenuto De La Cruz Canoyal and wife, service at 11 a.m. April 24 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church at 216 S. 4th Ave. E. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Lucille Emma Brown of Heyburn, services at 11 a.m. April 24 at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. April 23 at the chapel, and one hour before the service April 24.

DEATH NOTICES

Dean Sheckler

TWIN FALLS — Dean Sheckler, 89, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 22, 2000, at Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Services will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Patricia Thomason Ramsey

JEROME — Patricia Thomason Ramsey, 68, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 22, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Services are pending under the direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Beni Gonzales

RUPERT — Beni Gonzales, 72, of Rupert, died Friday, April 21, 2000, at his home in Rupert. Services are pending and to be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Sarah Oosterhout

DECLO — Sarah Oosterhout, 88, of Declo, died Saturday, April 22, 2000, at her home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at the Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 213 W. Main St. in Declo, with Bishop Daniel Turner officiating. Interment will follow at the Declo Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at Rasmussen Funeral Home at 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church. A complete obituary will appear in the April 24, 2000, edition of The Times-News.

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With war imminent, he enlisted in the Marine Corps, and attended Colgate University and UC Davis while in the military. After OCS, Ted was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and later rose to Captain. He saw combat in the Pacific, and was among the first occupation troops to arrive in Nagasaki, Japan, only 10 days after it was struck by the second atomic bomb that ended WW II.

After moving his hay company to Chino, Calif., in the early 1970's, as population grew he purchased dairies farther out. Ted entered the dairy business himself in the mid-1970's. By the early 1980's, he expanded his business by partnering with two of his daughters and their husbands in new dairies in Jerome. In the late 1980's, he retired from his business, sold his interests in his daughters' dairies to them, and moved his own dairy to Jerome, where he has since assisted by her for his integrity, generosity and strong community spirit.

He is survived by his dearly beloved life partner of many years, Zippora Stahl; his daughters, Karen (Johnny) Lopez, and Janet (Greg) Ledbetter, both of Jerome, Mary Goodman of Nevada City, Calif., and Barbara (Jim) Smith of Redway, Calif. Also surviving are his 11 grandchildren, Maggie Milsod, Gabe, Katie and Teddy Lopez; Nico and Francesco Cantone, and Will Ledbetter, all of Idaho. Zachary Stone, Malik Goodman, and Benjamin Goodman are all of California; and Ariadne Goodman of New York. Also surviving are six great-grandchildren, and Zippora's children and grand children.

Agency tries to solve affordable housing problem in Minidoka

By Lorraine Caverer
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The outlook on affordable housing in Minidoka County is bleak and members of the agency would like to do something about it.

During a Thursday town meeting, South Central Community Action Agency members will present and discuss preliminary findings of a Minidoka County housing needs assessment conducted by the SCCAA.

The report contains information regarding local demographic trends, household composition, existing housing conditions and supply and other issues regarding housing in Minidoka County.

"Knowing the needs and availability of low-income housing is critical to the development of the SCCAA's housing goal of seeing that all citizens of Magic Valley have decent affordable housing," said Scott Hauert of the SCCAA.

He encouraged county resi-

dents and any other interested parties to attend.

Magic Valley has a sizable number of working poor and temporarily homeless persons and families, Hauert said.

"The data is startling," he said. "Minidoka County is the hardest hit county in Region IV for the number of people living in poverty."

While the outlook on poverty is bleak, there are a couple of projects in the works in Rupert which could help provide affordable housing, said Jim Fields, housing coordinator for the SCCAA.

Rupert is working to obtain a Community Development Block Grant which would pave the way for 70 units of family and senior housing. The city is working in partnership with Shown Harrison, a Boise developer, and PacificCap, a housing development corporation based in Portland, Ore.

The market study for the project, known as the Crosshair development and located near

Big Valley Elementary School, shows a need for about 124 units of housing in Rupert, Harriman said. Another senior citizen apartment complex in Rupert is also in the works. Melody Fox, site manager at Rupert Senior Center, is in the process of applying for grants for a feasibility study for the project.

The 12- to 16-unit complex, which could be built next to the senior center — would provide affordable housing for seniors and revenue to help support the center, Fox said.

Fox said C Street Manor and Sunset Manor, two other affordable-housing complexes in Rupert, have waiting lists.

But glitches in paperwork set the project back a year, said Rupert Mayor Audrey Neiwirth. The senior center project could also take a considerable amount of time to develop, Fox said. Projects such as the Crosshair Development and the Senior Center project will be discussed at the Thursday town meeting, Hauert said.

Meeting

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"I guess the word I would use is 'disappointment,'" Wood said. "I would rather have 100 people show up complaining than no one at all."

Despite the no-shows, the officials took advantage of their time together to discuss some of the issues.

Regarding hunting fee hikes, Cameron said people have told him they are angry with the increase, and they accuse Fish and Game of mismanaging its resources. They can't understand why fees are going up — except fees for junks and the three increased — when Fish and Game officials are driving nice cars or top-of-the-line boats, he said.

"With some of that the department needs to be more careful," Cameron said. "Perhaps a little restraint would go a long way for some people."

Wood agreed, saying the department needs to tighten up its vehicle management policies.

"We have to have a total department vehicle management plan. I don't know what it is, but we need to be able to get the most number of vehicles for the least amount of money," he said.

Bell said she would like to see the day when hunting fees are set by the legislature but by the Fish and Game commission. The issue would not be so political that way, she said.

"I think there are better ways of doing it than what we are doing. We don't need the aggra-

vation," she said.

Wood and Bell agreed, however, that the department is still distrusted by too many people for that idea to be accepted in the near future.

"We consider this to be the major problem: the distrust between the landowners and the department and the sportsmen and the state," Wood said. "But I think we can turn it around. You can't do it in a month or a year, but I really think it can happen in five years or 10 years."

It can't happen without better communication between the state officials and the public, the three agreed, and the meeting in Eden could have been a great initial step. Wood, Bell and Cameron said they didn't know what to make of the empty seats Saturday afternoon. Maybe people are apathetic. Maybe concerns are not as serious as they thought. Maybe they need to advertise more. In any case, it was a missed opportunity to connect with the people they represent, they said.

Cameron said it's not the first time he's seen this happen.

"It is disappointing in some ways that people didn't show up to voice their opinion, but that happens. Sometimes people show up and sometimes they don't," he said.

Wood said even if people had no concerns at all, it would have been beneficial to have them attend.

People tend to show up when things are really bad, but the time to voice opinions is before it gets to that point, when things are good," he said.

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April 10, 2000

Police

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Rupert police officers' starting wage is \$1,723 a month. The average officer's wage is \$1,835 a month, said Norma Middlestead, a city payroll clerk.

Fries did not have exact figures, but said county deputy's starting wage is higher than at a Rupert officer's wage. However, the county wage does not climb as high as a Rupert officer's wage eventually would. Rupert benefits are better as well, he said.

Training opportunities for county deputies are better, Bollar said. The city budget does not allow for much training.

Turnover rates in the county department have been low, Fries said. In the seven years he has been sheriff, the department has lost one deputy. One officer person quit and one retired.

"I know they don't stay because of the outrageous wages," he said. "They are dedicated people."

• How about response time? Calculating average response time in Minidoka County is nearly impossible, Fries said. With officers covering the 770 square miles of the county, response time depends on where the officer is located and where the call is, he said.

Service

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hold a 9 a.m. Mass in English and an 11:30 a.m. Mass in Spanish this morning.

• In Castledford, there will be a Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. at Kelly's Bus, 832 E. 3800 N. (look for signs). In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Castledford Methodist Church. Breakfast will follow at the Castledford First Baptist Church. Celebration of the Resurrection begins at 9 a.m. at the Castledford Methodist Church.

• The Bahi United Methodist Church will hold an Easter egg hunt for children at 9:30 a.m. and Celebration of the Resurrection at 11 a.m.

• Easter: Some "Alternative Interpretations" will be the theme of the service of the Twain Fellowship of Twin Falls celebrates Easter at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the YPCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd. The Rev. Bill Silsbee presided. The service will explore several interpretations of the resurrection of Christ.

Christ.

• "Easter: The Greatest of all Christian Evidences" is the theme for the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday at Christian Center Four-square Church, 181 Morrison St. Visitors are welcome.

• A combined Sunday school and church service at 10:30 a.m. will be the special Easter service at the Community Bible Church, 610 Valencia St. in Piler. Children from the Sunday school will present the message of Christ's resurrection, with the pastor speaking on the same theme. Everyone is welcome.

• Tim & Company will present an Easter celebration at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Assembly of God Church, 148 N. Locust in Twin Falls. Tim and Sedona Bruner have been traveling on the evangelistic field with their family throughout the United States and Europe.

• Holy Communion will be observed at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Epiphany Church in Gooding with the Rev. Mary Kay Amner.

• Easter: Some "Alternative Interpretations" will be the theme of the service of the Twain Fellowship of Twin Falls celebrates Easter at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the YPCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd. The Rev. Bill Silsbee presided. The service will explore several interpretations of the resurrection of Christ.

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Landowners lock up land; frustration with F & G grows

DAYTON (AP) - Dozens of landowners are preventing hunters from using their land this year in response to frustrations over how the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is managing dwindling deer herds in unit 73. Those landowners live in unit 73, an easily accessible area of prime mule deer and upland game bird habitat nestled along the Utah border between Preston and Malad.

As a result of their decision, more than 85,000 acres, about half of the eastern section of the hunting unit, will be off limits to hunters this fall.

"We're not out to get hunters," said Jim Naylor, who also said he could do nothing but watch last fall as more than 700 bucks from the unit fell victim to more than 2,200 hunters.

"We all love to hunt, too," Naylor said. "But we have to have deer to hunt."

Posting the land, landowner Kenton Fredrickson said, will hopefully take some of the pressure off what he believes to be a thinned-out deer herd with only

about three bucks for every 100 does, well below the 25 to 100 ratio Fish and Game claims the herd has.

In 1997 and 1998, the unit hosted limited deer hunts in order to rebuild a population that suffered from a severe 1993 winter. As of last year, Fredrickson said, numbers were on the rise and the herds were getting healthier.

"They were doing things right," Fredrickson said of Fish and Game. "You have to give them credit for that."

Then last year, Fish and Game opened the unit up to an all-buck hunt, and landowners watched as hunters from all over the region flocked to the area on opening day.

Naylor recalled seeing one group of bucks, some of them quite large, flushed from cover and forced out into the open on the first day of rifle season.

"There were 11 in all," he said. "By the time they topped the next ridge, nine had been shot. It was an absolute slaughter. It was pathetic how many people came out here to hunt last year."

Complaints about gunshots at lake stir controversy

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) - George and P.J. Watters like to sit out on their front deck in blissful quiet, but the sound of gunfire nearby has ruined their tranquility.

On several nights recently, and countless others since they bought their home on Lake Coeur d'Alene in 1997, the couple has awakened to the sound of automatic rifles, rapid-fire pistols and cannons.

Watters lives just down the hill from Rollie Watson, the Rathdrum city attorney and brother of Kootenai County Sheriff Rocky Watson.

The Watters have trouble sleeping at night. P.J. said she has to psyche herself up just to walk outside. And the family dog is going ballistic.

"It's scary," she said. "You have to be careful when you go outside, because it seems like you're living in a war zone out here."

"I have friends who are Vietnam War veterans," George adds. "They're scared to come out here now, because they say it reminds them of the war."

In 1998, 24 neighbors signed a petition, voicing their objection to Watson's guns.

Firing weapons outside city limits is perfectly legal, sheriff's

deputies said. But Watters said Watson is intentionally harassing him because of an ongoing land dispute.

Watson filed two lawsuits against him last month, both claiming that Watters illegally closed a road that provided lake access. One in Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court was dismissed. The other is pending in county court.

"He's not trying to hurt me," Watters said. "He's just trying to harass."

Watters has complained to the Sheriff's Department on several occasions, to no avail. So on Thursday, he filed a complaint with the Idaho Bar Association, accusing Watson of activities unbecoming a member of the bar, and misuse of privileges in frivolous lawsuits.

Watson has filed more than 30 civil suits in Kootenai County. Watters wonders if the sheriff is protecting his brother.

Sheriff Watson is quick to assure he has stayed out of the situation on both sides, and his department is handling the case in the usual way, send the complaints to county Prosecutor Bill Douglas.

"You can't pick your relatives," Sheriff Watson said, with a sigh. "And you treat everybody fairly?"

Running for office, even at state level, can get expensive

BOISE (AP) - As challengers for Idaho's legislative seats gear up campaign donations for next month's primary election, sitting lawmakers have already gotten off to a strong start.

The next filing deadline of the primary election, May 16, is yet to come. But according to the most recent disclosures, campaign donations already cashed by incumbents show that challengers will face a steep climb if they hope to compete.

In Ada and Canyon counties, the 28 incumbents seeking re-election had an average of

\$3,233 in the bank as of Jan. 1. During off-election year 1999, these legislators were given a total of \$21,744. In comparison, the other Treasure Valley candidates reported total 1999 contributions of \$4,083.

Most of that was split between Democratic candidates LaFawn Hamm and Steven McNeel, who are awaiting GOP primary victors in seats held by Reps. David Callister of Boise and Bill Salt of Kuna.

Most successful candidates eventually will spend much more.

Idaho Public television discusses disclaimer to satisfy legislation

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Adding a disclaimer to controversial programming on Idaho Public Television may pacify programing restrictions from the Legislature while allowing the station to keep federal funding.

Idaho Board of Education member Curtis Eaton proposed Friday the board require Public Television to air a disclaimer stating the station does not sanction acts or events depicted in programming. In a letter dated April 13, Eaton asked the board to consider the option as a way

to reconcile what he describes as contradicting statements in recent legislation that require the board to regulate programing deemed to promote acts illegal in Idaho.

The controversy over programing began last spring, when Idaho Public Television General Manager Peter Morrill decided to air "It's Elementary," an hour-long documentary about how five public school districts across the country dealt with teaching kids about homosexual

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OBITUARIES

BOISE

Shelby Ray Howard

S. R. Howard, 81, of Boise, died Friday, April 21, 2000, at home of natural causes.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at the St. Five Mile Road LDS Chapel, Bishop Patrick Costello, 1810 E. Five Mile Road, Upperton Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will officiate. Burial will follow in Dry Creek Cemetery, 2150 E. Five Mile Road, under the direction of the Relyea Funeral Home, Boise.

Ray was born August 18, 1918, at Savienville, Tennessee, to Clarence Prince Howard and Edith Atchley Howard. He married Glendora Mae Carl Ashby, December 7, 1949, at Ashton, Idaho. They moved from Rupert to Boise in the spring of 1959. Ray served the nation and the Army Air Corps honorably in the Philippines and Aleutian Islands during World War II. He retired from Kewitt Construction Company in 1980, after 33 years of dedicated service, where he worked as a Blaster, Blast Foreman and Superintendent. Ray loved to care for his farm ground, raise livestock, and grow a large vegetable garden, which he generously shared with his family and friends each year. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman, and loved camping with his family. He was especially proud of the accomplishments of his grandchildren, and loved to hold and talk to his great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Prince Howard; his mother, Edith Atchley Howard; three brothers, Hazel, Ben and Bruce Howard; three sisters, Mary and Ruby Howard and Edith Howard Kerley; and one granddaughter, Renee Jensen.

He is survived by his wife, Glendora Mae Howard of Boise; his daughter and son-in-law, Edith and Jim Irving of Boise; a son and daughter, Michael and Leah Lee and Susan Ashley of St. Anthony, Kan.; Kerry Gale Ashley of Ridgecrest, Ca.; 12 loving grandchildren, and nine wonderful great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Relyea Funeral Chapel on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m., and on Tuesday from 1 p.m. until service time at the LDS Chapel, located at 2650 S. Five Mile Road in Boise.

JACKPOT, NEV.

Rick 'Stash' Pettit

Rick 'Stash' Pettit, 42, of Jackpot, Nev., passed away April 20, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

He was born July 27, 1957, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, the son of Richard and Shirley Pettit. He graduated from Skeena High School in 1975. In his high school days, he participated as a member in team roping. During Stash's life, he enjoyed playing pool, fishing, and worked a short time at Harriman State Park, also known as the Rail Road Ranch, and as a livestock inspector for the State of Idaho. He later became a bartender, and was well known in northern Nevada, where he spent the last 20 years working in area clubs, most recently spending four years working for Barton's 93 Club. Stash was well known for his sense of humor, and being able to recall numerous jokes at the drop of a hat, but the highlight of his life was spending time with his daughter. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Surviving are his wife, Janice, and daughter Marisa, both of Mesquite, Nevada; daughter, Lindsay, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; father, Richard Pettit of Twin Falls; mother, Shirley Pettit of Idaho Falls; and a brother, Scot Pettit of Twin Falls.

Stash was preceded in death by his brother, Mark Stewart Pettit.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. Private family funeral will follow at a later date in Ashton, Idaho.

SHOSHONE

Billie Jean Rasmussen

Our loving wife, mother and grandmother - Billie Jean Burt Rasmussen, left this life early in the morning on April 22, 2000.

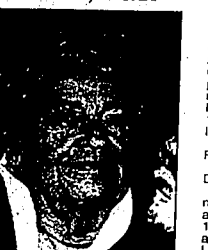
She was born on January 30, 1922, in Brigham City, Utah, to Carlos Nelson and Vera Harper

Burt. On her 18th birthday, she married her sweetheart, Warren Rasmussen. Together, they farmed in Corinne, Utah, and spent the 30 years dairy farming in Shoshone, Idaho. She is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Shoshone, and having served faithfully in many leadership and teaching positions. As part of her legacy, she helped install the first modern telephone system into the small ranching community of Grouse Creek, Utah. Her true legacy is her family: her husband, Warren of Shoshone; two sons, Veri (Alana) Rasmussen of Hailey and Burt (Gloria) Rasmussen of Shoshone; two daughters, Nila K. (Sidan W.) Christensen of Magna, Utah, and Vera Lynne Fridal of Malta, Idaho; two brothers, Wayne Burt of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Dale Burt of Bear River City, Utah; one sister, Marva Rae Randle of Bountiful, Utah; 15 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two infant children, Camellie and Virgil; and son-in-law, Sidney Fridal.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Shoshone. Burial will be in the Shoshone Cemetery. Family members and friends may call from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Damaray's Shoshone Chapel.

LOGAN, UTAH



Anita Cottle Bachman

Anita Cottle Bachman died Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at Logan Regional Hospital of complications due to age.

She was born August 28, 1915, in Ogden, Utah, to Reuben Francis and Ada Evelyn Cottle. When she was young, her parents moved to Fish Haven, Idaho, where they operated a cafe for summer tourists. She went to elementary school in Fish Haven, then the family returned to Ogden where she attended Ogden High School. She married Wayne Goddard Bachman of Ogden on July 24, 1935. Since Wayne worked for the Amalgamated Sugar Company, during their married life the couple lived and worked in Clarksburg, California, Twin Falls and Rupert, Idaho. They were the parents of two children, Joseph Rexel Bachman II, deceased, and Dane.

W. Bachman of Logan, Utah, Anita was energetic and worked much of her long life. She and Wayne were

active in the Twin Falls Elks club and long-time members of the Rupert Country Club. She enjoyed golf and was an avid football and basketball fan. For many years, the couple spent frequent weekends with their family in Sun Valley, Idaho, where they owned a small cabin. The family also enjoyed traveling throughout the United States on summer vacations. Anita sold clothing for ready-to-wear shops in Twin Falls and Rupert, Idaho, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas. She worked as a receptionist for the Minidoka County Newspaper in Rupert, Idaho. Following her husband's death in 1966, Anita lived and worked for a time in Sun Valley, Idaho. Subsequently, she managed apartment complexes in Omaha, Culver City, and Phoenix. After retirement, Anita resided in Ogden, Utah, and lived independently until her recent hospitalization. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

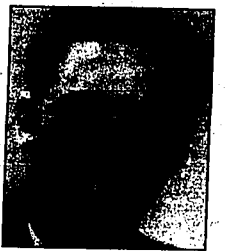
day Saints.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and oldest son.

She is survived by her son, Daniel W. Bachman of Logan, Utah; three brothers, Lewis, of Walnut Creek, Calif., Taylor of Boise, and Thomas Cottle of Portland, Ore.; and by six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at noon Monday, April 24, 2000, at White Mortuary at 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS



John A. Telford

John A. Telford, 77, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, April 20, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

John was born in Graco, Idaho, on October 5, 1922, to George and Geneva Telford, the last of 11 children. He attended schools in Graco and in Los Angeles. He married Dodie Huff in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1951, and she passed away in 1981. He later married Carol Loyd in Sun Valley in 1990, and she passed away in 1994. John retired from Flying J, Inc., in 1984.

He and Carol moved to Twin Falls in 1991.

John is survived by one sister, Dorothy Fowler.

At John's request there will be no services. Friends and relatives are invited to an open house from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2000, at the Weston Plaza at 1350 Blue at Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Cremation is under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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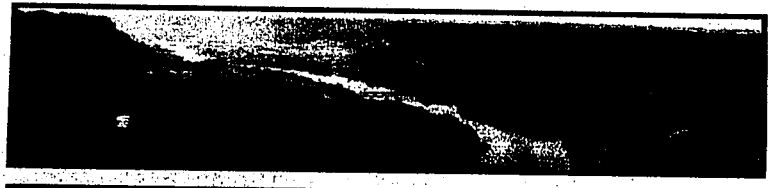
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IDAHO

Native American students join forces to spread awareness

POCAHELLO (AP) — For Jill Parker, a 27-year-old part-Kiowa, part-Comanche Idaho State University student, learning the Shoshone language — similar to the language of her heritage — is an integral part of her school experience.

"Native Americans have our own logic," Parker said. "In order for it to be in its purest form, it's best related in our own language."

To educate ISU students and southeastern Idahoans about the importance of such aspects of American Indian culture, Parker and about 30 other students of an Indian leadership seminar have sponsored ISU's Native American Awareness Week.

"It's all about education," Parker said. "You can't know about anyone or their culture unless you approach them with an open mind."

Parker, decked out in traditional Comanche garb, helped man a booth in the Student Union Building selling tickets for a banquet and encouraging participation in a powwow, the culmination of a week-long focus on Indian culture.

Students Curtis Laclaire, a 25-year-old Mendota Midewanton from Minneapolis, and Rory Tendore, 35, a Dakota from the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming, greeted those interested in powwow T-shirts the group is selling and explaining the raffle of an Indian-style blanket.

"The opportunity to gain leadership experience and work with a conference like this is amazing," Laclaire said.

For Parker, a graduate student in anthropology and foreign languages, participating in the conference is imperative for her own personal awareness.

It also gives her a chance to talk about her heritage and language. She cites "begin" as an example.

"I couldn't even begin to spell it," she said. "It's a feeling or expression you can't describe in English. There's just not a word for it."

Parker also hopes to fight negative stereotypes with which she and other Indians have been blasted.

"Bloodthirsty, drunk, non-intelligent," she said. "There's so many. People think we wear war bonnets and whoop."

Instead, she said, Indians have a different style of learning and communicating than other cultures. Parker remembers noticing she learned differently in grade school, mostly observing rather than asking questions or competing for attention and grades.

When she finishes her studies at ISU, Parker plans to return to Oklahoma to work on language preservation with her tribe.

For Laclaire, who didn't grow up on the reservation and who can pass for a non-Indian, the issues are different.

"It's good for me to increase my awareness now," he said. "The diversity that exists even in the seminar has really helped me understand American Indian heritage."

Laclaire, who will attend Brigham Young University law school in the fall, plans to continue with Indian activism.

For Tendore, a journalist major who plans to work for the Native American Journalism Association on projects concerning Indian issues, participating in the seminar and the conference is about strength in numbers.

"Sure, you go to class sometimes and someone will speak harshly," she said. "But with the class there are always people who will stand by you."

Tribe releases chinook salmon from hatchery

YELLOWPINE (AP) — Chuck Axtell's ancient song rang through the Johnson Creek canyon, a prayer of strength for thousands of 4-inch chinook salmon starting their 800-mile journey to the Pacific.

As his traditional Nez Perce chant reached its crescendo, the clouds parted, bathing the holy man in sunlight as an eagle added its voice to the harmony.

The endangered chinook salmon, raised in the McCall National Hatchery, were returned to the native water of their parents by a fisheries team of the Nez Perce tribe.

The tribal team released 80,000 of the 18-month-old chinook into the Salmon River tributary 100 miles northwest of Boise. They are the offspring of 54 wild salmon captured in 1998 — a quarter of the salmon that returned to Johnson Creek that year.

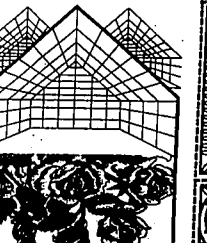
In 1960, about 1,000 salmon returned to spawn in Johnson Creek. In 1995, fewer than 15 came home. If all goes right, 80 to 200 of the progeny of the chinook the Nez Perce released will return during the next three years.

The project is one of the last-ditch efforts agencies across the region are trying to prevent the salmon from going extinct.

The project is controversial because taking salmon out of the wild and placing them in hatcheries is one of the root causes of the fish's decline in the Pacific Northwest. These domesticated salmon adapt to hatchery conditions instead of the rigors of the harsh natural environment.

When mixed with wild stocks, hatchery salmon reduce the genetic diversity of the wild salmon, making them less productive, said Tim Burton, a fisheries biologist with the U.S. Forest Service.

The Forest Service initially had challenged the project. Only 40 percent of the salmon's historic range contains wild strains or stocks of salmon.



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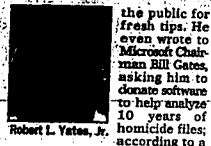
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Serial killer probe relies on police work, DNA

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - A team of police and forensic investigators trying to track a serial killer who preyed on the city's most vulnerable women...



Robert L. Yates, Jr.

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Washington, dating to 1990. Yates' lawyer, Richard Fasy, said Friday he would not comment on the allegations...

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Further tests could tie the slayings of three other women, Sterk said, and investigators also are looking for possible links to six other killings in...

White middle-aged man, court documents say. An officer also contacted Yates more than a year later...

Detectives interviewed Yates last September. In January, they tracked down a woman who had bought Yates' Corvette...

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Christians protest death penalty

BOISE (AP) - Christians gathered on the Statehouse steps on Friday to remember the death of Jesus Christ and pray that the United States stops the death penalty.

executed since the reinstatement. Keith Wells was executed in January 1994 by lethal injection after dropping appeals for his murder conviction.

The service Friday was interrupted several times as some driving by yelled and honked their horns. After the prayer service, many in attendance signed a "Declaration of Life."

Those who signed requested that if they die as a result of a violent crime, their assailant would not be subject to the death penalty.

of God, no matter what they've done." Bishop Michael Driscoll of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise said.

The issue of capital punishment has been divisive among Americans since the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the death penalty in 1976, ruling that it was not "constitutionally severe."

Death penalty supporters argue capital punishment is appropriate for some types of crime, saying it serves as a deterrent to violent acts, protects the public from ruthless killers and provides closure and justice for the victims' families.

Potlatch outlines a number of cuts to reduce expenses

LEWISTON (AP) - Potlatch Corp. expects to make significant reductions in the number of salaried positions and sell timber at the highest market value even if it is not to a company mill.

potlatch's net earnings of \$2.4 million for the first quarter of 2000 were below analysts' expectations. Net earnings for the first quarter of 1999 were \$5.2 million minus a nonrecurring after-tax charge of \$4.6 million.

With 2,300 employees in Lewiston, Potlatch is the biggest employer in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley. The Lewiston mills manufacture a variety of products, including pulp, lumber, paperboard and tissue paper.

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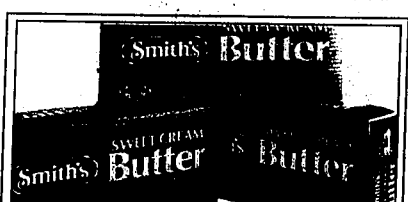
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Week 2 provides plenty of NASCAR racing action

By Kevin Hall Three-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Idaho's only NASCAR track picked up where it left off last week with exciting racing in the Grand National Sportman, Pony and Thunder Stock classes.

Defending Pony stock champ drives away with win
Defending NAPA Pony stock champion David Caldwell Jr. used his pole position and the outside groove to his advantage as the Kimberly resident drove

Magic Valley Speedway
away with his first main event win of the season.
The wire-to-wire victory didn't come easy though, as Caldwell had to fight off the challenge of Mike Prara, Gene Caldwell and Alan Larson, whose Ford Mustang tailed a thin blue smoke race.

Kuna's Bell takes first in Sportman class
Through 10 laps, Michelle Meads was showing the boys how to drive as she held the lead over 1999 Budweiser Street stock champion and Kuna's Craig Bell.
As Meads went low and Bell flanked her high coming into turns,
4. Meads found herself with nowhere to go into one of the light poles, bringing out the race's second yellow flag.

the pack of leaders as if they were standing still. Jeffrey Meads eventually ended up surging as tallpole of frontrunner Bell to finish in second.
"Though Jeffrey Meads wound his way around the six fastest cars in the 35-lap race, time ran out on him as Bell ended up the winner.
"We're just finally getting the car figured out for the race," said Bell, a former class champion at the Meridian Speedway. But Bell had to be nervous about the way Meads ate up the leaders through the middle laps.
" Yeah, he ran well," Bell said. "We were just lucky to have the lead."
Starting out in the back, Jeffrey Meads made a clutch fourth passing Welch on the backstretch on lap 22 before the almost-posessed Meads flew past

Dale Miles for third two laps later. Bell lengthened his lead over Powell by four car lengths as the Camaro was struggling to hold off Meads in his 'Cuda.
The lineup remained that way through lap traffic until lap 33 saw Meads maneuver around Powell and set his sights on the Twin Falls driver.
Natalie Wheeler won her third career race in Saturday's Thunder stock nightcap, outdueling Mike Mattix down the stretch for the victory. Wheeler grabbed the lead on lap 7 and held it for 18 out of the final 19 laps, falling behind only Mattix on lap 18 before charging back in front for the win.

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SCORES AND STATS

Baseball AL Box Score: Blue Jays @ Yankees 2 NEW YORK

AL Standings: East Division, Central Division, West Division

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ON THE AIR TELEVISION: NBA playoffs, Raptors at Knicks, Game 1

ON THE AIR TELEVISION: NHL Standings

ON THE AIR TELEVISION: Tennis Masters Results

Baseball NL Box Score: Mets @ Cubs 3 CHICAGO

NL Standings: East Division, Central Division, West Division

ON THE AIR TELEVISION: NBA playoffs, Pistons at Braves

ON THE AIR TELEVISION: NHL Standings

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ON THE AIR TELEVISION: Vegas Indy 300

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NL Standings: East Division, Central Division, West Division

ON THE AIR TELEVISION: NBA playoffs, Kings at Lakers, Game 1

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Baseball AL Box Score: Mariners @ Royals 2 KANSAS CITY

NL Standings: East Division, Central Division, West Division

ON THE AIR TELEVISION: NBA playoffs, Nets at Nets

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Baseball AL Box Score: Orioles @ A's 3 KANSAS CITY

NL Standings: East Division, Central Division, West Division

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Storied career winds down for Hornacek

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — When Jeff Hornacek ambles onto the floor at the Delta Center, he almost looks like an accountant warming up for the YMCA league.

It's not far from the truth. Back in 1986, after completing his college career at Iowa State, Hornacek interviewed with Des Moines, Iowa, accounting firm. Then he got a late invitation to an NBA draft camp and, later, a call from the Phoenix Suns, who took him in the second round.

After 14 scrappy seasons and two trips to the NBA Finals, Hornacek is retiring after the playoffs.

"I'm looking at this as another season in life," Hornacek said. "I know I wasn't going to play basketball until I was 75 years old. I guess you've got to quit at some point."

Next week Hornacek will turn

37, too old for a sharpshooting guard to keep creaking through the NBA. Doctors have kept his left knee working, but his occasional limping shows it's time to move on.

More important, Hornacek said the demands of professional sports have taken too much time from his family. With his oldest children pushing adolescence, he wants to enjoy their school and family activities.

"You play in the NBA to have fun, try to win a championship and make some money," Hornacek said. "You love to play basketball, but at some point you can't do everything for yourself."

The gangly son of a high school coach, Hornacek wasn't the prototypical NBA player. At 6-foot-4 and 190 pounds, he's got a body that seems better suited for pencil pushing. Even people close to

him didn't think he'd make it. His first contract was a three-year deal that paid him \$70,000, \$80,000 and \$90,000. (He earned a reported \$5.2 million this year.) To save money, he drove a Honda Accord his first six seasons. His college coach didn't think he'd last a year.

"He was a good player, a very nice kid, but I never thought he was good enough for the pros," former Cyclones coach Johnny Orr said. "But one thing about Jeff: he always had confidence. He wasn't afraid of making mistakes."

During the 1999-2000 regular season, Hornacek posted the third-highest free-throw percentage in league history. He made 171-of-180 free throws (95.0 percent) and ranked second in 3-point percentage (47.8).

Hornacek left Phoenix in 1992,

going to Philadelphia in the deal that sent Charles Barkley to the Suns. After two tripping seasons with the Sixers, the Jazz acquired him in a trade for Jeff Malone.

Utah was a great fit for Hornacek and his family. Playing alongside Karl Malone and John Stockton, Hornacek was the missing ingredient that carried the Jazz to the NBA Finals in 1997 and 1998.

Hornacek and his wife, Stacy, have decided to stay in Salt Lake City, citing stability for their children. Hornacek hopes to coach high school basketball but doesn't have anything lined up.

"He'll be tremendous as a coach," Orr said. "He knows the game very well and people will listen to him. He will become an excellent coach because he's always been a student of the game."

First-round Playoff Schedule

All series best-of-5; all times Mountain, if necessary (TV)

Eastern Conference

Miami vs. Detroit
Tuesday: at Miami, 5 p.m. (TNT)
April 28: at Detroit, 10:30 a.m. (NBC)
x-May 3: at Detroit, TBA
x-May 5: at Miami, TBA

Charlotte vs. Philadelphia
Monday: at Charlotte, 6 p.m. (TBS)
Friday: at Philadelphia, 6 (TNT)
x-May 1: at Philadelphia, TBA (TBS)
x-May 4: at Charlotte, TBA

Indiana vs. Milwaukee
Today: at Indiana, 6:30 (TNT)
Thursday: at Indiana, 6 (TNT)
April 29: at Milwaukee, 6:30 (TNT)
x-May 1: at Milwaukee, TBA (TBS)
x-May 4: at Indiana, TBA

New York vs. Toronto
Today: at New York, 10:30 a.m. (NBC)
Wednesday: at New York, 6 (TNT)
Friday: at Toronto, 10:30 (NBC)
x-May 2: at Toronto, TBA
x-May 4: at New York, TBA

Western Conference

Utah vs. Seattle
Monday: at Utah, 8:30 p.m. (TBS)
April 29: at Seattle, 3:30 (NBC)
x-May 3: at Seattle, TBA
x-May 5: at Utah, TBA

San Antonio vs. Phoenix
Tuesday: at San Antonio, 7:30 (TNT)
April 29: at Phoenix, 1 p.m. (NBC)
x-May 2: at Phoenix, TBA
x-May 4: at San Antonio, TBA

Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
Today: at Los Angeles, 3:30 (NBC)
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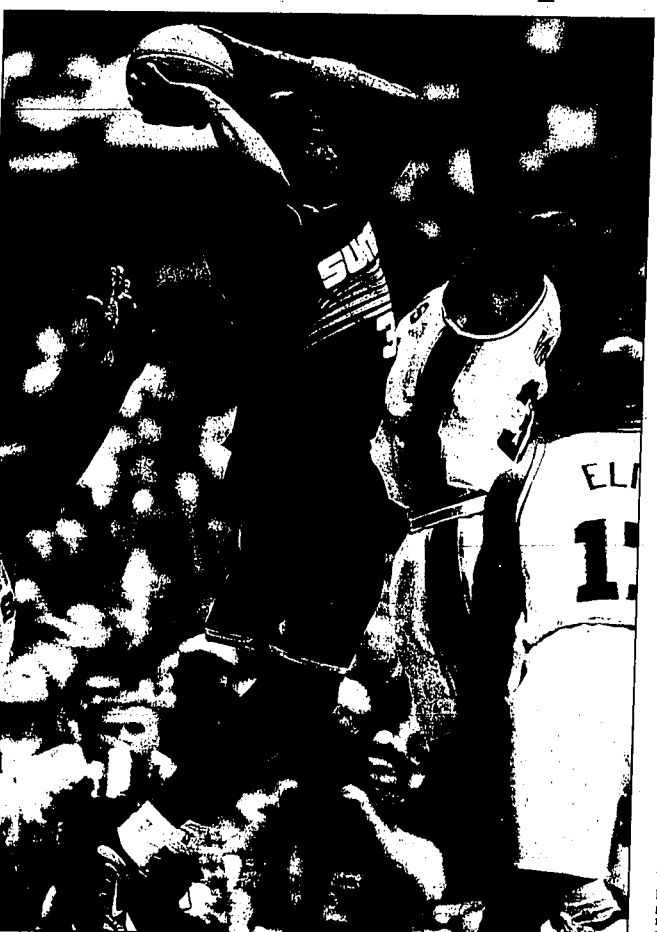
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April 30: at Minnesota, 1 p.m. (NBC)
x-May 2: at Minnesota, TBA
x-May 4: at Portland, TBA

Suns stun Spurs in 72-70 upset

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Phoenix Suns were able to do more with less than the San Antonio Spurs.

In a game that tied an NBA playoff record for fewest points, Cliff Robinson and Penny Hardaway each scored 17 points and Eric Blount hit three free throws in the closing seconds as the Suns opened the first-round series with a 72-70 victory Saturday.

The 142 points tied the playoff record set by Atlanta and Detroit on May 12, 1995. Game



Phoenix Suns forward Cliff Robinson (30) is guarded by San Antonio Spurs forward Malik Rose (31) as he tries to score during the first quarter in San Antonio, Saturday.

2 in the best-of-five series is Tuesday night at the Alamodome.

"This was a big confidence boost for us, especially the way we ended the season," Robinson said. "To come in here and beat this team gives us confidence going into Game 2."

"If we get the next one, we can close it out in Phoenix."

Neither team played at full strength. San Antonio's Tim Duncan, the MVP of last year's NBA Finals, missed the game because of torn cartilage in his left knee. Phoenix guard Jason Kidd is still recovering from a broken ankle.

"Our offense couldn't get it done on a consistent basis and that hurt us," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "The throw situation obviously was not good. If we had taken care of business at the line, we would have been in good shape."

The defending champion Spurs were 12-for-21 at the line. Phoenix led 41-35 at the half, and opened the third quarter with an 11-6 run to make it 52-41. But the Spurs didn't wilt, going on a 16-4 run that gave them a 57-56 lead with 10:34 left in the game.

"This is the kind of game we've played against San Antonio all year," Suns coach Scott Skiles said. "It's an ugly, yet exciting game. We both seem to shoot under 40 percent. We won and I'm happy about that."

It still wasn't over until Rodney Rogers stole an inbound pass with seven-tenths of a second left to kill the Spurs' final chance.

Sean Elliott led San Antonio with 15 points and Samaki Walker had 13 points and 16 rebounds; Robinson was 3-for-12 from the field and finished with 11 points.

PHILADELPHIA — They finished the season three wins shy of 70. They won 36 of 41 games on their home floor. They have home-court advantage throughout the NBA playoffs. And they are the reason basketball fans in search of even a modicum of intrigue have set their sights on the Eastern Conference playoffs.

To put it bluntly, the Los Angeles Lakers, who enter the playoffs as the top seed in the Western Conference, have been the NBA's dominant team since the start of the new year, and it appears as if there is nothing anyone can do about it. But appearances can be deceiving.

There is no one in the East that can stop the Lakers.

The New York Knicks, no matter how well they are playing, have no one but 37-year-old Patrick Ewing; foul-prone, offensively challenged reserve Chris Dudley; and a bunch of smaller guys to deal with Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant. O'Neal's talented sidkick, pretty much had his way against Allan Houston and Latrell Sprewell this season.

Then how about the Indiana Pacers, who have plenty of experienced players? Well, 7-foot-4 center Rik Smits is no stranger to foul trouble. And the Pacers are the same bunch — minus Antonio Davis, who was traded to Toronto in the off-season — that couldn't handle a Knicks front line of Dudley, Marcus Camby and Larry Johnson in last year's Eastern Conference final.

Then there are the Charlotte Hornets, who have been prone to turnovers and inconsistency. And the 76ers, who are still a physical

Lakers appear poised to conquer, unless ...

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big man short of capturing a crown. The Miami Heat don't have anyone worth mentioning as a possession forward beyond Alvin Murnighan and a hobbled Tim Hardaway.

None of those teams can beat the Lakers, but any one of them is capable of beating the other.

Thus, there is at least some suspense in the East. But suspense exists in the West as well.

The Portland Trail Blazers finished the regular season at 59-23 — the second-best record in the league. But they slumped in the latter part of the season, going 6-4 in their last 10 games.

Still, the Blazers have Rasheed Wallace, Brian Grant, Arvydas Sabonis and Steve Smith to battle the Lakers. They also have a degree of urgency, because coach Mike Dunleavy's job could be in jeopardy if they bow out earlier than owner Paul Allen expects them to.

There are also the defending champion San Antonio Spurs. Tim Duncan, who suffered a knee injury late in the season, did not play in Game 1 of the Suns' 72-70 upset to the Phoenix Suns, and may not play in Tuesday's Game 2, meaning David Robinson has to shoulder the burden he is used to shouldering.

If the Spurs get past the Suns, a legitimate argument can be made that they can soften up the Lakers for a Western Conference final series against the Blazers or the Utah Jazz.

"Basically, we could lose if we're not careful," Lakers guard Ron Harper said recently. "We really could lose, but I doubt it'll happen. The big falla (O'Neal) is too focused. Kobe Bryant is (playing well). We've got the players, and we'll be ready."

Sixers stop Hornets in first-round showdown

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Allen Iverson was unstoppable, especially after Eddie Jones got into foul trouble.

Iverson scored a career playoff-high 40 points Saturday night, getting 15 of them in a seven-minute burst after Jones picked up his fourth foul early in the third quarter as the Philadelphia 76ers beat Charlotte 92-82 in Game 1 of their playoff series.

Bottled up by Jones early in the game, Iverson did most of his damage when the Hornets were forced to use David Wesley to defend him. Iverson scored 18 in the third quarter and led a 23-12 run that changed the course of the game.

Iverson went quiet early in the fourth as it took the 76ers more than seven minutes to score their first basket, but he made up for it at the end by scoring six consecutive points after Charlotte pulled within three.

Iverson surpassed his previous playoff-high of 37 reached last year against Orlando. It was the ninth time this season that Iverson scored 40 or more points.

Eric Snow, George Lynch and Tyrone Hill added 10 points apiece for the Sixers, who got little help from their reserves as Toni Kukoc shot 0-for-5 and scored 12 points.

But the lack of bench production mattered little because of the way Iverson turned the game around.

The first four fouls of the third

quarter went against Philadelphia, and it looked a bit like a makeup call when Jones was called for an offensive foul with 7:54 left as he barely pushed off with his forearm. The Hornets led 51-50 at the time, but it forced Jones to the bench for the rest of the quarter and Charlotte wasn't the same without him.

With Jones shaking his head in disbelief at the big falla (O'Neal) is too focused. Kobe Bryant is (playing well). We've got the players, and we'll be ready."

The only player who could produce offensively for Charlotte the rest of the way was backup center Brad Miller, and that wasn't enough to get it done.

Derrick Coleman led the Hornets with 23 points and 16 rebounds. Anthony Mason, Wesley and Jones added 14 each. Jones got off to a slow start, missing his first four shots while the man he was guarding, Wesley, was putting 10 points on the board. The 76ers missed five layups and a dunk in the first 12 minutes, but were tied 23-23 entering the second quarter thanks to Iverson's 3-pointers at the buzzer.

Iverson had 15 by halftime after scoring 12 in the second quarter. Philadelphia finally took the lead before falling behind by nine again, and then trailing 44-41 at halftime.

Mashburn leads Heat to victory over Pistons

MIAMI (AP) — Thanks to the best playoff game of Jamal Mashburn's career, the Miami Heat didn't miss Tim Hardaway much Saturday.

With Hardaway sitting out because of a sore left foot, Mashburn scored 29 points, leading the Heat past the Detroit Pistons 95-85 in their playoff opener.

Game 2 in the best-of-five series is Tuesday.

Alonzo Mourning blocked nine shots, a Heat playoff record, spearheading a strong defensive effort. The Pistons committed 18 turnovers and finished 18 points below their regular-season average of 103.5 per game, second-

best in the NBA.

The Pistons had said they wanted to start the postseason in Miami, but they hardly looked at home against the Heat. Grant Hill, slowed by a bone bruise in his left foot, scored only 13 points and had six turnovers. Jerry Stackhouse led Detroit with 23 points.

Mashburn's point total was a career playoff high and far above his career postseason average of 9.6 per game. He helped Miami get off to a fast start with 11 points in the first quarter, finished 10-for-17 with five assists, and filled in as a point guard for Hardaway.



Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning, right, blocks a shot by Detroit's Christian Laettner during the first quarter of Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals Saturday in Miami.



Lee Salyers surveys his tornado-ravaged movie theater Thursday afternoon in Parsons, Kansas. The southeast Kansas town suffered extensive damage after a tornado passed through the area Wednesday night. Salyers had just opened the three-screen theater March 17. This is not the first time Salyers has had to deal with tragedy. The theater he owned previously in Parsons was destroyed by fire in December 1998.

Residents recall terror of tornado

Town picks up the pieces after ordeal

PARSONS, Kan. (AP) — Gipping a deflated doll between her fingers, Gerry Brown sat on the ground and watched her grandchildren pick through a pile of rubble and broken toys at the tornado-thrashed grounds of a carnival.

The 71-year-old estimated Wednesday's storm, which destroyed her game booth and trailer, cost her close to \$40,000 in damage. But she couldn't help but smile.

"Sitting here watching my grandchildren clean up this mess, I can't help but think how lucky I am to be alive," she said Thursday.

Toby Nemmers, owner of Toby's Carnival, said he had never seen anything like it in his 50 years in the business.

One minute, patrons were being whipped around by his amusement rides. The next, his rides were being whipped around by the tornado that leveled his carnival along with several homes and businesses in this small, southeast Kansas town.

"It was completely unbelievable," said Nemmers, who estimated his damage at \$2 million. "This place looks like it was hit by a bomb."

Nemmers said he cleared customers off the rides just

moments before the storm hit. Some people sought refuge across the street at the police station, where part of the roof was torn off.

"We were all huddled in the men's room with our heads down and we heard the roof peel back. We kept waiting for it to fall on us, but it never did."

The tornado blew into the town of 13,000 shortly before 9 p.m. Wednesday. Red Cross workers estimated that a dozen businesses and several dozen homes were damaged beyond repair.

The downtown area was blocked off by the National

Guard on Thursday as workers cleared streets littered with sheet metal, roofing, tree limbs and glass.

Twenty-seven people were treated at a hospital for mostly minor injuries.

Gov. Bill Graves declared a state of emergency for Labette, Neosho, Montgomery and Crawford counties Thursday. Tornadoes also caused damage in the cities of Walnut, Erie and Cherryvale.

Kathy Knight stood with the aid of crutches in front of what was left of her house, one of about five on her street in Parsons that had the roof blown off.

"I was running in the house when it hit and the wind sucked me right back out on the porch and spun me around like a top," said Knight, who suffered a sprained knee. "It was the scariest thing I've ever experienced."

"We were all huddled in the men's room with our heads down and we heard the roof peel back. We kept waiting for it to fall on us, but it never did."

—Gerry Brown, tornado survivor

Giuliani's wife joins cast of provocative play

NEW YORK (AP) — Donna Hanover, the wife of Republican Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, is joining the cast of the sexually suggestive off-Broadway hit "The Virginia Monologues."

Beginning May 30, Hanover will take over a lead role in the play written by Eve Ensler, a personal friend and political supporter of Hillary Rodham Clinton, Giuliani's opponent in the U.S. Senate race.

The play's monologues are constructed from interviews Ensler held with women on such frank topics as orgasms, pelvic exams, sexual abuse, sexual fantasies and childbirth.

Joannie Danielle, Hanover's spokeswoman, confirmed the casting. Calls seeking comment from the mayor's office were not immediately returned Friday.

Hanover has appeared on the big screen in films including "The People vs. Larry Flynt" and "Light It Up," and on TV in soap operas such as "One Life to Live" and "All My Children."

Giuliani has refused to answer questions about his relationship with his wife despite reports that

People in the news

their 16-year marriage is strained.

Princess Andrew wines, dines media tycoon's daughter

NEW YORK — Princess Andrew is winning and dining Ghislaine Maxwell, the daughter of the late media tycoon Robert Maxwell, the New York Post reported Friday.

The newspaper said the two tried to avoid the prying lenses of photographers after lunch Thursday at Nello's on Madison Avenue.

The paper, citing unnamed sources, said the prince is trying to keep a low profile. His former wife, Sarah Ferguson, shocked the palace several years ago when she was photographed topless with a Texas millionaire.

Arlen Specter does spot on Comedy Central

PHILADELPHIA — Arlen Specter has served on the

Warren Commission, as Philadelphia District Attorney and as U.S. senator.

Those are not exactly qualifications for an appearance on Comedy Central's mock news program, "The Daily Show."

The Pennsylvania Republican praised Sen. John McCain for saying this week that the Confederate flag should be removed from atop the South Carolina Statehouse. McCain had dodged the issue during the campaign.

"I think that makes him a real truth-teller, when he's telling the truth about having not told the truth," Specter said on the show Thursday.

"Are you trying to hypnotize me?" replied host Stewart.

Specter said the show's producers offered him the spot after they saw him doing some comedy at a charity event with Bill Cosby.

Master P holds on tight to dreams of baseball career

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Cut by two NBA teams, rapper Master P refuses to give up on his profes-

sional basketball dreams.

The 25-year-old entertainment mogul, whose real name is Percy Miller, has signed on with the Atlantic City Seagulls of the United States Basketball League. The team opens a 30-game schedule Saturday at Convention Hall.

"Yeah, I do the music thing and the other things, but right now my job is to play basketball and help this team," he said Thursday. "Basketball has been a big part of my life. When I get on the court, it's Percy Miller, and the Master P thing is over."

Miller, who is 6-foot-4 inches tall and weighs 200 pounds, has tried out before. In 1998, he was cut by the Charlotte Hornets in training camp and played briefly afterward in the Continental Basketball Association.

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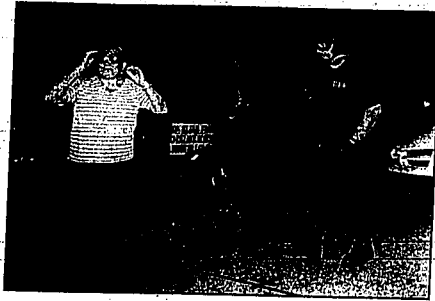
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Their orders were simple, their mission complex, their raid a tactical success. But in three lightning minutes early Saturday morning, armed federal agents also left behind a searing image of a frightened child facing an automatic weapon.

On Thanksgiving Day, Elian Gonzalez was rescued at sea by two fishermen after the child's mother and other refugees died en route from Cuba. Saturday, sandwiched between Good Friday and Easter, one of those fishermen held the 6-year-old in his arms as a federal agent in riot gear brandished a gun and ordered the boy to be turned over.

All day long, the images appeared over and over on television screens around the world: federal agents using a battering ram to smash through the door of the Miami house where Elian was staying, police using pepper spray outside to force the crowd away from the home, and the moment - captured forever in a photograph - when the helmeted federal agent pointed a weapon toward young Elian and the fishermen as they hid together in a bedroom closet.

It was at once, experts said, a tactical success and a public relations failure. And in the aftermath, questions are being raised by Elian's Miami relatives and others about the methods the federal agents used, their decision to go in, and the reason for the heavy artillery they brought with



A woman rushes away from INS agents in the early hours of Saturday as agents storm the Little Havana home of Lazaro Gonzalez to take custody of Elian Gonzalez.

them. "The way it happened is an example of the way it should not be done," said child psychiatrist Stanley Greenspan, who has been watching the situation closely. "We created an unnecessary risk - the degree of severity of which is impossible to assess at the moment."

Justice Department officials said the decision to seize the boy in the pre-dawn raid came after all-night negotiations broke down. That left them with no other choice but to go in.

When they did, the operation involved more than 130 federal agents who had trained for the raid and who operated under

strict terms of engagement that officials say they adhered to completely. Their goal was to get in and out of the house as quickly as possible, and to retrieve Elian with a minimum of violence.

Justice Department officials had received reports that there could be weapons in the house and among the small crowd of demonstrators outside. So the immigration officers and federal marshals who participated were armed and under strict instructions to shoot only in self-defense or to save a human life.

In the end, there was a strong show of force and an abundance of threats but there were no seri-

ous injuries or deaths. And nobody pulled a trigger, federal officials point out.

"Nobody was hurt, no shots were fired and the law was followed so it was a success," said Robert Bryant, former deputy director of the FBI. "They had the lawful right to enter the premises and they have to handle the situation so nobody gets hurt, including the family, the little boy and the officers. They secured the area, and got in and got out. ... It worked out well."

Reno had been advised that the best time to strike was in the dark of night, when the smallest crowd of demonstrators would be present. The plan was to go in at 4 a.m., but Reno pushed it back to 3 so negotiators could have more time. The agents were instructed to knock on the door a couple of times, identify themselves loudly and clearly, and offer a version of the following statement: "We are not here to harm anyone. We are here to return Elian to his father. He is not going to Cuba. He is not going to be put on a boat."

Then, the orders were to give the family the chance to open the door and turn the boy over peacefully. When that didn't happen, federal agents used their battering ram to enter the premises forcibly, warning those inside to turn over Elian and step aside lest they be shot, officials say. A quick search for Elian ensued, the boy was discovered in a closet, an unarmed female agent grabbed him and rushed him out to a van waiting outside.

"They said it should take three minutes in the house and that is exactly what it took," a federal law enforcement official said Saturday.

Reaction to Miami raid polarizes communities

The Associated Press

It was barbaric, some Americans said Saturday of the forcible removal of Elian Gonzalez from his Miami relatives. It was the right thing to do, others said, and the government had no choice.

Reactions were polarized even inside Cuban-American communities.

"I thought that this was the land of the free, but apparently it's not," Rosa Grabe de Peralta said in Union City, N.J., which after Miami has the nation's second-largest Cuban-American community.

But Roland Rolo, sipping coffee in a Cuban cafe in Union City, said he understood the government's action ordered by Attorney General Janet Reno.

"You've got a family laughing at the attorney general, and soon or later you've got to show them some authority," said Rolo, 44, of Piscataway, N.J. "The family overestimated their position of power."

Dozens of Cuban-Americans marched in protest outside Cuba's mission to the United Nations in New York City.

"These kind of storm trooper tactics are the kind of thing that's done in Cuba," said demonstrator Rafael Densio, 42, of New York. "Clinton is a hypocrite. He says he's upholding the law, but there is no law in his administration."

Traffic to and from the Lincoln Tunnel connecting New York City and New Jersey was blocked for 20 minutes as more than 150 people from Union City marched down a highway a mile away. No one was arrested, police said.

"I'm ashamed to be American today," said Joseph Mendez, 30, of Weehawken, N.J., as he waved Cuban and American flags in the middle of traffic.

For others, it was simply time the standoff came to a conclusion.

"It lasted way too long," said Maria Bouchereau, 36, of Los Angeles. "I wish the family had cooperated so they wouldn't have

had to go in like that. But I'm glad it's over."

After the months-long tug of war between the family and the federal government, it took officers only minutes to retrieve the boy from the relatives who cared for him since his rescue at sea and had defied efforts to have him released to his father, who wants to take him back to Cuba.

"The law is the law. You can't bend it. I'm sorry it had to come down to something like that but I think he's back where he belongs, with his father," said Ben Merritt, a Milwaukee bartender.

It was just a case of politics, said Charles Dooley, one of several veterans at VFW Post 1019, in Albany, N.Y., who said Elian belongs with his father.

"It's all just because we're against Cuba," said Dooley, 58. "If it was a kid from a country we were friendly with, this would never be happening."

"It's not fair to bring up politics at the expense of a child," said Ian Coleman, a student in Milwaukee.

Some people saw it in terms of parenthood.

"The kid should be with his father," said Tom McClellan, 41, an electrician in the Chicago suburb of Woodridge. "The people in Miami weren't going to give the boy from his father," said a child, said Ian Coleman, a student in Milwaukee.

"Everyone talks about Cuba being the evil empire, but how evil would we be if we kept the boy from his father?" asked Tim Quistoroff, 34, a Chicago musician.

"Why shouldn't the man have his child? There's nothing abhorrent about a child-being with his father," said Bob Burman, an attorney in Columbus, Ohio, who has two children.

But some parents were troubled by photographs showing the federal agents taking Elian from the home of his great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez.

"I can't believe what I saw. And they want to take our guns away from us?" said Priscilla Talich of Denver, mother of a 9-year-old boy.



Miami police officers arrest a protester after federal agents seized custody of Elian Gonzalez Saturday.

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- * Mormon (or Gentile) relatives.
- * Californians.
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Decision of the judge is pretty much final - unless he changes his mind.

Elian finally reunited with father

Knight Rider News Service



Elián González and his father, Juan Miguel González, are shown after they were reunited Saturday.

WASHINGTON - The shock and pure fear captured on Elian Gonzalez's face during the early-morning raid in Little Havana is gone, his dad's supporters say.

He now sports a big, cheeky smile, the kind a kid has when he's with someone he loves, someone he had missed. After a private moment alone with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, Elian emerged from a U.S. Marshal Service eight-seater plane at Andrews Air Force Base in his father's arms. His head was gently tucked into the crook of his dad's neck, as the happy agent who plucked him from Donato Dalrymple's arms beamed with pride.

"It was unbelievable," said INS Commissioner Doris Meissner. "Elián was just wrapped around his neck."

After an early-morning raid at his relative's Little Havana home, Elian was flown to Washington, D.C., with U.S. marshals, two doctors, INS agent Betty Mills, assistant director for investigations Jim Goldman, and the lead agent whose machine-gun-wielding photo has been shown around the country.

"I was shaking more than the child was," Mills told Meissner later. "That is one strong kid."

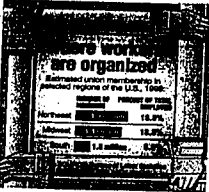
When the flight landed at 8:30 a.m., Juan Miguel Gonzalez boarded. They gave him a minute alone, away from the cameras that have followed his boy for the five months he has lived in the United States.

"I saw him within minutes, and it was clear that there was huge relief on Juan Miguel's face, and a wonder in smile on Elian's," said Gonzalez's attorney, Gregory Craig, said. "I saw no evidence that he was terrified, frightened. He seemed to be very happy to be back with his father."

And the father with his son. "He was tearful and happy," said the Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, who spoke to Juan Miguel by telephone after the reunion. "He was incredibly joyous, crying, joyful and relieved."

Craig, speaking by telephone to CNN, said the hours the father and son spent together at a command post on the Andrews Air Force base were happy ones. "He was laughing with his little brother, Hianny. He was hugging his father," he said.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Idaho Power files for rate increase

TWIN FALLS — Idaho Power Co. this month filed a request for an overall \$38 million rate increase for its Idaho customers.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will consider that annual "power cost adjustment" — or PCA — which compares with a record \$40.4 million PCA decrease last year due to bountiful hydro-generating conditions.

If the request gets approval, a typical monthly residential bill for consumption of 1,200 kilowatt-hours would increase from \$59.10 per month to \$63.32, an approximate 7.1 percent increase for residential customers, Idaho Power said. There would be an increase of 35.14 cents per kilowatt-hour for all customer groups.

The PCA is filed in mid-April each year and goes into effect May 16. The PCA is a regulatory mechanism that ties a portion of customers' rates to changes in the cost of power supply. Any PCA increase would be in force for one year.

"This year our rates will increase because water conditions will be below normal level," said Idaho Power's Ric Gale, general manager of pricing and regulatory services.

Urban Renewal Agency slates Monday meeting

TWIN FALLS — The city's Urban Renewal Agency will meet at 3 p.m. Monday at Cavanaugh Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The agency's meeting will be a planning session with consultant Tom Hudson, who is working with Twin Falls on strategy for downtown and Old Towne, the city's redeveloping warehouse district. The public is welcome.

Investment rep offers free financial workshops

TWIN FALLS — Rob Weaver, an investment representative with Edward Jones, is offering free financial workshops.

The first class will be a four-week workshop from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays on May 9, 16 and 30 and June 6. Two Saturday classes are available: from 8 a.m. to noon June 3, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 10.

All workshops will be held at 1445 Fillmore, Suite 1101. For information or to register, call Patti at 737-0277.

Housing manufacturer reports drop in revenues

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Housing manufacturer Champion Enterprises Inc. reported first-quarter results, for the period ended April 1, down sharply from a year earlier.

Revenues were \$520 million, compared with \$625 million in the quarter 1999. Operating income was \$9.2 million, compared with \$40.7 million a year ago. First-quarter net income was \$1.3 million, or 3 cents per diluted share, compared with \$21.2 million, or 43 cents per diluted share, a year earlier.

Champion owns retailers Factory Homes Outlets in Twin Falls and Burley and Westwind Homes in Filer. "We remained profitable as tightening consumer credit standards and lower sales volume adversely affected first-quarter results," CEO Walter T. Young said. "We continue to strengthen our retail distribution and to develop and market homes that attract new consumer segments."

Compiled from staff reports

WHO'S WILLING TO WORK?

New employers needn't fear lack of labor, provided they offer the right package

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jobless rates are low, but new employers needn't fear.

Twin Falls has a diverse work force willing to change jobs for better wages, benefits and working con-

ditions, according to Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's labor market analyst for the Magic Valley.

Rogers just finished studying the demographic composition of 3,423 people who from 1995 to 2000 applied through the Magic

Valley Job Service office for jobs with 10 major employers in retail, manufacturing, technology and service sectors.

The employers, who didn't want to be named, were mostly retailers but included two manufacturers and one dairy-product

firm, Rogers said. Some individual applicants are duplicated in his totals because they applied at several companies.

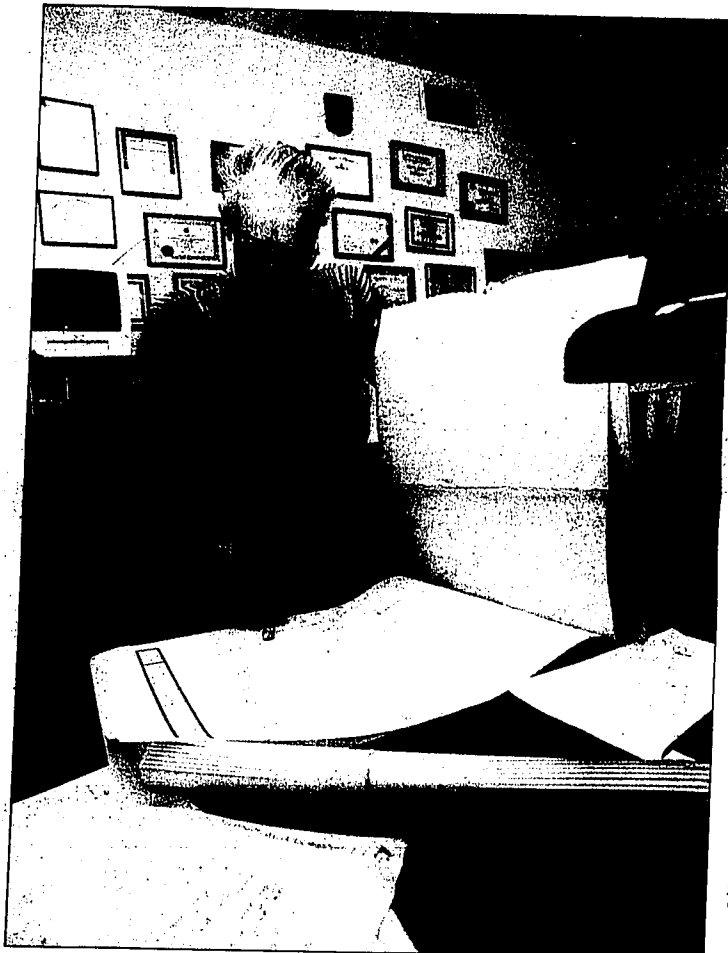
"Statistically, this is a fair cross-section," Rogers said. His informal study, he said, showed the Magic Valley has a

diverse work force, strong interest in new jobs throughout the valley and an educated, motivated applicant pool willing to commute for the right job.

"And don't forget quality. Testimonials from employers received at Job Service are almost all very positive with regard to worker productivity and work ethic," Rogers said.

The results of his study are printed in a chart on this page. Please see EMPLOYERS, Page D4

— NO STOPPING HIM, EVEN AT 81 —



Who are they?

Demographic composition of 3,423 applicants from 1995 to 2000 for 10 major employers in retail, manufacturing, technology and service sectors.

AGE	Percentage	Numbers
18-24	15.3%	524
25-34	20.5%	702
35-44	19.6%	671
45-54	25.3%	866
55-64	12.0%	411
65+	7.3%	249
Total	100%	3,423

GENDER	Percentage	Numbers
Male	54%	1,848
Female	46%	1,575

EDUCATION	Percentage	Numbers
Less than high school	3%	103
High school	66%	2,259
One or more years' college	24%	822
Bachelor's degree or higher	7%	239

LOCATION	Percent	Numbers
Twin Falls	52%	1,780
Filer	6%	205
Burley	9%	308
Jerome	14%	479
Wendell	2%	68
Gooding	2%	67
Hansen	1%	35
Kimberly	5%	171
Burley	4%	145
Rupert-Paul	4%	136
Other	1%	29

Source: Greg Rogers, Idaho Department of Labor.

Rex Rathbun goes over some blueprints at the county building department in Jerome. Rathbun is 81 and began his job with Jerome County almost one year ago.

Building inspector's assistant tells of roller-coaster career

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JEROME — Many years ago, Rex Rathbun tried counting. "After about two years, it drove me crazy, so I got back into the work force," he said.

The Jerome man, now 81 — "give or take a few minutes" — is part of a statewide and nationwide trend toward an older work force.

Some older workers need the income and can earn more now without jeopardizing Social Security payments. Some just need something to occupy their time.

Rathbun works for the money, the business-world contacts and the mental activity.

"I knew as a young man I would want to work till the day I died. There's no such thing as a free lunch," Rathbun said from his new workplace, the Jerome County building inspector's office.

He landed the job with the

help of the Older Workers Program, run by the College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging. And program Director Peggy Jackson plans to use his story to promote Older Americans Month in May.

Like many of his counterparts, Rathbun has a lifetime's experience with plenty to offer an employer. But his story has more cliff-hanging chapters than some.

Here are excerpts from the tale, as he tells it: "I've been a millionaire three times in my life," said Rathbun, a former Canadian resident who has lived in the Magic Valley for 15 years.

As a prisoner of war in Japan, Rathbun was kept in a box that measured 4 feet on each side — "a hell of a prison" — and promised the Lord he'd live a full life if he ever got out. When

he was released, his military back pay gave him a hefty sum.

"I've been a millionaire three times in my life," said Rathbun.

"So I was broke again," Rathbun said.

He has been in and out of construction and remodeling contracting for years and owned his own business. At one point, between 1952 and '62, his building-maintenance venture had 300 employees and a payroll of \$2 million in Chicago before the Mafia ran him off.

"I've rolled with the punches for years," Rathbun said. His research in solar energy eventually brought him to Idaho, where he ran a successful solar business.

"Then in 1980, everything began to crash," Rathbun said. High interest rates crushed demand for solar devices, and

he crashed his plane. He went broke.

After a fight with cancer, he found his way back into the work force through a friend in Filer's post office 15 or 16 years ago. One by one, he snagged contracts for janitorial work at seven Magic Valley post offices. Eventually the work dwindled as post offices hired low-paid hourly workers for the task, and by August 1999 all his contracts were gone.

"So I put my resume in a jillion places, and everyone told me I was overqualified," said Rathbun, who has a degree in business management.

That's where his story converges with the situations of many other older workers. He was introduced to Jackson, who looked at his resume and placed him in Jerome County's building department as a trainee, paid minimum wage by the Older Workers Program.

Five months later, the building department hired him part-

time at a higher wage, Jackson said.

"I laughingly say I work for the enemy — I'm a building inspector," said Rathbun, who does on-site inspections, assists would-be builders and does clerical work such as filing, issuing permits and checking blueprints. He's an assistant, he jokes, so he has most of the work to do.

But the job leaves him time to care for his wife, who suffered a massive stroke more than two years ago.

And he gets out, too. Rathbun said he has marched in 10 different Magic Valley towners' Fourth of July parades as Uncle Sam.

"I'm tall, lean and mean, and they think I look like Uncle Sam with my beard."

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Rain for Rent announces acquisition

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Rain for Rent announced the acquisition of Frac Tanks Inc., headquartered in Evanston, Wyo., with branch offices in Denver and Trinidad, Colo.; Brownsville, Ore.; and Salt Lake City.

Frac Tanks has expertise in environmental and oil-field tank rental services. It has developed a line of 30,400 stainless steel tanks for sensitive environmental and oil-field applications. These new tanks will be incorporated into Rain for Rent's nationwide rental fleet, a press release said.

Rain for Rent plans to add additional products and services to Frac Tanks locations that do not currently rent pumps, pipelines, poly tanks, spill containment and water filtration equipment. The combined capabilities in the Western states, the release said.

Rain for Rent has 40 locations nationwide, including one in Paul, specializing in solving liquid handling and storage problems. The company said it has a diverse customer base.

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BURLEY — D & D Used Cars plans an open house Saturday.

The new business is at 1626 Overland Ave. The public is invited to stop by and register for door prizes including a \$500 gift certificate toward the purchase of any vehicle on the lot, and tube certificates donated by nearby D & H Repair.

A "car of the week" will be featured each week with a \$400-\$500 price reduction.

Owner Dave Gibson and his wife, Janice Gibson, specialize in economically priced vehicles.

The Gibsons have been partners in a family-owned Mini-Cassia wholesale auto part sales business since 1973. They can be reached at 678-2117.

Burley's Pinetree Sports becomes Skidoo dealer

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Investors group slates May 6 meeting in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Chapter of the American Association of Individual Investors will hold an educational meeting from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 6 at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Convention Center.

Cost is \$25, including lunch (\$30 for nonmembers). The public is welcome. AAI is an independent, not-for-profit corporation formed in 1976 to help individuals become effective managers of their own assets through programs of education, information and research.

The AAI-Idaho Chapter is comprised of 400-plus members in southern Idaho. The Idaho Falls subchapter meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in the public library on Broadway. The Boise subchapter meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month in the large extension building near the fairgrounds on Glenwood Street. These groups meet monthly except in May and October, when the Idaho chapter meets.

AAII members include women and men from graduate students to retirees, and from novice to professional investors.

The Idaho AAI Chapter meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 9 (registration at 9 a.m.) at the Canyon Springs convention center. The program features three nationally recognized and professional investment-related presentations.

• Janet Brown, president of DAL Investment Co., will speak on "Secrets for successful investing: A simple way to upgrade and follow market leaders."

• Michael Williams of Options Institute will discuss "Stock options and leverage."

• Donald Cassidy, senior research analyst for Lipper Financial Services, will talk on "Emotional control in investing."

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MONEY

Grass-roots dairy plan targets processors

The Times-News

BUHL—Supply and demand or supply management? It seems to depend on what side of the freestall you're standing.

To Buhl dairyman Jim Wiersma—who has initiated a proposal to rein in cheese production and boost milk prices—it's a plan to keep supply and demand balanced and guarantee producers get their fair share of the profit.

To Jerome processor Jon Davis, it's a throwback to the days of supply management, quotas and restrictive government intervention.

Wiersma's plan includes a \$1.45 per pound price floor on cheese, up from the existing \$1.10—resulting in a \$12.80 per hundredweight minimum on Class III milk and a system in which processors refuse milk deliveries when that \$1.45 trigger price is reached.

Davis, general manager of Jerome Cheese, couldn't disagree more with the plan or the rationale behind it.

"Artificial price controls do nothing but take us backward instead of forward," he said.

Indemnity fund to be tapped into twice

TWIN FALLS—An indemnity fund set up to protect farmers from warehouse failures will soon be paying off—or out—in a big way. In just the past week the State Department of Agriculture announced that 48 growers for two business in Idaho—AgriBioTech, Homedale and Curry Bean Inc. of Filer—will be looking to the fund for compensation.

Since the fund was established in 1988, farmers have only had to draw on the money five times. The fund is farmer supported and operates as insurance when the warehouses where they stored or through which they brokered their commodities fails, said Julie Pipal, communication's officer for the State Department.

However, State Representative Doug Jones of Filer, the fund only covers claims on warehouses that either store or sell grain, dry pea, dry bean, or certain seed commodities for growers and was never intended to cover "bailment contracts," which are really labor contracts, he said.

Idaho milk production jumps 23 percent

BOISE—Idaho milk production during March totaled 578 million pounds, up 13 percent from the same month last year and 8 percent above February, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

Revised production for February 2000 totaled 535 million pounds, down slightly from the preliminary estimate. Average milk production per cow in March was 1,730 pounds, 70 pounds more than March 1999 and 120 pounds more than February 2000. The average number of milk cows in March was 334,000 head, 25,000 more than in March 1999 and 2,000 more than February.

Nationally, March milk pro-



Employee Dolores Nunez sprays cows as they come into the milking barn at Wiersma Dairy in Buhl. Owner Jim Wiersma is seeking industry support on his proposal to boost milk prices.

Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

duction in the 20 major states totaled 12.7 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from production in these same states in March 1999. February revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds, was up 8.2 percent from February 1999. However, adjusting February milk production for the additional day due to the leap year results in an increase of 4.5 percent from February 1999.

IPUC approves irrigation payment changes

BOISE—Pumpers who are customers of Idaho Power will see changes in how they pay their irrigation electric bills—but not until next irrigation season.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has given Idaho Power permission to revise the company's procedures and charges regarding irrigation pumps. The changes will go into effect on Aug. 23, affecting Idaho Power's approximately 12,500 irrigation customers.

Irrigation customers will see the largest change in how seasonal advances are determined, said Maggie Britz, director of

pricing. Under changes approved by the IPUC last month, pumpers who have been late with payments in the past, will pay a deposit using the previous season's highest irrigation bill multiplied by one-and-one-half. New customers will pay a deposit using an estimated bill and the same multiplier.

Nutrient management software package in works

BOISE—Farmers and ranchers working on nutrient management plans will be able to get help with just the click of the computer mouse. As long as they have the patience to wait until the end of the year.

A coalition of state and federal natural resource agencies plans to design an integrated nutrient management software package within a week. A professional computer applications development firm will begin developing the package in May. By late summer a draft package should be available for testing.

"This is cutting edge," said Jim Wood, water quality specialist with the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission.

The whole program is designed around using a map of the operation. As farmers and ranchers work through the worksheets and forms, they will receive prompts that take them back to the map of the farm.

"It's a visual connection to the farm," Wood explained. "They'll be able to point and click right on the map."

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The age issue

The 3,423 applicants' ages "substantiate a statewide and nationwide trend toward an older work force," Rogers said.

The largest age group, especially in retailing, was in the 45- to 54-year-old category.

"This would seem to indicate that this age group is willing to make a change in their present status especially if the work is less physically demanding, or working conditions are better," Rogers said.

As expected, he added, the 26- to 34-year-old group was most prevalent in manufacturing and dairy products, where jobs had physical requirements such as lifting or bending. The significant percentage of applicants over retirement age indicates many of them are interested in supplementing their retirement income.

"This will probably be more prevalent since Congress has lifted restrictions on income retirees can earn," he said.

"I see a lot of older workers, more and more all the time, trying to find jobs," said Peggy Jackson, director of the Older Workers Program for the College of Southern Idaho's Office of Aging.

Recent relocation of Jackson's office to the Job Service building increased visibility of the job-search and training help available to older workers and may have accounted for some of the increase, she said. But the work force is changing, too.

Many of her clients are on Social Security but need more income to combat rising prices.

Some just want something to do. Jackson helps people 65 and older, but she said anyone over 40 years old might find it difficult to get work. Her program helps older workers update their skills, such as learning about computers. Some with no specialized skills return to factory work if they're physically able. A lot of older workers can't be on their feet for long periods, so they're often not good fits for restaurants, retailers or gas stations, she said.

But Jackson has success stories, such as the 58-year-old Mini-Cassia man—with a family still at home—who was looking for work. The Older Workers Program referred him for a teacher's aide position in Rupert's school district.

Now the man, who is bilingual, works full-time there in English-as-a-second-language classes, she said.

Gender, education and location

Among the 3,423 applicants Rogers studied, gender seemed a relative nonfactor.

"Slightly more men than women applied, but this was mostly apparent in jobs where physical lifting requirements were a part of the job," he said. "Retail applicants were about 50-50."

Virtually all of the applicants had at least a high school education, and many of those who didn't were students still attend-

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ing school looking for part-time work.

"A significant number of applicants had at least some college courses, which shows the strong influence of CSI on the communities," Rogers said.

A significant percentage of applicants had bachelor's degrees.

"Overall, this indicates a generally well-educated work force,

and such programs as ARTEC (local school districts' Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition) and the efforts of CSI should work to make that even better," he said.

The figures tracking applicants' places of residence show almost half of potential workers come from the outlying communities surrounding Twin Falls.

"This indicates that people are willing to commute from as far away as Burley and Gooding if wages, benefits and working conditions are good," Rogers said.

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"VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS"

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Answer: Idaho Code §16-2005 sets forth the conditions under which parental rights can be permanently terminated. In those extreme cases where a parent has abandoned, neglected, or abused his or her child, a court may enter an order terminating the parental relationship.

Abandonment occurs when a parent has failed to maintain a "normal parental relationship" with the child, including the failure to maintain regular personal contact and monetary support of the child. A parent's failure to visit or contact and financially support the child for a period of one year or more, can constitute abandonment.

Parental neglect exists where the "child lacks parental care necessary for his health, morals and well-being." Neglect generally involves chronic situations in which the custodial parent has, for whatever reason, failed to provide appropriate food, clothing, shelter, nurturing and supervision for the minor child.

Abuse is present in situations in which the parent has sexually molested the child or used inappropriate physical cruelty in excess of that which is reasonably proper to discipline the child.

Physicians, mental health officials and social workers often testify in such cases regarding the alleged abuse, abandonment or neglect of the parent. The best interests of the child must always be considered in determining whether the rights of the parent should be involuntarily terminated.

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College students choose major based on career interests

The Associated Press

YOU READY FOR THIS? Most college students choose their major because of the type of work it will prepare them to do.

Of 1,218 new and prospective graduates polled by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, 66 percent said they chose their major based on career interests. Seven percent made their decision based on anticipated income, while another 5.7 percent claimed they were following the advice of friends and family. Slightly more than 12 percent admitted they "sort of drifted" into their major.

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Bull or bear? Market struggles to find a direction

By Ellen Gintan
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A three-day weekend couldn't have come at a better time for Wall Street professionals.

On the surface, the market looked fairly healthy, recovering a substantial portion of the previous week's crushing losses. A broad range of stocks rose, from blue-chips to beaten-down technology shares.

But volatility reigned, and market analysts couldn't shake a persistent fear that the bear that loomed over Wall Street in early April hadn't yet gone into hibernation. The market had survived two precipitous dips, but few analysts were ruling out the possibility of a third.

Essentially, we've seen bear markets and bull markets two days apart," said Barry Hymann, senior equity analyst at Ehrenkrantz King Nussbaum. "People are very confused."

Hymann, along with many Wall Street analysts, cautioned that the factors that drove the Nasdaq composite index and the Dow Jones industrial average dramatically lower the week of April 10 remain in place.

Interest rates are rising, signs of inflation have popped up in the buoyant economy and many stocks remain very expensive relative to their expected stream of earnings.

What's more, argues Ned Riley, chief investment strategist at Spruce Street Global Advisors in Boston, the market never really completed the four stages that he believes are necessary in a full-blown correction.

All week long, people have been asking me whether we're in the initial stage of a correction, or is it already over?" he said. "In my judgment, we have been in a correction for quite some time — longer than two weeks, certainly — and it's not over."

In Riley's view, every significant stock market correction has begun with a period of exuberance, with investors driving stocks higher and pouring more money in on the belief that the ride up won't end.

"We had reached maniacal levels of exuberance," he said. "And that drove a lot of stocks to prices they did not really deserve."

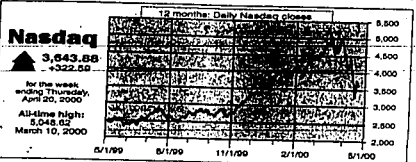
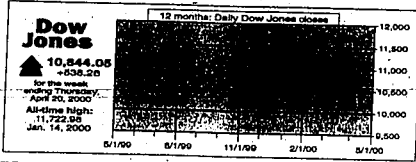
The second phase, Riley said, is indifference.

Last year, as the economy continued to percolate along, the market just ignored signs of inflation, and the not-so-subtle tightening of monetary policy," he said. "There was complete indifference to a mounting pile of negative news."

In early April, Riley said, the third phase kicked in: fear. On April 4, both the Nasdaq and the Dow recorded their widest point swings in history. At various points in early afternoon, the Nasdaq fell 574.57 points and the Dow tumbled 504.15. Analysts invoked the word "panic" for the first time since 1998, and brokerages began a round of margin calls to collect money from clients who had borrowed funds to buy more stocks during the market's headiest days.

The problem, Riley said, was that the fear didn't last.

"If you took a long lunch that day, you missed it," he said. Investors took the steep drop as a



cue to buy more stocks, putting a halt to the climactic selling that

usually drives a market to a true "bottom."

As many analysts predicted, the market did have farther to fall. The week of April 10 brought the worst carnage, with the Dow losing a record 805.71 points and the Nasdaq plummeting a record 1,125.16 points and losing a record 25 percent of its value.

But by the following Monday, buyers were stepping back in, if cautiously. Gains this past week may have prevented the market from reaching the final stage of a true correction, Riley said.

"And that's capitulation," he said. "If exuberance is when investors see no ceiling, capitulation is when they see no floor," and leave the market en masse. Analysts pointed out that investors found fundamentally sound reasons to buy this past week. Strong corporate earnings provided the biggest catalyst. Also, the economic calendar was

too quiet to reignite fears of inflation.

Yet just as analysts tiptoed around the notion of a bear market last week, few were ready to

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"For now, both the bull and the bear have gone away and hidden," Riley said.

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Rumors send good business into a tailspin

AKRON, Ohio - For the 22 years Sheila Collins has been in the tattoo business, she's tried to do things right... She's worked hard to operate professionally and be considered responsible and dedicated... But all of that seems to mean nothing now as Collins struggles to keep her business alive... Her enemy is crafty and invisible and multiplying wildly out of control... It has damaged other businesses before, most much larger than the local tattoo and gift shop of Collins... The enemy is a false rumor: In Collins' case it's that she has AIDS or acquired immune deficiency syndrome - which she does not... Collins wanted to set her business apart from the competition when she opened in 1985, but she never expected to do it through a nasty rumor, she said... She planned to work hard and play by the rules to make it a success... Collins made sure her shop was bright and clean, in contrast to the dingy back rooms she saw at other tattoo parlors... She put her professional certificates and diplomas on the wall... She worked with the Akron and Ohio health departments to help draft regulations for her industry... She networked with other professionals, linking up with several high-profile plastic surgeons to teach them how to use tattooing in breast reconstruction... She's involved in the community... She's a longtime member of the Springfield Township Women's Club where she helps decorate a tree donated to the Children's Hospital Medical Center holiday tree festival... Collins and her husband, Ted, like riding their Harley-Davidson motorcycles on toy and fund-raising runs... Just recently, they helped raise more than \$10,000 for the Hattie Latham Foundation... In the winter, she speaks through the Youth Motivation Task Force, telling middle school kids the importance of staying in school and pursuing their dreams... Despite all the hard work and promising connections, business began to drop off at Tattoos by Sheila a couple of years ago... Many of Collins' longtime customers stopped coming, although tattooing's popularity has been at an all-time high, according to the Living Art Association, a trade group in California... Finally one of Collins' customers, Pat Farrell, had the nerve to tell Collins... "Sheila, they're saying you have AIDS," she told Collins... Farrell became even more concerned about the damage of the rumor when she heard it from her granddaughter's playmate who had

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And job candidates who think a social function and making a huge mistake, say career counselors... "The meal is part of the interview," said Debra Lybier, director of career development services at Lewis-Clark State College... Frank Carroll, spokesman for Potlatch Corp., agrees... "The meal interview is a good way to assess manners and see how people stack up," he said... Candidates are more relaxed in these areas, but some people are more adroit in social situations... In the professional arena, interviews often include a meal at some point... Manners are not just for tea parties... Tom Mayburn, who teaches hotel and motel management classes at LSC and owned the Nobby Inn in Moscow for 20 years... "Don't even think about having alcohol, even the boss orders some," he advised... "Don't put more money on the table... The cardinal rule of dining is keeping your mouth shut while chewing... "Don't use profanity, slang or gossip... "Etiquette is primarily a matter of common sense," Lybier said... "If a person is nervous about what to eat, the safest bet is to watch the other people at the table... The purpose of the professional interview meal is not to get you better acquainted. Some

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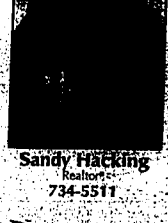
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The Times-News

Sunday, April 23, 2000

Hope comes up with daffodils every Easter

When I was a child, Easter always meant a fancy new dress, with all the trimmings. Times have changed, but my mother hasn't.

Every year, Mom wants to buy my kids the type of Easter finery she once dressed her family in - pink flowers and straw bonnets for my daughter and white jackets and ties for my son. I never have the heart to tell her that college girls seldom wear anything you can't nap in, and I don't even want to think about what my 14-year-old son (Mr. Gym Shorts and My Life) would do with a white jacket.

Easter - then and now.

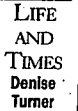
Candy is still in style, with visions of marshmallow chickens and chocolate bunnies dancing through every preschooler's head. I just read that, if the 15 million jelly beans typically sold at Easter were lined up end to end, they would circle the earth nearly 4 1/2 times.

Easter eggs have retained their popularity through the years, too, with a few updates.

When I was a toddler, my grandmother decorated our Easter eggs - with elaborate stenciling and decorative trim that no one else was ever able to duplicate (until Martha Stewart came along). Eventually, my mother took on the egg-decorating job, but she hated both crafts and cooking. So we usually decorated up with soft-boiled eggs that looked like they had spent a hard night with a can of paint.

When my own children came along, I took the coward's way out and bought plastic eggs with candy inside.

But the Easter bunny was always there. Still is. In fact, I just heard a new joke about him. What do you call 30 Easter bunnies in a row, all marching backward? A receding



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

headline

I have a friend who told me she let her kids believe there was an Easter bunny, but she told them there was no Santa Claus. "I told them Mom and Dad worked all year to buy all those Christmas toys," she said, "because I wasn't going to let some old guy they didn't even know get the credit."

All of us have our own holiday rituals, and it's amazing how important our rituals can become.

My friend Ruth has a grown son who threw a fit one Thanksgiving when he came home from college to eat (instead of the traditional cornbread) stuffing. Ruth was dumfounded. She thought her son had never even noticed what he was eating.

Rituals are powerful. If you want to convert anyone - and my psychologists say, you ritual. They become a part of you. They transcend the conscious mind.

Easter rituals are the stuff that is passed down from generation to generation. You might toss some minor changes into the mix, but who you are - and where you came from - is in there somewhere.

As I get older, I have felt the need to simplify my life. In all the activity, he had lost touch with what he was really doing.

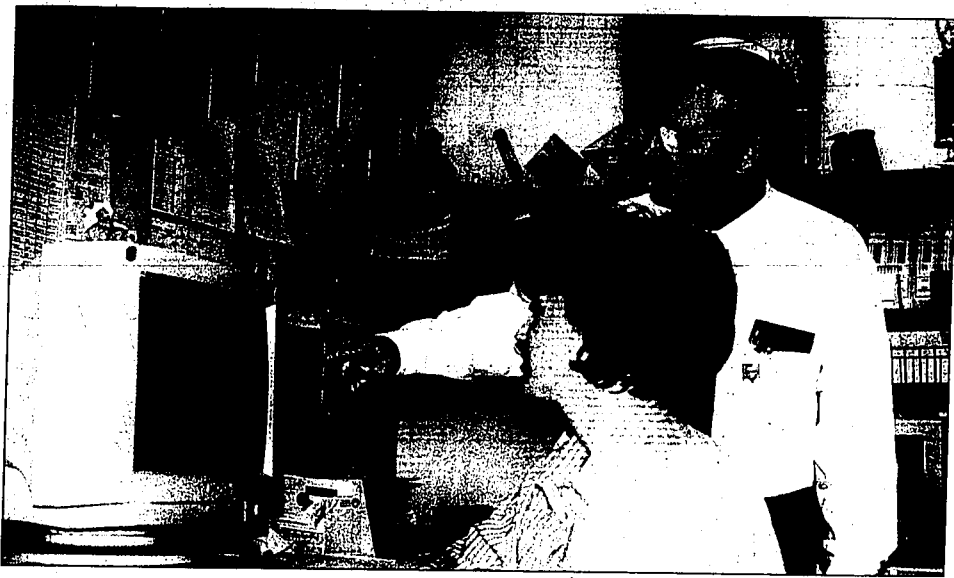
The minister told this story at Easter time, and his message was, "It's so easy to get busy and lose sight of the things that ultimately matter, especially at Easter."

Easter is about honey-glazed ham, but it's also about fasting, and prayer. Easter is about mayhem, and Easter is about miracles. Easter is about love, and it's about sacrifice - way beyond the ordinary.

Whatever you believe about life, as long as you always seem to be coming out happy in the end, winter turns to spring. I like to call that something happy.

Happy Easter.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



East Minico Junior High School Principal David Borden consults with school secretary Jill Fleming. Borden is one of HealthNet's Asset Builder nominees.

Where are the grownups?

Everywhere, it turns out, lending a hand to kids

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Kids talk to Dave Borden, and not in the manner in which junior high school students are typically summoned from class to dialogue with the principal.

"So many kids are just looking for positive role models," said Borden, 63, who's been the principal at East Minico Junior High School for 22 years. "Just having an adult who's not a parent in their lives means so much."

Heather Thompson, a 24-year-old secretary at Wood River Medical Center in Sun Valley, fits that description. Thompson organized a Friday-night coffee house for Blaine County high school students last fall, and she soon found herself serving as both mentor and disciplinarian.

"Kids who aren't responsible and accountable don't work at the Romancing the Bean Coffeehouse," Thompson said flatly. "They need limits, and more important, they need honesty."

Borden and Thompson are among 60 south-central Idaho residents - most of them youth program or school volunteers, but some of them educators and students - honored for being "Asset Builders" by HealthNet, a coalition of local social-service and health-care agencies and the College of Southern Idaho.



Heather Thompson works with the Wood River Medical Foundation, which supports youth partnerships.

"Assets" are characteristics within a community identified by HealthNet as being crucial for raising healthy, happy, productive kids.

"Getting adults involved in kids' lives is so important," said Maggi Machula, a South Central District Health Department administrator who works with Asset Builders. "It's really one of the best things a community can do for its future."

Borden, father of eight, grandfather of 13 and an educator in Minidoka County for 26 years, counts the extra time he spends with kids - above and beyond his job description - as the most productive.

"Kids are looking for grownups who care enough to go to their plays, their sporting events, their concerts," he said. "I don't think it really matters whether a kid is involved with chess club or is the quarterback on the football team - it's the participation that counts, and seeing that adults and the community share that involvement and believe it's important."

That's why Thompson, a Midwesterner who moved to Blaine County a couple of years ago, jumped at the chance to start up an ad-hoc coffeehouse for teenagers at Silver Creek Alternative School in Hailey.

"Where else is a teen-ager going to get after 10 o'clock on a Friday night in this community?" she said. "It's a gathering place, but it's also a place to belong."

Like Borden, Thompson just wishes more adults would follow their lead.

"I don't think there's any better thing you can do than prove you care," she said. "But you can't wait for somebody else to do it."

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More than 500 youngsters from across south-central Idaho are expected to attend an "Asset Building Celebration" honoring 60 volunteers, students and educators who've gone the extra mile for kids.

The event, sponsored by HealthNet, a coalition of local health, educational and social service agencies and community members, will be held from 6-10 p.m. Friday in the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium in Twin Falls.

Activities for sixth-through 12th graders and their families will include a hoop-shoot contest, assisted by members of the CSI basketball teams and coaching staffs, and a dance with music provided by area DJs. There will be plenty of free food throughout the evening, and arts and crafts booths will be available.

To register for the hoop shoot, call the South Central District Health Department at 734-5900, Ext. 234.

Asset Builder nominees

- The Times-News**
- Other volunteers, students and education professionals nominated for recognition by local HealthNet committees:
 - Blaine County**
 - Susan Canham, a Bellevue school social worker cited for being a "compassionate, heartfelt professional and friend to many people for many years."
 - Peter deBauw, youth minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood, helps teens and parents get along.
 - Denise deLisser, a dance instructor, parent educator and facilitator of a support group for young mothers, she was cited for bringing positive energy to all the endeavors in which she's involved.
 - Teresa Espedal, a probation officer involved in the diversion program for first-time juvenile offenders. She is a member of the Blaine County Youth Partnership.
 - Ray Grosvenor, a long-time Blaine County school administrator active in the Blaine County Youth Partnership. He was recognized for creating and sustaining solid connections between kids and adults.
 - Kari Haugen, a Wood River High School student leader who is co-chairwoman of the Blaine County Youth Partnership.
 - Doran Key, a longtime ski coach, has worked with thousands of kids.
 - Hilarie Neely, dance teacher, was recognized for enhancing cultural awareness and the availability of children's arts.
 - Terry Thode, a tech teacher at Hemingway Elementary School in Ketchum. Nominated for dedication to enriching the lives of grade-school students.
- Cassia County**
- Kristina Bergener, a volunteer tutor for kids.
 - Bruce Breshers, Burley car
- Please see NOMINEES, Page E3

Coming clean: A chore list to make anyone feel guilty

- Here's a list of weekly housecleaning chores from Home Comforts: The Art & Science of Keeping House" by Cheryl Mendelson (Scribner, \$35):
- Change the bed linens (once or twice weekly) and bathroom towels (twice weekly or as necessary).
 - Vacuum rugs, floors, upholstered furniture and lampshades.
 - Wash all washable floors.
 - Wash all dustable surfaces and objects, including pictures, mirrors, light fixtures and light bulbs.
 - Wipe all fingerprints or smears from doorknobs, woodwork, telephones, computer keyboards.
 - Wash down entire bathroom: toilet, sink, tub, wall tiles, toothbrush holders and all fixtures, cabinets (exterior), mirror, floor.
 - Wash all combs and brushes.
 - Clean entire kitchen: clean refrigerator; wipe down stove and other appliances inside and out; clean sinks, counters and tabletops; extra-thoroughly wash backslashes; scrub floors.
 - Clean air-conditioner filters and humidifiers according to manufacturer's recommendations.
 - Wash out and sanitize garbage cans.
- Source: Washington Post

Time to turn off the tube families

This week

BURLEY - National "No TV Week" is Monday through Saturday.

The Cassia County District Parent/Teacher Organization is sponsoring several activities at Cassia County schools.

Organizers want to get the message out that too much television is not healthy. They suggest families play board games, hold a reading contest, play baseball, write letters, go on bike rides, fly kites, invite neighbors for games and dessert, host a family talent show or clean up an area in their neighborhood.

Upcoming

BURLEY - A Super Sitters mini-class is scheduled from 4-5:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays from May 2-10 in the conference room at the Cassia County

To do for

Extension office.

The course targets 11-13-year-old participants.

The class covers safe care for infants, toddlers and older children. Age-appropriate activities, nutritious snacks, diapering and bathing, what to do in an emergency, understanding the responsibilities and commitments of sitting and the ages and stages of growth will be covered.

The \$12 cost covers Super Sitter project materials. Space is limited.

Call 878-9461 or 436-7184 for more information.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family oriented events throughout south-central Idaho. To get an item listed, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

FAMILY LIFE

Spring fever runs rampant through class

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Victor Kelly, 15, a shy boy with a Northwesterly High School Wildcat in suburban Hyattsville, Md., bench-presses 300 pounds, squats 430 and power-cleans about 275. But these days, it's all he can do to keep his mind on the weights.

Daydreaming. Acting out. Talking in class. Excitability. Distractibility. Irritability. People who deal with children call it something else - spring fever. And medical experts say it is a real physical phenomenon.

"They're antsy, really antsy," said Tasha McMillan, a Washington kindergarten teacher. "The weather has turned nice, and they want to get outside. They can't concentrate on what's going on in the classroom. They can't focus. They want to get outside and run."

Unfortunately, spring fever arrives at one of the busiest times in the school year, when teachers are trying to prepare students to take standardized tests and finish other work required before school is out for the summer.

"Teachers are very aware of what happens to children with the coming of nice weather... and see it as a new kind of challenge, especially with the testing and completion of course work and prep work for the end of the school year," said Sylvia Seidel, director of teacher education initiatives for the National Education Association.

"Spring fever is very seductive to many teachers because they are also very acutely aware that they can't stop or slow down the academic process because of spring fever. We've got to modify the way we teach to accommodate what the children are thinking of and longing to do."

That would be welcomed by the mother of Dustin Schade, 10, in suburban Fairfax County, Va. "My son is not as focused lately. He wants to rush through his homework quicker and not pay as close attention to detail as he normally does," Cynthia Schade said.

The behavioral change also is linked to increases in adrenaline, endorphins and certain pain-inhibiting neurotransmitters whose levels surge as people become more active in warmer weather, said pediatric neuropsychologist Ronald Federici, of Fairfax, Va. Adults learn to curb the desire to run outdoors.

Children are going basically from a rested state in winter to a movement, or flight, state. They feel invigorated and energized. It changes the carbon dioxide in their blood flow and there is more oxygenation. Their heart rate goes up. It's not a surprise that there is more of a tendency toward violence and acting out."

Other activities. • Duane Schrank, a founding member of the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition and active with the Magic Valley High School. • LeRoy Tucker, youth pastor at Twin Falls Amazing Grace Fellowship, who was recognized for his puppet ministry. • Lee Wagner, station manager at KMYT-TV, is active in scouting.

• Max Walton, crossing guard at Kimberly Elementary School. • Jessica Williams, a student at Twin Falls High School and active in the youth advisory committee for Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition.

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Send your questions about the Web to Ask Amy, 3001 Dola, Lawrence, KS 66045 or AskAmy@aol.com

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Yahooligans: The search is on

Have you ever not been able to find what you want on the Internet? Yahooligans is the perfect solution. Yahooligans is a search engine for kids...

Today site Nicole Ridgway Nicole Ridgway is a student at Perrine Elementary School in Twin Falls. Write to her c/o crump@magicsvalley.com

Agonizing won't make kids healthier, happier

I came across an interesting question the other day while reading my e-mail. The mother of a 30-month-old was asking for some direction concerning a fairly routine toilet training matter.

Parenting John Rosemond

use a spoon? Is there reason to believe that if one does not approach the teaching of self-feeding with great caution that the child is going to be warped for life, that she is going to grow up with "negative feelings about swallowing" or something equally ridiculous?

Films appeal to mature teens, adults

The Orange County Register • "Keeping the Faith" (PG-13) - Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum. Best for: Mature teen to adults. What it's about: Rabbi Jacob Schram (Ben Stiller) and father Brian Finn (Edward Norton) grab up together and remained best friends despite the differences in their belief in God...

love for. The idea of him searching for a wife is one thing, depicting him sleeping with a woman for pleasure (while knowing he could never marry her because she's not Jewish) is another. Offensive language: It doesn't happen often but when it does, it's mostly from the rabbi. Sex: Several sexual situations are implied, but there's no nudity or sex shown. Violence: None. Parental advisory: If it were not for the sexual situations this would be a great film to take older kids and young teens to. This story sheds a positive light on the clergy and portrays its members as cool people excited about doing God's work in their community instead of the usual Hollywood portrayal. Entertainment value: B-

Vietnam, and the two go to trial. Guy Pearce is the military prosecuting attorney, Ben Kingsley is diplomat and Ann Archer is Kingsley's wife. The good: This is an interesting, intense, entertaining movie with two talented lead actors who are engaging to watch. Both men deliver strong portrayals of characters faced with moral dilemmas and issues about war, murder, loyalty and more, but the real question at hand is the government's cover-up of the truth. It clearly portrays the horrors of war, the sacrifices that are made and the patriotism of our military. The not-so-good: The script has a lot of holes and doesn't really answer the questions that it raises. This is a courtroom drama, but it's also a war story that centers upon a flashback to the Vietnam War as well as upon a situation in Yemen that kills 83 civilians. Both situations end in bloody carnage and raise many questions as to who's right or wrong. Offensive language: It's a war movie with Jackson and Jones, so you can count on a lot of foul language. Sex: None. Violence: Scenes of an execution-style murder and children who are casualties of war. Parental advisory: Mature teens to adults who enjoy a courtroom military drama that raises some interesting questions could watch this movie and discuss it afterward. This language and violence are for mature audiences only. Entertainment value: B

Nominees

Continued from E1 dealer, provides ongoing community service supporting families. • Jamie Chertburn, chairwoman of the Youth Advisory and active in HealthNet. • Jim and Lorana Johnson, co-founders of the youth tackle football program. • Tim Mullens, a longtime leader of 4-H youth programs. • Jeremy Qualls, teacher at Raft River High School. Gooding County • Maria Berto, Gooding High School student "involved in youth activities and a real leader for the future." • Ron Geer, school resource officer in Hamman, recognized for his active in supporting youth and being supportive of and encouraging to youth. • Jay Durfee, Gooding High School teacher. • Robert Tabella, nominated by students for being a "positive role model always there to listen and support students." • Fred Locke, recognized as being an "active, involved citizen and a great supporter of Gooding County Youth. Council member and co-founder of the Gooding County HealthNet Coalition. • Walt White, a longtime employee at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding. Lincoln County • Liz Buckway, cited for being "someone you can trust and she is always doing positive things in our community." • Laurie Cole, recognized for being a "really nice lady who cares about all the kids in the community." • Carole Evans, honored for "being committed to community youth, donating time to support youth events and frequently donating money and gift certificates to youth events throughout the year." • Ross Gedebrord, music teacher at LDS Island, recognized for being "supportive, helpful and nice to everyone, regardless of religion." • Pat Hamilton, school board member and school and public librarian. • Diane Norman, a sixth-grade

How to help • Angela Hoops, Wendell High School counselor. • Andy Morris, cited for being "very active in supporting youth and encouraging a positive future." • Sharon Selfert, Gooding City

teacher at Shoshone. • Janet Thompson, recognized for "donating countless hours of her time to programs and activities in our community." • Tracy Sorenson, vice chairman of the Shoshone School Board, and "a really nice guy that kids can relate to." • Kathy Whittaker, longtime Dietrich 4-H coordinator. Mindoka County • Carolyn Davis, school bus driver. • Lisa Dayley, cited for "providing excellent media coverage for HealthNet as well as being a role model for youth." Roanne Gillette, involved in many youth sports programs. • George MacDonald, retired teacher and coach. • Benjamin Reed, recognized for being "a strong supporter of HealthNet and youth programs." • Elvira Richan, cited for being "a strong support of HealthNet and mentoring programs." Twin Falls County • Jim Boyd, station manager of

KFTF-TV. Led effort to prohibit alcohol at school. • Wilely Dobbs, principal at O'Leary Junior High School. • Midge Fisher, leader of the Silver Sage Girl Scouts. • Patricia Frazier, instrumental in the Filer Kiwanis and their many youth programs. • Hattie Hiatt, a student at Buhl High School who helped modify her school's drug policy and an increased school grade. • James Milner, a volunteer in the open gym program at the Twin Falls Salvation Army. • Judy Scholtes, a retired Twin Falls teacher who acts as a lunch buddy and tutor and many

other activities. • Duane Schrank, a founding member of the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition and active with the Magic Valley High School. • LeRoy Tucker, youth pastor at Twin Falls Amazing Grace Fellowship, who was recognized for his puppet ministry. • Lee Wagner, station manager at KMYT-TV, is active in scouting. • Max Walton, crossing guard at Kimberly Elementary School. • Jessica Williams, a student at Twin Falls High School and active in the youth advisory committee for Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition.

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SOLOAGA-WALKER

SHOSHONE - Jack and Lauralee Soloaga of Shoshone announce the engagement of their daughter, Nikl Lee Soloaga, to Shaun Broughton Walker, son of Bill and Cathy Walker of Dillon, Mont.

Soloaga is a graduate of Shoshone High School and is working towards a bachelor's degree in secondary education at Idaho State University.

Walker is a graduate of Beaverhead County High School and a graduate of Idaho State University with a degree in secondary education.

The wedding is planned for



Shaun Walker and Nikl Soloaga
July 1 in Twin Falls.

EVANS-OLSEN

SALT LAKE CITY - Rebecca Lynn Evans and Adam Trenton Olsen were married Dec. 17, 1999, in the Salt Lake Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Officiating was the bride's grandfather, Thomas Blair Evans.

The bride is the daughter of David and Cheryl Lynn Evans of Sandy, Utah.

Parents of the bridegroom are Stephen and Lana Olsen of Kimberly.

Bridesmaids included Elynn Olsen, sister of the groom; Julie and Lindsey Evans, sisters of the bride; and Julianna Brunisholz, friend of the bride.

Groomsman included Tyler Olsen, brother of the groom; Steven Wright and Russell Watson, friends of the groom; and Benjamin Evans, brother of the bride.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Kay Black of Blackfoot and Thomas Blair and Nola Jean Evans of Portland, Ore., and grandparents of the bridegroom, Eloise Olsen of Twin Falls.

A dinner reception was held the evening of the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. Receptions were also held in



Becky and Trent Olsen
January in Twin Falls and Sandy, Utah.

The bride is a graduate of Skyline High School in Sandy, Utah, and Ricks College in Rexburg. She is currently attending Brigham Young University, majoring in audiology and speech language pathology. She is employed at Alyse's Bridal Shop in Orem, Utah.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Kimberly High School and Ricks College in Rexburg. He is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, majoring in construction management. He is employed at the BYU campus library.

The newlyweds reside in Provo.

THE CAMPEAUS'

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leo Campeau celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Saturday.

Campeau and Julia Sophia Dean were married April 22, 1930, at the courthouse in Filmore, Utah.

They have moved 29 times in their marriage from Seattle to Los Angeles. They have resided 60 years in Twin Falls and still live in their home independent of assistance.

He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad and later retired as regional grocery supervisor for IGA. His hobbies include the Magbirds, a fishing, boating and ocean fishing. Her hobbies include children, 50-year volunteer of the American Red Cross and a life member of the PTA.

They attend the Twin Falls Stake LDS 7th Ward.



Julia and Leo Campeau
The couple has three children, Robert Noel Campeau and Allen Campeau, both of Twin Falls, and Anne Hopkins of Geneseo; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

An open house will be held in June in conjunction with his 90th birthday.

MCMULLEN-CHURCH

JEROME - Heather McMullen and Vance Church announce their engagement.

McMullen is the daughter of Janet and Carl McMullen of Columbus, Ohio. She graduated from Bishop Waters High School in Columbus in 1992 and attended Michigan State University on a full-ride athletic scholarship, graduating in May 1997. She was offered an assistant volleyball coaching position from the University of Colorado which brought her to Colorado Springs. She graduated from the Colorado Institute of Massage Therapy in October 1999. She is employed at the Colorado Athletic Club in Denver as a massage therapist.

Church is the son of Bonnie Tolman, Tom and Kathy Church and John Tolman, all of Jerome. He graduated from Jerome High School in 1988 and entered the United States Air Force in the summer of 1988. He left the Air Force in May 1994 to work for Raytheon as an electronic laboratory technician in Cheyenne. He



Vance Church and Heather McMullen
is currently employed at Instrument Repair Labs in Broomfield, Colo., as lab supervisor.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in Estes Park, Colo. A reception will be held at 7 p.m. May 26 in the banquet room at El Sombrero in Jerome.

The couple will reside in the Denver-Metro area.

JOHNSON-WIGNALL

TWIN FALLS - Sheri Johnson and Steve Wignall were married Dec. 18, 1999, at the White House in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holloway of Twin Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson of Filer.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wignall of Twin Falls.

Officiating was the Rev. Dale Metzger.

Genevieve Rodriguez served as matron of honor, and Kelly Irish served as best man.

Kendra Johnson, second cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

Ushers were Shane Johnson and Chris Kuhn.

Reese, Tara and Calli Johnson, cousins of the bride, received gifts and greeted guests. The guest book was attended by Katie Scott and Dani Irish. Jan Olsen provided the piano accompaniment.

A reception followed at the White House.

Special guests included Fern Johnson and Marjorie and Lloyd Johnson of Twin Falls, grandparents of the bride, and Marjorie Tribe of Salt Lake City, Utah.



Sheri and Steve Wignall
and Hazel Wignall of Payson, Utah, grandmothers of the groom. Other special guests included the bride's sister, Dawn Johnson of Anchorage, Alaska; the groom's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schultz and their children, McKinley and Sunni, of Magna, Utah; and the bride's uncle, Russ Johnson of Flower Mound, Texas.

The couple is residing in Twin Falls, where the groom is completing his studies at the College of Southern Idaho and is employed at Con Paulus in Jerome, and the bride is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

ENGAGEMENT

BLACK-DAVIS

ALMO - Jay and Sharon Black of Almo announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Black, to Robert Shane Davis, son of Kathryn Morrison of Hollywood, Calif., and Shirl and Sonja Davis of Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Black graduated from Raft River High School in 1994 and from Bridgeland Applied Technology School in 1996. She served a Florida Tallahassee Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is living in Boise and working for Micron Custom Manufacturing Systems.

Davis graduated from high school in Orem, Utah, in 1988. He served a Japan Sapporo Mission for the LDS Church. Robert graduated from Utah State University in Logan, Utah, in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in geography. He is living in Phoenix, Ariz., where he works for Knight Transportation Inc.



Brenda Black and Robert Davis
The wedding is planned for May 6 in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. A reception to honor the couple is planned from 6 to 8 p.m. May 6 at the Almo LDS Church.

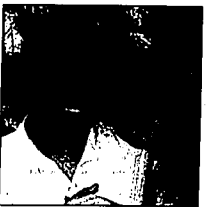
The couple will reside in Phoenix.

KESTIE-OSTERHOUDT

FILER - Mr. and Mrs. David Billiar of Filer and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kestie of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Mistie M. Kestie, to David A. Osterhoudt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darwayne Osterhoudt of Filer.

Kestie is a graduate of Filer High School. She is employed at Billiar's Farm in Filer.

Osterhoudt is a graduate of Filer High School. He is employed at Commercial Tire in Twin Falls.



David Osterhoudt and Mistie Kestie
The wedding is planned for July 17.

BARRUS-TAYLOR

BURLEY - Al and Kathy Barrus of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Millin Barrus, to Derik Clark Taylor, son of Derlin and Nancy Taylor of Burley.

Barrus graduated from Burley High School in 1996. She attended Ricks College in Rexburg for a year and graduated from Von Curtis Academy in Provo, Utah, in October 1998.

Taylor graduated from Burley High School in 1996. He attended Ricks College before serving a Brazil Recife Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will graduate from Ricks in April.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be



Derik Taylor and Amanda Barrus
held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday at the Pella Ward LDS Church, 400 S. 160 W.

The couple will live in Pocatello while he continues his business major at Idaho State University.

TRENT-CONWAY

FILER - Violet Zink of Filer announces the engagement of her daughter, Jeanne L. Trent, to Lucas Conway, son of Larry and Lynette Conway of Twin Falls.

Trent is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Taco Bell in Twin Falls.

Conway is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is planning to attend CSI. He is employed at Arby's in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for June 18.



Lucas Conway and Jeanne Trent

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The practical joke I'll never forget

I taught high school in Wendell for all of the 33 years I spent in that profession. I went through happy times, sad times and exciting times, but I'll never forget the day I was not only embarrassed, but humiliated.

I was still young and very naive, and I sincerely believed the students loved me as much as I loved them, so I just knew that none of them would ever cause me any problems.

I was teaching U.S. history, and I used maps to indicate the area that I was lecturing about. So the students were used to me pulling down a map every day.

One day I was at the front of the classroom talking about the Civil War. I thought that the class was acting more enthusiastic than usual, and I was pleased. I pulled down the map to show the battle at Antietam, and typed right in the middle of it was a playboy pinup with very little if anything covering



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

her body. The class burst into laughter as I quickly rolled up the map.

Later in my teaching career I might have reacted differently, but at the time, feeling that the class really didn't like me after all, I burst into tears. I left the classroom and went into the teacher's room across the hall to try to compose myself.

No one was there, and as I sat on the couch with Kleenex in hand, I heard a timid knock at the door. I told the owner of that shy hand to come in. Several students entered and surrounded me, apologizing over and over, and telling me that

they thought the picture would be a big joke and that I would laugh too. When I had burst into tears they felt terrible they said and hoped I would forgive them. Of course I did and went back to the room with them. The class was very subdued for the rest of the period, and as they left the room after the bell most of them told me they were sorry.

Of course I gradually lost my naivete, and other silly things happened over the years - things I laughed about with the students, but never again did any students do anything to embarrass or humiliate me.

I believe that today's teen-agers in Wendell would have come in and told me they were sorry, but I am not sure that they all might feel that way. Some might have loved the fact that I was humiliated.

Today's teen-agers know so much more, have lost so much innocence, have become adults much more quickly. But I would still like to

think that the majority of them would be kind, helpful and have concern for others.

We cannot go back to simpler times, but we can influence our young people to still practice what might be termed "old-fashioned" methods of treating others. Being polite, counts for a lot, but decency and morality count even more. My hope is that most teenagers with whom I come in contact would still be "old-fashioned" enough to care about the feelings of others and to care about being good and decent people.

Children learn by example. It is up to each parent and grandparent to set the best example possible, for if we do we can make a huge difference in an entire generation, and a way of life we remember with fondness might be renewed.

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@magicklink.com

Reviewing estate plan

Q. My wife and I, now in our mid-60s, began looking at our wills and estate plan last week and were shocked to see that it had been more than 20 years since we had it drawn up. At that time we had three children at home. Now they are all educated and on their own with their own families. Of course our assets have increased since that time, and we are in the process of retiring. Is there any set rule about when estate plans should be reviewed?

A. While there are no established timetables about reviewing estate and other planning documents, generally speaking, plans should be reviewed when there are significant changes in your lives, such as when a spouse or beneficiary dies or becomes incapacitated, there is a divorce; you



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

change jobs or retire, you acquire new assets or your investments change significantly in value, or you move to another state. Even if there are no such changes in your life, you should have someone look at, but not necessarily change, your plan every five years just to make sure something is not slipping through the cracks.

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- Keep a 3-second safety cushion between you and the car in front of you.
- Plan your trip before you start out so you can concentrate on driving, not navigating.
- Avoid driving in heavily-traveled or high-speed areas during rush hour and bad weather.
- If you are planning to take an unfamiliar route at night, try making a trial run during daylight.
- Always be alert for the unexpected.
- Drive with a large "anticipation zone." Look down the road far enough to get a big picture of what's ahead.
- Turn off your radio or keep it at a very low volume.
- Don't drive when you are under stress.
- Ask passengers to help you navigate. Don't talk with them too much.
- Don't daydream.
- Get annual eye checkups.
- Clean the inside and outside of your windshield and windows. Clean the mirrors and headlights, too. Dirt can reduce headlight output by as much as 70 percent.
- Turn on your lights when driving in the rain or other poor weather conditions, no matter what time of day it is. Always turn lights on when driving during the half hour before sunset and the half hour after sunrise.
- Have the aim of your car's headlights checked twice a year.
- Avoid buying cars with heavily-tinted windshields and windows. Don't wear tinted glasses or sunglasses when driving in low light.
- Always tell other drivers what you intend to do. Use your directional signals. Position your car in the proper lane. When necessary, use your horn to show your intentions.
- Check your mirrors frequently.
- Use a wide, rear view mirror, and the mirrors on each side of your car, to help you see what's around your car. If you don't have a wide rear view mirror, have one installed.
- Glance over your shoulder, and in your mirrors, before changing lanes. Don't assume that using your turn signal makes the move safe.
- Always look behind you before you put your car in reverse.
- Watch for flashing lights from emergency vehicles. You can't always hear the siren or warning bells.
- Take a driver refresher course.
- Ask family and friends if they have any concerns about your driving.
- Consult your doctor about vision, hearing and other physical changes that may affect your driving.

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