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HUNGRY HOPPERS

Outbreak potential looms again

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY - Norland farmer Steve Young has seen the damage large grasshopper outbreaks can cause.

And along with other farmers in the Magic Valley, he is looking with apprehension at the coming season. In addition to low crop prices, farmers are facing a potential grasshopper plague of biblical proportions.

And according to experts such as Bob Stoltz, farmers such as Young have cause for concern.

Unless it rains at the right time this spring, grasshopper populations in the area have the potential to reach numbers not seen since the last massive outbreak in 1985, said Stoltz.

University of Idaho entomology professor and extension specialist Stoltz said, "There were a lot of them then," Stoltz said. "This year we

have the same potential for that."

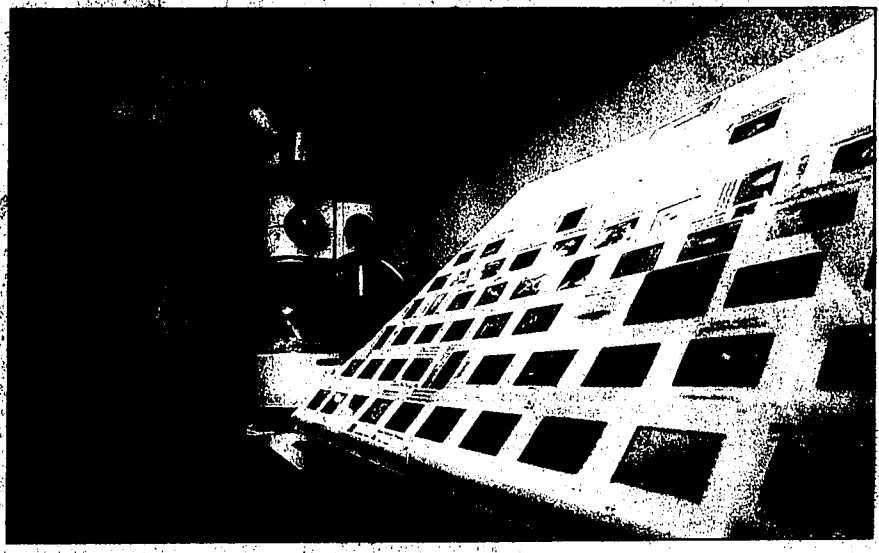
Young remembers the outbreak in 1985, when farmers suffered millions of dollars in losses.

Farmers' profits already are slim, and if grasshoppers start moving into fields from neighboring rangelands they can wreak havoc, Young said.

"If grasshoppers get in very far at all, there goes your profit for the whole field," he said.

They eat everything green above the ground, and some seem to prefer certain types of plants. But that's not been Young's observation.

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Part of Bob Stoltz's job is to examine insects sent to him by farmers and homeowners to see if they are harmful or beneficial. Stoltz, the entomology extension specialist with the University of Idaho in Twin Falls, says the conditions are good for an infestation of grasshoppers this year.

A few grasshoppers give them all a bad name

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Not all grasshoppers are bad. "There's been a lot learned about grasshoppers since the last outbreak (in 1985)," said Bob Stoltz, a University of Idaho entomology professor and extension specialist.

Most people focus on the troubles some grasshoppers cause, but many other grasshoppers are considered beneficial, he said. They provide food for sage grouse, pheasants, kestrels and mammals including mice

and gophers, and they help graze down certain grasses. Grasshoppers also are among the favorite food of mountain bluebirds, Idaho's state bird.

Except for the few species that migrate to croplands, most grasshoppers don't move far from their habitat - borrow pits, ditch banks, along railroad grades, Stoltz said.

Experts say five species of grasshoppers cause problems for farmers. Of those, the worst is the migratory grasshopper - *Melanoplus sanguinipes*.

The migratory grasshopper eats most any kind of crop

grains, potatoes, beets and beans, Stoltz said.

Grasshoppers lay their eggs in the fall, preferring soft, sandy soil. The banana-shaped egg cases are less than one-quarter of an inch long, and they are deposited close to the surface.

The egg case becomes covered with sand or dirt, particles and is well-protected. The eggs survive well in the soil over the winter, especially if there is a snow cover on the ground during the coldest weather, Stoltz said.

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Migratory grasshoppers, such as this one captured last year, can wreak havoc on crops.

Good-bye to Dr. Mary

Beloved physician will soon leave Magic Valley

By Jay Houser
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - She wants more time to dedicate to art. She wants to be closer to the ocean, which she loves.

After 14 years of caring for thousands of Magic Valley residents - delivering about 2,500 babies - Dr. Mary Groda-Lewis just wants to do some of the things she has not yet been able to do.

"There's so much more in life that I really want to explore," said Groda-Lewis, known to many of her patients as "Dr. Mary." "I want to finish my

book, and it's time for my family to get back together again."

Most of all, she is tired - worn out and needing some time to herself.

"At this point in her life I think she needs to refuel so she can be of more service," said her sister, Christine Jensen. "I think she needs some time to recharge her batteries."

Groda-Lewis, who closed her Twin Falls medical practice last week, said she might become a teacher.

"I want to teach people. That's something I've been doing here, and I love it," she said.

Whatever she does, it won't

be in the Magic Valley. She and her husband, David, are leaving May 8 to find a place to live in Oregon or Washington, closer to the ocean.

Troubled beginnings

Things were not always smooth for Groda-Lewis, to say the least. If she showed compassion for the underdog in her medical career, it might be because she played the underdog first.

When she was 10, her family lived in a shanty house outside Portland, Ore. They had no

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Dr. Mary Groda-Lewis, known to many of her patients as "Dr. Mary," gets help packing from her friend, Jay Jones. She and her husband, David, are leaving the Magic Valley to find a place to live in Oregon or Washington, closer to the ocean.

M-V economy regains some ground

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Not everyone who held their breath through the Y2K date change could breathe freely come January.

Real estate agents sold a lot fewer homes in Twin Falls County in January than they did a year earlier.

Some sellers took hefty price cuts to make a sale, and plenty of homes were still on the market.

Absolutely nobody started new commercial construction in Twin Falls in January. With the exception of cattle, local farm commodities brought some of their lowest prices in years.

Quarterly



by March, the Magic Valley's 2000 performance had regained some of the ground it lost in a slow start.

In today's M-V section of The Times-News, readers can learn what sectors of the local economy came out on top, get the gritty numbers and look ahead to the future.

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And as the first quarter of 2000 ended, many Magic Valley economic indicators still pointed downward. But

Phillip Gleason

Three escape from Twin Falls jail

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Three inmates escaped from the Twin Falls County Jail Saturday evening and were still missing late that night, according to a Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department report.

Deputies were searching Saturday night for Phillip

Kevin Scher



Kevin Scher, 22, and Randal Demont McCullough, 29, in connection with the escape, which

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie
 High: 60 Low: 35
 Sunny and warmer. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs near 70.

Treasure Valley
 High: 75 Low: 46
 Sunny and much warmer, with light winds. Mostly clear tonight. Temperatures in the 70s on Monday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 59 Low: 30
 Mostly sunny and warmer. Sunny on Monday with highs near 70.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 67 Low: 35
 Mostly sunny and warmer, with winds 5-10 mph. Sunny on Monday with highs in the lower 70s.

Northern Idaho
 High: 75 Low: 46
 Partly sunny and warmer, with winds 5-10 mph. Mostly cloudy on Monday with a chance of showers.

Northern Utah
 High: 64 Low: 35
 Mostly sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny and warmer on Monday, with highs near 70.

Northern Nevada
 High: 68 Low: 38
 Sunny and warmer, with winds at about 10 mph. Sunny on Monday.

Mary

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plumbing and had to trek two miles to a spring to get water. They bathed in a wash bin and their house was heated with a wood stove.

"It was really what most people would call 'poor white-trash living,' but we were really very happy for the most part," Groda-Lewis said.

When the Grodas moved from Portland a few years later, Groda-Lewis recalls that people tended to treat them like "white trash."

Seeking acceptance, she started a street gang and shortly afterward started to have trouble with the law.

At 16 she ended up in a reform school where a counselor recognized she was illiterate and suffering from dyslexia.

"She was always very bright but for some reason she just couldn't read," Jensen said. "But she faked it pretty good."

Groda-Lewis said her instructors helped her overcome her dyslexia and find good about herself.

"They explained to me that everyone has challenges and you can't look at it as a handicap. There are only challenges. It's only a handicap if you allow it to be," Groda-Lewis said.

The counselor enrolled her in the Upward Bound program at the University of Oregon, and for the first time, she excelled at school.

She was even chosen as a state representative for the program and went to Washington, D.C., where she met Bobby Kennedy and then President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Her life took a twist, however, when she became pregnant and had no money for prenatal care. Shortly after she gave birth to her

daughter, Iris, she became pregnant again with her son, Christopher. This time she contracted toxemia and suffered from seizures, elevated blood pressure and eventually a stroke that led to memory loss and left her unable to walk or talk.

She moved in with her parents for a year, and they helped rehabilitate her. Under these circumstances she discovered a purpose for her life - becoming a physician.

A new path
 That realization hit suddenly. "One day I just said, 'I'm going to school. I'm going to be a doctor,'" she said.

Jensen said the news came as a shock to her. "She was this hippie kid in the '60s, but all of a sudden it was like a light went on and she said, 'I'm going to be a doctor. And I asked why and she said, 'To help people.' And when she decides to do something, that's it," she said.

Groda-Lewis enrolled at Mt. Hood Community College, figuring if she could make it in two years, she could not possibly fail to become a doctor. At the time she wanted to become a mental health counselor, but she alternated years going to school and working to support herself.

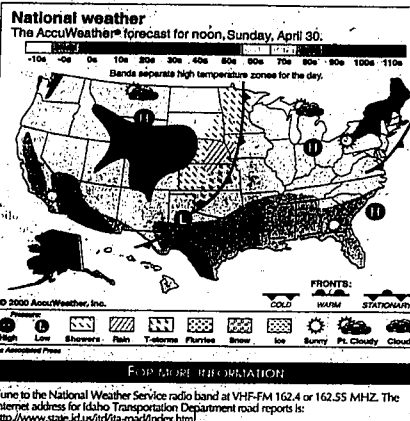
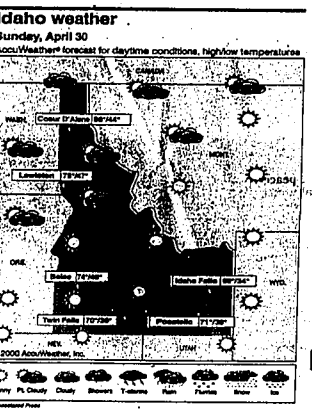
At Mt. Hood she met her future husband, David, in a karate class. It wasn't exactly love at first sight, but close.

"I threw him on the ground and then I asked him out to dinner while I was looking down at him," she said.

The two lived together for four years before marrying. After Groda-Lewis finished her associate's degree at Portland State

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| High: 70 Low: 39 Sunny and warmer, with winds at about 10 mph. | High: 73 Low: 38 Sunny. | High: 70 Low: 40 Mostly cloudy. | High: 70 Low: 40 Mostly cloudy. | High: 70 Low: 40 Partly cloudy. |



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

| Twin Falls | Precipitation |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Yesterday: 58-35 | Yesterday in Twin Falls: 37 |
| Last year: 49-41 | Normal mo. to date: 33 |
| Normal: 67-37 | Water year to date: 4.68 |
| | Normal year to date: 7.05 |

| Idaho | Highs/Lows |
|---------------|------------|
| Boise | 57-38 |
| Burley | 57-38 |
| Coeur d'Alene | 55-32 |
| Grangeville | m-m |
| Hagerman | m-m |
| Idaho Falls | 56-36 |
| Lewiston | 56-36 |
| Malad | m-m |
| Malla | m-m |
| McCall | 50-26 |
| Pocatello | 56-35 |
| Salmon | 57-37 |
| Stanley | 49-26 |
| Sun Valley | m-m |

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| Anchorage | 54 | 43 | |
| Atlanta | 53 | 49 | |
| Boston | 51 | 39 | |
| Chicago | 54 | 39 | |
| Dallas | 64 | 59 | |
| Denver | 82 | 44 | |
| Des Moines | 56 | 41 | ..... |
| Detroit | 71 | 43 | ..... |
| Honolulu | 84 | 73 | ..... |
| Indianapolis | 63 | 58 | ..... |
| Indianapolis | 70 | 46 | ..... |
| Kansas City | 58 | 47 | ..... |
| Las Vegas | 85 | 62 | ..... |
| Los Angeles | 75 | 54 | ..... |
| Los Angeles | 80 | 51 | ..... |
| Miami Beach | 87 | 63 | ..... |
| Milwaukee | 47 | 39 | ..... |
| Minneapolis | 67 | 53 | ..... |
| New Orleans | 81 | 56 | ..... |
| New York | 68 | 46 | ..... |
| Oklahoma City | 68 | 46 | ..... |
| Omaha | 72 | 45 | ..... |
| Phoenix | 70 | 47 | ..... |
| Portland, Me. | 70 | 45 | ..... |
| Portland, Ore. | 60 | 29 | ..... |
| Raleigh | 61 | 42 | ..... |
| San Diego | 67 | 54 | ..... |
| St. Louis | 52 | 48 | ..... |
| San Francisco | 56 | 39 | ..... |
| Seattle | 56 | 39 | ..... |
| Spokane | 56 | 43 | ..... |
| Washington | 70 | 49 | ..... |
| Yuma | 92 | 63 | ..... |

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Isolated thunderstorms dropped hail on Texas on Saturday and showers moved through the Ohio and Tennessee valleys and the southern Appalachians.

Southerly wind carrying moist air from the Gulf of Mexico produced thunderstorms during the morning and afternoon across parts of northern Texas, Oklahoma and south-central Kansas.

Early in the morning, some of those storms were strong enough to produce hail an inch in diameter in the area of Durango, Texas.

Farther north, isolated, light showers were scattered along the Rockies, from Colorado and Utah north into Wyoming and Montana.

Thunderstorms were possible during the night in eastern Colorado and western sections of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska.

In the East, an area of light showers moved quickly from southern Illinois and Indiana across Kentucky into Tennessee.

At the same time, scattered showers and thunderstorms developed from southern West Virginia into western sections of North Carolina and Virginia, then spread eastward during the afternoon.

- The Associated Press

Community struggles with another shooting rampage

The Associated Press

MOUNT LEBANON, Pa. - Authorities trying to explain what may have motivated a 34-year-old immigration lawyer to allegedly go on a shooting spree that left five people dead Friday say a two-page note found at the man's home holds some clues.

Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen Zappala Jr. refused to say what the note contained, but he said the words - believed to have been typed by suspect Richard Scott Baumhammers - are relevant to determining whether the shootings were hate crimes.

Five people died in the attacks: a Jewish woman who lived next door to Baumhammers, an Indian man at a grocery, two Asian men in a Chinese restaurant and a black man at a karate school. Shots were also fired through the doors of two synagogues, and a man of Indian descent at the grocery was wounded.

"Anybody who wants to guess whether it would be a hate crime, I guess these would be people who would look at the

The good doctor

Groda-Lewis was the subject of intense - and unwanted - media attention after graduation day. Everyone seemed to be enchanted with the story of the poor girl who graduated from medical school, overcoming all odds. CBS produced a made-for-TV movie about her life to this point called, "Love, Mary" in 1984.

She fled the attention and moved to Youngstown, Ohio, with her husband. David, who called her to start her residency at Case Western Reserve. After three years the Lewises moved to Buhl, where Groda-Lewis served as a family practitioner at Family Health Services until 1991.

In August of that year, she set up shop in Twin Falls.

During her time in the Magic Valley, Groda-Lewis became a champion of the underprivileged.

She waged a constant battle for medical patients in particular, many of whom were turned away by other physicians because of the prohibitive cost of treatment.

It was a decision that, briefly, put her in the middle of a Statehouse

Escape

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occurred at about 8 p.m.

Shortly after escape the three escapees stole a car in the vicinity of Twin Falls City Park, the report said.

Gleason, Scheer and McCullough were being held on felony charges. But there is no reason to believe the escapees would be armed or dangerous, according to the report, which did not offer any details of the escape.

The stolen car is described as a black 1989 Mercury Tracer, license plate 2T-D0473.

Gleason is described as 5 feet

10 inches tall, 155 pounds, with blue eyes, a goatee beard and shaved head.

Scheer is 6 feet tall, 195 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

McCullough is 5 feet 7 inches tall, 163 pounds with green eyes, black, shoulder-length hair and a beard.

Anyone with information about the escapees can call the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center at 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 723-5587.

Callers can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a reward.

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NATION

Protester lives life in tune with beliefs

Knight Ridder News Service

Some fled to Canada and never came back. Others are now in mainstream jobs, running businesses or working in city halls. And then there are those among the now middle-aged Vietnam War protesters who have followed the course that Maxwell has taken, quietly living their lives very much in tune with their pacifist philosophies.

"I'm older, I'm tired, and in some ways I'm more realistic," said Maxwell, 53, whose tangle of thick, wavy white hair and fuzzy mustache make him look like Albert Einstein's kid brother. "But I'm still trying to fight the good fight."

When he's not teaching social studies to children with special needs in Walnut Creek, Calif., Maxwell tries to stem what he sees as the world's predilection toward violence by serving on the board of his local peace center, being critical to newspapers and lawmakers and working with Amnesty International to help activists jailed in other countries.

Three decades ago, a lot more was on the line. As a freshman at the University of California-Berkeley in 1964, Maxwell had signed up for ROTC. Part of his course work included lessons about atomic, biological and chemical weapons. Their use bothered him. They also clashed with the religious ideals his mother had taught him. And they countered the humanitarian principles he was learning about in his philosophy classes.

Some after, Maxwell dropped out of ROTC. As young men around him were drafted, Maxwell considered his options. Going to Canada was out of the question. He was an American and wouldn't leave his country. Going to jail was something he was willing to do, but only if all else failed. He decided to file for status as a conscientious objector, which would allow him to forgo military service on moral grounds by substituting two years of community service.

During his sophomore year, Maxwell was notified that he was rejected for objector status and was eligible for the draft. Under pressure to fill draft quotas and overwhelmed with requests, the government frequently rejected objector-status claims. Maxwell immediately appealed, a process that took four years to resolve. Finally, in 1969, the Selective Service ruled against him.

Two weeks later, the draft board ordered him to report to the Oakland Induction Center, the first step toward combat. Maxwell refused induction and was indicted.

To pay his attorney's fees, he used money he earned washing dishes. As he watched the war explode on television, Maxwell sometimes had nightmares in which he was strapped into a military uniform and hurried along to the battlefield despite his insistence that he was a pacifist.

After a 1970 trial in which his defense contended he was wrongly denied conscientious objector status, Maxwell prevailed. One of 28,118 such objectors designated that year, he spent his two years of community service at a hospital in Oklahoma City.

There, his tasks ranged from taking blood pressure to changing bedpans to tagging and wrapping dead bodies. It was humble work for a young man who had read a 50-volume collection of great books of the Western world while he was in still high school and taken philosophy classes in college with the hope of becoming a professor.

A new Vietnam emerges Country celebrates anniversary

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) - From a garrison of sandbags and barbed wire, a new Vietnam of high-rises and high-tech celebrated the 25th anniversary of the end of the war Sunday with a parade of thousands and a festival of song and speeches.

An estimated 20,000 people gathered at Reunification Palace, the centerpiece of the nationally televised celebrations. The palace was decorated with a larger-than-life portrait of legendary communist leader Ho Chi Minh and eight long banners saluting the victory over the United States and its South Vietnamese allies.

Representatives of the army, navy, air force and militia formed a vast semicircle on the palace lawn. Youth groups and workers outside the circle flashed the red flags of Vietnam with a gold star in the center.

Singers belted out patriotic songs including one proclaiming: "We are marching to Saigon to liberate our country."

Goose-stepping soldiers and police on motorbikes paraded



A young Vietnamese girl and boy attend the festivities Saturday in Ho Chi Minh City on the eve of the 25th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

through the palace grounds and past a reviewing stand an hour after sunrise as viewers and marchers alike flung themselves with paper flags on an already hot, sunny day.

The men who made this day possible were there, including Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, the architect of victories over both the French and Americans, and Gen. Van Tien Dung, commander of the Ho Chi Minh Campaign that toppled the old noncommunist capital of Saigon on April 30, 1975. The city was renamed Ho Chi Minh City.

The dignitaries also included Communist Party chief Le Kha Phieu and Prime Minister Phan

Van Khai. In a keynote address, Ho Chi Minh City Mayor Vo Viet Thanh looked back to the heroism of the war but focused mainly on the country's economic problems.

"For what Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh City can enjoy today, the entire nation has paid 30 years of continuous fighting, the loss of millions of human lives and the loss of the most beloved members of millions of families," he said.

Looking ahead to the new millennium, he outlined the goals for the city, including a higher economic growth rate, greater efficiency in business perfor-



Looking back, looking ahead. This weekend is the 25th anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

mance and less restrictive policies.

The song, "Uncle Ho Lives in the Great Victory Day," was the theme for weekend ceremonies across the country. Ho Chi Minh City's wide boulevards were bathed in a rainbow of the bright colors of spring - red, blue, yellow and purple. Trees, utility poles and street corners were festooned with the flags of Vietnam and the Communist Party, and with placards marked in large numbers "30.4," April 30, the day Saigon fell.

National television showed grainy black-and-white propaganda footage of the war. Loudspeakers blared out American showtunes.

And on television: a Vietnamese performer sang "Yesterday Once More," the old Carpenters' song that was a sentimental favorite with lonely American GIs.

"When I was young, I listened to the radio waiting for my favorite songs," she sang. "When they played I'd sing along. It made me smile. Every 'sha la la la.' Every 'wo wo' still shines."

Vietnamese women seek equality today

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) - As Saigon was about to fall, Kuong Thi Tam drove her American boss to the airport, dodging fires and fighting. Do Thi Huu Bich, a top female Viet Cong leader, emerged from her underground hideout and took charge of a key district in the city.

In the 25 years since the Vietnam War ended on April 30, 1975, Tam hasn't been able to get a job, citing her work for the U.S. Agency for International Development. And despite repeated attempts, she has been denied a visa to the United States for unknown reasons.

Bich, in contrast, was rewarded by the newly installed communists with a series of high-ranking jobs until she retired in 1985.

Behind the battlefields in Vietnam - and especially on the front lines - millions of women like Tam and Bich joined the war effort.

Some, like Bich, now 75, got their revolutionary credentials fighting against the French in the late 1940s and early '50s and became ardent followers of Communist Party founder Ho Chi Minh. Others, like Tam, now 63, supported the free-wheeling capitalist lifestyle of the South Vietnamese and their American backers.

Now women from both sides in the war are trying to find equality in today's Vietnam, where men still dominate the highest positions of power. They also face the same problems as their male counterparts, including the legacy of the war's divisions. To many it seems that the winners and



Kuong Thi Tam not yet to the top, while women associated with the defeated

losers in 1975 remain the winners and losers today.

Female guerrillas from the north and south who backed the victorious communists have climbed the party hierarchy, though

Americans and the South Vietnamese army have trouble finding jobs - with few exceptions.

Dao Thi Nhien, director of the Women's Museum in Hanoi and a member of the powerful Women's Union's leadership committee, said unemployment is a problem nationwide and dismissed reports that women who worked for the Americans are excluded from government jobs. "There is no discrimination," she said.

But Tam and others with

American connections say that despite strenuous efforts over long periods, they always have been turned down for official positions - and so were their children.

"After 1975, I tried to apply for a job with the government, but they said there was no job for me because of my background," said Nguyen Thi Mui, 74, who worked as a cook for an American couple during the war. She became a street vendor and worked until she fell and broke a leg four years ago.

Vets find memories changed

NUI BA DEN, Vietnam (AP) - From the heights of this 2,900-foot mountain, American veterans looked out on what once was War Zone C, now a vast reservoir filling up behind a new dam.

To reach this vantage point, they rode a cable car up what they knew as Black Virgin Mountain, now Black Lady Mountain.

In the 1960s, the mountain was a strategic landmark for both sides. Its boulder-strewn slopes provided cover for guerrilla troops the Americans maintained a radio relay station on the top.

The veterans also visited the Cu Chi tunnels, once a Viet Cong stronghold but widened in post-war years to accommodate foreign tourists' bulkier bodies.

As many Americans - drawn back to Vietnam by nostalgia, curiosity or the country's intangible magnetism - are discovering, what they remember has changed, or no longer exists.

"The veterans have to come back, and even if they look at this whole empty space that used to be a firebase, they know what happened," said Richard Schenberg, a former paratroop officer who runs a private tour company catering to ex-soldiers. "That's the healing they seem to feel."

Joseph Thomas, 58, of Bellevue, Neb., said Thursday that he didn't even know it was the anniversary until he arrived on his first visit to Vietnam since he left in 1970. "I knew that if I didn't do it now, I was never going to do it," said the former combat engineer.

It was the sixth return trip for John Haseman, 57, who visited the Mekong Delta where he served two tours as an Army intelligence officer and U.S. adviser to the CIA-run "Phoenix" counterinsurgency program.

"I fell in love with Southeast Asia and never left," said Haseman, who writes and lectures on the region from his home in Grand Junction, Colo.

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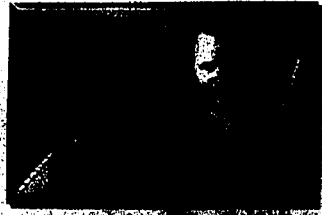
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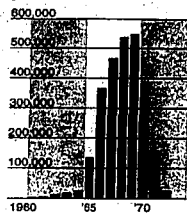


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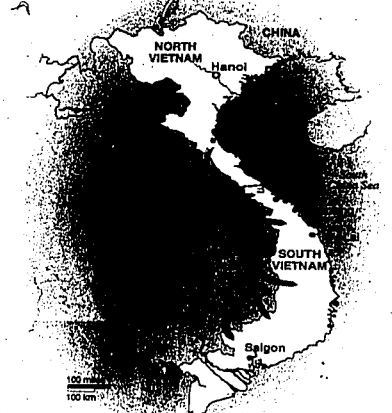
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U.S. military personnel in Vietnam



Key events

- 1959**
 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower undertakes to maintain South Vietnam as separate national state.
- 1961**
 - Gen. Maxwell Taylor tells President John F. Kennedy that prompt U.S. action can lead to victory.
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Buddhist staged demonstrations against Saigon government.
 - Coup topples South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem.
- 1964**
 - USS Maddox reports attack by North Vietnamese patrol boats in Gulf of Tonkin.
 - Gulf of Tonkin resolution gives Johnson broad authority to war.
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Johnson orders bombing raids.
- 1965**
 - First American combat troops land in Vietnam.



Casualties

U.S. troops — over 58,000
 South Vietnamese — 223,748
 North Vietnamese — 1.1 million
 Civilians — nearly 2 million

Missing in action

Of the 2,583 Americans listed as missing, 2,028 are still unaccounted for.



Vietnam Veterans Memorial

1973

- Nixon halts offensive actions.
- Paris Peace Agreement is signed.
- The last American troops leave; 580 American POWs released.



POW returns home, 1973

1974

- Congress cuts aid to South Vietnam.
- President Gerald R. Ford offers clemency to draft evaders.



U.S. Embassy, Saigon, 1975

1975

- Saigon falls to communist North; city renamed Ho Chi Minh City.
- War ends April 30, 1975.

1965

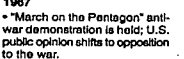
- Students for a Democratic Society sponsor anti-war rally in Washington anti-war protests held in about 40 cities.



Anti-war demonstration, 1967

1966

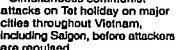
- Johnson asks Congress for \$12.8 billion more for the war.



Monk sets himself on fire, 1964

1967

- "March on the Pentagon" anti-war demonstration is held; U.S. public opinion shifts to opposition to the war.



Kent State students

1968

- Simultaneous communist attacks on Tet holiday on major cities throughout Vietnam, including Saigon, before attackers are repulsed.
- Johnson says he will not run for re-election. Peace talks begin in Paris. Riots occur at Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

1972

- Nixon is re-elected.
- Paris talks deadlock.



Richard M. Nixon across the nation take place.

1970

- U.S. Air Force bombs Cambodia.
- National Guardsmen kill four students at an anti-war rally at Kent State University in Ohio.



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Vietnamese reported for Time, spied for North

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) — During the war he lived in two worlds — on the surface a high-profile journalist for Time magazine who mingled with South Vietnam's power elite; below it, a Viet Cong commander working for the communist North.

Now, at age 73, Pham Xuan An sits with bare feet caressing the cool tile floor, a retired general at ease in his living room. Behind the couch is a painting of deer in a forest glade. Fish glide aimlessly in a tank. The sound of city traffic is buffered by the trees in An's front yard.

"I fought for two things — independence and social justice," An said of the wartime role he successfully hid from his journalistic colleagues in Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City.

Taking old pictures and a collection of dog-eared press cards from a file cabinet, An recalled events that earned him the respect of his fellow journalists, the trust of the South Vietnamese officials he secretly was working against and the silent appreciation of his real bosses in communist North Vietnam.

The slender, smiling An was the chief Vietnamese reporter for Time magazine's Saigon bureau during the war, but was best known as the unofficial voice of "Radio Catina" — the nickname



Pham Xuan An

of Saigon's political rumormongers.

From the Givral coffee shop on the corner of Rue Catina — now Dong Koi (Uprising) street, An doled out tidbits of information and political scuttlebutt to his Vietnamese counterparts who worked for other foreign news organizations. They in turn dutifully reported back to their own offices.

Given the South Vietnamese penchant for convoluted political intrigue, the potential for mischief was immense. But An says he never dispensed disinformation or communist propaganda.

"The truth was that I knew many things that I never told anyone," he said, laughing. "And because of this I was able on a couple of occasions to save Time from major embarrassment by telling them that a certain piece of important information was not true."

An said among the things he knew, but did not report, was the Cambodian military's plot to overthrow Prince Norodom Sihanouk in 1970, and the date of the final attack on Saigon in 1975.

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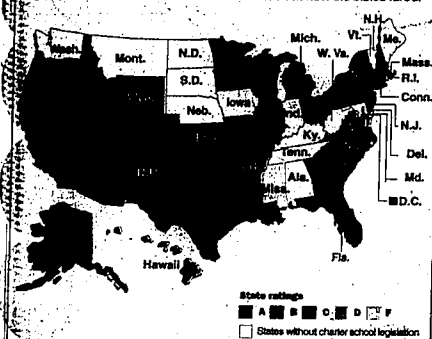
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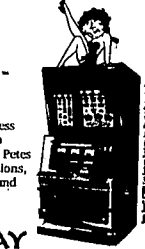
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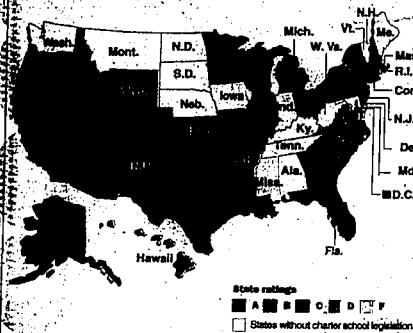
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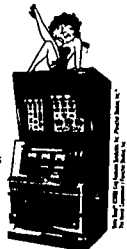
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Study: Cloned cows don't show early aging found in Dolly sheep

The Washington Post

Cloned cows don't show the signs of premature aging that scientists found in Dolly the cloned sheep and they may even be genetically "younger" than conventionally produced calves, according to new research.

The new work suggests that at least some cells are genetically rejuvenated through cloning. And it hints that cells taken from cloned human embryos may be particularly valuable as replacement cells in people suffering from disease of old age. That could heat up a simmering political and ethical debate over the appropriateness of growing cloned human embryos for medical purposes.

Already, a bioethics group in Britain has recommended scientists there be allowed to create cloned human embryos and destroy them to harvest potential curative cells. The technique would allow patients to replace failing tissues with cells that are young, healthy and genetically identical to themselves, because they would have been grown from embryos cloned from themselves.

That procedure, called therapeutic cloning, is considered by some to be less controversial than reproductive cloning, in which a cloned human embryo would be allowed to develop fully to birth. Still, many Americans - including many in Congress - are opposed to the creation of human embryos for research.

The findings contrast with others two years ago, when scientists made the surprising discovery that cells from Dolly, the famous cloned sheep, had the molecular hallmarks of being six years older than she was.

On a more practical level, the Dolly work led some scientists to believe that cloned human cells might also be useful for research, thus relatively less controversial for the treatment of diseases of aging.

The new finding that some cells from clones may be especially youthful "is an argument for making human therapeutic cloning legal," said Michael West, president and chief executive officer of Advanced Cell Technology, a biotechnology company in Worcester, Mass., that sponsored the research.

West and his colleagues created six cloned calves from laboratory-grown cow cells that were first allowed to grow in the uterus for months after the cloned calves were born, the team removed

some blood cells and measured the lengths of their telomeres - structures on the tips of chromosomes, which carry most of the genes inside cells.

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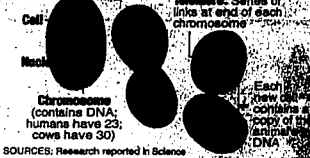
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Jupiter seen as protector of Earth

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Astronomers are developing a new appreciation for Earth's big brother in the sky, that glowing ball of hot gas known as the planet Jupiter.

It is now clear that we all owe Jupiter a debt of gratitude. Without our enormous neighbor, 318 times heavier than Earth, life might never have arisen here or survived long enough to produce human beings, astronomers say.

Jupiter's massive gravity acts as a shield, sheltering Earth from most of the roving comets and asteroids that otherwise could smash into our planet, snuffing out plants and animals. Jupiter is uniquely situated in this role, unlike any of the 34 alien planets recently discovered around other stars.

Jupiter displayed its protective power less than two years ago when a monster comet broke into fragments and bombarded the planet with more destructive power than all the atomic bombs on Earth. Other hazardous objects are periodically snatched out of their orbits and flung into the sun or deflected back into space by the big planet's gravitational blockade.

"Jupiter is our first line of defense," said Alan Boss, an astrophysicist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington. "It is something like 99.9 percent efficient at growing (dangerous space junk) out to a safer place."

Some destructive objects slip past Jupiter's guard, including a

NATION

Untended cell phones cause headaches for 911

ROCKFORD, Mich. (AP) - Cellular phones provide peace of mind in an emergency for many people. But they are an increasingly dangerous headache for 911 dispatchers.

"People don't realize their phones are pre-programmed to call 911 if a certain button is pushed," says Mike Miller, a Michigan State Police radio dispatcher. "They put their phones in their pockets or purses and they move around and the buttons get pushed."

"One day I had 94 calls from cell phones that were accidental or hangups."

He's not alone. With an estimated 91 million Americans now owning wireless phones, frustrated dispatchers from Los Angeles to Boston report an epidemic of calls from phones that connect to 911 after pre-programmed dial options are accidentally triggered without their owners' realization.

"They drive us crazy!" said Kris Willis, a supervisor in the 911 center in Cleveland, Tenn., who estimates her office gets as many 50 such calls a day. "If you've got a dispatcher tied up on the phone sitting there for one or two minutes to make sure there's nothing wrong."

MacNichols, assistant Director of Telecommunications. Elain Sutherland says he doesn't know exactly how many of the 2,400 wireless phone calls every day to 911 in his state are unintentional. But it's an increasingly common and easily recognizable - problem for his staff.

"Our communications center will get a 911 call and there will be nobody speaking to them or we will hear another conversation or a rustling sound indication of the phone being in their pocket or purse," said Sutherland.

The National Emergency Number Association, a Columbus, Ohio-based industry group, recommends that wireless customers remove the pre-programmed feature from their phones to prevent accidental calls or keep their phones in a place where their buttons won't be bumped.

"It's a classic case of unintended consequences; the wireless industry intends to make a phone that is safer, but people inadvertently hit the button and call 911," says Mark Adams, executive director of the association. "These calls alone get staggering when you talk about the resources they tie up."



Customers can also lock the phone keypad, so no call can be made without punching in a special code, says Michelle Gilbert, a spokeswoman for Verizon Wireless, which serves 16 million customers nationally. Or they could turn off phones that are in use.

Government-mandated technology expected to be installed over the next few years should also alleviate some of the problem by allowing dispatchers to trace the number and location of wireless phone calls.

California Highway Patrol dispatchers in Los Angeles County are already using some of the new equipment, which allows them to get a readout showing the phone numbers of all 911 wireless calls, including apparent accidental calls.

"We'll call them back and let them know they need to secure their phones," said supervisor Bruce Boysen, who estimates about 25 percent of the wireless calls his department gets are unintentional. "We can also check to see if there's actually an emergency."

But that's not an option for most emergency dispatchers.

The Michigan police outpost where Miller works estimates nearly half of its wireless calls are unintentional, but it lacks the technology to automatically trace those calls.

Officials occasionally have used '69, a standard phone service available in many areas, to track down unintended wireless phone owners - like Mac McNichols.

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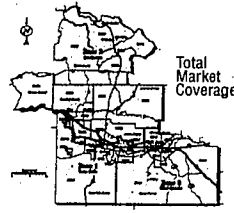
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U.S. Chamber of Commerce to establish war reparation fund

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will solicit donations from U.S. corporations to compensate slave laborers and others who were forced to work in German factories owned by American companies or their subsidiaries during World War II, authorities said Saturday.

The chamber, which represents more than 3 million businesses worldwide, decided to establish the fund after being approached by the Clinton administration and a number of major U.S. corporations that have been threatened with lawsuits by survivors and their heirs.

Several large American corporations, including Ford and General Motors, have acknowledged having benefited from slave labor during the war.

Deputy Treasury Secretary Stuart Eizenstat and chamber officials plan to announce the project Monday at a conference

on corporate responsibility in Washington.

"If we can assist member companies in resolving a humanitarian situation, while at the same time preventing trial lawyers from getting their hands on the money, we would like to help," Chamber spokesman Frank Coleman said.

The fund would allow companies to pool resources to respond to many humanitarian challenges around the world, including disaster relief. Attorneys are scheduled to meet later in the week to determine how funds specifically for war reparations will be structured within the foundation, Coleman said.

The fund would be led by Craig Johnstone, who is a senior vice president of the chamber, a former ambassador to Algeria under President Ronald Reagan and a former director of the State Department's office of policy and plans under Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

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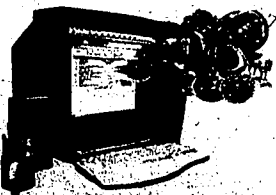
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Judge: Industrialist deserved sentence

POCATELLO (AP) - Seven years in prison, says a U.S. district judge, is a legitimate sentence for industrialist Allan Elias, convicted of knowingly endangering an employee's life and a man federal and state regulators sometimes called "Idaho's walking, talking Three Mile Island."

Judge R. Lynn Winnmill's sentence, which included a ruling that Elias pay \$5.9 million in restitution, was the harshest ever imposed for an environmental crime in the United States, eclipsing the 13-year prison term ordered last year in a Florida case.

Elias was convicted in May 1999 of ordering Scott Dominguez to wash down the sides of the 11-foot-high, 36-foot-long, 25,000-gallon tank containing the phosphoric acid and cyanide, a combination that produces the same gas the Nazis used in their World War II death camps.

Scott's brother, Anthony, told Winnmill that Elias was evil. Dominguez testified that he has seen his brother go from an active young man to a 23-year-old with brain damage after being ordered by Elias to clear a tank containing phosphoric acid and cyanide. "Mr. Elias, you're a man my brother trusted, and you took that away from him," he said. "You took it away and you showed no remorse and for this your choices will haunt you the rest of your life."

"The sentence adequately reflects the danger Mr. Elias posed to the community and one individual in particular," Winnmill said after the day-long hearing. "I hope it will deter Elias and other similarly situated individuals in the future."

After declining to testify during his 3.5-week trial a year ago, Elias spent over two hours on the stand Friday, repeatedly maintaining that Dominguez was the victim of a tragic accident that he bore no responsibility for.

He was specifically convicted of knowingly endangering the safety and health of his employees, illegally disposing of hazardous waste and making a false statement to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The 61-year-old former owner of Evergreen Resources Inc., in southeastern Idaho, remains the only employer ever convicted on federal charges of knowingly



Allan Elias walks up the steps to the Federal Court House Friday in Pocatello on his way to his sentencing for sending 23-year-old Scott Dominguez into a toxic storage tank in Soda Springs.



Scott Dominguez, 23, walks with his mother, Jackie Hamp, into the Federal Court House Friday in Pocatello for the sentencing of Allan Elias. Elias was handcuffed and immediately led away by federal marshals. He had been free for a bond under electronic monitoring

up until Friday night.

Dominguez, 23, collapsed in the tank in August 1996 and could not be rescued for an hour. He suffered severe brain damage and requires extensive care. Elias had provided no safety training and did not give Dominguez or other workers the required protective clothing or breathing gear.

His father, Ron Hamp, called Elias a "very, very evil man." A trial is set for Nov. 6 in state court on a civil lawsuit filed by Dominguez and his mother, Jackie Hamp, against Elias, the company he ran, Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp. and Kerr-McGee Chemical LLC, to which Elias sold Evergreen Resources in March 1995 for \$1.5 million and a \$40,000-a-month payment.

Dominguez's lawyer, Brent Roche, said the case could be the first in Idaho to result in an employer being found liable for an employee's injuries. Worker's compensation coverage in all other cases has foreclosed legal remedies.

Utah's zero-tolerance school weapons law misfires in suit

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A state mandate suspending weapons-toting high school students for a full year appears to be unenforceable.

A federal judge is holding up the new law, which was to take effect today, and state officials concede it violates federal regulations and could jeopardize federal funding for Utah.

U.S. District Judge Dale Kimball on Friday ordered the state to not enforce the law while a lawsuit challenging it works its way through her court. The suit targets the lack of due process for students and discretion for school administrators.

The state plans to file a response to the suit from a Salt Lake County family by June 30. Assistant Utah attorney general John McAllister said the

Legislature may have to revise the law if Utah is to avoid jeopardizing its federal funds.

"It's commendable lawmakers want to make very strict laws against bringing weapons to school. But when you have a rigid, zero-tolerance policy with no discretion of any kind, it's sometimes very difficult to handle," he said.

Doug Bates, a lawyer for Steve Laing, state superintendent of public instruction, also conceded the mandate doesn't comply with federal regulations.

Kimball's preliminary injunction was a first-round victory for plaintiffs identified in court papers as J. and M. Anderson, parents of E. Anderson, a high school student in the Jordan School District.



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Spokane sheriff keeps vow to catch serial killer

SPOKANE (AP) - When Mark Sterk was a Spokane police officer, he got to know many of the prostitutes who worked East Sprague Avenue.

When he was elected sheriff in 1998, Sterk vowed to catch the serial killer who preyed on those women.

Overcoming criticism that the case was stalled and too expensive, Sterk's efforts appeared to pay off last week when Robert L. Yates Jr. was arrested as the prime suspect in the killings of 12 women.

"I'd worked the south side of Spokane as a police officer," Sterk said this week, getting to know many of the women who worked the streets. "I felt strongly that just because they found themselves stuck in a life of prostitution, that didn't mean it was OK to kill them," Sterk said.

The arrest of Yates has brought national attention to Sterk, a Spokane native and former state legislator. Unlike many right-tipped lawmen, he has been quick to declare the serial killer case solved. Sterk contends overwhining DNA and physical evidence link Yates to a dozen murders, and possibly up to six more.

"He's going to be sheriff for a long time," said a smiling Mark Fulhram, the former Los Angeles police detective who has a talk radio show in Spokane.

Sterk, 48, was raised on Spokane's South Hill, a comfortable area of middle-class and affluent families. He graduated from Lewis and Clark High School, and is three classes short of a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, with a goal of completing the course work this year.

He spent 24 years on the Spokane police force. One of his jobs was supervising the special investigations unit, which was responsible for enforcement of drug and prostitution laws.

He ran for sheriff in 1994, but lost to John Middaugh, then appointed to a Republican win the state House of Representatives in 1995, and then re-elected to another term.

He was arrested on various issues and in 1998 ran for sheriff. Sterk won during the campaign. Yates



Sheriff Mark Sterk
Felt empathy for prostitutes

solving the serial killings would be a top priority. He won the election. "I was back home and back in law enforcement, where I belong," Sterk said.

A special task force made up of sheriff's deputies, Spokane police and the Washington State Patrol had been seeking the killer since

1997. When Sterk took office, he revamped the task force. He assigned three more deputies and a sergeant full-time to the case, replaced some members, and placed an emphasis on analyzing the existing data to look for links between the victims and their killer.

Sterk felt strongly that the killer was already in law enforcement files. "Either the sheriff's office, Washington State Patrol or Spokane police have had contact with this guy and he is in our database," Sterk said then.

The problem was finding him. As time went on and no suspects were identified, the public and local politicians lost interest. With costs of the task force climbing past \$2 million, some Spokane leaders were tired of pouring money into the case, "chasing a ghost," Sterk said.

"They felt we were not getting the best bang for the buck," Sterk said. "When this year's budget was

devised for the sheriff's department, Sterk was asked to cut the size of the task force. He declined. The Spokane Police Department bowed to budget pressure, yanking its five officers off the case in January. Last week, the task force hit pay dirt. Yates was arrested on the way to work charged with one murder, and will likely be charged with more.

If Yates is convicted, then Sterk's hunch that the killer was already in police files will prove correct. Yates had drawn the attention of police officers twice in the East Sprague area, and had also been interviewed by suspicious deputies last year.

Yates lives on the South Hill, near where Sterk lives. Sterk is married and has three daughters, one grandson and another grandchild on the way.

Does all the attention have him making bigger plans? "I like my job and I like what I do," Sterk said. "There is no doubt I will run again for re-election."

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Keeping Snake River dams creates new challenge

WASHINGTON (AP) - Four Snake River dams - concrete slabs and earthen berms that have become public enemy No. 1 of environmentalists pushing for salmon recovery - are getting a new lease on life.

A draft biological opinion by the National Marine Fisheries Service and an accompanying document due May 22 are expected to say that four 100-foot-high dams in southeastern Washington state should stand at least another five or 10 years.

After that, if habitat improvements and other salmon recovery efforts fall short, the dams should be breached, according to agency officials.

The biological opinion, when it is finalized in July, will serve as official federal policy and - at least for the time being - resolve questions as to how much longer the structures will be around.

Those questions have been at the forefront in the Pacific Northwest since the service asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1995 to study breaching the dams to help salmon stocks recover. The corps' long-awaited recommendation was to be made public when it is released late this fall. Corps officials say they expect to follow the service's lead.

Fisheries service officials - while answering a question about dams in the short term - also seem to be issuing a challenge: If people in the Pacific Northwest want the dams, they need to meet the sacrifices necessary to keep them.

That means property owners need to set aside land for stream

buffers. More water will be spilled over dams, river flows will be increased, salmon harvests will be held in check and water quality must be improved.

"The \$64,000 question is whether or not we will have the discipline to put together and execute an effective habitat strategy to rebuild the productivity of these stream systems and the estuary," said Will Stelle, regional director of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

"It will require a real commitment to a coordinated strategy by leadership in the state and federal agencies and in local levels," he said. "Without that ... it will be all the more difficult to make the progress we need to make."

It is a challenge that many are already rejecting. Environmentalists, who had been pressing for immediate dam removal, sharply criticized the service's approach.

"A decision to delay equals a sanctioning of extinction," Jeff Curtis of Trout Unlimited said in a statement on Thursday.

The environmental group American Rivers contends that President Clinton should develop engineering plans in the next four years to remove the dams. Congress should authorize dam removal so federal officials can take out the structures quickly if salmon populations do not rebound by 2005, group members say. "The only scientifically and legally defensible plan is one that calls for dam removal in 2005 and permits delay only if populations rebound dramatically by that date," said Rob Mason of American Rivers' Seattle office.



Col. Eric Morgan, left, of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage, R-Idaho, and Rep. George Nethercutt Jr., R-Wash., look over lower dams of the Snake River during an aerial tour Thursday near Pasco, Wash. The flight followed an all-day hearing in pasco on dams and salmon issues.

"A plan that puts off the dam removal decision for five or 10 years is simply another delaying tactic," he said.

Bruce Lovellin, executive director of the industry group Columbia River Alliance, also finds great fault with the approach. He said the service is backing out on federal officials' long-term commitment to let the

dams rise or fall on their own merit. "Here we've gone down the path for five years," he said. "They're trying to change the game at the very end - that's just flat inappropriate."

The service's answer to the critics is that things have changed, and that salmon recovery is not just about dams.

When the service first ordered the corps to study the option of breaching the dams, three salmon stocks were listed - all on the Snake. Now 13 fish stocks are listed throughout the Columbia Basin, and Stelle contends the stocks at most risk are in the upper Columbia and Willamette rivers.

The service contends the major question of 1995 - what can the

region do to help Snake River salmon stocks? - has been replaced by, what can the region do to solve salmon problems in the entire Columbia Basin?

For the answer, federal officials are turning to the so-called "All H" paper - formerly the "Four H" paper - that considers the role of hydropower, hatcheries, salmon harvests and salmon habitat in recovery efforts. The service's approach to be unveiled May 22 is largely described in the "aggressive non-breach" strategy laid out in an earlier version of the "All H" paper.

A revised version of the paper will be handed out with the draft biological opinion.

Under the "aggressive non-breach" option:

- The Snake dams would stay for the time being, but agencies would be aggressive in increasing stream flows, spilling more water over dams and making other improvements to increase the survival of salmon going past the dams.

- Federal, state, tribal and local officials would sharply increase their level of coordination and cooperation to try to improve habitat for fish. Their efforts would include adding buffers along streams, boosting water quality and making irrigation systems more fish friendly. Federal funds for these efforts need to be increased.

- Salmon harvests would be held at 1999 levels until salmon stocks recover. Additional fish populations would be brought into hatchery conservation programs, if necessary, to prevent extinction.

Fish surplus prompts opening

BOISE (AP) - A surplus of hatchery produced spring chinook salmon has prompted the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to approve a fishing season on the Clearwater and the Little Salmon rivers.

"Their numbers will be within the range of when we've had seasons in 1993, 1997 and 1998," Sharon Kiefer, Fish and Game's anadromous fish coordinator, told the commission in a Friday telephone conference. The season was approved without comment.

The 2000 prediction for crossing Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River is 133,300, with 43 percent returning to the Snake. This year's count at Bonneville so far is over 100,000.

The number of jacks - males that return to spawning grounds a year or two early - reached 3,182 at Bonneville by Tuesday, compared with a 10-year average for that date of 302.

Fish and Game projects about 28,000 spring chinook will cross Lower Granite Dam downstream of Lewiston, with about 25,000 hatchery fish and 2,800 wild salmon, which are listed as an endangered species. A total of 726 crossed the dam last year.

The Lower Granite count by Tuesday was 1,689, while the 10-year average was 688.

Groups begin final phase of trout study

WADSWORTH, Nev. (AP) - State and federal biologists and a local tribe are releasing 50,000 Lahontan cutthroat trout into the Truckee River in the final phase of a five-year study aimed at helping to save the fish from extinction.

Lahontan cutthroats 40 pounds or larger once migrated 100 miles from Pyramid Lake in the high desert northeast of Reno to the ripine waters of Lake Tahoe. That has been their spawning route since blocked by the Derby Dam in 1905, the cornerstone of the first major irrigation system in the West.

The native fish, now protected and threatened under the Endangered Species Act, disappeared from the river and Pyramid Lake by the end of World War II.

But the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe has been raising the cutthroats in its hatchery at the lake since Nixon, Nev. The state and federal governments in recent years have been working to reintroduce the fish to the Truckee River, which passes through Reno on its way down to Lake Tahoe.

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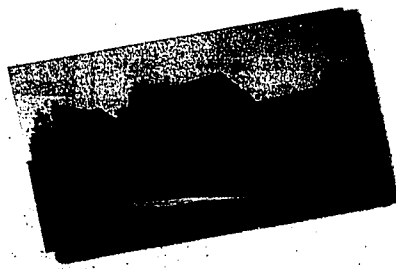
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A pedestrian reads the last edition of the reformist Farsi daily newspaper Moshrekat Friday in Tehran. The newspaper, owned by the brother of Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, and with 15 other reformist newspapers have been closed down in the past several weeks.

President says crack-down won't stop Iran reforms

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Defiant against a fierce hard-line crack-down on Iran's pro-democracy movement, President Mohammad Khatami insisted Saturday that the reforms he started three years ago could not be stopped. Khatami's statement was his strongest yet against hard-liners who are trying to preserve their power and, it is feared, will seek to prevent the gathering of Iran's newly elected pro-reform parliament.

"The Iranian nation is revolutionary," Khatami told workers in Tehran, "and nothing can halt its achievements, that is to say, reforms."

Even as Khatami signaled to his supporters that he would not back down in the power struggle, he and other top reformist leaders urged their backers not to take to the streets in protest, for fear of giving the hard-line



President Mohammad Khatami

Islamic clergy a pretext for a harsher crack-down. Backed by the country's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, hard-liners have used their dominance of the judiciary to close 16 reformist newspapers and detain two leading journalists in the past two weeks. Their actions are widely seen as a bid to reverse the steps taken by Khatami to loosen the strict Islamic limitations on political and social life since he took office in 1997. Khatami's efforts got a boost in the February legislative elections

in which conservatives lost control of parliament for the first time since the 1979 Islamic revolution. Pro-Khatami candidates won some 70 percent of the seats announced for the 290-member parliament.

A run-off election will be held on May 5 to decide 56 seats where no candidate passed the required threshold. Campaigning for the vote began last week.

Reformers fear that the hard-liners are trying to investigate violence to justify bringing troops into the streets and declaring a state of emergency so as to delay the opening of the new parliament on May 27.

The electoral authority, which is controlled by the hard-liners, annulled the results in 12 seats won by reformers and said there might be changes in Tehran, where reformers won 29 of the 30 seats.

Police beat opposition protesters in Azerbaijan

BAKU, Azerbaijan - Police with batons beat back more than 1,000 demonstrators seeking to stage an unsanctioned rally in Azerbaijan's capital of Baku on Saturday and detained three opposition leaders.

Dozens of people were clubbed, including 13 prominent opposition figures and five reporters who covered the rally, according to the information center of the Musavat opposition party. At least one person was hospitalized, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

Opposition parties wanted to hold a rally in central Fizuli Square to demand that this fall's parliamentary elections be free of fraud and government intimidation of opposition groups. City authorities refused to allow the protest on Fizuli Square, but said they could gather at a race-track on Baku's northern outskirts.

Azerbaijan's authoritarian President Geydar Aliyev has been criticized by international human rights groups for cracking down on dissent and independent media in his former Soviet republic.

South Korean workers march for shorter workweek

SEOUL, South Korea - About 15,000 workers marched through downtown Seoul on Saturday, demanding a shorter workweek and opposing the sale of automakers to foreign investors.

"Five-day workweek," they chanted, picking up the slogan blared from loudspeakers mounted on vans. "Let's crush foreign sales and protect our right to survival."

The demonstrations were organized by the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, a militant umbrella labor group that claims to have 500,000 members, many of them in the car and shipbuilding industries. Workers demanded their workweek be cut from 44 hours to 40 hours without a cut in pay, saying South Korea had the longest

World in brief

workweek of all industrialized countries.

Somalia Cholera outbreak kills 43 people in 24 hours

MOGADISHU, Somalia - A cholera outbreak, compounded by drought, has claimed 43 lives in 24 hours in central Somalia, local officials said Saturday.

Hassan Abdulleh Qalad, the governor of Hirran region, said 25 people were reported dead in villages around the regional capital, Belet Huen, about 90 miles north of Mogadishu.

The impact of cholera, which is spread by contaminated water, is being intensified by a drought that has dried up fresh water sources and parched lands also in neighboring Ethiopia, Kenya, Eritrea and Sudan.

Former Mexican president's niece marries inside prison

MEXICO CITY - The daughters of Mexico's rich and famous are known for extremely extravagant weddings in beautiful colonial settings.

But Mariana Salinas, the niece of former Mexican president Carlos Salinas de Gortari, gave up that opportunity to wed with her father present - in prison.

The daughter of Raul Salinas married Mexico City lawyer Luis Gerardo del Valle during a group wedding Friday with 10 inmates at the Mexico State prison in Almoloya de Juarez west of Mexico City, the Mexico City newspaper Reforma reported Saturday.

Raul Salinas gave his daughter a picture he painted of 27 1/2-year sentence for masterminding the 1994 murder of his former brother-in-law, Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, who was secretary-general of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party.

- compiled from wire reports

U.S. Coast Guard rescues Haitian migrants

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) - Ragged and weary, 288 Haitians rescued from a shipwreck in a dramatic U.S. Coast Guard mission have arrived in the Bahamian capital, with many saying they were trying to get to Florida and that up to 17 people died in the attempt.

Crews rescued the Haitians on Thursday, with U.S. Coast Guard helicopters evacuating 65 people suffering from severe hypothermia, dehydration and kidney failure. Their ship ran aground Wednesday off Flamingo Cay in the Ragged Island chain, about 250 miles from Haiti.

At least 22 of those hospitalized were released and placed in detention on Friday, when the remaining passengers arrived in Nassau aboard a Bahamian Defense Force cutter. They also have been placed in detention and will be questioned before being sent back home.

"We left Haiti in a boat because of the situation in the country.



Survivors of a Haitian shipwreck arrive Nassau, Bahamas Friday after a ship carrying nearly 300 Haitian boat people ran aground Thursday near Flamingo Cay in the southern Bahamas.

There's a thousand riots," said Barnabas Estime, one of the survivors.

"There's a lot of other persons who leave for the same situation."

The boatload - the largest single group to arrive in the Bahamas in years - comes amid a dramatic increase in the number of Haitians seeking refuge here and coincides with increasing violence in Haiti as the nation gears up for long-postponed legislative elections.

In a separate incident, 122 Haitians landed Wednesday on Inagua, the southernmost Bahamian island 100 miles from Haiti's north coast. On April 21, 224 Haitians arrived.

Some fear that the Bahamas and the United States could face a new flood of Haitians headed for their shores.

"You know that election will be held in Haiti and the situation has become harder," Estime said. "The new arrivals may just be a usual increase during the Easter season, when migrants believe there will be fewer Coast Guard patrols, Bahamian immigration director Vernon Burrows said.

Farmer becomes poster boy for victim's rights

Los Angeles Times

LONDON - A reclusive farmer convicted of fatally shooting a 16-year-old burglar in the back with an illegal shotgun has become the unlikely poster boy for victims' rights in Britain.

Tony Martin, who lived in a rundown Victorian estate called Bleak House and carried a teddy bear to court every day, received a mandatory sentence of life in prison last week for the killing; one of the dead intruder's accomplices was jailed for three years, the other for 2 1/2 years.

The unequal punishments drew cries of outrage from Martin's neighbors in rural East Anglia, who say a man has a right to defend his "castle" and are raising money for his appeal. Conservative politicians and newspapers have rallied to the cause - if not always to the convict's side - ahead of England's local council elections this week.

"What has happened to our court system when career bur-

glars and muggers get a few dozen hours' community service or a couple of months in prison if they're unlucky, while people defending their homes against the very same criminals risk long prison sentences?" asked Conservative Party leader William Hague. The opposition leader called for a change in the law to create "a strong presumption that the state will be on the side of people who protect their homes and their families against criminals."

Labor Party leaders have accused Hague of opportunism, and police officials responded cautiously to the idea of giving greater rights to property owners to attack intruders, fearing an increase in violent crimes to U.S. levels.

"I've heard comparisons to America, where there is a slightly lower rate of domestic burglary but a very high rate of violent crime and murder," Crispian Strachan, chief constable of the Northumbria police, told journal-

ists. "I think that is because they have a right to defend themselves at all costs. I would not want to see that introduced here."

Guns in Britain are generally reserved for hunting grouse and game. Few police carry them, and in the wake of the massacre of 16 schoolchildren and their teacher in the Scottish town of Dunblane four years ago, Parliament banned all handguns nationwide.

Across the political spectrum, Britons express horror at what they see as America's gun-loving culture and its result: children massacring children.

"The public and the police force as a whole are very much against guns," a spokesman for the Police Federation of England and Wales said Thursday.

And yet there has been a great deal of public support for Martin and little criticism of his use of a gun to protect his property in Norfolk County.

A Market & Opinion Research International, or MORI, poll con-

ducted for the Mail on Sunday tabloid last week indicated that three-quarters of Britons sympathize with the farmer, and 70 percent think that his life sentence was inappropriate. An equal number believe that judges should have more flexibility in sentencing those found guilty of murder.

The law covering self-defense says that lethal violence is permissible to fend off a physically threatening attack if the victim has taken reasonable steps to avoid violence.

But once a defendant is convicted of murder, a life sentence is mandatory. There is no lesser charge of manslaughter in British law, as there is in the United States.

The Police Federation spokesman argued for a clearer definition of "reasonable force" under the law. "What is reasonable force to one judge or jury may not be to another. A burglar's state of mind should be taken into consideration," he said.

"This needs tightening up."

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SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

What does this mean for you?

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) was signed into law on December 16, 1974. The purpose of the law is to assure that the nation's water supply systems serving the public meet minimum national standards for the protection of public health.

The SDWA covers all public water systems with piped water for human consumption with at least 15 service connections or a system that regularly serves at least 25 individuals. The SDWA directed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish national drinking water standards. These standards limit the amount of certain contaminants provided by public water. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Definitions You Need to Know

Non-Detects (ND) - Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) - or Micrograms per liter - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per trillion (ppt) - or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l) - One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

City of Twin Falls IDAHO

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

We're pleased to present to you 1999's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We currently have a Wellhead Protection Plan, and it is available at the City of Twin Falls Environmental Coordinator's office (208) 735-7225. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from ten wells out of the Snake River Plain aquifer. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from human or animal activity. Water supplies for 1999 were drawn from the Blue Lakes Wells, the South Wells and reservoir system and the Southeast Wells and reservoir system. The Blue Lakes Wells complex are located on the north side of the Snake River just above Blue Lakes in Jerome County. The South Wells and reservoir system is located on the south end of Twin Falls at 1092 Washington St. S. The Southeast Wells and reservoir system is located on the southeast end of Twin Falls at 367 Hanks Road.

If you are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Mike Schroeder, at 736-1540. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

City Council meetings, which are held the first and third Monday of each month at 5:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho are opportunities for public participation and input.

The City of Twin Falls municipal water system routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st, 1999 to December 31st, 1999. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It is important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

Due to public concern, we also sampled for MTBE (Methyl-tert-butyl-ether), and the results were ND.

We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The DEQ has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

FDA Statement:

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Health Effects:

Microbiological Contaminants:

Total Coliform: Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in nine samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Fecal coliforms/E. coli: Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

Radioactive Contaminants:

Beta/photon emitters: Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as photons and beta radiation. Some people who drink water containing beta and photon emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Inorganic Contaminants:

Barium: Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

Copper: Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their physician's doctor.

Fluoride: Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including joint and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.

Lead: Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Nitrate: Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome.

Volatile Organic Contaminants:

THM's (Total Trihalomethanes): Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Microbiological Contaminants - Total Coliform Bacteria Y/N Present/Absent: 0 present in 5% of monthly samples. Naturally present in the environment. Fecal coliform and E. coli N/Absent. 0 in a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive. Human and animal fecal waste.

Radioactive Contaminants - Beta/photon emitters: N 0.31 - 1.5 pCi/L. 0.50 Decay of natural and man-made deposits. 0 greater than 50 pCi/l then dose needs to be determined. Alpha emitters N 4.0 - 22 - 107.10 pCi/L. 0.15 Erosion of natural deposits.

Inorganic Contaminants - Barium: N 0-0.07 mg/L. 2.2 Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits. Copper: N 0.218 mg/L. 3 AL=1.3 Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives. Fluoride: N 0.310 - 1.057049 mg/L. 4 Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Lead: 4 AL=15 Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits. Nitrate (as Nitrogen): N 1.0 - 5.7 mg/L. 10 Runoff from fertilizer use;

Why should you read this?

A survey conducted by the American Water Works Research Foundation 1993 found that nearly two-thirds of water consumers surveyed said they received "very little" or "no" information on the quality of their water. The water quality reports will increase the availability of information. Informed and involved citizens can be strong allies of water systems, large and small, as they take action on pressing problems. Also, an increase in public awareness can give sensitive subpopulations the information that they need to protect themselves. The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter, is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

What is in your drinking water?

Drinking water standards are regulations that the EPA sets to control the level of contaminants in the nation's drinking water. These standards are part of the Safe Drinking Water Act's "multiple barrier" approach to drinking water protection, which includes assessing and protecting drinking water sources; protecting wells and collection systems; making sure water is treated by qualified operators; ensuring the integrity of distribution systems; and making information available to the public on the quality of their drinking water. With the involvement of the EPA, states, tribes, drinking water utilities, communities and citizens; these multiple barriers ensure that tap water in the United States and territories is safe to drink. In most cases, the EPA delegates responsibility for implementing drinking water standards to states and tribes.

Test Results Water Quality Report for the City of Twin Falls

| Contaminant | Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Unit of Measurement | MCLB | MCL | Likely source of contamination |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|------|--------|---|
| Microbiological Contaminants | | | | | | |
| Total Coliform Bacteria | N | Absent | | 0 | | Naturally present in the environment |
| Fecal coliform and E. coli | N | Absent | | 0 | | Human and animal fecal waste |
| Radioactive Contaminants | | | | | | |
| Beta/photon emitters | N | 0.2 - 8.1 | pCi/L | 0 | 50 | Decay of natural and man-made deposits. (If greater than 50 pCi/L then dose needs to be determined) |
| Alpha emitters | N | 0.2 - 10.0 | pCi/L | 0 | 15 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Inorganic Contaminants | | | | | | |
| Barium | N | 0 - 0.078 | mg/L | 2 | 2 | Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits |
| Copper | N | 0.218 | mg/L | 3 | AL 1.3 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives |
| Fluoride | N | 0.31 - 1.5 | mg/L | 4 | 4 | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Lead | N | 4 | ug/L | 0 | AL=15 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits |
| Nitrate (as Nitrogen) | N | 1.0 - 5.7 | mg/L | 10 | 10 | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from soil; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Volatile Organic Contaminants | | | | | | |
| THM (Total Trihalomethanes) | N | 5.4 - 37.2 | ug/L | 0 | 100 | By-product of drinking water chlorination |

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Contaminant Violation Y/N Level Detected Unit of Measurement MCLB MCL Likely Source of Contamination

What does this table mean?

The table shows that our system had a violation for Total Coliform this year. The duration of the violation was August 31, 1999 to September 5, 1999. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. We have corrected this by increasing the amount of residual chlorine in the system, flushing the water lines and by modifying system operation and maintenance in the affected area.

Contaminants that may be present in raw or source water before it is treated are micro-biological contaminants, inorganic contaminants, pesticides and herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic contaminants.

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources, such as agricultural and residential uses. Radioactive contaminants, which may be naturally occurring or may be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Total Coliform: The Total Coliform Rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. To comply with the stricter regulation, if coliform bacteria are found, we have increased the average amount of chlorine in the distribution system and flush the system in the area of concern until the follow-up tests are in compliance.

Nitrate: As a precaution we always notify physicians and health care providers in this area if there is ever a higher than normal level of nitrate in the water supply.

Lead: Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced.

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes result in rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. Those people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Please call our office if you have questions regarding this report.

EDITORIAL

INEEL needs to clean up its image - and the waste

The problem of cleaning up plutonium-contaminated waste buried over the Snake River Plain Aquifer is an old one that still hasn't been solved. Good science suggests that science should supply the answer. Experts should look at risk management "and a minimum of politics," Bernie Meyers, president of the new INEEL contractor, Bechtel BWXT, told us recently.

There's logic to what Meyers says: cleanup science, not cleanup politics. But there's danger, too. Witness the renewed controversy over the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's public relations alibross, the waste incinerator.

Science doesn't operate in a vacuum. Politics also plays a role when making decisions about INEEL's cleanup plans.

INEEL officials recently put the incinerator plan on hold, settling a lawsuit with environmental groups in Idaho and Wyoming. The idea was to keep working on the rest of the INEEL's Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Plant, since the incinerator would treat only a fourth of the 3 million cubic feet of plutonium-contaminated waste slated to go through the plant. In the meantime, the Energy Department promised a blue-ribbon panel would look for other ways to treat the PCB-laced waste. Plaintiffs in the incinerator suit declared the project dead. Trouble is, the INEEL isn't ready to sign the death certificate.

Warren Bergholz, the Energy Department's deputy manager at INEEL, told us there really isn't an alternative to incineration. No matter who's on the blue-ribbon panel, and what they find out, chances are the incinerator will be back on the table.

We can only assume his statement is scientifically correct. Let's hope so, because it certainly wasn't politically correct.

The reaction from environmentalists was swift and predictable. Predisposed over the years to distrust the Energy Department, environmentalists were quick to cry foul over the blue-ribbon panel. The Energy Department did a quick backtrack, saying Bergholz's comments did not suggest a tainted review process.

But this is a bell that can't be unringed. And this is just the kind of comment that has put the INEEL in a coyote trap before.

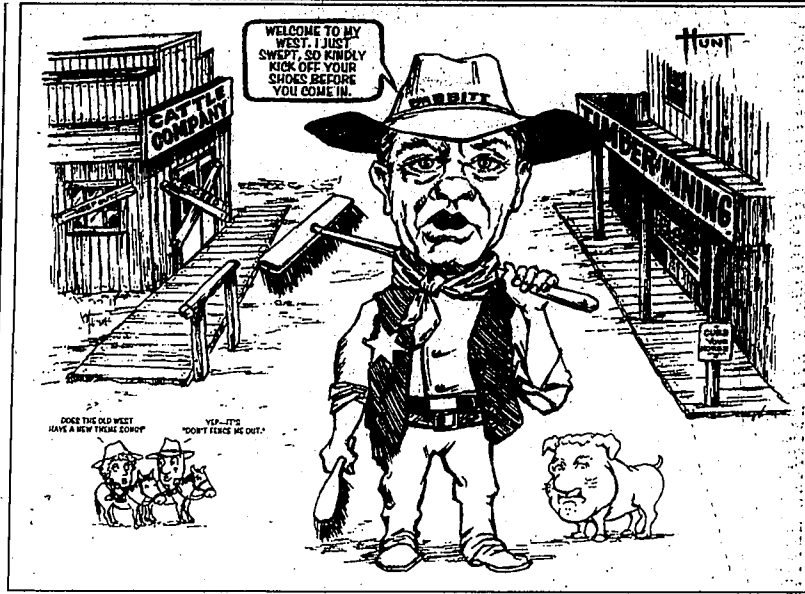
A legacy of suspicion haunts the INEEL. It's just as tangible as the legation of slipshod waste disposal that filled 88 acres of pits and trenches at the site. Many Idahoans have learned not to trust the Energy Department. That's understandable, given its less-than-candid track record.

That's unfair to Bechtel, which signed the only six months ago to run the INEEL. But it's part of the baggage that comes along with a multibillion dollar operating contract at the site.

We hope Bechtel and the Energy Department have the scientific know-how to meet the promises Uncle Sam made to Idaho in the 1995 waste cleanup agreement. That is a high priority at the INEEL, as it should be.

But science doesn't operate in a vacuum. Politics also plays a role when making decisions about INEEL's cleanup plans.

It's a balancing game, but it's one that must be played if the INEEL is to clean up its dual legacy: buried waste and distrust.



Cathy Silak deserves to be re-elected

By constitutional amendment in 1934, the citizens of this state decided that the election of district court judges and Supreme Court justices should be non-partisan (Article VI, Section 7, Idaho Constitution). Since that time, Supreme Court justices have been elected on a non-partisan ballot with vacancies filled through appointment by the governor from which he selects and appoints. The council has seven members, not more than three of whom can come from any one political party (I-2101, Idaho Code). A justice so appointed stands for election when his or her term expires.

READER COMMENT
Lloyd J. Webb

public have been displeased by an opinion of the five-member Idaho Supreme court which happened to be authored by Justice Cathy Silak.

These attempts by the Idaho electorate and the Idaho Legislature to distance judges from partisan political control have been highly beneficial and have led to the creation and maintenance of a state court judiciary of extremely high quality.

As a student of the Idaho Supreme Court for more than four decades, this writer has had an opportunity to review the opinions written by and concurred in by Justice Silak, and while he has disagreed with some of those opinions, he has found Justice Silak to be a fine judge, fair, objective, deliberate and scholarly. The writer was not pleased by her appointment to the Supreme Court, since he was one of the candidates

approved by the judicial council who did not receive the governor's nod, but as he has studied her opinions and argued cases before her, he has come to believe that the governor made a very wise choice. She has discharged her duties creditably and well and has been confirmed by the electorate in a contested, non-partisan election. She deserves to be re-elected.

Let us not be led astray from the concept of a non-partisan judiciary because we are displeased with one of several hundred opinions that Justice Silak has authored or participated in just because we or some segment of the electorate seeks her defeat. This writer has seen no trend of her opinions in any particular philosophical direction. Certainly, there is nothing in those opinions to suggest a liberal agenda or an environmental agenda. It should be noted that those of us who support Justice Silak come from a diverse political party, diverse philosophies and diverse occupations. Media characterizations of Justice Silak as fitting within any particular group are unfounded and should be rejected.

Former District Judge Lloyd J. Webb of Twin Falls is a partner in the law firm of Webb, Webb and Curry.

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LETTERS

What happened to our rights?

Do we have rights anymore? On Feb. 10, our granddaughter, age 15, which we are legal guardians of, was removed from Gooding High School at 10 a.m. by two Twin Falls Police Department detectives. She was taken to Twin Falls for questioning about the death of a woman in September 1999. Neither her parents nor we were notified of her removal from the school and from Gooding.

We were able to see our granddaughter at 1 p.m. We asked her if she had been read her rights. During her interrogation, she asked if she could call someone. She was told that the detectives told her that she had no rights and belonged to them. She was vigorously interrogated until late in the afternoon without legal representation. The next day, she was re-arrested for conspiracy to commit murder and first-degree murder.

At a later date, our granddaughter was appointed a public defender and denied and preliminary hearing. The prosecution then conducted a secret grand jury. The grand jury indicted our granddaughter and two other defendants.

During her incarceration, she was held in solitary confinement in the Twin Falls adult jail. She was denied a bed and had to sleep on the concrete floor with only a blanket. She told us she trembled from the cold constantly. She said at times they even forgot to feed her. She spend approximately six weeks in solitary.

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Why did so many of us move here? For a better quality of life, including clean air, outstanding recreational opportunities, small town atmosphere, low crime rate, beautiful surroundings, good schools and a caring and supportive community. We wanted to be where we could make a difference. Where our voice could be heard.

Thankfully, most of these qualities still hold true. However, with the growth of the Wood River Valley and the technological changes in the world, our school facilities need to be updated.

Currently, under the leadership of Dr. Jim Lewis, superintendent of Blaine County Schools, and Dr. Mary Gervase, assistant superintendent-curriculum director, many projects are in place to ensure the enlightenment and development of curriculum, higher educational expectations, more accurate assessment testing, staff development and continuing education support, maintenance of small class sizes, and the start-up of professional and technical academies already proven highly successful around the country.

The missing piece is the antiquated and overcrowded condition of most of our buildings. Is it appropriate to continue to send more than 700 students to a facility built to accommodate 350? Can we afford to ignore student health and safety concerns any longer? If we remediated our high school, how would learning take place with the expected three-year disruption caused by the remodeling? Isn't it time to bring our schools into the 21st century educationally and technologically? How much do we value quality education for everybody in our valley, no matter what the age? The school district levy on Tuesday encompasses a 10-year facilities vision. It addresses all the above issues. And more.

Please vote "yes" on Tuesday. Take a friend to vote with you. In fact, take two or three.

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GOP Congress could blow it for Bush

On his first visit to Washington since he nailed down the Republican presidential nomination, Texas Gov. George W. Bush had a simple message for his embattled fellow partisans in Congress: Let me handle the issues, please, and you worry about working your districts.

In an interview capsulizing his conversations with Republican congressional leaders before the giant GOP fund-raising dinner here Wednesday night, Bush told me that "I can set an appropriate national agenda" for the party, so that the people trying to preserve the shaky six-seat Republican majorities in the House and Senate can "get back to what we used to be good at, which was voter turnout and grassroots politics."

Implicit in Bush's words was a realization - shared by many congressional Republicans outside the leadership - that as national spokesperson, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert and their lieutenants have been well short of inspirational.

What Bush said was, "I would hope the party has enough confidence in me as the nominee to set the right tone and put out an agenda that people can understand, and allow resources to be focused on holding and winning (congressional) seats."

It is not unusual for presidential candidates - especially governors and former governors - to lock the Capitol Hill grandees of their party in the closet so as not to muddle the message of their campaigns. Bill Clinton did that to Tom Foley and George Mitchell in 1992, and Ronald Reagan muddled Republican leaders in 1980.

But Bush distanced himself from the GOP congressional contingent in the most dramatic fashion imaginable. At the

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\$2.5 billion party blowout, where the rafters rang with partisan denunciations of Clinton and his ilk, Bush offered a contrarian plea for toning down the harsh combativeness of the capital. While blaming Clinton and Vice President Gore for launching "an arms race of anger," Bush acknowledged that "some in our party have responded in kind. ... Both parties bear some of the blame."

Blame-sharing is not usually on the menu at these high-dollar party feeds, but it well serves Bush's purposes to position himself as the candidate who will try to "change the tone" of Washington.

My own voter interviewing certainly supports the governor's contention that the "cycle of bitterness" from the Democrats' down-and-dirty campaigns against Republican Supreme Court nominees to the Republicans' angry effort to impeach Clinton, has produced what Bush called "a generic disgust" in the public.

As a prominent figure in Washington for more than two decades, Gore is inevitably affected by that disgust. By contrast, Bush is not only an outsider but a politician who has demonstrated in Austin a real knack for enlisting support from key Democratic politicians and legislators.

He had four of those Texas Democrats in town as he campaigned last week. Giving symbols that Bush not only preaches bipartisanship but practices it.

But Washington will be much harder to pacify than Austin. The country between

the parties runs deep and the inclination to sabotage the opposition is powerful - as Bush's father learned to his sorrow in dealing with a Democratic Congress for four years.

As a demonstration of his outreach, Bush invited retiring Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey to his hotel suite on Wednesday morning to discuss bipartisan approaches to Social Security and Medicare. Kerrey is an easy target. Far more than most other Democrats, he has reached across party lines to seek legislative consensus, in the process often splitting with the Clinton White House. And he has high regard for Gore.

When I asked Bush if he had considered having coffee with any Democrats from the House, where the partisan flames burn hottest, he appeared non-committal. "I haven't yet," he said. "I will. (Pause) I mean, I will. (Pause) I definitely will upon election."

Realistically, it's not clear how willing his own party will be to let Bush set the tone and the substance of the coming campaign. Hastert and Lott and the rest all say they won't make waves that would sink Bush's ship. But on the morning of his visit, headlines announced that congressional Republicans would hold a formal hearing on Attorney General Janet Reno's handling of the Elian Gonzalez case - another example of their seeming irresistible impulse to seize on issues where public opinion is against them.

What did Bush think of that? I asked. "Sometimes hearings have merit," he said, "and sometimes not. I'm not going to comment on these particular hearings."

"Those are the words of a man who is learning that Washington can be much more ferocious than Austin."

David S. Broder is a columnist for The Washington Post.

OPINION

LETTERS

Stop the extortion

On several occasions, I have had the misfortune of meeting the young skateboarders who believe that if they disbehave they will get their way. I did not appreciate them because the language they used would make a sailor blush. I asked them to please hold down the yelling and slapping down their skateboards...



will admission be charged and who will collect same? Will the skateboarders be required to wear protective gear? Will the city just continue to add the costs to our taxes? Where did the \$50,000 come from? I believe that we would be misguided to fund this boondoggle before all of these questions are answered.

All of this fuss for approximately 150 to 200 youth, with 50 percent of them unruly and defiant to the rules.

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Buses give independence

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the bank and shop a little, to be independent and of my own choosing. We may have to pay more but, hopefully, we won't lose you reasonable and very courteous service.

Am I the only one that is resenting the blustering and destruction of the Florida residents? We do have laws to obey in the U.S. of America.

Ninety-one and eleven-twelfths senior citizen, MAE HILTT Twin Falls

Less politics, more truth

How refreshing it was to see a politician expressing an opinion without regard to political or party ramifications. I am referring to Rep. Simpson's comments in the Tuesday paper regarding the Elian Gonzalez

story. In contrast, the oration of Sen. Craig, which appeared on the same page, was more politics as usual.

I hold no strong opinions one way or the other on the administration's public lands policy, but I wonder what evidence Sen. Craig has that allows him to state publicly that the policy is a calculated attempt to drive a wedge between the rural and urban West? Coming from the "chairman" of a Senate panel, I find most of his comments irresponsible. While he doesn't openly call for a "wave of uprisings" against the federal government by an "angry, frightened crowd of westerners," he certainly fans the flames with his rhetoric.

DENNIS FRANSON Buhl

Why would a union oppose higher pay?

I f one was ever curious about what motivates teachers unions, the recent negotiations in New York City offer graphic evidence. The United Federation of Teachers engaged in a struggle to reduce bonus pay for city teachers.

You read that correctly. The union wants less money than City Hall has offered for summer school instructors. In an effort to secure the 27,000 teachers needed for summer school instruction, the city developed an incentive system for employment, arguing a premium must be paid to secure talented teachers in the summer months.

The union leadership contends that any form of merit pay threatens its deal making capacity and, as a consequence, it wants every one on the same pay scale.

In a dramatic turnabout, every attempt at an incentive arrangement with more money on the table is rejected in favor of a lower bonuses. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani offered bonuses of \$750 to \$4,000, a benefit roughly half the summer school teachers. The union balked. City representatives then scaled the bonus to experience levels with a maximum bonus of \$2,000.

Still the union rep balked, contending they will not make a dime over \$15,000. While this position seems foolish on its face, it is consistent with the union belief all teachers should be treated alike.

If salaries go up for a few, the union's bargaining position is jeopardized. Here is the undarned union logic. All teachers must be treated as a group. Differentiation based on talent and performance cannot be considered. Merit pay is a bogeyman standing in the way of a solid negotiating front.

Yet some teachers are assuredly more talented than others. Shouldn't they be properly compensated for their performance? This isn't the Soviet Union, after all. From each according to his ability, to each according to his need. Is neither a constitutional provision nor a practical proposition.

When teachers unions maintain this position, they maintain a quaint and somewhat sustainable view of merit pay. It is to imagine of a merit pay system that is destructive to all. All teachers must be treated alike.

Players in the union must be treated as equals. The union leadership is Luis Lopez, a highly skilled. In short, union's overall salaries would result

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in mediocre performances. Without incentives, people do what's barely essential to maintain their jobs.

That's my experience with many teachers. They do what is necessary but no more. Dining in the teacher cafeterias of most schools is an experience in planning retirement and summer vacation.

Years ago, the redoubtable president of the United Federation of Teachers, Al Shanker, said that the day students start paying union dues, he would worry as much about them as he did teachers. I suspect that point of view hasn't changed.

I should hastily note that not all teachers are enamored with this arrangement. A decade ago when I proposed a merit pay sys-

tem for teachers based on a realistic improvement in student performance, I found many teachers, particularly talented teachers, embraced the idea.

Unfortunately this sentiment was quashed by union leaders. As long as the market is not permitted to work, education will suffer. When teachers are able to break with the union to sign their own contracts with school systems, performance will improve as will teachers' salaries.

It's time to challenge the canard that teachers aren't well paid. When a city administration wants to pay more and the union wants less, it's obvious a free market is the only way to represent the best interest of parents, students and teachers.

Yet that market is precisely what union leaders abhor. Before you despair over this condition, realize that with the Internet, for-profit education companies, parental choice and charter schools, education as we've known it is fortunately at risk.

What I would love to see is a group of talented teachers break with the union and sign its own contract with a school district that includes incentive pay for student performance and is more lucrative than any of the present contractual arrangements signed by the unions. Such a contract would send a message.

Perhaps a catalyst in New York City will be a event for such negotiations. I wonder how teachers in the grand metropolis feel when union leaders fight to have bonuses reduced.

I wonder how talented teachers feel when every contract denies them incentive pay so deadwood can be rewarded. And how the educational system would be altered should a free market at last prevail.

Herbert London is John M. Olin professor of humanities at New York University and president of Indianapolis-based Hudson Institute. He wrote this commentary for Bridge News.

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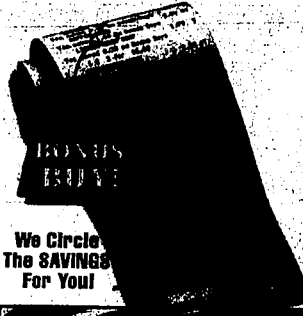
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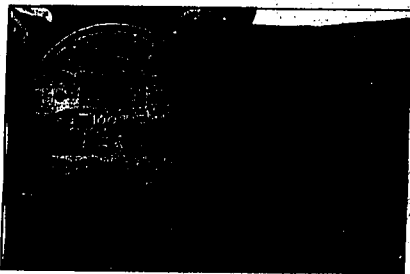


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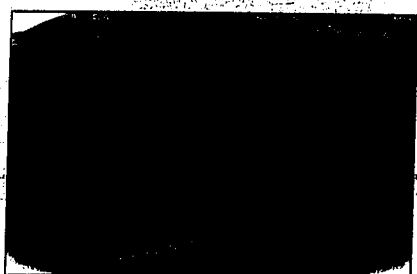


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Sunday, April 30, 2000

The roof's down, but at least the lawn's striped

It's really, I think, not too much to ask. All I want are those cool diagonal stripes on my lawn that they have in big-league ballparks.

Or maybe a nice plaid, no? On third thought, perhaps a sensible checkerboard pattern.

Whichever, I figure it's the only way I can one-up those of my neighbors who trim their yards with nail clippers and haven't tolerated a weed since the Eisenhower administration.

Matter of course, to distract passers-by from the fact that my grass looks quite a bit like a Superfund site.

Actually, it's kind of a melange of desperately ill forbs and mutant, expect-control weeds and grasses—the sort of ground cover you'd expect to find on those prairie dog preserves in Nebraska. I could support, oh, nine, 10 head of buffalo on my yard.

Matter of fact, my lawn looks as if that's exactly what I've been doing:



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

There are vast swaths of brown punctuated by giant, predatory dandelions that are interspersed with verdant patches of crabgrass which look as if they've been exposed to a surfeit of, um, organic encouragement.

So naturally I called up the Simplicity Manufacturing Co. of Fort Washington, Pa., to find out how to disguise it all.

Simplicity makes a lot of the lawnmowers that Major League Baseball groundskeepers use to manure their green spaces.

And I learned that all I'd need to do the same is the right mix of blue-grass and perennial varieties, an underground drainage system, a soil mix of sand and peat, a built-in sprinkler system, and a contemporary-grade mower with reel blades and twin rollers that runs around \$7,000.

Uh-huh. What have you got in a push mower and a pack of fescue seeds?

So they explained it to me (you can find the details and diagrams on Simplicity Manufacturing's website at <http://www.simplicity.com>).

The secret to the Great Green Diagonal, it turns out, is mowing single- and double-wide lines. Start by making a pass with your walk-behind power mower, a riding mower is better—between two corners of your yard.

Make a return pass right next to the first, but now go back on the ORIGINAL pass and make another pass next to the FIRST return pass—only twice as wide.

Still with me? Didn't think so.

Continue this pattern—one stripe out, two stripes back—until you reach the corner of your lawn. Then do the other side the same way.

Now, to make the crossing stripes, use the same sequence. Then do the other half.

To complete the diamonds, go back and redo the single lines that you made to begin your pattern. That means you head out on your first corner-to-corner stripe, but now DRIVE AROUND the pattern and make the next single stripe again.

(Give me a break, Lord. I grew up in Chubbuck.)

Whatever you do, be mindful that you're supposed to make a LIGHT stripe—driving around the pattern and skipping the two diamond stripes—and then make ANOTHER light stripe. Do this for all the original stripes.

I tried all this on my own lawn last Sunday, and the effect was almost extraterrestrial: as if a drunken Scot from the planet Zygors had swooped down in his flying saucer, intent on zapping crop circles into the eye-grass, and left behind a tartan, instead.

But I do think that I inadvertently mowed myself a map to the Lost Dutchman Mine. If I find the gold, I'll drive my new yard mower with it.

In the meantime, I'll have to give the neighbors who normally take care of their lawn maintenance business a little extra credit.

For more information on lawn care, contact Steve Crump at steve@simplicity.com or call 800-445-7272.

Residents wonder how Craters protection proposal might change the Arco road project

By Loraine Cavenor
Times-News writer

RUPERT — No one is sure how a related proposal to expand Craters of the Moon National Monument will affect a proposed road project to Arco.

But some Mini-Cassia residents

Comments sought

The Mini-Cassia area residents are being asked to provide their input on the proposed road project to Arco and also possible plans to expand Craters of the Moon National Monument. To comment about either proposal, send letters to Don Culley, P.O. Box 458 Paul, ID 83350.

are a bit skeptical anyway. Some members of the Mini-Cassia Transportation Com-

mittee say an expanded monument would affect plans to build a state highway in place of a dirt road from Minidoka to Arco.

The road runs east of most of the lava flows that would make up an expanded monument. And expanded monument boundaries that include the Great Rift area wouldn't affect the road project, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said during an April 18 visit to Craters.

Backers of the Minidoka-to-Arco project have discussed the issue for about 30 years. And the highway project—which would

probably cost about \$100 million—is still in the talk stages.

Yet some committee members—such as chairman Dwinelle Alfred, a former Rupert mayor—are skeptical about timing. Babbitt came to Idaho to look over the monument only a few days after the transportation committee met to talk about a proposed new state highway from Minidoka to Arco.

Don Culley, co-chairman of a subcommittee focusing on the Minidoka-to-Arco road, isn't sure if he believes the road project would be unaffected.

Nick Cozakos, Culley's co-chairman, does not see it the same way.

"I don't think (monument expansion) would hinder the road a bit," Cozakos said.

The road would go hand-in-hand with expansion because it would provide another entrance to the Great Rift and Craters of the Moon, he said.

Monument officials have not really looked at how state highway could affect the monument, Craters Superintendent Jim Morris said.

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CSI celebrates Renaissance Fair in style

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Capes and plumes borrowed, rented, homemade or saved from Halloween swept their way across the grassy campus at the College of Southern Idaho's Renaissance Fair.

The two-day festival concluded Saturday. It attracted folks captivated by the Renaissance but also families in search of fun activities.

Activities included a king and queen's feast, mask making, a children's art class where they could create family crests, jousting, a chessy, and plays and music by students from CSI, Twin Falls High School and White Pine Elementary School in Burley.

Two trebuchets, medieval war catapults, launched jugs of water across the lawn.

Tom Goodman, of Paul, built one of the trebuchets. His record launch was of midday Saturday was 253 feet.

"It's actually kind of scary, the amount of physics and math involved in this," Goodman said.

CSI English professor Priscilla Bingham and her students organized this CSI Renaissance Fair three years ago to promote Shakespeare. But they also wanted to provide historical information, such as the type of handwork and craftsmanship characteristic of the era.

The Society for Creative Anachronism was on hand promoting medieval artisanship, although the group's interest spans 600 to 1600 A.D. David Robertson used pliers to fashion metal wire into chain mail. His wife, Cheryl Robertson, modeled an Italian Renaissance dress she made.

Bingham said she wants to nurture the festival, in its third year, into a larger community event. And finding the right time of year to hold it is part of that. Spring weather proves too unreliable.

College clubs sponsored many of the booths and activities this year.

"We are going to try and get more diverse groups involved," she said.

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Mary Toft, 7, of Twin Falls, participates in the 'Frog-Toss' Saturday afternoon at the Renaissance Fair, held on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Burley mulls the role of downtown churches

By Ruth Stroeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Changing the face of Burley includes numerous strategies. One is determining the role of downtown churches in that plan.

Arguing that churches and pawnshops break up pedestrian flow and occupy space that could better serve the community, an economic diversity firm recently recommended that the city consider a zoning ordinance that would make the downtown core off-limits to storefront churches and pawnshops.

Two weeks ago the city's Planning and Zoning Committee began to consider new zoning restrictions that would prohibit new operations from locating downtown. Existing operations, however, are grandfathered in.

Jason VanBuskirk, pastor at the Burley Four-square Church, one of several downtown churches, said he supports the ordinance. Behind the proposal, he said, is the area's economy was depressed

and storefronts were empty long before his church came to Overland Avenue. His church provides income for a property owner, activities that keep kids out of trouble, and an attractive storefront for passersby, who he often catches stopping in front of his window.

"I'm trying to see how I detract from the economy," he said. "I don't think we're doing anything spectacular, but I don't think we're holding back economic progress either."

Burley Mayor Doug Manning said the city wants to protect against a future influx of storefront churches. An environment in which valuable retail space is used up discourages other businesses from moving in, he said.

And in other downtown areas that have deteriorated, often it's the churches and pawnshops that remain, Manning said.

"The healthy, vibrant downtowns don't have that in their areas," he said. But VanBuskirk thinks the ban would be counterproductive.

"If you have three empty



The Rev. Jason VanBuskirk, pastor at Burley Four-square Church, says he doesn't understand the downtown revitalization proposal to prohibit new storefront churches in certain areas. VanBuskirk's church is one of several storefront churches in the downtown area.

buildings on a block, another one isn't going to help," he said. For many churches, occupying retail space is a starting point for fledgling businesses.

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A show of pride

Young Hispanics work to bolster image

By Karen Bosalck
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Alex Vega and his group had a simple challenge: To figure out how to improve the image of Hispanics in their community. In 15 minutes, no less.

At stake: not just the image of Hispanics but about \$2,000 worth of scholarships to be divided among those who caught the eye of judges during the exercise.

"Si se puede" — "We can do it," the hundred kids sitting in this session of the Hispanic Youth Symposium chorused.

Vega, of Nampa, wasted no time to prove himself. With almost a religious fervor he urged his group to come up with some strategies: Change how we feel. Raise our self-esteem through motivational speakers. Change the way we act toward others. Be polite, use good vocabulary. Dress nice.

"Even a smile will go a long way," he enthused. "We need to change our attitude, care for ourselves and others."

Changing attitudes is what the three-day Hispanic Youth Symposium, which ends today in Sun Valley, is all about.

Organizers have bussed in 300 Hispanic high school students from throughout the state to the 11th annual event in hopes of convincing them that they can succeed in life, despite their background. And they're dangling about \$300,000 worth of college scholarship money in front of their noses to prove it.

"I've been coming here for five years and it fascinates me. It gets the kids involved and it gets better and better every year," said Aurora Lucio, a volunteer from Idaho Nuclear Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL).

The kids are attending a variety of career development workshops, focusing on robotics, binary numbers applied to computers, graphics, digital sound and telecommunications, engineering concepts, chemistry concepts and natural resource careers.

They've learned how to find rainbows in their pancakes instead of lumps, simply by reshaping their attitudes.

And they've listened to a number of motivational speakers who are household names in Hispanic homes. Among them, Richard Santana, a tough-talking Latino gangster who did an about-face to graduate from Harvard University Graduate School. And Sergio Gutierrez, a son of a farmworker who became the first Hispanic judge in Idaho.

These and other role models have encouraged the kids to stay in school, reversing a dropout rate among Hispanics that currently runs about 30 percent.

"If both your parents are at home, tell them you love them," said Joey Barroso, who works for the Social Security Administration in Boise. "I grew up without a dad and even now my friends make fun of me when I go fishing because I don't know how to thread a fishing line."

"The more you know, the more in charge of your life you are," he added. "No one can

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Comments on Yellowstone reveal divisions

CODY, Wyo. (AP) — The public appears evenly split on whether to ban snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park, a park official reports.

The National Park Service announced Thursday it is banning snowmobiles from most of the country's park system. The ban does not immediately apply to Yellowstone or Grand Teton national parks because of a pending winter-use plan.

Planning chief John Sacklin said 45 percent of people who commented on the proposed alternatives said they support banning snowmobiles.

Forty-four percent favored alternative E, which calls for quick implementation of cleaner technology and closing roads only if damage to park resources is proven.

Choosing alternative E would

mean a much smaller economic impact in West Yellowstone, where people have built and mortgaged businesses on the assumption that the park will be open to snowmobiling.

Of the rest of the comments, 4 percent favored greatly limiting snowcoaches, in addition to a ban on snowmobiling, Sacklin said. One percent supported other park alternatives.

While Yellowstone will look at the comments, it will not base its decision on the numbers, Sacklin said.

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Nearly \$13 million was bet on simulcasts here in 1998, comparable to the \$11 million bet on the same thing at the Coeur d'Alene Greyhound Park in Post Falls, which is run by the same concern. But the Post Falls park has no live racing at all and Les Bois Park is a county-owned facility, for which the for-profit operator pays only about \$140 a year in rent.

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making thing." Simmons was county fair manager in the late 1980s when deficits at the track - which were covered by fair proceeds - started mounting.

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The bill's supporters said delaying the litigation by a year would kill the bill.

But Batt said having more time

may have helped.

"The idea to negotiate for another year made more sense to me," Batt told Nez Perce tribal leader Samuel Penney and Jaime Pinkham after signing several copies of his book, "The Complete Phil Batt," for tribal members.

If other states are an indicator of what will happen in Idaho, a federal judge's ruling will be appealed, Batt said.

Batt, who served as governor from 1995 through 1998, said he had unusual success negotiating with the state's tribes on various matters.

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Earlier this month, Coeur d'Alene tribal leaders said they are preparing an initiative to win voter approval in 2002 for the

electronic gambling machines in their casinos.

Penney said Nez Perce tribal leaders have not taken a stance on the proposal, although they have had preliminary discussions with Coeur d'Alene tribal leaders.

"It should be considered as an option for gaming in Idaho," he said.

Although Idaho's voters approved an initiative aimed at banning casino-style gaming on Indian reservations in 1992, Batt said he is not so sure they would try to restrict gaming in the state now.

"You can look at many other states - Montana, Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona and Nevada - where gaming is much more widespread and prevalent."

Idaho gets money for meth cleanup

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Idaho will get more money for the expensive task of cleaning up clandestine methamphetamine labs.

A month after the Drug Enforcement Administration told states there was no federal money left for cleanups, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig announced Congress' appropriations committee, of which he is a member, has allocated \$10 million for cleanups nationwide.

Idaho's law-enforcement agencies had scrambled to find their own cash supplies, using money from its seizure budget which is drug money police recover from dealers.

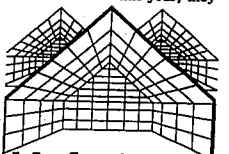
The seizure budget contained \$116,000, and eight lab busts in the two weeks following the DEA's announcement cost more than \$12,000. State police said they would be lucky if their seizure money lasted six months.

With the new money, and just two months until the DEA's fiscal

year starts over, all 50 states should have enough money to clean up labs at an average cost of about \$2,000.

Because meth ingredients can be found at the local drugstore, "cookers" can obtain them easily. Last year, police found 174 labs in Idaho. So far this year, they

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The provision says the Bureau of Land Management will consider economic, social and cultural factors when it makes decisions about grazing permits on the 13.5 billion acres of public lands it

oversees in the state.

While it's not clear just how the broadly worded "Sustainable Communities and Human Dimension Standard" would be implemented, it already has rattled ranchers and government officials routing its virtues - and environmentalists in a tizzy.

"I think we've kind of set the pace, set the tone, for listening to our communities - and that's not just ranchers," said BLM state director Michelle Chavez, who approved the standards.

"My sense is, the more information we have about the impact of our decisions, the better decisions we can make," she said.

Environmentalists fear the

standards will encourage the federal agency to sacrifice rangeland improvements to ranchers' interests - for example, by not reducing the cattle in a problem area if the permittee pleads economic hardship.

The provision "runs completely contrary to the intent of rangeland reform," said Cathy Carlson, grasslands specialist for the National Wildlife Federation.

"It's not the job of the BLM to protect and protect the economic interests of one user group on the public lands," said Carlson, based in Boulder, Colo.

The new standards - agreed to this month by the BLM and the state over environmentalists' protests - mark some muscle-flexing by state government.

Conservative Lt. Gov. Walter Bradley, a states' rights advocate, took a strong role in developing the grazing management guidelines. His office chaired the 15-member Resource Advisory Council that came up with them.

Unlike other western states, New Mexico took a "joint lead" with the BLM - an approach allowed under federal law - in the long process of analyzing various proposals for the standards.

Bradley says New Mexico will do the same thing again with other agencies on other environmental issues.

"No state can any longer sit

back and allow federal agencies to just dictate," said Bradley, who is Republican Gov. Gary Johnson's point man on environmental policy. "We're at the very tip of the iceberg."

Bradley and the counties that participated in the process pushed for even stronger human dimension language than ended up in the final recommendation.

They say when ranchers suffer economic harm it destabilizes families, hurts small businesses in rural communities, and cuts into counties' tax bases.

Bradley says the new standard will force BLM to look at a variety of alternatives as it grapples with how to "protect the land but

still keep the rancher in business, so we can have the economic growth."

Chaves County rancher Bud Eppers agrees. Determining that a rancher doesn't have the money to put up \$50,000 of fencing, he says, could encourage BLM to find other sources of funding.

"Whatever his economic conditions are, then the BLM can put that into their planning process," said Eppers, president of the New Mexico Public Lands Council. "I just think ours is a superior way of approaching the problem."

Environmentalists contend the new standards are too vague overall.

WATCH FOR LIVESTOCK

Courts decide motorists aren't liable for stock



Livestock graze in a field in southeastern Idaho in this 1999 photo. Idaho's open-range laws make motorists, not ranchers, responsible for vehicle accidents with livestock, but new court decisions are changing that.

BLACKFOOT (AP) - Idaho's open-range laws make motorists, not ranchers, responsible for vehicle accidents with livestock, but new court decisions are changing that.

There have been court cases in the past 10 years in which ranchers have been found liable even when their sheep or cattle are on open range and wander onto roads.

"The influx of people not accustomed to rural life has changed the way open-range laws are viewed in some extent," said Kendall Keller, Farm Bureau representative in Pocatello. "The courts have said it is a normal expectation that those animals would stay inside the fence."

Keller said he handled a case a few years ago in which one of his clients was found liable when a cow got onto the road from a fenced area. He said the insurance company had to pay for the motorist's vehicle to be repaired.

"It's different if you are up in areas like around the Blackfoot Reservoir where there are no fences and all you see are cattle guards," Keller said. "Here, the motorist is certainly liable if an animal is struck."

David Howell, Bureau of Land Management public affairs specialist, said holding farmers responsible for stock struck on open range is contrary to the Idaho Driving Handbook.

"The motorist handbook

specifically states that the motorist is responsible for striking stock on open range," Howell said. "We do ask farmers grazing stock on BLM land to have them in a fenced area if they are near roads. We want to keep them off roadways."

Terry Smith, BLM range management specialist, said the BLM resource area where open range is located covers 264,000 acres in Bannock, Caribou, Oneida, Fower, Franklin and Bear Lake counties.

He said it is state, not federal law, however, that dictates open range rules.

Russ Bosworth, a Farm Bureau insurance agent in Blackfoot for

the past 10 years, said he has not handled any claims from farmers being sued for their animals being struck within open range.

"The claims we get there are usually for stock that's been shot," he said. "It's the people who have stock in closed range that end up being liable if someone hits their stock. We've handled many claims like that. It goes with their liability insurance. But, I don't ever remember one on open range."

Anita Pratt's family has run cattle on open range through privately owned and grazing leased land for two generations.

"We've never been sued because someone hit one of our

cattle," she said. "In fact, we usually never find out who did it because they would be at fault and would have to pay for the cow."

The Pratts run cattle on a range northwest of the Blackfoot Reservoir for 114 days each summer.

"Idaho law states stock have the right of way on open range," Pratt said.

However, Dell Bischoff, Bingham County animal control officer for 22 years, has seen courts find otherwise. He said about three-fourths of Bingham County's 22,000 square miles is in open or restricted range. Only one fourth is closed range.

Two alleged head drillers to surrender in Iron County

CEDAR CITY (AP) - Iron County authorities expect two men charged with drilling a hole in a woman's head to surrender on Tuesday.

Peter Evan Halvorson, 43, and William E. Lyons, 45, will turn themselves in on charges of practicing medicine without the license, according to Iron County Attorney Scott Burns.

Wearing green hospital garb, Halvorson said Lyons were shown ABC's "20/20" performing surgery called trepanation, an ancient human custom said to relieve skull pressure or release evil spirits. It has become a fad in New Age and alternative medicine circles with advocates contending it improves mental efficiency. The show aired Feb. 16.

ABC followed up Thursday with a report featuring Lyons from his suburban Philadelphia home.

Burns said the surgery took place Jan. 22 at a Beryl home in Utah's west desert. The prosecu-

tor filed charges after learning of it from the news show. Practicing medicine without a license is punishable by up to five years in prison.

A probable cause statement alleges Halvorson and Lyons drilled a half-inch hole in the head of an English woman,

Heather Evelyn Perry, 29.

The video showed a patch of hair being shaved and the woman then injecting herself with local anesthetic.

An incision was made. Halvorson allegedly spread the incised skin and exposed Perry's skull cap and Lyon allegedly

then used a metal instrument to drill a hole in the top of Perry's skull.

Before the surgery could be finished, they were interrupted by a Beryl man whose brother owned the home and the group left. The trepanation reportedly was completed somewhere else.

Board discusses wolf facility

WINCHESTER (AP) - The board of directors of the Wolf Education and Research Center has met to discuss management of the center after releasing David Deeney by his position as executive director nearly a month ago.

Randy Stewart has been filling in as executive director since then.

The wolf center was opened in 1997 with wolves from a pack provided by Jim Dutcher, a filmmaker from Sun Valley.

Groups invite GOP candidates to debate

BOISE (AP) - Half of the eight Republican candidates for the 1st Congressional District will be invited to appear in a live debate May 16 on Idaho Public Television.

Public Television, Idaho Press Club and League of Women Voters representatives divided Friday that Lt. Gov. Butch Otter, Dennis Mansfield, Ron McMurray and Craig Benjamin are the only qualified candidates on the May 23 primary ballot.

The other four hopefuls, who are excluded from the event, will be offered an opportunity to record statements for later broadcast. They were convinced Gene Summa's campaign is active, but determined he had no campaign organization to date.

The panel also turned down Harley Brown's request to appear, which was accompanied by a picture of his leather jacket-clad back - a list of Bible passages and an affirmation from a Rev. Bishop Thomas P. Ngira Abungu noting that God has promised the Boise resident will be president within 20 years, but first he must serve at least one term as governor.

Jim Pratt of Malba, who took in 29 percent of the vote in the 1998 GOP primary against incumbent Helen Chenoweth, did not answer the groups' request for information. And a certified letter to perennial candidate David Shepherd of Lewiston was

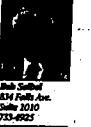


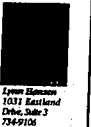


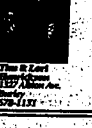
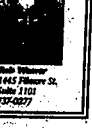
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Growing up with elk

Victor woman shares stories of homesteading on elk refuge in Jackson

VICTOR (AP)—The old wooden saddle sits on a pedestal in the corner of Berna Gillette's quilt shop.

Whenever she looks at it, she is reminded of the secret her father kept for more than 50 years of its disappearance. She smiles, imagining how her father must have looked trying to help his friend ride the elk.

It's one of the many stories Gillette tells of growing up in the early 1900s in a pioneer family in the Flat Creek Territory on what is now the Elk Refuge in Jackson. At 85, her memory is sharp and she still loves to share the stories of living and homesteading in an area they nicknamed "Poverty Flats."

In 1963 she decided that she had a story to tell and began writing "Homesteading with the Elk," a book published in 1967. Now in its sixth edition, 7,000 copies of her book have been printed. The book includes stories of a winter crossing of the Snake River to a crossing of the Snake River by crossing ferry boat followed by crossing the Teton Pass on a sleigh to visit a sick grandmother, and of her

father wagering her mother's egg money on the date the ice would recede from "Jackson's Lake." Gillette, who has a prominent reputation as a quilter and owns the Quilt House in Victor, said she wrote the book for her father, James Chambers.

He began homesteading his 320 acres in 1910 and finished a cabin in 1911 that had no running water or plumbing. Gillette, one of nine children, was born in 1915. The children had to haul water from the ditch that ran alongside their cabin for drinking and bathing purposes.

During the long and harsh winters, the families living in the territory were surrounded by elk, which trampled ground and ate farmers' haystacks to keep from starvation, she said.

Gillette loves to share the story her father told her before his death of the disappearance of their neighbor Mr. Curtis' new saddle. During the winters, thousands of elk used to mingle around their land trying to get the saddle on the elk, both laughing pretty hard, Gillette said. However, their plans to get

the elk out of the barn so Curtis could get on him quickly went awry. The elk backed out cautiously but when he got to the door, he leaped straight into the air and pulled Daddy out with him. Daddy landed in the muck on his belly. Mr. Elk stopped for nothing. He jumped the corral fence and headed for the hills, with stirrups flying on both sides.

Neither her father nor Curtis ever told the tale to anyone, including the elder Curtis, and for years they made up excuses to go hunting so they could look for the saddle. Her father told her he thought one of these days the saddle would come out of the hills.

It's about 50 years later, Jim Flower, the foreman of the Elk Refuge found it at the bottom of a steep canyon, nearly buried with mud and grass and most of the leather pawed off by scavenging animals. "The cinch was broken, proving the elk won't until he could cut the cinch with his hind leg."

"You wouldn't believe how many quilts I have sold after I tell that story," she said.

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Bryce Cordes of Placerville, Calif., camps on a small Snake River beach recently near Lewiston trying to find transport for his sea kayak to Dillon, Mont., so he can begin his 2.5 month hike to southwest Montana. Cordes is retracing the Lewis and Clark trail from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

Adventurist paddles his kayak on rivers following L. & C. trail

LEWISTON (AP) — Ask Bryce Cordes why he's compelled to travel across the country, following the Lewis and Clark Trail in a kayak, and he laughs.

"Why? That's a pretty good question."

Cordes, 54, came through Lewiston after traveling about 330 miles by kayak from Fort Clatsop, Ore. He's on his way to Chesapeake Bay on his second trip along the Lewis and Clark Trail.

"To decide to take the trip and leave my family was hard. But I knew I was going to do it again someday," he said. "I did it the first time in 1972 and I always wanted to do it again to see the changes."

"It's like the Beatles song, 'When I'm 64'. You get caught up in your job and work and your whole life and the next thing you know, 25 years have passed."

It's been 28 years since Cordes last camped in Lewiston. Then, like now, he was hoping to find someone to transport his kayak to Dillon, Mont., so he could hike the best route of the trip. But much has changed since his last visit, he said. "The Snake River canyon when we came up here was isolated. Now, you put in a day's work on the river and by the end of the day, you're in another town. That's been disappointing."

Lewiston is similar to its 1972 ghost, however.

"It's like deja vu, walking across the bridge and into Old town. I remember where I sat and rested and a bunch of the buildings around."

Then, Cordes was traveling by canoe with a friend. Places to camp along the river were plentiful, not covered by slackwater. The island where Chief Timothy State Park is now was a tiny town, and mostly empty.

"Since they put in the new dam, it's difficult to find places to camp sometimes. And it's so populated."

Still, taking the nine-month trip along the trail alone is in a whole different realm from Cordes' other life as a science teacher at an all-girl Catholic school in Sacramento, Calif.

"I've been preparing for this for years," Cordes said. "I'd use my coaching money and buy a tent, a backpack. Then when I was ready,

the preparation was rough because I worked up to the last day, grading papers and getting ready to go."

In California are Cordes' wife, Debi, his 12-year-old daughter, Leah, and his 14-year-old son, Shaun. They keep in touch by phone and Shaun runs a Web site detailing his father's trip.

"I get about 100 e-mails on the site at a time, from students, faculty, and people I meet along the way. It's an amazing thing, and people can track my progress and I can keep in touch."

He visits the site, at www.overlandcanoe.com, when he can get to a library with computers. While he's camping, he takes pictures and records his journey.

"Physically, it's hard. It's a rough trip. You can be wet for days, and at the end of the day you just want to get dry and get warm again."

His budget — about \$100 a month for food and travel — is tight and he subsidizes it with gifts from friends along the way.

"It's hard for people to realize until you do something like this that you don't need much. A 79-cent pack of noodles and for a treat, I throw in a can of vegetables."

His breakfast is Grape-nuts cereal every day of the trip and macaroni is a dinner staple.

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Idaho Falls teachers tell the tales of love-hate relationship with cars

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — One tan two-door '86 Nissan Sentra looks pretty much like this year, but any high-schooler can tell you that no two cars are really alike. Each comes with its own smell, quirks, personality and, often, a name. It's been that way for years. "Cars are so important," said Enece Portrey, a speech teacher at Taylorview Junior High School. They are independence to a teenager!

Portrey clearly recalls her high school car. "My father bought this copper 1970 Ford Galaxie 500. He sold it to me for a dollar. The first thing I did was promptly back it into a tree and put a dent in the bumper." The car proved indestructible from that day on. Portrey's brothers taught her to jatch holes in the gas tank with soap and spray paint, and she frequently drove it — and bottomed out — off-road. The car held up to 12 people

and was the adventure mobile for camping trips, jaunts to the Mississippi River and visits to college pals. Nothing stopped the car — unless the driver flattered the gas pedal in just the right way. "I miss it big time," said Portrey. Idaho Falls High School history teacher Jim Francis' old vehicle didn't have the die-hard nature of Portrey's. "It always used to die in the driveway," he said of the "red refriger-

ator" a Fiat. "It had all the neo lights — lights on pillars, lights on backseats — but they never worked at the same time. I had a personality — fussy. You'd fix one thing and another goes wrong." Just after Francis had the entire engine redone, all the transmission fluid drained out. Francis offered some advice to car shoppers: "Never buy a Fiat without an Italian mechanic — in the trunk."

Francis' daughter, Mark Hatch's car, "you didn't have a trunk." "Daisy" was a converted ambulance. "I got to drive around in the foothills and the road. I was Henningway. I had kids wounded prisoners off the foothills to save them," Hatch recalled. Marsha Blackman, who teaches language arts at Taylorview, started out with a 1967 Saab-Delux, which she acquired during her freshman year in college.

"The first time I saw the car, I was convinced it was a disaster. This was not an option for me. I had a car for my first year. I had a 1967 Oldsmobile convertible that was a disaster. It cost \$500. Chambers' wife, teacher at Taylorview, mentioned driving it from Grand Rapids, Mich., to Washington, D.C., on spring break.

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SPORTS

The Times-News

Sunday, April 30, 2000

Confidence: Make that reservation

TWIN FALLS - Scanning the infield Saturday, it was business as usual for the College of Southern Idaho baseball team...

A freshman behind the plate. Another at shortstop. Three more manning the bases...

What made this weekend special for the Golden Eagles - and what helped collect a four-game conference sweep if ever a team needed one - wasn't the St. Louis Cardinals scout on hand to evaluate catcher Toby Barnert...

It was the timely return of a few forgotten sophomores. Hard-boiled guys like Nick Bullock, the speedy centerfielder from Boise's Centennial High School...

It's no secret that the Colorado Northwestern League's perennial bottom feeder, Nor is it classified information that the Spartans...

ERA is its own Rocky Mountain high (tallest Colorado peak: Mount Elbert, 14,333 feet; Colorado Northwestern team ERA: 15.333 and climbing after Saturday).

But CNCC had held its own at the plate entering the regular season's penultimate series, batting a solid .298 - fourth best in the conference...

Clements fired a complete-game no-hitter in Saturday's early game, while Gold uncorked a six-inning complete gem in the nightcap.

"I finally pitched my pitches today," Gold said. "I kept it down, got early contact. And I can do it again."

Hear that? That's confidence, something sorely lacking in the Golden Eagle clubhouse since Gold's conference-opening 4-1 win at Dixie College.

"Confidence is such a big thing," coach Jim Walker said. "It's always been the fresh air that the sophomores have laid back. If Danny gains some confidence and Goldie gains some confidence, watch out!"

The team's struggling hitters would do well to watch sophomore Adrian Thomas. His slow start this season was exacerbated by a broken ring finger several weeks back, but Thomas swears his extra bases against CNCC...

Eight-for-11, nine RBI, eight runs scored and two walks with zero, that's right, zero strikeouts. Not to mention more smiles than seen on his face in months.

"I just tried to concentrate on keeping my weight back," he said. "I've had a hard time with that this year. Confidence is a lot of it for me. I haven't had it all year. It's been up and down, so it was great to get some hits."

Admit it: Walker's stubborn refusal to miss his first Region 18 tournament seemed misguided two weeks ago. And agree with this: The old man doesn't seem so loopy anymore.

Trucks debut with exciting finish

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - There used to be a famed "Manich Crunch" on TV's "Happy Days."

Saturday night, the debut of the "Newhouse Sandwich" became the newest sibling sensation.

Powering identical looking orange cream and white Western Custom Trucks, brothers Jason and John Newhouse finished first and third, respectively, in the division's inaugural race of the season at Magic Valley Speedway.

Though last year's Rookie of the Year, 18-year-old Nick Lynch, of Burley didn't make it easy for

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Jason Newhouse. The gritty teen-ager in his No. 8 Mr. Gas took over the lead from Gregg Olsen - the race leader through the first 23 laps - on the backstretch of lap 24. Jason Newhouse grabbed second when Olsen spun out on the frontstretch with brother John coxing up to third after the caution period ended.

Lynch on lap 33, nosing out front and beyond for the win

"There's always competition between brothers and stuff," Jason Newhouse said. "But one thing about John, I don't have to worry about it." Newhouse said he was concerned about his tires as the race wore on.



Jason Newhouse stretches out his lead as the Western Custom Trucks head into the final lap of their preliminary race Saturday night.

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

Minico catcher has major league scouts lining up to see him

By Matt Peterson Times-News writer

RUPERT - With the bases loaded and no outs in the fourth inning Wednesday night, Burley coach Matt Harr went to his bullpen.

He needed relief. And quickly. Strolling to the plate was the Magic Valley's premier power hitter - Minico catcher Jared Price.

Even without the strains of Whitesnake's "Here I Go Again" - Price's personally-selected theme song - playing on the press box loudspeaker, the packed house at Warburton Field might have known what was coming.

Five days earlier, Price had delivered a walk-off grand slam to end Region III rival Twin Falls. The day before that, he had blasted a grand slam against Century. Wednesday would be no different.

Erring on a 1-0 pitch, the senior slugger launched a rising line drive over the left field fence for his third grand slam in four games. The ball was still climbing as it cleared the green wall in left and soared into the dense night sky.

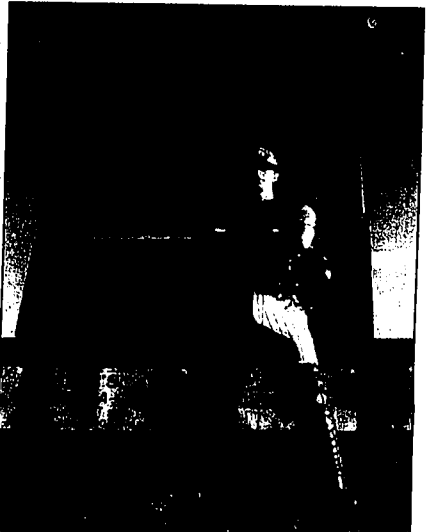
Thursday afternoon, the ball had yet to be found. Price said the bomb might have been the longest he's ever hit at Warburton.

"Nobody can find it," he said. "I'm guessing some little kid just went out there and picked it up and kept it or something."

Or maybe it's still going. Baseball may be a game of fallure, but you'd have a hard time convincing Price of that.

Through 23 games, he's hitting .335, has blasted a school-record 16 home runs - shattering the old mark of eight - and driven in 64 RBIs, also a school record.

Defensively, he's just as good.



Minico catcher Jared Price, a preseason Collegiate Baseball All-America selection, has the Spartans (11-0 Region III, 19-4 overall) rolling toward the playoffs. With a Minico-record 14 home runs and an above-average arm, he is also one of the Northwest's top catching prospects.

One scout Wednesday said the Minico's pop-to-pop (the time from when the ball hits the catcher's mitt until it hits the second baseman's glove) as low as 1.83 seconds. The major league benchmark is 2.0.

Such impressive numbers have attracted interest from at least 12 different major league teams. Scouts from the Dodgers, Marlins and Phillies were on hand to watch Wednesday's barrage. Anaheim, Florida and

Texas have all made house visits. Barely a month past his 18th birthday, Price appears on the verge of realizing a lifelong dream.

"I've been told I'm going to get drafted," Price said. "I just don't know how high or in what round."

The answer to those questions will have to wait until June 5, the first day of Major League Baseball's First Year Player Draft. How high he goes will

determine whether or not he signs.

"Right now, I'm thinking one through 10, with a reasonable amount of money for that round (and I'd sign)," Price said. "After that, I'd have to really think about it. Chances are, I'd probably go to junior college and try and up them next year."

Playing at a two-year school keeps a player eligible for the draft after each season. Players who sign at four-year schools, on the other hand, cannot be drafted until after their junior year.

Price's junior college of choice would be Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. He signed a letter of intent to play for the Chukars and coach Gary Van Tol April 1.

The deal was formalized in, of all places, the parking lot of a Boise eatery.

"We went up there for a tournament and played that day and (Van Tol and my family) were planning to meet somewhere," Price said. "He called my cell on a cell phone and we met him at a Noodles restaurant and did it in the parking lot."

The signing of one of the Northwest's top catchers had Van Tol downright giddy.

"We had just lost a doubleheader to Snow College," Van Tol said. "And I wasn't in a very good mood. But I told him, 'We just lost three of four, but our program just got better today.'"

Should he end up at Treasure Valley, Price would be following in the footsteps of his older brother Dan, who graduated from Minico in 1996 and played first and third base for the Chukars. He still holds two school records - most at-bats in one season (230) and most hits in a season (81), both set in 1998.

"Dan was one of our most consistent players - on offense, on defense in the clubhouse and in the classroom," Van Tol said. "But I told Jared from day one, 'You're not coming here to fill your brother's shoes.'"

True enough. It's quite possible

Eagles serve up soph slam

By Jeff Rosen Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS - The Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans were scrambled, fried and bowled over easy Saturday, unfortunate victims of a Golden Eagle sophomore slam.

The last-place Spartans were no match for the College of Southern Idaho, falling 10-0 and 11-1 in a pair of mercy-rules, halted Scenic West Athletic Conference baseball show-downs.

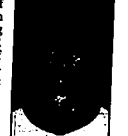
The two wins gave the Golden Eagles (16-14 in conference, 25-22 overall) their fourth-game sweep of the year against a conference foe.

And the Spartans' 131 conference mark be darned. Southern Idaho was happy take it.

"I'm happy to get four wins," said CSI coach Jim Walker. "We've still got a long ways to go, but this takes some of the pressure off."

With similar results in their regular-season finale next weekend against the College of

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Dan Clements



Around the SWAC

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CSI 10, CNCC 0
CSI 11, CNCC 1
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TVC 3, NIC 1
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Dixie 6, UVSC 1
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Ricks 3, SLCC 2
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(8 Innings)
Snow 7, CEU 1

Seattle wins one at home

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - Gary Payton insisted all week the Seattle SuperSonics weren't dead. He and his teammates went out and proved it Saturday.

Despite a 30-point performance from Karl Malone, the Sonics stayed alive in the playoffs with an 89-78 victory over Utah that cut the Jazz's lead in the best-of-five first-round series to 2-1.

Game 4 will be in Seattle on Wednesday and Game 5, if necessary, will be in Salt Lake City on Friday.

Payton scored nine of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, while Vin Baker, the Sonics' \$87 million power forward who was criticized for playing like Gene A. Slaughter, added 15 points and 11 rebounds.



Utah's Jeff Hornacek (14) gets tangled up with Seattle's Shammond Williams as they chase a loose ball in the third quarter Saturday. The Sonics won 89-78.

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performances in Utah, out-bounced the Jazz 46-38 as rookie Rashard Lewis had 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The difference between the Sonics in Seattle and Salt Lake City? "I thought we were a little more aggressive today," Payton said. "When they were hitting us, we were hitting back and it worked."

against a bunch of old guys," Baker agreed.

"There was a big sense of urgency today. We didn't want to get swept," he said.

Payton, who shot 8-for-24 from the field, added 10 assists and seven rebounds in 48 minutes and Utah point guard John Stockton had just four points on 14-of-30 shooting.

"It was exciting to see all the seniors and the rest of the guys come out and play awesome baseball today," said senior catcher Casey Turner. "It was good to have two good wins in our last two home games before heading to regionals."

Wind-aided Bruins win two over Skyline

By Ryan Bovan Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Bruins baseball squad took advantage of strong winds Saturday, bombing five over the fence in two games on their way to two five-inning, run-rule victories over the visiting Skyline Grizzlies.

"We got the pitches we wanted today," said Twin Falls coach Mike Federico. "We were very aggressive and hit the heck out of the ball."

Twin Falls had no trouble getting by Skyline in each contest, winning Game 1 by the score of 25-2, and repeating its powerful performance in a 16-3 whipping in Game 2.

The Bruin seniors were honored prior to the game - their last at Bruin Field this season. "It was exciting to see all the seniors and the rest of the guys come out and play awesome baseball today," said senior catcher Casey Turner. "It was good to have two good wins in our last two home games before heading to regionals."

And perhaps, for Turner and the rest of the Bruins, the two huge wins on Saturday primed them for their trip to Highland on Thursday, and the regional tournament in two weeks.

"Playing as good as you can play brings a lot of pride," Turner said. "It gets everyone pumped for regionals."

Catch Federico agreed. "Hopefully this will give us some confidence, going into regionals," Federico said. "We can do anything we want to when we put our minds to it."

Twin Falls 25, Skyline 2

Twin Falls didn't waste any time Saturday, unleashing their offensive prowess upon the visiting Grizzlies with a 10-run, seventh-inning inning, on their way to a decisive 25-2 victory in the first game of a doubleheader.

In the first inning, Turner, Shaun Pohlman, and Zach Gregson drove in two runs each, while Jeremy Hudson crushed a ball that just flew far over the left field fence for a two-run homer.

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SPORTS

Wins give Twin Falls the top seed in Region III

POCATELLO - The Bruins clinched the top seed in Region III with two easy wins over Pocatello Saturday, 13-6, 15-4.

Though Twin Falls was down in the first inning of each game, they had some big innings to offset the loss. In the fourth inning of Game 1, the Bruins notched 10. After falling behind 3-0 in the second game, "Twin Falls brought 11 around to take the game-winning lead. "We had a lot of hits in those innings and quite a few stolen bases," said Bruin coach Nick Baumert. "We were able to do some things offensively."

Kristin Patterson went 4-for-5 in the first contest with a triple, and Bree Allen retired eight. Sommer Hayes threw a no-hitter, and Kristina Patterson went 2-for-3 with a double in the Game 2. The Bruins (20-2 overall, 10-0 in conference) host Century Wednesday.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, Location, Date. Includes entries for Twin Falls vs Pocatello, Twin Falls vs Pocatello, and Twin Falls vs Pocatello.

Wood River 7, Filer 3

HAILEY - The Wolverines went errorless as they rolled over Filer in Saturday's doubleheader. Starting Wood River pitcher Stephanie Miller walked just two Wildcats throughout the first game. "Low walks, low errors, that's what we've been trying to do," said Wolverine coach Chris Coy. In Game 2, Laurel Williams went 2-for-3 with a triple, and RJ Adams also went 2-for-3 for Wood River.

Filer's Crystal Koch connected for a home run in the first game, and Adrienne Fullmer, parked one in the second contest. Wood River (11-8 overall, 4-3 in conference) hosts Wendell Tuesday.

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Wood River 10, Bonneville 0

BURLEY - The Bobcats

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improved their overall record to 13-6 as they defeated visiting Bonneville and Hillcrest Saturday. In the first contest, Theobald Rice retired 6 Bees and went 3-for-4 at the plate.

Hillcrest had hits in every inning in Burley's second game of the day, but the Bobcats managed to limit the Knights' scoring to five. "Their hits were spread out," said Burley coach Vic Jackman. "It seemed like when they got people on base, we played with a little more intensity and didn't let them score."

Rice went 4-for-4 in the second match-up with a double and a triple, and Kenna Hadden went 3-for-3 for the Bobcats. Burley (13-6 overall, 4-4 in conference) hosts Pocatello Tuesday.

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Kimberly 5, Glens Ferry 0

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Bulldogs and Glens Ferry Pilots split a doubleheader Saturday. Amanda Feuer went 2-for-3, scored two runs and collected an RBI to lead the Bulldogs to a 5-0 shutout in the first game. Freshman pitcher Kayla Landy gave up four hits and picked up the victory while Kimberly's defense didn't commit an error.

It was a different story in the second game. The Pilots took advantage of seven Bulldog miscues in the second game to earn the split with a 7-3 victory. Kimberly (6-13) finishes the regular season at Filer on Tuesday before beginning tournament play.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, Location, Date. Includes entries for Kimberly vs Glens Ferry and Kimberly vs Glens Ferry.

Minico 13, Hillcrest 5

IDAHO FALLS - The Minico Spartans swept a pair of games from teams from Idaho Falls and

finished their regular season Saturday.

Minico topped the Hillcrest Knights 13-5, then rallied late to beat the Bonneville Bees 12-7 in eight innings.

The first game was close early but the Spartans improved their defense and got key hits to give them some breathing room. Mandy Garner picked up two RBIs in the seventh and made it all the way home on an inside-the-park home run.

It took eight innings for Minico to top Bonneville. The Spartans had their chances but stranded 11 runners in the first six innings, twice with the bases loaded. With a sudden-death format, Arriane Crystal was placed at second. Garner got an infield hit before Lisa Moncur, who finished the game going 9-10 from the plate, sent them across with a solid line. The Spartans picked up two more runs and shut out the Bees in the bottom of the inning.

Minico (5-6;12-1) is off until the A-1 Region III tournament beginning May 10th.

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Baseball

Wood River 13, Rigby 2

RIGBY - The Wolverines beat host Rigby 13-2 early Saturday and shut out South Fremont 5-0 in the championship game to bring the Upper Valley Tournament title home to Hailey.

Team captain Matt Zachary had a hand in both wins, throwing a three-hitter at Rigby early and coming back to close the South Fremont contest with four strikeouts in 1 1/3 innings. Zachary's second-game starter Jeff Bolton finished a combined eight in the three-hit nightcap.

"We had pretty strong performance all areas," said Wood River coach Lars Hovey. "We hit the heck out of the ball, especially the first three games. And we played good defense - we made only four or five errors in the whole tournament." Wood River (18-4 overall, 4-2 in conference) hosts Wendell on Tuesday and Buhl on Wednesday.

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Glens Ferry 5, Kimberly 1

KIMBERLY - Glens Ferry's Ryan and Zach Simons held host Kimberly to only one run on eight hits and Ryan Simons hit a two-run home run as the Pilots (15-3) opened with a win in Saturday's doubleheader.

But Kimberly took revenge in Game 2, run-ruling the visitors 11-1, as seniors Scott Schneider and Matt Bulcher each had three RBIs for the Bulldogs, who evened their season record at 10-10 with the win.

"In that first game, both teams had the bases loaded with less than two outs, but didn't do anything with it," said Kimberly coach Terry Bohan. Glens Ferry is a good young team.

Kimberly (4-3;8-12) travels to Filer for a 3-3 doubleheader on Tuesday.

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Buhl 12, Spring Creek 0

BUHL - Indians ace Seth Mathews tossed a one-hitter and Jeff Walker struck out nine and allowed only three hits as Buhl scored two runs in the second for visiting Spring Creek, Nev. on Saturday at Clint Faux Memorial Field.

TJ Cline connected for his eighth home run, a two-run blast in the fourth inning to go 3-for-3 with three RBIs. Walker finished 2-for-2 with two RBIs and Chris Flynn added a pair of RBIs with a triple in the fourth.

The Indians record six straight hits in the second for four runs with a Walker double, a Sonny Thornborrow two RBI double and a Cody Chandler lead-off home run. Buhl scored its last runs on wild pitches. Cory Hamilton went 3-for-4, Flynn went 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs and Mathews finished 2-for-3.

Buhl (20-1 overall, 7-0 SCIC)

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travels to Wood River on Wednesday then hosts Jerome Thursday before hosting district play in two weeks.

Bonneville 13, Jerome 6

Bonneville 15, Jerome 2

JEROME - The Tigers opened Saturday's non-conference doubleheader with Bonneville by taking a 6-2 lead. Jerome failed to score again, as the Bees capitalized, notching 10 in the fifth and sixth innings. "We gotta learn to keep that lead," said Jerome coach Jay Oster. "We relied too much and let them come back."

Tiger KC Hills went 2-for-3 with three RBIs including a double, and Jonathan Roberts went 2-for-4, scoring twice.

The Tigers (6-4 overall, 3-8 in conference) host Burley Tuesday

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Minico 19, Highland 6

POCATELLO - The Minico Spartans had to do some magic in the late innings, but stayed perfect in conference play, sweeping a pair from the Highland Rams in A-1 Region III conference baseball action Saturday.

Minico dominated in the first game, scoring 16 runs in the first three innings while picking up the 19-6 run-ruling victory. The season wasn't so easy. Down by two - thanks to a Ben Beasly error heading into the seventh inning, the Spartans scored three runs, then held off Highland to complete the sweep, 11-0.

Senior catcher Jared Price, continued to roll, smacking two home runs, bringing his total to 16 on the season with 64 RBIs. He also earned the victory in game two

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moving to the pitchers mound for relief Tuesday.

Minico (11-0, 19-4) hosts Pocatello on Tuesday.

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Tennis

Twin Falls 6, Idaho Falls 5

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Bruin tennis team tied with Idaho Falls, then blasted Hillcrest in non-conference tennis action.

"This was a great week for us. We saw three of the five best teams in the state and came out pretty even with them," said Twin Falls coach Jason LeForge, whose team tied Capital and beat Centennial 7-5 earlier this week. The Bruins play Ketchum Community School on Tuesday.

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Highland 8, Minico 4

RUPERT - Minico remained winless on the tennis courts Saturday when visiting Highland blew through with an 8-4 win.

After the Rams swept the boys' singles matches, Minico renounced the favor on the girls' side as Cindy Hanson and Kari Copeland won in straight sets while Karyn Severson took a forfeit victory. But the Rams dominated in doubles matches, winning 5-of-6 with the one loss coming by forfeit in girls' No. 2 doubles.

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Bishop Kelly knocks out Burley

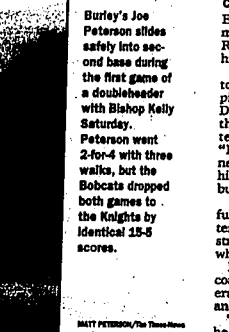
By Matt Peterson

BURLEY - One score settled both games between Class A-2 powerhouse Bishop Kelly and Burley Saturday. Unfortunately for the Bobcats, the 1-5 duplicate decision favored the visiting Knights.

The victories marked the second and third times Bishop Kelly has beaten Burley this month. In the teams' first meeting April 8, Bishop Kelly edged Burley 9-8. With the victories, the Knights improved to 20-2 overall.

"The team's only losses this season have come against non-conference opponents Baker City and Vallivue. "We've been swinging it pretty well," said Bishop Kelly coach Paul Chubb whose team pounded 20 hits in 13 offensive innings Saturday. Ten of those hits went for extra bases, including three home runs. "Especially, we're looking at the pitcher."

Meanwhile, Burley (9-19 overall) saw its losing streak reach double digits. The Bobcats have



Burley's Joe Peterson slides safely into second base during the first game of a doubleheader with Bishop Kelly Saturday.

Senior Ryan Redder went 2-for-3 with a triple and two runs scored in the first game for Burley and catcher Joe Peterson finished a combined 2-for-4 with three walks and two runs scored.

Peterson pitched all seven innings of the first game for Burley, yielding 11 hits, walking six and striking out four. Redder started the second game, but left after just three batters, showing signs of stiffness in his throwing shoulder.

Saturday's games saw a combined nine hit batsmen, with Burley's pitching staff beaming eight Bishop Kelly players. The two teams also combined for seven triples, a statistic no doubt aided by the gusting winds to right center field.

"Both teams pitchers settled in (after the first inning) and it's sure a lot better 100 percent when you're getting the runs," Chubb

Eagles

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Eastern Utah, the Golden Eagles might enter the May 11-13 Region 18 Tournament seeded as high as fourth.

"Everything kind of came together today," said sophomore pitcher Josh Gold, who followed Danny Clements no-hit shutout in the first game allowing a scattered five hits in the nightcap. "It's huge. We want to sweep next weekend too. We need good hitting and good pitching to do it, but I know we can."

The Golden Eagles were grateful for Clements' first-game mastery. The Idaho Falls sophomore struck out seven in the shutout, which went five innings.

For Colorado Northwestern coach Paul Konrad, a 30-year veteran in Rangely, Colo., it was just another day at the office. "We've been in a lot of them," he said. "We just run out of gas. We're just not very talented."

The only runners to reach base did so on two walks and three Southern Idaho errors. The shakiest moment coming in the CNCC fourth. Kevin Sytko booted two balls at third base, and a passed ball by catcher Toby Barnett placed two men in scoring position with two outs.

Bruins

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of the weekend, and Sytko grounded to third - where the ball was met with a fielding error to score Thomas.

Saturday's success was a fitting farewell for the team's eight sophomores, who were honored between games along the first base line before hitting the field for what was probably their final home contest at Frontier Field.

"The sophomores did a pretty good job this weekend," Walker said. "They really stepped it up and reached our expectations." But Twin Falls may not have seen the last of this black-and-gold bunch.

"With a successful defense of their regional title at St. George, Utah, in two weeks, the Golden Eagles would return to Frontier Field one last time to host the best-of-three bi-regional series against the Arizona Conference champion."

"If we keep playing as a team, we can do well," Thomas said.

Twin Falls 16, Spring Creek 5

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run blast in the first on top of a single and two doubles for seven RBIs on the day.

"Scotty had a huge day for us," Federico said. "And for the Bruins (14-8 overall, 10-2 Region III), the game looked a lot like the first in which they've never come closer than 10 runs."

"It's good being on a roll like this, but we're into next week," Federico said.

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Speedway's third week gives fans something to cheer about

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Clear, blue skies brought a crisp evening of racing Saturday night at Magic Valley Speedway.

The NAPA Pony stocks, Budweiser Grand National Sportsman and Dairy Queen Truck stocks all provided a full slate of racing for the estimated 1,300 in attendance for Week 3 of the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series.

Larson wins in Pony stocks

With a burst of speed along the backstretch, Kimberly's Alan Larson took the lead of the inside lane and bolted past pole runner Ed Keyes, it would prove to be his best move of the night, as Larson motored to his first win of the young season.

Larson, in the No. 14, made his move in lap 9 and held sturdy through the final 17 laps, staving off defending champion David Caldwell Jr. in the No. 3

Chevy Monza down the stretch for the win. Keyes, who ended in sixth, led the first eight laps before a parade of cars led by Larson passed him.

Included in that exchange were Caldwell Jr., Todd Audet and Gene Goodfellow. Caldwell Jr. and Goodfellow won in the first two weeks while Audet was making his first season appearance.

Doan goes wire-to-wire

Dan Doan's Dodge ran to its first wire-to-wire win Saturday as the Twin Falls resident persevered through three yellow flags and a final six-lap sprint to the finish.

But to Doan, it didn't matter if it was lap 30 or lap 1, he was just racing.

"I wasn't really sure where everybody was at. I guess I was just nervous all night long we had so many problems last week," Doan said. "I just kept it down low and tried to get all right."

For the class, it also was the third different winner in three weeks.

"It's been a long time, been a long time, so it feels pretty good."

Doan battled all race long with defending champion Dale Miles, who began in the seventh position, but was quickly in third by lap 10. There, Miles and Michelle Meads were the war of the night as the two drivers jockeyed back-and-forth for second through lap 27 when Miles scooted underneath Meads, who went too high through turn 4, allowing the "Rebel" and last week's winner, Craig Bell, past her.

Meads eventually exited the track with transmission problems.

Meanwhile, Doan was on his way to the victory when Randy Price and Clay Bagley banged the wall of tires along the frontstretch, sending rubber flying everywhere. The rolling debris brought the race's second yellow flag.

When racing resumed, it became a six-pack of leaders with Doan out in front. His horsepower held, leaving Miles, Bell and Jeffrey Meads in his dust.

Vanderham takes wild Thunder race

In a wild and reckless race, Bill Rice

outlasted Kenny Vanderham in an event that featured several spins and punctured tires. Rice-car pileup in the large field of 19 cars.

Rice led for the final eight laps when he passed Vanderham on lap 18. Vanderham led for seven laps, Jason Stewart for eight and Troy Chandler held the first two laps of the race.

Pit stops: Brothers John and Jason Newhouse drove identical looking Custom Trucks Saturday night. Jobs also is guiding a Mountain Dew Modified machine this season. ... The track record for the Grand National Sportsman was broken four times during qualifying, twice by the new record holder Jeffrey Meads. Meads set the standard at a sizzling 16.61 seconds, besting his first run of 16.66 and the runs of Kelly Chappell (16.69) and former frontman Dale Miles (16.72).

NAPA Pony stocks driver Todd Audet made his season debut in his No. 55 Yellow Pinto. Unfortunately, the Ford

spurred violently on the penultimate lap of the Pony's heat race.

Results

- #### Pony
- Alan Larson, 5; David Caldwell Jr., 2; Todd Audet, 4; Gene Goodfellow, 6; Kimberly's Alan Larson, 7; Andy Grogg, 8; Randy Price, 9; Ed Keyes, 10; Clay Bagley, 11; Michelle Meads, 12; Thomas Miles, 13; Jason Stewart, 14; Troy Chandler, 15; Jason Newhouse, 16; Bill Rice, 17; John and Jason Newhouse, 18; John Lee, 19.
- #### Thunder
- Bill Rice, 1; Kenny Vanderham, 2; Jason Stewart, 3; Jason Newhouse, 4; John and Jason Newhouse, 5; Dale Miles, 6; Kelly Chappell, 7; Craig Bell, 8; Jeffrey Meads, 9; Randy Price, 10; Clay Bagley, 11; Andy Grogg, 12; Ed Keyes, 13; Alan Larson, 14; Kimberly's Alan Larson, 15; Gene Goodfellow, 16; David Caldwell Jr., 17; Troy Chandler, 18; John and Jason Newhouse, 19.
- #### Modified
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SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

AL BOXES

| Team | W | L | Pct. |
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| Angels | 10 | 10 | .500 |
| Astros | 10 | 10 | .500 |
| Blue Jays | 10 | 10 | .500 |
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| Giants | 10 | 10 | .500 |
| Expos | 10 | 10 | .500 |

ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

| Event | Time | Channel |
|---|------------|------------|
| Auto Racing, CART Rio 200 | 10:30 a.m. | ESPN |
| NBA Playoffs, Knicks vs. Raptors, Game 3 | 10:30 a.m. | NBC |
| Motorcros, LA Sports Supercross | 11 a.m. | NBC |
| Women's Softball, Arizona State at Oregon State | ASPT | noon |
| Auto Racing, NASCAR Winston Cup | 1:00 p.m. | NBC |
| Baseball, Diamondbacks at Cubs | WGN | 12:10 p.m. |
| NBA Playoffs, Trail Blazers vs. Twolves, Game 3 | NBC | 1 p.m. |
| Golf, Houston Open | CBS | 1 p.m. |
| NBA Playoffs, Lakers vs. Kings, Game 3 | NBC | 3:30 p.m. |
| Golf, Bruno's Memorial Classic | ESPN | 3:30 p.m. |
| Baseball, Braves at Padres | ESPN | 6 p.m. |

Stick-Hit Championship

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HOCKEY

NHL Playoffs

| Game | Time | Channel |
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| Philadelphia at Pittsburgh | 7:00 p.m. | NBC |
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| Red Sox | 10 | 10 | .500 |

Friday's Late Boxes

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| Red Sox | 10 | 10 | .500 |

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College Baseball Scores

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| Indians | 10 | 10 | .500 |
| Red Sox | 10 | 10 | .500 |

ROCKIES 12, METS 6

| Team | W | L | Pct. |
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| Rockies | 10 | 10 | .500 |
| Mets | 10 | 10 | .500 |

SONICS 8, JAZZ 7

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| Sonics | 10 | 10 | .500 |
| Jazz | 10 | 10 | .500 |

BASEBALL

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Spanish Open



Heat close out punchless Pistons 91-72

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Pistons kept saying they matched up with the Miami Heat. And they probably believed it — until Grant Hill broke his ankle.

Without their All-Star forward, they had almost no fight left in them Saturday.

Clarence Weatherspoon, off the bench, had 18 points and 10 rebounds as Miami powered to a 91-72 win, sweeping the Pistons in their best-of-five first-round series.

The Pistons had been talking bravely about finding someone to step up ever since Hill went down Tuesday in the second game. But that fizzled fast once the game started before a crowd of only 14,507 at The Palace.

"I think some guys just looked scared out there," interim Detroit coach George Irvine said.

While Miami was shooting 52.1 percent, the Pistons made just 23 of 73 shots. The Heat outrebounded Detroit 47-34 and converted 18 turnovers by the Pistons into 21 points.

The game was so one-sided that Heat coach Pat Riley was able to sit Alonzo Mourning down after just 22 minutes of playing time. Mourning, who blocked 1.4 shots in the three games, finished with 12 points and Jamal Mashburn added 11. Both had scored over 20 points in each of the first two games.

"They missed Grant Hill quite a bit, you could see that," Mashburn said. "But Jerry Stackhouse is tremendous. You have to give Jerry a lot of credit. He did it all he could."

Mourning, however, took great pleasure in sweeping the Pistons. He said many of his teammates were angered by some of the things the Pistons — especially Stackhouse — had said before the series started. He said the remarks motivated him to play.

"They said they wanted Miami," Mourning said. "Then they said they could take our rookie point guard, Anthony Carter. But we went out and said, 'If you want us, you got us.' Now, we're moving on."

Stackhouse tried his best to carry the Pistons, who haven't won a playoff series since 1991. He scored 25 points, but the rest of Detroit's offense, which averaged 103.5 points per game during the regular season, just couldn't seem to function without Hill.

"I think you have to give credit to Miami," Stackhouse said. "They outplayed us. We couldn't knock down our shots, while they were hitting clutch shots all over the place." Michael Curry scored 14 points starting in place of Hill. But he was the only other Detroit player in double figures.



Detroit's Cliff Robinson and Miami's Alonzo Mourning (33) battle for the ball in the first half of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal game Saturday.

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First-round playoff schedule

All series best-of-five; all Times Mountain, if necessary (TV)

Eastern Conference

Miami vs. Detroit (Heat win 3-0)

- Game 1: Miami 95, Detroit 85
- Game 2: Miami 84, Detroit 82
- Game 3: Miami 91, Detroit 72

Charlotte vs. Philadelphia (Sixers lead 2-1)

- Game 1: Philadelphia 92, Charlotte 82
- Game 2: Charlotte 108, Philadelphia 98, OT
- Game 3: Philadelphia 81, Charlotte 76
- Game 4: at Philadelphia, Monday, 5 p.m. (TBS)
- x-Game 5: at Charlotte, Thursday, TBA

Indiana vs. Milwaukee (Pacers lead 2-1)

- Game 1: Indiana 88, Milwaukee 85
- Game 2: Milwaukee 104, Indiana 91
- Game 3: Indiana 109, Milwaukee 96
- Game 4: at Milwaukee, Monday, 7:30 p.m. (TBS)
- x-Game 5: at Indiana, Thursday, TBA

New York vs. Toronto (Knicks lead 2-0)

- Game 1: New York 92, Toronto 88
- Game 2: New York 84, Toronto 83
- Game 3: at Toronto, today, 10:30 a.m. (NBC)
- x-Game 4: at Toronto, Tuesday, TBA
- x-Game 5: at New York, Friday, TBA

Western Conference

Utah vs. Seattle (Jazz lead 2-1)

- Game 1: Utah 104, Seattle 93
- Game 2: Utah 101, Seattle 87
- Game 3: Sonics 89, Jazz 78
- Game 4: at Seattle, Wednesday, TBA
- x-Game 5: at Utah, Friday, TBA

San Antonio vs. Phoenix (Suns lead 2-1)

- Game 1: Phoenix 72, San Antonio 70
- Game 2: San Antonio 85, Phoenix 70
- Game 3: Phoenix 101, San Antonio 94
- Game 4: at Phoenix, Tuesday, TBA
- x-Game 5: at San Antonio, Thursday, TBA

Portland vs. Minnesota (Trail Blazers lead 2-0)

- Game 1: Portland 91, Minnesota 88
- Game 2: Portland 86, Minnesota 82
- Game 3: at Minnesota, today, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
- x-Game 4: at Minnesota, Tuesday, TBA
- x-Game 5: at Portland, Thursday, TBA

L.A. Lakers vs. Sacramento (Lakers lead 2-0)

- Game 1: Los Angeles 117, Sacramento 107
- Game 2: Los Angeles 113, Sacramento 89
- Game 3: at Sacramento, today, 3:30 p.m.
- x-Game 4: at Sacramento, Tuesday, TBA
- x-Game 5: at Los Angeles, Thursday, TBA

Suns push champions to brink of elimination

PHOENIX (AP) — With Todd Day the unlikely hero, the Phoenix Suns are on the brink of sending the defending NBA champions home in the first round of the playoffs.

Day scored all 16 of his points in the fourth quarter and Penny Hardaway had his first playoff triple-double Saturday as the Suns, down by 10 points at the end of the third period, rallied to beat the San Antonio Spurs 101-94.

Phoenix leads the best-of-five series 2-1 and March 11 with a homecourt victory in Game 4 Tuesday night.

As Tim Duncan again sat and watched in street clothes, David Robinson almost singlehandedly kept the Spurs alive with 37 points, three short of his career playoff high, and 13 rebounds.

Hardaway had 16 points, 13 assists and 12 rebounds — only his fourth career triple-double. Day, who played 13 minutes and scored six points in the first two games, was 4-for-9 from the field in the fourth quarter, including 3-of-6 3-pointers, and was 5-of-6 from the free throw line with four rebounds, three offensive.

Six Suns scored in double figures. Shawn Marion had 16 points and 13 rebounds, while Rodney Rogers scored 15 points, Cliff Robinson 14 and Kevin Johnson 10.

Cliff Robinson also defended the much bigger David Robinson through the fourth quarter, when the Spurs' big man managed only four points.

San Antonio scored the last 10 points of the third quarter to lead 79-69.

Day's tip-in cut it to 87-86, then he hit the first of two free throws to tie it at 87 with 4:26 to play. The second free throw missed, but Cliff Robinson tipped the ball back out to Day, who hit a 3-pointer to put Phoenix ahead 90-87 with 3:16 remaining.

Mario Elie's 3-pointer with 1:36 to go tied it one last time at 94-94. But Day hit his third 3-pointer with 1:19 to go to make it 97-94. Cliff Robinson added an inside basket to make it 99-94, then blocked Samaki Walker's inside shot. Robinson made one of two free throws with 30.9 seconds left, and Hardaway made one of two with 22 seconds remaining to ice the victory.

Duncan has had limited workouts this week but coach Greg Popovich announced before the game that he wouldn't play. Duncan, the MVP of last year's NBA Finals, missed the last four games of the regular season and all three playoff games with torn cartilage in his left knee.

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Indiana dumps Bucks, much to Bird's delight

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Only Reggie Miller could have saved the Indiana Pacers — so he did. Miller scored 34 points with a vintage barrage of outside shots as the Pacers beat the Milwaukee Bucks 109-96 Saturday night to take a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five playoff series.

With a sellout crowd at Bradley Center boozing his warm-ups and his teammates mostly ineffective, Miller turned in yet another amazing playoff performance. Almost singlehandedly,

he staved off a fired-up Milwaukee team aching for its first home playoff win in a decade.

Indiana, the Eastern Conference's top seed, can clinch the series with another

road victory in Game 4 on Monday night.

"The game was marred by the ejections of Milwaukee's Sam Cassell and Indiana's Dale Davis with six minutes to play. The players confronted each other and received double technical fouls for the second time in another intensely physical game between bitter rivals.

Miller, who was largely shut down by Ray Allen in the series' first two games in Indianapolis, scored 16 points in the third quarter as the Pacers turned a

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Patterson hit a 12-foot jumper on a fastbreak as time expired in the quarter, but his most impressive play in the period came when he scrambled on the floor to keep the ball alive before scoring on a putback with 4:27 left. He then made a free throw after being fouled by Gregg Ostrering that gave Seattle a 54-46 lead.

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Price

Schools Price said have expressed interest include Louisiana State University, Texas A&M and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Those schools have to wait until after the draft to assess their rosters and consequently, can't make firm commitments, he said.

"We had some four-year talk to me," he said. "But most of them just said they've got to wait until the draft because they have junior kids they think will go out, and they have to pick up some freshmen."

But nothing's over a sure thing when it comes to the draft.

"When it comes to the draft, you just never know," Van Tol said. "When I was a senior, the

Chicago White Sox drafted a girl."

Regardless of what happens, however, both Price and Van Tol agree that for now, the arrangement suits them fine. For Price, the commitment gave him a place to play next season and put a sudden end to a routine distraction — daily calls from junior college coaches, sometimes as many as three or four a night.

For Van Tol, Price's signing delivered one of the area's premier catching prospects to the Treasure Valley program.

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SPORTS

Penguins shock Flyers, take 2-0 lead

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Czechmate, Penguins.

Robert Lang and Jaromir Jagr, two of a half-dozen Czechs in the NHL's most international lineup,

each scored twice and twice and Pittsburgh Penguins again befuddled the Philadelphia Flyers in their own arena to win 4-1 Saturday.

The Penguins had not won in Philadelphia in 16 games over six years, only to do so twice in three days to seize a lead and anticipated 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Game 3 of the best-of-seven series will be Tuesday night in Pittsburgh, where the Flyers are 3-14 in their last 22 games. Just as in Game 1, the Penguins killed off Flyers power plays — Philadelphia was 0-for-8 in Game 2 and 0-for-13 in the series — and made the most of their scoring chances despite being badly outshot, 45-25.

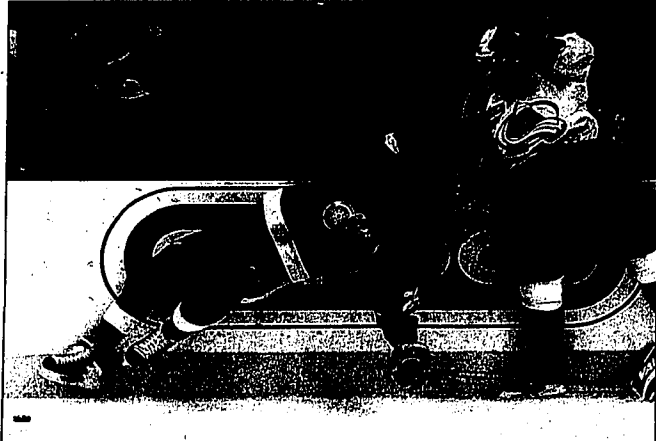
Goaltender Ron Tugnutt, cast off by five NHL teams, again made an early lead stand up with yet another excellent game in goal, turning aside 44 shots. He already has twice as many playoff victories this season (6) as he did previously in his career, stopping a remarkable 224 of 233 shots.

Avalanche 3, Red Wings 1

DENVER — This was more like the Detroit-Colorado games everyone is used to.

Milan Hejduk and Peter Forsberg scored power-play goals in the first period, and the Avalanche skated to a 3-1 penalty-marred victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Saturday.

Colorado took a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinals, with Games 3 and 4 scheduled for Detroit on Monday and Wednesday.



Colorado's Milan Hejduk, right, flips over Detroit's Chris Chelios as he pursues the puck behind the net during the first period of Game 2 of the teams' NHL Western Conference semifinal series in Denver Saturday.



period, but Colorado's Chris Drury countered with an empty-net goal at 19:01.

Colorado's Patrick Roy had 29 saves, and Detroit's Chris Osgood had 30.

After these bitter rivals played a rare penalty-free game in the regular-season finale and were

reasonably well-behaved in the opening game of this series, the latent animosity surfaced early in Saturday's game. Each team drew seven penalties for 14 minutes in the first period, including double minors for high-sticking against Detroit's Steve Duchesne and Vyacheslav Kozlov.

Devils 1, Maple Leafs 0

TORONTO — Martin Brodeur stopped 20 Toronto shots as New Jersey evened the second-round playoff series.

Curtis Joseph was screened when Colin White scored. The best-of-seven Eastern Conference

semifinals series, tied 1-1, moves to New Jersey for games 3 and 4 on Monday and Wednesday.

Toronto's best chance came four minutes into the game when Wendel Clark broke in alone only to shoot the puck into Brodeur's chest. The Leafs also failed on a four-minute power play in the third period.

The loss ended Toronto's three-game playoff winning streak, and was the first Maple Leafs in five postseason home games.

The Devils ended a six-game winless streak (0-5-1) against the Maple Leafs, going back to the 1998-99 regular season.

Begay draws Indian youths' interest

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The young Indian student on a practice tee on a Saturday morning 20 summers ago — his hands wrapped around a golf club, a bucket of balls at his feet.

In a groove of confidence and concentration, the 7-year-old launched one ball after another into the air, unaware of the adult who had walked up behind him. "I eased up to him 'cause I didn't want him to see me," said Notah Begay Jr. "He was hitting it really pure. I thought to myself, 'How come my ball goes every which way and his is going so straight?'"

The youngster hitting balls long and straight was Begay's oldest son, Notah Begay III, now an emerging star on the PGA Tour and a leader in a national effort to bring more Indian kids into the game.

The 27-year-old Begay, who this month played in his first Masters, sees junior golf programs as a route to a profession for developing future pros.

"I want to give kids an alternative to participation in gangs, to just sitting around and waiting their time with their friends," said Begay, the only American Indian on the PGA Tour. "If there is something out there for them to do and put their time into, and they get a good idea that it gives them an opportunity."

The driving force — organizational and financial — for the national project is the United States Golf Association. Working



American Indian children kneel and watch as Notah Begay hits a tee shot at the Ladera Golf Course driving range in Albuquerque, N.M., last year during a golf clinic. Begay, the only American Indian golfer on the PGA Tour, is a leader in a national effort to bring more Indian kids into the game.

with the Native American Sports Council, of which Begay is a member, the USGA is providing thousands of dollars to start up junior golf programs in Indian country. Before last year, no such programs existed.

At the same time, more tribes are going into the golf business as Indian-run casinos continue to prosper. In New Mexico, pueblos like Isleta, Santa Ana and Fajonque are using some of their casino revenue to build golf courses and expensive hotels.

"It's extremely positive for the future of the tribe," said George Rivera, lieutenant governor of Pojoaque.

In 1999, the USGA provided grants to eight programs, five of them in New Mexico: Santa Ana Pueblo, Pueblo of Isleta, the Mescalero Apaches, Jemez Pueblo and the Canoncito Band of Navajos. The USGA also funded start-up junior programs at the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin, Turtle Mountain in North Dakota and Fort Berthold in North Dakota.

Tan Dixon, the USGA official in charge of the program, said the goal this year is to triple the number of programs and have at least 1,000 Indian kids involved.

"The prospects for 2000 are very exciting," Dixon said. "I'm

currently working with about 18 different tribes — from Oregon to Oklahoma, North Dakota and Montana. More in Navajo country.

Golf's growing popularity among the tribes has a lot to do with Begay. An icon to Indian youths, he won two tournaments on the PGA Tour during his rookie season in 1999, and earned more than \$1.2 million.

Begay is half-Navajo and half-Pueblo Indian. His road to the tour began at the Ladera municipal golf course on Albuquerque's west side, where he worked his way through countless buckets of balls to develop the talent that earned him a scholarship to Stanford.

He was a teammate of Tiger Woods at Stanford and earned a degree in economics.

Begay is never far from his New Mexico roots, though. Each year he puts on golf clinics for youngsters of all nationalities and frequently returns to Albuquerque to work on his game between tour events.

"Some things happen for a reason and I always had a feeling I could make a difference," Begay says of his involvement with junior golf. "That's all I've really been after — is to make a difference."

Last fall, Begay accepted a \$20,000 check from the USGA to get the junior program started at Canoncito, a desolate, rural Navajo community 35 miles west of Albuquerque.

Allenby aims to keep Houston Down Under

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — Robert Allenby made a move Saturday to keep the Houston Open title in Australia.

Allenby, who started the third round in a three-way tie for the lead, shot a 4-under-par 68 that included a scare on No. 17 and held a one-shot lead in the \$2.8 million Houston Open.

Allenby, trying to match countryman Stuart Appley's Houston Open victory last year, had a 54-hole total of 139 under 203 and the aim lead over Craig Stadler, who shot a 69.

"We just like it here," Allenby said as the course lay in Australia are smaller and there is great weather here. We just enjoy playing here.

Scott Hoch played among the contenders all day but bogeyed No. 9 but got himself in contention with birdies at 15 and 17.

Allenby started the day sharing the lead with Loren Roberts and Stadler at nine under. Roberts shot a third-round 72 and dropped into a group of six at 207.

Allenby had birdies on Nos. 1 and 6 on the front and added two more at 13 and 15 to take the lead at 13 under.

He flirted with a bogey on No. 17 when he barely avoided the water beside the green. His chip from the fringe lipped out and he made a short putt for par.

"It was just a solid day, I didn't go for much," Allenby said. "Obviously, 17 would have been trouble. I was very fortunate with my second shot and then I nearly chipped it in. I was relaxed and just went with the flow."

Stadler birdied his first hole of the day and played solid golf the rest of the day. He bogeyed No. 9 but got himself in contention with birdies at 15 and 17.

Tied at 206 were Joel Edwards, who shot a 67, Jonathan Kaye, 68, and Brad Fabel, 69.

"I drove the ball well today," Stadler said. "I didn't make a lot of putts. I had a lot of chances, but I hit the ball consistent throughout."

Gustafson confidently holds advantage in Georgia

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. — Sophie Gustafson has never won on the LPGA Tour. She's being chased by some of the biggest names in women's golf. And she's not worried a bit heading into the final round of the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship.

"I played with them before," the 25-year-old Swede said, "and I've beaten them before."

Gustafson, who struggles with a severe speech impediment, is letting golf do her talking at Eagles Landing Country Club, south of Atlanta. She shot a 3-

under-par 69 in the second round Saturday, maintaining a two-shot lead over Laura Davies and Michelle McGann.

Quigley tops leaderboard at Bruno's Memorial Classic

HOOVER, Ala. — Dana Quigley, whose final-round rally fell one stroke short last year, made his move a day earlier at the Bruno's Memorial Classic on Saturday.

Quigley had eight birdies in a 6-under-par 66 and took a one-shot lead over Gil Morgan and George Archer. Last year, he shot a final-round 65 before losing to Larry Nelson.

"I'm not used to being on top of the leaderboard, going into Sunday," said Quigley, who set a Georgia PGA Tour record last year with a \$1.3 million in earnings without a victory. "This is unrealistic, really, for me. I know I'll be nervous."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Kimberly holds fall physicals Monday

KIMBERLY — All incoming juniors, freshmen and seventh-graders planning on participating in fall athletics at Kimberly High School, will need to have a mandatory physical done Monday. Doctors and nurses from the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital will conduct the physicals, which cost \$10. Physicals begin with incoming juniors at 6 p.m., incoming freshmen at 6:30 p.m. and incoming seventh-graders at 7 p.m. For more information, call Kimberly Athletic Director George Arrossa, at 423-4179, Ext. 3305.

Jerome Country Club women host mixer

JEROME — The Jerome Country Club Women's Golf Association will meet on Wednesday, May 3 at 8:30 a.m. and every following Wednesday thereafter at 8:30 a.m. with play beginning at 9 a.m. All members of the women's association are encouraged to attend. The group will also host a kickoff mixer on Saturday, May 13 at 9 a.m. with tennis on the club's PGA pro, John Peterson. There will be cover greens fees and lunch and the association will provide coffee and donuts at 8 a.m.

Gooding golf course announces tourney

GOODING — The Gooding Country Club is accepting entries for its 2000 Farmers National Bank/Wood River Inn Two-Man Best Ball Tournament to be held May 6-7. Entrance is limited to the first 72 men's and 24 women's teams. For more information, contact the pro shop at 934-5977.

Buhl schools slate athletic physical night

BUHL — The doctors and nurses of the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital will donate their services and time to provide physical examinations for the students of Buhl High School and Buhl Middle School Tuesday, May 2. All students planning to participate in athletics at either school in 2000-2001 are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$10. Additional information and physical forms are available at both schools and should be picked up prior to May 2.

Steelheads voted best event to attend

BOISE — The Idaho Steelheads announced Friday the team was voted as the "Best Sports Event to Attend" in The Idaho Statesman's 2000 Best of Treasure Valley Reader's Choice awards. This marks the third time the Steelheads have been recognized. The Boise State Broncos finished second and the Boise Hawks professional baseball team finished third in the 2000 voting.

Jones anchors women to world relay record

PHILADELPHIA — Marion Jones, the world champion in the women's 100-meter dash, anchored the USA women's team to a world record of 1 minute, 27.46 seconds in the 800-meter relay at the Penn Relays Saturday. The previous record was 1:28.15 by an East German team in 1980. LaTasha Jenkins ran the leadoff and the Boise State senior was followed by LaTasha Colander Richardson, Nancene Perry and Jones. They won by more than five seconds.

U.S. opens with tie against Swiss at Worlds.

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Steve Konowalchuk's goal with less than 10 minutes to play Saturday salvaged a 3-3 tie for the United States against Switzerland in both teams opening game at the World Hockey Championships. Jeff Halpern, Konowalchuk's teammate on the Washington Capitals, set up the slap shot goal with a backhand pass in front of goalie Martin Gerber. "It was only our second game with three practices, so I think we'll get better with every game," said U.S. coach Louis L'Arronde. LaTasha Jenkins scored and she is the leading American scorer in NHL history, connected only 28 seconds into the game. Derek Plante of the Chicago Blackhawks scored the other goal for Team USA, manned by only 13 NHLers and supplemented by minor leaguers, collegians and European-based players.

Ferrero, Safin to meet in Barcelona final

BARCELONA, Spain — Juan Carlos Ferrero held off a determined Carlos Moya in Saturday's semifinals of the open, outdoor tennis tournament defeating fellow Spaniard 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-2. He will face Russia's Marat Safin, who beat Sweden's Magnus Norman 2-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

U.S., Russian women will go to Sydney

PALERMO, Sicily — The United States women's water polo team is headed for the Sydney Olympics, following its 6-5 win over Hungary on Saturday in the semifinals of a qualification tournament in Palermo. Brazil scored the game-winner in the final period after Hungary came back from a two-goal deficit to tie the game at 5-5. The United States will face Russia, which also qualified for the summer games with an 8-7 win over Italy in the other semifinal.

Rookie gains pole for Rio 200

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Rookie Alex Tagliani won the first pole of his CART career, barely edging series champion Juan Montoya in qualifying Saturday for the Rio 200. Driving a Ford-Reynard, the 27-year-old Canadian had a fast lap of 173.903 mph on the 1.864-mile Emerson Fittipaldi Speedway. He got around in 38.587 seconds, beating Montoya's run of 38.969. Points leader Paul Tracy qualified third in a Honda-Reynard, getting around in 57. Rookie Kenny Brack, driving a Ford-Reynard, was next at 172.610. Brazilian Christian Fittipaldi, who set the track record last year at 174.515, was fifth in a Ford-Lola at 172.597.

United captain wins Player of the Year honor

LONDON — Manchester United captain Roy Keane has been awarded the Player of the Year award by the English soccer writer's, winning it by the largest margin in its 52-year history. The Irish midfielder, who played a major role in United's sixth title in eight seasons, collected 53 percent of the vote. Second was Sunderland's Kevin Phillips, whose 28 goals have probably earned him a place on England's European championship team. Leeds United's Australian striker Harry Kewell was third.

Auction nets \$4.1 million for sports trophies

NEW YORK — A day after Sports Chamberlain's 100-point basketball sold for \$551,944, Leland's Sports Auctions concluded with Charles White's 1979 Heisman Trophy going for \$184,000 and George Foreman's heavyweight championship belt fetching \$45,000. Compiled from staff and wire reports.

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Microsoft

JUDGE'S FINDINGS

Microsoft has a monopoly in PC operating systems

Gave friendly companies coding that links Windows to software applications; withheld it from others

Illegally tied Internet Explorer (browser) to Windows

Entered into contracts with PC makers requiring them to install Microsoft products on the PC's desktop

Used a "predatory" pricing strategy

PROPOSED REMEDIES

Microsoft should be required to disclose coding to all software makers

Disclose coding to all software makers

New priorities must contain a function that enables them to be included in or removed from Windows

Computer manufacturers should be allowed to market Windows as they wish, display competitors' products

Microsoft should be required to set PC standards

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Microsoft will be emasculated by legal quagmire, experts say

SAN FRANCISCO - Whether or not the Microsoft monopoly gets broken up by federal trustbusters, many technology experts believe the company has encountered a legal bog from which it can never fully emerge.

Even if the world's largest software company prevails on appeal, analysts say, protracted litigation might push the once-dominant company toward irrelevance in a technology world it helped to create.

"The massive uncertainty (caused by the antitrust trial) causes Microsoft to lose control over its customers and causes its employees to lose confidence in their direction," said Rob Enderle, an analyst with Giga Information Group. "Even Microsoft's partners will look around for companies that they can trust more."

Earlier this month U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson found the company guilty of violating antitrust laws and on Friday the U.S. Justice Department, joined by 17 states, asked Jackson to split the software giant into two competing companies.

Completely apart from the antitrust case, Microsoft faces long-standing weaknesses in the burgeoning Internet marketplace. The company has failed to create dominant software products outside its monopolies in PC operating systems and business-productivity applications such as word processors and spreadsheets.

Two more years immersed in the courts - now viewed as all but inevitable - will accelerate those trends, Enderle said, "because you know that Microsoft will be changed, but you don't know how much."

The company's stock - which closed at \$69.75 in NASDAQ trading Friday - has lost more than one-third of its value this year - a decline that hinders efforts to recruit and retain talent. In response, on April 25 the company issued new stock options at the lower share price to all its employees.

Even so, since the trial started in 1998, the company has experienced an exodus of top executives and engineers. Brad Silverberg, who led development of the Internet Explorer Web browser, WebTV founder Steve Perlman and chief financial officer Greg Maffei are among the most damaging losses.

Certainly the company remains stacked with some of the most talented people in the software industry. But industry observers attribute the brain drain partly to an ongoing malaise at the company, whose leaders seem unable to grasp the power of the forces arrayed against them or the magnitude of the judge's rulings.

Microsoft founder Bill Gates shares the views of rank and file technologists in feeling punished for creating an engine of job creation that they deeply believe has been beneficial to the industry and to consumers.

IBM faced a similar crisis of

confidence during its 13-year antitrust battle, settled in 1982. But unlike IBM, "Microsoft is not a home away from home, a lifetime employer," said Enderle. "Microsoft is much more vulnerable than IBM was," and the damage from talent attrition will be more rapid.

Even if Gates' company is broken apart, each "Baby Bill" would be a power in its own right. Billions in cash, a giant stable of engineers and investments in a wide range of technology companies will preserve a degree of prominence and power.

If Microsoft scores a full victory on appeal sometime in the next year, as Gates predicts, many industry observers believe the company might walk away relatively unscathed.

"Absent legal action I do not believe the era has passed," said Mitchell Kertzman, chief executive of Liberate Technologies, a Microsoft competitor. "They're willing to spend any amount of money and do anything - legal or illegal - to preserve their hegemony."

But others suggest that the antitrust case has abetted the company's failure to innovate in a rapidly evolving marketplace, emboldening competitors and raising irreversible barriers to regaining its former dominance.

"The Justice Department ... had made people feel psychologically that they can be competitors to Microsoft," said James Love, director of the Consumer Project on Technology in Washington, D.C.

Company shows no remorse, but it should

**By Dan Gillmor
San Jose Mercury News**

Three days ago, Steve Ballmer said he and his colleagues at Microsoft Corp. had done a legal contingency plan for a possible breakup of the company. Have they started?

Probably not, though maybe they should.

There was no hint of compromise, much less defeat, from Ballmer; the company's president and chief executive, and Chairman Bill Gates on Friday announced the government's well-labeled breakup plan, they defiantly continued to insist that Microsoft had done nothing wrong, that it would never be broken up.

They said, in effect, what they've been saying all along: That nation's antitrust laws do not apply to their company's business.

Wow, a nice, long way from any breakup of course. Bringing an unprecedented burst of humility at company headquarters in Redmond, Wash., Microsoft will be the next to announce that it has done a contingency plan for a possible breakup.

The breakup proposal is fully the big news in the case. It's not the Justice Department's Division and collection of evidence, or the fact that

duopoly that could emerge should the courts order and then uphold such a breakup.

To some extent, the government proposal fights the case. The case was largely about Microsoft's "destruction of Netscape. There is effectively no competition left in the Web browser market today, and even the proposed breakup wouldn't stop a new Microsoft operating system company from declaring its own browser to be an integral part of the operating system.

But the details of the proposal also suggest that the government wants to prevent the next war, or at least win it on behalf of consumers, by ensuring Microsoft's inability to use its current monopolies to freeze out innovation in the emerging Internet universe.

The dividing line between the operating systems company and even the e-commerce company isn't nearly as neat as the government would like us to believe, however. In fact, it's probably best to look

at this proposal as something of a draft. Even if U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson OKs a breakup, he won't do it before Microsoft points out the difficulties in deciding what is part of the operating system and what isn't.

Microsoft's insistence that it can make any software a part of Windows, no matter what the intent as long as even one consumer finds it useful, is an arrogant claim. And while some kinds of Internet services do belong in an operating system, an operating system should be modular enough to allow competition for things like displaying Web pages.

Gates insisted on Friday that Windows would never have been created if it weren't for the close ties between the company's applications software and operating systems units. Maybe, instead, we'd have had a leaner, faster, more secure operating system than the bloated, unstable mess that Windows and its kinsing cousins in the Office software

Gut feeling in Redmond: Nothing will be different

Knight Ridder News Service

REDMOND, Wash. - At the Starbucks' cafe down the street from Microsoft's main campus, Joe Acton and Ken Garza sipped coffee Friday afternoon and pondered the fate of the company that has minted so many of this town's millionaires.

"The go-go days of Microsoft are over in terms of getting rich on the stock market," Acton said, "but if they break it up, those days may be back."

Acton, president of an online legal records company, and Garza, the company's technical director, agreed that even if the software giant is split into two parts, its future may be different, but not bleak. "I can't imagine that the sum of the parts wouldn't be greater than the whole," Acton said.

In cafes and campuses around Seattle, people were wondering whether the company will be such a sure bet, now that its stock has slumped and the government is asking for its breakup. Microsoft will appeal the Justice Department proposal to divide its operating system and applications businesses into two separate companies.

For the next few months I think people are going to be very careful about the stock," said Grace Siswanto, a graduate student in physics at the University of Washington. "But everyone around the world is using their software. It's available in so many different languages and on so many PCs. That kind of power is hard to replicate for any company."

Andrew Purvis, a senior engineering major, said he doesn't think the company will lose its allure for students. "I don't think you're going to have a kind of softer company, he said. "I think they'll be just as aggressive and cutting edge as before."

For Microsoft employees, Friday's news came as no surprise. However, many seemed unwilling to believe that the government's plan will be implemented. "I don't feel it in my gut or heart that it would actually even happen," said Jonathan Spradley, a program manager and one of the employees the company's public relations department arranged to speak with reporters.

With the decline in Microsoft's stock price, some stockholders are already suffering. "The biggest effect is that people are delaying their retirement plans because of the stock price," said a Microsoft manager who declined to be named. "People had the feeling they could live the rest of their lives very comfortably. Maybe now that's not so."

"With stock options, they had the ability to bid those prices up," Ward said. "But the reality is the salaries aren't that great. Without options to fall back on, they can't really sustain a (payment on) \$500,000 house."

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NATION

'Big Kid' Jessica Andrews is mature when she has to be

NEW FORT RICHEY, Fla. (AP) — Trailing a whiff of coconut oil, Jessica Andrews ducks into the bathroom of her tour bus to assess the results of a poolside afternoon in the Florida sun. The mirror shows overall improvement in the tan, but burn on the legs.

Minutes later, she steps up to the microphone at a small riverside amphitheater to start a half-hour sound check for the evening's concert. She swaps ideas with her band. Her favorite song isn't working, and she's savvy enough to scrap it.

It seems the pro Jessica headed for the stage and left the 16-year-old Jessica on the bus checking tan lines. "I'm mature when I have to be, but just kicking around, I'm a big kid," she said. "I've been playing all day long."

On this night, poolside playtime ends with an hour-long show opening for Lonestar. At the end of April, she hits the road with Trisha Yearwood. There are some 30 shows on this year's tour, ranging from county fairs to the Las Vegas Hilton and the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles.

She already has toured with — and won over — Faith Hill. "I became a big Jessica Andrews fan from the moment I heard her sing. She had so much soul," Hill told Country Music Television. "She has it so much more together than I had in my first show."

Andrews is scheduled to perform at the Academy of Country Music Awards in Universal City, Calif., on May 3. She is one of three nominees for top new female vocalist. The awards show will broadcast live on CBS.

Meanwhile, she is working on her next album, looking for new music, but sticking with her current sound. "I think I called it on my first album as far as my style," she said. "I'm going to stick to that because it's what I do best. I just want to find songs that I love to sing."

The litting ballad "Unbreakable Heart" is her third — and



Singer Jessica Andrews, 16, starts a tour next month with Trisha Yearwood, and Wednesday will appear on the Academy of Country Music Awards to perform and vie for top new female vocalist against Julie Revere and Chalee Tennison.

Show shows this week

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. MDT, Wednesday, on CBS.

favorite — single from her debut album "Heart Shaped World" (DreamWorks). Her first single "I Will Be There for You," also on DreamWorks' "The Prince of Egypt-Nashville" album, was followed by the flirty "You Go First."

Andrews ranges vocally and emotionally from that twangy confection debating a first kiss to a Delta-dusky Bobbie Gentry sound on "Hungry Love," about a barhopping teenage mother.

"On this next album, I'd like to do a song that kind of showcases my voice more, like 'I Will Always Love You.' It started my career. I do have a song that's like that."

Andrews was not quite 11 when she sang the Whitney Houston standard for DreamWorks Nashville boss James Stroud, who went to her west Tennessee home to hear her sing.

Ironically, that's the tune that doesn't work in the Florida sound check. It has been a mainstay of her shows, but got old and was dropped. It's going back in, just not tonight. Jessica the trouper will know when it's right.

Stroud was won over by Andrews' musical instincts.

"She has a natural ability to emote. She knows when to push, she knows when to be tender," he said.

Her talent, stage presence and vocal control lead to the inevitable comparison to another teen-age country phenom. She doesn't even cringe now when the question comes up.

"When I first started my career, before anybody had heard my music and seen my videos, they automatically assumed I was the next LeAnn Rimes. Now they know we're so totally different on style, our voices, our music."

Actually, a person I get compared to more is Christina Aguilera. It's style-wise. I would love to do a duet with her one day."

Is Andrews missing out on being a kid?

"In a blink, the green eyes flash.

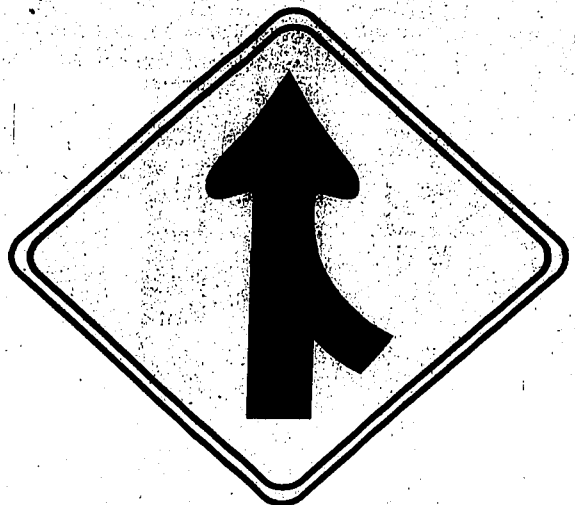
"It kind of bugs me sometimes that people keep on asking me that. Not to be offensive or anything, this is something that I love to do, and I'm doing it and I'm really enjoying it."

"Some people just automatically assume all the time that I'm just work, work, work and I'm being robbed of my teenage years."

"That is SO not true!"

Hill says that's the person she toured with. "I think Jessica is like a normal teenager because she's been through normal teenage things. She reads the magazines, listens to the music. She likes to have fun and eat pizza and do all the things that teenagers like to do," Hill said.

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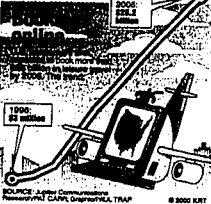
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Zions Bancorporation cuts quarterly dividend

SALT LAKE CITY - Zions Bancorporation said its board of directors reduced its regular quarterly dividend to 20 cents per common share from 25 cents paid in the first quarter of 2000, a decline of 20 percent.

The new dividend rate, however, is 43 percent above the 14-cent dividend paid in the second quarter of 1999. Zions said its dividend was more than doubled in July to synchronize it with the rate paid by then-merger-partner First Security Corp.

The board elected to reduce the dividend to ensure that it has the capital to support its historically robust asset growth," Zions said. "Additionally, the company believes that employment of excess capital for share repurchases is a more tax-efficient way to return value to shareholders than dividend payments and notes that it has employed this capital management strategy in the past."

This dividend is payable May 30 to shareholders of record May 15.

WorkSmart class offers help in handling change

TWIN FALLS - Change is constant in today's work environment: new policies, new management and new laws; downsizing, mergers and layoffs; new equipment, new technologies and new job descriptions.

Employees are often reeling with stress, frustration and fear, so the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a "WorkSmart: Skills for Lifelong Learning" for those employees in handling these situations in the workplace.

Participants will begin by identifying their learning styles and how that affects their reaction to change. Then they will practice techniques to apply new knowledge to solve problems and make decisions. They will develop skills to improve adaptability and enhance learning styles as that change is welcomed, said the center's Diana Pauls.

Class will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 18 through June 1. One credit is offered, and cost is \$64. Financial assistance and scholarships are available through the Center for New Directions. Registration deadline is May 15. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

20 agencies will guide entrepreneurs at fair

BOISE - Entrepreneurs thinking about starting a business, or current business owners ready to hire employees, are invited to a Small Business Information Fair from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Department of Environmental Quality building, 1410 N. Hilton in Boise.

About 20 agencies will be on hand to provide information about registering and structuring a business, paying taxes and avoiding penalties, filing forms and fulfilling employer responsibilities.

Cost is \$10, and continental breakfast will be served. To register, call Shelly Houston at (800) 225-3815.

The fair is sponsored by the Reducing Idaho's Bureaucracy Committee, comprised of representatives from federal, state and local government agencies and private industry.

Compiled from staff reports

Weekly Watch

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Magic Valley economy

Year 2000 starts slowly

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

Quarterly review



TWIN FALLS - Not everyone who held their breath through the Y2K date change could breathe freely come January.

Real estate agents sold a lot fewer homes in Twin Falls County in January than they did a year earlier. Some sellers took hefty price cuts to make a sale, and plenty of homes were on the market.

Absolutely nobody started new commercial construction in Twin Falls in January, and the city's construction values for combined building types fell 27 percent short of year-earlier totals.

With the exception of cattle, local farm commodities brought some of their lowest prices in years.

And as the first quarter of 2000 ended, many indicators of Magic Valley's economy still pointed down.

As interest rates kept climbing, Twin Falls County residents in the first three months of 2000 bought fewer homes and cars and received permits for less single-family residential construction than in first quarter 1999, The Times-News' quarterly survey of economic indicators show.

Twin Falls shoppers paid higher prices for groceries during the quarter than at any time in 1999. And Idaho Power Co.'s new-customer numbers, while they showed slight gain over first quarter 1999, still suggested the slowed population growth evident for most of last year.

But by March, the Magic Valley's 2000 performance had regained some ground it lost in a slow start.

Real estate agents reported sales that picked up in homes and residential acreages. "I think we have a real active market right now," said Olivia Rowe, executive officer of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors. Besides "thank goodness," agents haven't said much about reasons for the recovery, she said.

Telephone companies in Twin Falls County installed new lines in the quarter than they did a year ago, to meet customers' demands. People who did start construction on new homes upped the values from year-earlier averages.

Perhaps most importantly, Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls counties' employers added more nonfarm jobs over year-earlier nonfarm jobs than they did at the beginning of 1999. And the three county unemployment rate in March hit the lowest monthly mark since August 1996.

The first quarter's number of nonagricultural jobs in the three counties was 3.9 percent above first quarter 1999's total - a much healthier increase than the 1.3 percent growth between the first quarters of 1998 and 1999.

As a dry, mild spring sent farmers into their fields earlier than usual, every Magic Valley county but one posted a March jobs rate below both February and year-earlier numbers.

"Gooding's the only county that showed even a nudge upward," said Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's Magic Valley labor market analyst. And the up-tick there was tiny.

"Everything seems to be real strong over there, still," he said.

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**Major purchases - D3
Cattle do well - D4**

Here's what some economists foresee for Idaho:

"Stronger global (economic) performance now leads to rising demand for Idaho exports, as well as more stable pricing for Idaho products, including agricultural, natural resources and high technology. In addition, stronger global performance leads to rising foreign visitation to Idaho, a key factor in Idaho tourism growth."

- Jeff Thredgold, economic consultant to Zions Bank

"Idaho's economy remains directly tied to its resource base. While displaying more resilience to downturns than in the past, these industries are not totally immune from business cycle effects. This heavy dependency on natural resources will bring a host of challenges as Idaho enters the next century."

"These include competition among agriculture, fisheries and expanding population needs for water and energy; the environmental impacts of the economically important mining, timber, agricultural and tourism industries; and the many other pressures of an expanding population on the state's natural and fiscal resources."

- Idaho Division of Financial Management's "Idaho Economic Forecast"

"Tight labor markets have made it difficult for employers in Idaho to find qualified workers. In a recent survey of about 100 Idaho high-tech firms, over 80 percent said that they intend to hire more people this year than last year. High-tech companies in the state reportedly have openings for more than 1,000 engineers, technicians and sales and marketing personnel."

- Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's "Western Economic Developments"

Idaho's "general fund revenues made an unusually strong gain in January, exceeding the predicted level by \$18.2 million. The individual income tax is the category most responsible for this surge."

"April's receipts will determine whether January's collections were a hint of things to come - that is, exceptionally strong income tax collections - or an acceleration of revenue" normally received in April.

- Idaho Division of Financial Management's "Idaho Outlook"

First quarter economic indicators

Market basket

All 1999 items in basket of goods at 100. Market basket index. Source: Times-News survey.

Interest rates

The prevailing national interest rate showing the first quarter. Source: First Security Bank.

Auto sales

Twin Falls county auto sales. Source: Idaho Automobile Dealers Association.

Electrical customers

Total electrical customers in Twin Falls County. Source: Idaho Power Co.

Jobless rate

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Twin Falls county during the past 24 months. Source: Idaho Department of Labor.

Non-agricultural employment

The three counties average number of non-agricultural jobs per quarter, not adjusted for seasonal fluctuations. Source: Idaho Department of Labor.

Building permits

Building permits for Twin Falls county. Source: City and county records.

Building permits, average value

The average value of building permits issued in Twin Falls county. Source: City and county records.

Home sales

Number of homes sold in Twin Falls county. Source: Greater Twin Falls Multiple Listing Service.

Home sales, average value

Average value of homes sold in Twin Falls county. Source: Greater Twin Falls Multiple Listing Service.

Farm price index

A Magic Valley commodity price index compared with a 1999 base index. Source: Times-News index.

Telephone customers

Total number of telephone lines in Twin Falls County. Source: Utilities.

Phone company spokesman: 'You guys are really growing'

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A city's number of phone lines - which include fax, Internet, second-phone and new-building lines - is a clue to growth in business activity, disposable income and population.

It's hard to separate those reasons for new lines. But from U S West spokesman Mike Reynolds' perspective, the Baby Bell's activity around Twin Falls simply shows Magic Valley's major city is on the rise.

"You guys are really growing there," he said. All of Filer Mutual Telephone's and U S West's telephone exchanges in the county added lines during the first quarter except Castelford, which lost two lines.

By the end of March, the total number of telephone lines in Filer grew by 3.12 percent over the end-of-1999 total. The

Murtaugh total rose 3.11 percent during the quarter. Rogerson and Hollister, 1.56 percent; Kimberly and Hansen, 1.49 percent; Buhl, 1.25 percent; and Twin Falls, 1.01 percent.

In all, the county added 470 new phone lines during the first quarter, compared with the 450 added during first quarter 1999 and the 419 added during the first three months of 1998.

In Idaho last week, U S West issued a statement that its service performance remains high in the face of skyrocketing customer demand. While claiming Idaho customer growth was the highest anywhere in the company's 14-state service territory in January through March, the company said it kept service appointments more than 97 percent of the time and restored 93 percent of all service

disruptions within 24 hours. Statewide in the first quarter, U S West said it had an average of 2.52 Idaho Public Utilities Commission complaints per 1,000 customer telephone lines - a 20 percent decrease from 1999.

Complaints include questions about billing, long distance and expanded areas of service. "The level of service in Idaho is a direct result of the company's investment in equipment, infrastructure and training," U S West's statement said. "In 2000 alone, over \$80 million will be spent updating and increasing telecommunications network infrastructure."

Meanwhile, back in Twin Falls County, Idaho Power Co. added 59 new electricity customers during the first quarter to bring its customer total to 30,034. That's recovered some from the 30 added in first quarter 1999, but still way below the 430 added in the corresponding period of 1998.



YOUR BUSINESS

CONTRIBUTIONS

Albertson's Inc. announced availability of grant applications for nonprofit organizations serving southwestern Idaho, for proceeds from the Buy.com Boise Open Golf Tournament to be held Sept. 11-17.

The annual golf tournament, presented by Albertson's at the Hillcrest Country Club in Boise, will continue to support community-based organizations promoting the health and well-being of children and youth in southwest Idaho, the grocery chain said. This year is a formal grant process developed by Albertson's for the proceeds to be awarded from the tournament.

Nonprofit organizations can pick up applications at Albertson's general offices, 250 Parkcenter Blvd. in Boise, or call Judy McLaughlin at 395-5949. Completed forms and required documents are due May 26 for consideration.

Seminar to cover legal pits

The Times-News

MCCALL - A business seminar called "Legal Advice About Your Business" will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. May 8 at the Super 8 Lodge.

Attorney Bill Killen will guide attendees through the various legal entities through which a business can be established and will offer advice on safeguarding a small business from exposure to legal pitfalls. Cost is \$19 per person. The public is invited to register, call Shelly Houston at the Idaho Small Business Development Center in Boise at (800) 225-3815.

This event, part of the 2000 McCall Forum Series, is co-sponsored by the Idaho Small Business Development Center, Sterling Savings Bank, Spring Mountain Ranch and KMCL Radio.

Conservation program offers new incentives

The Times-News

BOISE - A new package of financial incentives for the Conservation Reserve Program continuous sign-up became effective recently for eligible farmers and ranchers.

Contracts may be approved as early as Monday. The new incentives include signing bonuses and more money for installing and maintaining conservation practices.

"These higher payments should help out many of the producers who are facing difficult economic times," said Dick Rush, state director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency in Idaho. "Participation in the program can put more cash in their pockets."

The agency said new incentives include:

- An up-front signing bonus of \$10 per acre for every year that a contract covers. This amounts to \$100 to \$150 per acre at the start of the contract to help defray up-front installation costs for conservation buffer practices that include filter strips, riparian buffers, grassed waterways, field windbreaks, shelter belts and living snow fences.

- An incentive payment equal to 40 percent of the practice installation cost, in addition to the 50 percent cost share paid by USDA for establishing certain approved practices.

- Increases in maintenance rate incentives for certain practices involving tree planting, fencing or water development. Between \$2 and \$5 per acre may be added to existing maintenance rate incentives.

- Updated rental rates for marginal pasture-land rental

rates to better reflect market value of these lands. This translates to increased rental rates in many cases.

- 10 percent rental rate increases for practices installed within an approved public well-head protection area.

- 20 percent rental rate increase for windbreak, grass waterways, filter strips or riparian buffer practices.

Rich Sims, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Idaho, said the new enhancements to the CRP continuous sign-up have the potential to help farmers and ranchers meet Total Maximum Daily Load requirements and accomplish water-quality improvements on perennial or intermittent streams.

"Buffers can be used in every region of the state, on both dry and irrigated land to reduce erosion, slow water runoff and trap sediment and nutrients," he said.

Marginal pasture lands enrolled as riparian buffers will receive new rental rates that have been set to more accurately reflect the value to producers of lands used for livestock production along streams. Two rates have been set for each county - one for lands along permanent waters and a second for lands along seasonal waters.

Unlike the regular Conservation Reserve Program, the continuous sign-up program allows producers to enroll eligible, highly environmentally sensitive land at any time without waiting for a sign-up period or competing against other offers. Producers can learn more about program details and offer acreage for enrollment at their local FSA or NRCS office.

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MILESTONES

Norm's Cafe celebrates twenty-fifth anniversary

TWIN FALLS - Tom and Vidde Collins, owners and operators of Norm's Cafe at 801 Main Ave. W., will celebrate 25 years of business on Monday.

Formerly known as Sawyer's Drive Inn, the landmark cafe was once used as a Hollywood location for the television series

"Gunsmoke" in the 1970s, starring William Conner. The Collinses owned and operated the King and Harts Cafe in Castleford before they purchased Norm's Cafe on May 1, 1975.

The public is invited to a May Day celebration with cake, punch and cafe memorabilia throughout the day.

Carlson Companies breaks sales record, grows on Net

MINNEAPOLIS - Carlson Companies Inc. - which calls itself an international leader in the corporate and consumer travel, hospitality and relationship marketing industry - marked 1999 with growth of its corporate and consumer businesses, record-breaking sales generated by its brands system-wide and expansion into the dot-com arena.

The results include the best year ever for Carlson Marketing Group; several new agreements with large clients by Carlson Wagonlit Travel; the addition of 170 new locations by Carlson Hospitality Worldwide brands; and Carlson Leisure Group's completion of a merger of its United Kingdom leisure travel interests with Thomas Cook, an

International leisure travel business.

The company said 1999 gross system-wide sales, under Carlson-related brands, reached a record-breaking \$31.4 billion, compared with \$22 billion in 1998. The 1999 merger of Carlson's leisure travel business in the United Kingdom with Thomas Cook accounts for a majority of the increase.

Systemwide sales include those made under Carlson-related brands through owned, joint-ventured or franchised operations. The \$31.4 billion includes Thomas Cook's travel and tour sales only, and does not include nearly \$21 billion in travelers' checks and financial services sales, Carlson said.

Carlson said its gross company-wide sales totaled \$9.8 billion, compared with \$7.8 billion in 1998. \$6.5 billion in 1997 and \$4.9 billion in 1996.

TWIN FALLS - Brawley

Really Inc. announced the addition of three sales associates to its staff.

Suzanne Courtney and her husband, Wayne, have lived and worked in Twin Falls since 1994. She can be reached at home at 734-9377.

Jim Herrett and his wife, Gracie, are lifelong residents of Twin Falls County. He is a former fighter with the U.S. Air Force and a Vietnam veteran. He also is the retired manager and president of

Manufacturing Co. in Filer. He has been in the real estate business for a little over a year and said he already reaches the million-dollar mark in sales.

Amy Harper and her husband, Leo, returned to Twin Falls in 1980. She was raised in the Magic Valley and graduated from Jerome High School and Idaho State University. She has been in sales most of her career. She can be reached at 734-5848.

TWIN FALLS - Greg Newberry was promoted to

commercial and agricultural loan officer at the D.L. Evans Bank office at 215 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Newberry, an Idaho native, received a bachelor's

degree in business administration and finance from Idaho State University in 1989 and entered the management trainee program for Key Bank of Idaho. In 1990, he became a consumer loan officer for Key Bank and a year later became a commercial loan officer. He came to D.L. Evans Bank in 1993 as vice president and manager of the Twin Falls Blue Lakes office, and in 1995 he became regional business development officer.

Newberry and his wife, Pam, have two children and live in the Twin Falls area.

TWIN FALLS - A book titled "A Weaver's Pattern Book of L o o m C l o t h i n g" by Gloria Hann recently was published by M o o d Strings.

Thirty years weaving experience by the author brought forth this compilation of patterns for making and finishing loom shaped clothing. In addition to 14 loom shaped art-works, the book includes comments on design, washing and felting wool, measurements in both English and metric, plus a smidgen of poetry and humor, a press release said.

The author is a charter member of the Snake River Weavers' Guild and lives in Twin Falls with her husband. Mood Strings can be reached at P.O. Box 5904, Twin Falls, ID 83303-5904, or at moodstrings@magicvalley.com.

RUPERT - Dale Kershner, Quinn Montague and Jean Swanson, Ace Hardware franchisees, gathered together with a new, home improvement store and other

businesses and other franchisees at the Ace Hardware National Spring Conference in Phoenix, April 6-8.

The participating franchisees are 15,000 Ace Hardware vendors

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and associates participating at the biennial event.

Also unveiled at the convention was a customer-oriented initiative, the Ace Homeplace magazine. The upscale magazine, published quarterly for consumers, includes articles on easy-to-complete projects, decorating trends, kids' projects and a column from Ace spokesperson John Madden, a press release said.

Another show highlight: previews of manufacturer's newest products, from paint colors to power tools. Innovative products for the winter holidays

were showcased, including novelty decorations, floral concepts and theme trees, the release said.

"In retailing, spring conventions mean the ordering of products for the fall and winter," Kershner said. "We picked out a number of exciting new items to carry as well as some impressive merchandising and display ideas."

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POINT OF LAW

By Tom Kershaw

"ABANDONED RENTAL"

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Answer: If the tenant abandons the property and repudiates the lease, you have every right to re-enter the property, change the locks, clean and fix up. If the tenant moved out before his lease was up, you have a responsibility to try to get the property so as to minimize your losses. Of course, you can bring an action against the tenant for unpaid rent and property damage, but as a practical matter, most tenants in this situation do not have any resources. Bringing an action against them is often a waste of time and money. If the tenant has a job, it may be possible to get a judgment and garnish his wages. It would have been a good idea to get a big cleaned deposit and the first and last month's rent in advance.

The question of the furnishings and other personal property is more difficult. These items do not belong to you, and you probably do not have a right to keep or sell them. The only way you can gain such a right is through the principle of "abandonment." This occurs when the owner gives up physical possession of property with an intent to "leave, quit, renounce, resign, surrender, relinquish, waive or discard" the property. This intent must be shown by clear, unequivocal and decisive acts on the part of the alleged abandoning party. My advice would be to store this property for a while and see whether the former tenant returns for it or asks for it. At that time, the case for an intent to abandon the property becomes stronger.

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Weekly watch

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the past week.

| Symbol | Description | Friday's Close | Previous Thursday | Weekly Change | 52-week High-Low | Annual Yield |
|--------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| ABS | ALBERTSON'S | 22 1/8 | 22 1/8 | 0/16 | 26 1/8 - 25 1/16 | 2.33% |
| ASCA | AMERISTAR | 4 | 1/2 | 3 1/2 | 12 1/2 - 11 1/2 | 4.50% |
| CB | CONAGRA | 18 7/8 | 18 1/2 | 1/16 | 20 1/4 - 18 1/8 | 4.50% |
| COST | COBALT | 34 | 34 | 0/16 | 37 1/2 - 34 | 5.00% |
| FD | FEDERATED | 34 | 34 | 0/16 | 37 1/2 - 34 | 5.00% |
| FIS | FIRST SECURITY | 34 | 34 | 0/16 | 37 1/2 - 34 | 5.00% |
| HZ | H J HEINZ | 37 1/8 | 37 1/8 | 0/16 | 40 1/2 - 37 1/8 | 5.00% |
| MC | MCCALL | 38 1/8 | 38 1/8 | 0/16 | 41 1/2 - 38 1/8 | 5.00% |
| ND | NORDELL DAVIDSON | 39 1/8 | 39 1/8 | 0/16 | 42 1/2 - 39 1/8 | 5.00% |
| HD | HOME DEPOT | 56 1/8 | 56 1/8 | 0/16 | 60 1/2 - 56 1/8 | 5.00% |
| IDA | IDACORP | 30 7/8 | 30 7/8 | 0/16 | 34 1/2 - 30 7/8 | 5.00% |
| KF | KF FINVST | 17 1/2 | 17 1/2 | 0/16 | 19 1/2 - 17 1/2 | 5.00% |
| JPR | JPR REALTY | 17 1/2 | 17 1/2 | 0/16 | 19 1/2 - 17 1/2 | 5.00% |
| KEY | KEY CORP | 8 1/2 | 8 1/2 | 0/16 | 9 1/2 - 8 1/2 | 5.00% |
| KM | KMART | 8 1/2 | 8 1/2 | 0/16 | 9 1/2 - 8 1/2 | 5.00% |
| KW | KROGERS | 18 1/2 | 18 1/2 | 0/16 | 20 1/2 - 18 1/2 | 5.00% |
| LR | LEARNER READY | 17 1/2 | 17 1/2 | 0/16 | 19 1/2 - 17 1/2 | 5.00% |
| LFB | LONGVIEW FIBRE | 12 3/4 | 12 3/4 | 0/16 | 14 1/2 - 12 3/4 | 5.75% |
| MCQ | MCCORMICK | 28 1/2 | 28 1/2 | 0/16 | 32 1/2 - 28 1/2 | 5.00% |
| MU | MICRON TECH | 130 1/4 | 128 1/16 | 14 3/8 | 149 1/2 - 99 1/8 | 9.50% |
| PH | PHARMACIA | 45 1/8 | 45 1/8 | 0/16 | 50 1/2 - 45 1/8 | 5.00% |
| RAD | RITE AID | 5 1/2 | 5 1/2 | 0/16 | 6 1/2 - 5 1/2 | 5.25% |
| SB | SABER | 17 1/2 | 17 1/2 | 0/16 | 19 1/2 - 17 1/2 | 5.00% |
| TOT | TOTAL | 17 1/2 | 17 1/2 | 0/16 | 19 1/2 - 17 1/2 | 5.00% |
| UNP | UNION PACIFIC | 42 1/8 | 42 1/8 | 0/16 | 47 1/2 - 42 1/8 | 5.00% |
| USW | U.S. WEST | 25 1/8 | 25 1/8 | 0/16 | 28 1/2 - 25 1/8 | 5.00% |
| WFC | WALLMART | 60 3/8 | 60 3/8 | 0/16 | 67 1/2 - 60 3/8 | 5.00% |
| WMT | WALMART STORES | 41 1/8 | 41 1/8 | 0/16 | 47 1/2 - 41 1/8 | 5.00% |
| WPT | WELLS FARGO | 41 1/8 | 41 1/8 | 0/16 | 47 1/2 - 41 1/8 | 5.00% |
| YUM | YUM RESTAURANTS | 41 1/8 | 41 1/8 | 0/16 | 47 1/2 - 41 1/8 | 5.00% |

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Survey shows caregivers alter career plans

The Associated Press

With elderly parents sometimes needing to be cared for by their children, it seems that women bear the greater responsibility for that care, and at the expense of their careers and earnings.

According to a survey of nearly 1,500 people over age 65 commissioned by SCAN Health Plan, a California-based health plan, 29 percent of the respondents rely on a daughter or daughter-in-law for care while 12 percent relied on a son.

SCAN noted that the National Alliance for Caregiving and the American Association of Retired Persons found in a study that 31 percent of caregivers significantly change their career paths and may leave the work force. It also quoted a study by Brandeis University's National Center on Women and Aging that found that over an average lifetime, the typical caregiver gives up \$39,000 in wages, Social Security benefits and contributions.

Interest rates slow sales of major items

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As the prime interest rate kept climbing, some Magic Valley residents evidently decided not to start 2000 with a new home or car.

Builders and owners in the first quarter hoisted new-home prices by just less than 1 percent compared with a year ago. The average value of new-home projects that received building permits in Twin Falls city and county rose to \$94,366 — up from the \$93,498 average of first quarter 1999. Yet that slight recovery didn't match the \$96,984 average of first quarter 1998.

And the number of home permits slipped again — from 75 in first quarter 1998, to 72 in first quarter 1999, to just 58 in January through March 2000, building department records show.

For the fourth consecutive quarter, Twin Falls County dealers in January through March sold fewer new automobiles than they did a year earlier. The county's total of 921 new cars and trucks sold in the first quarter — not including fleet sales — was 4 percent below the 959 sold in the first three months of 1999.

Quarterly review



"Ongoing monetary tightening by the Federal Reserve impairs both consumers and corporations," said Jeff Thredgold, economic consultant to Zions Bank. "Higher interest rates primarily impact consumer spending, as it makes financing of big-ticket items — especially homes and autos — more expensive."

The National Association of Home Builders, too, blamed the slowing market for new housing on interest-rate increases.

"Building permits — an indicator of future activity — are down, and confidence among builders is declining," Robert Mitchell, NAHB president, said in a Knight Ridder News Service report.

The NAHB's most recent survey measuring how builders view current and future demand for single-family homes fell 8 points in March to an index reading of 61, the lowest level since January 1998, the report said. Over the past year, mortgage interest rates have increased from less than 7 percent to about 8.25 percent, and NAHB is projecting mortgage interest rates will peak

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— Jeff Thredgold,
Zions Bank

around 8.5 percent later in the year.

Slower residential construction activity, sales activity and price appreciation were evident in Oregon and Utah recently as well as in Idaho, the Federal Reserve said in early March.

Local real estate agents' sales of houses were down from year-earlier levels during the first three months of 2000, along with the average price of those transactions. Both factors, however, were up from the comparable period of 1999.

Homes sales in Twin Falls County, including residential acreages, slid from 172 a year ago

to 155 in the first quarter, excluding mobile home sales. The average value — \$95,964 — was 1 percent below first quarter 1999's average.

"Despite tightening actions by the Federal Reserve to increase short-term interest rates, the basic 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage yield at par has edged lower to near 8 1/8 percent," Kelly K. Matthews, First Security Bank's chief economist, said this month.

"With additional Federal Reserve monetary tightenings anticipated in the second quarter, further mortgage-rate reductions would seem unlikely," he said.

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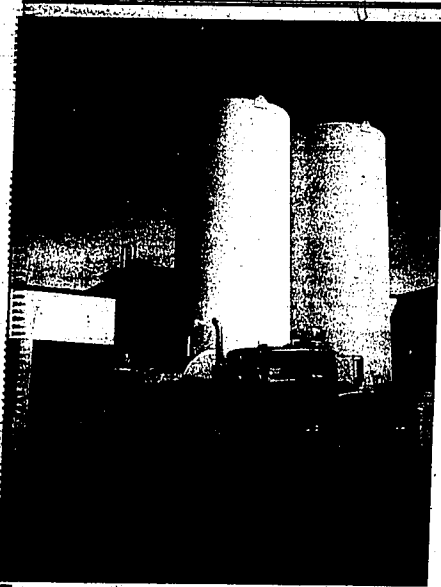


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Farmers debate future farm policy



Mark Mandis of Rich Thompson Trucking in Jerome cleans his milk truck after hauling milk to the Glanbia cheese plant in Twin Falls. Idaho's farmers and ranchers are hoping to clean up farm policy that they feel is contributing to hard times.

Cattle provide bright spot for valley farmers

Quarterly Review
 The Times-News combined wire reports
TWIN FALLS - It may be what's for dinner, but it's also a bright spot in an otherwise bleak farm-commodity picture.
 Beef is the shining commodity right now, and I think it's going to be favorable for the next two or three years," said Harlan Hughes, an agricultural economist at North Dakota State University. "I'm trying to encourage cattlemen to recognize that and put together a strategy where they can take advantage."
 From the grocery shopper's perspective, high beef prices aren't so great.
 Some relied for America's beef eaters should come this summer. Analysts say cattle producers have responded quickly to higher prices by feeding more cattle for slaughter to meet the increasing popularity of beef.
 Beef buyers paid the price for procrastination in 1999 as consumer demand rose on a year-to-year basis for the first time in 20 years. Yowing not to be caught short or forced to play catch-up, buyers booked beef ahead early this year. This strategy has boosted beef prices beyond most analysts' estimates.
 But beef was the only Magic Valley product in the Times-News' farm-price index which improved in the first quarter over year-earlier prices. Cattle commanded prices 18 percent above year-earlier prices and 11 percent above those in the first three months of 1998, Times-News calculations show.
 Prices for the beans, wheat, sugar, spuds and butter categories were for the index all were

below first-quarter prices for 1999 and 1998. The overall index dropped 7.4 percent, marking the sixth straight quarter of decline from year-earlier numbers.
 In fact, the farm-price index in the first quarter reached the lowest level since fourth quarter 1995.
 Farm sales are standard fare in southern Idaho these days, but there's a new urgency among

BURLEY - "How do we put together the forces to save rural America as we know it today?"
 That's the question Gary Turner wants answered. The president of the Idaho Farmers Union is sure industrialization is not the answer, and neither is returning to the farm policies of the 1950s, '60s and '70s. He believes the next farm bill needs to include government oversight along with freed market principles.
 Pat Takasugi, who continues to operate his Canyon County farm while serving as the director of the Idaho State Agriculture Department, believes farm policy has left farmers ill-equipped to deal with today's agriculture.
 "Here we are in the 21st century and we're using policies and programs developed in the '30s, Takasugi said.
 "We need to look outside the box as producers and policy-makers. If we don't make transitional changes in how we operate and the rules under which we operate, we won't make it."

Buhl man's plan for dairy industry raises questions
TWIN FALLS - A grass-roots proposal to boost milk prices at the farm gate by scaling back cheese production and managing cow numbers is getting a lot of attention, and that is exactly what the proposal's author, Jim Wiersma of Buhl, is after.
 "We have a major problem,

and it's going to turn into a disaster," he said. But "nobody needs to go broke if it's done right."
 Wiersma said the whole idea is to attain responsible processing and secure a fair price for the dairymen.
 "What we don't want is over-supply at the dairy. We want them (processors) to discourage overproduction," he said.
 Wiersma said he expects some opposition from processors, but hopes they will cooperate.
 Not likely, according to Jeff Williams, executive vice president of Glanbia Foods.
 "I think it's a joke."
 Williams said there are numerous problems with the proposal.
 "What this proposal is asking for is to fix the price," he said. "It's asking to guarantee no market risks. It's just outlandish from that standpoint."

Wheat growers lobby Congress for China deal
RUPERT - A delegation of

grain producers from Idaho is preparing to go to Washington, D.C., with hopes of persuading the U.S. Congress to approve permanent normal trading relations with China.
 For Duane Grant, a grain producer from Rupert, the decision is simple. He sees granting China permanent normal trading relations as being good for all of America, but particularly American agriculture.
 "We grow 30 percent more food (in America) than we can eat," Grant said.
 He sees only three options for utilizing that surplus: store it, don't grow it or sell it.
 "We think the best option is to sell it. And the way to do that is by intelligently negotiating trade agreements with customers," Grant adds.
 China has a history of purchasing U.S. wheat. Although the Pacific Northwest was shut out of the market for over 25 years because of concerns with TCK smut, China did import between 1.5 and 5.6 million metric tons of U.S. wheat each year through the Gulf ports. The TCK ban was extended to the

Gulf ports in June 1996.
Idaho's dry edible bean growers may see boost
BOISE - With 1999-00 average dry bean prices dragging bottom below \$15 per hundredweight - about \$5 below the five-year average - a University of Idaho extension agricultural economist says producers should expect no more than a \$2 to \$4 improvement for the crop they will plant this spring.
 Unfortunately, to break even, they need prices close to \$22, said Paul Patterson of Idaho Falls. "In a nutshell, supplies are too high and demand is too low."
 On the supply side, growers nationwide have expressed intentions to cut acreage by 9 percent to just over 2 million. "This is certainly positive news and will help reduce the stocks of dry beans that are weighing down the market," Patterson said. But he cautions that production-behemoth North Dakota - which harvests a third of the nation's dry bean acreage and more than 40 percent of its pintos - plans to pare back by only 3 percent.

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Parents place children over business trips

The Associated Press
 Planning to go on a business trip? You might want to check with your child first.
 A survey by Sheraton Hotels & Resorts found that more than two-thirds of the parents who took part have refused to go on a business trip because of conflicts with their children's activities. Forty-one percent of the 300 men and women who responded to the online survey said they would cut a trip short because of a birthday or child's illness. Nearly a third wouldn't travel if their school event. And 5 percent said they would cancel altogether if their children were upset about their leaving.
 "The playground wins over the boardroom," said John Greenleaf, vice president at Sheraton parent Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide.
 "This study showed us just how far a business traveler will go to preserve the delicate balance between work and family life."

MONEY

Lure of growth overpowers dividends

By **Danstan Prial**
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Dividends, or the portion of a company's profits that are distributed every three months to shareholders, were once the standard by which investors measured a stock.

Longtime American stalwarts such as General Electric, Coca-Cola and Wal-Mart that offered shareholders consistent income via regular dividend checks were considered the pillars of a solid investment portfolio.

But as investors have increasingly focused on boosting the value of their overall stock holdings, more and more companies are forsaking dividends in favor of plowing their earnings back into their businesses.

Consider that the average dividend yield of a stock is the percentage of a stock's price paid out annually to shareholders - of the companies that comprise the benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index has fallen by nearly 70 percent in the past decade, to roughly 1.1 percent from about 3.5 percent in 1990.

And for good reason.

Most of the new American stalwarts, including Microsoft, Oracle and Cisco Systems have never issued a dividend check, choosing instead to reinvest their profits in an effort to expand their operations.

It's proven a successful strategy, one that has helped each of their stock prices soar during the past decade.

Those soaring stock prices have in turn made the companies eligible for inclusion in the S&P 500.

At some point in the 1990s, the percentage of earnings reinvested by S&P 500 companies overtook the amount paid out in dividends, a significant turning point. Analysts now estimate that 60 percent of all S&P 500 company earnings are plowed back into operations, while 40 percent are paid out to shareholders through dividends.

"Once it's paid out, it's gone. But if a company plows it back in for new technology, more talent and labor, and research and development, then in all likelihood their stock goes up. It's a reinvestment of earnings into the growth of the company," said Robert Farkas, a longtime Wall Street economic author and finance professor at Pace University in New York.

And the U.S. investing public, lately obsessed with once obscure concepts like price-earnings ratios, isn't complaining.

"People are more interested in capital appreciation than cash flow, and dividends are cash flow," said Art Bonnel, portfolio manager of U.S. Global Investor's Bonnel Growth Fund, who has studied dividend distributions.

Most U.S. investors are still working, and don't need the income provided by dividend checks, Bonnel added. Instead, they'd rather see the value of their holdings increase as they approach retirement age.

But Bonnel predicted that in the next eight to 10 years, as the Baby Boomer generation starts to retire, the cycle will likely run full circle and dividend checks could return to favor.

Another important factor that has contributed to the demise of dividends is that investors pay fewer taxes on an expanding stock portfolio than on the consistent income provided by dividend checks.

Under the U.S. tax code, dividend payments are considered regular income, just like a paycheck. Consequently, such income can be taxed at up to 39.6 percent, depending on an investor's tax bracket.

The value of an investor's stock portfolio, however, falls under the category of long-term capital gains, which tax laws favor as an incentive for Americans to invest in the stock market.

The most an investor can be taxed on so-called capital gains, or profits realized from an increase in stock holdings, is 20 percent.

"If you have the choice of receiving income from dividends or allowing your capital gains to grow, investors generally prefer the latter," said Sam Burns, a research analyst at Ned Davis Research, a Venice, Fla., market

data firm.

That's because capital gains taxes are only paid after an investor sells stock to capture some profits. And, as Burns noted, "you can hold onto the stock as long as you want."

The risk lies in the fact that stocks don't always go up, whereas a dividend check from a company with a proven track record is essentially guaranteed.

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The Associated Press

College students, recognizing the importance of a drug-free workplace, are more accepting of drug tests during the employment process than they are about having a potential employer check their references, according to an online poll by the consulting service KPMG.

The survey, in which 392 people participated, asked respondents about the least appropriate part of the hiring process. Forty-two percent said reference checking was the least appropriate, with drug testing cited by 25 percent and personality testing named by 25 percent. Eight percent called questions about commitment to the work force and traveling the least appropriate.

Jeri Calle, a KPMG partner, said college students are comfortable with the process of drug testing because they are confident in the accuracy of the results.

THE 2000 NATIONAL COLLEGE STUDENT DRUG USE SURVEY
APRIL 2000

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Farm Home & Approx. 39 Acres
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 • Approx. 1400 Sq. Ft.
 • 3 Bedrooms & 2 Baths
 • Hardwood Floors In Master Suite
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Single Model To Be Built Pick Year
 • Callan Model
 • Approx. 1400 Sq. Ft.
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 • Double Car Garage
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More Than Meets The Eye!!!
 • Great 4 Bedroom & 2 Bath Home
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 • \$159,900
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 • Approx. 1800 Sq. Ft.
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 • Gas Fireplace, 3 Car Garage, Large Lot
 • Spacious & Bright Kitchen
 • Master Bath/Bedroom Tub & Shower
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Two Month Contract
 • 4 Bedroom & 2 Bath Home in Park
 • Shown & Bathing
 • Hardwood Floors
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 • 30 Day Possibility
 • Covered Back Yard
 • \$117,500
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 • Approx. 2000 Sq. Ft.
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 • \$149,900
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\$25900 Towards Buyers Closing Costs!!!
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 • Great Family Set-Up
 • \$89,900
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Great View/Ranch Property
 • Approx. 3000 Sq. Ft.
 • 4 Bedrooms & 2.5 Baths
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 • Annual Horse Property, Lots of Updates
 • Back Room And Sinks
 • Price Negotiable/Bring Offers
 • Great Neighborhood
 • \$69,900
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Great Starter
 • Approx. 1288 Sq. Ft.
 • 3 Bedrooms
 • 73x122.5 Lot
 • Gas Heat, City Services
 • Great Neighborhood
 • \$69,900
 Teri Stokes 324-2871
 MLS #95025

Country Charm
 • 2 Bedrooms & 1 Bath
 • Gas Heat & Pellet Stove
 • Approx. 30 Acres, Fully Fenced
 • Bring The Horses or Lambs
 • Great Buy
 • \$84,000
 Teri Stokes 324-2871
 MLS #94958

Great Buy!!!
 • Approx. 1408 Sq. Ft.
 • 2 Bedrooms & 2 Baths
 • 3 Bedrooms With Fireplace
 • Fenced Backyard
 • Covered Patio, Gas Heat
 • This Is A Must See!!
 • \$82,500
 Bill or Melissa 324-7853
 MLS #95467

Wanted/Large Corner Lot
 • 2 Bedrooms & 2 Baths
 • Gas Heat
 • Central Air Conditioning
 • Detached Garage
 • Family Room In Basement With Room To Develop
 • \$89,000
 Bill or Melissa 324-7853
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Better Than New!!!
 • Completely Remodeled
 • 3 Bedrooms, Office In Basement
 • Rooms To Expand In Basement
 • Approx. 1.2 Acres
 • Shop & Machine Shed
 • Additional Acreage Available
 • \$124,900
 Bill or Melissa 324-8798
 MLS #95206

Ready To Show Info
 • Approx. 1800 Sq. Ft., 75x125 Lot
 • 3 Bedrooms & 1.5 Baths
 • Remodeled Kitchen
 • Newer Gas Furnace, Some New Carpets
 • Freshly Painted Interiors
 • Deck & Patio
 • \$85,000
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 MLS #95150

Home & Acreage In Town
 • Approx. 1800 Sq. Ft.
 • 3 Bedrooms & 1.5 Baths
 • 1.40 Acres With Water
 • Lots of Updates
 • Some Hardwood Floors
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 • Also Small 1 Bedroom Rental Home
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 • \$117,500
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 • 2.5 Acres
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 • Approx. 4.64 Acres
 • \$149,900
 Year Host: Mark Jones 734-4599
 MLS #94970

OPEN 3:30-5:30
144 W. 500 S. • Jerome
 Great Jerome Country Acreage
 • Approx. 1332 Sq. Ft.
 • 20x30 Shed
 • New Steel Siding
 • \$144,000 with 1.5 Acres
 • 3 Bedrooms & 1.75 Baths
 • All New Windows & Doors
 • MLS #92499
 Year Host: Mark Jones 734-4599

OPEN 1:00-3:00
2367 Sherwood Drive • Twin Falls
 Quality Home!
 • Approx. 1775 Sq. Ft.
 • Corner Lot
 • \$140,500
 • 4 Bedrooms & 2 Baths
 • Covered Patio
 • MLS #95432
 Year Host: Betty Florence 734-7488

OPEN 1:00-3:00
3145 Boehm Estates Drive • Twin Falls
 Wonderful Setting In Prestigious Area
 • Lovely Home With 2496 Sq. Ft. • 3 Bedrooms & 2.5 Baths
 • Family Room w/ Bow Rock Fireplace • Formal Living & Dining Room
 • Large Backyard w/ Beautiful Landscaping
 • \$239,000, Realtor Owned
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 • \$975,000
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And I'll assign the manure to my husband

A while back, I wrote a column about gardening - and about my botanically-challenged green thumb. My buddies at Lions Club have never let me forget it.

In that column, I wrote about a child who wanted to know why her mother was carrying manure out to the garden, and the mother explained that she was going to put manure on the strawberries. The child said, "Dad rather have sugar and cream on my strawberries." And I said I would rather have my strawberries that way, too.

Last week, at Lions Club, I was presented with a basket of "goodies" - strawberries, lettuce, green beans and two Ziplock bags of manure.

One of the bags was labeled "pasteurized, sanitized, purified, Garden of Eden's finest." It came from the Holsteins owned by a Lions Club member from Eden (Idaho, not Genesis).

The other bag was "pure, natural, premium, unaltered" (the unaltered part bothers me, I think). It was "straight from the corral" of a horse owner Lion.

The bags came compliments of two fellow Lions, Floyd and Neil, who shall remain nameless.

I was supposed to use and compare the contents of the bags, and I promised that I would, just as soon as I figure out how to plant a strawberry.

I'm determined to keep my promise. I've even consulted our Times-News garden columnist about nitrogen content and the other unsavory factors of manure comparison. I also took the bags home to my husband, who really is a gardener and was thrilled with such a thoughtful gift.

Of course, my husband is very strange. He is one of those people who is convinced that studying seed catalogues can increase the IQ. Sometimes, he even goes around talking to the plants at our house (but I suspect that's because the plants are the only living things at our house that don't talk back).

During gardening season, I have trouble communicating with my husband. Like that day when we were driving in the country and he began talking about a "gorgeous pile of topsoil" that would look wonderful on his garden.

"He's admiring dirt," I said to myself. "He's really gone over the edge this time."

A few years ago, not long after we moved to Idaho, I decided I wouldn't fit into agriculture country. I learned something about gardening. So I went to a plant shop and asked a clerk who knew me for a flower I could grow, all by myself.

The clerk suggested dandelions. This year, I have decided to try again. Especially since I have all that great manure. (Never look a gift horse in the mouth.) So I have started checking out gardening sites on the Internet.

The other day, on the first try, I was lost after about three minutes. And I ended up reading the garden humor.

Author David Hobson's web site, for example, has a section on "How to Tell the Birds from the Flowers." (It took me a while to realize that was a joke, but don't tell anyone.)

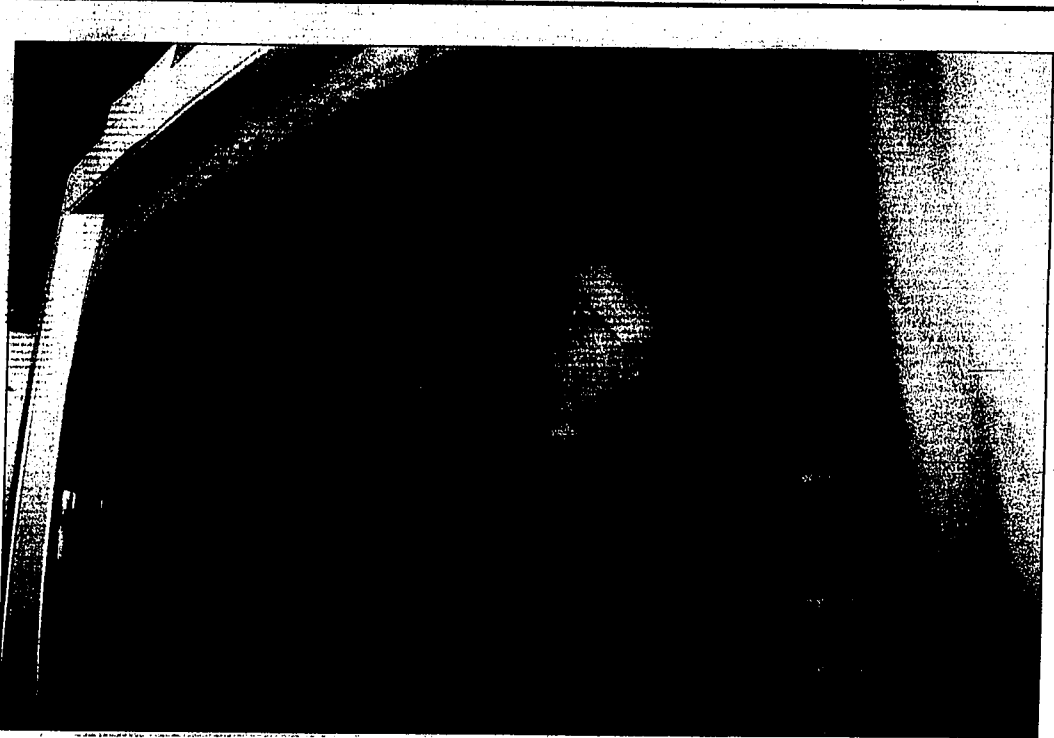
There was also a section on "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Slugs," including slug songs, a Tammy the Slug song and slug jokes ("a slug is just a small with a housing problem").

I was also intrigued by a web site titled "Gothic Gardening," which is filled with instructions for planting an all black garden.

I like all of that off-the-wall stuff. It kind of reminds me of the when a boy named Mark, who went to elementary school with my daughter, did his school science project on "Do Flaxins Grow Better in Different Kinds of Music?"

Mark discovered that plants sprout faster when they "listen" to rock music, but they grow taller when there is no music at all.

I know none of this will help me grow strawberries. And I'll probably end up asking my husband to grow them for me. I'm going to get an older man's advice. I'll ask our Times-News garden columnist about nitrogen content and the other unsavory factors of manure comparison. I also took the bags home to my husband, who really is a gardener and was thrilled with such a thoughtful gift.



Three years ago Lynn Hughes had hardly heard of e-mail. Now, the Twin Falls senior uses the internet every day to trade commodities.

COMPUTER-SAVVY SENIORS

Think you're too old to visit cyberia? Think again

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - First off, you should know that Lynn Hughes isn't especially keen on learning something new.

As El, the former county agent and vocational-agriculture educator has had his fill of breaking in technology. It's just that cyberspace is pretty hard to avoid nowadays.

So, he's embraced it. "I work with computers here all day," said Hughes from his desk at the Office on Aging on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. "Then I go home and trade commodities futures online."

Hughes is part of a small but rapidly growing sector of older Americans that's both computer-wise and Internet-friendly.

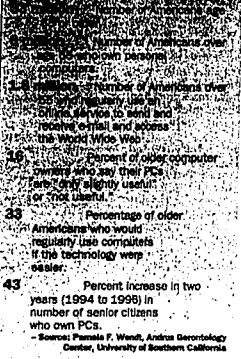
"It's a challenge for a lot of older folks, I know," said Hughes, who handles contracts and many other computer-dependent tasks at the Office on Aging. "They think if they push a certain button, the whole machine's gonna blow up. Kids know better."

But kids aren't alone anymore. According to the American Association of Retired Persons, folks older than 50 make up the fastest-growing group of Internet users.

And it's not hard to see why. The World Wide Web can be a godsend for people who are either homebound or working on a second career out of their basements. And e-mail provides an easy, and cheap, way to stay in touch with relatives who live far away.

There are now basic computer-skills classes available to retirees locally, and Office on Aging Director Dick Boyd expects more older people will become as comfortable around computers as Hughes is.

By the numbers



Local classes

For more information on senior/citizen computer classes, call the Office on Aging of 736-2122 in Twin Falls.

"I think a lot of seniors are still intimidated by the technology," he said.

A report by the Andrus Gerontology Center at the University of Southern California reached a similar conclusion.

"Personal computers are like the fancy cameras that photographers use, and most people who are comfortable with their PCs are like professional photographers," the report said. "They can

use special lenses, set the f-stop with the aid of a light meter, select just the right speed film, and then take the most beautiful picture.

"But most people in that situation never get all the steps done properly and end up with a ruined shot," the report continued. "Instead, most people want an Instamatic camera that they can just point and click to get a good picture. Internet appliances are like Instamatic cameras."

Older Americans are comfortable enough with computers when technical support is readily available and when there's somebody to answer their often very basic questions in English, Hughes believes.

"They need to know, 'Why is my computer doing what it's doing now?'" he said.

The explosion in affordable, easy-to-use financial services software and online investing dot-coms such as Ameritrade and Etrade are attracting more seniors online. It's becoming easy to get real-time market information and check on the status of your investments.

"I've been trading commodities online for a few years now, and I've done OK," Hughes said.

But he urges computer-illiterate seasoned citizens to take a class first, if it's available, and to seek advice from computer owners before buying.

"Buy no more computer than you really need, other experts advise, and strike up acquaintances with other users who can call you out if you get stuck."

"Computers can open up possibilities for older folks," Hughes said. "I think it's definitely worth looking at."

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More than fun, games

The Hartford Courant

As cyberseniors have increased in numbers, so have the number of Web sites and electronic newsletters featuring information on aging. These days, computer-literate older adults have the latest information on everything from health issues and travel to finances and entertainment as close as their keyboards.

Here are a few of the newest:

As of this month, Social Security recipients can keep up with the latest changes in benefits and rules through a new electronic newsletter from the government.

Subscribers customize the information they receive in free monthly updates from the Social Security Administration. Retirees, for example, can choose to get news about benefits, including announcements of Social Security's annual cost-of-living raises.

The newsletter also includes topics of interest to employees, such as pilot programs to test easier ways of reporting workers' wages to Social Security.

"We hope that beneficiaries, workers, employers and professionals who handle Social Security issues will find Social Security E-News useful and timely," said William Halter, Social Security deputy commissioner.

An e-mail address is all that is needed to receive the newsletter. Those interested can subscribe at the Social Security Administration's Internet site at www.ssa.gov.

The Internet can also be valuable for the millions of Americans who are losing

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Some important lessons for stay-at-home dads

Do you have a wife it takes to be a stay-at-home dad? Here is some helpful advice from a few dads who have made it happen.

• Deal with the "naaa" thing. Many at-home dads say they have to wear a "naaa" mask as if they were a professional actor. They have to act like they're not home. They have to act like they're not home. They have to act like they're not home.

the same responsibilities, the same dedication and the same drive," he said. "That's how I cope with my malaise."

• Make his decision early on. Many stay-at-home dads decided months before their wife gave birth, and in some cases before she became pregnant, that they would stay at home. They gave their financial case themselves, sort of the work force, and prepared for their new roles by reading and watching videos on child-

rearing.

• Find a routine: Pablo Quintana, a father of four, advises getting on a schedule to keep life moving as smoothly as possible. He has a carefully planned system to get his wife off to work, his girls in school and his 8-month-old twins dressed and napping by 9:30 a.m. The twins eat and sleep at the same time, giving him ample time to do laundry and cook dinner for his family.

remembers when his son had a high fever for the first time: While his wife called and kissed Tucker's forehead, Massey jumped online, found a parent chat room and rattled off the problem to a bunch of nameless strangers. Within minutes, a pediatric nurse shot back with the right medicine and techniques to solve the problem. He called a pediatrician the next day to be sure, but the problem still was solved.

• Men problem-solve different-

ly than women," he said. "We problem-solve with tools. The Web is a tool."

• Get a mommy-buddy: At-home dads often can feel isolated. Befriending at-home moms can help fill the void. They can help you figure out problems and arrange play groups or dates.

• Take time off: Taking time to go out helps relieve stress.

—Source: The Gazette of Colorado Springs, Colo.

FAMILY LIFE

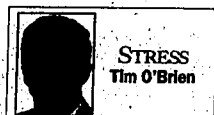
Unselfish acts help show respect for life on a large scale

Is it true? Did others really catch you in the act? Are you guilty as accused? Caught in the act of kindness to others? Did you do it? Did you actually help out without prompting? Did you quietly do your part to make someone else's life easier or better? Was it you who they saw teaching a child, helping the elderly and aiding a stranger with no thought of praise or reward?

Well, what do you have to say for yourself? Unselfish acts of kindness and generosity could probably put some therapists out of business. How do you plead? Guilty as charged does not sound like a very good plea. Would this world be if more people acted like you? Better!

This article is a thank-you to all of you who regularly make helpful others, without thought of reward, a part of your life. It is also a call to service and an invitation to join the group. For those who have not yet found the joy and benefits of lending a helping hand, please give it a try.

"Awww, gee, you're embarrassing me ..." you might be thinking. Some get caught off guard when others notice what they do naturally. It's not what embarrasses them. They don't expect any attention. Others are more flamboyant. They give with a flair. They give and do and help on a grand scale. Pick your style, be flexible and use it wisely.



STRESS Tim O'Brien

"Where should I help? How can one person make a difference?" you may ask. Think about your life. Haven't there been decision points, times when you had to decide which road to take? Don't you think we all have times like this? Then, you could help others at these times in their lives. Young people trying to choose a career. Middle-aged people wondering if they should change directions. Elderly people concerned about long term health and financial needs. You can offer thoughtful suggestions based on your own experience and knowledge. Remember to listen too! Sometimes, an ear and a smile are all that others need. This is one way to help: as a sounding board for the ideas of others.

Your community abounds with worthy groups who help others. Consider volunteering one day a week. Have you ever considered being a Big Sister or Big Sister? These programs help provide children with adults missing from their lives.

There is a fine line between being nosy and showing honest concern and giving offers of help to others. Private inquiries, couched in noncondescending language, can often clarify situations where we might perceive confusion. The term "do-gooder" is derogatory. It refers to those who make sure no one ever misses knowing how hard they work for you and others. Act quietly.

Actions speak louder than words. That is a good saying to remember when working to help others. You don't need to tell people what you will do for them. Just do it. Results have a way of informing the world. "Did" proves you are a person of action. "Will" is the language of a procrastinator.

Why do acts of kindness for others? They are acts of gratitude for the abundance and opportunities we receive. They are a reciprocation for the kindness shown to us throughout our lives by others. Simply put, acts of kindness show respect for life on a large scale.

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The art of parenthood consists largely of setting a good example

DEAR ABBY: My father, the late Wilfred A. Peterson, wrote an essay that I feel is needed by parents who are floundering in this day of terror in the schools. I have heard on the radio and seen on television the same idea expressed in various ways, but none expressed it as well as my father did in his essay.

The "Art of Parenthood" was published in "The Art of Living Treasure Chest" (Simon and Schuster), but I would be pleased if you would print it in your column.

LILLIAN PETERSON THORPE, PINEBURGH, N.C.

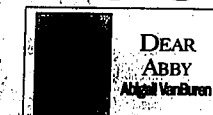
DEAR LILLIAN: Your talented father offers valuable advice in this essay. I am pleased to share it with my readers. Read on.

THE ART OF PARENTHOOD

By Wilfred A. Peterson
"Of all the commentaries on the Scriptures," wrote John Dost, "good examples are the best."

In practicing the art of parenthood, an ounce of example is worth a ton of preaching.

Our duty to the child is to live, and what we do shouts louder than anything we can say.



DEAR ABBY Abby Kaufman

"When we set an example of honesty, our children will be honest."

"When we practice tolerance, they will be tolerant."

"When we demonstrate good sportsmanship, they will be good sports."

"When we meet life with laughter and a twinkle in our eye, they will develop a sense of humor."

"When we are thankful for life's blessings, they will be thankful."

"When we express friendliness, they will be friendly."

"When we speak words of praise, they will praise others."

"When we confront failure, defend mistakes with a gallant spirit, they will learn to live bravely."

"When our lives affirm our faith in the enduring values of life, they will rise above doubt and skepticism."

"When we surround them with the love and goodness of God,

they will discover life's meaning. When we set an example of honesty, they will be honest. Don't just stand there pointing your finger to the heights you want your children to scale. Start climbing, and they will follow!

DEAR ABBY: April 30 is a "memorial" day... for many Vietnamese people, because we lost our loving home country, Vietnam, due to the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975.

I would like to express my appreciation to American individuals and the families of those who supported and sacrificed for our country during the Vietnam War, and to those who opened their hearts to welcome us, the refugees, to resettle in this country.

Your sacrifice and generosity deserve blessings.

PETER TRAN, GARLAND, TEXAS

DEAR PETER: Thank you for a beautiful letter. It will be particularly meaningful to Vietnam veterans, as well as the families of soldiers who died in the conflict.

I have found Vietnamese people to be outstanding and hard working, and we are enriched by their presence.

A prayer for the young child

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched ... but are in the heart."

By Michelle Mariotti

God, please do not let me miss those moments that I could have spent with my child. Let me carry him more often and feel his tiny body gently wrapped in my arms. For someday I will not have the strength to pick him up anymore.

Let me hold him close to smell his freshly washed hair and breathe in that wonderful baby scent that covers his delicate skin, for surely he will not smell this deliciously sweet for very long.

Let me offer my breast as much as I can, even when I do not feel like nursing. The innocent eyes that stare up at me as he takes his nourishment are reminders of his contentment. Someday he will leave the comfort of my arms' cradle and will not need this body of mine for any source of food.

Let me enjoy changing his diapers, for this gives me the chance to connect with his miniature toes, tickle his tummy and make him feel comfortable. Someday he will ask me to leave and will shut the door behind me, claiming that he can manage on his own.

Let me take more walks with him in his stroller while I can look down at his little face that is staring in wonder at this new world all around him. Let me do

Chicken Soup for the Soul

Live each moment to its fullest. In this heartfelt prayer, a new mother asks that she never take her child for granted and that she always remember the joy each moment brings.

this often, for soon he will be able to walk on his own and will leave the safety of his carriage. Let me stand beside his crib at night for longer than a moment to watch him surrender to his peaceful slumber. These nights spent in a crib will be replaced soon enough by a much less cozy place for dreams.

Let me make him laugh every day, for I am sure the precious sounds of his wet giggles are apt to change with time.

Let me take many, many photographs of him, since he will never again be as small as he is today.

Let me delight in each and every milestone he reaches. Before I know it, walking, drinking from a cup and other small miracles he has learned will seem ordinary.

Let me tell him how much I love him, since there are bound to be times when he will not want to still to hear this.

Let me continue to listen attentively to him, even after he has mastered the art of talking, since people tend to listen less closely to a child once language becomes fluent.

Let me make time for peek-a-boo and patty-cake and other baby games. There will come a day when he will no longer want to participate in such childish antics.

Let me learn to enjoy the sound of him calling me "mommy," even if it is yelled or delivered through a dripping of tears. For one day I will no longer be "Mommy" to him, but just "Mom."

Let me be the world to him right now, because, as every mother sadly comes to realize, their babies soon discover the world outside of their mother's arms.

Let me do these things and so much more, despite being busy, tired or overwhelmed, because I would hate to look back and harbor regrets of times gone by that were lost to less important things than my son.

Yes, dear Lord, I want my son to grow up to be a strong, loving and intelligent man, but please, Lord, do not let this happen overnight, because someday memories will be all I have.

To submit a story for future publication, send it to P.O. Box 30880-K Santa Barbara, Calif. 93130

10-year-old boy's correct diagnosis may simply be selective slouch syndrome

I am apparently the mom of a severely messed-up 10 year-old.

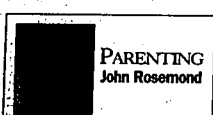
According to his teacher, he shows signs of attention deficit disorder (about 3 out of every 10 assignments are turned in unfinished), dyslexia (although he reads at an eighth-grade level), delayed small-motor skills (he writes sloppily), and audio-comprehending or other doesn't "comprehend" multistep directions unless they're "fun").

I tend to think he is lazy since when we "make him an offer he can't refuse," he straightens up. At the same time, his teacher is enabling him by not holding him accountable in school with any sort of consequences.

Now she is strenuously pushing us to have him tested. I have put her off because I think this is mostly poppycock. Should I have him tested, does he have any of these things, then what?

A. Before I answer, a caution: Very few of my colleagues in psychology would agree with what I'm about to say. So, consider the following as just one psychologist's opinion, no more and no less. Now, the necessary disclaimer:

Nothing I'm about to say should be construed as an attempt at either diagnosis or treatment. It is an attempt to dissuade you from seeking a first-hand professional opinion. Please keep in mind, everyone, that a newspaper column is no substitute for an



PARENTING John Rosemond

appraisal from a flesh-and-blood professional.

I'm sure your son's teacher is well-intentioned; however, it sounds to me like she's been reading too many psychological reports. It's remotely possible that a fourth-grader who reads at an eighth-grade level has dyslexia, but so what? He obviously learned to compensate effectively for the problem. It's not a crime. I fail to see where having him tested for dyslexia or any other learning problem would accomplish anything except diminish your bank account.

As for attention deficit disorder, a child who finishes two assignments for every assignment he turns in unfinished is more likely suffering from "selective slouch syndrome" (SSS). Likewise for a child who writes sloppily until his parents crack down on him.

In other words, I tend to agree with you that this is laziness, pure and simple. You can correct this by using a daily report card system such as I describe in my book

"Ending the Homework Hassle."

In this case, the daily report card would consist of an index card upon which is written "Your son's name" completed all of his assignments today, including homework that was due." Below this goal statement are Yes/No boxes and lines for the teacher's signature and the date. At the end of every school day, your son takes a daily report card to his teachers. She simply checks either a Yes box or a No box, signs and dates it, and returns it to him. He brings it home and presents it immediately to you. A No means all of his privileges - going outside, having friends over, watching television, playing video games - are lost for the day and he goes to bed one hour early. A Yes does not result in a reward. It simply entitles him to his privileges and lines for the teacher's signature.

This is a most effective way of lighting a fire under a child suffering from SSS which, by the way, is contributed to greatly by well-intentioned teachers who enable when a tough approach is called for.

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Planetarium program searches for life

Ongoing The Faulkner Planetarium's new show "The Search for Life in the Universe" is being shown at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the planetarium on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

Narrated by "Star Trek's" Leonard Nimoy, and featuring three-dimensional art and special sequences, this show will appeal to audience members of all ages, although some of the program's scientific discussions will be beyond the understanding of most children. "Rusty Rocket's Last Blast," a show for younger audiences, will be shown Saturdays. Another program "More Than Meets the Eye" will be shown at 4 p.m. Saturdays and will show amateur astronomers what they can see in the heavens from their own back yards. The show is especially

good for telescope owners or those considering buying a telescope. Planetarium admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, \$3 for senior citizens and \$9 for families. For more information, call the Herrett Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

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

I'm just done. Totally spent."

Other parents won't spank for any reason. That's the case with Sue Ruzek of Akron.

"I have a hard time with that form," she said. "Busek hasn't found any really effective way to discipline her daughter Kaylee, but she thinks that goes along with the territory when it comes to spanking."

"They try your patience," she said.

Dr. Kenneth F. McCormick, a family physician in Wadsworth, Ohio, agrees. "Spanking alternatives to spanking," he says, "are being used."

"When she does spank, it's a last resort, she said. "Usually when

'28 Days' is best for mature audiences

Orange County Register

"28 Days" (PG-13) - Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.

Best for: Mature teens to adults

What it's about: Sandra Bullock plays a hard-partying woman who ruins her sister's wedding by falling into her cake, while her insane brother steals her ring and smashes it into a house, and subsequently is sentenced to rehab for 28 days. Her detox program headed up by counselor Steve Buscemi, who sees her insane brother's parents to send her to jail unless she gets serious about getting well. Bullock confronts the demons



within (which also happens to deal with her alcoholic mother and other flashbacks) and eventually comes to terms with who she is and who she wants to be. Diane Lane, Elizabeth Perkins, Viggo Mortensen also star.

The good: There are funny lines, characters and scenes, but the movie (on the whole) isn't all funny. In fact, it has some serious issues that are dealt with in different counseling sessions and a "let's-be-friends" scene filled

with tears between the two estranged sisters.

The not-so-good: Language, substance abuse and adult issues are definitely for mature teens only.

Offensive language: Yes

See: Only implies when an elevator door opens and reveals one of the patients groping a nurse; nothing else graphic or offensive with Bullock's character.

Violence: None

Parental advisory: This is obviously a story with adult themes, and is for and about adults. Bullock is always interesting and might attract younger people who want to see her in something more serious.

Entertainment value: B-

Despite mixed feeling, parents think spanking works

Knight Ridder News Service

AKRON, Ohio - American parents hate to spank their children, but most of them still do it.

Nadine Block, director of the Center for Effective Discipline in Columbus, Ohio, is trying to change that. Her organization has declared April 30 as Spank-Out Day USA - a day when parents are encouraged to discipline their kids in other ways.

Block said the would like to see the same thing happen in the United States.

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their vision to macular degeneration, the leading cause of legal blindness in Americans older than 55. It affects more older adults than cataracts and glaucoma combined.

The Macular Degeneration Help Center, www.Md2.net, contains details on tools and resources on age-related macular degeneration for patients, their families and other staff.

"The site is so frequently used with the latest information on research, clinical trials and experimental treatments," it initially newswatch.com says. "Viewers from nation to nation have been looking for information on this disease."

The accessible site is designed with the vision-impaired in mind; colors are high contrast and print size can be enlarged for easier reading.

As our population ages, estimates are that as many as one in four adults will require ongoing care for a family member at some point. The total is 25 million Americans, most of them women and many of them isolated, are caretakers, and these numbers are increasing.

A new Web site, www.helpcenter.org, was developed to help family members find information on how to care for their loved ones.

access to medical professionals who respond to individual questions within 48 hours.

Finally, if you have retired and move away from the old neighborhood, and are wondering about neighbors, friends and extended family who may have passed on, pay a visit to [Legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com).

The Web site provides links to the obituary pages of 10 major newspapers across the country, including The New York Times, Boston Globe, San Francisco Chronicle, Denver Post and Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Many family centers and libraries have computers available for use. Call your local newspaper for more information on how to use the Internet for genealogy.

www.4Kids.org

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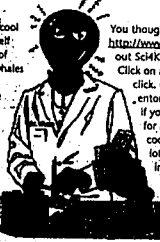
Now you can explore the many mysteries of the ocean at Secrets @ Sea, a way-cool Showdown Web site. Dive in at <http://www.secretsatsea.com> and prepare yourself for an interactive, underwater experience. Your mission is to get to the bottom of some strange behaviors found in killer whales in the Alaminorhi Strait. During this journey, you can dig for treasures on the surface of the ocean's floor, as well as

unlock coded messages, hunt for creature cards and learn more through your own field guides. For a combination of scientific learning and fun, Secrets @ Sea is worth getting wet.

TORONTO ZOO

Like and tigers and polar bears. Oh my! Get the great white north of the Toronto Zoo Web site at <http://www.torontozoo.com>. You'll get the lowdown on the zoo's wide range of exhibits, from the South African hippos to the underground

world of the blue poisonous desert frog and the hyper hippopotamus. The site is also how to a great "Kids Korner," where you can get animal jokes and watch a cool artwork. You can even draw a picture of your visit to the zoo and submit it to the site. Never the call of the wild. Join the zoo crew today.



SCIENCE FOR KIDS

You thought science was cool before. Pour one unit of <http://www.online.4kids.org/4kids> into your cyber-tube and check out 4Kids. The first thing you'll see is a colorful, wacky drawing. Click on anything in the picture and enter a new lab with each click. Click on the bug and you're counting aphids with the entomologists. Click on the satellite, and take off for Mars. And if you really want to be amazed, click on the little microscope

for a hyper-magnified, wacky view of the world. With lots of links and fun interactivity, you'll be tinkering with this site for hours. If you're into plants, lasers, outer space, bugs, the environment—whatever—there's a lab coat with your name on it at 4Kids.

Be a 4Kids Detective

Visit these Web sites to find the answers, then go to <http://www.4kids.org/detective/>

How does the Secrets@Sea field guide define "tide"? What is the lifespan of the hippopotamus? How many pounds of fish do U.S. consumers demand yearly?



Don't know where you've had good maps? — Janet, 12

Want one of the best sites for maps (in the CIA World Factbook at <http://www.cia.gov/library/publications/factbook/>)? There are 18 detailed maps available that can be viewed online or downloaded. In addition, there is a country listing which offers profiles of the world's 193 countries, including population, geography, government, economy and much more. You can even learn about the history of The World Factbook.

Want to know the best search engines for kids? — Jennifer, 10

Dear Jennifer: It's sometimes confusing to know which search engine to use because there are so many of them. Many search engines offer a general search of the Web, but some are specifically designed for the educational uses of kids. A good Web site that has a collection of search engines for you to choose from is Joy's Search Engine Resources for Kids at <http://www.joy.com/joysearch.html>. It lists what each search engine specializes in and gives other links to other Web guides for kids. Good luck on your Web search.

Send your questions about the Web to: Ask 4Kids, 1201 Cole, Lawrence, KS 66044 or Ask4Kids@4Kids.org

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Seeking Disney online

You probably have the Disney Channel on cable TV, right? It is on-line, too!

They have games, chats with celebrities like Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen, TV show information, and even electronic cards. If you ever miss a chat that you wanted to go to, they have past chats and everything that was said in them.

They also have a section called the Zeebies, where things that you play could end up on television, which would be a very exciting thing. There are contests you can enter, one that will win you a vacation around the world, to Disney World in Orlando, California, Paris, and Tokyo, each for three nights. Good luck!

KIDS ONLINE Nicolò Ridgeway

Today's site

Online look at a new web site oriented toward kids. Today's site is <http://www.dl.amey.com>

Nicolò Ridgeway is a student at Perrine Elementary School. Write to her clcrump@magicalvalley.com

Comics clean up act, find success

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Quick! What's the difference between clean comedy and dirty comedy? The clean comic's paycheck has an extra zero.

By keeping sex, foul language and toilet humor out of their acts, scores of comedians who once scrapped for the occasional nightgig are finding beautiful bookings at corporate corporations, school gatherings and church events.

"We're not here to put the fun into fundamentalism. We're not the Moral Majority of America. We're just giving people an alternative," said Adam Christing, president of the Clean Comedians booking agency.

The agency, which represents about 40 comedians nationwide, promises wholesome laughs, with no gender-bashing, ethnic jokes, sexual innuendo or dirty words.

The comedian-magician has booked a tour of 30 shows a decade ago, when he founded the agency, to nearly 640 last year.

"I think there is a gigantic segment of the population that feels alienated by the entertainment industry," he said. "People are getting burned out on the profanity. And it's a tired approach to stand-up."

Christing said his company's biggest fee was \$80,000 from Canon for supplying comics for a weekend convention. A major gig pays an average of \$2,000, said Nick Armette, one of the show's merrymakers. Smaller appearances can net \$500 to \$1,000 for 40 minutes of material.

Work is so abundant, Armette said he no longer competes for gigs at Los Angeles' Sunset Strip comedy clubs. Instead, he routinely appears at events for AT&T, GTE and the Salvation Army.

Armette said nightclub gigs never suited him anyway.

"In a lot of clubs, the humor just kept getting dirtier and dirtier. I think that if a joke needs a curse word, it's probably not very good in the first place," the 14-year stand-up veteran said. "When you're funny, nobody misses the cursing."

Teen-agers find cell phones are irreplaceable

Newsday

For Sahar Sadeghian, talk is absolutely not cheap. "Four hundred and fifty dollars," she said, in a voice so low she really couldn't be heard. So, again: About how much do you spend a month on cellular phone calls? "Four hundred and fifty dollars," she said, just above a whisper.

Sahar, 15, punctuated her answer with, "I work!" so that all of her friends hanging out at the mall could hear that. They had cell phones, too.

For sophisticated American teens, it's goodbye, beepers; hello, cell phones. Prices for basic cellular phone service have dropped dramatically in the past 10 years. Social and peer pressures make phones a "need-to-have" technology for teens, some of whom see them as status symbols of the new millennium. And phone companies are paying attention, analysts note, recognizing the profits in pitching sleek, colorful products to a youth market.

According to an AT&T-commissioned survey released last month, one in five American



teen-agers carries a wireless phone—purchased, for the most part, by mom and dad. And

although industry analysts say that teens make up only about 5 percent of the cell phone market, these devices are becoming 21st-century necessities for kids growing up as part of the Internet Generation.

Jessica Ruta's dad got the phone for his 15-year-old daughter as a kind of lifeline, an instrument for emergencies.

"But I use it for more than just emergencies," confides Jessica, who is, like her friend Sahar, from Great Neck, N.Y. "But now I use it just to talk. To guys."

More girls than guys have phones—the AT&T study indicates the ratio is about 3 to 2—but analysts forecast the entire youth market will propel the cell phone market in coming years.

"You can argue that kids can't have the money to buy such things, but these phones are fashion statements, driven by the fashion behavior" says Hershel Shostek, a wireless industry analyst based in Wheaton, Md. "So phones will compete with the purchases of other fashion items, including clothing. And as products and services become more available, teens will jump on it."

"Products and services" are crucial factors in teen market growth, says Shostek. The new "phones" will have more sophisticated displays, memory; they'll be able to transmit songs and photographs and full-motion video. Voice is not enough for teen-agers, and it won't be the primary function once these other services become available.

For now, though, schmoozing and gossip seem to be the priorities among teens. Independence, too, is important, they suggest: freedom to leave the house, freedom to connect and "check in" more frequently to find out where the party's at, freedom to find a quiet place (as in, parentless) to speak to the latest squeeze.

But freedom, for Tom Higgins, can be a liability as well. "Sometimes you wind up being bothered, by all the friends who have your number," said the Long Island teen, who bought his own phone when he was 15, and pays for the calls himself.

"I could live without it if I had to," he added. But he didn't say it convincingly.

In most cases, phone service

providers won't approve accounts for teens under 18. But often parents will co-sign and subsidize the monthly costs for peace of mind.

Many parents have warned to the idea of pre-paying phone minutes as a way of keeping control over their children's free-speech habits. While phones can cost as little as \$50, typical calling plans—for example, \$30 for 300 minutes—can escalate into much higher bills when teens talk for hours a day. A \$50 or \$100 monthly prepaid plan ensures that the phone service is shut off when the credit is used up.

"Prepaid plans alleviate the threat of surprise bills," said Robert Rosenberg, president of Insight Research of Parsippany, N.J.

But, while falling prices across the board are making cell phones more attractive, Rosenberg takes a long view: "With two-parent working families, a cell phone could become a necessity for a child. In five years my daughter goes off to school with her notebook, her lunch and her cell phone."

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Many parents start to complain about homework

Knight Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When Hunter McSwain gets home from school, he doesn't go outside to romp with his dog or kick the soccer ball. And he rarely does his family go out to dinner on school nights.

Instead, Hunter camps at his desk and toils over math problems, English worksheets and reading assignments. The Lincoln County, N.C., student breaks only for dinner and a bath.

"Must be a high-schooler on the college track, right?"

Nope, Hunter is in second grade.

"It stresses me out," says mom Crystal McSwain.

Homework seems to be steadily piling out a lot of students lately, and parents swear they never sleep.

suffered the loads of homework their kids do.

"It seems to me they're kind of young to be going through this," says Nance Smithwick, a parent of an elementary and a middle school student.

"I talk to my friends and it seems we didn't have nearly this much homework."

Garinger High junior Jenny Noto feels overloaded too, with at least two hours of homework each night.

"I don't get home until about 9:30, and then you have to stay up for a few hours," Jenny said. "And it's not even college yet."

Ask adults and they recall the occasional worksheet or 15 minutes of reading in elementary school. Middle school became a bit more intense, but not by much.

"I didn't have homework in second grade," McSwain said, "and had no trouble."

While anecdotal evidence suggests homework is becoming more intense, research shows mixed conclusions.

A study conducted by the National Assessment of Educational Progress showed that between 1984 and 1996, there was little change in the amount of homework students reported doing.

But another study by the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan did find differences. In 1981, it found, 6- to 8-year-old students spent an average of 44 minutes a week on homework. By 1997, homework for children that age tripled to 123 minutes per week.

The same study showed little

change in high school homework amounts.

Students and parents may simply believe more homework is assigned because they have less time in their day to do it, theorizes University of North Carolina Charlotte's Eugene Seifer.

"There's a lot of competing activities for children's time piano, ballet, soccer," Schaffer said.

Harris Cooper, who is considered one of the nation's preeminent experts on homework, has found that homework amounts vary from school district to school district.

"In communities with strong academic orientation, where both parents are professionals, there are great pressures to increase the amounts," Cooper said.

Kids' clothes debate can lead to tensions in the marriage

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — She thinks the baby looks darling. He says the velvet kickers and lace make their son look too fancy.

But the couple possibly want their child to wear "overalls" to every special occasion.

Actually, he does. That's where the fine art of negotiation kicks in.

Sometimes you can change your mind on either. Sometimes you change yourself. What happens most often is that you learn to compromise.

"I could buy every single thing that Lisa Mend says wistfully about the line of dressy, smocked Casa De Ninos' children's fashions that her friend, Paula Smith, showcases at her Dallas home.

"But last time she went to Smith's, she resisted her impulses out of deference to her husband's wishes."

"I love all that smocked stuff, but Bill would just flip if Austin wore that every day. I did see one that had little trucks on it, and I thought I could slip that one by. But I decided not to torture him."

Austin wears on a daily basis, she controls what he wears to Sunday school and other special occasions.

Lisa Clingman of Plano, Texas recalls a sweet little number like that she once put on her son, James, when he was 3 months old.

"It had smocking, but it was blue and it had dinosaurs on it. My husband said, 'Isn't that a little too girly?'"

"I didn't think so, but when we went to church, people kept saying, 'Oh, your little girl is so precious. And that was it. No more. Beautiful,' my husband said. 'He will never wear that again. But he thought it was too feminine from the beginning.'"

University, describes the tug of war over kids' clothing as common.

"I think it's a source of tension in marriages that the other person is not just a conduit for your own wishes, that they have their own ideas about child-rearing and they're 50 percent of the parentage," says Springer.

"I see a lot of people who are living vicariously through their kids, dressing their kids the way they would like to look. Whether you're conscious of it or not, your child is your second chance to relive your childhood, to fix some of your mistakes, to do things as you wish you had done them. It's a way to live your unfulfilled dreams or do the kind of things you weren't able to do as a child."

At the same time, couples who can find mutually agreeable solutions in this arena will find them-



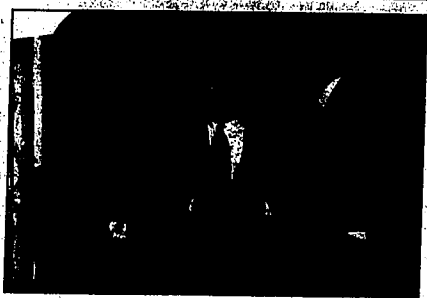
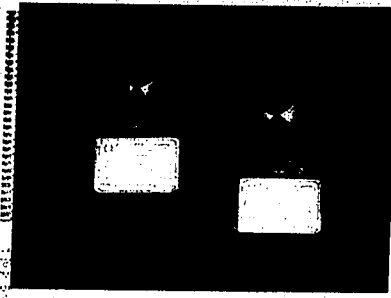
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Left, Matt Bingham, left, and Jeremy Jensen display their state degrees received at the 69th Annual State Leadership Conference April 6-8 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The two Future Farmers of America members attend Minico High School. Right, Matt Bingham and Jeremy Jensen receive honorary state degrees at the FFA convention. The Martins are long-time supporters of the Minico High School FFA program.

Minico FFA takes honors at convention

RUPERT - The Minico Future Farmers of America Chapter returned home from the 69th Annual State Leadership Conference with several awards.

The conference was held at the College of Southern Idaho April 6-8. Chapter members from across the state participated in general business sessions, agriculture and life workshops, state

level contests and received state level awards.

Several Minico FFA members received individual awards at the convention. After three years of work, Matt Bingham and Jeremy Jensen received state degrees. Jensen was also a finalist in the State Proficiency Awards competition.

Reporters Connie Reinsberg and

Shannon Woodman received a silver award for their work on the chapter scrapbook.

Leonard and Betty Martin of Rupert received honorary state degrees in a special ceremony. The Martins are long-time associates and donors of the Minico High School program.

Steve Bott is the adviser of the Minico FFA.

SCHOOL LUNCH

All schools serve milk with meals.

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day.
 Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich with french fries, peaches, chocolate milk; salad, spaghetti, roll.
Tuesday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger, french fries, peaches, chocolate milk; salad, spaghetti, roll.
Wednesday: Pizza or cheese square, green beans, apple half, chocolate milk; salad, Hot Pocket.
Thursday: Chili nite, potato wedges, rolls, applesauce, chocolate cake, chocolate milk; salad, crispito.
Friday: Hoggie or hot combo, crinkle fries, fruit cup, chocolate milk; pizza bar; salad, finger steaks, roll.

Tuesday: School choice.
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, apple wedges, roll.
Thursday: Pizza, tossed salad, dressing, rosy applesauce.
Friday: Taco with toppings or chalupe, brownie, fruit mix.

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: Cheese toast, pears.
Tuesday: Cereal, muffin, fruit mix.
Wednesday: Granola bar, fresh fruit.
Thursday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce.
Friday: Breakfast burrito, peaches.
Lunch: Choice of white or chocolate milk every day.
Monday: Chicken sandwich, tater tots, carrot sticks, fruit mix.
Tuesday: Chili with crackers, veggie sticks, peaches, cinnamon twist.
Wednesday: Enchilada, corn, applesauce, brownie.
Thursday: Baked potato special, veggie sticks, fruity Jell-O, dinner roll.
Friday: Pepperoni pizza, green salad with dressing, fresh fruit, snickerdoodle cookie.

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal, toast, juice.
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, hash brown patty, toast.
Wednesday: Breakfast on a stick, pears, milk.
Thursday: Cereal, muffin, juice.
Friday: Biscuits and sausage gravy, orange wedge.
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce and pickles, tater tots, peaches.

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 549, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Students of the Week for February in Declo High School's Renaissance Excellence in Education Program are, left to right, Sarah H. is, sophomore; Hillarie Bodily, junior; Amy Zollinger, junior; Mary Mendenhall, freshman; Casey Bowen, freshman; Jesse Wickel, senior; Jacoby Fox, junior; and Derek Harper, senior. They were selected by the faculty for outstanding achievement and each received a meal from the Dairy Queen in Burley.

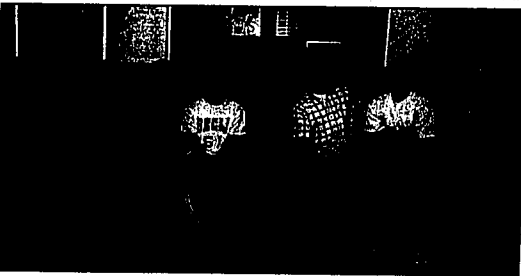


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HONORED AT EAST MINICO



Photo courtesy East Minico Junior High

East Minico Junior High students from Rupert honored as March Students of the Month include Misty Hunsaker, seventh-grade, and Stephen Castro, eighth-grade. Shawna Browning, ninth-grade, is not pictured. Students receive a plaque and a \$20 gift certificate to Maurice's, courtesy of the East Minico Renaissance Program, recognizing excellence in academics. Teachers of the second trimester selected by students are Lara Barfuss, seventh-grade, and Robert Miller, eighth-grade. Celia Smith, ninth-grade, is not pictured. Teachers each received a \$25 gift certificate to George K's, courtesy of the East Minico Junior High Renaissance, a program celebrating excellence in academics.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Area residents compete in Idaho Student Auto Skills Contest

Travis Turner and Skylar Mullen of the Cassia Regional Technical Center will compete in the 2000 finals of the Idaho Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Competition at 9:45 a.m. May 5 at the heavy duty diesel shop at 1319 Bronco Lane on the Boise State University campus in Boise.

Twenty students representing 10 Idaho schools will attempt to quickly and accurately diagnose and repair deliberately disabled Ford vehicles at the auto skills

competition, organizers say.

Contestants will compete for more than \$40,000 in scholarships, prizes and awards at the competition and the right to advance to the national Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills finals June 19 in Washington D.C.

Some \$9 million in scholarships and prizes are at stake at the 50 state competitions and the national Student Auto Skills competition, organizers say.

Student represents school at leadership seminar in Boise

Chelsea Moss has been selected to represent



Chelsea Moss

her school as an ambassador to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership seminar June 8-11 in Boise.

Moss, a sophomore at Declo High School, earned the appointment by writing an essay on leadership abilities.

She says she enjoys music, playing piano in the school band and taking voice lessons. She is the daughter of Robert and Debbie Moss of Raft River.

BJ Duplicate Bridge names winners of April 25 play

BURLEY - BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announced the results of April 25 play.

North-south winners were: in first place Bill Novosal and Ralph Holmes, in second place Faun and Warren McEntire and in third place Lois Stephenson and Dolly Freuburger.

East-west winners were: in first place Chuck and Shirley Hunter, in second place Clarence and Sylvia Neiwert and in third place Donna Kunau and Peggie Payne.

UI Cassia office offers 'Super Sitter' seminar

BURLEY - The University of Idaho Cassia County office will hold "Super Sitter" training sessions for youngsters age 11-13 from 4-5:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, starting Monday in the Extension conference room, in the basement of the Cassia County courthouse.

The "Super Sitters" session will cover safe care for infants, toddlers and older children. Topics include understanding responsibilities and commitments of caring for young people, what to do in an emergency, ages and stages of growth relating to activities for each age group, diapering and bathing babies and providing nutritious snacks.

Participants completing a project at the session will have the opportunity to exhibit their project at the 2000 Cassia County Fair.

Cost is \$12 per child or \$8 for registered 4-H members. Pre-reg-

Fair committee seeks theme art work for 2000

BURLEY - The Cassia County Fair Committee is seeking art work illustrating the 2000 Fair theme, "2000 and Beyond," for the cover of the 2000 Cassia County Fair Book.

A \$50 prize will be presented to the artist who submits the winning entry by May 15.

Entries can be sent to Gerald Thaxton, 1928 W. 16th St., Burley, ID 83318.

For more information, call 678-5430.

Mt. Harrison Snowmobile Club hosts benefit auction

BURLEY - The Mt. Harrison Snowmobile Club will host a benefit auction at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Bourn Auction Service Center at 226 W. 27th St. in Burley.

Mt. Harrison Snowmobile Club will auction hundreds of items donated by merchants and residents in the community to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Special Olympics and the Public Defense Fund to help save public lands, organizers say.

Coordinators are accepting items to be auctioned up to Saturday.

For more information, call Misy at 438-4291 or Kelli at 678-4828.

Harley-Davidson riders hold monthly ride Monday

TWIN FALLS - Harley-Davidson riders will meet for a monthly ride at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Snake River Harley-Davidson at 2404 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Davidson riders will meet for a monthly ride at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Snake River Harley-Davidson at 2404 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

The ride departs at 6:30 p.m. and riders will travel to the Iron Rail in Murtaugh for dinner.

For more information, call Bruce or Ben at 543-9261.

Hospital presents National Nurses Week events

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center presents two events in honor of nurses in the Magic Valley at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Weston Plaza at 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

The 90-minute presentations explore the healing power of music in a health care environment, hospital spokespersons say.

Participants will learn about specific environmental components that affect mortality and morbidity and explore the impact of the environment on patient outcomes.

Nurses, nursing students, health care practitioners and musicians are invited to attend either program. The presentations are being held during National Nurses Week, May 1-5.

Susan Mazer and Dallas Smith, founders of Healing HealthCare Systems in Reno, Nev., will be the featured presenters. Mazer and Smith pioneered the use of music as an environmental design for health care facilities and have given presentations at the National Symposium on Healthcare Design, the Healthcare Forum, the

Association for the Care of Children's Health, the Michigan Organization of Nursing Executives and other professional organizations, the hospitals says.

Mazer and Smith are the authors of "Sound Choices: Using Music to Design the Environment in Which You Live, Work and Heal."

They have been commissioned to produce albums for The Oregon's Medical Center in Honolulu; Hi, St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and several others. Their music has been featured on public television, National Public Radio and the Discovery Channel, the hospital says.

For more information, call 737-2843.

Burley BPO meets Monday, honors past presidents

BURLEY - The Burley BPO will meet Monday at the Burley Elks Lodge.

The Burley BPO met April 17. President Sherrita Martin conducted the meeting and past president of the Does, Reva Albert, Delores Drow, Joan Corfield, Pat Hayden, Carol Hirsch, Sherrita Martin, Norma Morrison, Eunice Patterson, Virginia Rogers, Kenna Rae Shaw, Renee Sherley, Shirley Spriggs and Violet Wilson were honored at the meeting. Honorees were presented with a handmade stained glass picture made by Martin.

The marches were accompanied by the National Band of Reference and were led by

Kenna Rae Shaw and Renee Sherley.

The Annual Mother and Children's tea will be held at 2 p.m. May 7 at the Burley Elks Lodge for Does and guests.

Pool offers Red Cross lifeguarding class

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Community Pool is offering an American Red Cross Lifeguarding Class from 5-8 p.m. starting Monday through May 12 and all day May 13 at its location on Stadium Boulevard near Twin Falls High School.

Cost is \$100 per person. Participants successfully completing the class will be Red Cross certified lifeguards.

For more information or to register, call the Twin Falls

101st Airborne Division holds 55th annual reunion

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. - The 101st Airborne Division will hold its 55th annual reunion June 6-10 in Fort Campbell, Ky.

Present and former members of the 101st Airborne are invited to attend.

For more information, write Dayton W. Herrington, WK&T Chapter, 101st Assoc., P.O. Box 101, Ft. Campbell, KY 42223.

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ENGAGEMENTS

MAUGHAN-WRIGHT

PAUL - Kurt and Pam Maughan of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Tally Marie Maughan, to Christopher Phillip Wright, son of Frank and Shirley Wright of Seattle, Wash.

Maughan graduated in 1996 from Minico High School and graduated in April from Brigham Young University, majoring in finance. She is employed at American Express in Midvale.

Wright is a 1996 graduate of Federal Way High School in Federal Way, Wash., and is attending BYU, majoring in public relations.



Christopher Wright and Tally Maughan. The wedding is planned for Saturday.

WRIGHT-WEYANT

FILER - Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wright Jr. of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Jo Wright, to Eric Weyant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cunningham of Paradise Valley, Nev.

Wright graduated from Filer High School and the College of Southern Idaho, and attended Idaho State University. She is employed by Dr. Richard Hammond in Twin Falls.

Weyant graduated from Churchill County High School and attended ISU. He is employed by Jules Harrison Ford in Twin Falls as an automotive refinishing technician.



Eric Weyant and Wendy Wright. The wedding is planned for May 12 at the White House in Twin Falls.

THE VADENS

ELKO, Nev. - Robert (Bob) and Ruth Vaden of Elko, Nev., and formerly of Shoshone, will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Elko Senior Citizens Center.

The couple was married May 8, 1950, in Magnolia, Miss. He taught school in Shoshone and Dietrich before moving to Elko, where he continued teaching at the Elko Junior High School until his retirement.

She worked as a bookkeeper for the Big Wood Canal Co. and as hostess at the Manhattan Cafe in Shoshone. She continued to work as a bookkeeper in Elko until her retirement, and is currently the bookkeeper for the Elko Senior Citizens Center.



Bob and Ruth Vaden. They are active in Eastern Star. The event is being hosted by their three daughters and their husbands, Bonnie (Larry) Jepson of Elk Grove, Calif., Marilyn (Bill) Schaefer of Reno, Nev., and Evelyn (John) Lalliss of Boise.

BURR-MOLINA

RUPERT - Marcel and Shyla Hammond and Wesley Burr Sr., all of Rupert, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Jo Burr, to Alvin Molina Jr., son of Dilia and Alvin Molina of Rupert.

Burr is a graduate of Minico High School. She is employed at Wal-Mart in Burley.

Molina is a graduate of Minico High School. He is employed at Burgers Etc. in Rupert.

The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. June 2 at the Ruperts Elks Lodge. A reception to honor the



Brandi Burr and Alvin Molina Jr. couple will be held at 7 p.m. June 2 at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

GONZALEZ-NELSON

JEROME - Sarah and Daniel Gonzalez of Jerome along with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Busbee of Buhl announce the engagement of their mother and daughter, Tina (Busbee) Gonzalez, to Mark Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Nelson of Twin Falls.

Gonzalez is attending the College of Southern Idaho, where she is also employed as a work-study aide.

Nelson is a graduate of Knox College and Western Illinois University. He is currently employed as a youth counselor at the Idaho Youth Ranch in Rupert.



Mark Nelson and Tina Gonzalez. An afternoon wedding is planned for June 3 at the Calvary Pentecostal Church.

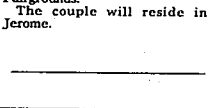
GILBERT-RAUGUST

JEROME - Dawn Gilbert and Von Raugust announce their engagement.

Gilbert is the daughter of Jack and Sue Norton of Las Vegas, Nev. She is a graduate of Rancho High School in Las Vegas.

Raugust is the son of Arlen and Connie Raugust of Jerome. He is a graduate of Jerome High School.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in Las Vegas. A local reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 20 in the Messersmith Building at the Jerome County Fairgrounds. The couple will reside in Jerome.



Dawn Gilbert and Von Raugust.

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WEDDINGS

BRUMBACH-ZEPEDA

TWIN FALLS - Katrina Lynn Brumbach and Mark Alexander Zepeda were married Dec. 4, 1999, during a Nuptial Mass held at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

Officiating were the Rev. Robb Keller, the Rev. Perry W. Dodds and the Rev. Ernest Anderson. Altar servers were Steven and Christopher DiLuca and Michael and Raphael Zepeda.

Joseph Zepeda was the organist. A family choir directed by Anita Zepeda was composed of Joseph, Henry, Edmund, Stephen, Ramona, Marlin, Leon and Isabel Zepeda. Lucy Zepeda was soloist. The group sang pieces including the "Victical antiphonal," "Jesu Dulcis Memoria" and "Ever Loving Shepherd" by G. F. Handel.

The bride is the daughter of Charles and Jane Brumbach of Twin Falls.

The groom is the son of Henry and Elizabeth Zepeda of Forks, Wash.

Teresa Zepeda, sister-in-law of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Bridesmaids included friend, Jody Day; sister-in-law, Mary Kathryn Zepeda; and friend, Renee Forrette. The bride's cousin, Amanda Brumbach, acted as junior bridesmaid.

The bride's cousins, Clara Farley and Carly Miks, were flower girls.

The groom's brother, Thomas Zepeda, served as best man.

Groomsmen included the groom's brother-in-law, Keefer Brumbach; friend, John Ostrowski; and the groom's brother, Matthew Zepeda.



Mark and Katrina Zepeda.

The bride's grandparents, Robert and Rosalie Danko of Barberton, Ohio, and Mebs and Harry Brumbach of Twin Falls were special guests. Also present were the bride's great aunt and uncle, Mary and Harvey Brumbach of Albany, New York, and the bride's aunt and uncle, Karl and Dennis Danko of Akron, Ohio.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony. Servers were Glenda Brumbach, Jan Brumbach and Peg Merritt.

The bride's aunt and uncle, Glenda and Todd Brumbach, attended the guest book. Joe Brumbach and Peg and Alan Merritt helped with gifts.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio.

The bridegroom is a 1986 graduate of Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, Calif. He was a Naval aviator and officer for five years. He is employed as a captain for Northwest Airlines.

The newlyweds live in Memphis, Tenn.



Corinne Cummings and Richard Cummings.

OLSON-CUMMINGS

TWIN FALLS - Corinne D. Olson and Richard A. Cummings were married April 21 in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Ray and Dorothy Olson of Twin Falls. She is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and is employed at the Twin Falls Public Library.

The groom is the son of Rachel and George W. Cummings. He is a graduate of the University of Idaho and Albertson College. He is a teacher in the Twin Falls School District.

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KORTE-ARMITAGE

BUHL - Jim and Nedra Korte of Buhl announce the marriage of their daughter, Sharya Korte, to Brad Armitage, son of Jim and Ann Armitage of Buhl.

The couple was married March 31 in Kapanis, Hawaii.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Buhl High School and is currently the general manager of McDonald's in Post Falls.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Buhl High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of Idaho. He is currently employed as the yard director for Iron in Spokane, Wash.

The bride is residing in Liberty Lake, Wash.



Sharya Korte and Brad Armitage. The groom is Ross Armitage of Kendrick. A reception for the couple will be held at a later date.

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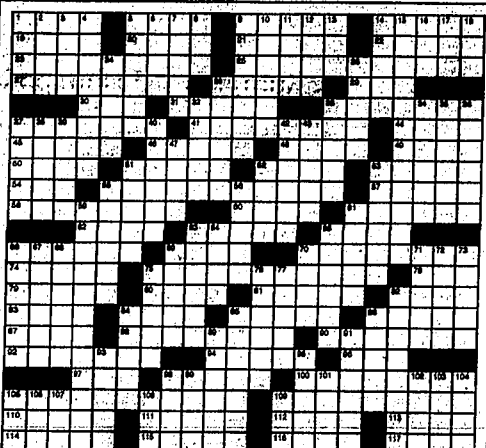
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How can anyone measure the value of an education?

Who can measure the value of an education? Certainly there are measurements to indicate how much money one might make compared to the amount of education one might have.

There are also measurements of general success in a chosen profession based on education. But those are material measures, not measures of what having an education can mean to one's life in general.

There was a time when education was not so important. Skills for farming in the early days of the last century were learned behind a plow, and many families worked in cities on assembly lines that mainly required an ability to stand on one's feet for hours at a time repeating the same motions over and over.

Professions like doctors or lawyers required less knowledge than is true today. Even when we consider the last 15 or 20 years the amount of knowl-



AFTER CLASS
Gay Peterson

edge necessary to perform most jobs has changed tremendously. Skills that stood up in our good stead through our working years no longer apply in many cases.

As technology has increased and the ability to communicate among people around the world has become commonplace, our children and grandchildren cannot get by without the skills that only an education can provide.

It therefore becomes our duty, as citizens of this great country, to provide the best education possible in a safe and healthy environment for these young people, for they are our future.

Though education in general has gotten a bad rap throughout the United States and test scores comparing our children to some European and Asian countries indicate that those children are learning more, we must always remember that here in the United States we teach everyone, while in coun-

tries like Japan tests are given at many grade levels, and those who do not pass are placed in others types of education, not continuing on through regular school.

Only the best and brightest are allowed to continue. It is, then, a credit to our schools that they give the general population such a good and basic background in learning.

We who are older citizens, particularly those on a fixed income, may vote against school bond issues, believing that taxes are already much too high, but we must remember that someone paid for our education, and though the cost was less at that time, people had less, so it was perhaps a greater burden in many cases.

These people sacrificed so that we might learn. It is time for us to take our turn at sacrificing just a bit. We owe it to future generations so that our country can continue to produce the best, most productive workers in the world. Each generation helps provide for the next, and if our taxes can help our children and grandchildren to live better, more productive lives, it is a small price to pay.

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Separation does not shield husband from wife's new bills

Q. My wife and I separated 15 years ago and have not lived together since then. I moved to another home and have had a live-in relationship with another woman for the past 10 years. Since my wife and I both worked, I did not pay her any support. She continued to live in the house which we bought together (in her name), and she made the payments. Because things were working out just fine between us, we decided years ago not to get lawyers involved and never got divorced.

One of our children called and told me that my wife (now 68) had suffered a stroke and would be placed in a nursing home because of her paralysis and total incompetence. I flew in to see her and was shocked at what was told. Apparently, Medicare will pay her way for the first 20 days of care, and then Medicare and her supplement will pay the next 80 days. The cost of her care will be nearly \$4,000 per month after that.

Her income, including Social Security and retirement, is \$1,500 per month. Her assets are \$10,000 in cash and the house, which is worth about \$40,000. She left a power of attorney to our son who lives nearby. I went to the state Medicaid office with him and learned that to qualify, her assets could be no more than \$2,000 plus the house, which does not count. But they want to count my assets, too. How can this be? We have not lived together for 15 years. Can I get

divorced now? What about my retirement funds, the house I have purchased? Is there anything I can do?

Under federal law, when your spouse applies for Medicaid, she will be allowed to keep \$2,000 in countable assets and certain excluded resources, such as the house. Since you and she are still married, you are the community spouse and your assets are relevant to her qualification. Depending on your state based on 2000 figures, you can retain between \$16,824 and \$9,120 (without a court order) in countable resources without affecting her Medicaid eligibility.

If you and she had divorced, this issue would not have arisen because federal law does not allow states to consider the income or resources of nonspouses in either determining an adult person's eligibility for Medicaid or collecting reimbursement for amounts paid by the state for services

provided to that person. Because she is now incompetent, it is most unlikely that you will be able to get divorced.

The best plan for you would be for your son to agree to sell your wife's house and invest the proceeds. If \$40,000 can be realized from the sale, with the \$10,000 she already has, \$50,000 would be available for her care. Assuming the monthly nursing home cost is \$4,000, after applying her \$1,500 per month income, the fund would be reduced by \$2,500 each month. While this would give you a 20-month reprieve, this would not solve your problem, because when your wife runs out of money, you will be back in the same boat again.

Therefore, you and your son, as her attorney in fact, should sit down with an experienced elder law attorney and come up with a suitable plan for her care. However, since your interests and those of your wife could be in conflict, you might need your own lawyer. Depending on where you live, there might be planning techniques you might use to protect yourself; however, your situation points out what can happen when planning is left until the last minute.

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Woman works to clear the air for those with hearing problems

Los Angeles Times

Why are they advertising the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra all over the Philadelphia airport? Carren Stika wondered as she traipsed toward baggage claim. She stopped at a pay phone and noticed the area code: 216.

"That's when I realized - oh, no! I'm in Ohio!" she said.

Stika hadn't heard the garbled buzz of the in-flight announcement, so she hadn't known about the unscheduled touchdown in Cleveland. A fuzzy speech signal, the fuzzy ability of her ears to hear. Combining to confound her again.

"Every one of us has stories like that," says Stika, who, years after the airport incident, is a director of research for a San Diego rehabilitation center for people with hearing problems.

"By us," Stika means the hard of hearing, a condition she first knew she had at age 20, when she sat crying in the specialist's office with her hearing loss newly diagnosed. But her hearing loss likely dates back much further. That's why her school report cards would come home with comments like "Needs to listen more carefully." Why she had a lisp as a kid. Why college

Tips for talking to the hard of hearing

- Speak louder, without shouting, and without dropping volume at the end of a sentence. Speak slowly but naturally. Exaggerated speech distorts the shape of your lips.
- If you're asked to repeat yourself, friends would tell her she sometimes seemed stuck up or out of it, because she would "ignore" folks, fail to laugh at jokes or chime in on conversations in off-kilter ways.
- "People attribute those kinds of mistakes to everything but hearing loss," she says. "You're spacey. Inattentive. Preoccupied. Or not too bright. Everything but hard of hearing."
- A twenty-eight million Americans have hearing problems, ranging from the mild to profound. For some people, the losses were always there, or swooped down overnight, from a viral infection or some other cause. For Stika and most others, the losses build up slowly over years.
- Keep in mind that the person to whom you are talking probably really wants to know what you are saying.

-Source: Los Angeles Times

Self-employed must pay quarterly Social Security

Q. I have just set up my own plumbing business after having worked for someone else for the past eight years. How does a self-employed person pay the Social Security taxes?

A. You must pay your estimated tax quarterly to your estimated tax quarterly to your estimated tax quarterly. Any balance due must be paid when you file your federal income tax return following the end of your taxable year. The self-employment tax rate is 15.3 percent of your net earnings, up to the maximum amount creditable for the year.

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which is \$76,200 for the year 2000. Your net earnings must be at least \$400. The IRS will then report the earnings to Social Security for posting to your earnings record.

For more detailed information on self-employment, call 1-800-755-1788 or visit our website at www.irs.gov. You may also call 1-800-829-1040 for more information.

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