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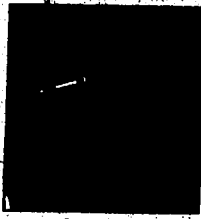
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TAKING SIDES

Magic Valley takes notice of high court race

By Michael Jearney Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS -- A quick look at the donor lists tells the story. They're full of politically connected names, mostly politicians and attorneys. People who pay close attention to what happens in Idaho Supreme Court chambers -- or are often part of the proceedings. One's a roster made up mostly of moderate Republicans and Democrats who like things the way they are. They say Justice Cathy Sikak is a fair-minded, competent jurist deserving of another term but who is being demonized over a few controversial opinions.



Cathy Sikak

Too political? - A10

The other list is a who's who of Idaho's conservative political scene: Republicans hoping to get another ally, District Judge Dan Eismann, elected to the state's highest court. Both sides are well represented by Magic Valley residents. By law, the election of Supreme Court justices is supposed to be a nonpartisan affair.



Dan Eismann

Yet the race between incumbent Sikak and challenger Eismann has been punctuated by partisan finger-pointing, and political alliances.

Both sides see more than just a campaign for a Supreme Court seat. They see a much wider struggle. "It's going to be an interesting race," said Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, an Eismann backer. And after this race is over, and Please see COURT, Page A11

The controversial cases

Conservatives say three majority opinions -- which incumbent Justice Cathy Sikak either authored or agreed with -- illustrate she legislates from the bench by interpreting law in a manner lawmakers never intended. Sikak supporters say backers of challenger Dan Eismann are trying to oust Sikak based on these three decisions alone, without looking at dozens of other opinions in which she has been involved.

The second case was a 1999 ruling forcing a trial to determine if the state is meeting its obligation to provide safe and learning-conducive environments for schoolchildren. This issue took up much of the Legislature's time this year. The Republican-dominated body is adamant that the Constitution requires the state to be responsible for school construction and maintenance. Others say state money should be used to refurbish crumbling school buildings, and say the Constitution requires the state to be responsible for students' well-being.

LETTER CARRIERS DO THE CAN-CAN



Letter carrier Doug Alverson picks up canned goods donated by residents on his route while delivering the mail Saturday. Postal workers across the United States participated in the annual food drive to help stock the shelves at local food banks. Food collected locally will be given to five organizations that provide help for people in need -- South Central Community Action, Amazing Grace Fellowship, the Migration Council and Project Compassion. The annual food drive is sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Ex-leader says guides will go out

Walton: Decision to pull them came too late

BOISE -- The group's former president said the Idaho Christian Coalition's decision to disavow an allegedly biased primary election voter guide came too late because almost all the 200,000 brochures already were out. "They were already printed and were in the distribution pipeline. So basically they left us hanging out to dry after they authorized it" on May 3, Kelly Walton of Burley, chairman of the Idaho Citizens Alliance, said on Friday.

But Christian Coalition board member David Ferdinand said a May 10 vote countermanded whatever preliminary approval, with strings attached, that Walton might have perceived was granted a week earlier. What's more, he said, Walton was instructed by board members on May 5 to quash the version of the voter guide that wound up being printed and distributed. Ferdinand said his organization would continue asking churches where the guides already had been delivered to withhold distribution. And the Interfaith Alliance of Idaho on Friday urged religious leaders to refuse to disallow distribution at their churches of the voter guides it claimed "manipulated and distort religion to promote exclusionary agendas." The "Family Voter Guide 2000 Idaho Primary" are labeled as an Idaho Christian Coalition product. Please see GUIDE, Page A2

For some, gun control rally is personal memorial

WASHINGTON -- Seven-year-old Heather McDonnell used her show-and-tell time to speak about today's "Million Mom March" for gun control. Lorrain Franklin-Taylor, a gospel singer, wrote a song for the Mother's Day rally. Spring Venezia and her daughters sold homemade muffins for bus fare. For thousands of Americans, the rallies in Washington and 70 other cities nationwide are a call to action for registration of handguns and licensing of their owners. For others, the events will be personal memorials to loved ones lost to bullets. That is the case for Heather,

whose father was shot to death; Franklin-Taylor, whose twin sons were gunned down together; and Venezia, whose father-in-law was killed with a gun. "It will be the greatest Mother's Day of my life," said Venezia, who is from Orrego, Mich. She planned to march with her daughters, ages 18 and 22; the three raised bus fare with their weekly "Million Mom Muffin" Mondays. Franklin-Taylor was to participate in a rally in Oakland, where her twin 22-year-old sons, Obadiah and Albadie, were

Young victims

In 1997, more than 4,000 U.S. young people age 19 or younger, were killed by gunfire. Guns accounted for more than two-thirds of young violent deaths.

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A MOM'S TALE

How a nurse and patient became mother and son

NAPERVILLE, Ill. -- She was the nurse who would always tend to the sickest child, the one who couldn't walk or talk or breathe on his own. But something about the frail little boy in the corner crib scared her. He had tubes in his throat and stomach. He had no stuffed animals, no toys, no visitors to his hospital room. Christy Nelson shielded away from the 2-year-old until she was ordered to watch over him. Then the young nurse at

Gillette Children's Hospital in St. Paul, Minn., leaned over the boy bundled in a white blanket and whispered: "I don't know if you can hear me or not. But I'm going to take care of you." She thought it would be weeks. Months, at most. She began taking the boy out. To a Target store for red sneakers. To the zoo. To her home. Born premature and tiny enough to be cupped in a doctor's hand, Stephen had cerebral palsy and so many ailments that no one expected him to live long. But today, Christy Nelson and

Stephen celebrate their 12th Mother's Day together, a celebration of one woman's devotion, one boy's resilience and one enduring bond between mother and son. "I just thought this boy needs a chance," she says. "I wanted him to know that somebody really loved him. I feel like I've been his ride, his way, his pass through life." Becoming Stephen's mother wasn't easy. The adoption process was long. The haggling over insurance coverage was messy. The skeptics

were vocal: Some thought a single woman shouldn't adopt a disabled child. Others said a white woman wasn't the right mother for a son of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux tribe. "You're not the right color," Christy recalls. "Some people would say, 'You're the wrong culture.' I said, 'Why can't I learn his culture and they accept me?'" So Christy read history books about the Sioux. She learned to make Indian fry bread. She welcomed Please see MOTHER, Page A2



Christy Nelson embraces her son, Stephen, in the lobby of their Naperville, Ill., apartment building.

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THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie

High 67 Low: 35
Partly cloudy today and tonight. Mostly cloudy Monday, chance of showers, high 62.

Treasure Valley

High: 77 Low: 46
Partly cloudy today and tonight, light winds. Mostly cloudy Monday, chance of showers, high 70.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 65 Low: 38
Partly cloudy and warmer, with a slight chance of afternoon showers. Mostly cloudy on Monday.

Eastern Idaho

High: 72 Low: 41
Partly cloudy and warmer. Winds becoming southwest 10-15 mph in the afternoon.

Northern Idaho

High: 75 Low: 50
Mostly cloudy with scattered afternoon showers and a chance of thunderstorms.

Northern Utah

High: 75 Low: 40
Partly cloudy, breezy and warmer. Winds from mph. Partly cloudy and breezy on Monday.

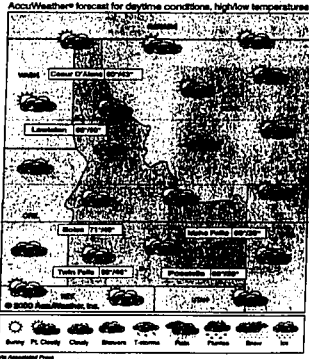
Northern Nevada

High: 74 Low: 45
Partly cloudy today and tonight, light winds. Mostly cloudy Monday, chance of showers, high 71.

Today Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday
High 73 Low: 46 Partly cloudy today and tonight, light winds.
High: 68 Low: 44 Partly cloudy with light winds.
High: 60s Low: 40s A chance of showers and thunderstorms.
High: 60s Low: 40s A chance of showers and thunderstorms.
High: 70s Low: 40s Partly cloudy.

Idaho weather

AccuWeather.com for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



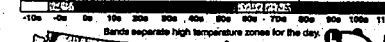
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SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:16 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, May 18; last quarter, May 26; new, June 2; first quarter, June 8.

National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Saturday, May 13.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: http://www.state.idaho.us/twis-road/indexidm.html

Table with columns for Yesterday's Twin Falls, Last year, Normal, and Normal year to date. Includes precipitation and temperature data.

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Mother

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comed tribal members to Stephen's hospital crib for prayers and stories about his ancestors.

Still, doubts remained, especially among some of Stephen's family who wondered about a thirtysomething stranger eager to devote herself to a child who couldn't walk or talk or breathe on his own.

Chrissey remembers an early conversation with Valerie Rondell, Stephen's aunt: "You're a single girl, you have your whole life in front of you," Valerie said. "Why do you want to do this?"

"I love this little boy," Chrissey replied.

It was the right answer. Stephen desperately needed someone. His biological mother, Franny Rondell, had died months after his birth. His father disappeared after her death.

"We were praying for another to stand in his mother's footsteps," Valerie told Chrissey. "Maybe that's you."

It was. On their first Mother's Day together in 1989, Chrissey was welcomed into Stephen's family with a special blessing of the wind ceremony. A medicine man rubbed crushed tobacco on the forehead of the new mother and son.

It wasn't until a few years later, Chrissey says, that Stephen's family told her the whole story about Franny's death.

When Stephen was born, weighing only about 2 pounds, he had to remain hospitalized. After his mother left to visit family in



Chrissey Nelson shares a moment with her son, Stephen.

South Dakota, he developed pneumonia. Doctors, unable to reach Franny, had to operate. They inserted tubes in his stomach and trachea returned, she was horrified to see Stephen that way. She ran. Weeks later, she was found dead with a note: "I have gone to join my son."

When Franny returned, she was following an Indian belief that when a hole is cut in your body without a blessing, your soul leaves.

Chrissey has told Stephen about his biological mother's death. He has come to know his Indian relatives and has traveled with Chrissey to see her mother in Wisconsin.

How much Stephen absorbs isn't clear. At age 13, he reads at a fifth-grade level. And though he can't speak, he can convey words with signs.

When he touches his cheek, then his heart, that means mother. When he clenches his fist and puts it in his chest, that means

pain. And when he smiles, that means yes.

"Most of us would say Stephen cannot communicate," says Kathleen Keenan, a friend who became acquainted with mother and son while working as a spokeswoman at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

"Chrissey has shown us all how a smile or a move of a finger can mean something."

Chrissey would be first to admit her gift of gab more than makes up for Stephen's silence. Valerie, his aunt, once joked her Indian name should be "Chatterbox."

But this wisecracking mother who once loved to scuba dive and ride her Harley has moments of loneliness, too.

Once, at the grocery, Chrissey enviously watched a mother hush her noisy children. "I stopped and looked at her," she says wistfully, "and thought if only one time... I would love to be able to hear my Stephen's voice."

And motherhood has meant choices. Chrissey married in 1991 and she and her husband formally adopted Stephen and settled in this Chicago suburb. But the couple later divorced, partly because of the pressures of raising a child in a wheelchair who can end up hospitalized for six months at a stretch.

Stephen has endured enough medical crises to fill a textbook: pneumonia, underdeveloped lungs, an inflamed pancreas that

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: A new round of showers and thunderstorms broke out Saturday along a cold front stretching from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast, the same front responsible for violent weather one day earlier.

The front was pushing steadily eastward and by late afternoon it extended from the northern tip of New York to southern Louisiana.

Thunderstorms marked the front over the southern edges of Mississippi and Alabama, and from eastern Kentucky through West Virginia, western Pennsylvania and the middle of New York state.

Guns

gunned down while trying to start Obadiah's stalled car. The day of the killing, the gospel singer and teacher from Hayward, Calif., was speaking at an elementary school's African American history event.

"I was feeling so good," he said. "The next morning my youngest son, Greg, called. He said, 'Stop what you're doing and pray for strength.'"

"We're going to make a commitment, not just down in our tears," she said. Franklin-Taylor intended to perform the song she wrote. The chorus goes: "It's time to take a stand. It's time to take a stand today."

Also set to demonstrate

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Even though Ferdinand said they were not approved for printing or distribution by the board.

Yet Walton said on Saturday that hundreds of volunteers were still working to ensure the material gets to "every conservative, evangelical, Catholic, and Mormon church in the state."

Among those grassroots workers, he said, are himself and Matt Roetter of Coeur d'Alene, who was handling compilation of candidate information and distribution of the guide for the Christian Coalition.

"The problem for the Christian Coalition is the distribution was already under way when they said 'Don't do it,' they said stop after it had already started, so ring-wise they're out of the loop," Walton said.

"The communication to stop distribution happened after the genie was already out of the bottle."

The voter guides were developed from a candidate questionnaire that became an issue in the two hottest campaigns on the ballot — the race for the Republican 1st District congressional nomination

and 4th District Judge Daniel Eismann's bid to out Supreme Court Justice Anthony Sotomayor.

Among the questions were a number about candidate characters, including whether they had failed job tests, been convicted of breaking the law or owned a bar, strip club or casino.

"We were really stoked whether they are anti-abortion or pro-choice, conservative or liberal or believe God's laws have a higher authority than state and federal law."

After the Christian Coalition's board of directors said the questionnaire and voter guide were unauthorized and had "material defects," Walton said the Des Moines, Iowa-based American Conservative Coalition gave the project its approval.

"That impatience came with no financial support for statewide effort that Walton said cost about \$6,800 in donations — \$1,000 of which he personally provided. But he said the conservative Coalition had agreed to back the voter guides in any legal challenge brought by the Idaho Christian Coalition over its name being attached to the voter guide without authorization.

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A century later, repeal of 3 percent excise phone tax gains momentum

WASHINGTON (AP) — Today, traditionally one of the busiest days in the lives of millions of dutiful sons and daughters, will see the phone to which many will be attached in 1898 to finance the Spanish-American War.

A century after that war's end, momentum is gaining to repeal the 3 percent excise tax on telephone service in an election-year Congress searching for popular accomplishments. The nearly \$5 billion raised annually now goes into the government's general fund for any federal expense.

Easy approval of the repeal is expected by both Republicans and Democrats when the bill is taken up this week by the House Ways and Means Committee. Several factors have combined to set the stage for repeal, including huge projected budget surpluses and a Republican congressional leadership bent on cutting taxes whenever possible. Perhaps the most important element is that the tax is now considered part of the "digital divide," a cost that hinders lower-income people from gaining Internet access.

"This is clearly a great target for repeal," said the main Republican sponsor, Rep. Bob Ney, of Ohio, "is equally a tax on the Internet as well." Originally imposed as a luxury tax when there were only 1,376 telephones in the United States,

it's hard to get rid of it," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The legislation would repeal the tax 90 days after the bill is signed into law. A vote of the full House is expected the week of May 22.

The tax hits lower-income people hardest. Families earning between \$10,000 and \$30,000 a year spend between 3 percent and 4 percent of their incomes on telephone service, while those earning \$70,000 or more spend only about 1 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Getting rid of the excise tax, especially on telephones, would be great tax relief to the broad number of lower- and middle-class people," said Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, the senior Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee.

Eliminating the tax would reduce government revenue by about \$24 billion over five years. Some Democrats and the White House have raised concern about slicing away that money while Social Security still faces future insolvency and Medicare offers no prescription drug benefit.

One thing about Washington is that once a tax is on the books, it's hard to get rid of it.

—Bill Archer, Rep. R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee

Governor wants to drop state tax for teachers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis proposed eliminating the state income tax for public school teachers Saturday, a dramatic move he said would reward teachers for "improving their lives in our children's future."

The plan, which requires approval of the Legislature, was accompanied by a separate, \$500 million teacher-incentive program that offers cash bonuses of up to \$5,000 to teachers whose students perform well in the school's new statewide testing program. Together, the proposals would cost about \$3 billion over the first three years, although the administration said that figure could change with the fluctuation in teachers' pay. For teachers who

follow their traditions, the governor's income tax plan would provide roughly a \$500 tax break for entry level teachers, and about a \$1,350 break to teachers earning about \$20,000 annually. There are about 280,000 teachers in the state eligible for the program. The Democratic governor said the unprecedented tax break should also apply to credentialled

personal in public schools such as counselors, librarians, administrators and other employees. The governor said the plan, which would not cover private school teachers, was made possible by California's booming economy. The flood of tax receipts into state coffers has provided some \$10 billion to \$13 billion of new revenue.

GOP highlights breast cancer bill in radio address

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government pays for breast and cervical cancer tests for poor women and should meet covering the cost of treatment, Republican congressman said Saturday in the party's Mother's Day weekend radio address.

"Can you imagine anything more terrifying than being informed that you have a form of cancer that can kill you and then being told 'Sorry, this federal program only provides money for screening.'"

Now that you know you're on your own, said Rep. Rick Lazio, he proposed a bill that would pay for treatment.

The measure passed the House 421-1 on Tuesday and was sent to the Senate. Lazio delivered the address amid increased attention about his possible Senate candidacy should Mayor Rudolph Giuliani of New York City mayor bow out of the race. Giuliani's recent diagnosis of prostate cancer and his marital woes have increased speculation he will abandon his Senate bid against Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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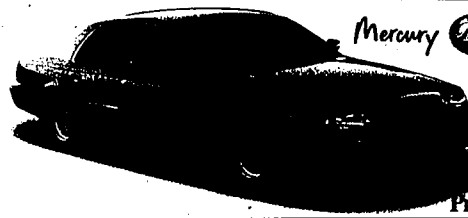
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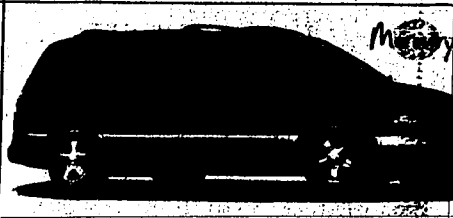
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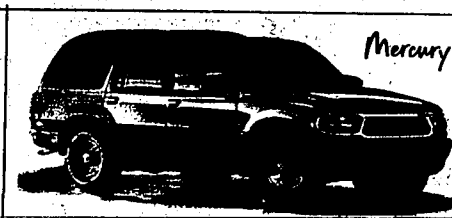
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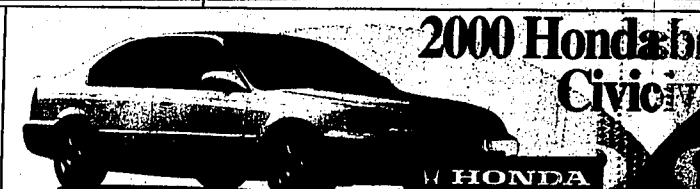
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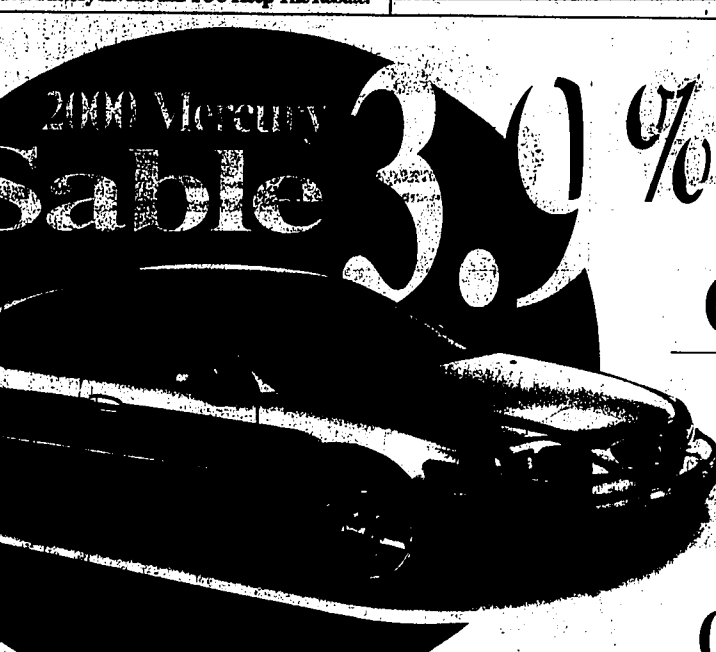
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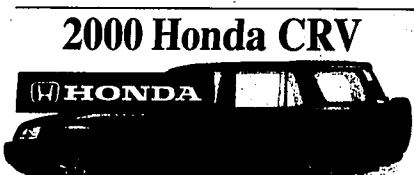
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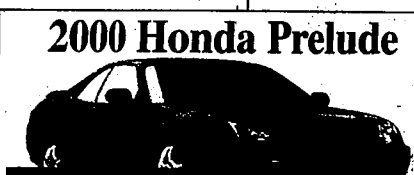
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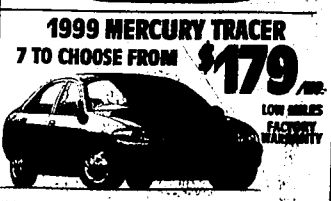
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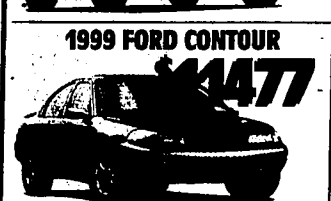
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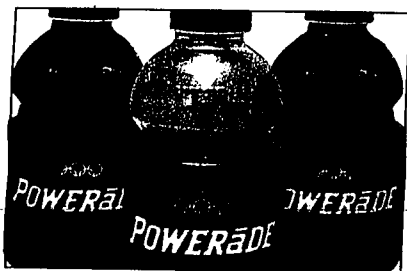
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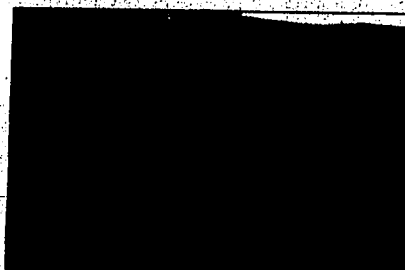


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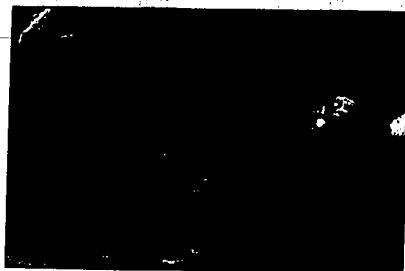


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Woman will speak today for gun use

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Suzanne Gracia Hupp will live the rest of her life with regret. Had she been carrying her gun the day a madman attacked her parents while she covered helplessly and then fled, she is convinced she could have stopped one of the worst massacres in U.S. history.

She has told the story many times over. Today she will relate it again before advocates of gun rights in a counter-rally to the Million Mom March. Put yourself in her shoes, she asks, and then think again whether gun control is the answer.

It was October, 1991 when an unemployed merchant seaman drove his pickup truck into a gun shop in Killeen, Texas, then set it on fire. He killed 23 people and wounded more than 20. Hupp and her parents were having lunch in the restaurant when the shooting started. Hupp instinctively reached into her purse for her .38-caliber Smith & Wesson, but she had left it in the car. Her father tried to rush the gunman and was shot in the chest. As the gunman reloaded, Hupp escaped through a broken window, thinking her mother was behind her. But Hupp's mother had crawled alongside her dying husband of 47

years to cushion his head in her lap. Police later told Hupp they saw her mother look up at the gunman wandering over her, then bow down before he shot her in the head.

"I'd like people to think about what happened to me, and try to place themselves in that situation," Hupp said Friday between a string of interviews in which she relived the tragedy as Exhibit A in her argument against restrictive gun laws. "Now, instead of thinking of their parents, have it be their children. Even if you choose not to have a gun, as that bad guy who ignored all the laws is getting close to you and as he levels that firearm at one of your children, don't you hope the person next to you has chosen to carry a gun and knows how to use it?"

The story is powerful, and nor only because the question assaults the brain and invites no easy answers. With its implied alternative of an armed Hupp gunning down the bad guy before he gets too far, the story invokes the American legend of the frontier lawman who acts alone to thwart evil. Unable to don that mantle

when it could have saved her parents, Hupp, now 40, has been trying ever since to rally people against gun control.

When Texas debated the issue of concealed weapons in 1995, she strolled around the table at a committee hearing molding her fingers into a gun that she aimed at state senators. The next year,

she ran as a Republican and won election as a state representative, an office she still holds. She has promoted other issues, such as water rights. But her personal story trumps all other issues. For years, the National Rifle Association paid her expenses as she traveled the country testifying in favor of gun rights. Her story always commands attention. Before the massacre at Luby's cafeteria, nothing in Hupp's background suggested that she would become so closely associated with gun rights.



British mothers cross ocean to join handgun campaign

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A granite angel watches over Emma Croder's grave. Polished gray stones, engraved with words like Love and Laugh and Remembrance, decorate the plot where best friends Hannah Scott and Megan Turner lie.

And, of course, there are the pinwheels, spinning gaily with color, with life "beside markers that all end with a single date: March 13, 1996."

Four years and two months to the day have passed since these three little girls, along with 13 of their kindergarten classmates and teacher, were massacred in a school gymnasium in Dunblane, Scotland, by an embittered, unemployed loner armed with two pistols and 743 rounds of ammunition.

So now their mothers have traveled across the Atlantic to applaud those who will gather on the Mall today and demand action against gun violence in the United States. With Alison Croder and Betsy Turner beside her, Karen Scott will stand on the steps of the Million Mom March and look out on tens of thousands of unknown faces.

She is in a solitary state of the country, she says, will offer, although she is not sure if she can for the first time, her own story. Her mother, Hilary, is also present, and she is

ers of America," she says.

Few at the march will have come farther, emotionally as well as geographically, than these women from Scotland — "the Dunblane mothers," as march organizers refer to them. They like that label far better than the one they considered for so long back home: "The bereaved parents," they said the other families were called. BPs for short.

All three can talk about what happened in the aftermath of their tragedy. Now, in just a few months, a petition drive throughout their nation collected 705,000 signatures urging that handguns, already tightly restricted, be outlawed entirely. The Snowdrop campaign was named for the tiny, fragile flower that is the only bloom in season in Scotland during March.

It faced opposition, certainly, with some members of Parliament arguing in part that a ban would prevent Britons from participating in shooting competitions. But less than 18 months later, the government prohibited the possession of all handguns in Britain. The law is one of the strictest gun-control measures in the world.

Still, Ms. Turner says, their visit this weekend "is not about what we did." She and her compatriots hold no illusions that a ban could occur in this country. "I've even thought about going home to see if I can get the law changed here," she says. "I'm not sure if it's possible, but I'm sure it's worth trying."

President says marchers send clear message

WASHINGTON (AP) — The gun-lobby in "no match for America's militia" pressing for gun controls, President Clinton said Saturday on the eve of Mother's Day rallies around the country for stronger laws. "If the means stick with it, they will succeed," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, broadcast before today's "Million Mom March" on the National Mall and events in 46 states and nationwide.

"They're letting the gun lobby know it is no match for America's moms," he said. "But our nationwide fight won't be over tomorrow, no matter how many hearts we have so much to work with to do." Clinton said the march is sending a clear message to the gun lobby that it is not the only voice in the room.

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GOP battle to succeed Chenoweth-Hage becomes Idaho's hottest political contest

BOISE (AP) — The contrasts are stark between the leading candidates to succeed retiring U.S. Rep. Chenoweth-Hage, the Idaho Republican with a national reputation as one of the House's most ardent conservative members.

Lt. Gov. Butch Otter is a millionaire businessman and one-time legislative Catholic priest whose rising political philosophy is free market, and the government should be cut.

Dennis Mansfield is a scorching lobbyist and one-time West Coast pastor who believes in moral absolutes, and that even limited government has a duty to enforce them.



Dennis Mansfield believes in moral absolutes



Lt. Gov. Butch Otter believes in free and let free

The question in the May 23 GOP primary is, which is the real conservative?

"Do I differ that much from Otter? I don't think so," Otter said. The former pastor, a billionaire potato magnate, J.R. Plotel has the reputation for being the libertarian talk.

"You have got to be kidding me. Butch Otter is going to be the legitimate heir to Helen Chenoweth-Hage," said Mansfield, who funded the religious right group Idaho Family Forum with several million dollars in the last decade. "He doesn't represent any of the philosophical or moral concerns, or even the lifestyle that Helen truly has."

There are eight Republicans campaigning for the 1st District congressional nomination, but it clearly is a two-man race with Otter in the lead.

Also on the ticket are Ron Murray of Lewiston, a former Idaho GOP chairman and Port of Astoria manager; Craig Benjamin of Moscow, a chemical engineer and minister; Harley town, a Boise motorcycle enthusiast; Jim Pratt of Melba, a farmer who got 29 percent of the vote in the 1997 primary against Chenoweth-Hage; perennial candidate David Shepherd of Lewiston and Boise forklift operator Gene Summa.

Linda Fall, a Moscow City Council member and attorney, is the only Democratic candidate.

Libertarian Ronald Wittig and Reform Party candidate Kevin Ambach also are seeking the seat.

The GOP battle to succeed Chenoweth-Hage, Idaho's most ardent conservative, is only even closer in an officially non-partisan Supreme Court race between a moderate incumbent endorsed by Democrats and an ultra-conservative challenger endorsed by a number of Republicans, including

business partner years earlier. She said simply that God had forgiven her, something that Mansfield maintains the Republican mainstream never has done for the woman who had the audacity in 1994 to knock off the acknowledged favorite for the nomination.

Mansfield sees the same good-old-boy attitude toward his candidacy.

"To a certain degree they've viewed me as a sort of an idiot servant with nitroglycerine in his hands. They know I'm smart, they don't know why I'm smart, and they know that we've been very, very successful," Mansfield said. "I'm going to win it, and it will be the single biggest political upset in recent Idaho history."

Independently financed advertising in the race has included one spot ripping Otter as a pornography supporter who in Washington would be "another bad example for our children."

But Mansfield will need a big turnout from fellow religious conservatives to overcome Otter's solid network of support built over 30 years in business, 14 years in executive office and four years in the Legislature.

There also is Otter's personal appeal.

"He has so much charm and charisma, and he's obscenely handsome," said libertarian gadfly Ralph Smeed, whom Otter calls one of his biggest political influences. "I'm just afraid these other guys would have a tendency to blend into the woodwork."

Republican state Rep. Bill Sall said Mansfield, a personal friend, should be the choice of Chenoweth-Hage supporters because "they are both people who stand for traditional notions. They revere God."

"Is Butch the enemy? Certainly not. He's demonstrated the ability to be conservative on the less-government side, on lower taxes. He's there a lot of the time," Sall said. "But to the people that moral issues are important to, they see a big difference."

Only when pressed does Otter even try to equate himself with Chenoweth-Hage, and he chafes at the idea of government imposing a single standard of morality.

It's a position he considers truly conservative.



Adam Meyer, right, watches as his team's Mars rover runs out of battery power Friday in the speed competition at the Kibbe ASUJ Activity Center in Moscow. Meyer and his teammates from Camfield Middle School in Dalton were competing in the Idaho Tech 2000 Mars Rover Challenge sponsored by the NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium. The Mars rovers were made from Lego building blocks.

Mansfield, 44, ran unsuccessfully for the 1980 congressional nomination in California's 36th District and made his Idaho political reputation as a take-no-prisoners advocate for abortion restrictions in the Legislature. His approach earned him the disdain of some lawmakers and the outright animosity of others, including the late Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg.

To Mansfield, part of being a conservative is helping to bring government around to positions on moral issues that hew to a higher law.

"You don't have the right to do that which is wrong," said the former state Promise-Keepers director now working for Colorado-based Summit Ministries.

Yet Mansfield stops just short of personally condemning Otter. "I'm not a judge, but it is to be a fruit inspector of his fruit. And the fruit, quite frankly, isn't out of my orchard. It isn't what I believe in."

He has been more blunt in assailing others.

When then-Gov. Phil Batt rejected parental consent legislation he had worked to pass in 1998, Mansfield said the highly respected Republican chief executive's legacy would be "the blood that dripped off his elbow as he vetoed that bill."

Batt and most others in the GOP establishment are backing Otter.

Chenoweth-Hage is officially staying out of it, but she has not objected to a national term limits organization running ads linking her politics to Mansfield's. And the candidate writes nothing more than to tap into her "deep well" of seemingly unconditional conservative support.

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"I would be much easier to say I'm absolutely pro-life, but I'm not. I'm anti-abortion. I don't want all the baggage that pro-life brings with it," said Otter, who would rather discuss his unyielding support for private property rights or opposition to gun control and federal public lands policies.

"My bottom line is I don't want the government to be involved in a decision with the life of an innocent child."

To Otter, part of being a conservative is supporting the freedom to make choices and accepting responsibility for their consequences, moral and otherwise.

"Absent the right to make a decision, right from wrong, it doesn't matter what we're bringing surgically upon the only gift God gave us different from the dogs," he said.

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Are Supreme Court elections too political?

Some think it's time to find new selection method

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Even the most ardent believers in grass roots politics are beginning to cast a wary eye at Idaho Supreme Court elections.

Maybe, they say, it's time to find another way to choose Supreme Court justices.

After decades of relatively placid and uncontested turnover on the state's highest court, recent elections have become decidedly polarized and ideological. By extension, partisanship has begun to encroach on the process — a development many see as a direct conflict to the state's prohibition on judges and justices being associated with a political party.

The most recent example is the current contest between incumbent Supreme Court Justice Cathy Silak and her challenger, District Judge Dan Eismann. Both Silak and Eismann have been criticized by the other's supporters for being too chummy with partisan political circles across the state.

"I don't remember a race for the Supreme Court that's been more political," said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, an Eismann supporter.

Since the 1930s, Supreme Court justices in Idaho have been elected in what are supposed to be nonpartisan elections held in concert with party primary elections.

But the recent races for Idaho's highest court have made both conservatives and liberals question whether justices should be chosen by another method, although some politicians still favor putting the question to voters.

"My philosophy is let's give it to the people and let them decide on every issue that can be done that way," said Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, who is supporting Eismann's bid for the court.

Silak was involved in another politically charged race for the court in 1994, when longtime Republican Wayne Kidwell challenged her re-election bid. Silak won. Kidwell made a repeat bid in 1998 against Boise attorney Mike Wetherell, a former state Democratic Party chairman.

Kidwell won in November 1998, but only after the vote in the May primary eliminated a third candidate. The May results left Kidwell and Wetherell in a run-off because neither had received the 50 percent voter majority required for election.

With only two candidates in the race this time, either Silak or Eismann will get a majority of the vote come May 23 — no matter how few people vote.

The typically low voter turnout for primaries — inter-party elections to determine nominees for the November general election — and the primaries' partisan focus poses a concern.

Putting someone into a position as influential as a Supreme Court seat after an election with 13 percent voter turnout is hardly justifiable, Hansen said.

"People just kind of wash their hands of the primary saying it's not important. That may be the argument for changing," Hansen said.

There are alternatives. One could be modeled after

Idaho Supreme Court race

Incumbent Cathy Silak faces challenger Dan Eismann in the Idaho Supreme Court election May 23 for a six-year term on the state's highest court. Unlike the primary elections held the same day, the Supreme Court race will appear on a separate ballot, and the May 23 election will determine the election's winner. Historically, Supreme Court candidates have said they are prohibited from discussing specific cases or even issues likely to become part any future case that come before the court. A Supreme Court justice is paid \$97,728 annually.

	Cathy R. Silak	Dan Eismann
Personal information:	<p>Age: 49 Occupation: Idaho Supreme Court Justice Education: Master's degree in Laws in Judicial Process from University of Virginia Law School, 1995; doctorate in Law from University of California at Berkeley School of Law, 1978; master's degree in City Planning from Harvard University, 1973; bachelor of Arts degree from New York University, 1971. Civic and volunteer activities: YMCA Youth Government; The Learning Lab; Project Safe Place; Boise State University legal assistant program, United Way's "Success by Six" program, Southwest Rotary Club of Idaho.</p>	<p>Age: 53 Occupation: District Judge, 4th Judicial District, Boise. Education: Law degree, University of Idaho College of Law, 1976; bachelor's degree, University of Idaho, 1973; graduated from Vallivue High School, Caldwell, 1965. Civic and volunteer activities: Region III Council for Children and Youth; Canyon Area United Way; Children's Voices Inc.; Guardianship Forum; Domestic Violence Prevention Task Force; Veterans of Foreign Wars; National Rifle Association member.</p>
Legal experience:	<p>Elected to the Idaho Supreme Court, 1994-present; appointed to Idaho Supreme Court by then-Gov. Cecil Andrus, 1993; appointed to the Idaho Court of Appeals by Andrus, 1990-1993; associate general counsel, Morrison Knudsen Corp., Boise, 1989-1990; attorney, Hawley, Troxell, Ennis and Hawley in Boise, Ketchum and Pocatello, 1984-1989; became partner at Hawley, Troxell, Ennis and Hawley, 1989; special assistant U.S. attorney, District of Idaho, 1983-1984; appointed assistant U.S. attorney, southern district, New York, 1980-1983; practiced law with Morrison and Foerster in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., 1977-1980; law clerk to U.S. District Judge William Schwarzer, 1976-1977.</p>	<p>Administrative district judge, 4th Judicial District, 1999-2000; district judge, 1995-99, appointed by then-Gov. Phil Batt; magistrate judge, Owyhee County, 1988-1995; private law practice, Caldwell, 1985-1986; private law practice, Homedale, 1977-1983; law clerk for Idaho Supreme Court Justice Charles Donaldson, 1978-1977.</p>
Professional organizations and activities:	<p>Chairperson, Supreme Court's Civil Rules Committee; Co-chairperson, Supreme Court cameras in the courtroom committee; Supreme Court access to the courts committee; The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation; The American Law Institute; Idaho Law Foundation Board.</p>	<p>Established and served on a diversion board in Canyon County; chaired a juvenile justice task force in Canyon County; serves on Bar Exam Preparation Committee for the Idaho Bar Association; helped establish a drug court in Ada County.</p>
Judicial philosophy:	<p>"I view myself as a fair and impartial judge who takes every individual case on its own individual facts and law and who does not prejudge any and who does not prejudge any issues. I think the separation of powers is an enormously important value to preserve."</p>	<p>"I believe that judges must interpret the Constitution and statutes as the writers and then apply that law to the facts to reach a result."</p>

the selection of U.S. Supreme Court justices. A governor could nominate candidates for the Senate or entire legislature to choose from.

Another option could be a combination of the federal process and the current system for filling an Idaho court vacancy, created by a justice's death or resignation. In this case, candidates are proposed to the governor by the Idaho Judicial Council, and the governor appoints from the list. But no system would be perfect.

"I don't know that there is any system you could use that you would not inject politics into it," said Dr. Fred Wood, a supporter and brother-in-law of Eismann. "People are going to be drawn to people who have similar philosophies," Bell said. And most say any new system

must allow for some kind of check to hold justices accountable.

Not everyone is willing to write off the direct election of justices — even if they don't like the politicized nature of this race.

Bell isn't willing to let go of the election process. Neither is Silak supporter Mark Guerry, a former Twin Falls County attorney. "I think it should continue," Guerry said. "My only concern is that it becomes too political. I think there are a lot of reasons why any judge should have to stand for re-election. It would be

naive to say that anything is not political."

But politics can't be taken too far, Guerry said. "If things become so political that decisions are based on what a party wants rather than what is right or what is correct under the law, then we'll have another revolution. That's the risk of people not being able to find what they feel is fairness and justice in the courts."

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Who's who on the Supreme Court

Justice Wayne Kennell
 • Born in Council, 1908
 • Juris doctorate, University of Idaho College of Law, 1964
 • Former practicing attorney, former Ada County prosecutor; former associate deputy attorney general and White House liaison for the Justice Department during the Reagan administration; former attorney general for the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
 • Elected to Supreme Court in 1998, giving the former state attorney general and state Senate majority leader

Justice James R. Walters
 • Born in Rensburg, 1959
 • Juris doctorate, University of Idaho, 1984
 • Former practicing attorney, former law clerk for Supreme Court chief justice, former Idaho Senate attorney, appointed by former Gov. John Evans as a district judge, former chief justice, Idaho Court of Appeals
 • Appointed to the Supreme Court by then-Gov. Phil Batt in 1997. Re-elected in 1998.

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"I'm not going to try to please any group who is supporting me just because of their support. I'm pretty independently minded," Eismann said.

The swing vote

The outcome, either way, is critical. What's at stake is the ideological heart of the body that holds huge sway over the everyday lives of all Idahoans.

"This is one of the most important actions in years," Hansen said.

Although the court votes unanimously on many decisions, the five-member court has become polarized on some controversial decisions, giving at least the impression of an ideologically divided panel. On one side are the more liberal justices, appointed by former Gov. Cecil Andrus, a Democrat: Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout and Silak.

At the other end of the ideological spectrum is the court's newest member, Justice Wayne Kidwell. In 1998, the longtime Republican Senate leader and former Idaho attorney general, Kidwell made no bones about his conservative beliefs during his 1998 campaign against Boise attorney Mike Wetherell for the court seat. He is considered by many to be the only true conservative on the court.

In between are Justices Gerald Schroeder and Jesse Walters.

The result is a court with a possible one-vote swing on ideologically divisive issues.

"You look at some of the decisions that were 3-2...and they would go the other way (if Eismann were on the court)," said Mark Stubbs, a Republican Twin Falls attorney and Eismann supporter.

In other words, if Silak wins, the Trout-Silak bloc will remain intact.

But if Eismann pulls out an upset - no challenger has ever ousted a sitting justice - the court's orbit would shift toward the court's least senior members, Eismann and Kidwell.

Nonpartisan, or partisan

Eismann's relatively open association with Republicans started the finger-pointing bout partisanship.

He has drawn criticism for his appearances at GOP Lincoln Day events around the state this year. He was the focus of a complaint filed by Boise attorney and unsuccessful

Who's behind whom?

Although she attended Democratic Jefferson Day banquets and Lincoln Day banquets during her successful 1994 campaign against Kidwell, Silak has been careful to maintain a nonpartisan posture during this race. She has refused endorsements by any politically-oriented groups and hasn't attended any candidate forums or programs sponsored by either party.

- U.S. Sen. Larry Hansen, R-Idaho
- U.S. Rep. James Thompson, R-Idaho
- Idaho Gov. Mike Wetherell, R-Idaho
- State Treasurer Ron Crane, a Republican
- Idaho State Sen. Stan Hawkins, R-Idaho
- Idaho State Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls
- Idaho State Rep. Mark Stubbs, a Republican
- Dr. Charles Stockhouse, Burley physician
- Mark Shubert, a Twin Falls attorney and former state legislator, a Republican
- Dr. Fred Wood, Burley physician, state Fish and Game Commission member
- State Rep. John A. "Bert" Stevenson, Rupert
- State Rep. Mashe Bell, R-Jerome
- State Rep. Todd Hammond, R-Rendburg
- State Rep. Cameron Wheeler, R-Ririe

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conductive environments for the state's schoolchildren. The last straw for conservatives was a ruling authored by Silak in October 1999 saying the federal government has implied rights to the water flowing into and within three Idaho wilderness areas.

In each case, conservatives say the court read more into state statutes than lawmakers intended, thereby creating new law.

"They're not just ruling, they're legislating," said Hansen, who will resign his seat in the House in December. "I think we need people who are constitutionalists. We need judges in there that will base their decisions on

Constitution.)es. That's the main reason he and other conservatives support Eismann. Hansen said Silak's rulings are just a mind-set that doesn't fit on the Supreme Court of the most Republican state in the union.

"I think her background is a very liberal directed background," Hansen said. "Her education is from New York. Her education is from Southern California and her ties with the ACLU... Those are things I feel that need to be looked at very seriously. I feel more comfortable with a true blue Idahoan in the seat."

Silak said she gave up her membership in the American Civil Liberties Union in the mid-1990s. Still, just the association with the ACLU was enough for Hansen to dismiss Silak as a Democrat in nonpartisan clothes.

Silak supporters say Eismann's conservative backers have it all wrong. "I have not seen this tremendous liberal bent that people seem to think is out there when it comes to Justice Silak," Guerry said. "Whether you're a Supreme Court justice or a judge you have an obligation to follow the law and sometimes that may give the appearance that you're liberal or conservative when neither one's really the case - the law is the law."

Guerry and other Magic Valley Silak backers point out that the decisions that have conservatives upset represent only a small portion of Silak's stances. "I certainly don't think Cathy Silak is doing a bad job or deserves to be replaced because of three decisions she took part in," said Ketchum attorney Ed Lawson, who has argued cases in front of the Supreme Court several times.

And as Silak and a few of her supporters point out, more than one justice must sign off on an opinion for it to prevail. "When we issue decisions, they are never individual decisions," Silak said. "I would say rather that our court strictly construes and strictly applies the law in any given case. I have never issued any decisions alone. When the court issues decisions it does so as a court."

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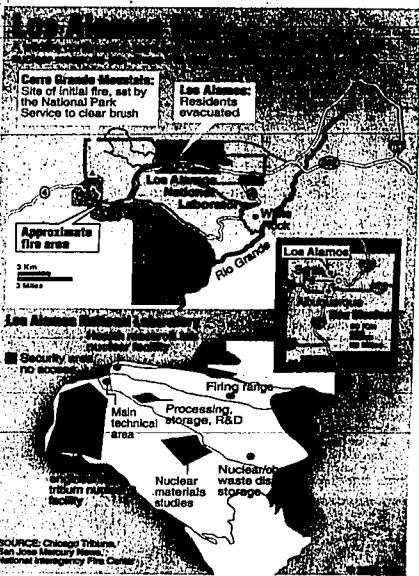
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In Los Alamos, reality sets in



LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Randy Foster tossed an armload of clothes in his truck, grabbed his dog and fled as the town around him was about to burn. He left behind his new motorcycle as hot ash began singeing the back of his neck.

"It was time to go," he said. On Saturday, the Los Alamos police officer returned for the first time to what remained of his neighborhood. Walking through his yard in blue jeans soiled with ash and soot, he found the artifacts of a life lost: charred metal, blackened rubble and the skeleton of his bike, most of it melted away in an inferno that has turned 36,000 acres of northern New Mexico into a scorched no man's land.

Most frustrating was what Foster could no longer identify. He turned over a hunk of fused metal in his hands, blackened by picking through the debris that was once his living room.

"I have no idea what this is," he said. Then, after a pause, it came to him. "Oh, wait a minute, that's my VCR."

More than a week after the National Park Service started the blaze to remove dry brush and grass, the fire that had destroyed 260 homes and threatened the Los Alamos National Laboratory no longer looked invincible, and Los Alamos began to come to



Newlyweds Chris Mydock and Kandra Coe-Mydock celebrate their wedding Saturday in Weed, N.M. The Mydocks were unsure of the fate of their home, evacuated due to the New Mexico fire.

grips with the scale of its destruction.

Most of the 25,000 people evacuated will not be allowed to return to their homes for at least a week, although the National Guard will begin escorting groups into Los Alamos as early as today to pick up clothes, medicine and other essentials. Most learned of their homes' fate only Friday, when a list of destroyed houses was posted on the county Web site.

Weaver was placed on paid leave pending an investigation, and Babbitt said all prescribed fires in the West would be put on hold for a month, although government agencies could still grant exceptions.

Foster said working 12-hour shifts helped him keep his mind off the loss but he was still bitter over how feeble he felt in the face of a fire that seemed relentless.

Faring better was the Los Alamos National Laboratory, a key facility in the nation's nuclear weapons program that gave rise to the town.

Some trailers were burned, but the lab's major facilities emerged unscathed. The lab planned to resume limited operations Monday, lab Director John Browne said.

The fire in the nearby canyons and valleys was still only 5 percent contained, but temperatures that dropped to 35 degrees and calm winds allowed emergency crews to bring airplanes, helicopters and bulldozers into the attempt to finally subdue the blaze.

Fire reconstructed: A normal day turns to hell

By Pauline Artilaga
The Associated Press

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. — Amanda Wu and her daughter had just set down to a dinner of chicken, cabbage and rice at their home in the North Mesa section of town. A few miles west, 21 firefighters climbed a 10,000-foot peak known as Cerro Grande on the edge of Bandelier National Monument.

As Mrs. Wu cleared the dishes and 7-year-old Rachel headed off to practice piano, the firefighters checked the weather forecast one last time and sent torchbearers to start a controlled burn to remove brush.

For the Wus and their neighbors in Los Alamos, it was an evening like any other. But as plates were washed, pianos played, televisions turned on and homework done, one solitary act would make it a night they would never forget.

At 7:20 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, Cerro Grande was ignited. Six days later, the Wus would not be eating dinner at home. Hundreds would no longer have homes.

Robert Repass had gotten word the day before the fire was started that the National Park Service intended to burn 900 acres of brush at Bandelier to reduce the threat of fire in the pine forests of northern New Mexico.

As head of the Los Alamos Emergency Operations Center, Repass thought nothing of it. Intentional burns were common, and it was customary for him to be alerted in case smoke raised concern among residents.

But on May 5, around 1 p.m., his office got a new call: The fire had jumped the boundary of the controlled burn. "Control" had been lost.

Gusting wind had fanned the flames and carried the blaze across 35 acres outside the fire line. By 7:30 p.m., 300 acres had burned. However, the fire remained confined to park land and the Park Service assured Repass that the blaze was contained.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, state Forestry Division spokeswoman Terri Wildermuth was out for a hike when her pager went off. She checked it and continued on, but it squeaked again. And again.

Wildermuth rushed home and got on the phone. Officials from southern New Mexico were calling to alert her to a blaze near

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But the pages kept coming — the reporters, and the walls had no room for a word. Something had gone wrong at Cerro Grande.

The words cracked across the radio at the Los Alamos Fire Department, and they were all Chief Doug MacDonald needed to hear to know something was wrong.

Shifting wind had rejuvenated the Cerro Grande blaze, spreading spot fires across a highway and into Frijoles Canyon. The Park Service called for help, and at about 1 p.m., city and county officials began closing roads and evacuating parts of Los Alamos.

Edwards Claver, who had a mobile home park, could see flames up in the mountains. "It didn't look that far away, so we were pretty scared," said Claver, a bank teller, his and his 2-year-old son, Kyle, were sent to the White Rock Baptist Church with about a dozen other evacuees.

Three air tankers and three helicopters were called in to help firefighters, but by Sunday evening 1,500 acres had been cleared and residents were evacuated from about 500 homes.

"The fire just got up and ran," Repp said.

The 11,000 residents of Los Alamos awoke Monday to find their schools shut down and the Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory — employer of 7,000 people — closed to all but essential personnel.

Some people packed up clothes and documents. Others eyed news reports about the fire or simply stepped outside to look. The horizon glowed orange. In some neighborhoods, ash clung to cars.

On the west side, the fire inched to within a mile of some homes.

But clouds, cooler temperatures and lighter wind helped firefighters slow the blaze. "We are very confident things are going in the right direction," fire spokesman Jim Paves said.

Others began demanding answers for how the fire got out of control. Bandelier Superintendent Roy Weaver took responsibility, saying he thought conditions had been right for the May 4 burn.

On Tuesday, as Los Alamos firefighters were joined by personnel from nearby Santa Fe, Espanola, Santa Clara, Jensen, Cochiti, schools and the nuclear lab remained closed.

By nightfall Tuesday, more than 3,000 acres had burned, but officials estimated the blaze was 20 percent contained.

Laura Kelly, a budget analyst at the lab, saw the latest report on the 10 o'clock news and went to bed feeling relieved. "It seemed like they really had everything under control."

On Wednesday morning, the fire was simply part of the landscape and routine of Los Alamos. Firefighters were back on the line. Schools and the lab were still closed.

Amanda Wu's husband, Jangsan, back in town from a business trip, went to work as usual at a private research company where he is a scientist. Their daughter went to Santa Fe for the day with friends, so Amanda met her husband at noon for lunch.

On their walk to Subway, the stench of smoke filled their nostrils.

While they ate, county and laboratory officials gathered for a news conference, but the briefing

was interrupted when lab official Burk got a phone call. The fire had jumped containment lines and entered Los Alamos Canyon, sailing its way through pine trees on its way toward town.

"It's a whole new ball game," Burk said.

Shortly after 1 p.m., the evacuation of Los Alamos began. Police and fire officials went door to door urging people to leave. Gas was shut off to parts of town.

Amanda Wu got in her car and joined the stream of people heading out. It took her an hour to reach a friend's house in White Rock, usually a 15-minute drive south. Her husband joined her that evening.

Shelters sprang up across northern New Mexico. Inside the Bingo Hall at Cities of Gold Casino in nearby Pojoaque, Red Cross workers stacked sandwiches and bottled water for evacuees. A table was covered with notes from strangers offering their homes to those forced to flee. Santa Fe merchants called radio stations to pledge donations of money and food.

By shortly after 5 p.m., the town of Los Alamos was deserted except for firefighters and police. Repp had estimated it would take 10 hours to complete the evacuation — it was done in about four.

"Thank God," he said, "because we turned around and structures were burning."

At 10:30 p.m., Peter Dybing stood on Sycamore Street watching his fellow firefighters spray water on one house while the one next door was ablaze. "Please let us save one house tonight," he implored.

At 2 a.m., battalion commander Don Shatin and his crew stood by helplessly watching another house collapse into ashes on Ridgeway Drive. "I can't believe

how many homes are gone," Shatin said.

The fire had exploded from 3,700 acres to 18,000 in a matter of hours. Shortly after 1 a.m., the town of White Rock, along with the Wu family, was evacuated as the fire crept still closer.

"We were 20 percent contained. Today we're zero percent contained," fire spokesman Paves said Thursday as daybreak revealed the extent of the destruction. "We're starting over."

At that point, officials said at least 100 homes had been destroyed, primarily on the west and north sides of town. By the end of the day, they said the count was 260 homes, and 33,000 acres blackened.

Government officials, from Energy Secretary Bill Richardson to the state's two U.S. senators and the chief of the Forest Service, arrived to tour the devastation, while residents were kept from their homes and forced to turn to television news footage to see if their homes were among those destroyed.

Officials launched an investigation into what went wrong and Weaver, the Bandelier superintendent, was placed on leave.

By week's end, the worst seemed to be over. Although the fire continued to grow, and still another raged near Cloudercroft, N.M., temperatures had cooled in Los Alamos and the wind had died down.

"I can say with a high degree of confidence that we will not have more structures burned in Los Alamos," Fire Chief MacDonald said Friday.

Federal officials imposed a 30-day moratorium on prescribed fires across the West.

Townpeople were told to plan to remain in shelters for at least a

week. There was no telling when they could return even temporarily, but officials did issue a list of addresses of the homes destroyed.

Dick and Judy Opsahl, retirees who moved from New York's Long Island to Los Alamos a year ago, learned they would never again have dinner at their home. The Wu family one day would.

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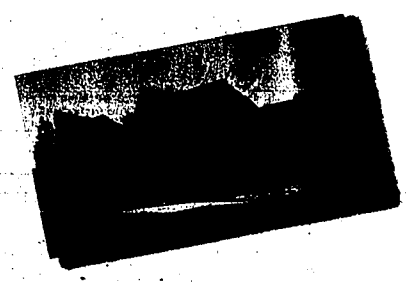
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EDITORIAL

Politics and justice inside the Idaho Supreme Court

Time was that a Supreme Court race in Idaho consisted of the incumbent quietly filing for re-election.

The current showdown between Justice Cathy Silak and 4th District Judge Daniel Eismann sometimes makes us long for those days.

A week before the election, the justice and the judge are engaged in a full-throated match over who is more partisan. In our judgment, Silak appears to hold the tide.

A little history is in order. Silak got appointed to the Idaho Court of Appeals, and eventually to the Supreme Court, because of her support and fund-raising for former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus.

In her 1994 race for the high court, she purchased lists of names and telephone numbers from the Idaho Democratic Party. She accepted a \$550 contribution from the Idaho Senate Democrats.

So what about today? Her mouthpieces in the current campaign are long-time Democrat attorneys Scott Reed of Coeur d'Alene and Robert Huntley, failed Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

Silak now accuses the Eismann campaign of e-mailing a list of Ada County Republicans in search of campaign workers. That's small potatoes compared with the sophisticated electioneering occurring

on Silak's behalf.

From 1970 to 1994, Idaho went without a contested race for the Supreme Court. Justice resigned with their terms unfinished, and governors appointed new ones — usually following the recommendations of the Judicial Council. Justices were, in effect, confirmed by the voters in the next election.

It was Andrus who changed this pattern with appointment of judges such as Silak, with her openly partisan history.

Partisanship in judicial selections intensified three years ago. Justice Byron Johnson served out his term and did not seek re-election, thus depriving then-Gov. Phil Batt of the chance to appoint a successor. Johnson's clear intent was to get another Democrat, Mike Wetherell, elected to his seat.

The play backfired. A former Republican attorney general, Wayne Kidwell, whom Silak had defeated in 1994, was elected in a highly politicized election in 1998.

This time around, Silak's job is up for grabs again. She is desperately trying to downplay her Democrat history, hoping no one will recall even the recent past. We don't think that strategy will work.

This contest is between a liberal incumbent and a more conservative challenger. Silak can't hide from that obvious fact.

Under the guise of 'non-partisanship,' Idaho Supreme Court Justice Cathy Silak is desperately trying to downplay her Democrat history.



Lawmakers look at the death penalty

BALTIMORE — Before he was announced last week, Kurt Schmoke spent five years as state's attorney. In that time, he authorized his prosecutors to seek the death penalty in 12 murder cases and saw nine juries impose the capital punishment he had sought.

"Society is entitled to exact the ultimate penalty for the ultimate crime," he told me. "But by the time I finished my second case as mayor, all nine of those cases had been overturned for one reason or another, all relating to the penalty phase."

"It forced me to take a closer look at the process by which death penalties were being imposed, and what I have learned is that the disparities are enormous in who gets put to death in this country."

Those inconsistencies make it "almost a roll of the dice" whether convicts die for their crimes, he said. "There is no common standard from one jurisdiction to the next."

That concern is what prompted Schmoke to lend his support to an effort, announced last week, for a serious, non-partisan study of the way the death penalty is being administered in this country and what steps might be taken to improve it.

The membership of the newly formed National Committee to Prevent Wrongful Executions is unusual, because it includes both supporters and opponents of the death penalty. I was particularly interested in asking the supporters why they thought such an investigation is needed. They had a variety of answers, which in my view add up to an impressive case for examining current practices.

It is not an academic question. Since the Supreme Court decided in 1976 that the death penalty was permissible under certain conditions, almost 600 people have been executed — and the pace is increasing. Thirty-eight states impose



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capital punishment and Congress has greatly expanded the list of federal crimes where the death penalty may be applied.

But both Congress and the states have signaled their uneasiness with the process, and the decision by Illinois Gov. George Ryan, a Republican, to order a moratorium on executions last January captured national headlines. Ryan acted after 13 prisoners on Illinois death row had been exonerated, largely by the efforts of Northwestern University journalism students and other private citizens.

Here in Maryland, demonstrators outside the State House in Annapolis last week urged a similar moratorium. They argued that there is racial bias in the application of the death penalty, that it is imposed most often in black-on-white crimes.

Schmoke, who is an African-American, says he thinks the racial factor is "not a matter of intent," but simply "a byproduct of prosecutorial discretion varying so widely between even nearby jurisdictions, say, Baltimore County and the city of Baltimore."

Beth Wilkinson, the former prosecutor who asked the jury to sentence Timothy McVeigh, the Oklahoma City bomber, to death, told me that "the adequacy of counsel" is her main concern about capital cases. "McVeigh had very talented counsel," she said, "but often in the state courts that is not true."

Her view was endorsed by retired

Judge Robert Burns, who served for 18 years on the bench in Jefferson Parish, La., and, like the others, supports the death penalty. "I've seen public defenders who are so overworked and undernourished that they had to try the case almost like it was a theft charge," he said.

Both Wilkinson and Judge Burns said it is penny-wise and pound-foolish to provide such low pay and such meager investigative resources for public defenders in murder cases. "If you do the trial right the first time," Burns said, "we will save the taxpayers money down the line because there will be far fewer grounds for appeals."

The final committee member I interviewed was William Sessions, the director of the FBI under Presidents Reagan and Bush and also a former federal judge in Texas. Sessions told me he strongly believes that "some crimes are so heinous that the forfeiture of life is an appropriate penalty."

For him, the great question in the application of the death penalty involves the use of DNA evidence. "When I came to the FBI," he said, "we had no capacity to use advanced DNA evidence, but by December of 1988, we had a program that became the national model. Out of the first 100 cases where we tested prisoners, 33 people who had been identified by witnesses and by serology (blood typing identification) as being the criminals involved were exonerated by DNA testing."

There are 3,500 people now on death row," Sessions said, "and many have been there for years, long before DNA evidence was available. As a prosecutor and a judge and an FBI director, I want to be sure we've got the right people. And now we can be."

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

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LETTERS

Hagerman supports administrator

To the Hagerman School Board:

We had the opportunity to attend last Tuesday's board meeting. We heard numerous individual community members voice their support for Mr. Ills. Did you hear? We heard past board members attest as to Mr. Ills' past stellar performance. Did you hear? We heard past and present students tell of the difference Mr. Ills has made in their lives and how he has inspired them to succeed in life. Did you hear? We heard both longtime and new residents bear testimony as to his character and genuine concern for their children and grandchildren whose lives he has impacted. Did you hear? We heard the entire staff of high school teachers pledge their support and indicate their confidence in Principal Ills. Did you hear? We heard that Mr. Ills has performed these services for the community with no fanfare or recognition for the past 34 years. We heard a vast majority of patrons express their shock to hear that you feel you may no longer desire such a quality employee. Did you hear?

Apparently, you feel there needs to be changes at Hagerman High School. We heard a community say they believe Mr. Ills has earned and deserves the opportunity to participate and help with those changes. Don't you believe he has at least earned that?

In these days of so many failed bond elections and a growing presence of negative signals being sent to local school boards, it is promising to see a community with such overwhelming support for a school administrator and his staff. You now hold the envious position of having the highly coveted "super-majority" support of your constituents. We believe the burden now lies solely on your shoulders. Do you want the message to your patrons: "We value your support

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and involvement with your schools," or do you disregard them? We hope you heard.

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Vote for Murphy for prosecutor

I want to take this time to express my support of Mark Murphy for Twin Falls County prosecutor in the Republican primary May 23.

As a citizen of Twin Falls County, I am very concerned we ranked No. 1 in the state in crime. I am troubled by the current 50 percent felony dismissal or reduction rate in our county. This can't possibly help in reducing our county's high crime rate.

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The ACLU abandons civil rights protection

The American Civil Liberties Union's name is becoming a paradox, as the organization's commitment to a robust defense of civil liberties against the government continues to diminish.

Take the issue currently before the U.S. Supreme Court of whether the Boy Scouts of America has a First Amendment freedom of association right to exclude homosexuals.

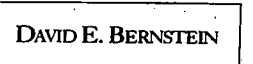
Instead of defending the Boy Scout's right of association, the ACLU has filed a brief arguing that the government can and should compel the Boy Scouts to accept gays as Scout leaders and members.

The Boy Scouts requires that its members and leaders be "morally straight," which it interprets as prohibiting homosexual conduct.

Whether or not the Boy Scouts are correct in their determination that those who engage in homosexual conduct are not morally straight is not the fundamental issue in this case. Rather, the outcome of this case will determine whether private organizations have the right to set their own membership rules. For instance:

Will the American Jewish Congress be allowed to restrict its membership to Jewish households? Can the Knights of Columbus exclude non-Catholics? Do the Girl Scouts have to admit boys? Can gay groups be forced to admit fundamentalist Christians who regard homosexuality as morally deviant?

These issues are all at stake in this case. The ACLU is not simply AWOL in this crucial civil liberties case, it's work-



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ing for the enemy.

In addition to filing a friend of the court brief on behalf of New Jersey, the ACLU has represented gay men against the Scouts in California, Washington, D.C., and Illinois.

Keith Leiseman, the ACLU attorney in the Illinois case, explained: "We believe individuals have constitutional rights to freedom of association and speech, and if a group wants to exist to express hostility to gays or blacks or women, there are protections for that. But the Boy Scouts? You're talking about 4 million kids tying knots... It's not the same thing."

Thus, the ACLU apparently would defend a virulently anti-gay organization, but not an organization, like the Boy Scouts, that teaches tolerance to all people while disapproving certain conduct.

Unfortunately, the Boy Scouts situation is not an isolated example of the ACLU's unwillingness to defend civil liberties when anti-discrimination interests are at stake.

The ACLU has defended a California decision creating a prior restraint against speech that could cause a "hostile workplace environment" for homosexuals.

The ACLU opposed the Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999 out of concern that some courts may rely on the act to allow religious landlords to decline to rent to unmarried couples, and perhaps gay couples as well.

The ACLU sided with the state of Ohio against a small Christian school that relied on its right to religious freedom in defending its policy against employing women with pre-school age children.

The ACLU opposed the right of religious groups and fraternal orders that provide housing to favor their own members.

Even protection of free speech, the ACLU's bread and butter, is under threat within the organization.

The ACLU filed lawsuits against universities in Wisconsin and Michigan, but all three California ACLU affiliates endorsed speech codes in the name of "civil rights protection."

ACLU President Nadine Strossen acknowledges that the organization no longer sees its mission solely as devotion to civil liberties. Rather, it balances civil liberties against civil rights claims, "weighing the potency and applicability (in each instance of the general values of) liberty and equality."

The ACLU has traditionally been one of the few liberal organizations willing to protect individual liberty against government power, even when that power is used in ways that support left-wing policy objectives.

If the ACLU doesn't redefines itself to its original libertarian mission, it will soon be just another apparatus of, and apologist for, government suppression of civil liberties.

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OPINION

See Rudy run ... See Rudy's ratings fall

NEW YORK - Say this for Rudolph Giuliani, this city's mayor-candidate: He's certainly not the hoodlum...

MICHAEL POWELL

Not this year. When city undercover police officers shot and killed an off-duty, unarmed security guard in March, after he refused to sell them crack, calls came for Giuliani to offer words of sympathy to the dead man's family.



Republicans talk about Giuliani every chance they get. But some doubt is creeping in. "I think he's playing us for fools," says Michael Long, the Brooklyn-born baron of New York's Conservative Party...

press braces for gale-force winds from Hixsoner.

But the mayor surprises. This man of Savonarolan temperament doesn't rage and mock. Rather, he sounds a bit like a loveick: Don Juan. He stands before the City Hall jactals and acknowledges, rather proudly, that Nathan is "a good friend, very good friend."

All of which has led some overzealous fans of the New York political scene to proclaim this opera over, our tragic hero impaled on his own sword. To which the wisest response is ... perhaps.

Hillary Clinton has now visited every one of the state's 62 counties. And she has taken to addressing her audiences as "my fellow New Yorkers."

But Clinton's partisans aren't about to start thumping the drum of family values. Marriage remains a no-fly zone in this race.

The first lady remains a taste that, if polls are to be believed, many New Yorkers have not yet acquired. And her comments on L'Affaire Giuliani are studiously and painfully bland.

So we have that least edifying and most interesting of phenomena, a New York political race in which both candidates find themselves lighting far greater bonfires in the hearts of their enemies than in the breasts of their friends.

Ah, love.

Michael Powell wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

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And still - yes! - Giuliani remains in the race for the U.S. Senate.

"Rumors of my demise are greatly exaggerated," the mayor said Thursday, even as he endeavored to extract a political stake from his back.

A suspect of irony, infidelity is proving quite the tonic for Democratic Senate candidate Hillary Clinton. Her equanimity when faced with her husband's system has earned her much praise and drew the attention of New York Democrats. Now Giuliani's runaway lead threatens to spell her narrow advantage in recent polls.

"His infidelity could get her elected," says Mitchell Moss of the Taub Urban Research Center at New York University. "Rudy is now competing with Rudy's personal life in competing with his record. In an inauspicious campaign, Hillary just has to keep standing."

It has been Giuliani's political genius to obscure his more abrasive impulses at election time.

LETTERS

the board's position and appreciate the stress and pressure that the members must be under; however, I have all the confidence that the board will make a sound and just decision, and I

support the consequences of that decision. I realize that any conclusions the board may come to will not have been easily reached. TINA BOLDUC Hagerman

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Let's vote for Loeb

I am writing to show my support for the re-election of Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb. His record against crime is commendable, his position on asset forfeiture is sound, and he has brought a professionalism to the prosecutor's office that is the envy of the state.

When Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore said, "Chief, Jim Messy say they like Grant's work, I believe them. When Idaho State Police Director E.D. Strickland says Grant handled the Lohman case ... in a manner appropriate for such cases," I believe him. And when The Times-News says that "... Prosecutor Grant Loeb has placed generally reasonable restrictions on civil asset forfeiture," then I have to believe that Grant has been severely scrutinized and has come out with flying colors.

Lastly, I have met several people that work in Grant's office, and I know that he has assembled a dedicated, hard-working team of staff members and attorneys who know they can depend on Grant for strong leadership and integrity. They make personal sacrifices, in salary as well as long work hours, and they should all be commended for the fabulous work that they do.

Let us all vote for Grant Loeb on May 23. TIM G. BUSCHER Twin Falls

Board will do the right thing

To members of the Hagerman School Board:

As a resident and concerned citizen of the community of Hagerman, I feel it necessary to express my opinion concerning the employment of Wayne Hix. I found Wayne's actions to be totally inappropriate when he invited the students to speak on his behalf at Tuesday's board meeting and by allowing absence of high school students at the community cleanup. Although I am not knowledgeable of the reasons he may be terminated, his recent actions may have sent a message to the students that integrity and accountability are meaningless. Additionally, if Wayne has nothing to hide, then I encourage him to open his file to the public.

Also, I am conscious of the problems and inefficiencies that the Hagerman School District faces. Although commensally we are in great shape without any strong leadership, our schools and children will inevitably fail. Hagerman citizens need to walk their talk, so to speak. Jumping on the "band wagon" and expressing sudden interests in public issues does not produce long-term change or results. The people of Hagerman elected the board and should be confident in their competence to do the right thing. I am aware of the difficulty of

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Grant has done an outstanding job in this position and deserves the support of those in the law enforcement community. Wayne Toussley, Twin Falls County Sheriff Times News, March 13, 2000 "When you combine intelligence with good work ethic, that's a dangerous man to have on the other side." Monte Carlson, Former Twin Falls Defense Attorney Times News, July 9, 1997 "His department is as well oiled as any I've seen. I've seen the good ones, and I've seen the bad ones, and his is good." Marvin Hempleman, Twin Falls County Commissioner Times News, August 17, 1998 "Launching a community discussion on school violence is absolutely the right thing to do. We commend Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb for calling a broad-based meeting on this subject." Editorial, Times News, May 26, 1999 "I have lived criminal law and I don't see any abuse of plea negotiations in this county. What I see is an efficient use of resources." Roger Burdick, Fifth District Judge Times News, February 28, 2000

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Business helped make pesticide legislation

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - When Rep. Richard Pombo, Calif., introduced the Regulatory Flexibility and Openness Act of 1999, he said it was needed to streamline the process of regulating potentially dangerous pesticides. His colleagues have since rallied to his cause, with a majority of House members and 38 senators signing on to the legislation.

But unknown outside the small circle of those involved in the drafting process, much of the text of the bill was written not on Capitol Hill but in Arlington, Va., by a consulting firm working for a coalition of pesticide manufacturers, agricultural organizations and food processors. Many of those who work for the firm previously worked on pesticide regulation at the Environmental Protection Agency.

The legislation would make it more difficult for federal regulators to restrict existing pesticides while giving manufacturers broad leeway to introduce new ones. Pombo and his allies say his measure deals only with "process" and does not change any of the laudable goals or "basic structure" of a sweeping food safety law passed unanimously by Congress four years ago. Critics say it would effectively undo the protections put in place in 1996. No immediate hearings are planned.

The large number of congressional sponsors of the bill is in part a measure of the intensity of the lobbying campaign by supporters. Chemical and agribusiness trade groups have mounted an aggressive campaign on Capitol Hill, sponsoring "lobbying days" that bring farmers to Washington to meet with their representatives.

Articles and editorials in the farming trade press predicted that continuing with the current law would produce economic disaster for growers and mean less fresh fruit and vegetables for children, who would suffer more illnesses and deaths as a result. One November article in the magazine "The Packer" even likened EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner to infamous mass murderer John Wayne Gacy. The 1996 law set a new, stringent standard for using pesticides, requiring "a reasonable certainty of no harm" for

raw and processed food. It focused on making sure that food was safe for children, requiring that permissible exposures to pesticides be reduced tenfold to protect infants and children unless the EPA was presented with "reliable data" showing that so great a reduction was unnecessary.

The extra protections for children were urged by a 1993 report of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences, which concluded that developing brains and bodies were especially vulnerable to damage from the neurotoxins present in many pesticides. While the EPA had occasionally established additional safety margins for children, the academy's scientists said the threat to children's health was grave enough to warrant applying the protections in general cases, unless there was solid evidence showing that extra safeguards weren't needed.

The Pombo bill essentially would reverse the burden of proof, requiring the EPA to provide detailed justification before it sought to apply any additional safety margins for children. The agency would face new obligations to explain itself whenever it used computer models or statistical assumptions "in the absence of data that could be obtained."

At the same time, manufacturers that want register new types of pesticides would still be allowed to use assumptions or calculations rather than conducting studies, making it easier for them to sell new compounds at the same time it would be harder for EPA to restrict old ones, opponents say.

An outspoken defender of private property rights who once said the "eco-federal coalition owes more to communism than to any other philosophy," Pombo says his proposed rules are needed to keep the EPA from making worst-case assumptions and rushing to judgments without "doing the science." But others instrumental in the passage of the 1996 law disagree. "The Pombo bill would be a major step backward," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif. "It would guarantee that the law we passed would never be implemented." Rather, he said, the EPA should be moving "faster and more forcefully to deal with pesticides that are a threat to human health. I certainly don't think we should put barriers in their way."

Study questions practice of 'sex reassignment'

BALTIMORE (AP) - The practice of surgically "reassigning" boys born without penises is being called into question by a new study that suggests gender identity is determined in the womb.

Researchers at the Johns Hopkins Hospital Friday said the study found that such boys, raised

as girls, had masculine behavior and most declared themselves to be boys.

In what is believed to be the first study of its kind, researchers tracked the development of 27 children born without a penis, a rare defect known as a cloaca exstrophy. The infants were otherwise male with normal testicles,

male genes and hormones. Twenty-five of the children were sex reassigned, meaning

doctors castrated them at birth and their parents raised them as girls.


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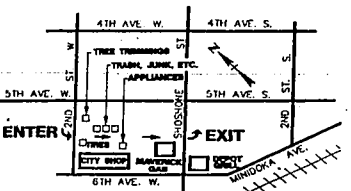
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- Residential households will be able to dispose of four (4) tires - 16" and under. No rims.
- No hazardous waste/chemicals will be accepted.
- Tree trimmings, shrubs, pruning and pallets will be accepted at the wood waste site located at 976 Rose Street.

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3. Refrigeration appliances can have from removed at the reduced cost of \$25.00 per appliance.
4. Only four (4) tires per residential household.
5. No hazardous waste/chemicals accepted.
6. Loads need to be separated for disposal:
 1. Appliances
 2. Tires
 3. Batteries
 4. Tree Trimmings - brush must be taken to 967 Rose Street.
 5. Debris

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Contact Sherry Jeff, City Sanitation Inspector, at 735-7264 for more information.

Surviving in a tough Idaho neighborhood

Did you read the other day that Twin Falls has a higher crime rate per capita than New York, Los Angeles or any other Idaho city with a population greater than 10,000? I have some theories as to why:
• Lawn ornaments: Irresistible to ickorhiki thieves, which make up small but sinister part of our criminal element locally. Look for an upsurge in snow globe-snatchings at garage sales.
• Homebody criminals: Even our county jail escapes can't bring themselves to leave the area, so it's only natural that they'd find work locally.
• Skateboarders: As the only Twin Falls drivers who can successfully parallel-park, they're at a natural advantage for quick escapes.
• SIRCOMM: Actually all that crime is spread out throughout the area, but the 911 operators only have



good maps of Twin Falls.
• Stage and ballpark mothers (and fathers too). The source of most boxer fights in Twin Falls.
• Tough gangs like the Gray Panthers and the Blue Fitness, hanging out around the Senior Citizens Center after dances, looking for trouble.
• Best trucks: The getaway vehicle of choice for getaway drivers.
• Cable TV: Pay services like the Nude Bass Fishing Network and The Love Boat Channel are just undermining the living districts out of our moral fiber.
• TV remote controls: The No. 1 cause of domestic violence in Twin Falls County.
• Bad drivers: We don't exactly have Road Rage here, but we sure do have Road Peers.
• Line-dancing: It's a nasty combination: arrhythmic cowboys, steel-toed boots, country music and beer.
• Cow-tipping: And in an ominous development, an upsurge of horse-tipping as well.
• Pokemon: Although the cards are officially banned from local grade schools, a flourishing trade persists among the 70-year-old crowd. And Pikachu drives a nicer car than you do.
• Perring Bridge: It's a bad business to have Evin-swilling itinerants jumping into a 40-foot-deep canyon on a regular basis. Besides, with bungee cords, they always come back.
• Softball: You just know nobody's going home until that last day.
• Karaoke: Did you know that under Idaho law, it's possible to commit battery with your voice?
• Lottery tickets: Tends to make Idaho folks skulk around convenience stores, hopped up on Slim Jims and Mountain Dew.
• "Breakfast of Champions." Somehow, it never made the most-wanted list.
• "Twin Falls, Idaho." Thanks to this movie, half the world thinks we're a booker-filled flophouse that makes fun of conjoined Siamese twins.
• Lawyers who work on a contingency-fee basis. One way or another, somebody's gonna lose a trailer.
• Irrigation boots: Mix-and-match 'em with a tank top, and it's a fashion crime. Top 'em off with a gismo seed cap, and it's a felony.
• Telegating: A curious phenomenon, since very few pickups in Twin Falls County actually have taillights.
• "The Jerry Springer Show." It just hits no danger closer to home.
• High gas prices: Folks is a 'siphon' other people's rigs, usin' Plixie Stik straps.
• Duplicate bridge: "Smile, stranger, when you say, 'Four no-trump.'"
• Express check-out lines: Tempting otherwise law-abiding citizens into tryin' to sneak through with \$2 items.
• Brown gravy ladled over green Jell-O salad with fruit cocktail and those hard little marshmallows: A toxic combination that, technically, transforms all-you-can-eat smorgasbards into Superfund sites.
• The Blue Lakes Cruise: A recent study showed that it's the cause of the vast majority of mooning incidents in Twin Falls.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump reminds you that there are 35,000 stories in the naked city, and he hopes all of them get covered real quick.

Threatened lawsuit may be moot
Plant under attack by environmentalists must shut down anyway

By N.S. Noldenbved
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - The exhaust gases that form a yellow plume from the smokestack are so acidic, they corroded equipment used to make the gas.
That's one reason federal officials say they have not applied for a hazardous waste permit for a facility that processes liquid radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.
Two environmental groups who last month notified the federal government of their intent to sue over the facility have added

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-From the notice sent to INEEL

state and federal environmental officials as targets of the prospective suit. The groups say officials have failed to enforce regulations

by not forcing the facility to apply for a permit.
The Environmental Defense Institute of Troy and Keep Yellowstone Nuclear Free of Jackson, Wyo., say the state Division of Environmental Quality and the federal Environmental Protection Agency have failed to enforce environmental regulations.
The groups sent the two agencies a 60-day notice of intent to sue, adding them to the federal Energy Department, which originally was named in a notice sent out last month.
The new notice asked the EPA and DEQ to force the Energy De-

partment to halt the operation.
"If the agencies fail to do so, we will seek injunctive and declaratory relief," the groups said.
But the threatened suit would be pointless, because the plant already is under a court order to shut down by June 1, said Brett B. Bowhan, an attorney representing INEEL, in a letter to the two groups.
The facility would already be shut down before the 60 days; the notice gives the INEEL to respond. And it would not be restarted without being upgraded.
Please see SUIT, Page B3

Farmers take packer to court

By Ruth Streuter
Times-News writer
BURLEY - Defendants in a lawsuit deny allegations of embezzlement and contend the Mini-Cassia farmers suing them were negligent and have no right to recover any damages.
Mike Patterson of Paul-based Desert Ridge Farms and Ken Patterson of Rustic Ag farm of Burley filed a lawsuit February in U.S. District Court in Pocatello. They alleged 12 combined counts of larceny, breach of duty, embezzlement, racketeering and fraudulent reporting by Christiansen Produce, a Pocatello potato packer.
The Pattersons allege they were approached by Christiansen Produce and other individuals to become investors in Southfork Produce LLC, a limited liability corporation that would pack and sell fresh potatoes. Christiansen Produce misrepresented its financial condition so the Pattersons would agree to be partners, and it falsified documents that continued to misrepresent the financial status of that corporation, the Pattersons allege.
Christiansen Produce's principal stakeholders listed on the complaint are Phillip B. Christiansen of Bannock County, Todd Christiansen of Power County, Jared Christiansen of Bannock County and Joey Christiansen of Cassia County.
One count of racketeering also extends to include John and Valerie Hoybjerg of Bannock County and Jay and Shellie Van Orden of Bingham County, also stakeholders in Christiansen Produce.
In a response filed May 1 by Christiansen Produce, Southfork

Helen Henderson models a sequined gown from the 1950s at Saturday's Spring Garden Tea fund-raiser for Children At Risk Evaluation Services, an organization that helps abused children.



Old-time gowns highlight benefit

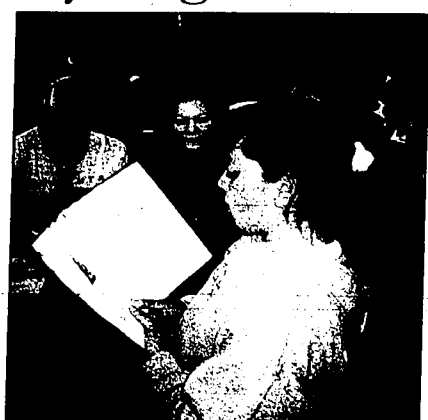
By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - The past came alive Saturday to help the children of today.
Dozens of gowns, some dating back more than a century, were modeled during the Spring Garden Tea fund-raiser for Children At Risk Evaluation Services, which interviews and evaluates abused children.
Most of the gowns came from the collection of Helen Henderson, who for eight years escorted Miss Idaho to Atlantic City for the Miss America Pageant.
"It's been fun just to share these with a group like this," said the 90-year-old Henderson, who modeled some of the gowns she wore up to 50 years ago.
CARES, based at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, decided to have a tea party this year as its annual spring fund-raiser because weather ruined its kite festivals the past two years. CARES coordinator Kerry Koontz said.
About 45 people paid \$15 to eat and watch the fashion show, and Kimberly Nurseries, which donated its Garden Cafe for the afternoon, will also donate money from sales of bedding plants to CARES.
All proceeds from the afternoon, which could be close to \$600, will go into an endowment fund that Koontz hopes will grow enough to support CARES someday, she said.
Fund-raiser organizers remembered watching vintage gowns being modeled several years ago at another hospital function, and they thought it would be a good idea, Koontz said.
"There are so many people who have these gowns," she said. "They have them hidden and don't know what to do with them."
That was the case with Henderson, who keeps her gowns in a spare closet because she doesn't want to throw them away, she said.
"They're sort of memories of what you've done," she said.
They might be memories to Henderson, but many of the gowns are still fashionable today, Koontz said.
"Some fashions never die," she said.
Times-News writer Brian Haynes can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238, or by e-mail at bhayne@magicvalley.com.

Paul writing program inspires young authors

By Corann Hart
Times-News correspondent
PAUL - Monsters were eating everyone, and 9-year-old Juan Gil saved the day.
Juan's book, "The Hero," is an epic about a boy who saves himself and his friends as the heroic monster slayer.
He chases the worst monster to its own world before doing the best.
Juan was in the library of Paul Elementary School last week, reading his book to a buddy. The room was bustling with students, teachers, volunteers and parents, gathered to celebrate the school's young authors program.
Juan, you see, isn't the only heroic adventurer at the school.
As a table in the middle of the room, Kathryn Haun read her book aloud to her friend Doug Ball, teacher Shelly Rasmussen and Doug's mother, Kim Ball. The conversation grew serious.
"How did you get the water out of the cactus? Did it just run out by itself?" Rasmussen said.
"I don't know," Kathryn responded. "I'm going to have to try to find out."
"I could try it out at Gramma's," Doug said. "She has cactus growing at her house."
Later, Rasmussen praised the

Want to help?
Every student from first to sixth grade participates. Steven said, "At the upper grade levels, they may produce several books in a school year. Then we publish it and put it in a comb binding."
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back of the book, with a photograph. The child picks the cover design.
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Elizabeth Loy, a third-grader in Elaine Mayes' class at Paul Elementary School, reads her finished novel, "Pirates and Skeletons at Dawn," to her parents, Estreberto and Eolida Loy.

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Arco questions INEEL's financial contribution

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - The first town in America to be lit by atomic power wants more from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory than a footnote in history.

They are upset the lab rejected a contract that would allow county deputies to oversee traffic stops. They are also question-

ing why the site does not help the county's emergency 911 phone service.

A recent law enforcement dispute has prompted the county to investigate a number of U.S. Department of Energy sites treat their host counties.

"All we want is equal footing with what's happening in other states with other sites," said County Commissioner Seth Beal. County officials now believe they are entitled to collect property taxes and building permit fees on some buildings and equipment at the site.

land but are owned and operated by the private company. County officials are not entirely sure about the numbers, but estimate property taxes and building permit fees on the British Nuclear Fuels project alone could add \$2 million to the county's budget.

OBITUARIES

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CASTLEFORD

Slick Eastarday

Slick Eastarday, 70, of Castleford, passed away Friday, May 12, 2000.

He was born the last of four children on April 5, 1930, to Harmon and Vera Eastarday. He resided with his family in Eustis, Nebraska, until the age of nine. Then the family moved to Castleford, Idaho.

Slick is survived by his loving wife, and three children, Dobbie (Dean) Alford, Grant (Janelle), and Jana (Chad) Bliok. He has six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two sisters, Clarice Webb and LeAnn Cooker, and one brother, Wayne Eastarday.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Slick will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Memorial services for Slick Eastarday will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 17, 2000, at the Castleford Baptist Church. Cremation is under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS



Chester V. Nenzel

Chester V. Nenzel, of Twin Falls, died at his home on May 11, 2000, after a battle with cancer.

He came into the world on May 21, 1913, in Lovelock, Nevada. Joseph F. Nenzel and Ora A. Stevens. He married Doris Elaine Whitlock on March 21, 1935, in Reno, Nev. She preceded his death after 55 years of marriage.

He later married Dorothy McCulloch on November 29, 1991, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Chet was the Seabees and the US Navy during World War II, and served most of his entitlement in the European Theater. He was aboard the HMS Capetown during the Invasion of Normandy, (D-Day). After the war, he worked for the US Post Office in Nevada until 1956, and then as a

JEROME

Leah Darylene Dillon

Leah Darylene Dillon, 28, of Jerome, Idaho, died Thursday morning, May 11, 2000.

Leah was born in McCall, Idaho, on February 13, 1972, to Daryl and Ann Dillon. She spent her younger years growing up in New Meadows, Idaho, where she attended elementary school, and graduated from

ANTHONY A. LOUIS

Anthony A. Louis, 92, of Jerome, and formerly of Syracuse, New York, passed away May 4, 2000, in Jerome, Idaho.

He was born June 13, 1907, to Anthony and Catherine Louis in Syracuse, NY. He married Florence Snyder on April 4, 1934. Tony was an avid sports fan, and adored his grandson Peter and granddaughter Amanda.

He is survived by his daughter, Cathy Berg of Jerome; and grandchildren, Peter Berg of Syracuse, NY, and Amanda Berg of Jerome.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and three brothers. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2000, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church at 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome, with Fr. Ron Wokerle officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

SERVICES

Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Olen F. Crandall of Walls, Walla, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Pendleton.

DEATH NOTICES

Bianche H. Cook

Bianche H. Cook, 79, of Rupert, died Saturday, May 13, 2000, at her home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home at 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Raul Gomez

Raul Gomez, 29, of Paul, died Thursday, May 12, 2000, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Rupert.

LOCAL SERVICES

Ore. Local services at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Michael K. Olson of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted Sharon Galley of Twin Falls; Colbie Kiegel of Buhl; and Azella Smith of Jerome.

Released Niska Whitehawk of Gooding.

Feds want swan hunting made permanent

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wants to make trumpeter swan hunting permanent in states bordering Idaho.

But critics of the plan say that interferes with a 10-year effort to convince the birds to disperse from the Henry's Fork River in Harrison State Park.

"In my mind, the swan hunt has just derailed the whole thing," said Ruth Shea, executive director of the Trumpeter Swan Society. "If these birds don't have another place to go further south ... this bottleneck is just going to get worse and worse."

Managers have been trying to help trumpeter swan populations in the Rocky Mountains for years. While more than 3,000 birds migrate from Canada, there are only about 350 nesting adults in the U.S. population, slightly more than half of what biologists would like to see.

Since 1990, trumpeter swans have been banded away from the Henry's Fork, where they congregate during the winter. Managers are trying to encourage the birds to migrate farther south, where fewer would be killed by cold winters.

There also has been concerns about birds eating aquatic vegetation that blue-ribbon trout depend on in the young Henry's Fork fishery.

But neighboring states that allow ducks swan hunting also fear that as the birds expand their range hunters might shoot a trumpeter swan by mistake.

"Especially on the wing, it's difficult to determine what you're shooting at," said Dick Munoz, project leader for the Fish and Wildlife Service's Southeast National Wildlife Refuge complex.

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The facility has been operated... without hazardous... permits required under federal... laws. It operated... instead for the past 10 years... "interim status" and an... agreement with DEQ and EPA...

The... similar to a grandfather clause for facilities... already in operation when hazardous waste laws took effect... allows existing facilities to continue to operate while the required permits are sought.

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Brian Morrison of DEQ said he could not comment on the notice because of the potential lawsuit. EPA officials familiar with the issue were unavailable Friday, said Wayne Smith of the agency's Seattle office, and he could offer no official comment.

But saying the facility has operated unregulated all those years is not true, Bigger said. The facility was regulated by DEQ and EPA under interim status and was not violating federal environmental law, Bigger said.

The plant was built before the federal hazardous waste regulations were applied to INEEL officials say. And because officials could not monitor exhaust to the level required for a permit application, the facility was operated under temporary permits - interim status - and agreements with the state and federal agencies.

The operation was allowed based on an analysis of random samples and the known components of the material being processed that were used to determine the likely emissions from the facility. Those methods were not sufficient for a hazardous waste permit, but they were enough to convince state and EPA officials that emissions would not exceed federal requirements, Bigger said.

"In the meantime, our risk assessments show it is not posing a health threat," he said.

When EPA and the federal hazardous waste rules also applied to INEEL, in 1988, INEEL officials had planned to shut down the

In the meantime, our risk is not probably a healthy environment

Brad Bigger, INEEL spokesman

facility in about the same time it would take to complete an application and get a permit, said John Walsh, a spokesman for Bechtel RWTT, which now operates the INEEL for the Energy Department.

From the date when EPA applied the rules to INEEL, the facility had five years to comply. That meant the facility would have had to have a permit by 1993, the year INEEL officials planned to shut down the calciner, Walsh said.

The federal government then changed its mind and continued to operate the facility, he said.

The regulatory agencies in 1992 reached an agreement with INEEL to resolve alleged violations in the operation of the calciner. That agreement has since been modified - first in 1994, again in 1996 and 1999.

The April 19, 1999, change in the agreement requires INEEL to shut down the facility by June 1 unless it gets a hazardous waste permit.

The two groups say DEQ and EPA should have insisted on a permit application instead of a renewed agreement. But until last year, INEEL officials were still faced with monitoring equipment that could not stand up to the corrosive exhaust.

New sampling methods and equipment, however, have provided the data that led DEQ and EPA to allow the calciner to operate until June 1, Bigger said. After that date, the facility must meet new, stricter emission limits. Federal officials also are using the monitoring data to determine whether it would be possible for the facility to meet those limits.

Under the state's 1995 court-enforced nuclear waste cleanup agreement with the federal government, the government must begin processing an estimated 1.5 million gallons of sodium-bearing liquid waste by June 2001 and complete the work before 2013. The facility may also process additional liquid waste generated by decontamination of other INEEL facilities.

The highly corrosive and radioactive liquid is stored in stainless steel, underground tanks - above the Snake River Plain Aquifer, which supplies drinking and irrigation water to much of the Magic Valley.

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Candidates for Minidoka commissioner

Two people are running for the Minidoka County Commissioner seat now held by JOHN HORNBERG, who is stepping down from the post after serving eight years.

Jerry Walton, a Heyburn general contractor, is going up against each other for the four-year position, which pays \$10,000 per year.

School: Emerson Precinct: Burley Inn rear entrance; Heyburn 1: Heyburn Fire Hall; Heyburn 2: City of Heyburn office; Paul West Minico Junior High School; Pioneer Precinct: Big Valley Elementary School; Rupert 1 through 4: The Civic Building and Rupert 5: Big Valley Elementary School.

The election is from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 23. Polling places are Ascoquia Precinct: Ascoquia Elementary

PERSONAL INFORMATION
Name: Dave Teeter
Age: 57
Hometown: Glenns Ferry, moved to Minidoka County in 1951
Occupation: Owner of Teeter Auto and Towing
Education: Attended Idaho State University
Work History: Started working with his father, who stated Teeter Auto in 1951.
Civic/Volunteer Experience: Rupert Elks member for 25 years, member of Rupert Rifle and Pistol Club, Mini-Cassia Auto Collectors, The Coin Club, Rupert Jaycees, Snake River Scuba Diving Team, Idaho Trail Machine Association, The Snake River Trail Association, National Rifle Association, Rupert Police Reserves and a Minidoka County Historical Society board member.

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WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER?
"Providing a better growing economy for Mini-Cassia young people is one of Teeter's main concerns, he said. "We need to keep them in the area," he said. Also, creating jobs would help keep people in the community. "We need to plan down the road for organized growth," he said. Teeter would like to see some work done in providing more access and development of riverfront recreational areas to help meet his goal of keeping young people from leaving Mini-Cassia. Teeter hopes to work toward solutions for growth in the community that do not cost a lot of money. "I consider myself a conservative," he said. "We don't need to overspend, but we do need to get things done." Community involvement is one way to solve problems without spending a lot of money, he said. "We need to get more people involved in taking a more active part," he said. Teeter said he has the ability to be flexible. "I would stand up for what is right. And there is a lot to be done."

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"That is not easily solved," he said. "We don't have any choice. We have to support our schools." Public schools in the county need to be able to compete with private schools and with schools in Cassia County, Walton said. "People moving into the area gravitate toward areas with the best schools." Minidoka County residents probably need to take care of facility problems within budget restraints, he said.

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"Exit 208 should be developed. I would like to see the county advertise, take the highest bid and collect revenue," he said. "Get on with it." Flying J Travel Plaza management has expressed interest in developing a plaza on Exit 208 property, Walton has talked with representatives from Flying J about doing the infrastructure site work for the project. Flying J is still interested in the property, Walton said.

Farmers

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Produce LLC and Phillip R. Christiansen, the defendants allege that it was the Pattersons who had contacted Christiansen Produce about joining the cooperative.

Christiansen Produce is also suing the Pattersons. The company's response alleges it is the plaintiffs who are guilty of fraud and misrepresented their ability to perform in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Christiansen Produce alleges that the Pattersons fell short of the agreement and owe \$29,132.49 toward their share of ownership in Southfork Produce LLC. The Pattersons also owe \$27,555.00 of potatoes they failed to deliver, the counter-

plaint says. The Pattersons' attorney, Ronald Bush of Boise, declined to comment on the allegations.

Christiansen Produce is asking for \$250,488, plus other lost profits to be determined at trial, and for the Pattersons' claims to be dismissed. Both sides have requested a jury trial.

The Pattersons' February complaint alleged Christiansen Produce owed "a duty ... of full disclosure, honesty and complete candor ... and to make a reasonable and diligent investigation of the statements and representations provided."

The defendants, however, allege the Pattersons did not exercise "due diligence" when investing in the venture, failing to obtain legal counsel and independent accounting services. The

Pattersons also failed to keep themselves apprised of the financial affairs of the business, the defendants' response said.

The defendants also allege that the Pattersons had "ample opportunity to investigate the financial condition of the business, the operations of the business, the skills of the persons on staff involved in the operation of the business," before they bound themselves by an agreement.

The response also says the Pattersons have no right to make claims against Christiansen Produce, because of their active involvement in all aspects of operating the business.

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WEST

Roadless plan focus shifts to public, courts and Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) - Now that President Clinton has made his sweeping proposal to protect 43 million acres of roadless national forests, the focus shifts to three other arenas - the public, Congress and the courts.

Citizens have the chance to speak out on the mammoth proposal at one of 300 public meetings - two in every national forest - during a comment period that ends July 17.

Forest Service officials say they are making an unprecedented effort to make sure the public is heard, as the officials post the plan on the Internet and make hard copies available at public libraries and government offices.

Major environmental groups like the Sierra Club and The Wilderness Society plan to wage a massive campaign to turn out supporters at public meetings and to get them to send in comments. The groups will use the Internet, radio and TV ads, buttons and even baseball caps to spread the word.

"This will probably be the largest civilian mobilization effort the environmental movement has ever undertaken," said Carl Pope, executive director of the Sierra Club.

The stakes are high for the environmental movement, as the plan would protect millions of acres across the West from development, including 3.5 million acres in Washington and Oregon, 9 million in Idaho, nearly 6 million in Montana and more than 4 million each in California and Colorado - to mention just some of the states affected.

As the public comments on the plan, GOP lawmakers - who view the plan as fatally flawed - will consider tacking legislation onto an appropriations bill that would delay or block the forest proposal.

"This still remains a phenomenally transparent attempt to create a legacy for this president," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. Craig said he and Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., have discussed the possibility of legislation but have not yet made a decision.

But others say that legislation could be a tough sell in an election year. President Clinton has suc-



Sen. Larry Craig

ceeded in recent years in blocking most attempts to attach environmental policy to appropriations bills.

Opponents say their best bet is the courts. Craig points out that President Carter's attempts to mandate a roadless policy without input from Congress was stopped by a judge. He says he's confident Clinton's proposal will be struck down as well.

The counties of Boise and Valley in Idaho and Boise Cascade Corp. already have a suit pending

to try to stop the forest plan. They argued in a court filing late last month that the administration lacks authority from Congress and the Constitution to pursue the roadless initiative through an executive rulemaking.

But environmentalists point out that two previous efforts to use legal means to stop the effort - one in Wyoming and one in Idaho - failed. The administration effort "can withstand court tests, there's no doubt," said Michael Francis of The Wilderness Society. Green activists hope their campaign convinces administration officials to make two key changes before the plan becomes final late this year - include the sprawling Tongass forest in Alaska in the plan and ban logging in roadless areas.

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Meridian police Officer Leon Casler pays tribute to slain Officers Friday in Meridian during ceremony at the Idaho Peace Officers' Memorial.

Idaho officers remember slain comrades

MERIDIAN (AP) — Almost 300 Idaho law enforcement officers gathered to remember and honor their colleagues who were killed in the line of duty.

An Idaho National Guardsman played Taps to close the third annual remembrance ceremony Friday at the Idaho Peace Officers' Memorial that is dedicated to the 53 law enforcement workers who died on the job.

Family members and friends

also came to pay homage at a rock wharf memorial in front of Idaho State Police headquarters in Meridian.

The ceremony included an honor guard composed of officers from several police agencies statewide.

Two new names were carved into one of the memorial's two marble plaques this spring, names of officers with the Lewiston Police Department

who died in the line of duty and had gone unrecognized on the memorial until recent archive work revealed their deaths more than 75 years ago.

One of them, Harold Mosman, was a motorcycle patrolman. Mosman was killed in a motorcycle accident while responding to a call.

The other, Gordon Harris, was shot by one of four men who robbed a bank in Craigmont.

Kempthorne awards grants to Eastern Idaho alliance

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Hoping to stimulate more economic development opportunities in eastern Idaho, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Saturday awarded \$4 million to the Regional Development Alliance.

Kempthorne presented the check to Blake Hall, the alliance's chairman, during a ceremony at Spudnik Equipment Co., which manufactures equip-

ment for the potato industry. Spudnik is expected to use Regional Development Alliance funding to help create 120 jobs over five years.

The money comes from Idaho's 1995 settlement with the U.S. Department of Energy mandating cleanup at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. The Regional Development Alliance

was established in 1997 to promote economic diversification and expansion in the seven counties surrounding the INEEL.

Also at Saturday's ceremony were representatives of Rigby-based T&M Potato, which has developed a process for a fully baked Idaho Russet Burbank potato that can be reheated within minutes.

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Annual walk unites two countries' activists

OROVILLE, Wash. (AP) — It didn't take much to change the focus of a 20-year-old international Mother's Day peace march from opposing cruise missiles to supporting handgun control.

Rick Gillespie and a handful of other Okanogan County residents have been marching for international peace every Mother's Day since 1980. This year, they'll march for handgun peace as well.

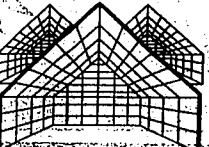
"We're the Okanogan County chapter of the Million Mom March," Gillespie said, referring to the handgun control rally in Washington, D.C. "We're just concerned about our children and our communities and that there is a place for them to grow up healthy and safe."

Community College, Gillespie also relishes the company of northern Okanogan County's numerous "back-to-the-land" residents.

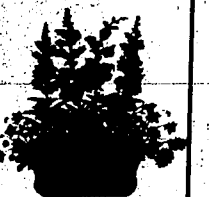
They, too, will be represented in today's marching, speechmaking, poetry readings, dining, dancing and singing.

"It's an interesting picture to see all these diverse people celebrating a common cause," Verigin said.

Gillespie and his wife, Jere, and other Okanogan County residents headed to the U.S.-Canada boundary between Osoyoos and Osoyoos, British Columbia, on Mother's Day 1980 to collect a cruise missile from a party of Canadians who were protesting tests of the new American weapon in Canada.



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"We took it and buried it at a Boeing plant over in Western Washington," Gillespie said.

The cruise-missile protest grew into the annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace, bolstered by pacifists from towns all along the Canadian side of the border.

The Canadians march south from a point a mile north of the border station, while the Americans make a five-mile trek from Oroville.

Gillespie said the American contingent is "kind of an embarrassing little group" of 20 to 30 people compared with the 100 to 150 Canadians who march there at the border.

Vote

Most of the Canadians are Doukhobors; descendants of a persecuted Russian religious group that immigrated to Canada in 1859.

Today, the Doukhobors will sing and present a luncheon for the peace marchers. In keeping with Doukhobor tradition, it will be a vegetarian meal, said J.J. Verigin, a leader of the Doukhobors in southeastern British Columbia. "It's so wonderful to have a group so close by that we can relate to," Gillespie said of the Doukhobors.

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IDAHO/WEST

Hospital staff mobilizes to reunite infant daughter with Idaho family

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Paul and Crystal Westphal and their 1-month-old daughter Corena have been reunited just in time for Mother's Day, thanks to the kindness of strangers.

When circumstances forced the prematurely born infant to remain in a Sacramento, Calif., hospital while her parents returned home to northern Idaho, hospital staff, an air ambulance crew and others pitched in to bring the family back together.

The happy ending came Friday at Spokane's Sacred Heart Medical Center, where the 3 pound, 3 ounce infant will spend another month or so before she can go home.

Staff at Sacramento's Sutter Memorial Hospital took action after deciding it wasn't right that hundreds of miles separated Corena from her parents.

"It just seemed like such a long time that this family would be without their baby" said Wendy Stover, an assistant nurse manager at Sutter Memorial.

"They had already been through a lot, and they're from a small town and all. They seemed just overwhelmed while they were down here."

Corena was just 2 pounds, 2 ounces when she was born by emergency Caesarean section in a hospital in Paradise, Calif., on April 9.

The birth occurred before the due date, while Paul and Crystal Westphal visited friends and camped in northern California. The Athol, Idaho, couple married in January.

"We were going to go through the redwoods on a late honeymoon on the way home, but we didn't make that," Crystal Westphal said Friday.

Soon after the birth, Corena was transferred to the Sacramento hospital's neonatal intensive care unit.

Her father had to return home to work, leaving his 21-year-old wife alone in Sacramento with no family or friends.

"I stayed at the Ronald McDonald House for two weeks, but I just started going crazy," Crystal Westphal said.

Two weeks ago, she decided to return home, with plans to return to Sacramento as often as she could to see her daughter.



Crystal Westphal is reunited with her premature baby, Corena, Friday. Corena was born 12 weeks early in California on April 9.

"It was hard," she said. "I took lots of pictures of her before I came home."

That's when hospital staff began working to bring the family together. Stover called the Westphals' insurer, which balked at the initial price tag of \$20,000 to transport Corena to Spokane - about 40 miles southwest of Athol - by air ambulance.

So Stover got American Medical Response Ambulance Service Inc. to donate ground transportation between the hospitals and airports in Sacramento and Spokane.

CalStar, a medical transport company, agreed to donate the use of an airplane and a pilot to fly Corena north.

The only uncovered cost was the \$4,500 for a bill, which the insurance company then agreed to pay.

"We kind of moved heaven and earth here," Stover said. "Everybody I contacted was more than willing to help out. We just kind of thought it was the right thing to do."

"I'm just grateful that there are so many nice people in the world," Crystal Westphal said as she held her daughter.

Gore says he won't be rushed into dam-breaching position

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Bringing his presidential campaign to Oregon on Friday, Al Gore said he will not be rushed into taking a stand on removing four dams on the lower Snake River because he needs to study the issue further.

Responding to calls from Republicans and even fellow Democrats to take a stand on dam breaching, the vice president said "it's irresponsible to draw a conclusion or make a decision without consulting with all the affected parties involved and utilizing hard science."

Gore also said he is confident "we can develop a plan that will protect our rivers and restore our salmon runs. Extinction here is not an option."

The Democrat made the comments while speaking to about 300 people at Portland Community College.

Environmentalists and some biologists say breaching the dams would boost survival rates of salmon, but industry and labor say it threatens the economy.

Gore also held a private meeting with Gov. John Kitzhaber, a fellow Democrat who supported

former Sen. Bill Bradley over Gore in early presidential primaries and is the highest ranking official yet to support breaching the dams in eastern Washington to help restore endangered salmon runs.

Earlier this week, Bush said the fact that Gore has not declared his stand "may indicate what kind of president he will be."

Republican Sen. Slade Gorton of Washington complained that while Gore can tell South Carolina what flag to fly over its statehouse, "when it comes to an issue of vital importance to our regional economy, the vice president pretends that he hasn't made up his mind when I fear he has."

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Burley musicians put on '50s show to celebrate National Music Week

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

OAKLEY — The sounds of Nat King Cole and Doris Day filled the Howell Opera House Friday night when their 1950s hits were recreated by local talent.

The free concert was part of the Burley Music Club's celebration of National Music Week. Masters of Ceremonies Art Smith and Danielle Coltrin clarified the music choices, saying there were two musical worlds in the '50s. One of them was rock 'n' roll.

"The other was the softer world of nightclub crooners, musical comedy classics, and the Mickey Mouse Club," Coltrin said. "That's what we present to you tonight."

Entire families performed in the concert. The Coltrin children sang the Mickey Mouse Club theme song in an ensemble which also included the Hatzi children and the Kay children. Parents performed solos. Dan Hatch sang "Hello, Young Love" and "Stand By Me." Tim Kay performed "Tonight" and "If Ever I Would Leave You." Danielle Coltrin joined her father, Doug Adams, for a duet of

Join the club

National Music Week is a celebration to honor the music that has shaped our culture. Last year, the club raised \$1,300 which provided scholarships for its students.

The club is helping raise money for \$7.50 and six others will benefit the scholarship fund.

Those interested in the Burley Music Club can call President Doug Hart at 652-2165 or Danielle Coltrin at 678-9289.

sang "On the Street Where You Live" and "Wouldn't It Be Love."

The grand finale came from the Mitton Brothers, which included Steve, Mark, Jared, Zane and Jeff Mitton plus Sid Nelson. Dressed in dark suits, felt hats and sunglasses and sporting gangster-like attitudes, the group sang excerpts from "Heartbreak Hotel," "Teddy Bear," "No Particular Place To Go" and "One More Minute." They received a standing ovation for their performance.

The Burley Music Club raises money for scholarships for high school juniors and seniors who have an interest in music. Last year, the club raised \$1,300 which provided scholarships for six students.

"We're so grateful to everyone for their help," said Burley Music Club President Jay Hurst.

"I Whistle A Happy Tune," then performed a solo of "Chances Are."

Jan Manning and Mary Bedke contributed some piano solos. Percy and Dean Richins and Renae Smyer — the Satin Sounds — were accompanied by Sue Kellner on piano for "Navyajo Trail" and "Unforgettable." Brother and sister team Johnathon and Katherine Moses danced to rock 'n' roll tunes. Tim Kellner on piano for "Navyajo Favorite Things," Tim Mullens provided a soprano of "It Had To Be You," and Anniq Dayley

Times-News correspondent
Corren Hart may be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042.



The vacation home and outhouse of Arvid and Virginia Rigby were likely built in the late 1880s. The Sempete County Heritage Council has launched a campaign to save outhouses.

Save the outhouses!

County launches preservation effort

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Sempete County Heritage Council has launched a campaign to save outhouses.

If you think all of our inventions and modern conveniences in order of importance, indoor plumbing has to be right up there near the top. Most people were happy to get rid of their outhouses. Why would anyone think about saving them now?

People are collecting outhouse memorabilia, setting up Web sites, writing newsletters. Historical societies are encouraging preservation. Museums have sponsored exhibits. Outhouse digging excavating abandoned pits to see what treasures might have been discarded there has become a popular pastime. Outhouse races have become a quirky sport.

Paul was visiting California last November and read a newspaper account detailing some of these activities, and he realized Sempete County could catch the nostalgic wave.

He put a notice in the local paper and was pleased with the response and interest. "We have 42 outhouses that we know about that are still standing. Of course, some are in better shape than others."

He hopes to put together some grant money to help people restore the ones that are in the worst shape. He hopes to print a booklet similar to one they did on old barns when the Smithsonian's "Barn Again" exhibit came to Ephraim in 1998 so people can take an outdoor driving tour. And he hopes to make people more aware of the history and value of keeping some outhouses around.

Because, says Monte Bona, a member of the council, outhouses are an important and vanishing part of our history.

More stories, more folklore, more chronicles of daily life centered around the outhouse than any other outbuilding on the property. People developed euphemistic names — going to visit Aunt Susan, going to the White House, visiting the feds, popping by the big, practical jokes — tipping over, briefly while occupied, moving around, painting graffiti — were common. Outhouses showed up in cartoons, on postcards, even in literary works both great and small.

No one advocates a return to those days. No one insists that the great smell of the summer, the plain inconvenience of it all. Yet outhouses are starting to be an "in" thing once again, at least among nostalgic buffs.

He says, it is that much of rural Utah is not as far removed from the outhouse era as they might think.

Some of the outhouses in Mt. Pleasant and Spring City, including the one in his own back yard, were built in the late 1800s or around the turn of the century. But many are WPA models that were built in the mid- to late-1930s.

Whenever and however they were built, the outhouses are worth saving, says Roger Roper, historical preservation coordinator at the Utah Division of State History.

"We lose so much of the little stuff that makes up life," he says. "We have the big Victorian homes, the important buildings and churches. But our view of history goes elsewhere. The historic American outhouse has a great story to tell, says David Shayt, museum specialist in the division of cultural history at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. "We don't love to collect one. If we could find a well-documented, well-preserved one. That whole evolution from the early ones to the modern portaporties is fascinating."

"We've put them on our endangered species list," says Lona. "They're a part of our history, a part of who we are. And you have to admit they're a lot nicer to keep now. You can use them for storage or decorative purposes. And there's no smell."

It is similar to a muscle relaxant and might make a person drowsy or have blurred vision or a slightly dry mouth, but is not considered addictive.

Davis said the Idaho County Sheriff's Department is investigating the incident, and the girl who brought the drug has been suspended.

Schoolkids share prescription drugs

KOOSKA (AP) — A dozen sixth-graders who shared a bottle of prescription drugs so far have not reported any problems since they were taken to a Grangeville hospital.

A female student brought the medicine dicyclanil — commonly used for bowel disorders — to school last Wednesday.

The school officials discovered the students took the drug after one sixth grader, who declined to use the medicine, told a staff member, said she had an outhouse driving tour. And he hopes to make people more aware of the history and value of keeping some outhouses around.

The children took all 70 pills the girl had with her, said District 244 Superintendent Wayne Davis. One child took as many as 10, and between 12 and 14 kids took the drug, he said.

Five children were taken to Stryker Hospital in Grangeville, and others also received medical attention after taking the dicyclanil.

Davis said no injuries have been reported yet from the drug, but he was unsure about any long-term effects the drug may have.

"I hope we don't have long-term effects that's what you worry about. At this point it's not life threatening, but we need to make

sure the kids realize the seriousness of it."

A nursing supervisor at Stryker Hospital in Grangeville said the five children brought in did not require treatment because it "had been so long since they ingested the drug."

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"We're just saying. Don't knock them down. Fix them up and store your rates or something in there. That's not too nutty is it?"

What surprises many people, he

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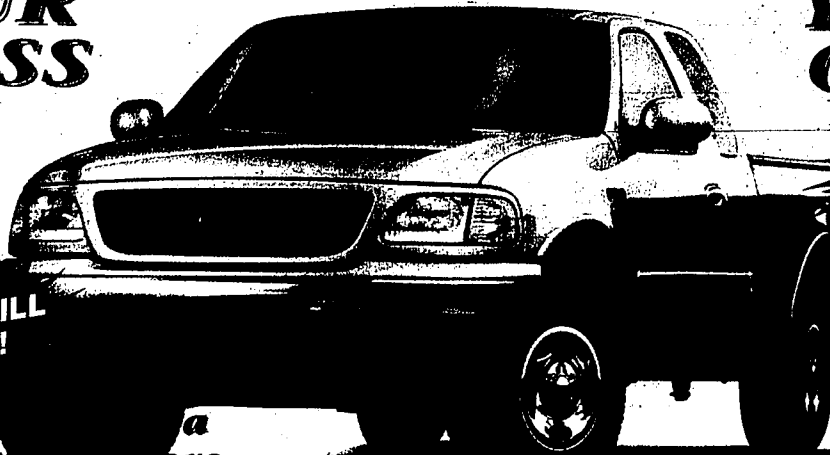
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overheads, their brain counterparts danced the score to take the championship, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. "We had some hard matches today, but prepared us for this," said... "We had little breaks where we didn't play as well as we should have, but overall we did good."

Jerome finished by qualifying two doubles teams for state. "Our team performed just as I had hoped, they would," said... "In mixed doubles, the No. 1-seeded pair of Bruins Zach Thompson and Jill Martin claimed first place. They defeated Jerome D. J. Perry and Katie Prescott 6-1, 6-3 in one of their most difficult matches of the day for the championship."

seeded Ashley Dille who rolled over Pocatello's Kayli Scott 6-0, 6-3 for the championship. Cindy Hanson of Minico also qualified for state, by coming in third. Boys' singles was won by Highland's Ryan Nielson. Nielson topped Pocatello's Mike Chester 6-2, 6-1 for the win. Twin Falls' Mark Fuller managed third after losing to Chester 6-3, 6-0 in a speeded-up match.

Minico and Burley rounded out the field with 17 and 16 points. The Class A-I state tournament will be held at Boise's Tennis and Racquet Club and Capital High School, starting May 19.

Roy stifles Stars as Aves take 1-0 lead in series

DALLAS (AP) — There's nothing like a good challenge to bring out the best in Patrick Roy. Fired up by claims of supremacy from Dallas goalie Ed Belfour, Roy made 13 saves in the third period to seal Colorado's 2-0 victory in the opener of the Western Conference final Saturday night. Milan Hejduk scored on a power play midway through the second period and Aaron Miller added another goal later in the period as the Avalanche ended the Stars' eight-game home winning streak in the playoffs. Belfour, who said months ago he was as good as Roy or better, allowed as many goals in this game as he did in the previous 10.

NHL playoffs

periods at Reunion Arena. Ray Bourque, a sentimental and physical leader for Colorado, missed his third straight game with an injured left eye. He might return for Game 2 Monday night. The Avalanche improved to 21-4 since his arrival. They've won 10 of their last 12 on the road and have an unusual streak of four straight victories in series openers played on the road. That streak includes a Game 1 victory over the Stars in last year's conference finals. Dallas won the series in seven games and went on to win the Stanley Cup.

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Box score for Doggers vs Cardinals game.

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PLAYING THE BLUES

Once-powerful Jazz leaves to strains of funeral dirge

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The Utah Jazz, beloved team of Karl Malone and John Stockton, loving organization for Frank Layden and Larry Miller, cherished franchise for Mark Eaton and Derrell Griffith, fond step for Mel Turpin and Toddman Bentley, dear friend for Salt Lake City.

Funeral today in the Delta Center.

In lieu of flowers, free agents would be appreciated.

It's finally time to write the obituary for the Utah Jazz, a team that seemed to take sick and go downhill quickly. Just two years ago we were watching them stand marveling how good they looked for their age. They seemed they could go on forever.

Malone to Stockton, Stockton to Malone, it seemed like Willard was wishing them happy birthday. Every season they'd return, slower, slower, cranky and crabby but smarter. No, they weren't. They, not with the tattoos, earrings and baggy pants. If anything it seemed like Jeff Hornacek needed a new hip.

While others talked about playoff shares, they worried about Social Security. Then they'd just win games, in fact, 55 this season and a 17th consecutive trip to the NBA playoffs.

Who knows if they'll make another.

They barely defeated a young Sacramento team in the first round of the playoffs last season and again barely did so with a wacky Seattle team this spring. They survived but this cannot go on much longer. It will end against the talented, deep Portland Trail Blazers.

There's still one more win to go for the Blazers, but it's safe to make arrangements with Game 4 today in Salt Lake City. The Jazz no longer can seriously compete and, what's worse, the team has left nothing for its heirs.

Portland has outscored them by an average of 19 points per game in the three wins. The Jazz shot 40.6 percent, the team has Malone at 43.8 percent and Hornacek at 42.9 percent and Stockton at 39.1 percent. Malone is averaging just 7.3 rebounds, the team is shooting less than 28 percent on three-pointers.

This is really no shame because the Blazers are good enough to win the NBA title. In one of his



Utah Jazz center Olen Polynice buries his head in a towel after fouling out in the fourth quarter of the game against Portland Thursday in Salt Lake City. The Blazers beat the Jazz 103-84, taking a 3-0 lead in their playoff series.

not uncommon delusions, Scottie Pippen calls his team one of the greatest in NBA history.

"My team right now is much stronger and more well-rounded (than the Bulls)," Pippen said. "I said that early in the season. From a talent standpoint, we're a much stronger team, and we're able to take advantage of (the Jazz) with our size and the matchups we are pretty much the best where do they go from there?"

NBA Playoffs

Western Conference

1st round

1. Portland at Utah, 7:30 p.m. (Utah leads 2-1)

2. Portland at Utah, 1 p.m. (Trail Blazers lead 3-0)

3. L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 3:30 p.m. (Lakers lead 3-0)

There's almost no bench, little speed and less athleticism. Perhaps a conference realignment will give them a chance. But this looks like a team for the vultures of the West. The Dallas Mavericks have more talent, probably even the Vancouver Grizzlies.

The two immediate problems for Utah are being over the salary cap at least through the next two seasons — meaning they don't have a chance to sign a major free agent — and not having high draft picks.

Even if the Jazz could sign a free agent, there's been a history of players refusing to sign or even being traded to the Jazz. It's a white-oriented community where black players have been reluctant to play. It's about 1,000 miles from anywhere. The desperation led to the deals for the often-disposed Olden Polynice and Armen Gilliam.

Utah developed a young player in Shandon Anderson, and he left. Heck even top executives Scott Layden, Frank Layden and Tim Howells balked out in the last year. This franchise has been on borrowed time for years, anyway. It's a team named "Jazz" in perhaps the most conservative community in the nation. It was fortunate to get Malone with the 13th pick in the draft and Stockton with the 16th, and neither was injured in 15 years.

Realizing all that, the Jazz blew its chance before the lockout in 1998 when Malone went to Milwaukee and demanded a trade. The Jazz should have done it and then restocked a ton. Instead they signed him to a feel-good \$66.5 million deal through 2002-03.

Nice sentiment, but where do they go now for players? It's been a wonderful life, playoff excitement since 1984, a couple of trips to the Finals, a pair of MVPs for Malone, the assists record for Stockton and a work ethic and dignity to be admired. They'll be remembered fondly.

O'Neal's dominance just too much for Suns to take

PHOENIX (AP) — After being swept out of the NBA playoffs the last two seasons, the Los Angeles Lakers could be doing the sweeping this time.

The steady leadership of Phil Jackson, the spectacular ability of Kobe Bryant and the performance of the role players all have helped the Lakers to a 3-0 lead over Phoenix.

But the Lakers are leading the Western Conference semifinals mainly for one 7-foot-1, 325-pound reason. Shaquille O'Neal has been just too much for the Suns.

In the series, O'Neal has averaged 37.3 points and 17 rebounds. Even the "Hack-A-Shaq" tactics backfired in Friday night's 105-99 victory, with O'Neal shooting 9-of-15 from the line. He's shooting 58 percent from the field (45-for-77), and his baskets haven't all been point-blank stuffs.

"It's not like he's taking us down in the post and bullying us. It's not that," the Suns' Luc Longley said. "It's his overall game, and that's the difference between two or three years ago."

If the Lakers, 7-0 against Phoenix this season, win Game 4 today, they will complete their first playoff sweep since 1991 and their first sweep of a four-game series since 1989.

"We've made a lot of progress," O'Neal said Saturday. "Coach Jackson has done a good job of keeping us together, keeping us out of trouble and keeping us very focused. We're looking to close it down tomorrow."

Suns coach Scott Skiles said O'Neal's expanded repertoire of offensive moves has compounded the difficulty in defending him.

"It sounds crazy to say," Skiles said. "But I think we're doing a good job on the guy."

After close losses in Games 2 and 3, Phoenix faced the prospect of going into Game 4

without Cliff Robinson, who sprained his right ankle when he stepped on O'Neal's foot late in the third quarter Friday night. The Suns are 60-for-83.

"They're making more free throws than we're shooting," Skiles said, a slight exaggeration. "Every other statistic is right on the line. It's been the same thing for us all year long. We shoot the fewest free throws of any team in the playoffs, 22 a game."

Jackson said there are many reasons for the free-throw discrepancy, mainly the fact the Suns have chosen to foul O'Neal often.

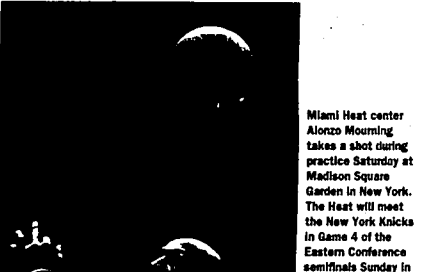
"We have Shaquille and people want to foul Shaquille," Jackson said. "When that ends up happening, then it becomes an issue because the end result is you get in the foul penalty early, then the fouls you make against Glen Rice or Robert Horry or Kobe, you've got them going to the line in the penalty."

The Suns' Penny Hardaway has averaged 27.7 points and shot 58 percent from the field in the series, a performance that has restored a reputation tainted by his troubled final seasons in Orlando. But he said his individual efforts are no consolation.

"We're still down 3-0," he said. "I don't care how many points I score as long as we win."

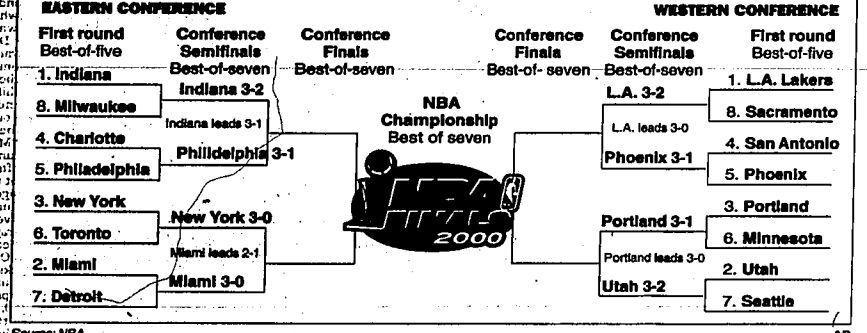
Jason Kidd, shooting just 29 percent in the series as he tries to come back from a broken ankle, said that the team's experiences this season guarantees they won't roll over in Game 4.

"Everything that we've been through, the injuries, the coaching change. There's not one team in this league that's been through as much as we have that's been successful," Kidd said.



Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning takes a shot during practice Saturday at Madison Square Garden in New York. The Heat will meet the New York Knicks in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinals Sunday in New York.

Road to the NBA Finals



Pacers

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came back, but Indiana had a chance at the end. Travis Best missed two long jumpers in the final seconds, including a three-pointer as time expired that could have ended the series.

"It was a snag. I didn't think about it," Brown said of the last shot. "I felt bad for what happened to Reggie Miller and for giving up an 18-point lead."

No NBA team has ever won a series after falling behind 3-0, but Allen Iverson feels it's a matter of time.

"Somebody's got to do it someday. It might as well be us," Iverson said. "We have another shot. We live to see tomorrow. It would have been easy to fold and go on vacation, but we battled."

Tyrone Hill put back Iverson's miss to give the 76ers a 91-90 lead with 42 seconds left. Rose missed a layup with 8.9 seconds left, and Toni Kukoc was fouled after he grabbed the rebound. He made one free throw to make it 92-90 with 8.5 seconds left.

Best barely missed both shots in the final seconds, sending the

series back to Indiana for Game 5. Iverson scored 19 points and Hill had 18 to lead the Sixers, who were swept by Indiana last season.

Rik Smits scored 20 points, and Rose and Miller each added 16 for the Pacers.

Iverson, who shot just 7-of-26, survived a scary moment when he got the wind knocked out of him in the final minute of the first half. Iverson collided with Dale Davis and lay motionless on the court for a couple minutes. With his teammates surround-

ing him and the crowd chanting his name, Iverson walked off the court with help from team doctors. He suffered bruised ribs, but will play Monday.

"I'm getting used to it by now," said Iverson, who has an inflamed elbow, a broken toe and a chip fracture in his ankle. "It's just another injury to me."

Iverson returned to start the second half and electrified the crowd with a behind-the-back pass on a fast break to George Lynch, who flicked the ball to Radliff for a slam and a 60-47 lead.

Carter shot debate lurks in Knicks-Heat series

NEW YORK (AP) — The debate over Anthony Carter's game-winning shot from behind the backboard raged anew on Saturday.

Of course, the New York Knicks still believe the basket should have been waved off, and the Miami Heat still insist it was good as called.

Rule No. 8, Section II, Paragraph b, states that "any ball that rebounds or passes behind the backboard, in either direction from any point is considered out of bounds."

Carter's shot with 2.2 seconds left did indeed float behind the backboard before it arched over the top, but the referees ruled that the ball crossed the top corner of the backboard on an angle and therefore remained in play.

"I don't know what they're griping about," Miami's Tim Hardaway said. "Good shot, game over with everybody deal with it."

After viewing the replay from several different angles and hearing the referees' explanation, Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy would not back off his statements of Friday night that the basket should have been nullified.

"I stand by what I said. But I'm

also not looking back, I'm looking forward to getting ready for tomorrow. There's no point in looking back," he said.

In the early 1960s, the NBA instituted the over-the-backboard rule in response to the way Wilt Chamberlain was dominating the game. As a rookie with Philadelphia in 1959-60 when he averaged 37.6 points, Chamberlain often scored on inbound passes from the baseline when a teammate would simply lob the ball over the backboard.

The league also widened the lane and outlawed offensive goaltending and running starts on free throws in an effort to deter Chamberlain's dominance.

"Those are all the 'Wilt Rules,'" said Philadelphia 76ers statistician Harvey Pollack, an NBA employee for 33 years and a witness to Chamberlain's 100-point game. "To understand the mindset of the league office at the time, you'd have to be a master psychologist."

Whether it was technically legal or not, Carter's shot gave the Heat a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series heading into today's Game 4.

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WORLD

Police arrest gunman in Milosevic ally shooting

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - In the latest in a series of assassinations here, a top official of Slobodan Milosevic's ruling party was shot and killed Saturday by an assailant who walked up to him at a fair, pressed a gun to his head and pulled the trigger.

Bosko Perosevic was touring the agricultural fair in the northern city of Novi Sad when a security guard at the fair compound shot him, reporters who were at the scene said.

Witnesses at the scene said the gunman was a long-time exhibition employee. They and reporters identified him as 50-year-old Milivoje Gurovick.

Police arrested the gunman after a brief chase, the private Beta news agency and witnesses said.

It was unclear whether the shooting was politically motivated. But it was the second in a series of high-profile assassinations or attempts against government officials, top businessmen and underworld figures here. The general manager of Yugoslav national carrier, JAT, was killed last month, and the country's defense minister was shot dead in February.

Explosion at Dutch fireworks warehouse kills 20

ENSCHDEDE, Netherlands - A fireworks warehouse blew up Saturday, killing at least 20 people and wounding at least 100, Dutch media reported.

The blast was caused by a fire in the warehouse, according to officials in this eastern Dutch city.

The explosion destroyed a 625-square-yard area around the facility and wreaked havoc in the center of Enschede, with fragments of concrete and shards of window panes littering the streets.

A thick plume of smoke was reportedly visible miles away.

Vatican reveals third secret of Fatima Saturday

FATIMA, Portugal - Ending an enduring mystery, the Vatican disclosed the so-called third secret of Fatima on Saturday, saying the secret the Virgin Mary is said to have told two children more than 80 years ago was a description of the shooting of Pope John Paul II.

Since 1917 - when two shepherd children said the mother of Christ appeared above an olive tree in Fatima and told them three secrets - many have speculated about the third.

The first two are said to have foretold the end of World War I and the start of World War II, and the rise and fall of Soviet communism. Some believed the third, unrevealed secret was a doomsday prophecy foretelling the end of the world.

But a top Vatican cardinal said otherwise on Saturday as the pope visited Fatima to beatify the two shepherd children from the story.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano said the "interpretations" of the children spoke of a "bishop clothed in white" who, while making his way amid the corpses of martyrs, "falls to the ground, apparently dead, under a burst of gunfire."

Eight rockets explode in Baghdad, kill girl

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Eight missiles exploded in the Iraqi capital before dawn Saturday, killing a girl and wounding four of her relatives, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

The attack is the second bombardment of Baghdad this month and the third this year. Iraq blamed the attack on Iran, as it has done before.

There was no immediate response from the Iranian government. However, an Iraqi dissident group, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, issued statements in London on Saturday saying the attack was carried out by its affiliate, the Iraqi National Islamic Resistance.

Iraq and Iran fought an eight-

World in brief

year war that ended with a U.N.-brokered cease-fire in 1988.

The two Muslim neighbors never signed a peace treaty and their relations since the end of the war have remained tense. Each harbors dissident groups fighting the other's government.

Saudi Arabia executes seven Nigerians for robbery

RIVADH, Saudi Arabia - In one of the largest executions here in two decades, Saudi Arabia beheaded seven Nigerians Saturday for taking part in a bank heist.

The penal authorities amputated the right hands and left feet of three other Nigerians involved in the same armed robbery, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

Executions and amputations in Saudi Arabia are carried out with a sword in a public square.

Murder, armed robbery, drug smuggling and sexual crimes are punishable by death under Saudi Arabia's strict interpretation of Islamic laws, which also call for the amputation of hands and feet for theft.

Human rights organizations have criticized the executions and amputations, saying the accused do not receive fair trials.

- compiled from wire reports

Japanese officials snuff out anti-smoking targets

TOKYO (AP) - When health officials drew up Japan's latest 10-year national fitness plan, they decided numerical targets were just what the doctor ordered.

So, for the first time, the Healthy Japan 21 initiative features quantifiable goals, from reducing the number of heavy drinkers by 20 percent to getting people to walk an extra 1,000 steps a day.

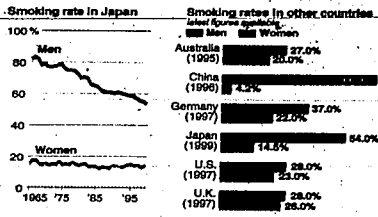
But when it comes to smoking, the plan loses its precision. It promises only to ensure that people get "sufficient knowledge" about the risks of smoking.

The wording is hardly a surprise. The powerful Finance Ministry owns 60 percent of the nation's largest tobacco company and is committed by law to "promote the health and development of the Japanese tobacco industry."

With a male smoking rate of 54 percent - far higher than in America or Europe - critics are

Still puffing away

The smoking rate in Japan is declining but still remains one of the highest in the industrial world.



Sources: Government statistics; Japan Tobacco Inc.; WHO

asking whether bureaucratic pride and industry profits aren't taking precedence over public safety.

According to a World Health Organization study cited in the plan, cigarettes were responsible for up to 95,000 premature

deaths in Japan in 1995. That was 12 percent of all deaths that year.

Smoking-related disease and deaths added \$11.1 billion to the nation's health bill in 1995, according to a private foundation affiliated with the Health Ministry.

"Shortsighted interests have been given priority over the health of the nation," said an editorial in the Asahi, one of Japan's largest newspapers.

The ministry says the plan is intended to help people make their own lifestyle choices. It says the decision not to set a specific target was made after hearing a variety of opinions from smokers and the tobacco industry.

"The Health Ministry really wants to reduce smoking, but it can't overcome the structural barriers," said Bungaku Watanabe, a veteran anti-smoking activist who organized an unsuccessful petition drive to include numerical smoking targets in the plan.

President Putin divides Russia into seven districts

MOSCOW (AP) - President Vladimir Putin issued a decree Saturday dividing Russia into seven districts, each with its own Kremlin representative - an apparent effort to assert more central control over the provinces.

Russia's 89 provinces, some of which have been testing the limits of autonomy since the 1991 Soviet collapse, will be grouped under the new system, according to the decree. The move will help "increase the effectiveness of the federal organs of power



President Vladimir Putin

According to the decree, the

and improve control over compliance with their decisions," it said.

Kremlin officials could not be reached for comment and it wasn't immediately clear how the new system would boost government control.

Kremlin-appointed representatives will help implement federal laws in the republics and report back to Moscow.

The federal government already has representatives in each of Russia's regions, and the NTV television station said Saturday that the appointments of those representatives from the era of former President Boris Yeltsin were now invalid.

Putin has made reclaiming Moscow's control over the provinces one of his top priorities after years of growing auton-

omy. The new president claims that a strong central authority is essential to avoiding the breaking of the country.

On Wednesday, he ordered several regions to rescind legislation that contradicted or defied federal laws.

Putin's position contrasts with that taken by Yeltsin, who allowed provincial governors wide power. The seven districts will be headquartered in the cities of Moscow, St. Petersburg, Rostov-on-Don, Nizhny Novgorod, Yekaterinburg, Novosibirsk and Khabarovsk.



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BURLEY—The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce announced the appointment of Randy Golay as director of the chamber's board. Golay is the owner of Reach Me - Teach Me Childcare.

Bruce Johnson stepped down from his position as director to pursue a career in the culinary arts and has returned to college to obtain his degree, the chamber said.

TWIN FALLS—Canyonside Realty Inc. GMAC Real Estate in Twin Falls welcomed Ross Deahl as a sales associate. Deahl lives in Twin Falls with his wife and three children.

BOISE—Amy Kesner joined D.L. Evans Bank as operations officer for the new Boise office at 3845 W. State St.

Kesner has been involved in banking for 10 years. She began her career as a financial services representative and served as a personal banker, assistant vice president and business development/marketing officer here at the new D.L. Evans Bank. She is a native of Boise, graduate of Borah High School and is attending Boise State University majoring in business.

The new Boise office of D.L. Evans Bank is open, and a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held June 15.

TWIN FALLS—D.L. Evans Bank promoted David Willis to vice president of mortgage lending services.

Willis has been with D.L. Evans Bank for two years as

manager of the real estate department in Twin Falls. He graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in forestry and business management and has been involved in banking and mortgage lending for 12 years.

He and his wife, Gwen, live in Gooding and have one son.

RUPERT—Bill Mason joined the sales staff at Kim Hansen Chevrolet Oldsmobile in Rupert.

Mason comes to the area with 30 years of experience in the car business. He can be reached at 424 S. Oneida St., or call him at 474-9001.

BURLEY—Brian J. Loveland recently joined the sales staff at Kim Hansen Chevrolet, 1221 W. Main St. Loveland was raised in Brigham City, Utah, and he graduated from Box Elder High School. His wife is the former Kerri Karbs from the Mini-Cassia area. He can be reached at 678-2221.

TWIN FALLS—Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Sam Evans of Jensen Jewelers in the Magic Valley Mall from the company's Master Jewelry Salesman program. Evans completed the required

eight-week course and received certification. The course involves training in fulfilling customer needs in the areas of diamonds, gemstone stones, watches and all facets of jewelry-making and repair.

TWIN FALLS—Suzie Richardson with Century 21 has been awarded the "accredited buyer representation" designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council Inc.

Richardson joins more than 18,000 real estate professionals in North America who have earned the designation. The requirements include a comprehensive two-day course in buyer representation, a written examination on legal and practical aspects of client representation, and practical experience in the field of buyer representation.

BURLEY—Marco's has reopened its client management. Jim Munoz, Marita Munoz and Jean Munoz have been business partners for several years and bring experience to the coffee shop venture at 1830 Overland Ave.

A news item last week incorrectly identified photos of the Munozes. The Times-News regrets the error.

The Washington Post

Q I work at a small regional office of a large long-distance telecommunications company. I have a supervisor that is used to about 30 employees. How can we prevent people from "liberating" items that we have placed in the fridge?

A I like half-and-half in my coffee. I have put a carton in the refrigerator with my name on it numerous times, only to come in the next day to find the carton empty. Other items also disappear, even when labeled. This may seem desensitized, but I got so mad that one day I purposely put spoiled milk in the refrigerator. If someone had gone for it, because the next morning when I came to work, the carton had been tossed in the trash. My husband said that he would have done the same actions. I told him if somebody took something that isn't theirs, that's their dumb luck.

Any suggestions?
A First, you've got to catch 'em cold.

"Halt! I'm the Icebox Cop! Freeze!"
Well, maybe not. Food pilfering is one of those workplace problems that are notoriously hard to solve. People who go around accusing co-workers of sipping their milk run the risk of being viewed as a fast track on retribution can appear vindictive. Some standard solutions: Keep the cream in a thermos at your desk camouflaging the cream in the refrigerator by steadily pouring it into a clear container that normally holds another liquid. You'll see the sign on the refrigerator door and hope the shame factor is enough to deter them.

For some cutting-edge suggestions, we took this dilemma to two workplace experts with diametrically opposed worldviews, and whose books represent new and divergent genres in career-management publishing. In his corner, Blaine Pardoe, author of "Cubicle Warfare: Self-Defense Strategies for the Hypercompetitive Workplace." The subtitle is "Cubicles: The Foxholes of the New Battlefield."

In the other (warmer, fuzziest) corner, and because milk goes well with a snack, is Chris Komisarjevsky, author of the new book "Parenting with Jolly Management," which applies parenting techniques to the workplace.

Pardoe scoffs at the idea of placing a note on the fridge. "Why advertise? It's just giving other people the idea," he said. Komisarjevsky, the father of nine children, sees the pilfering as a chance to build rapport and corps. "At the root of it, one individual is misbehaving, but it also tells me this group of people is not seeing themselves as a team," he says.

Pardoe is dreaming up revenge plots: Coat the cream container with ink, so when the

culprit touches it he'll find his hands covered with bold, indelible stains. Spike the milk with lavender, after first removing all the milk paper from the bathroom. Label the milk with your own. "Nobody's going to steal the boss's creamer unless he's looking for a job change," Pardoe growls.

Komisarjevsky tells the letter writer she's been given a fine opportunity to step into a leadership role by publicly raising the coffee-and-cream question at an upcoming staff meeting and asking whether there is a better way to share the expenses so that all may enjoy "bracing cup of hot java in the morning." Some may be going without because of their fear someone will take their espresso Cremora," said Komisarjevsky, who is the president and chief executive officer of Boston-Matrix Worldwide, a public relations firm.

Strong words aside, however, here's the real-world strategy Pardoe recently took himself when his Diet Mountain Dew disappeared from the refrigerator of the accounting firm where he works. He did a little snooping and discovered an "anonymous" container in the stairwell, where some construction workers who had a project in the building had been taking their lunch hour. And so he confronted their manager, who promised he'd make them stop.

Tips for shifting from home to a career

Knight Rider News Service

About once a week, a stay-at-home mom calls and says she's ready to re-enter the work force after a year or two or three or maybe 12 years. She's worried about how to sell herself, given that her resume will have a gap.

It's wise to be a little concerned, but worried? Forget it. Anyone with the skills that employers need shouldn't fret about time off for rearing children. Sensible people understand the gap. That said, here are tips shared with the callers:

- Make sure your skills are current. If technology in your field has changed while you've been off the job, take the necessary classes to catch up. The area's community colleges are wonderful resources to get started.

Spent time in the periodicals section of a large public or university library. Read back issues of magazines and journals in your field; get up to date on trends and jargon. Also, you may need to catch up on current events; interviews may gauge your awareness of what's going on in the world.

Join or re-join professional associations or business groups where others in your field congregate. Read their newsletters and attend meetings to get a heads up on job openings, expected qualifications and your competition.

Take stock of your recent volunteer activities. Being treasurer of the school PTA, chairman of the day-care center's board or chief organizer of a group fundraiser shows organizational skills. Put it on your resume.

Let family, friends and neighbors know of your skills and interests. Odds are better for getting job through personal contact and recommendations than by answering an ad or mailing resumes to strangers.

Invest a modest amount in personal appearance. An "interview suit" and a hairstyle may help your confidence. Be aware, too, of speech patterns and inflection. Being a professional is different from conversing with peers or supervisors at work.

Don't undervalue yourself. Your life experiences, your willingness to work and your ability to communicate well and treat

others nicely are assets. At the same time, be sure you are ready to work and are ready to deal with conflicting emotions and time demands. Neither home nor workplace will pay if anger and guilt overwhelm you.

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Donations can be made to the Los Alamos Disaster Relief Fund, account number 601-10563-78. All cash donations received will be given to the American Red Cross, the bank said.

U.S. Bank said the College of Southern Idaho and Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services Inc. are grant recipients for first quarter 2000.

U.S. Bank gave CSI an operational grant of \$10,000. The money will assist the Adult Basic Education program, which works with out-of-school youth, adults and English-as-a-second-language adults in obtaining their GEDs and furthering their education or technical training. U.S. Bank gave Magic Valley Rehabilitation \$1,000. The operational grant will go toward staff

development and training programs to support employment services for low-income, unemployed individuals with disabilities.

Idaho's Youth Endowment for Activities Foundation said it received a donation from Idaho Power Co., the state's largest electrical provider.

The Youth Endowment is a foundation of the Idaho High School Activities Association. Its goal is to raise \$9.4 million for a fund to pay for all state high school championships sponsored by the IHSAA.

Most of the money raised to date has come from the efforts of Idaho high schools. But recently many companies have stepped forward to contribute to the endowment. Other recent contributors include the Walt Disney Corp., Chevron, American Ecology, the Internountain Gas Industries Foundation, BNF Inc., the American subsidiary of British Nuclear Fuels, R. J. Reynolds, Ecla Mining and the Harry W. Morrison Foundation.

Class points out workers' strengths

TWIN FALLS—The College of Southern Idaho is offering a class that it says will help people in the workplace. "Discover Your Unique Strengths" will help participants know and use their strengths effectively in four areas of life: self, relationships, children and career. Attendees will gain self-control in their decision-making, discover and understand their children's

blend of strengths and make good use of their strengths as a parent, class promoters said. They also will learn to make assessments of people through interviews, work with people's differences and utilize their strengths in the workplace. Class will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, June 6-7, in Shields 107 at CSU. Cost is \$69 registration, plus \$10 to be paid to the instructor, David Callen, for materials. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

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Learn about research funds at workshop

The Times-News

IDAHO FALLS—The Idaho Innovation Center, in conjunction with Bechtel BWXT and the Idaho Small Business Development Center, will present a Research and Development Partnership Workshop in Idaho Falls.

The workshop is aimed toward individuals and companies interested in participating in a series of federally funded research programs, including those sponsored by the departments of agriculture, defense, and energy. Each year, more than \$1 billion is available nationwide for research through the Small Business Innovative Research and other federally funded programs; in Idaho, about \$1.5 million in research funds were obtained by Idaho-based businesses for projects.

The workshop will be presented at two sites: May 31, a dinner and reception will be held at Cavanaugh Hotel and Convention Center, and on June 1, a full day of events will take place at the Idaho State University/University of Idaho's University Place facilities.

Speakers from across the country will address topics pertinent to federal research programs including how to access the various programs, utilizing universities and federal labs as research partners, how to write research proposals and how local companies have both benefited and been challenged by the SBIR programs.

Cost for the workshop is \$29 for registration before May 31, or \$45 at the door. Registration includes the May 31 dinner, lunch on June 1 and workshop materials. Individuals can pre-register by calling (888) 828-3889. For more information, call Hank Artiss or Rick Ritter at 523-1026 or send e-mail to hanka@iictr.com or rick@iictr.com.

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Merging into a powerhouse

In a deal that would form the world's largest advertising company, Britain's WPP Group PLC is buying U.S. heavyweight Young & Rubicam Inc. for \$4.3 billion in stock. The two advertising powerhouses already share a number of major customers, including Ford Motor Co., Kraft Foods and Sears, Roebuck & Co. Here is a look at the two companies.



WPP Group PLC
WPP Group is made up of more than 60 companies including Ogilvy & Mather, the creator of the Ameritrade commercial, pictured above. About 80 percent of WPP's sales come from outside the United Kingdom.

Headquarters	1999 Sales	Clients include:
London	\$3.511 billion	Ameritrade, IBM, Merit Lynch, Unilever
Employees	1999 Net Income	
25,500	\$279.2 million	

Young & Rubicam Inc.
Young & Rubicam is a 77-year-old company that went public in 1998. Make 7Up Yours, a commercial pictured above, was created by the company for client PepsiCo.

Headquarters	Employees	Clients include:
New York	15,000	PepsiCo, Citigroup, AT&T
1999 Sales	1999 Net Income	
\$1.717 billion	\$107.1 million	

Sources: Hoover's Online; Ogilvy & Mather; Young & Rubicam Inc.

New director aims to get all ears pulling together for downtown

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — As a salesman, Tim Jones learned if he wants a person's business it's important to ask. He also has learned a number of resources in Twin Falls are not being utilized by the Historic Downtown and Old Towne business improvement districts, he said. As the areas' new executive director he plans to change that. "We are going to begin rebuilding ties immediately with the chamber of commerce, the economic director, the city of Twin Falls and Realtors and investors," Jones said. "By just being at the meetings and being involved in the community it will help people think about downtown."

"Downtown has not worked closely with a lot of these folks," Jones added. Working with those agencies and having a package listing the benefits of doing business in downtown are crucial to recruitment efforts, Jones said.

"We're going to try to make a clearly defined list and be able to talk to people about benefits of downtown," he said. "We don't want the No. 1 benefit to be low rent. A low rent district has a negative connotation. It's a benefit to the business to have low rents, but it's not a benefit to be considered low-rent." One more benefit the area will have is a strong, unified membership, once the downtown and Old Towne groups unify. Unification will give the area

much more strength, Jones said. Although there are still a few challenges in ironing out the logistics, plans for unification are going ahead, he said. "The boards will ultimately work together," Jones said. "They will participate in many of the same promotions and be marketed in the same way. Each of them will have their own checkbook, but it will be under the same umbrella." Despite worries that the two areas were too different to successfully unify, Jones said each area is dealing with the same problem: vacancy rates. "I think the only major difference is the taxing differential," Jones said. "The community perceives the area as the same."

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Web site showcases downtown, Old Towne

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Downtown business recruiters have a new tool — an easy way to get a handle on building vacancies. A new Web site showcasing downtown and Old Towne Twin Falls provides a downtown real estate inventory, Twin Falls history, city events and local information. Photographs of downtown buildings and information about vacant buildings could be one more incentive for a business relocating to the area to choose downtown, Web site designer Les Chaffin said. "My hope is to make this site marketable for Twin Falls and paint a good picture of the downtown area," he said. The Internet site, designed by the College of Southern Idaho's Internet technologies students, concentrates on the two areas' properties, Chaffin said. "We wanted to focus mainly on the real estate," he said. "We have a map and then the district divided into streets with an inventory of property (in) downtown and Old Towne. The inventory shows the vacant buildings, and the vacant buildings will have links with information about the buildings." Eventually students plan to create a database enabling a

businessperson to input building criteria and not have to search all properties, Chaffin said. "As we develop our skills as Web designers we'll be adding more," he said. "As our skills develop the site will develop."

"I think this site will give the outside world a chance to look at Twin Falls and show people what we have to offer people. Our community is big enough to encompass a lot of things but small enough to have a homey atmosphere," Chaffin added. The site will benefit the two areas' business improvement districts, said Bonnie Lezamin, administrative assistant and project manager for the BID. "We haven't had anything like this in the past," she said. "It will be a way for people looking at Twin Falls to relocate to see what's available. I feel that people coming from out of town and people trying to relocate will benefit because we list the histo-

ry of the community, the events going on and we will be linked to the chamber. That benefits everyone across the board." It also helps students. They are using what they learn in classes and applying it to everyday life, and they are excited about making a difference within a business community, the Idaho Small Business Development Center's Bryan Matsuo said. Matsuo said there is a synergism with the project, which will continue as long as possible. "My understanding right now is the CSI Internet technologies department is going to keep working on this site," Chaffin said. "We feel it's a good project for those learning the Internet trade."

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Deal creates world's largest ad firm

LONDON (AP) — In a deal that would form the world's largest advertising company, Britain's WPP Group is buying U.S. heavyweight Young & Rubicam for \$4.7 billion in stock. It would be the ad industry's biggest deal ever. WPP, which already owns the U.S.-based ad companies Ogilvy & Mather Worldwide and J. Walter Thompson, said Friday the acquisition would greatly expand its client base and generate annual savings of more than \$30 million. The two advertising powerhouses already share a number of major customers, including Ford Motor Co., Kraft Foods and Sears, Roebuck and Co. The announcement brings to a climax several months of fitful takeover talks. The deal offers Young & Rubicam shareholders a

choice of either 0.835 of a WPP American Depositary Receipt or 4.175 new WPP shares for each Y&R share. The buyout gives WPP shareholders control of about two-thirds of the enlarged group, leaving Y&R shareholders in control of the remaining third. The takeover still requires shareholder and regulatory approval. WPP expects to complete the buyout by this summer. WPP and Y&R began talking in January, but the discussions broke down in mid-March. WPP's chief executive Martin Sorrell was attracted to Y&R by its client roster, which also includes AT&T, Citibank and Colgate-Palmolive, and its services including direct marketing, public relations and Internet-related advertising.

The talks resumed in April but broke off again April 28 amid disagreement over Y&R's demands for autonomy and WPP's proposals for tough limits on executives who leave Y&R after the deal. WPP was the world's third biggest ad and marketing organization, with \$4.82 billion in revenue in 1999, according to the trade publication Advertising Age. Y&R ranked seventh with \$1.87 billion in revenue. The takeover would help WPP vault ahead of the two biggest ad organizations in the world, Omnicom at \$5.74 billion in revenue and Interpublic Group of Companies at \$5.08 billion. Under the deal, all Y&R operations would continue to be based at their current headquarters in the United States.

Idaho cities seek to attract new businesses

NAMPA (AP) — The cities of Boise, Nampa, Meridian, Gerald City, Eagle and Kuna have agreed to "work together" in efforts to attract new businesses to the Treasure Valley. Economic Development Council announced the agreement Friday. Under the joint economic development program, mayors and business leaders agreed to promote the entire Treasure Valley to new businesses, instead

of their particular city. Dan Stevens, the president and chief executive officer of Home Federal Savings & Loan, said there are several reasons for the new alliance. When many cities are vying for one business, it can be confusing for that business and create tension between towns, something Stevens and others hope to avoid. "We can't be at each other's throats when we work in the same marketplace," he said.

And Nancy Vanorsdel, the president of the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce, said it was time local chambers stopped being proprietary. "This valley is tied together," she said. "Every city will tell you that we'd rather have a company come to the Treasure Valley than to go to Austin or someplace else. We will all benefit."

Survey: Promotions require visibility

The Associated Press
Telecommuting employees don't advance as quickly as office-based workers, according to a survey of 250 senior business executives by the International Remnant Representative Alliance, a group that provides intermediaries in commercial real estate deals. The survey found that the number of companies offering telecommuting as an alternative for workers is rising, as is the

number of firms that offer flexible work schedules. Both trends are considered positive by employees who are seeking a greater work and family balance. But there is a downside for some workers, the survey found. Forty percent of executives whose companies allow telecommuting report that employees who work from home will find it takes longer to rise in the ranks. These executives say that being visible in the office remains the key to getting promoted.

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MONEY

Idaho's top potato processors bar genetically modified spuds

Major customers will not accept any biotech potatoes

BOISE — It's not that they have any doubts as to the safety of genetically modified potatoes, or that they don't see huge potential in biotech spuds, it's strictly business.

That's what Idaho's top potato processors are saying has caused them to bar the door to biotech spuds.

"Until the consumer is educated as to the benefits of biotechnology, we're (caught) in the middle," said Rodney Jones, vice president of Lamb Weston Inc., which informed its growers well in advance of planting of its position on biotech spuds.

"It's not because we believe the science is bad," he said. "We supply what our customers want. Rightly or wrongly, some are indicating that they don't want GMO (spuds)."

Customers, the likes of fast food magnates McDonald's and Burger King who buy frozen french fries by the ton from Idaho processors have told processors they will not accept any product made from biotech potatoes.

That pretty well seals the deal for Idaho processors who market to fast food restaurants. It also sets a precedent that concerns those who market to institutions and retail outlets.

Regardless of the rationale, however, it is a move that is deeply disappointing to Idaho's producers — even if they do understand processors' stance.

John Sampson, spokesman for Potato Growers of Idaho, said growers are fearful that promising technology will be lost.

"We think it's going to be the future," he said. "We hate to see the technology go away. If it's put in moth balls, there's the potential that it won't come back, he added.

Decade brings change to Idaho bean market

TWIN FALLS — "The bean pie is getting smaller in southern Idaho," says local bean warehouse owner Jim Soran. "It's just the way the times are."

That's not a surprise to anyone in the bean business, but what to do about it is a challenge.

"We can't hide our heads in the sand," said local broker Carter Wilson, a third-generation bean man. "We've had ups and downs in the bean market before, but not quite this scenario before where all commodities are low. And I hate to say it, but it looks like we're faced with another marginal year."

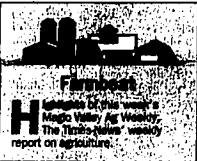
He said no longer can Idaho just wait for people to come knocking on its door. During the past eight years, in particular, he said, the world market has changed dramatically, and Idaho growers and dealers are going to have to redefine how Idaho fits into the new market.

"In order to survive in this new marketing order, the more we know, the better poised we will be to recapture the viability of the Idaho bean business," Wilson said.

Slim-to-none sugar beet profits put acres in a jumble. Sugar beet acres are on the move this year, but right now no



Trista Lindsay, a self proclaimed potato-lover, reaches in the frozen french fry case for her favorite potato product. Answering their customers' demand, Idaho's processors have put the word out that they won't be accepting any biotech spuds this year.



one is sure where they're moving to.

This year's flurry of farm sales coupled with financing troubles for many farmers has an unknown number of sugar beet shares about to be leased out or already leased to different growers, said Dell Traveller, assistant to the vice president of Amalgamated.

He said it will be June before Amalgamated can track where the acres have gone in order to contract with growers.

One sugar beet grower from Cassia County, Gary Turner, said the banks were not as eager to finance farmers this year as in previous years because profit margins across the board have been slim to none for the past two to three years, and things are not presently looking any better for the coming year.

Where sugar beets had always been sweet butter on the farmer's bread, last year Magic Valley growers had little or no butter to spread when a significant unit retain hit. Then they were told early last winter that the October check in 2000 would

be shorted, too. "Banks are not looking at sugar beets as the crop that will keep farmers in business anymore," he said. "We need to be going back to Mr. Simmons (the previous owner) and renegotiate a better deal."

Barley commission member points to program success

RUPERT — For Timm Adams the best part of serving two terms on the Idaho Barley Commission has been the opportunity to be part of projects that are an immediate help to farmers.

He points to the Identity Preserved Grain Storage Initiative that the Barley and Wheat commissions launched jointly two years ago. This program provides interest rate buy-down benefits to farmers. Nearly \$5,000 in interest rate buy-down benefits have been awarded to nine producers around Idaho.

Adams sees the Idaho initiative tying in with a new Farm Services Agency program that allows farmers to get a commodity loan to buy grain bins, grain legs and other grain storage equipment.

"I like to think our program beat Congress," Adams said. And the Idaho program meets his requirement for a successful farm checkoff-sponsored program by getting a check back into the pocket of a producer."

Putting a proactive pesticide registration action plan in place is another example of how the checkoff is working in Idaho.

Stock options gain favor as perk

The Dallas Morning News

Employee stock options have become the perk to get at companies, especially technology firms. However, workers who have recently been granted stock options need to manage them properly so they may reap the full reward.

"Most people don't pay attention to their stock options until they have to exercise them," said Erin Rotsford, a certified financial planner and regional manager of investments at Lincoln Financial Advisors in Dallas.

That's a big mistake. While options can mean big bucks, mismanaging them can also hurt financially.

Employee stock options are an agreement by an employer to sell a given number of shares of company stock at a given price to employees within a specified time. Options are a form of deferred compensation designed to give employees ownership rights.

Holders of stock options profit if a company's stock price rises. When you use your stock options,

you "exercise" them by buying company stock at a below-market price, often called the "strike" price.

"You profit or "spread" is the difference between the value of your shares on the date you exercise and the strike price.

For example, if you have an option to buy your company's stock at a strike price of \$10 a share and the stock has soared to \$50 a share, your profit or spread is \$40.

If you fall to exercise options within a set time period, typically 10 years — you lose the right to take advantage of the perk.

The biggest mistake people make is treating their stock options like a short-term investment.

"The thing that most people do is exercise the stock option at the first opportunity they have, and they may make 50 cents a share," said Joseph Gallagher, a principal at Watson-Wyatt-Worldwide in Dallas, a human resources consulting firm. "I sit there and say, 'Why are you so anxious to make bad money?' There seems to be an

instinct of, 'I'm going to get it and I'm going to get it now.'"

If the outlook for your company is good, don't immediately use your options to buy shares. Instead, wait until just before the options expire to exercise because theoretically, your company stock will have gained a lot in that time.

"Think of it this way: With employee stock options, you don't spend any of your own money, yet you've got the right to buy company stock at below-market prices. Why end this perk before you have to?"

"They have no investment risk," Gallagher said. "They get the opportunity to watch what happens without having any risk to their own money invested in it."

The best time to exercise an option is when your company's stock is peaking and you can sell your own holdings for a profit. The challenge is knowing when the stock has topped out. You want to ride a stock's pain as long as possible, but you also risk the chance that the stock will tank during that time.

Hotel stocks might tum back up

Night Rider News Service

So, the last time you stayed in a hotel it was thronged with conventioners, vacationers, business travelers — or all three. It took 15 minutes to check in, and the parking lot was overflowing.

That must mean it's time to invest in the lodging industry, right? After all, a strong economy has kept the travel business growing and helped most hotels enjoy robust health and good profits. Hotels have been able to steadily raise rates at the same time the supply of rooms has gone up.

But if you're an investor looking to make a quick hit, this may be a lousy time to put much money into hotel stocks, industry analysts and some executives say. On the other hand, if you're willing to hold your investment for at least a year, the hotel business may be worth considering, industry watchers say.

Stocks of most publicly traded lodging companies are at or near their 52-week lows, depressed by a slowing of the industry's rate of

revenue growth over the last two years.

Most of the companies are making money, but investors clearly are not convinced of technology stocks than of a cyclical industry, people in the business say.

"It's a (lodging) sector problem, and the sector is out of favor," said Joel Elser, executive managing director of Hospitality Asset Advisors, an Atlanta company that franchises the Hawthorn Suites, Microtel and Best Inns brands.

"Hotels are no different than some other consumer-products companies, which have been left in the dust by other things," said Joel Elser, executive managing director of Hospitality Asset Advisors, a unit of PEF Consulting in San Francisco. Hotels "don't have an exciting enough story for Wall Street."

The glaring exception is the Four Seasons chain. Its total return is up 70 percent year-to-date. Analysts say Four Seasons has a strong base of wealthy customers who have continued to patronize its hotels despite rising room rates.

Industry-wide, revenue growth won't slow down much more next year than it already has, say consulting firms such as PricewaterhouseCoopers, whose forecasts Wall Street analysts use to predict where the industry is headed.

PricewaterhouseCoopers believes the first quarter of 2000 will be the bottom of the two-year downward trend, said Bjorn Hansen, leader of the firm's global consulting practice. "The good news is it won't get any worse and will start to get better," he said.

POINT OF LAW

By Tom Kershaw

"THE UNDERINSURED MOTORIST"

Question: My son got in a wreck. The other driver was at fault. My son and a passenger were seriously injured. The other driver had liability insurance with a policy limit of only \$25,000. This is not enough to cover our medical bills. What can I do?

Answer: The other driver is personally liable to pay any damages not covered by his insurance. Also, most automobile insurance policies contain "underinsured motorist" coverage. Your uninsured motorist coverage applies only when the other driver is at fault and has no liability insurance. This will not help you.

However, you probably also have "underinsured motorist" coverage, which is designed to most expenses caused by a negligent driver who does not have enough liability insurance to pay your claim. You should check your own automobile policy. If you purchased underinsured coverage, you should make a claim against your own policy.

There is a trap for the unwary consumer when purchasing underinsured motorist coverage. Many policies deduct from their underinsured motorist policy limits the liability policy limits of the other driver. For example, if you have underinsured coverage with a \$50,000 limit, and the negligent driver has a \$25,000 liability policy limit, your insurance company may pay you a maximum of \$25,000 on this coverage. If your underinsured coverage has a \$20,000 limit, you will have no coverage in this situation. Since Idaho law requires at least a \$25,000 liability policy for each vehicle, the purchase of \$25,000 underinsured coverage, if it is of this kind, is one of the best ways to protect your own policy. Consumers should either find a policy which does not make such a deduction, or purchase substantially more than \$25,000 in underinsured coverage.

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Wells Fargo executive turns business model on its head

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO—Richard Kovacevich takes to the job. But it is not unusual to see Kovacevich, who earned more than \$5 million last year as chief executive of Wells Fargo & Co., strolling down the aisles of discount retailers such as Wal-Mart on Target.

Kovacevich, 55, who will be CEO of Utah's largest bank when Wells completes its acquisition of First Security, believes banks can learn a lot studying the way these retailers operate. Both banks have Magic Valley operations.

"Stores are not just transaction centers," said Kovacevich. "They are sales centers. How many retailers do you know that wouldn't want customers in their stores? Banks should look at it the same way."

Since he was appointed Wells Fargo CEO in November 1998, Kovacevich has turned the company's business model on its head.

Just four years ago, Wells Fargo was focused on developing its Web page and saving money by devising ways to get customers to do most of their banking using automated teller machines or the Internet rather than going to branch offices. When Wells Fargo acquired First Interstate Bancorp in 1996, for example, it sold six low-volume rural Utah branches.

"The company at one point even charged customers using its free checking account \$1.50 if they called the bank's toll-free line to talk to a customer-service operator more than three times a month."

"The people who ran the old Wells Fargo were technies," said Kenneth Thomas, a finance lec-

turer with the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. Wells still is committed to technology. It operates one of the largest Internet banks and is expanding its network of ATMs and the services they can provide. Just this week, the company unveiled a new type of ATM that shows movie previews.

But the company's new focus is on the cross-selling strategy Kovacevich honed while CEO of Norwest Corp. He believes customers should be encouraged to come into branch offices, where Wells employees can peddle a variety of financial services such as insurance, investments and loans.

The new Wells Fargo, the nation's seventh-largest banking company, emerged after Wells Fargo was acquired by Minneapolis-based Norwest in a deal that closed in November 1998. The company, which has \$222 billion in assets and more than 2,900 branches in 22 states, reported a 14 percent increase in net income to \$1 billion in the first quarter.

While Kovacevich kept Wells Fargo's name, stagecoach logo and headquarters, he opted to retain much of Norwest's business model.

"He kept the best from both companies," said Robert Smith, a banking consultant and former CEO of Security Pacific Bank, which was acquired by Bank of America in the early 1990s.

Kovacevich did not actually start his career in banking. His first love is baseball, but he was forced to abandon hopes of a big-league career in the 1960s due to a rotator cuff injury.

After earning bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial engineering and a master's in

business administration from Stanford University, he carved a career in sales and marketing at General Mills, eventually managing the company's Kenner toy division before moving to his first banking job at Citibank in New York City in 1975. In 1986 he moved on to Norwest.

Kovacevich believes First Security, one of Utah's oldest businesses, fits well into the culture of the new Wells.

"They're a little above average in terms of cross-selling," he said. "With the additional products Wells Fargo offers and the training well offer employees, First Security will adapt very well."

Kovacevich said he has been interested in First Security for years, but figured any hope of acquiring Utah's largest bank was lost after First Security announced in June 1999 it planned to merge with Zions Bancorporation, Utah's second-largest banking company.

The planned First Security-Zions merger unraveled, however, after First Security on March 3 announced its first-quarter earnings likely would decline by as much as 27 percent from the previous quarter and shares in both companies plummeted.

After Zions shareholders on March 31 voted against the deal, First Security CEO Spencer Eccles called Kovacevich. Less than a week and a half after Eccles' call, the two executives announced a deal.

"This would not have taken place had it been the old Wells Fargo," said Eccles, adding he

has known Kovacevich for years. The acquisition gives Wells Fargo control of a banking company with \$23 billion in assets, more than 300 branches and more than 9,000 employees. Wells, which has only 24 branches in Utah, will have more than 150 when the acquisition is completed.

Of the more than 170 mergers and acquisitions he has had a hand in over the last decade, the First Security deal is second in size only to the Norwest-Wells Fargo combination, Kovacevich said.

He estimates it will take three to five years to fully convert. First Security to the Norwest way of doing business. The deal itself, however, is expected to close in the third quarter and First Security branches will begin operating as Wells Fargo offices sometime in mid-2001.

Analysts said Kovacevich's humane approach toward acquired banks is good news for employees and customers of Utah's First Security. Acquisitions, although required to subscribe to the Norwest's way of doing business, operate with autonomy.

They also say he works hard to keep job losses at a minimum. "They (Wells Fargo) are a very attractive acquirer," said Joe Morford, an analyst with Dain Rauscher Weissel in San Francisco who tracks Wells Fargo and First Security.

Scott Nelson, a First Security executive vice president, will be Wells Fargo's Utah market pres-

ident. With the exception of a Wells Fargo executive who will lead an executive transition team, all of First Security's other executives — president and chief operating officer Morgan Evans and executive vice presidents Patrick McMurry, Brad Hardy and Scott Ulbrich — will manage Utah operations for Wells Fargo once the acquisition of First Security is complete.

"The last thing I am going to do is run a Utah bank from California," Kovacevich said.

Kovacevich said he learned valuable lessons observing Wells Fargo's troubled takeover of First Interstate in 1996. Wells, which eliminated 7,000 jobs, lost customer deposits, bounced checks and incorrectly withdrew or deposited money in customer accounts. As a result, the company lost significant market share in states such as Arizona, Washington and Oregon.

By comparison, the combination of Wells Fargo and Norwest went relatively smoothly and resulted in fewer job and customer losses, said analysts who initially feared the two companies would have difficulty integrating.

"They have done very well, especially given the cultural differences," said James Bradshaw, an analyst with D.A. Davidson & Co. in Portland, Ore. Much of the credit, Bradshaw said, goes to Kovacevich, who takes his time and pays close attention to employee morale. "He's viewed by Wall Street as one of, if not the best, bankers in the country," he said.

In Utah, as few as 50 First Security employees will lose their jobs, Kovacevich said. The bank recently decided to keep two

First Security operations that handle processing of customer transactions, a move that eliminated the need to lay off hundreds of people.

"The vast, vast majority" of First Security employees will be offered jobs with Wells Fargo, he said. To maintain morale, Kovacevich said Wells will help employees find jobs in Utah and other states in which the company operates. He said employees who elect to move to other positions within the company will be able to keep their salaries even if the new jobs pay less.

Although analysts say the new Wells Fargo under Kovacevich's leadership is well positioned to succeed after completing its acquisition of First Security, it will face tough competition in Utah's banking market, where consumers prefer locally owned institutions.

Some banking companies have begun advertising heavily on television, radio and in newspapers.

Among those is Zions. "The best growth we have had has been in states like California, Arizona and Nevada, where Wells is much larger than we are," said Zions CEO Harris Simmons.

Zions will be a tough competitor to Wells Fargo just as it is now with First Security, said Thomas of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. Thomas was an outspoken critic of the First Security-Zions combination because he believed it would reduce competition in the state.

"With Wells Fargo and First Security, there's still enough competition in Utah that consumers will not be hurt," Thomas said.

"The people who ran the old Wells Fargo were technies."

— Kenneth Thomas, finance lecturer

Pay packages swell in tight job market

The Associated Press

The ongoing tight market for executives is forcing companies to keep increasing their compensation packages.

According to a recent survey of 314 firms by Exec-U-Net, an online recruiting and management consulting firm, 52 percent of all executive job offers contained stock options, up 7 percent from last year. Seventy-five percent of

all positions came with performance bonuses, up slightly from 72 percent a year earlier.

There also were increases in the number of sign-on bonuses given and the number of job offers that guaranteed severance pay.

Because of the difficulty in finding executives, "companies are making some very enticing offers," said Dave Opton, executive director of Exec-U-Net.

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Equally valuable is the ability to engage others in quiet conversation. Often the flair for drawing others out is even more important than the ability to hold the floor.

If those skills don't come naturally, it's smart to work on developing them. Both the gift of gab and the gift of listening well can build relationships with co-workers, impress supervisors and contribute to good interviews with potential employers.

Susan Fefferdine, a business communications and public relations consultant, tells clients to work on their "intrigue quotient"

to improve their conversational skills.

Her "IQ" list includes being prepared with anecdotes or interesting descriptions about where you went to school or where you work. Have a stash, too, of brief and not boring stories about your family, volume, or work, hobbies or unusual experiences.

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Retirees watch expenses to maintain independence

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Living on Easy Street. That's how retirement is often described.

Retirees Shirley Briggs and LeRoy Briggs agree wholeheartedly. Shirley Briggs retired in 1995 and LeRoy Briggs in 1994. But they've lived on Easy-Street for more than 20 years. For them, the street isn't just a metaphor for the golden years — it's their actual address in the Northland.

"We're grandparents and we love to travel," Shirley Briggs said. "Whenever we meet people and tell them where we live, they look at us in disbelief."

They've had their address printed on cards that read: "Have Time. Will Travel." The card is illustrated with pictures of a motorcycle, bicycle, ski lift and boat. Yes, the Briggses enjoy trav-

eling by all four modes of transportation — plus a recreational vehicle and a car.

"Shirley Briggs' favorite way to see the country is on the back of her husband's motorcycle. She says she has toured 41 of the 50 states that way.

"I love being a passenger and seeing everything," she said. "Your range of vision is not limited and you can really enjoy Mother Nature."

The Briggses began planning for their retirement when they were in their 40s, Shirley Briggs said. She is now 63 and LeRoy Briggs is 67. She worked at a plastic factory and he worked for the state highway department. When he got a \$50 raise, they began investing the money in stocks every month.

"We didn't have much to invest, but we saved systematically for 15

years," Shirley Briggs said.

They retired with pensions from their companies and money in individual retirement accounts, annuities and stocks by managing wisely, they've been debt-free since 1994.

The Briggses have discovered that their spending patterns changed when they quit working.

"I cook differently because I've got all day," Shirley Briggs said. That means a lower grocery bill because there's less spent on costly convenience foods and there's no need to buy snacks to pack for lunch at work.

Laundry is another area where retirement is easier on the budget.

"We used to have dirty outfits every day," Shirley Briggs said. Now their clothes stay clean longer, last longer, and there's less laundry to do.

Living comfortably on Easy Street doesn't mean they've abandoned the thrifty habits that made retirement possible, however. They still make regular deposits to a savings account for emergencies and they continue to look for ways to cut costs.

Traveling during the off-season is one of those ways, as is doubling up on travel expenses. The Briggses have taken vacations together with another couple for many years, and the four share a room and other expenses.

Travel has always been one of life's pleasures for Connie Vuillamy, another Northlander. At 93, she has seen most of the world — including Alaska and Hawaii before they were states.

She remembers the stock market crash of 1929, the Depression, the Dust Bowl and life before air

conditioners, Social Security and Budget Courses TV dinners.

"Vuillamy began planning for her senior years after high school graduation in 1922. Calculating what she would need to live on every month, Vuillamy bought two annuity policies from her church life insurance company. Today, she is collecting on those policies: \$70.48 a month — exactly what she calculated she would need 70-some years ago.

Of course, that doesn't go far in meeting expenses now. Vuillamy revised her projected needs over the years, and she has supplemented the annuities with a pension, certificates of deposit and other sources of retirement income.

Because she has no heirs, Vuillamy doesn't own a life insurance policy.

"There's no point to it — there'd be no one to leave it to," she said.

About two years ago, she sold her house and car. The biggest change that made in her lifestyle was to eliminate eating out at noon — a daily ritual for her since retiring from Park College in 1972. The outing was a necessity, Vuillamy said, "because I prefer learned to cook."

Her solution was to move into a retirement community where she can eat two meals a day.

Her biggest expenses now are monthly rent payments and her health insurance premium. She estimates her weekly grocery bill to be about \$12. Vuillamy wishes her weight and what she eats, she said, to stay healthy and to stay slim.

"I don't want to buy new clothes," she said.

Cash needs can change in retirement

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Your retirement income generally comes from four sources: employer pension or retirement plan; retirement savings accounts, such as 401(k) or 403(b) plans; Social Security benefits; and personal savings and earnings.

Financial experts have been telling us that our income needs usually go down in retirement. We should expect to need about 75 percent of our annual pre-retirement income, they say.

"We find the 75 percent assumption to be patently false," said Bruce Jentner, a certified financial planner and president of Jentner Financial Group in the Montrose area of Bath Township, Ohio.

Based on recent studies and experience with clients, Jentner has found that many people end up spending more in retirement than they did while they were working.

"We see there are three stages of retirement," Jentner explained.

In the first stage (from retirement to age 70), good health and the desire to do things that working put off — such as travel — raise a retiree's cost of a living, he said.

"It's not uncommon to see it go up 20 percent," he said.

In the second stage (mid-70s to early 80s), you slow down and spend less, he said.

In the third stage (upper 80s and beyond) you become more dependent on health and long-term care, so your costs again rise, he said.

So how do you estimate how much you will need?

"One of the things we have clients do is go through their budget, look at where they are spending their money," Jentner said. "They need to look at their real cost of living."

Pre-retirees also should understand the impact of life expectancies and inflation on their retirement budgets, said Jess Hurst, a certified financial planner and principal of the Millennial Group in Akron.

"What's the biggest risk they face?" Hurst asked. "A drop in the value of their investments because of a drop in the stock market? The loss of purchasing power because their investments don't keep pace with inflation over a longer life expectancy?"

Balancing these risks can be one of retirement's greatest challenges. Jentner, who uses mutual fund shares for client portfolios rather than shares of individual stocks, recommends a 60/40 allocation of stocks to fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds or certificates of deposit. And between 10 percent and 30 percent of your stocks should be international, he said.

"That means you will be willing to accept some market volatility along the way," he said.

How much of your portfolio should you withdraw each year?

Maybe 5 or 6 percent per year," even if your portfolio is earning higher returns, Jentner said.

Jentner based his withdrawal rate on a study that analyzed total stock returns in 20-year increments, beginning in 1929.

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Blending families mixes money, too

By Lisa M. Harris

Take two men and two kids, mix with one dad and two kids, stir in love. Add a house and hand over. And you've got a recipe for a family that has had to blend over the years.

Well, it's not that easy, as any parent or stepfamily will tell you. There are all kinds of complications that can come from families formed by previous marriages - including pocketbook issues ranging from child support payments to what to do about an allowance.

"The kids kept raising the allowance issues at our first few family meetings," recalled Bobbi Abram of Lanes, Kan.

Abram, 40, married Kerry Layton, 46, in November 1997. She brought to the marriage two children by a previous marriage, Jessica, 15, and Ben, 10. Layton brought two children of his own, 14 and Joel, 10.

Layton took her birth name after her divorce in 1996. She and Abram share custody of four children with ex-spouses for two weeks of every month, and four children live together all year round. Most of the time, they say, it's a harmonious and happy blend.

"One issue that surfaced early in the marriage was a weekly allowance for all four children. The kids asked, 'The parents provided. The resolution: No allowance.'"

"We couldn't figure out an equitable way to do an allowance with ages being different," Abram said.

The allowance issue is symbolic of the monetary minefield that stepfamilies must navigate when blending finances as well as families.

"Finances will not necessarily mix," said Jennifer K. Hicks, certified financial planner with Wealthy Alliance, 451 W. Main St., in Boise. "You can't just add income but also subtract expenses."

When the structure of the blended family changes, it's important to have someone else to help you work through the changes. "You need to be able to get your head on credit cards by trying to make everyone happy," Abram said.

She and Layton set out systematically to pay off credit cards and then write each credit card a letter requesting that the account be closed. Their goal is to have fewer credit cards.

Layton and Abram hold full-time jobs and contribute to a joint checking account to cover mortgage payments and other household expenses. They keep separate accounts to pay their children's expenses.

Abram converts child-support checks to cash and gives Jessica and Robert what they need for school lunches and activities.

When they married, Layton lived in Abram's house in the Northland, Mo. Commuting from Kansas City, North, to his children's school district in Johnson County and to his workplace on the Country Club Plaza put 120 miles a day on his car, Layton said.

"The solution was to move to Northland."

"We created a home for everyone," Abram said.

They also created more debt, adding moving expenses to closing costs and absorbing past attorney fees, counseling sessions and other debts, Abram said, which calculated it would be "a good five years before we were debt-free."



Another change in their lifestyle was the kind of cars they drove. Abram ended up selling a Lexus because it was too small and not compatible with a lifestyle that included taking four children to soccer games, choir practice and other activities. Mark and Tina.

Blended often means bigger families, bigger cars, bigger budgets to manage.

"Eventually we'll probably have to get a \$40,000 van to haul all of us around," said Mark Roggy of Kansas City, North.

Mark and Gina Roggy married in June 1997. It was a second marriage for both. Mark Roggy instantly acquired three boys: Timmy Dewey, 9; Dylan Dewey, 7; and Austin Dewey, 5.

"I always wanted a family," he said. "It was like I got all those years back that I missed out on."

About a year ago, he and his wife adopted a daughter of their own to the family, Lauren Roggy. Mark Roggy, 34, handles the family finances, and Gina Roggy, 28, stays home with the children and takes classes toward a degree at Missouri Western State College.

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custodial parents who are supposed to receive monthly child support receive the full amount," Milne said.

And seldom is child support adequate to pay half the expenses of child rearing, Milne said.

If the blended family budget is already tight, lost or late child-support checks can strain the marriage.

If there are disagreements about the amount of child support or unresolved legal issues, court costs and attorney fees may put a big dent in the blended family's budget.

"Families can be financially devastated as a result of going back to court," said Tammy J. Glick, a lawyer in Flare City.

More than 50 percent of her practice involves cases where she is appointed as guardian by the court to represent the interests of children. Legal matters.

Blending itself can be a problem if it involves relocating children.

"If a custodial parent wants to move out of state, the noncustodial parent usually fights the move," Glick said.

Court cases are settled by a determination of what is in the best interests of the child, Glick said. Moving a child away reduces a parent's access and increases expenses for such things as airline tickets and long-distance phone calls.

"If the move is not in the best interests of the child, the custodial parent must choose whether to stay here or give up custody," Glick said.

When grown children are involved, the stakes are different. Carole Borworth, a consumer and family economic specialist with University of Missouri Outreach and Extension, remained 10 years after her first marriage ended in divorce. She had a high school-age daughter and a daughter in college. Her husband had a grown son and daughter, who no longer lived at home.

Before their marriage, Borworth and her husband signed a prenuptial agreement.

"In the transfer of possessions with stepfamilies, it becomes even more important for blended families to talk about financial issues," Borworth said.

Prenuptial agreements that protect both for the surviving spouse and in other ways, Borworth said.

"Remember, your assets are yours," she said. "If you want to pass them on to your children, that's OK, but an inheritance is not their right."

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Mrs. Kempthorne overcomes past to fight for children, family

BOISE (AP) — First lady Patricia Kempthorne says growing up in a dysfunctional family herself has fueled her interest in children and family issues.

"Part of it comes from a desire for a stereotypical family and the realization it's not real for everyone," said Kempthorne, 47, who lived with a single parent, step-parents and an aunt and uncle for periods of time as a child.

Her mother died of leukemia when she was 6 months old and her father had two subsequent marriages. She refers to her aunt in Boise as her surrogate mother. She has two brothers and a half-sister.

The reality is each family is a little dysfunctional, Kempthorne said.

"We had different challenges in the family and everyone who has been through death and divorce has been there."

Her late father was an appliance salesman who intended to be at dinner with his family each evening at 6 o'clock. But he didn't always make it.

Kempthorne believes in families having dinner together and talking, and has started a tradition of recognizing special days such as birthdays with breakfast table decorations.

Things like saying "I love you," and going to church and other places together are important, she said.

"I believe in the old stuff. I think the old stuff counts, even in the information age and no matter what your income is."

The family is the core of any community, she said.

"I have been blessed to have been married to the same person for 23 years and have two kids."

But with her daughter Heather in college in San Diego and her son Jeff working for a public relations firm in Washington, D.C., Kempthorne is plowing new ground for a first lady in the conservative state of Idaho.

She has her own office across the hall from her husband's in the Statehouse and made unprecedented appearances before two legislative committees this year to defend a parent education program championed by the Kempthornes.

"I think some legislators have mixed emotions," said retiring legislative budget committee co-chairman Sen. Atwell Perry, R-Melba.

"I have heard some comments here and there whether that is the role of the first lady. Until now, first ladies have kept a low profile. Now, we have one stepping forward and supporting her husband and his programs."

"I think she has taken a pro-

active role. She is a big asset to the governor, particularly where they are both looking to help the next two years."

Utah first lady Janelynn Leavitt has her own office in the Statehouse. She focuses on family and marriage conferences, childhood immunization and literacy efforts.

"The role of the first lady is certainly more empowering and fulfilling than it used to be," said Leavitt, chairwoman of the National Governor Association's spouses program.

"We are able to do more, but you have to be worthy of the respect people will give you. You have to know the issue and you have to be willing to work."

As an unpaid volunteer, Kempthorne is working on children's mental health issues, literacy and early learning, and pre- and post-natal care and parent education.

She serves as her husband's liaison on about a dozen task forces, commissions and councils related to children.

"She is a very enthusiastic and passionate person who always has been cause-oriented," Dirk Kempthorne said.

"She is carrying out a vision I have. She is not in the policy-making business and not at the cabinet meetings. But she is probably my most valuable volunteer."

She also serves on a long list of local boards, ranging from the Gang Prevention Team to the Boise Family YMCA.

Kempthorne has talked with Washington Gov. Gary Locke's wife about the dilemmas of being a first lady.

"You are trying to be a good community person," said Kempthorne, "and it gets mixed in politics."

Rep. Shirley Ringo, D-Moscow, said Kempthorne seems to be a pleasant, intelligent person.

"I don't know how forceful she is," she adds. "If her gig is early childhood, I think we are moving at a slow pace on it. If that's her passion, I would like to see it get a lot more aggressive."

But the governor has run into strident opposition from the conservative wing of the Republican-dominated Legislature for a parent education program both Kempthornes have championed.

Some conservative legislators argue the program is tantamount to state interference in parenting.

Its supporters reply that participation is voluntary.

The Parents as Teachers program aims at teaching parents of newborn to 3-year-old children about child development and problem-solving through monthly home visits and parent meetings.

The Albertson Foundation, Success by Six and Bank of America financed 30 parent education sites across the state during the past two years.

Last year, the governor asked the Legislature to provide more than \$1 million in state money for the program, but the House rejected even a scaled down \$500,000 proposal.

Kempthorne then announced he would use federal welfare money for the University of Idaho cooperative extension system to include Parents as Teachers at a dozen extension service sites, and evaluate it.

But the governor's move upset legislative critics and Patricia

Kempthorne went before the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee and the House Education Committee to defend the program.

"JFAC members grilled her about the program."

"It was a naive type of thing. I didn't know JFAC's protocol. I really wasn't trying to make a statement as first lady. I have been working in early childhood for so many years, it was natural for me to speak on it."

Kempthorne worked as a child care consultant for four years and on children's programs for the Methodist Church for about 10 years prior to her husband's election to the U.S. Senate in

1992. She received her bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Idaho.


She believes Parents as Teachers has been well-received

as a curriculum by its private sponsors and anyone involved in it.

"I never expected it to become a big deal. I didn't know of the fear out there."


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The new urbanites: Moose expand in numbers, grazing range

POCATELLO (AP)—It just wasn't Carl Anderson's day. As a big game biologist for the state Department of Fish and Game, Anderson is routinely sent to help deal with animals that have wandered too close to civilization.

A wayward moose recently ventured into the work yard at FMC Inc., a large phosphate refinery just west of Pocatello, Anderson, as he often does, took the fall.

"Every year about this time, I have to deal with a lot of moose," he said. "Almost without exception, it's a yearling who has been invited to leave by its mother, probably because she's about to have another calf."

"Use of the tranquilizer might be misleading. A mother moose can aggressively drive off her year-old offspring to make way for a new arrival. Moose usually give birth in May or June after mating in the fall."

The moose that wandered onto FMC property was a yearling, Anderson said.

"We tried to dart it," he said. "A sedative loaded into a tranquilizing rifle is used to calm the animal. Sometimes it takes two or three doses of carfentanyl, a depressant that quickly and safely puts large animals to sleep, to knock out a big moose."

First, though, the person behind the trigger must follow through. "I shot once and missed it altogether," Anderson said. "Then, when I did hit it, I hit it in the ribs, which isn't a good place to hit."

The tranquilizer doesn't take effect as quickly when it's injected through the ribs, Anderson said. There just isn't enough muscle and tissue to help push the drug through the bloodstream.

While the dart didn't put the moose down, it did succeed in frightening it. It ran from the

FMC yard onto Interstate 86, with Fish and Game workers following frantically behind it. The big animal, probably weighing about 500 pounds, got off the highway and jumped into the Portneuf River as it passes by the J.R. Simplot Co. phosphate refinery.

Anderson said he was finally able to catch up with it as it crossed the river. He was then able to put two more darts in it and subdue it.

"That was pretty poor performance on my part," he said of his marksmanship. "Usually I like to

get them on the first shot. That just makes it easier on everyone involved, including the moose."

Once the moose was fully tranquilized, Fish and Game employees loaded it into a horse trailer.

The moose, the first of many Fish and Game will likely deal with this spring, was taken to a less-populated place and released unharmed, Anderson said.

Moose in southeastern Idaho number anywhere between 750 and 1,000 animals, Anderson said.

"Most of southeast Idaho is not really classic moose habitat,"

Anderson said. "It's mostly high desert."

Moose prefer to live around water — they love to dine on aquatic plants. During the winter months, they actually move to higher elevations where they seek out timber and munch on sub-alpine fir trees.

"There's a pretty high density of moose here," Anderson said. "They've definitely expanded their range and their numbers."

Historically, moose were found close the Wyoming border. Over the last 20 years or so, Anderson said, their range has moved west,

and they've been spotted as far west as Rockland and Malta.

That's brought the big animals — the largest members of the deer family — in frequent contact with people.

"Every year we have to deal with quite a few of them," Anderson said. And while darting, and transporting moose out of town might be a bit time consuming, Anderson finds it rather remarkable.

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Salmon program wins award

SALMON (AP) — When Mary Smith, holding a silver heirloom tin, asked Toby Crosby if he would like a bit of tea, Toby knew how to respond.

"Yes, please," he answered in his best gracious voice.

Toby and five of his classmates from Lemhi's Afterschool Promise program, dressed in formal attire, gathered around an antique table in a turn-of-the-century mansion for a tea.

Sipping tea or lemonade and eating cupcakes, the children showed civility and grace as they learned skills they learn each day between 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the afterschool program.

The program, which is run by Crosby, is a social program. "I think they were naturally instinctive when they were allowed to be natural, but you must deliberately build the program."

Earlier this month, Lemhi's Afterschool Promise and its parent organization, Lemhi's Promise to Youth and Families, were awarded with awards from the Idaho Prevention Conference in Sun Valley. The Department of Education identified the afterschool program as outstanding in the field of substance-abuse prevention.

"Programs that won awards in other regions include a suicide awareness and prevention program, a youth companion program and a drunk-driving education treasure hunt for teenagers."

In 1998, Lemhi's Promise to Youth and Families hired the Minneapolis-based Search Institute to survey Salmon and Leadville high school students to determine their strengths and weaknesses. The Search Institute promotes a list of 40 developmental assets it says determine a youngster's likelihood of becoming healthy and successful.

Lemhi's Afterschool Promise, designed to supply some of the assets the Search Institute survey says Salmon was lacking, provides a safe and structured environment with positive adult role models for children.

"They're finding in all asset surveys that kids feel adults don't care," said Crosby. "According to the Search Institute, there's a high correlation between risky behaviors like drinking, sex, violence, crime and kids' perception that adults don't care."

After school, teachers and volunteers meet students at Pioneer Elementary School and let them burn off steam at the school playground before walking the students to the Freshman Center. There the children wash their hands and gather at tables for a snack.

"Sitting down around a table isn't done anymore, but it's so critical because you share, you laugh, you listen, you solve problems," said Crosby, a former Salmon district elementary teacher. "What is more critical than breaking bread with people and creating a bond?"

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Spokane agent models for FBI trophy, raises money for cancer

SPokane agent (AP) - You might call this agent a model. He is a model of a man. In fact, he is a model of a man. Glover, 56, posed for "The G-Man," a 6-inch-tall bronze statuette awarded for jobs well done. About 2,000 of them grace desks and trophy cases in federal and other law-enforcement agencies across the country.

The statuette depicts a figure wearing a trench coat and a wide-brimmed hat, the trademark of the FBI. It was designed by the FBI to honor justice mobsters like George "Machine Gun" Kelly, who is said to have coined the term "G-Man" during his capture in 1933. "We had to get the Thompson out of the vault" for the posing sessions, said Glover, who retired in June after 28 years with the FBI. The hat and vintage suit belonged to the grandfather of the actor Regis Toole, who created "The G-Man" in the early 1980s. Glover had an ulterior motive for agreeing to be the model. At the time, he assigned to the FBI office in Minneapolis, where the son of fellow agent, Dag

Gobler, was stricken with leukemia. The statuette has helped Glover raise \$250,000 for leukemia research. About \$100,000 of the total is from sales of the G-man statuette to law-enforcement agencies. Twenty-five percent of the \$240 tab for each one goes to the cause. The rest came from Glover's long-distance running.

In 1987, he spent his vacation running across Montana to raise money and awareness for leukemia. Beginning at the state's eastern border, Glover pounded out 23 marathons in 24 days for a total of 592 miles. The odyssey ended on the Flathead Indian Reservation near Polson, Mont., where Glover grew up as a tribal member before moving to

Spokane in 1948. A former truck star, Glover set long-distance records at Memphis State University, where he graduated in 1967. During his Montana trek, a hip that surgeons would later replace became excruciatingly painful. With the wind blowing a steady 30 miles an hour into his face, Glover didn't talk about quitting.

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Alaskan surf business is brisk as the weather

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — A surf shop in Alaska sounds about as unlikely as a ski supplier in Tahiti, but Jack and Laura Endicott say they saw a need and filled it.

A need? For surf boards? In Yakutat? On the Gulf of Alaska about 220 miles northwest of Juneau?

"Yep, and so far Icy Waves Surf Shop is doing good business. Since opening the shop last June in a 12-by-12 addition to their home, the Endicotts' cash register has rung almost a thousand times."

"It actually really kind of surprised us," Jack Endicott said.

Some of the shop's business comes from tourists looking for novelty items. Larry Tonka of ESPN "Outdoor Sports" stopped by in August and cleaned out the entire stock of T-shirts with the Icy Waves logo. Yakutat customers swarmed the Christmas bazaar, snatching up sweatshirts



Wearing a cold-water wetsuit, surfer Dwayne Stickney catches a wave on Yakutat Bay, Alaska. Popularized surfing in Yakutat. "Once you've paid for the gear, But locals and visitors also buy the boards, wetsuits and other gear. Just having it available has

you've more or less got a free thing," Endicott said. "And they have something they can do beside basketball."

Before the shop opened, there were only six surfers in town. Now there are about 20, including five of the Endicotts' sons. Most of the new surfers are kids.

"Before Jack had the surf shop, they were out there playing in the waves anyway, body surfing in just trunks," said Charles Russell, Yakutat's most frequent surfer. "Now that Jack opened that shop there, a lot of kids are getting into it."

Russell has been surfing in Yakutat since 1994 and became friends with California surfers, including rock singer Chris Isaak. The Californians came up to the "Far North Shore" in the summer for fresh scenery and uncrowded water. On a nice summer day, up to 15 surfers ride the waves in Yakutat, a crowd by local standards. But in the winter, the few local surfers hardly enough to beat out have the pick of the crop coming in from winter gulf storms.

"We have fabulous exposure to the North Pacific. We get all the

swells that come in," said Endicott, who runs the National Weather Service bureau in Yakutat.

"We surf in snow, rain, whatever. It's just the wind we don't like," said Les Stanley, a surfing convert. "When the outside temperatures get down below 25 degrees Fahrenheit, I don't like to go out, but for the most part as long as you've got the right equipment you're toasty."

Harley never had swim in the ocean until he tried surfing in Yakutat last summer, but as soon as he did he was hooked.

"The first time I got a wave that pushed me along I knew that was it," Harley said. "The most impressive thing to me was just the power of the waves. What looks like a small wave on shore, when you're in it becomes a very large wave."

After comparing prices with shops in Washington state, he bought his gear from the Endicotts.

"Really, their prices are very comparable," he said. "I went down and started writing checks."

Coveted Copper River salmon lure anglers, diners in for brief run

SEATTLE (AP) — It's available only a few weeks of the year, but oh what weeks they are.

Every year, around mid-May, Copper River salmon unleashes a frenzy of salmon-hungry diners looking to get a piece of the season's first — and many say finest — wild catch of the season.

The fish, considered the most succulent and flavorful of all salmon, is expected to hit area restaurants and grocery stores May 15. But salmon lovers had better move fast. The best of the catch is only around for three to four weeks.

"It's got a cachet about it. It lives up to its own billing," said Tom Douglas, executive chef and owner of three Seattle restaurants — Palace Kitchen, Eta's Seafood and the Dahlia Lounge — which will serve an estimated 5,000 to 8,000 pounds this season.

"People know it's the best of the best. It's in such short supply that it creates its own frenzy," he said.

People might disagree on its appeal — whether it be its timing, its flavor or its limited run and numbers — but everyone agrees it is the most coveted salmon around.

"The flavor, the name, the story, a combination of things has made it a popular fish," said Bill Webber, who has been fishing the Copper River in Cordova, Alaska for the past 31 years.

Copper River salmon, the first wild salmon of the Alaska season, must travel a long, cold route up the roughly 300-mile Copper River each spring before ending up in the Gulf of Alaska.

Because of the long run the fish have to go to spawn, they have an unusually high oil content which fuels them for their trip — and boosts their flavor.

The catch is closely monitored by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to ensure future

runs are preserved. Dan Sharp, a Fish and Game biologist, expects the catch to be down a little this year, due to natural variations in run size, but said it will still yield a healthy return.

"The quality of the salmon is extraordinary," said Chris McDowell of the Salmon Market Information Service, which

"People know it's the best of the best. It's in such short supply that it creates its own frenzy."

— Tom Douglas, owner Palace Kitchen

salmon," said Patty Swaney, general manager of McCormick and Schmick's HarborSide Restaurant.

"In the Seattle market, it's the finest salmon we come across on an annual basis," agreed McCormick and Schmick's district chef Chris Westcott whose three restaurants will run through an estimated 500 pounds a week each. "As it compares to other salmon, it has a great, rich, buttery taste that has no match." Some Seattle-area restaurants like Sazerac even plan special menus around it.

Their Copper River salmon and wine dinner, a multicourse feast with complementary wines, is an annual sellout.

"Part of its appeal is that it's available for such a short time and anyone wants to come in and have some," said Sazerac assistant manager Karen McManus. "People just love it."

tracks and reports on market conditions. "They have a very high oil content and real connoisseurs can tell the difference."

The salmon also appeals to health-conscious consumers because of the high levels of Omega-3 fat, an unsaturated fat believed to help fend off heart disease, breast cancer and migraines.

"The Copper River salmon also is noted for its persimmon-colored flesh, nutty flavor and velvety texture."

"Its flesh is firm. It's got a high fat content so it melts in your mouth when you're eating it," said Chef Douglas. "It's caught in very cold waters which gives it a very real fresh flavor whereas warm water fish tends to taste a little washed out."

The Copper River salmon frenzy is so high that Pacific Northwest restaurants are full weeks in advance.

Every year, people come out specifically for the flavor of this

State crews labor to improve Salt Lake's natural water flow

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An existing gap in the railroad causeway across the Great Salt Lake should be enlarged enough to allow the water on either side to mix by November, according to Art DuFault, director of the Utah Division of Sovereign Lands and Forestry.

The breach is being widened to promote a more natural flow of water and produce conditions more favorable for the brine shrimp that live in the lake.

State experts contend that Union Pacific's dirt and rock causeway, which splits the lake between north and south, has become like a dam.

Most of the fresh water entering the lake comes in the southern end, reducing salinity there below the level needed the brine shrimp that support a commercial industry and thousands of hungry birds.

Meanwhile, salinity has increased in the north arm, possibly beyond the level needed by the shrimp.

In 1984, the state opened a 300-foot-wide breach in the causeway to help mixing. In February, law-

makers designated \$650,000 to deepen that gap.

DuFault said state officials are doing preliminary design work for the deepening project and studying alternative plans in case the work costs more than budgeted.

But the brine shrimp industry wishes the state would hurry up.

"I don't think you could call this rapid implementation," said Don Leonard, spokesman for the industry. He hoped the state would have been completed this summer — or would have taken on more aggressive measures to help the shrimp.

Lynn de Freitas, president of Friends of Great Salt Lake, said the state should spend more attention monitoring salinity changes after the breach is enlarged.

"A lot of money will be spent on the project," she said, "and we want to see if things improve."

DuFault said the state is starting a different monitoring program, to make sure Union Pacific is clearing debris from two small culverts in the crossing that it owns.

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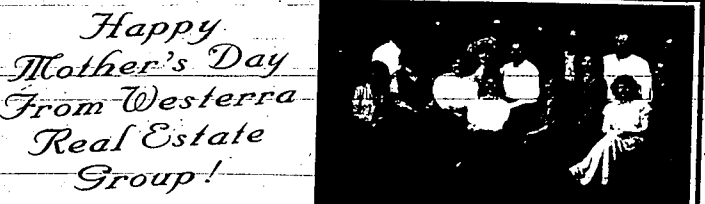
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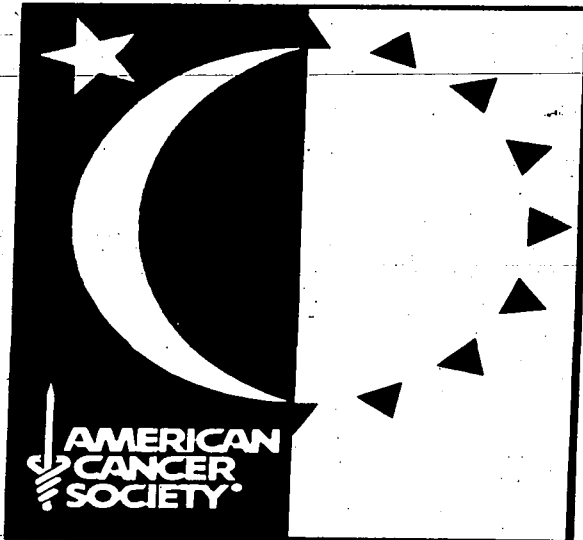
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Dear Mr. Wolff: I open one club in second seat, and partner responds one heart. My RHO overcalls one spade, and I bid two hearts. I'm in a bind. What are my priorities in choosing a reply to partner's forcing bid?

No Extras, Houston, Texas.

ANSWER: In standard methods this is a nonforcing jump preference. The general rule is that a delayed jump in partner's opened suit is invitational. If his first response was at the two-level, his jump raise is an absolute force, carrying slam implications.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner opens one diamond at duplicate, and my RHO overcalls one trump. With neither side having a trump suit, I have a raise to two diamonds at hold ♠ K-10-7, ♥ 0, ♣ J-9-8-7, ♦ J-10-9-8-7.

This Issue, Pleasanton, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, I open one diamond with ♠ A-K-Q-J-10-9, ♥ A-K-Q-J-10-9, ♣ both sides vulnerable, LHO overcalls one spade, and partner bids one trump. How do you rate my possible actions?

Red Hat, Claremont, Calif.

ANSWER: Yes, I would. This may be your only convenient opportunity to speak, and I would do so. The opponents rate to have a ♠ A-K-Q-J-10-9, ♥ A-K-Q-J-10-9, ♣ both sides vulnerable, LHO overcalls one spade, and partner bids one trump. How do you rate my possible actions?

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate I held ♠ A-K-Q-J-7, ♣ K-Q-7, ♥ A-K-Q-J-10-9, ♦ A-K-Q-J-10-9. Partner opened one spade, and I responded two diamonds. When he rebid two spades, should I have bid three clubs, or jumped immediately to three trump?

Chesnut, Poughkeepsie, Wash.

ANSWER: Since slam chances are nil, I prefer to bid my new suit and force with three clubs. A jump to three trump closes the door to a possible minor-suit slam.

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How not to be a good mother

"My mom helped me make a go-cart." A 6-year-old said in a magazine article. "Really, she wasn't that good at it, but she tried real hard, and that's what's important."
 "Mother's Day is a real hard time to declare it. I'm trying, real hard. And I know a lot of other mothers who are, too."
 But there are days...
 A friend once told me, "Sometimes I'm afraid I'm raising the kind of kids I don't want my kids to play with."
 "We all have our moments."
 "We try to help our kids decide what they want to be when they grow up, even though we aren't really sure what WE want to be when we grow up. Or we try to teach our kids how to cope with their stresses, even though we know WE don't do a very good job of coping with our own."
 When I became a parent, I thought I would automatically become able to dispense thrilling words of wisdom. But many times, the best I can come up with is, "Look both ways before crossing."
 "I mean, it's tough to convince my son that I care more about the kind of person he becomes than I care about his beating average (even though I do) when I am living and dying with every pitch at his ball games."
 And yet, I know I have a job to do, and I really am trying.

These days, it's popular to blame someone else for your lack of parenting skills, especially if you had bad parents of your own. But we must not let that become the answer. Or, as a minister friend of mine always says, "You can still honor your father and mother by honoring that which they failed to be."
 I once heard a speaker talk about a mom and dad who were entertaining friends at home when the phone rang. "These people had been in the best of health, happy times, was having problems again."
 "Hello, your son gives you nothing but heartache," one of the host's friends told him. "If he were my son, I would just write him off and forget he ever existed."
 Mike's response: "If he were your son, I probably would, too."
 And so we parents continue to struggle - some of us more than others - to encourage the physical, emotional and spiritual development of our children. Only to be eventually rewarded for a job well done by ending up with children who are self-confident and independent enough to leave us.

And for some strange reason, the days when we experience so much joy being parents actually make up for all the rest.
 "I'm not sure I have any magic-wand tips for raising a wonderful child, but I do think I've discovered the world around me long enough to know what NOT to do."
 Here's my Top 10 list - "How to Raise a Terrible Child":
 1. When your child collides with authority figures at school or elsewhere, always rush to their defense and take their sides. If possible, bail them out with your credit card to accept responsibility for their actions. They will think you are cool.
 2. Try to give your children everything they want. When they end up believing the world owes them, agree with them.
 3. Demand from your children more than you think they can accomplish, but don't complain when they miss when they will love them more if they... make the team, pull straight A's, look beautiful, etc.
 4. Don't give your children any spiritual training until they are over 18. Then let them decide for themselves.
 5. When your children come home from school saying "bad words," start giggling. Even better, laugh at your children when they do something stupid, or when they try to tell you how they feel about something that you think is insignificant.
 6. Be a lousy husband or wife. Don't show any respect for your spouse.
 7. Do everything for your children. It's quicker to tie a shoe yourself, anyway. Make your kids' laugh at you for them, too. Start early so they will get used to it.
 8. Don't tell your children no. They hate that.
 9. Tell your children's secrets to all your friends. It's fun to share their silly concerns.
 10. Don't be there - as often as possible.

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Happy Un-Mother's Day



Lucy Vieira is more than an aunt and a godmother to the children in her life. Vieira has no children of her own but spends much of her time and a sizable chunk of her income helping raise more than a dozen youngsters.

More women are childless by choice

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

BUHL - She loves kids - matter of fact, they fill her life.
 "But at 'almost 40,' Lucy Vieira has decided she doesn't want to mother one."
 "I was married for 10 years, and I chose not to have children with my former husband," said Vieira, who works as a secretary for a food-processing company. "But I can't imagine children not being part of my life."
 So don't feel sorry for Vieira today, on the high holiday of motherhood: Cards, balloons, small gifts and hugs have already begun to arrive from nearly a dozen and half nieces, nephews and godchildren.

"They are very, very special to me," Vieira said. "I love them as much as if they were my biological children."
 Vieira is far from alone this Mother's Day. There are more childless couples - and more childless-by-choice women - than ever before in America.
 "If people choose not to, why are they bashed over the head about it as if there's something wrong with them?" Leslie Lafayette, a California high school teacher who founded the Child-Free Network, told American Demographics magazine.

The number of married couples without kids increased by about 3 percent during the 1990s. While that's slower than the growth in total number of households, American Demographics projects the number of households with kids under 18 at home will decline by as much as 10 percent by the middle of this decade.
 Economics play a part.

Married couples without children at home have the lowest expenditure per household and the greatest discretionary spending.
 Almost half of childless women in early middle age have college degrees - and thus greater earning potential - compared with 31 percent of mothers. And non-mothers aged 35-44 are more likely to be in the labor force (87 percent to 75 percent).
 That said, few women plan to remain childless all their lives, according to the Census Bureau. But while 57 percent of women 30-34 expect to have a baby in the future, not all will succeed. In 1982, 10-17 percent of women aged 25-29 expected to remain children; a decade later, 19 percent still had no kids.

"I come from a family where children are important," said Vieira, who was born in the Azores and has lived in the Magic Valley for about a decade. "But it's also a family where they're important not just to their parents."
 Vieira's 64-year-old aunt died recently. She never had kids, and the two had a close bond.
 "In a way, I guess she was a role model," she said. "She was such a loving woman, and she cared so much about her family."
 History, it seems, is repeating. Vieira serves as a community representative for Head Start, meeting parents and talking to service clubs.
 And all those nieces and nephews and godkids?
 "There's a birthday every month," Vieira said. "And Christmas? Don't even talk about Christmas."

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Un-mothers by the numbers

- 28.6** Number of married-couple households, in millions in the U.S. without children under 18 living at home.
 - 29** Projected increase, in percent, of married couples without children between 1995 and 2010.
 - 221** Number of babies produced, on average, by 100 women of childbearing age, 1995
 - 238** Number of babies produced, on average, by 100 women of childbearing age, 1982
 - 7-24** Projected number of women, as a percentage, between the ages of 18-24 who will never give birth
 - 36** Number of employed non-mothers, by percentage, in professional or managerial jobs.
 - 21** Number of employed mothers, by percentage, in professional or managerial jobs.
- Sources: American Demographics magazine, U.S. Census Bureau

Is your child really hyperactive?

Primary care doctors have a brand-new set of tools to help them screen school-age youngsters for attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, a growing diagnosis that some experts say is too easily slapped on kids who misbehave.
 The American Academy of Pediatrics, the United States' largest pediatric group, last month issued guidelines to help distinguish attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder from other problems among children ages 6 to 12.
 According to the new guidelines:
 • Doctors should routinely pursue an evaluation of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder in children 6 to 12 who exhibit signs of a short attention span, hyperactivity, impulsiveness, difficulty focusing on schoolwork or other tasks, academic under-

Etc...

achievement or an inability to sit still.
 • A diagnosis of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder requires the child's symptoms to occur in at least two settings - such as home and school - and interfere with the child's academic or social functioning for at least six months. The symptoms must also meet criteria established in the diagnostic manual of mental disorders developed by the American Psychiatric Association.
 • Establishing a diagnosis of attention deficit/hyperactivity

disorder requires that parents or other caregivers as well as teachers or school professionals provide direct evidence of the major symptoms, as well as the age at which they began, their duration and the degree to which the child's functioning is impaired.
 • An evaluation should include an assessment for associated conditions, such as learning and language problems, aggression and anxiety. About a third of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder have such a co-existing condition.
 • Other diagnostic tests, such as lead screening, brain imaging and thyroid hormone tests, do little to establish a diagnosis of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.
 -Source: Los Angeles Times

Famous voice at space show

Ongoing

TWIN FALLS - The Faulkner Planetarium's 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.
 Narrated by "Star Trek's" Leonard Nimoy, and featuring three-dimensional art and space travel 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," an excellent show for younger audiences, will be shown at 2 p.m. Saturdays.
 Another program "More Than Meets the Eye" will be shown at 4 p.m. Saturdays and will show

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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.
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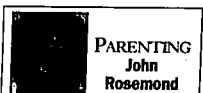
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PARENTING John Rosemond

Girl's parents must be doing something right

I began soliciting "Parenting at its Best" stories about six months ago and have received quite a number of good ones, but this one is in the top 10.

at school because of it. It breaks my heart to see kids treated like this by their peers, and middle school kids can be especially cruel.

me not to. She said her parents would ground her and she would miss out on a big sleeper that was coming up.

"A few weeks later after our conversation in the hall, Susan stopped by my desk after school to inform me that in the beginning she really didn't want to become friends with Jane and was only nice to her to keep me from calling her parents.

Once upon a not-so-long-ago time, those were magic words. I'm actually writing a "Teaching at its Best" letter, but I'm not. I give full credit for the happy ending to this story to Susan's wonderful mother.

'Gladiator' is good, but best to leave the young ones at home

"Gladiator" (R) - Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum. Best for Mature teens to adults.



Entertainment value: A+ "Where the Heart Is" (PG-13) - The Orpheum of Twin Falls, Century Cinema of Burley, Ski Time Cinemas of Ketchum.

The not-so-good: There are strong themes of life, love and death but they are combined with a lot of humor that saves the movie from being depressing.

work and live together. Wilma is resisting the plan of her scheming rich mother (Joan Collins) to marry her off to millionaire Chip Rockefeller (Thomas Gibson).

Class struggle: What can be done about the 'C' students?

WASHINGTON - Like most students at suburban White Whitman Middle School, Jason Primrose was a nice kid. He smiled at his teachers. He listened to his parents.

term papers and surprise quizzes. Maybe he would grow up. Maybe he wouldn't. But there was no time to worry him better, so many other students further behind than he was.

That might have become Jason's story, but two years ago he encountered something very unusual - a program just for average kids.

English department of Clairemont High School, which was about to receive 500 Hispanic and African-American students from low-income parts of the city under a desegregation order.

states. The life of Michelle Tompkins, AVID teacher at Whitman, is full of squeaky 14-year-old voices saying, "I want to be a lawyer," to which she replies, "But you hate to write and you hate to make speeches and you hate to do research, so you would hate doing that job."

You may never need another site

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KIDS ONLINE Nicole Ridgway Today's site

In the space section, you can find a variety of pictures taken by the Hubble Space Telescope.

Toughest phase of split costs dearly Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - She takes the 'bad tables. He takes the lamps. She takes the big TV and the stereo. He takes the home computer and the two little kids.

Now, how about the children, the living, breathing products of this union? Under healthy circumstances, the answer is: being more than to love and be loved by each parent-the same parents who just split up the consumer good of marriage.

Realistically, how could anyone who truly loves a child feel good about seeing him or her split? When parents divorce, that has to happen. The parents will be in different places; the child can't be in two places at once.

And ultimately, it will be the judges and the court-appointed psychologists, social workers and other professionals who will make the custody decisions, people who never changed one diaper for these children, never helped with homework, never dried a tear, repaired a doll or explained how to hit a curveball.

John A. Bailis of Barrington, Ill., thinks anti-father bias in the court system is a good thing. He says his role in his father's custody case was to fight for custody, men have a much better chance of getting it than the census figures show. And a study of custody cases suggested that even though a third of fathers would have preferred sole custody, few of them formally requested it.

ENGAGEMENTS

WATSON-OKELBERRY

BURLEY - Gene and Janene Watson of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Jean Watson, to Christopher Ryan Okelberry, son of Chris and Shillah Okelberry of Oakley.

Watson graduated from Burley High School and attended LDS Business College in Salt Lake City, Utah. She is employed at A.Aronic in Boise.

Okelberry is a 1995 graduate of Oakley High School. He served a two-year mission to the Philippines for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and graduated in 1996 from ITT Technical Institute in Boise. He is majoring in mechanical engineering at Boise State University and is employed as a...



Monica Jean Watson and Christopher Ryan Okelberry

The wedding is planned for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. A reception to honor the couple is set from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Star LDS Church, 100 S. 200 W.

BRADSHAW-WHITESIDES

RUPERT - Steve and Joy Bradshaw of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Bradshaw, to Brandon Whitesides, son of Brent and Marilyn Whitesides of Rupert.

Bradshaw graduated from Minico High School in 1998 and from Ricks College in Rexburg in 2000. She is continuing her education at Idaho State University in Pocatello. She is employed at Bradshaw Dairy in Rupert.

Whitesides graduated from Minico High School in 1992 and served a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints mission to Denmark. He graduated from Brigham Young University in 1998. He is employed by Whitesides Dairy in Rupert. The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Salt Lake LDS



Lisa Bradshaw and Brandon Whitesides

Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Ruperts LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St.

WILSON-HOOPER

GOODING - Jack and Faye Bellus of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Jo Wilson, to Tim E. Hooper, son of Graham and Fatty Hooper of Bliss.

Wilson is attending the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in elementary education.

Hooper is a graduate of CSI with an associate of arts degree in agri-business. He is employed by Graham Hooper in Bliss. The wedding is planned for June 3 at the Fir Grove Ranch in Fairfield.



Tim Hooper and Heidi Wilson

LANCASTER-SAXTON

TWIN FALLS - Robert Lancaster Jr., Connie L. Stout and Linda Freeman, all of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Ann Lancaster, to Bill Saxton, son of Kathy McNulty of Jerome and Bill Saxton of Twin Falls.

Lancaster will graduate from Twin Falls High School this May. She is employed at Community Partnerships of Idaho working with autistic children.

Saxton is a graduate of Jerome High School and is employed by Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 7



Wendy Lancaster and Bill Saxton

p.m. June 2 at the Weston Plaza Inn.

BECK-JACOBSEN

TWIN FALLS - Michael and Teresa Beck of Sedro-Woolley, Wash., and Laurent Beck of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Jean Beck, to Andrew Jacobsen, son of Gene and Becky Jacobsen of Twin Falls.

Beck graduated in 1996 from Sedro-Woolley High School in Sedro-Woolley, Wash., and attended George Fox University in Newberg, Ore., majoring in elementary education. She is employed at Destiny Christian School in Twin Falls.

Jacobsen is a graduate of Destiny Christian School in Twin Falls. He is employed by Farmore



Andrew Jacobsen and Lindsay Beck

Irrigation in Jerome. The wedding is planned for May 27.

BELL-BALY

Jerome - Judy Bolton of Jerome announces the engagement of her daughter, Kimberly Dawn Bell, to Paul Edward Bailey, son of Jack and Virginia Bailey of Twin Falls. Bell is the daughter of the late David Bell.

Bell is a graduate of Twin Falls Christian Academy. She is employed at Wilson Bates in Twin Falls.

Bailey is a graduate of Twin Falls Christian Academy. He is employed by Bailey Landscaping in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for May 27.



Paul Bailey and Kimberly Bell

BROWN-NEVES

BUHL - Michaels (Mickey) Brown of Buhl announces the engagement of her daughter, Lynette Georgann Marie Brown, to Joe Neves, son of Gabriel and Maria Neves of Jerome.

Brown is a 1992 graduate of Buhl High School and the College of Southern Idaho.

Neves attended Shoshone High School and CSI. They are self-employed on their dairy in Buhl.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. A reception to honor the couple will follow at the Immaculate



Lynette Brown and Joe Neves

Conception Church Hall in Buhl.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE MAXWELLS

BUHL - Mr. and Mrs. Riley Maxwell of Buhl 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 Moon Glo Village, 910 Moon Glo Village Road in Buhl. No gifts, please.

Maxwell and Jean Winkler were married May 21, 1950, in North Hollywood, Calif. They have one son, John (Debbie) Maxwell, and five grandchildren.



Riley and Jean Maxwell

THE KAUFMANS

BUHL - Floyd and Ida Kaufman of Buhl will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this week in Branson, Mo., with two of their sons and many other close relatives.

They were married May 17, 1940, in Hesston, Kan., and spent their honeymoon in Branson, Mo. In 1948, they moved from Hesston to the Buhl ranch where they still live, raising cattle and agriculture crops.

They have three sons, Larry (Maryell) Kaufman of Dallas, Texas, Ray (Effie) Kaufman of Boise and Gary (Carol) Kaufman of Pocatello; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



Ida and Floyd Kaufman

There will be no formal open house. They welcome calls and visits from friends.

THE TAYLORS

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lee Taylor celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 25 with family and friends at North's Chuck Wagon in Twin Falls.

Taylor and Lenna Genette Wilson were married March 25, 1950, in Harrison, Ark. They came to Idaho shortly after their marriage so he could work for her uncle, Sam Hawkins, building houses. They had planned to return to Arkansas in the fall, but liked Jerome so they made their home here.

He also worked at the Sports Shop, Don's Conoco, Northside Lumber, Volco and Franklin's Building Supply. He is semi-retired. She sold Avon and is a homemaker.

They have been active in the Jerome First Baptist Church, teaching Sunday school and holding various church offices. They have enjoyed being part of the Baptized Sunday school class. They also enjoy fishing, camping and wood cutting with the family. The couple has two children, Karen Stuart and Roger Taylor, both of Jerome; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



Lenna and Alvin Taylor

THE CALLENES

HOLLISTER - Mr. and Mrs. Dolphy (Doc) Callen will be honored at an open house May 21 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the TLF Club in Twin Falls. No gifts, please.

Callen and Erma Lee Rupe were married Jan. 12, 1950, in Elko, Nev. They moved from Jerome to Twin Falls in 1950, where he worked at the Twin Falls Livestock Commission Company in the family business. In 1951, they moved south of Rogerson to the Point Ranch. In 1962, they moved to a ranch west of Hollister, where they reside now.

They have seen changes in farming from horses to tractors. They have spent a lifetime making improvements on two ranches and a farm. There has been 400 miles of fences and 150 miles of pipeline built. It now puts water to the desert.

He served as per diem guard for the Bureau of Land Management for 36 years and she was per diem bookkeeper. She served as president and secretary of the Rogerson Community, and



Erma Lee and Dolphy Callen

also kept the ranches books and cooked for hired hands. They served as 4-H leaders. They are currently retired, he is an avid fisherman and she likes to play bingo. They spend two months a year in Arizona.

The couple has four children, Sherry (Lee) Satterwhite of Rogerson, Kerry (Randy) Perkins, Marsha (Jerry) Young and Lyn (Shelley) Callen, all of Hollister; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

HELMS-BARNES

BURLEY - Terry W. and Maria Helms of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Jo Helms, to Joshua Durtsch Barnes, son of Charles A. and Linda S. Barnes of Filer.

Helms graduated from Burley High School in 1992. She is a pre-natal major at the College of Southern Idaho, where she is a member of the Golden Girls dance team.

Barnes graduated from Filer High School in 1995. He served a two-year Arizona Temple Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a business major at CSI and is employed by T.M. Construction in Filer.

The wedding is planned for 7:40 a.m. Friday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah.

A reception to honor the couple



Heather Helms and Joshua Barnes

will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday in the Star LDS Ward building, 200 W. 100 S. A second reception to honor the couple will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. May 26 at the Filer LDS Stake Center, 841 Midway.

SHORT-NORMAN

TWIN FALLS - Mark and Janet Short of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Karlie Jan Short, to Kelly Robert Norman, son of Robert and Jolene Norman of Twin Falls.

Short is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the College of Southern Idaho.

Norman graduated from Twin Falls High School and served a France Marselle Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is currently attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.



Karlie Short and Kelly Norman

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

HULSE-CLAWSON

CASTLEFORD - Keith and Paula Hulse of Castleford announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Marie Hulse, to James Albert Clawson, son of James and Sandi Clawson of Twin Falls.

Hulse is a 1998 graduate of Castleford High School and a 2000 graduate of Ricks College. She plans to attend the nursing program at the College of Southern Idaho this fall.

Clawson is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 1998 - graduate of Myring Technical Institute. He is currently employed at Twin Falls Tractor.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A ring ceremony and



James Clawson and Dana Hulse

reception will be held in their honor at 7 p.m. Friday at the Buhl LDS Church on Fair Street. The couple will reside in Twin Falls.

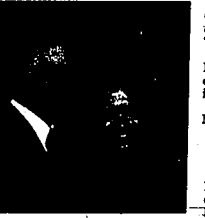
GARRF-SIMPSON

ANDERSON

DECLO - Dr. John and Joyce Simpson of Declo and Richard and Valerie Garff of Sandy, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Garff-Simpson, to Justin Anderson, son of Claudia and Jack Anderson of Bluffdale, Utah, and David and Kathy Anderson of Orem, Utah.

Garff-Simpson attended public school in Burley and Declo and the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind in Gooding. She attended Utah State University on a leadership scholarship before earning the title of Miss Deaf Idaho. During her reign, she gave presentations about deaf awareness to civic organizations and television stations. Andrea transferred to Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., for two years where she played basketball on the university's NCAA team. She completed her education at Utah State University and recently graduated with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science. She teaches American Sign Language at The Pioneer High School and works as a personal trainer at The Tree House Athletic Club.

Anderson attended St. Joseph's private school in Declo, St. Louis, Mo., and attended public school in Salt Lake City, Utah. He



Justin Anderson and Andrea Garff-Simpson

served a two-year Deaf Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in New York. He is majoring in business management at Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah, and is the production manager for Audio Enhancement in Riverton, Utah.

The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Mount Timpanogas LDS Temple in American Fork, Utah. Receptions to honor the couple are planned for 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi, Utah, and from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Simpson residence, 861 E. 350 N. Inclement weather will negate the reception from the Simpsons to the Declo LDS Church.

The couple will reside in Bluffdale, Utah.

Top of your mind... May 14-15

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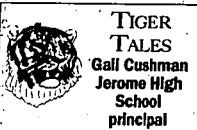
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Serving the Northside

BPA represents Jerome at conference

Jerome can be very proud of how well the Jerome Chapter Business Professionals represented the city at the National Leadership Conference in Minneapolis this past weekend.

There were more than 4,000 students in attendance from 15 states and of our six members attending, five were national finalists (the only Magic Valley members to reach the



stage). The results were: presentation management team, sixth place; Cody Bingham, Sean Diehl, Adam McRoberts and Rick Walker; extemporaneous speaking II, ninth place; Sean Diehl; management concepts, 10th place; Carrie Wright; desktop publishing, 17th place. Kara Spencer, Mrs. Spencer also certified in Microsoft Excel and Microsoft PowerPoint, attaining over 90 percent in both of these tests. Congratulations BPA.

Science teacher Ken Nordquist was the recipient of the "Extra Mile" award presented by the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, which recognizes people who go the extra mile in their work. The Jerome High School Prom was held on April 29 in the gymnasium. More than 200 couples attended with many parents enjoying the "Grand March." The senior class king and queen were Cyria Warner and Brett Cook. The junior class prince and princess were: Allison



Jerome High School prom royalty is left to right, front row: Brad Walgamott, Joe Atkin, King Brett Cook, Prince Jason Bean, Brad Stokes and Jimmy Jimilar; back row: Pam Parkey, Anna Miller, Queen Cyria Warner, Princess Allison Marshall, Anna Lott and Beth Greenwood.

Improved: Steven Holyoak; Most Outstanding Speaker: Tomas Hernandez. The Jerome High School Speech program Rocket. The sixth annual Cinco de Mayo celebration, sponsored by the BESO Club and the FHLA, was a roaring success with a very well-received assembly in the auditorium. The performances included both traditional folkloric dances and modern dances and songs performed by the students. It was colorful and enjoyed by the JHS faculty, student body and family members. Special guests were from the Jerome Head Start. Que exito! Gracias a ustedes!

Angela Doyle with the American Red Cross Boise Mobile Unit prepares Rev. Dan Houghton of Wendell during the American Red Cross Blood Drive in Wendell April 6. Blood Drive Committee Chairwoman Tina Withers says the drive netted 83 productive pints of donated blood. The next blood drive is scheduled for July 20 from 1-6 p.m. at the Wendell LDS Church and a nursery will be provided.



Angela Doyle with the American Red Cross Boise Mobile Unit prepares Rev. Dan Houghton of Wendell during the American Red Cross Blood Drive in Wendell April 6.

Retired fed employees group hosts convention
TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls National Association of Retired Employees (NARE) chapter will host the NARE convention Monday at the Weston Plaza with two association speakers as guests. The agenda includes registration Monday. National NARE Treasurer Charles Falls and Peter Ales, NARE Region IX vice president will speak on Tuesday. Falls of Alexandria and Salem, Va., has been a NARE member since 1985. He spent 35 years in the federal government in several capacities with the U.S. Postal Service. His background includes the University of Kentucky, Georgetown Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia and Harvard School of Business Administration.
Other speakers on Tuesday include Twin Falls Mayor Elaine Steele; Kent Just with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce; Steve Crump with the Times-News.
A business wrap will be held Wednesday and door prizes will

be awarded. All presently employed and retired federal employees are invited to attend the convention or the chapter at its regular monthly meetings at the Mandarin House.
For more information, Call Russell Rosenau at 733-0969 or James Fischer at 733-5131.
Duplicate Bridge Club announces results of match GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the results of its latest match, held May 5 at the Gooding City Hall.
Winners are Mary Fitch and Riley Burton in first place, Susan Faulkner and Adelaide Gerard taking second and Cecil Davidson and Ched Botkin in third.
Bridge players are invited to join in at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding City Hall. Refreshments will be served.
Wendell Elementary holds kindergarten registration
WENDELL - Wendell Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration from 4 p.m. - May 24 at Wendell Elementary at 150 Third Ave. E.
Placement will be on a first-come first-served basis and parents are asked to bring an official birth certificate and up-to-date immunization records for their child.

Buses will be provided for all kindergarten classes during the 2000-2001 school year for children residing no more than 1 and one-half miles from Wendell Elementary, organizers say.
For more information, call Wendell Elementary at 536-6611.
CHADD announces meeting at Lazy J Ranch
TWIN FALLS - Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder, or CHADD, will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Lazy J recreational room at 450 Pole Line Road in Twin Falls.
The meeting focus is on various resources available regarding Attention Deficit Disorder. Participants are encouraged to bring any ideas and/or resources to share at the meeting.
For more information, call 736-3822.
Sons of Norway celebrates country independence day
TWIN FALLS - The Sons of Norway will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Ballroom at 205 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.
Members will celebrate Syttende Mai, Norway's independence day with a potluck dinner. Special guest will

BLAINE MIDDLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lunch menu.
Bellevue Elementary has no self-serve bar.
Monday: Pizza or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, mixed vegetables, chilled pears, fortune cookie; tater tots with cheese.
Tuesday: Crisp beef taco or Dorian's yogurt and roll, seasoned corn, cinnamon and sugar bread sticks, chilled pears; make a sandwich.
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets or hard boiled egg and roll, potato wedges, dinner roll, fresh orange wedges; nacho bar.
Thursday: Hot dog on a bun or meat and cheese tray, broccoli and cauliflower, applesauce, peanut butter bar; salad bar.
Friday: Pork patty with barbecue sauce or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, mashed potatoes, green salad, banana half, brunch bar.

SCHOOL LUNCH

brownie cookie.
Wednesday: Hamburger, french fries, pickles, cookie, chocolate milk.
Thursday: Chicken nuggets with sweet and sour sauce, fried rice, fortune cookie.
Friday: Chef salad with crackers, coconut cream pie, chocolate milk.
GOODING SCHOOLS
Milk served every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, fries, salad.
Tuesday: Taco salad, cake, fruit.
Wednesday: Hot dogs, potato salad, apple crisp.
Thursday: Chicken and noodles, roll, salad.
Friday: Crispy chicken salad, strawberry shortcake.

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day.
Monday: Turkey ole wrap or finger stools, potato wedges, apple sauce or kiwi.
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe or nachos with cheese, carrot salad, pears or bananas, Rice Crispie Treats.
Wednesday: French dip sandwich or rib-b-cue, french fries, apricot or watermelon.
Thursday: Sausage pizza or grilled cheese sandwich, green salad, applesauce or kiwi.
Friday: Taco salad or Italian dinners, cucumber sticks with dressing, fruit cup or cantaloupe.

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast:
Monday: Cereal, toast, juice.
Tuesday: Pancakes, ban, juice.
Wednesday: Cereal, cinnamon bread sticks, juice.
Thursday: French toast, sausage, juice.
Friday: Cereal, pop-tarts, juice.
Lunch:
Monday: Hot dog on a bun, chicken noodle soup, crackers, peaches, chocolate milk.
Tuesday: Cheeseburger, baked fries, bar cookies, apple wedges.
Wednesday: Hard shell taco, corn, cheese, salsa, fried rice, lettuce, applesauce.
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, lunch roll, pears.
Friday: Pepperoni pizza, green salad, brownies, orange smiles, chocolate milk.

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered each day.
Monday: O'Cheese sandwich or corny pizza, green salad, fruit, fruit turnover.
Tuesday: Cheese pizza or taco, lettuce and cheese, fruit, corn, chocolate pudding.
Wednesday: Chef salad or hamburger on a bun, oven fries, fruit, cookie.
Thursday: Baked potato or burrito, vegetable choice, fruit, cinnamon roll.
Friday: Nachos or chicken on a bun, oven fries, fruit, cookie.

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day.
Breakfast menu:
Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, link sausage, toast, jelly.
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, scrambled egg, english muffin.
Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, biscuits and gravy, jam.
Thursday: Choice of juice, banana, yogurt, choice of cereal, cinnamon toast.
Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, rice, bacon, french toast.

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day.
Monday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggies, cookie.
Tuesday: Hoagie sandwich, potato rounds, soup, brownie.
Wednesday: Sloppy Joe, potato rounds, pudding.
Thursday: Hamburger and fries, macaroni salad, cookie.
Friday: Spaghetti, cheese bread, peanut butter fingers.

VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day.
Lunch menu:
Monday: Soft shell taco, salsa, potato wedges, corn, apple cobbler.
Tuesday: Pizza, salad, bread sticks, sausage, fruit.
Wednesday: Open menu.
Thursday: Burrito, chips and salsa, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, bread sticks.
Friday: Chicken burger, potato salad, lettuce and pickles, fruit, cookie.

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Milk served every day.
Monday: Sloppy joe, salad bar.
Tuesday: Chicken with mashed potatoes.
Wednesday: Sub sandwiches.
Thursday: Nachos.
Friday: Nuggets and fries.

GLENN'S FERRY SCHOOLS

Lunch:
Monday: Corn dog, pork and beans, chips, berry t.o., chocolate milk.
Tuesday: O'Pizza, pineapple,

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Menu not available

WENDELL ELEMENTARY

Lunch:
Monday: Hamburger on a bun, catsup, lettuce and pickle, fries, baby carrots, banana half.
Tuesday: Mexican tostada, shredded cheese and lettuce, corn, salsa, cinnamon sugar sticks, orange halves.
Wednesday: Corn dog, mustard, french fries, catsup, pears, peanut butter bar.
Thursday: Sausage pizza, tossed salad, ranch dressing, pineapple, power gelatin.
Friday: Submarine sandwich, mayonnaise, tossed salad, ranch dressing, tortilla chips, peaches.
School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed into the menu in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

be Chris Brevick, director, for Zone 5. For more information, call 733-5944.

Spring Fling event set at Central Elementary

JEROME - Central Elementary School in Jerome will host a spring fling in celebration of students earning 50,000 Accelerated Reader points from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday at its location at 311 N. Lincoln St. in Jerome.
Students are asked to bring an adult to the celebration and all activities will be held outdoors if the weather permits.
A raffle will be held for two sides of beef. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the event. Proceeds will benefit Jodi Oster.
For more information, call Central Elementary at 324-3396.

Garden will hold a free workshop on home composting.
The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday at its location on the east side of Highway 75, south of Ketchum.
Co-sponsored by the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension and Southern Idaho Solid Waste, the one-hour workshop includes instruction on how to set up a compost bin, what materials to put in it and how to keep the composting material from emitting odors or attracting insects.
Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Carpooling to the workshop is recommended, organizers say. Participants will have an opportunity to purchase a compost bin for \$17. Purchase of a bin is not required.
For more information or to register, call 788-5585.

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Community Garden in Halley holds workshop

HAILEY - The Community

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Republican
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Vote May 23
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Re-Elect John Toolson
Jerome County Commissioner
• Ability to make sound judgements and logical well thought-out decisions.
• Indigent statute re-write (which covers medical assistance); saving county and state tax payers millions of dollars
• Upgrading our ambulance service to paramedic certification
• Creation of the DETOUR Program which encourages troubled youth to make the right choices.
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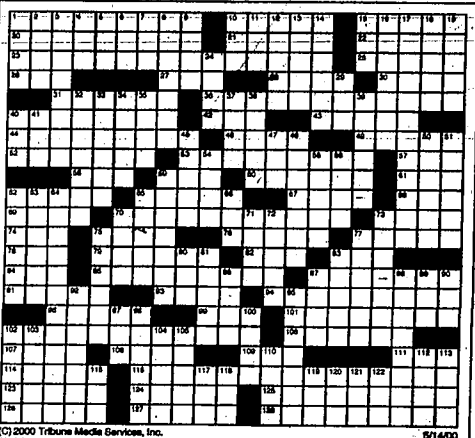
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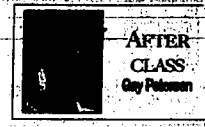


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Magic Valley daughter reflects on a truly exceptional woman

Today is Mother's Day, and it, as always, causes me to praise and think about my own mother and what a fine mother she was. My mother influenced her children and their children in all the best ways. She lived a good and moral life, so was an excellent example to follow, and her good sense and intelligence allowed her to always give good advice and fine guidance to her loved ones. My mother was a teacher in Bull Run High ...



AFTER CLASS Gay Petersen

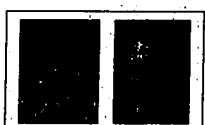
saying, how terrible it was for mother to work with "all those children at home." ... Nowdays people wonder what is wrong with a woman if she doesn't go back to work almost immediately after a baby is born. ... Of course as we grew up all of us helped with the chores, but mother was the mainstay of the

family, the lubricant that made every thing work smoothly. How fortunate we were to have her, and how all of her children, grandchildren, sons-in-law, and daughters-in-law adored her. She was the best! Miss her still. How important mothers are to a family. Fathers are vital too, but I'll save them until later - Father's Day. Today, perhaps many of the chores my mother's time have been made easier, but there are still a million things that seem for mothers to do at home and generally work outside the home as well. ... Happy Mother's Day!

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States determine Medicaid issue

Q: My mother and father operate a small business for nearly 50 years before he had a stroke. After a short hospital stay, he was discharged to a nursing home for rehabilitation. He lost not only movement on his right side but also some of his mental capability, and he needs continuous care. Because their Social Security was not enough to support them, Mom had to continue working in the business. They own nothing but their home, the restaurant business and a small amount of savings. ...



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estate subject to recovery is (1) the sole income-producing asset of survivors (where income is limited), such as a family farm or other family business, (2) there is a homestead of net est. value, or (3) there are other compelling circumstances. When seeking to recover Medicaid payments from less economically fortunate individuals, each state can determine that an undue hardship does not exist if they find that a person created the hardship by ...

death of the Medicaid recipient can affect the surviving spouse's economic future. For example, by placing a lien on the home still occupied by a widow or widower, the state in effect makes the surviving a prisoner in the home. It's impossible for that person to sell the property and use the money for assisted living, or to take out a mortgage or loan if he or she needs to money for living expenses. Generally, families are ill-informed about recovery, and some states fail to notify families about the availability of hardship questions or that liens are going to be enforced. In addition, some states do not have procedures in place for families to contest the size of the amount of the lien. To that effect, Medicaid is nothing more than a big loan program. As such, recipients should have access to the same consumer protections as do other debtors, to prevent overreaching by the states, which basically make up their own rules as they go. ...

Senior and tai chi can mix, but it might be best remaining seated

The Washington Post Tuesday morning a group of seniors gathers in a circle at a senior center in Alexandria, Va., to faithfully follow the movements of their tai-chi instructor - as faithfully as they can while sitting down. Her 20 or so students, aged 60 to 95, suffer from arthritis, Parkinson's disease, dementia, cancer or other ailments. Some are in wheelchairs. The rest require assistance, to walk. "Prayer hands, everyone," says instructor Antoinette Fischman, smiling broadly from the center of the circle in her yin-yang sweat shirt. She places her palms together above her head. "This helps us to gather all of the good forces." ...

emphasis on mind control, relaxation and positive forces can even help older people who are not fully mobile. "The patients with Alzheimer's cannot remember the movements from one class to the next, but they can mimic me beautifully," says Fischman. "Even small motions boost their circulation and lift their spirits." Dozens of academic papers appeared in 1999 that looked at tai chi's healing qualities for age-related illnesses such as osteoporosis and arthritis and for daily activities, such as controlling balance, that can become a challenge for older people. For disabled students, Fischman simplifies the traditional forms, concentrating on five or six basic movements, intending to deliver similar benefits. Movements include leg lifts, marching while seated, and stretching the torso side to side, all performed slowly, in the fluid tai-chi style. Fischman, who reluctantly, laughingly revealed her age to be 73, learned tai chi six years ago after watching her father and other nursing-home patients

suffer, unable to walk, eat or speak. "I had a calling to learn a way to show them a better way of life," she says. The eight men in the group - perhaps too proud, too cranky, too World War II - follow along sporadically. One man, a tall Don Ameche, elegant and debonair, rests his palms on the cane in front of him and laughs at - OK, laughs with - everyone else. The women are more devoted and earnest, and they mimic Fischman's every move, albeit managing only a quarter-circle arm sweep, for example, for every one of the instructor's full circles. Perhaps most important for these seniors, many exercises are performed, then reversed, a process intended to keep the mind alert. "We open. We close," says Fischman, moving her arms out then closing them near her chest, a "lotus-flower motion meant to protect the lungs and the heart." Mr. Debonair laughs again. A 99-year-old woman in a blue cardigan opens her arms only halfway and yells, too loudly, "I'm cheating!" Everyone laughs.

Bush proposes tax breaks for caregivers

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) - George W. Bush proposed tax breaks of up to several thousand dollars a person Wednesday to help elderly Americans with nursing home insurance and those caring for older relatives at home. Bush's proposal is a move toward the political middle, closer to traditionally Democratic positions, in his Republican campaign for the presidency. Democratic Gore supports the Clinton administration plan that would give people comparable tax help to care for the elderly. The Texas governor said his plan at a cost of \$7.4 billion over five years, was an effort to steer people off "a path in financial ruin." Responding for the Gore campaign, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala dismissed the plan as "a day late

and a dollar short," particularly criticizing the tax break "to pay for costly long-term care insurance." By some estimates, half of older women and a third of older men are likely to need nursing home care eventually. An increasing number of people will be affected as the baby boom generation ages. Bush wants to provide an income tax deduction to anyone buying long-term care insurance. The deduction, now available only to people who itemize and have big medical expenses, would apply to everyone except those already on employer-subsidized long-term care plans. The cost of such plans - and thus the potential deduction - varies widely. An insurance plan for two years of nursing home care could range from \$358 for those aged 35-39 to \$2,638 annual-

ly for those aged 70-74. The campaign estimated the cost of that portion of Bush's proposal at \$5.1 billion over five years. Also, Bush proposed establishing an additional tax exemption for each elderly spouse, parent or other relative living in someone's home. That exemption is currently \$2,750 a year. The campaign estimated the cost of that second proposal at \$2.3 billion over five years. "My goal is to make long-term care available and affordable instead of a path to financial ruin," Bush said to an audience of about 60 senior citizens at the Ridgcrest Village Senior Center. Some sat in wheelchairs; others used walkers. "We have a system today where a person goes into a nursing home and quickly consumes their life savings."

Questions about immigration, Medicare

Knight Ridder News Service

Q: My mother is 82 years old and recently immigrated to the United States from India. When can she start paying Medicare premiums and be covered under Medicare? Is it necessary to take both Part A & B? A: If your mother arrived in the United States on any date other than the first of the month, her Medicare eligibility will start the month she is lawfully admitted for permanent residence (that is, a "green card holder") and after she has continuously resided in the United States for 5 years. If she arrived on the first of the month, her eligibility starts on the month of her fifth year of continuous residence in the U.S. She must pay the monthly premiums for both Part A and B, which can't elect to take only Part A. Q: My uncle receives a monthly disability check from Social Security. He will be undergoing some medical treatments over the next several months and

wants to know how long he can hold off cashing or depositing his Social Security check. A: If possible, he should try to cash or deposit his check(s) as soon as he receives it. An important fact for him to be aware of is that a government check must be cashed within 12 months after the date of the check or it will be voided. This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For answers to specific Social Security questions or that liens are going to be enforced. In addition, some states do not have procedures in place for families to contest the size of the amount of the lien. To that effect, Medicaid is nothing more than a big loan program. As such, recipients should have access to the same consumer protections as do other debtors, to prevent overreaching by the states, which basically make up their own rules as they go. ...

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Grandparents deliver fun, food and more

The Washington Post

Grandparents are living much longer, and 80 percent of children today can expect to have at least two grandparents alive at age 10. For many children, that means frequent contact with their grandparents. A recent survey of 823 grandparents - most of whom do not live with their grandchildren - shows that these contacts over the course of a month involve a variety of activities: 72 percent ate in 65 percent ate out 55 percent watched TV comedy 54 percent stayed over 43 percent shopped for clothes at a store 41 percent exercised/played sports 41 percent watched educational TV 39 percent attended religious

service 38 percent watched video 29 percent did gardening 24 percent used a computer 21 percent made home repairs 20 percent attended sports events 17 percent took a trip 11 percent went to amusement park 10 percent visited library 10 percent went out to movie

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