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## GOOD MORNING

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Today: Mostly sunny and cool, with southwest winds at 10 mph, becoming northwest 10-20 mph in the afternoon. High, 75. Mostly clear tonight, low 45.  
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# State and Church



Randy Hansen is giving up his seat in the Idaho Legislature to become bishop of his LDS Church ward.

## LDS politicians heed a special calling

By Michael Journee  
Times-News writer

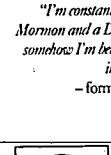
**TWIN FALLS** - It was a simple decision for Randy Hansen. He'd had a blast spending two sessions as one of Twin Falls' representatives in the Legislature. He was doing important work, and by most accounts he was good at it. But early this spring the freshman lawmaker received a call that changed all that. Just a few days after signing up for a re-election bid, Hansen, also owner of a large Twin Falls car dealership, was offered a position as bishop in his Mormon Church ward. "I couldn't be a good legislator, a good bishop and a good husband and father," Hansen said. So he took stock of his priorities, withdrew his name from the ballot and took up his new church duties. Despite his reputation as a strong Mormon, Hansen's decision to step away from politics shocked many. His political acumen and energetic style at the Statehouse had marked him as an up-and-comer. "He was speaker material," said current Idaho House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, who at the time tried to talk Hansen out of the move with no luck. "Randy was one of the best I've ever seen."

But the call was too important. Hansen's need to do it was too compelling. Hansen's experience illustrates the strong role the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints plays in the lives of its members, especially its leaders. "In the church, the call is of such significance that the people do accept it," said F. Melvin Hammond, a former Idaho lawmaker who is now a member of the church's Quorum of the Seventy, presiding over church affairs in northwest North America. "Then they make a decision on other outside interests."

Since the church's founding in the early 1800s, its influence over its members has been non-Mormons suspicious about the church's influence on society - especially through politics. On one hand, Mormons tend to be family-valued, law-abiding neighbors. Their church's encouragement to be politically active often pushes them to be community leaders. In many ways, church members are seen as ideal citizens. On the other hand, skeptics say



"We believe our people should be encouraged to be in politics in one way or another. Involved either as a lay member just supporting correct principles and issues, working for someone they believe in, or running for office. We like them to be involved."  
- Elder F. Melvin Hammond, the Quorum of the Seventy and a former Idaho House member



"I'm constantly being asked how I can be a Mormon and a Democrat at the same time, as if it's somehow I'm being a Mormon and some kind of immoral person."  
- former U.S. Rep. Richard Stallings



"It's just a conservative area and people are going to be drawn to like-minded people."  
- LDS bishop and Idaho Rep. Randy Hansen, Twin Falls

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the Mormon Church has a clear political agenda of imposing its moral views or advancing its own political influence.

### 'The elephant in the living room'

By all accounts, Mormons are a political force. Half of Idaho's four-member congressional delegation is Mormon. All of Utah's five-member delegation is Mormon. About one-third of Idaho's legislators are members of the church. Their influence in Idaho is greatest in the eastern portion of the state, where more than half the electorate is Mormon. "In eastern Idaho, it's the elephant in the living room," said Dr. Rick Foster, head of the political science department at Idaho State University in Pocatello. "Everyone talks about it, talks around it and tries to look at each other when they talk to one another

around the elephant. But they can't avoid it - it's part of the deal."

The main vehicle of influence for Mormon politicians is the Republican Party. In Idaho, arguably the nation's most Republican state, GOP ties translate into a lot of power for the church, said Dr. Stephanie Witt, a Boise State University political science professor who specializes in religion.

In turn, the Mormon voters who pull the Republican lever help Idaho's GOP maintain its current stronghold. Witt, Foster, and others say the relationship is based on the conservative values that the GOP and the church share. "But it doesn't mean that the LDS church or its members are all on one side," Foster said. Former Idaho Gov. John Evans, former U.S. Rep. Richard Stallings and Hammond are good examples of prominent Mormon

## Mormon lawmakers

**M**embers of the Mormon church, including one from American Samoa, hold 13 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and five U.S. Senate seats. Two members of Idaho's four-member congressional delegation - U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo and U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson - are Mormon. In the Idaho Statehouse, at least 25 of 105 lawmakers are Mormon - 16 in the 70-member House and nine of the 35-member Senate, according to the 1999-2000 Idaho Blue Book, published by the Idaho secretary of state's office. This is not a complete list, since many legislators decline to list religious preference. For example, Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, who will leave the Legislature at the end of the year to concentrate on his position as a church bishop, does not list any religious affiliation.

## Idaho Senate

- President Pro Tem Robert Geddes, R-Soda Springs
- Sen. Don Burtenshaw, R-Terretton
- Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo
- Sen. Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls
- Sen. Evan Frasure, R-Pocatello
- Sen. Robert Lee, R-Redburg
- Sen. Atwell Perry, R-Melba
- Sen. Jerry Thorne, R-Nampa
- Sen. Lin Whitworth, D-Inkom

## Idaho House

- House Majority Leader Frank Brunet, R-Lewiston
- Rep. Jack Barraclough, R-Idaho Falls
- Rep. John Campbell, R-Sandpoint
- Rep. Roger Chase, D-Pocatello
- Rep. Debbie Field, R-Boise
- Rep. Steven Hadley, R-Chubbuck
- Rep. Todd Hammond, R-Redburg
- Rep. Wayne Kendall, R-Aberdeen
- Rep. Kent Kunz, R-Pocatello
- Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot
- Rep. Golden Linford, R-Redburg
- Rep. Thomas Loertscher, R-Iona
- Rep. Max Mortensen, R-St. Anthony
- Rep. Bart Stevenson, R-Rupert
- Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Nampa
- Rep. JoAnn Wood, R-Rigby

## Democrats

Evans' political career started in the 1950s and culminated with his ascension to governor from 1978 to 1986. Stallings served in the U.S. House from 1985 to 1993. Hammond served 16 years in the Idaho House - six as the Democrats' minority leader.

## Another look

### Hospital studies air ambulance plans once more

By Brandon Flata  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The county hospital is looking again at air ambulance proposals after recent proposals failed. The most recent attempt, a proposed agreement between Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Access Air of Boise, was canceled Monday by the hospital board.

Ownership is one of the reasons the hospital has sought to partner with a provider, hospital board Chairman Terry Schultz said.

Ownership can create revenue. With Access Air's original proposal, the hospital could have made about \$1.7 million over five years, Schultz said.

Another benefit is control of the service. "Ownership allows us to sit at the table and determine the level of service and what equipment is used," Schultz said. "We don't have to just rely on the provider."

LifeFlight is the primary provider of air ambulance service in the Magic Valley, but LifeFlight has no contract with Magic Valley Regional, Schultz said.

LifeFlight is operated by Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, and Access Air is aligned with St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Now the board must make critical decisions, Schultz said. The next hospital board meeting is Sept. 11.

First, the board must decide if it wants to be in the air ambulance business. If the board does, then it must decide between LifeFlight and Access Air, he said.

"We'll hold tight until we see the full range of options," Schultz said. Hospital administrators are developing a list of options, he said.

But Access Air President James Hutchens said proposals from both his company and LifeFlight will fail.

"We had almost identical bids," he said. "They're not going to sign a contract with anyone."

If the board chooses Access Air, then it will lose calls to LifeFlight. If the board chooses LifeFlight, then it will lose calls to Access Air because of its exclusive franchise in Elko County, Hutchens said.

But Schultz said the LifeFlight proposal didn't include northern Nevada flights.

## Idaho fire official fears 1910 repeat

The Associated Press

**LEWISTON** - The extreme dryness, the number of large fires and the long-term forecast have firewater National Forest Supervisor Jim Caswell worried. With six fires charring about 60,000 acres in the north-central Idaho forest, he said this year could become a repeat of the great fires of 1910. In that year, several large fires in northern Idaho and western Montana combined and pushed by gale force winds, swept across three million acres and killed more than 80 people. "We are set up for a huge event if the right things fall into place," Caswell said. "There is fire all the way from Burgdorf to Sula (Mont.)." Propelled by stiff winds and high temperatures, the Maloney Creek fire - the largest blaze in Idaho - is burning in the south.

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# THE REGION

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

### Camas Prairie

High: 71 Low: 36  
Partly cloudy in the morning, changing to partly mostly sunny in the afternoon. Partly cloudy on Monday.

### Treasure Valley

High: 78 Low: 51  
Mostly sunny and continued cool. Winds at 10-15 during the afternoon. Mostly sunny on Monday.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 70 Low: 37  
Partly cloudy and cooler. Mostly sunny on Monday except for areas of smoke. Highs from 70-80.

### Eastern Idaho

High: 77 Low: 37  
Mostly sunny, with variable winds up to 20 mph. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs near 80.

### Northern Idaho

High: 77 Low: 53  
Mostly sunny, with winds at 10 mph from the north-west. Mostly sunny and slightly warmer on Monday.

### Northern Utah

High: 85 Low: 50  
Sunny today and clear tonight. Mostly sunny and dry on Monday, with highs in the upper 80s.

### Northern Nevada

High: 77 Low: 46  
Mostly sunny and cool. Afternoon winds blowing at 10-20 mph.

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 75 Low: 45 Mostly sunny and cool afternoon winds blowing at 10-20 mph.	High: 77 Low: 50s Sunny.	High: 80s Low: 50s Partly cloudy and warmer.	High: 90s Low: 50s Partly cloudy with a chance of showers.	High: 90s Low: 50s Partly cloudy with a chance of showers.

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 82	56
Last year 92	54
Normal 89	50

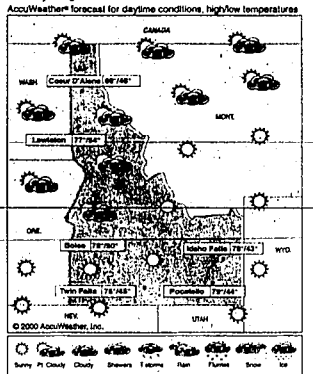
Month to date: .13  
Normal mo. to date: .24  
Water year to date: 5.61  
Normal year to date: 9.52

Idaho	Highs/Lows
Max	Min
Boise 84	53
Burley 82	53
Coeur d'Alene 70	48
Grangeville m	m
Hagerman m	m
Idaho Falls 85	40
Lewiston 77	60
Malad m	m
Malta 81	46
McCall 70	37
Pocatello 85	43
Salmon 81	43
Stanley 74	29
Sun Valley m	m

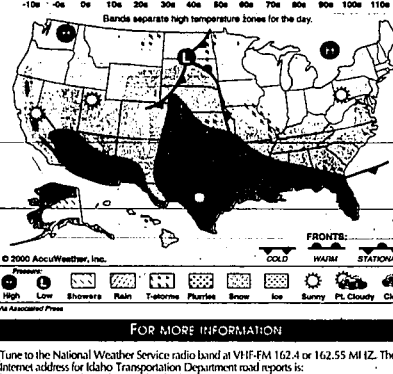
### Comfort factors

Mean humidity: 30%  
Noon barometer: 30.06  
Pollen and mold counts:  
Pollen: 43, moderate.  
Mold: 6,085, high, smut, clubmoss, etc.  
Asthma & Allergy of Idaho:

### Idaho weather Sunday, Aug. 20



### National weather The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Aug. 20



### UV INDEX

Index: 6 (moderate)  
Burn time: 30 minutes

### FIRE DANGER

The BLM's fire danger in South-Central Idaho is: Mountains: High  
Prairies: High

### SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 8:32 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:51 a.m.  
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Aug. 22; new, Aug. 29; first quarter, Sept. 5, full, Sept. 13.

### ACROSS THE NATION

In the South, showers and a few thunderstorms were scattered along a front stretching from Louisiana through Mississippi and Alabama and into Georgia and South Carolina. A few other scattered storms developed over southern Florida during the afternoon. Elsewhere, isolated showers developed during the afternoon in parts of Arizona and Utah. Light showers formed around the northwest corner of Washington state. Parts of the Northeast got a few light showers during the early morning.

### The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	85	62	.11
Anchorage	61	54	.08
Atlanta	97	75	...
Boston	75	51	.18
Buffalo	71	47	...
Dallas	104	78	...
Denver	87	60	...
Des Moines	74	50	...
Detroit	72	52	...
Honolulu	88	75	...
Los Angeles	98	70	...
Indianapolis	75	59	...
Kansas City	82	64	.13
Las Vegas	102	82	...
Los Angeles	87	66	...
Miami	90	70	...
Milwaukee	78	57	...
Minneapolis	67	60	...
Minneapolis	85	75	...
New Orleans	96	77	...
New York	77	63	...
Omaha	101	78	...
Omaha City	105	82	.38
Phoenix	104	84	...
Portland, Ore.	75	61	.05
Portland, Ore.	88	54	...
Portland, Ore.	86	58	...
St. Louis	76	63	...
Salt Lake City	92	65	.22
San Antonio	91	69	...
Seattle	68	55	...
Spokane	69	49	...
Washington	40	17	.62
Yuma	106	85	...

### Canadian Cities

Calgary	84	55	city
Edmonton	80	54	city
Toronto	70	54	city
Vancouver	64	55	city

# Russians admit there's little hope for crew

## British rescuers arrive at scene

**The Washington Post**

MOSCOW — Hope and despair clashed dramatically Sunday as the saga of the nuclear submarine Kursk drew to a close. Only hours before British and Norwegian rescuers arrived at the Barents Sea site of the sunken sub, Russian officials acknowledged that the vessel's entire 118-member crew is almost certainly dead.

Vice Adm. Mikhail Moteak, the Northern Fleet's chief of staff, told reporters that sailors in the sub died following a calamitous explosion, and if there were survivors, they probably suffocated, died from the cold or drowned as water leaked into the vessel's rear compartments.

"We have in fact crossed the critical borderline in terms of conditions compatible with human life," he said of possible survivors. "Most possibly, we will have to admit that our worst expectations have been met."

## A failed rescue attempt

**Saturday, Aug. 12**  
The submarine crashes to the bottom of the Barents Sea during naval exercises.

**Sunday, Aug. 13**  
Russian ships hunt for the missing submarine. The loss is not announced.

**Monday, Aug. 14**  
The navy announces a submarine has suffered a malfunction in the Barents Sea, but says it has only been missing one day. Officials say surface vessels in radio contact, and air and power lines linked up to the submarine, indicating quick rescue.

Here is a look at key events surrounding the Russian submarine Kursk over the past week.

**Tuesday, Aug. 15**  
Navy says rescue effort underway with underwater capsules. Unconfirmed reports speak of sounds from vessel indicating survivors.

**Wednesday, Aug. 16**  
Rescue efforts continue. Top officials give contradictory reports on state of Kursk and chances of survivors. After refusing Western aid, Moscow asks Britain and Norway to send rescue submarine and divers.

**Thursday, Aug. 17**  
Government commission says Kursk collided with another object despite U.S. and Norwegian reports of massive explosion in region at time submarine five days down. British and Norwegian rescue crews head for Russia on ships.

**Friday, Aug. 18**  
Russian rescue capsule reaches Kursk's escape hatch for the first time, but finds it badly damaged to dock. Government says huge explosion shattered Kursk, but uncertain as to what triggered it.

**Saturday, Aug. 19**  
Attempts to dock with escape hatch fail again. Russian navy says virtually certain that all crew dead, most perishing in first few moments of disaster. British rescue team arrives on scene.

# Hospital

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Even if LifeFlight is selected, Access Air could still enter the market.

"I'd consider it, although it would be much more financially difficult," Hutchens said.

Hutchens also said LifeFlight has a conflict of interest.

"LifeFlight's purpose is to funnel patients into Saint Alphonsus," Hutchens said. "But we are here to support Magic Valley Regional."

Hutchens said Access Air has no contract with St. Luke's and guarantees Magic Valley Regional physicians control over which patients are taken to another facility.

But LifeFlight has always let doctors choose where patients are taken, Saint Alphonsus spokesman Dave Enns said.

"Our protocols for LifeFlight are to transport patients to the closest appropriate treatment center," Enns said. "The doctors at Magic Valley Regional have the choice in determining where a patient goes."

About 8,000 Magic Valley residents have a LifeFlight membership, but Enns said a LifeFlight member has no out-of-pocket expense if flown on LifeFlight, he said.

Magic Valley Regional's failure to reach an agreement with providers started with its first and only contract.

Negotiations failed after a one-year LifeFlight contract expired last September.

"We tried two or three times to renegotiate the agreement, but we couldn't put it together," Schultz said. "There were some items we wanted to change."

The hospital wanted partial ownership, 24-hour service and a bigger helicopter, Schultz said. Negotiations broke down in January.

St. Luke's wanted to partner with Magic Valley Regional, Schultz said. So in March and April, both Saint Alphonsus and St. Luke's presented proposals to

the board.

Both proposals required setting up a limited liability corporation between Magic Valley Regional and one of the hospitals, which would split the cost of contracting air ambulance service, Schultz said.

In June, the board chose St. Luke's and Access Air's exclusive franchise in Elko County, Nev., and St. Luke's Blaine County campus were the reasons the board chose Access Air, Schultz said.

But LifeFlight canceled St. Luke's proposal Monday after discovering the hospital would lose money. A false assumption skewed financial projections the proposal was based on.

Financial analysts from St. Luke's and Magic Valley Regional assumed Access Air would be the sole provider, but the board discovered LifeFlight was staying, Schultz said.

Revised financial projections, accounting for two competitors, showed the hospital could lose about \$226,000 over five years instead of making about \$1.7 million, he said.

Original projections assumed Access Air would have a 100 percent market share by the fifth year of operation. But revised projections showed only a 67 percent share, Schultz said.

"There's a whole range of fixed costs the hospital is responsible for, such as personnel and equipment," Schultz said. "We have to have so many flights to offset the fixed costs, and fewer flights means less revenue."

Up to the board's September meeting, both Access Air and LifeFlight will submit proposals to the hospital board.

"We are going to spend a lot of time examining the assumptions both proposals are based on, so we don't have the same problem we had last time," Schultz said.

# Fire

**Continued from A1**

The Clearwater National Forest — jumped containment lines Friday and shot for the confluence of the Salmon and Snake rivers. It gained 12,000 acres in 24 hours to reach 40,000.

The need for more manpower for Maloney Creek has brought in crews from as far away as Mexico, Australia and New

**Zealand.**

On Saturday, there were 25 large fires burning 421,000 acres in Idaho.

A total of 19,000 firefighters is not enough for all the wild fires burning in the parched West and U.S. Forest Service officials are calling on agency retirees to return to work as well as asking student employ-

ees to stay around as long as they can into the fall semester.

Intermountain Regional Forester Jack Blackwell has asked experienced, retired workers to lend a hand during a difficult time for the Western states.

"Our retirees have extensive experience in fire operations, fire management and natural resources management and their skills are much needed in one of the most severe fire seasons in decades," said Blackwell, who oversees national forests in southern Idaho, Utah, Wyoming and Nevada.

He said the plea is part of a

national call for help by Forest Service Chief Mike Dombek.

Nearly 19,000 civilian and military firefighters were spread throughout the West on Friday — 14,000 of them in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming where active fire was burning on more than 1 million acres.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt on Friday visited Boise's National Interagency Fire Center, the country's headquarters for fire suppression. He said the long-range weather forecast is dry and hot, and the West might endure another month of the current firestorm.

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# Dems go for rough ride in L.A.

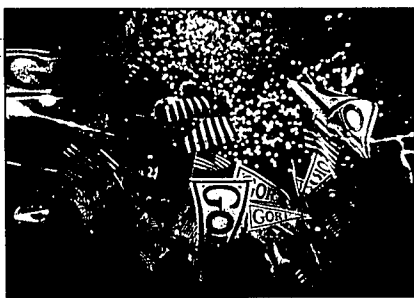
Unlike GOP, the Democrats' event didn't go smoothly

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Republican convention was slick, timed to the minute, aimed at the middle. The Democrats' was not, tensions simmering, President Clinton intruding.

George W. Bush got a surge in the polls. Two weeks later, Al Gore did, too. It will be mid-week before the surveys begin to settle down and provide a reliable late-summer snapshot of the race for the White House.

The debates lie ahead. So, too, the intensive advertising.

"We all better take a deep breath," Bush said as the campaign left the competing conventions behind and pointed toward the fall.



Red and white balloons cascade down onto the delegates at Staples Center in Los Angeles Thursday, after Gore completed his speech.

*'There's a lot of anxiety hanging over this convention.'*  
—Sen. Joseph Biden D-Delaware

Beyond the pageantry, the two parties staged conventions in different ways as they grappled with different strategic concerns.

The GOP program in Philadelphia was meticulously scripted from beginning to end to appeal to voters in the middle.

Bush arrived in Philadelphia at the head of a party hungry for victory and unusually unified. He had long ago wrapped up his party's nomination and secured the support of his chief rival, Sen. John McCain.

Pat Buchanan, a Reform Party candidate now, wasn't there to set the hard-right conservative juices bubbling as he did to the detriment of Bush's father in the 1992 GOP convention.

"We've got a philosophy that's conservative and a philosophy that's compassionate," said the younger Bush, who nevertheless delivered his acceptance speech stern-faced, as if eager to avoid any impression of a smirk. "Our message is, give us a chance ... to make sure the American dream touches every willing heart."

Two weeks later, Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa coaxed laughter from the Democratic delegates when he offered a convention podium rebuttal. Compassionate conservatism, he said, "is like trying to heat a cold house with warm thoughts."

The GOP's conservative congressional leaders played scenes by a role as Bush's convention planners turned the podium over to Colin Powell, a black man widely rumored to be Bush's choice for secretary of state; Condoleezza Rice, a black woman who is his top national security adviser; and Rep. Jim Kolbe, the only openly gay Republican in Congress, who spoke not about gay rights, but free trade.

The GOP delegates were overwhelmingly white, male and conservative, but the GOP's four-day convention program showcased

## Gore focuses on environment

DUBUQUE, Iowa (AP) — With the sprawling Mississippi River as a backdrop, Al Gore touted his environmental record Saturday and maintained that Republican rival George W. Bush would allow polluters to foul the air and water.

"I will clean up the environment," declared Gore. "My opponent does not reflect that commitment in what's going on in his home state."

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ride down the Mississippi, Gore said the trip caused him to reflect on the need to focus on the environment.

Alides believe Bush is vulnerable on environmental issues because of his record as governor of Texas. While polls have not shown the environment as a major issue in the campaign, Gore's strategists argue it's a sleeper where they can demonstrate sharp differences with Bush.

porters he will need this fall.

"I stand here tonight as my own man, and I want you to know for who I truly am," he told the delegates and the nation in his acceptance speech.

The speech was crafted also to define Gore as the candidate eager to fight for working families and against the powerful interest, and contained a detailed set of policy differences with Bush for the fall. It was also the final act of a convention where the sooms showed.

"There's a lot of anxiety hanging over this convention," said Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden, one of several Democrats who took time to meet with delegates from Iowa and New Hampshire, perhaps looking ahead to 2004.

There were other fissures.

With Gore eager to underscore values, California Rep. Loretta Sanchez had to be pushed publicly by party officials to move a fund-raiser away from the Playboy Mansion.

With Gore eager to stress his historic selection of a Jew, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, as his running mate, Rep. Maxine Waters of California questioned the Connecticut senator's support of affirmative action. She later said she was satisfied with Lieberman.

With Gore eager to enter "a new time," it was disclosed on the day of his acceptance speech that a new grand jury had been empaneled to hear evidence against Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky scandal. The White House and the Gore campaign sharply criticized the timing of the leak, suggesting political motives. But it was learned Friday that a federal judge had inadvertently leaked the information to a reporter.

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"He's not only got to get off the stage," said Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, "he's got to allow the vice president to say 'I'm a different person and I am going to do things differently.'"

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# Landing accident rips Goodyear blimp in half

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Goodyear blimp was blown into a pole and tipped in half as it tried to land Saturday, sending the cockpit carrying a pilot and six passengers skidding along the ground.

No one was injured.

The blimp had just touched the ground at Northeast Philadelphia Airport when about 10 people tugging on mooring ropes from the nose when a gust of wind blew the blimp about 20 feet, lifting one of the men off the ground.

The pilot started the engines and tried to avoid the 40-foot-high red mooring mast but was unsuccessful.

The metal cockpit eventually fell on its side, and its occupants, who were not wearing seat belts but were holding onto railings, all walked out unharmed.

Goodyear spokesman Terry Jenkins said the 3-year-old airship, one of seven in Goodyear's fleet, was a total loss. He said a Goodyear blimp hadn't deflated to such an extent in at least 20 years.

The blimp, which was taking passengers on a promotional flight, had filmed an NFL preseason game on Friday night and was to leave Sunday for the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

## Pipeline explosion kills campers

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — An underground natural gas pipeline exploded in James Saturday, killing six people who had been camping nearby. Six other campers were injured.

The victims were four children and two adults, said state police Capt. John Balderston.

They were members of at least two families who were camping along the Pecos River, he said.

Balderston said the cause of the blast was not known, but he speculated the pipeline had ruptured.

"There's no indication that this was initiated by man," he said. "The pipe was well underground, about 15 feet beneath the surface."

Balderston said the fire was visible from Carlsbad, 20 miles away.

"We saw a large ball of flames," he said. "The fire department was able to find six people in the river, walking west of the incident."

The six injured were taken to hospitals in New Mexico and Texas, police said.

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But the GOP-Mormon relationship is unmistakable. "It's very difficult," Stallings said. "In Idaho Mormons are heavily, heavily Republican. And while the church says they're bipartisan, somewhere between Salt Lake and Idaho, that gets lost."

Southern and eastern Idaho's agricultural base, close to the Mormon faith's center in Utah, plays a strong role in the tie.

Farmers, Mormon or not, tend to stay close to Republican values. And as long as a politician stays true to farmers' values, he or she is safe.

"That's particularly true when you talk about the economic part of it," Foster said. "But when you talk about the social part of it I think the church's social conservatism leads directly to the social conservatism of the LDS members. They, therefore, are more likely to be Republican."

Nearly all Democratic Mormons, and most Idaho Democrats, portray themselves as conservative. Despite the area's shared conservative values, conservative non-Mormons still tend to keep a wary eye on Mormon involvement in politics.

"It probably comes from a few places," said Randy Stapilus, editor of the Idaho Political Almanac and a longtime observer of the Idaho scene.

The anxiety grows from a sense of tribalism, Stapilus said: "You're in my tribe or not." It also stems from a resentment of Mormon values.

"In some places there's a feeling, 'Well, they're trying to impose their beliefs on us,'" Stapilus said.

The increasing number of Mormon elected officials in recent decades increases the anti-Mormon feelings.

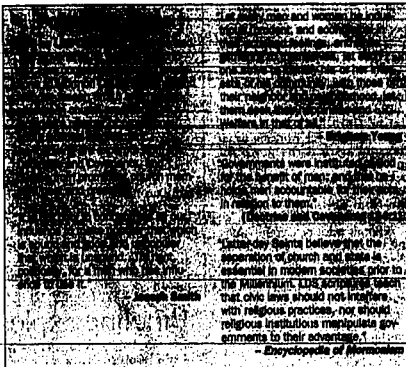
"Now you do not find LDS elected officials exclusively in eastern or southern Idaho," Stapilus said. "They're in northern Idaho, too."

But despite an increased Mormon presence, northern Idaho is perhaps the state's strongest bastion of anti-Mormon sentiment, Stallings said.

Stallings started his congressional career in the Mormon-friendly 2nd Congressional District, represented today by Blackfoot Republican Mike Simpson, also a Mormon.

"I almost believe you have to be a Mormon to run successfully in that (district)," Stallings said. "I can't remember the last time a non-Mormon held the seat."

But when Stallings ran for the U.S. Senate, a statewide race, he



quickly realized how different northern Idaho is from eastern and southern Idaho.

"There were times I was up there and offered a drink," Stallings said. "When I wouldn't, they became really suspicious."

His solution? Finding a designated drinker on his staff.

"I had a lot of people apply for that," Stallings said wryly. "It didn't bridge the gap. He was defeated by then-Boise mayor and future Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne."

Stallings said former Idaho Attorney General Larry EchoHawk, who ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1994, ran into the same thing.

"As a Democrat, a Mormon and an Indian, he had three strikes against him," Stallings said.

EchoHawk, a Pawnee Indian, was heavily criticized during the campaign for his overt ties to the Mormon Church. He declined to comment about his experiences.

Historical perspective

It wasn't until 1986 that the Legislature repealed a constitutional provision prohibiting Mormons from voting, holding office, serving on juries and other rights most citizens take for granted.

"It's the one definitive measure of anti-Mormon feeling," Stapilus said.

The provision didn't directly address Mormons, but rather used code words such as "bigamist or polygamist" or people who are "living in what is known as a patri-

archal plural or celestial marriage" to identify its intended target.

And it had its intended effect. "It worked for a while until the Idaho Supreme Court threw it out in terms of practical enforcement," Stapilus said. Although thrown out by the court early in Idaho's statehood, the provision stayed in the Constitution for the better part of the 20th century.

The Legislature eventually discarded it overwhelmingly. The required popular vote rescinded the provision, but more than 100,000 people voted to keep it in, Stapilus said.

Magic Valley voters approved striking the measure by a 2-1 vote, with about 11,000 voting to keep it.

A similar fear of Mormons' growing influence drove LDS pioneers to the sanctuary of the Great Salt Lake Valley in Utah in the 1840s.

Since the church's founding in New York, persecution pushed the church's faithful westward. Under the tutelage of Joseph Smith, the church's founder and pre-eminent prophet, the Mormons tried to establish themselves in New York, Ohio, Missouri and Illinois, but they were driven out each time.

Finally, after Smith's death at the hands of a mob, the Mormons were led by Brigham Young to the deserts of the West.

When Idaho's founding fathers were preparing for the state's entry into the union, anti-Mormon sentiment in the nation and its Western territories was at its height. In fact, a required element of Idaho's admission was that it be seen as sufficiently anti-Mormon.

The state's founding fathers had to include the constitutional provision disenfranchising Mormons "or else Congress and the then-president would have had nothing to do with (Idaho statehood)," Stapilus said.

It didn't hurt that Republicans in charge of the Idaho territory at that time were anti-Mormon. In a strange twist, most Idaho Mormons were Democrats, trying to find a political home, Stapilus said.

The provision is just one example of a wide range of prejudices confronting Mormons for generations. For some, these types of experiences go a long way in explaining the church's political teachings.

"They were really persecuted, so I think they try to keep as low of a profile as possible," said Newcomb, a Methodist who counts many Mormons, including Simpson, among his closest friends.

But they certainly don't let anyone walk over them, Witt pointed out.

Political doctrine

When Utah made its bid for statehood, the story goes, leaders in each Mormon Church on Sunday told members that those sitting on the right side of the aisle would be Republicans from that day forward, and those on the left would be Democrats.

The story might or might not be true, but those who study the church come across it frequently.

"Apparently, they did not want people in D.C. to get the feeling that this was going to be a pure

theocracy, and the best way to demonstrate that was to have a two-party political system," Stapilus said.

It's a good example of the lengths to which the Mormon Church will meddle in politics to remain politically neutral. It also illustrates how far church members will go in following church doctrine.

The church uses a unique mix of informed individualism and social conformity in its position on politics.

It's the duty of a church member to be civically involved, whether as a volunteer at the public library, as a local school board member, or as a member of Congress. Mormons are charged to uphold leaders who are "wise," "good" and "honest." And those office holders are charged to make decisions based on the same principles.

At the same time, the church demands its members support their government. If the government needs changing, then they must work within legal confines to change it.

Many authorities say the doctrine is a product of Mormons' turbulent past.

It's a conservative, theocratic — or supportive of religious-inspired government — by non-Mormons,

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church leaders went to great lengths early in their movement west to establish political neutrality. They do not endorse or support candidates or parties, despite claims to the contrary.

"Sometimes we're criticized, people say that we try to affect the election of individuals," Hammond said. "We do not support individuals in elections. We just don't do it. We don't get involved."

But at the same time, attempts to disenfranchise Mormons galvanized their resolve not to be left swinging in the political wind.

To encourage political participation while underscoring neutrality, church leaders read a letter from the First Presidency outlining the church position each political season. It includes a ban on the use of church facilities for anything political, including use as a polling place.

However, the church weighs in on some issues, Hammond said.

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If there is a moral issue we're concerned about that we feel would have an effect on our people, we don't hesitate to get involved," Hammond said.

In such cases, trying to legislate morality is acceptable.
An example is the church's involvement in a California ballot initiative in March.

Known as the Protection of Marriage Initiative, California's Proposition 22 sought to affirm only heterosexual marriages would be recognized as valid.

To aid passage of the initiative, the Mormon Church joined with several other churches in support of the measure - considered by fully-oriented Mormons to be a moral imperative.

It was one rare instance in which Mormon leaders decided to get involved in a political issue. But to preserve its tradition at a distance, church leaders simply encouraged church members to vote for the measure.

Church spokeswoman Kim Fife said the Mormon Church itself never gave any money to the coalition supporting the initiative. The church simply encouraged members to give as much as they felt comfortable doing.

It's an intentionally discreet tactic the church uses on issues such as abortion, adoption and gambling.

"I think that part of it is that the church doesn't want to be seen as being any kind of explicitly political organization," Stapilus said.
Yet it is exactly this kind of activity that some, including at least one Mormon state senator, charge is contrary to the church's teaching and a danger to the constitutional guarantee of separation of church and state.

A new coalition

The practice of polygamy - the lightning rod of anti-Mormon sentiment for generations - has been an excommunicable offense for years. It's an example of an ongoing attempt by the Mormon Church to modify its doctrine, Witt said.

Why sense is that the church as an institution has been trying hard for the last 10 to 15 years to look like a normal mainstream church," Witt said.

In those efforts, the church has formed an alliance of sorts with the more traditional Christian right.

"I don't know that the Christian right really considers the Mormons as a legitimate church," Witt said. "But politics always makes for strange bedfellows. It's not uncommon for like-minded people to get together on issues."

For Hammond, Hansen, and even ISU's Foster, a non-Mormon, the Christian right-Mormon alliance is logical. As Witt pointed out, people with similar ideals tend to be drawn to one another and work well together.

But for Idaho Sen. Lin Whitworth, D-Idaho, a Mormon is an open critic of the church's political influence, the church's new relationship with the religious right is an example of the church hierarchy's willingness to sacrifice Mormon ideals just to be seen as mainstream.

Whitworth said it will backfire.
Pat Robertson will use the LDS people until he gets what he wants and then they'll become a cult again," Whitworth said. "Right now he's using them and it's very successful. They're doing a tremendous job of getting what they want done."

Whitworth also says the church is not nearly as politically neutral as its leaders would like them to think. The church's political involvement and current policies, he said, are so contrary to its religious teachings that he has become an inactive Mormon.

Believe very strongly in the



U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson speaks to Twin Falls County Republican Women President Sharon Block at last week's GOP fund-raising picnic at City Park.

A letter from the leadership

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Book of Mormon, he said. "But these people in power right now, not only in politics but in the church, don't believe necessarily in following the edicts of the Book of Mormon unless it suits them today."
He contends Mormon legislators take lobbying calls from members of the church hierarchy in Salt Lake City during floor debate.

Whitworth has not received any calls of that nature because, he said, "I'm not the type of Mormon they would call."
The three-term senator could not give any specifics of who might have received such calls. He said he had second-hand knowledge of

the calls, but he called them a kind of an unspoken general knowledge among legislators.

Hammond, speaking for the church, vehemently denied direct lobbying by the church hierarchy. And other legislators, including several past and present members and the Democrats' current leader in the Senate, could not corroborate Whitworth's assertions.

"It is a solid, good man," said Senate Minority Leader Cliff Stenner, D-Ketchum. "If he says something is happening, then I believe him."
Stenner, who's not a Mormon, said he had no personal experience of lobbying calls from LDS hierarchy, nor had he heard of such calls being received by his Senate colleagues.

However, church officials and Mormon legislators agree the church's social services arm was involved in two measures during the 2000 legislative session.

The first measure, dealing with adoption, was intended to prevent last-minute intervention by the father in an adoption.

Opponents, including Whitworth, said the measure stepped on fathers' rights and would hinder attempts by adopted children to find their biological fathers. Whitworth says the church supported the measure to expedite the adoption of children into the Mormon faith.

LDS Family Services was not pushing passage of the bill at church leaders' behest, but simply as an interested agency supporting strong adoption policy, Hammond said.

Whitworth and others said a measure designed to keep government policies from infringing on the rights to practice religion would sanction discrimination, using religion as a cover.

Church officials, however, said the church's interest was keeping the ability to worship as an obstacle-free as possible.

The Legislature approved both measures, which Kempthorne signed into law.

The call

Few contest the Mormon Church commands more loyalty from its members than most denominations.

Perhaps the most visible evidence of their devotion is the church's reliance on volunteerism - especially lay clergy. Hundreds of members in each congregation take volunteer positions, from coaching soccer teams to overseeing the well-being of an entire ward. Many leadership positions, such as bishop, require nearly full-time dedication each week.

Church leaders look for a high level of devotion and an ability to do the job when asking members to take a new position.

"If a man has some ability and the priesthood leadership in the community feel that he can serve

in the capacity of a bishop then they extend the call to him," Hammond said.

Hansen's accomplishments in the church, as a legislator, and as owner of a large Twin Falls business made him a natural choice. But everyone involved in Hansen's move into the lay clergy said prayer was the cornerstone of the decision.

Hansen himself fasted in search of inspiration.

Not all Mormon politicians felt outside commitments would keep them from doing a good job. U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, a former president pro tem in the Idaho Senate, and Idaho Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, are among several who successfully balanced church obligations with work in the Legislature.

Crapo, the first Mormon senator sent to Washington, D.C., by Idaho voters, had to give up most of his official church duties when he became U.S. senator.

"There just isn't time to do everything I'd like to," Crapo said. Hammond sympathizes. But it's up to a member, such as Hansen, to decide how to deal with church commitments.

"Of course he has the right to accept it or reject (the church position)," Hammond said.

Witt agrees the church does not directly insist members accept offered positions. However, she said, pressure is more subtle.

"If the church calls you and says, 'You're being called to be a bishop, I'm not sure that feels like a real option for people - it's an obligation to do it,'" she said.

She said she's seen BSU colleagues get calls to apply for jobs at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and remembers them feeling like there was really no choice but to accept.

Church and state

Despite extensive writing in Mormon teachings that individuals must make their own decisions based on their own values, Hammond said morality can and should be legislated.

That kind of thinking grates on Whitworth.

"That's why we came to this country to begin with - we wanted freedom of religion," he said. "And when you impose your religious views on other people through your government laws, that's a bad thing. It's eroding the separation of government and religion."

"But how do you separate people's values and politics?" asked Newcomb. "Politics grows out of whatever interests people have and whatever kinds of organizations people are involved with."

Whitworth concedes his concern is not unique to his church or his state, but because it hits so close to home it disturbs him most.

"In Mississippi the Baptists are just as powerful as the Mormons are here," he said. "I think you'll find that's a lot of states where the Catholics are predominant and I'm sure they influence government."

But Mormon lawmakers and others who've worked with Mormons for years distrust the notion of a conscious church effort to affect public policy.

"That's hogwash," said Newcomb, a 14-year veteran of the legislature. "Maybe, there has been and I'm just naive, but I've never seen LDS people take a church position and push it through the Legislature."

LDS social services worked on the adoption and religious freedom bills last session, but not improperly, Darrington said.

"They are interested in some of those health and welfare issues," he said. "And that's not unusual, extraordinary or unprecedented."

Darrington said was not contacted by the church during the debate.

"However after they were passed someone from church social services called me to tell me they appreciated my work on those issues," Darrington said.

Abortion is another "moral issue" the church feels strongly enough about to get involved. The Legislature has been trying to come to grips with it for well over a decade. It is sure to be an issue again, in one form or another, when the new Legislature convenes in January 2001.

"On a personal plane I am absolutely opposed to abortion," Whitworth said. "But I am not qualified, and neither is anyone else in the Senate qualified, to tell the rest of the nation what they should do. It should be between you and your God and maybe your bishop - but not your senator. We've got to have a separation of church and state. It's in grave danger as far as I'm concerned."

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"Look at the amount of social welfare that is going on within the church itself," Witt said. "There's a great institutional compassion there."

Witt's personal experience as a Red Cross volunteer provides an example.

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Even Hammond acknowledges at least the appearance of an intentional bias.

"I think that the numbers of people that would vote in a bloc would make people a little anxious. They know it's always going to happen and it's always been a concern," he said.

But church members insist it's not conscious conformity - simply community.

"It's the church training that a very dedicated Mormon will have

over a lifetime, starting very young in his church activities," Evans said.

Whether Mormon, Catholic or Presbyterian, people pick up the values of their family, church and community. Family activities teach what people should do and shouldn't do, Mormons put special emphasis on these lessons.

"Live a good life. Don't drink. Don't smoke. Don't carouse. Be a model student, be a model citizen," Evans said.

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# CLASSICS UNCUT

## Publisher updates classics, submits them uncensored

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Peg Fulton, administrative editor of the Loeb Classical Library, is sitting in her office, reading from a new translation of Aristophanes. Her voice is even and mild. Her choice of material is anything but.

Two Greeks are discussing the poet Agathon, famous for his love affairs with other men. The first Greek knows him well, but insists his kinsman knows him even better.



Peg Fulton, administrative editor of the Loeb Classical Library at Harvard University Press, stands beside uncensored Latin and Greek texts August 7.

"You've never seen him?"  
"Absolutely not, as far as I know."  
Still reading, Fulton blushes slightly.

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What's merely awkward for Fulton would have horrified the founders of Loeb, which began in 1910 and for generations censored the ancient Greeks and Romans. Had Fulton read from the original Loeb translation, for instance,

that final sentence would have read: "I fear there's much you don't remember, sir."

But in 1989 Loeb was taken over by Harvard University Press and its once proudly old-fashioned catalogue, those small red or green volumes found in "classics" sections of bookstores, is being updated. Profanity has been restored and the style modernized. New introductions reflect

advances in scholarship.

"We knew that some of the texts were badly in need of revision," Fulton said. "Take Aristophanes — he's raucous, comic, but he was given a translation that made him sound like he came from the Victorian Age, like Gilbert and Sullivan. It has a certain charm, but it's just not Aristophanes."  
The Loeb books are just one

example of publishers uncensoring old works. Two years ago, Penguin came out with a highly explicit version of the once quaint "Aesop's Fables." Last year, the Modern Library reissued Stendhal's novel "The Charterhouse of Parma," complete with language as strong as that found in Aristophanes.

But Loeb's turnaround is the most noteworthy, both because of its sturdy tradition and because it has the most extensive collection of English-language translations of the Greeks and Romans.

"There have been new translations of Aristophanes since the late '60s, but the Loeb translations canonize the whole process. Translation culture is really flourishing; it's easier to be true to the original text and still be creative and poetic," said Richard P. Martin, a professor of classics at Stanford University.

Even in the old versions, the Loeb books were a guilty pleasure among classicists, who enjoyed the convenience of having the original texts and the English translations printed side by side. Since Loeb began updating its backlog, annual sales have increased slightly, to about 130,000.

# Strike negotiators continue their efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Negotiators for Verizon Communications and two unions held "intense" talks as a strike of 87,000 telephone workers entered its 14th day, both sides said Saturday.

The talks were expected to continue into the evening. Verizon spokesman Eric Rabe said the two sides had reached agreements on two major contract issues, but union representatives said details still must be

worked out.

"The current talks are intense," Rabe told reporters Saturday.

Rabe said Verizon and the unions had agreed on company proposals that would make it less cumbersome to unionize workers. He also said Verizon had agreed to concessions over how its high-speed Internet connection work will be performed. Rabe did not elaborate on either proposal.

Union officials on Saturday said terms of a wireless agreement were far from final.

"The broad outlines of an agreement have been there for a while, but the details are still

being worked out," said Jim Spellane, spokesman for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He said he could not comment about the Internet proposal.

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## Laid-off mill workers join Idaho firefighters

GRANGEVILLE (AP) - Ray Castleton is counting on a firefighting paycheck to outfit his kids with school clothes.

The Kookina man was laid off from his logging job two weeks ago.

Thursday, he started a two-day course to earn a coveted "red card" - the certification he needs to work on a fire crew.

At \$10.68 per hour, firefighting is one of the best paying jobs in the area, said Castleton, a 29-year-old father of two.

"Timber prices are in the toilet, and all the operations are being shut down because of fires," he said. "Everyone's scrambling to make enough money to make it through the winter."

Mill and logging shutdowns throughout the region have proved an unexpected bonus for federal agencies desperate for firefighters.

More than 400 people responded when the Nez Perce and Clearwater National forests put out a call for firefighter trainees.

Many of the inquiries came from mill workers laid off because of low lumber prices and from loggers shut out of the woods because of the fire danger. Others were drawn by the thrill of firefighting, or the pull of community service.

"We're just overwhelmed with the interest from folks," said Coy Jemmett of the Nez Perce National Forest.

Crews from the two forests trained about 200 people this week. Some have already been called out.

"There's an excellent chance they'll be used," Jemmett said. Trainees who are not needed locally could be called to other fires in the region, officials said.

In Coeur d'Alene, three firefighting classes offered next week are full.

"That tells me we have a lot of people that want to help and a lot that want to work," said Shawn Keough, executive director of Associated Logging Contractors Inc.

Wildfires shut down the logging operation that Carl Sterrett was working on three weeks ago.

"We had to grab the loader, the skidder and get out of there," the 19-year-old Grangeville man said. "It might be awhile before we go back into the woods."

With that in mind, Sterrett stood in line outside the Grangeville Elks Lodge with other firefighter hopefuls this week.

Trainees had to pass written and physical tests. They also had to indicate a willingness to work up to 14 days without a break.

## Potential plaintiff against Lewiston finds legal trouble

LEWISTON (AP) - At the two-year anniversary of an alleged racist attack during the Hot August-Nights celebration, one of the victims - and potential plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the city - has legal trouble of his own.

William Chance Dickey and DeMaurine Nolan filed a tort claim against the city last year alleging their civil rights were violated when police handcuffed them after a fight during the 1998 event on the Lewiston streets.

The city last October denied the claim which asked for \$150,000 each for general damages as well as punitive damages. Now the filing deadline for a lawsuit against the city is just days away, and Dickey may not be around to file.

He is wanted on felony arrest warrants in Latah County in Idaho and Spokane County, in Washington. The Latah County warrant charges Dickey with robbery, aggravated battery and second-degree kidnapping for allegedly robbing two men at gunpoint in Moscow and forcing them to drive away before they were released.

In Spokane County, Dickey is wanted on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm.

Dickey and Nolan's attorney for the tort claim, John Judge, said he could not comment on whether a lawsuit will be filed. The two men have two years from the date of the incident to file a lawsuit, or Aug. 28.

The tort claim stemmed from a fight that broke out between the men, who are black, and Dustin Rudolph, a former Lewiston resident.

Rudolph allegedly shouted a racial slur and attacked them. A third black man, Wadlin R. Drummer, joined Nolan and Dickey and they apparently rushed to their car in an attempt to leave.

Lewiston police took the men from the scene in handcuffs. But instead of being the perpetrators in the attack, the three men were the victims, officers said later.

Nolan and Dickey filed the claim against the city, charging they were handcuffed despite telling police they were targets of Rudolph.

## Debate society receives donations

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho State University's debate society has received over \$2 million from an alumnus.

The club will take the name of its donor and his wife - the

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A visitor in the Onion Mountain fire lookout surveys surrounding mountains in the Siskiyou National Forest in Oregon. The U.S. Forest Service now rents about 60 of the former fire lookouts in the Pacific Northwest.

## Need some solitude? Old fire lookouts provide prime views

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Travel agencies often tout vacation spots as getaways as in, get away from phones, television, traffic, the rat race in general. But it's doubtful your agent could find a better getaway than a fire lookout cabin on top of a remote mountain.

The U.S. Forest Service now rents close to 60 of the former fire lookouts in the Pacific Northwest. "A night in a fire lookout has all the amenities of a backpack trip in terms of remoteness, but you get a roof over your head and a forest at your feet," said Tish Steinfeld, co-author with Tom Foley of the book "How to Rent a Fire Lookout in the Pacific Northwest."

Hundreds of fire lookouts were built in the 1930s and '40s, but as other forms of fire detection came in and more roads were built, they became somewhat obsolete, although a handful remain in use.

While many of the old lookouts were destroyed, about 15 years ago the Forest Service began to view them as potential recreation sites. Snow Camp lookout, about 36 miles northeast of Brooks,



The Onion Mountain fire lookout in set in the Siskiyou National Forest in Oregon. It's a great getaway fire cabin on top of a remote mountain.

Ore., at an elevation of 4,223 feet, was the first one in the Pacific Northwest to become available as a rental, back in 1990.

Views of the Pacific Ocean and the Kalmiopsis Wilderness highlight the Snow Camp experience. Unfortunately, Snow Camp is so

popular it's now booked for the rest of the year.

Steinfeld and Foley will shortly be releasing an update of their original book, published in 1996, with all of the new sites that have gone online since then.

Steinfeld was an archaeologist and historian for the Forest Service in the 1970s and 1980s, and Foley, a native Irishman, worked as a fire lookout for three summers.

"Tom and I were totally taken by the location and architecture and the beauty of these structures," Steinfeld said. "We consider them castles of the Northwest."

Steinfeld's favorite is Acker Rock, in the Tillier Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest. "It's on a knife-edge ridge, 2,000 feet above the canyon floor," she said.

Most of the lookouts, which are usually from 12 to 15 feet square, offer nothing more than a bunk.

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## Man sentenced to 30 days in death of baby

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Medical complications in a shaken-baby syndrome case led to a plea bargain and a 30-day jail sentence for a South Ogden man charged in the death of his girlfriend's child.

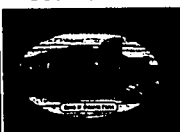
Justin Jay Scott, 26, was sentenced Thursday in the Jan. 29, 1999, death of 17-month-old Karston Sampson.

He pleaded in June to a second-degree felony count of child abuse homicide, reduced from a first-degree felony homicide charge.

The prosecution, defense attorney Ron Yengich and 2nd District Judge Farley Baldwin worked out the details of the plea bargain in what all sides admitted was a difficult case.

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# Immigration judge releases Iraqi dissident

By Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Calling charges of espionage "ill-founded," an immigration judge on Friday set free an Iraqi dissident who had been jailed for nearly four years based on secret government evidence suggesting he was a spy for a Middle East country.

Dr. Ali Yasin Mohammed Karim, 39, walked out of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Detention Center in San Pedro shortly after 3 p.m. accompanied by his brother and his attorneys.

"I was kept for four years by the INS for things I never heard about," said Karim, as he proceeded from the federal compound on Terminal Island. "I am innocent, but I have paid a high price."

Karim was part of a group of six dissidents evacuated from Iraq by the United States in March 1997 only to be jailed by the INS and threatened with deportation back to their homeland. The case against them was based on classified evidence kept secret from defense attorneys during immigration hearings in 1997 and 1998.

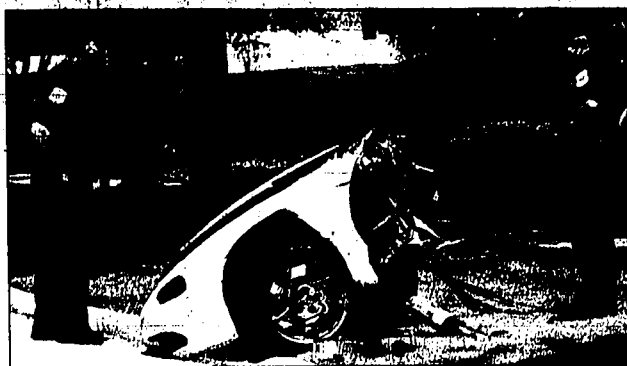
Their plight garnered national attention when former CIA director R. James Woolsey, now a Washington lawyer, joined Karim's defense team and spearheaded the effort to declassify the government's evidence.

After the information was released, five of the Iraqis accepted a government offer to remain in Nebraska until they could relocate to another democratic country.

Karim, however, decided to fight the charges and pressed his claim for political asylum. He was retried in April by U.S. Immigration Judge D.D. Stigraeves, who originally concluded that Karim was a threat to national security.

In reversing her earlier decision, Stigraeves said that Karim "has sufficiently demonstrated that the government's claims were ill-founded and has rebutted the presumption that he constitutes a risk to the security of the United States."

# TRAGIC TRAIL



Police officers look over the front section of a sports car that tore apart after hitting a pair of trees in a one-car accident in Schaumburg, Ill. The teen driver, alone in the car, died in the crash. Police said they believed the driver was speeding.

# Criminal charges won't be filed in the death of woman stung by ants

NORTH PORT, Fla. (AP) - Criminal charges will not be filed in the case of a nursing home patient stung to death by fire ants.

Police investigators and the Florida attorney general's office said they found no crimes were committed. The nursing home still faces fines from the Agency for Health Care Administration and Medicaid officials for their treatment of Mary Gay.

Gay, 87, died in May at Quality Health Care Center after being stung more than 1,600 times by fire ants that burrowed from an outdoor nest into her room. State regulators said the nursing home did not provide proper care because nurses did not tell a doctor how serious the attack was. The nursing home has since changed its policies and is appealing a \$3,000-a-day fine levied by state regulators.

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# Prosecutors reduce murder charge in Springer guest case

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) - Prosecutors reduced the murder charge against a former guest on "The Jerry Springer Show" to second-degree murder.

Ralf Panitz still faces the possibility of a life sentence if he is convicted in the beating death of his ex-wife, Nancy Campbell Panitz. Assistant State Attorney Charlie Roberts said it was his decision to reduce the charge based on evidence.

Nancy Campbell Panitz was

killed July 24, the same day a taped Springer show aired an episode featuring her. Ralf Panitz and his new wife, Eleanor. The trio had a long history of disputes that included allegations of stalking, threats and domestic violence.

Eleanor Panitz has not been charged in the slaying. Ralf Panitz is to be arraigned Sept. 1. Lawyer Daniel I. Small said Ralf Panitz continues to maintain his innocence.

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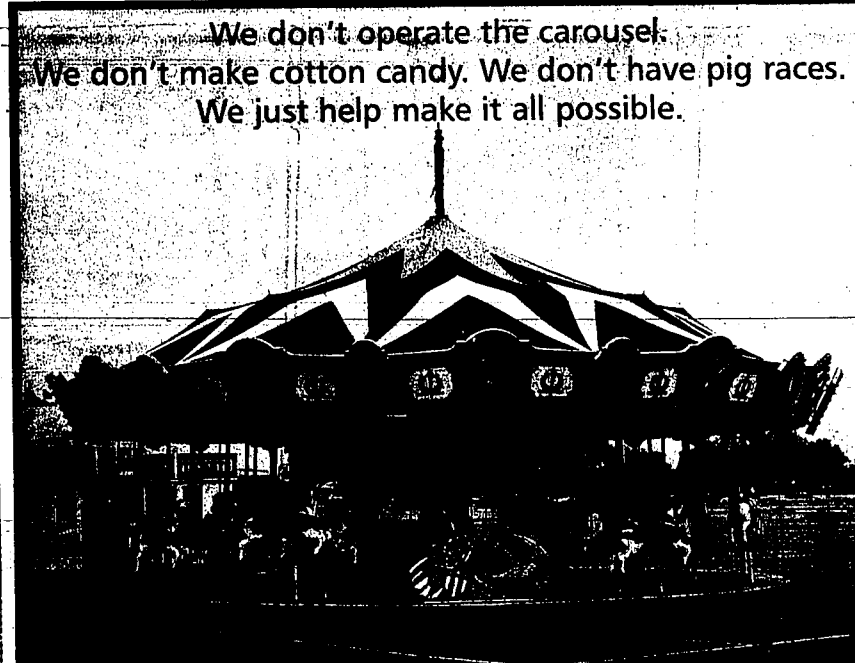
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NATION

Bush issues proposals on education

Attempting to dull Gore's campaign, Bush reaches out to minorities with mini-proposals

DALLAS (AP) - Aiming to blunt Al Gore's convention bounce, Republican George W. Bush is releasing bite-sized education proposals to contrast the candidates' priorities - and to quiet Democratic criticism of the Texas governor's grasp of public policy.



George W. Bush

Bush, who campaigned Friday in Tennessee, Gore's home state, drew cheers from supporters Saturday when he predicted he would carry the state in the November presidential election.

"I'm counting on you to make sure this base is secure as we travel around the country," Bush told a crowd of more than 5,000 at Southern Methodist University's Moody Coliseum.

With the Democratic convention over, Bush was highlighting education as he returned to the campaign trail. In fact, beginning

Monday, two ads... showing what the campaign said was Bush's "commitment to improving education" will air in 21 states. Blending that theme with an ongoing effort to reach out to minority groups, Bush was traveling later Saturday to Las Cruces, N.M., to promise that his administration would bring American Indian schools, particularly in the West and Northwest, up to par with others.

"Raggedly, schools on tribal lands are often in poor physical condition and lack basic resources," Bush said in prepared remarks. "The federal government has a front-line responsibility to fix these schools and provide an environment in which children can learn."

Bush noted Gore's promised first legislative proposal would be campaign finance reform. "That's fine, although he's a little short on credibility on the issue," Bush said Friday in Memphis, Tenn., with a nod toward fund-raising charges that continue to dog Gore. "My first will be the education of our children."

At his party's convention in Los Angeles, Gore and others attacked the Texas governor for what they said was rhetoric that lacked specifics and any indication that Bush understands the political and legislative realities that would confront him in the White House.

The vice president, in contrast, issued a policy-heavy speech when he accepted his party's nomination, acknowledging that such details might not make him the most exciting politician. But he pledged to win over American voters, and early poll evidence suggests that he may be off to a good start.

A Voter.com-Battleground tracking poll released Friday had Gore within 5 points of Bush, 45 percent to 40 percent, narrowing Bush's 18-point lead in the same survey after the GOP convention.

Bush told reporters Friday that Gore's speech rallied Democratic delegates but also served to emphasize divisions among Americans on certain issues. "It's going to be hard to lead if you're pitting groups against each other," Bush said. "That's the rhetoric of the past... group warfare or class warfare. ... And I don't think Americans are going buy that style of leadership."

Chief investigator says GOP 'sold out'

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republican leaders in the Senate succumbed to political pressure and "sold out" the House members who impeached President Clinton, asserting the Senate would not remove him from office, the chief investigator contends in a new book.

"Before we ever appeared on the floor of the United States Senate, the House impeachment managers and I knew we didn't have a shot to win," writes David Schippers, top investigative counsel to Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee during the impeachment.

"In the U.S. Senate, politics trumped principles, and polls trumped honor," wrote Schippers, who has returned to private law practice in Chicago, says in a book to be published Monday.

based on private misconduct that never should have reached that level of impeachment. Some Republican senators questioned whether it would sully the Senate. Follis consistently showed about two-thirds of Americans believed Clinton should remain in office.

Schippers notes in the book, "Sellout," there were more than enough Republicans, if all stuck together, to win the simple majority votes needed to set rules and mandate "a full impeachment trial." There were 55 Republican and 45 Democratic senators.

A two-thirds vote was needed to convict Clinton; he was acquitted.

The House approved two articles of impeachment in December 1998, charging the president with perjury and obstruction of justice in his efforts to cover up his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Majority Leader Trent Lott opened his first meeting with House managers by telling Rep. Henry Hyde, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, "Henry, you're not going to dump this garbage on us," according to Schippers' account.

New law takes cloak off ad-backers

Knight Ridder News Service

The groups have names like Citizens for Better Medicare, Republicans for Clean Air, and Clubs for Growth. They've made their political pitch in costly commercials, without having to say how much they were spending and where the money came from.

Until now. Starting this month, thanks to a law fought change in federal law, citizens can find out who is behind some of the political ads that will turn up on television this fall. You won't have to visit an obscure government reading room in Washington to do it. All you need to do is get online and go to: <http://www.irs.gov/bus-info/opssearch.html>

But there's a twist. Already, some of these groups - including Citizens for Better Medicare, which is financed by the drug industry - are looking into changing their tax status in ways that would keep their donors and spending secret.

The groups have been dubbed "527s" because their legal status is defined in Section 527 of the tax code; some critics call them "stealth PACs." Unlike political action committees, these groups don't directly endorse or oppose federal candidates, so the law allowed them to raise and spend with little public accountability.

That changed on July 31, when 527s had to register with the

Internal Revenue Service (which in turn puts these records online).

The first big change in campaign finance law in more than 20 years, it got through Congress with help from Sen. John McCain, who had been targeted by hard-to-trace ads in his presidential primary battles with George W. Bush.

Proponents hall the disclosures as a boon for citizens.

"The public will at least know who is intervening in politics," said Steve Weissman of Public Citizen,

a Washington group that advocates stricter campaign finance laws. "Given the size of the loophole, the danger of how big it could have become... disclosure is an important development."

One group that has shown nationwide this year is Citizens for Better Medicare. Its main backer is the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the drugmakers' Washington lobby, which opposes a prescription benefit for Medicare recipients that would limit prices for medicine.

The drug group's ad blitz, estimated by health industry sources to cost at least \$25 million, asks

viewers to "tell Washington you don't want big government in your medicine cabinet."

Other 527 groups include the conservative Club for Growth, which bought ads last spring attacking such moderates as U.S. Rep. Marge Roukema, R., N.J.; and Republicans for Clean Air, which spent about \$2.5 million on commercials suggesting McCain had a bad environmental record.

The group was created and funded by a Texas billionaire and Bush ally, Sam Wyly. In June, McCain, led Senate efforts to change the law, with help from Russell D. Feingold, D., Wis., and Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn., now the Democrats' vice presidential nominee.

"The motivation for it was Sen. John McCain, who was offended by a small group from Texas that ran ads against him," said Jan Baran, a Washington lawyer who advises Republicans and conservative groups on campaign law.

Feingold, who along with McCain is an outspoken critic of both parties' fund-raising practices, said last week that the new law is meant "to shine a spotlight on organizations seeking to affect

*'The public will at least know who is intervening in politics.'*

- Steve Weissman  
Public Citizen

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Clinton celebrates his 54th birthday

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) - President Clinton celebrated a quiet 54th birthday Saturday with his family in the Adirondack Mountains, careful not to divert attention from Al Gore's campaign.

"The president is laying low," said Jake Siewert, White House spokesman.

The president, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, daughter Chelsea and family dog Buddy boled up at the home of Arthur Weiss, a wealthy real estate man who owns area resorts.

Gore, meantime, was continuing his Mississippi River boat trip - and celebrating wife Tipper's 52nd birthday, also Saturday - on his first post-convention political trip as the Democratic nominee for president.

For Clinton, the birthday wishes started long before the actual day. Two weeks ago, singer Carly Simon sang "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" to him at a party on Martha's Vineyard, in Massachusetts, where he has celebrated his birthday the past three years.

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# Gore plans follow Clinton's steps

## Candidate claims he is his own man

By Jonathan Weisman  
The Baltimore Sun

LOS ANGELES — Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore may have declared himself his "own man" Thursday night, but the most popular — and politically powerful — proposals he actually finished the incomplete work of Bill Clinton.

All week, Gore had promised a speech that would lay out specific policies he would pursue, trying to step out of Clinton's shadow and to draw a contrast with his Republican rival, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, whose GOP acceptance speech was loftier in tone but vaguer in policy pronouncements.

The vice president did deliver a speech packed with proposals, a road map for a Gore administration. But in plans ranging from protecting managed care patients to adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare, from expanding criminal background checks on gun buyers to ratcheting up educational standards, Gore's policy pronouncements returned to battles that have been waged between the White House and Congress for at least two years.












To be sure, there were items that never made Clinton's wish list: universal preschool, tax deductibility for college tuition and a doubling of federal spending on medical research. Other ideas would expand on Clinton's successes, such as adding 50,000 police to the 100,000 the president secured and extending the federal children's health insurance program to all children in the next four years.

But the lion's share of Gore's plans reinforce the idea that promoting the vice president to the Oval Office would in effect grant Clinton a third term to see through his agenda.

White House aides said Friday that it was only natural that two Democrats emerging from the centrist wing of their party would share the same policy priorities. The Gore campaign is also making liberal use of top White House policy advisers,

### Comparing planks

Here is how the Democratic and Republican platforms approved at the conventions compare on some key issues. The platforms are not binding on the parties' candidates.

	Democrats 	Republicans 
 <b>Abortion rights</b>	"The Democratic Party stands behind the right of every woman to choose, consistent with Roe vs. Wade, and regardless of ability to pay."	"The unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed."
 <b>Budget</b>	Balance budget every year, barring national emergency, and pay off publicly held national debt by 2012.	Amend Constitution to require balanced budgets. Reduce national debt.
 <b>Defense</b>	Develop technology for a "limited" national missile defense.	Deploy "robust" national missile defense as soon as possible.
 <b>Education</b>	Subsidize universal preschool, higher pay for teachers, raise standards, triple number of charter schools, encourage choice among public schools. No private school vouchers.	Higher standards, more charter schools, federal aid tied to performance, limited vouchers for poor children in failing schools.
 <b>Environment</b>	Tax credits to preserve open space, create parks, improve water quality. No oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Ratify Kyoto protocols on global warming.	More tax credits for renewable energy. Allow oil exploration in the Alaskan refuge. Environmental problems "at times" require "Federal Intervention." Preserve "high priority" wilderness and wetlands. Kyoto protocols "ineffective and unfair."
 <b>Health Care</b>	Guarantee affordable health care for all children, expand Medicaid to help people move from welfare to work, add Medicare drug benefit.	Tax breaks to make coverage more affordable, expand reach of subsidized child health coverage. Affordable prescription drugs for elderly.
 <b>Retirement</b>	Match contributions to private retirement accounts with tax credits. No privatization of Social Security.	Let workers put some of their payroll taxes into private investment accounts instead of Social Security.
 <b>Taxes</b>	Specific tax breaks for college saving, child and elderly care.	Broad tax cuts, with lower tax brackets and lower rates across the board.
 <b>Trade</b>	President should have congressional authority to negotiate trade agreements. Agreements "should include worker rights, human rights and environmental protections."	Give president authority to negotiate trade agreements. Start more multilateral trade talks and seek "Free Trade Area of the Americas."

Source: Associated Press Writer Calvin Woodward AP

ers, such as National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling and domestic policy adviser Bruce Reed.

But Bush was quick to link Gore to the man each hopes to replace. Friday while campaigning in Gore's home state of Tennessee, Bush called Gore's speech "a laundry list of new promises which I thought was an excuse to cover up old failures."

Republicans did not challenge the proposals' usefulness, only

their Clintonian origins.

"They're a-drit-on-a-river-of-missed opportunities and squandered chances," Republican Virginia Gov. James Gilmore said Friday, mocking Gore's riverboat ride down the Mississippi.

If President Clinton could not win passage of patients' rights legislation, prescription drug benefits, or individual retirement accounts funded with the federal budget surplus, it was

not for lack of trying, as even Bush supporters seemed to concede. The Bush campaign Friday enumerated presidential policy speeches and addresses to Congress dating back as far as 1994 that mirrored Gore's proposals.

White House spokesman Jake Siewert complained that it was Republican allies of Bush who had thwarted the administration. "We've been blocked every step of the way by (Bush's) colleagues in Congress," Siewert said.

Gore did diverge from the president Thursday night on some fiscal matters, such as expanding some tax breaks and greatly increasing the federal investment in education. The vice president's proposal to devote \$115 billion to education over 10 years would double federal funding.

But that huge pot of money would go toward many of Clinton's education priorities, such as repairing crumbling schools, building new ones, hiring and training 100,000 new teachers, and setting aside a fund dedicated to rewarding schools that reach tough new academic standards.

Gore broke new ground in education with his proposal to make \$50 billion in matching grants available to states willing to offer preschool to any 4-year-old who wants it. And his proposal to make up to \$10,000 of annual college tuition tax-free is also his alone.

On taxes, both Gore and Clinton have become more amenable to Republican priorities as the federal budget surplus grows. In exchange for his \$250 billion prescription drug plan for Medicare, Clinton had already offered to sign the GOP's \$250 billion bill to end the tax penalty paid by some married couples. That offer was a major break from his contention that the Republican bill tilted too favorably toward affluent, two-earner couples and provided tax cuts even to couples that are rewarded, not punished, by the tax code for their marital status. When Republican leaders rejected the offer, Clinton vetoed their tax bill earlier this month.

## McCain returns to clinic for surgery

PHOENIX (AP) — Sen. John McCain, confident he will win his second battle with skin cancer, entered a hospital Saturday for surgery to remove skin-and-lymph nodes around areas where cancerous lesions were removed earlier this month.

The surgery at the Mayo Clinic in suburban Scottsdale Saturday

follows testing that found no signs that McCain's melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, had spread to other areas of his body. Doctors also planned to test lymph nodes near the lesion on McCain's temple.

McCain had a similar lesion removed from his shoulder in 1993.

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# More catastrophes await Russia

Aging equipment and neglect adds to Russian disasters

MOSCOW (AP) - The loss of a Russian nuclear submarine is just one more catastrophe in a nation that has been transformed by years of decline and stagnation from a superpower into a technological junkyard.

Disasters ranging from crashing airplanes to industrial accidents have become commonplace in Russia, an increasingly poor country that can't afford to purchase new equipment or maintain aging Soviet-era machinery. In industry and the military, the problem has been compounded by carelessness, lack of training and pilfering.

President Vladimir Putin describes the increasingly worn-out equipment as one of the main obstacles to economic growth. Only 5 percent of our enterprises are actively using modern technologies," Putin said at a recent meeting with scientists.

Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu has repeatedly warned that Russia faces disaster as anything from airplanes to elevators go without the maintenance vital to keep aging machinery running safely. In their annual forecast released in January - one which drew quick comparisons to the 1980s' market crashes - Shoigu's experts predicted that the country could face a steady string of technological disasters starting from fires, collapsing buildings and breaking pipelines and ending with leaks of radiation and poisonous chemicals.

Experts have warned that if the current shortage of funds for new equipment and maintenance goes



Navy captain Ivan Nidziyev comforts relatives of officers who are aboard sunken submarine, at the nuclear submarine base at Vidyayevo, northwest of Murnansk, Saturday.

on, most of Russia's industrial equipment could be unusable by 2007. Companies struggling to stay afloat and workers desperate to get any kind of pay continue to use aging equipment that should have been junked years ago, experts say.

"This danger is augmented by the popular neglect of safety rules in the run for profit," said Marina Rykлина, a spokeswoman for the Emergency Situations Ministry. Unlike in Soviet times, when discipline and fear of punishment were stronger, safety rules are commonly ignored in modern Russia. A string of plane crashes were blamed on overloading after pilots accepted bribes to take extra cargo, weighing down their aircraft.

Natural gas explosions have become commonplace in apartment buildings because of a lack of maintenance. In rural areas,

people hack holes into oil pipelines to siphon fuel, often causing fires or explosions.

Hundreds of people are electrocuted every year while trying to pilfer communication wires, electric cable and train and plane parts for sell as scrap metal. Large areas are left without electricity after power lines are looted.

Compounding the problem, many Russians say, is a tendency to minimize or dismiss danger - a trait that is sometimes boasted of as a national characteristic.

Thousands of people drown in Russia every summer, mostly men who swim when crowded. Drownings in Russia and other ex-Soviet republics are up to 500 percent higher than in Western nations, according to officials.

ern vessels in the navy, its safety systems apparently failed to work.

"Not a single rescue system functioned on this top-of-the-range submarine, so what can be said about the older ones?" said Alexander Golts, a military analyst for the weekly magazine *Pravda*.

Insisting it is still a world power, the navy refuses to scrap hundreds of rusting Soviet-era ships and submarines even though there is no money for maintenance. Navy officials admit that 70 percent of their ships need major repairs, and scores of vessels simply sank because their hulls rusted out.

"Why should we keep a huge and expensive nuclear fleet if we are short of funds to send it to sea for even three days?" the daily newspaper *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* said Friday. "We must live in accordance with our means and not turn the seamen into kamikaze when they go on an exercise."

Low military wages have contributed to a steady decline of skill and morale.

Officers, who earn the equivalent of \$100 a month when they get paid, have to moonlight as cabbies or security guards to feed their families. Theft is endemic in the military, with servicemen stripping ships and planes of parts and metal to sell for food and other necessities.

Earlier this year, four Russian sailors and a retired officer were arrested on charges of stealing radioactive fuel from a nuclear submarine. And an officer on another nuclear submarine stripped the vessel of a filtration unit that controlled the air supply. The crew would have suffocated if the theft hadn't been discovered in time.



Participants in the Vatican's World Youth Day shelter themselves Saturday from a scalding sun as they wait for Pope John Paul II in Rome's suburb of Tor Vergata.

## Pope's Youth Day draws millions

ROME (AP) - A sprawling, sweating campground with a population rivaling summertime Rome's sprang up Saturday for Pope John Paul II's World Youth Day - nuns settling in beside bikini-wearing faithful for a sunset prayer vigil by the copter-coming pontiff.

A crowd estimated by the Vatican at two million covered 15 rolling acres outside Rome, where they would camp out until the pope's closing Mass Sunday morning. Fire hoses, fans and fainting tents worked to relieve countless young pilgrims overcome by heat. "That. Feels. So. Good," said Katy Rothman of Somers, N.Y., reveling under the blast of

spray that greeted the young woman after a three-hour walk to the campus outside Rome.

Thousands ran alongside the pontiff's white "popemobile" as he rolled through the crowd Saturday evening, flying in to lead a prayer vigil later in the evening before returning for Sunday's Mass.

World Youth Day - back in Rome this year, after starting there under John Paul 15 years ago - fell on what forecasters projected as the hottest weekend of the year. Hundreds of pilgrims had been treated at the campus by mid-afternoon, most overcome by the Roman sun and Mediterranean humidity.

## Polls might favor Mexican opposition in the south

ZINACANTAN, Mexico (AP) - Jose Garcia says he was twice hauled out of political meetings, thrown into jail and beaten for opposing the Institutional Revolutionary Party, long the object of enforced faith in this town tucked in the lush green forests of Chiapas state.

Today, he may be vindicated. In Mexico's first gubernatorial election since Vicente Fox's stunning presidential victory July 2, an eight-party coalition - including

Fox's National Action Party - is favored in polls to topple the Institutional Revolutionary Party in Chiapas.

Until last month, the Institutional Revolutionary Party had easily won every presidential election since its creation in 1929. And Chiapas, Mexico's southernmost state, was recently the party's strongest of strongholds.

The PRI often won 90 percent of the vote here. Creative rural officials have sometimes managed a turnout of more than 100 percent, and Indian towns often hold mass meetings to agree to vote for the PRI. Those who vary from the party line can suffer for it.

Garcia, 49, was among them. "They would always work us over a little," he recalls. But times have changed, and today a campaign sticker beside the door of his carpentry shop openly promotes Fox.

Mario Perez Arias, a leader of the Democratic Revolution Party in Zinacantan, showed a reporter photos of the ruins of his house. It was burned in 1996 because, he said, he had abandoned the PRI.

The PRI is fighting to keep its hold on Chiapas. The party has brought in a dozen governors to campaign for its candidate, Sami David, in hopes of halting a rapid decline of its once all-powerful nationwide political machine.

The local press - much of it dependent on government aid - has fiercely attacked opposition candidate Pablo Salazar, accusing him of promoting violence and forging academic credentials. Several leading newspapers regularly carry uncensored PRI news releases as front-page news.

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# Negotiations prepare Jerusalem for peace

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — It was a sweltering day, even for Jerusalem, when 16 Israeli and Palestinian city planners and geographers met over coffee and cake in a well-to-do Arab neighborhood. The Mideast summit at Camp David had just collapsed, but the atmosphere in the air-conditioned conference room of the Ambassador-Hotel was relaxed. Underdressed by their leaders' failure, the experts tossed around ideas about how to run a city that might one day be home to two capitals.



Manuel Hassassian, director of the Jerusalem Task Force, shows one of several maps with power sharing proposals at the Orient House in east Jerusalem, Thursday. How to limit building height around the walled-Old City.

Jerusalem's main attraction and home to major holy shrines?

Jerusalem's future is quietly being shaped in such informal sessions, the so-called "second track" that has run alongside the official negotiations. Since participants are not designated as negotiators, they have greater freedom to explore proposals and test the other side's reaction. At the same time, they are in close touch with the political leaders.

For example, a leading Israeli participant, political science professor Menachem Klein, also serves as an adviser to Israel's acting foreign minister and top negotiator, Shlomo Ben-Ami. Palestinian Manuel Hassassian, head of the Jerusalem Task Force, works at the Orient House, the PLO headquarters in Jerusalem. The give-and-take works both

ways. Barak's new proposals at Camp David — he offered the Palestinians limited control in traditionally Arab east Jerusalem and suggested he was willing to redraw the municipal boundaries — galvanized the second track.

"The idea of swapping (Jerusalem land) that was taboo in the past is now something we are taking into consideration," said Hassassian, sweeping his hands over a large map of Jerusalem in his Orient House office.

Before Camp David, Israel had insisted it would never relinquish sovereignty over any part of the city, including the Arab neighborhoods it captured from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war.

"Camp David was a partial failure only, not totally, and I think that we have to build on it more intensively," Hassassian said.

# Sierra Leone welcomes help

**ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP)** — A little more than a year ago, the United States was a major backer of a peace accord that brought a horrifically violent guerrilla force into a power-sharing government in Sierra Leone and gave the rebels amnesty in a bid for peace.

Those same guerrillas broke the peace and went on killing. Now, U.S. soldiers are in Africa to train and equip U.N. peacekeepers to counter the rebels, while U.S. diplomats have helped win U.N. approval for a special war crimes tribunal.

Washington's shift in policy has delighted officials in Sierra Leone — a lush, diamond-rich country on

Africa's west coast — who nonetheless note it has taken the United States a while to "wake up."

The change also has been largely welcomed in the U.S. Congress, where, despite a reluctance to increase U.S. spending on U.N. peacekeeping, there has been criticism of the administration's lack of engagement in Sierra Leone. The brutality of the Revolutionary United Front rebels' tactics is part of the reason: Since the civil war began in 1991, the rebels have killed and maimed tens of thousands of people to gain control of the government and the country's diamond-mining region.

# Jewish settlers and Palestinians clash in Hebron

**'HEBRON, West Bank (AP)** — Jewish settlers overturned market stalls, Palestinians hurled stones and Israeli troops fired rubber bullets in a three-way melee Saturday in this divided town. The renewed violence signaled how difficult it could be to carry out a future peace treaty, including evicting Israelis from communities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Palestinians said that was the message settlers in Hebron wanted to send Saturday. "The settlers want to put pressure on the Israeli delegation (to the peace talks)," said Mustafa Nathe, mayor of Hebron, a Palestinian town of 130,000.

Settler leader Noam Arnon denied the allegations. He said Palestinians have been throwing metal objects at settler homes in

recent weeks, and that two women were injured Saturday. Israeli police said an Arab taxi struck and lightly injured a settler boy. In response, settlers closed Shuhada Street, a main thoroughfare that passes by several of their heavily guarded compounds, to Palestinian traffic.

Fistfights erupted, and a group of about 40 to 50 settlers — the men wearing skullcaps and white

Sabbath shirts — walked into a nearby outdoor vegetable market, overturning stalls. Israeli troops intervened, scuffling with settlers and Palestinian vendors.

Tomatoes and cucumbers lay scattered on the ground. A Palestinian woman shopper in a long robe and head scarf held her hands to protect her head as she was hit by a young settler woman who cursed her.

# Rebels delay release of Philippine hostages

**JOLO, Philippines (AP)** — Negotiators came tantalizingly close to freeing 24 hostages from a remote jungle camp Saturday but failed when the Muslim rebel abductors accused the Philippine military of preparing to attack once the four-month kidnapping ordeal ends.

Philippine and Libyan negotiators, as well as diplomats from several Western nations with citizens among the captives, flew to the violent southern Philippines with high hopes of a release after the 10 Malaysians and a Filipino were freed Friday.

Several Finnish envoys wept when they heard the negotiating team had left the Abu Sayyaf rebel camp on Jolo island empty-handed after the kidnapers offered to release only two hostages.

"We regret to announce that our mission has been unsuccessful," said a grim Robert Aventajado, the chief Philippine negotiator. "We have to regress the situation."

The Abu Sayyaf guerrillas refused to comply with a demand by Philippine President Joseph

Estrada that all hostages be freed in one group.

Instead they insisted that the captives be released in two stages to reduce the risk of an army assault, said former Libyan Ambassador Rajab Azazuro, a member of the negotiating panel. Presumably, even under the two-stage plan, some hostages would have been kept back to protect the rebels from attack.

Further negotiations should take place until we are assured that the Philippine government will stop any military attacks," said a rebel spokesman read to reporters by Aventajado.

In Manila, a growing number of lawmakers demanded decisive military action against the Abu Sayyaf, which has demanded \$1 million ransom for each Western hostage. Aventajado denied that government troops were poised to attack.

"I know for fact that the military is keeping their distance," he said. "They are not doing anything because they're giving this negotiating team as much leeway and as much chance to settle this problem peacefully."

# U.S., Japan cancer patients climb Mount Fuji to gain inspiration

**TOKYO (AP)** — More than 200 cancer patients from the United States and Japan will climb Mount Fuji this week in a bid to inspire mutual hope and determination to conquer their illnesses.

"We are here to hold hands with all of the families who have faced cancer, here in Japan," Andrea Martin, founder of the Breast Cancer Fund, a San Francisco-based nonprofit organization, said Saturday in Tokyo.

Martin, a breast cancer survivor, led the climb is also aimed at drawing attention to increasing breast cancer rates. The disease is the leading cause

of death for American women ages 25 to 55, according to the Breast Cancer Fund.

On Monday, 160 Japanese cancer patients, including 85 with breast cancer, and 60 Americans with the disease will begin climbing 12,460-foot Mount Fuji, she said.

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## EDITORIAL

### Ensuring future water is essential for Twin Falls

A \$115,000 inquiry into replenishing the groundwater south of Twin Falls could prove to be the wisest investment the city makes this year. Decades hence, when thousands of additional Twin Falls residents open their faucets for a glass of water, they should lift a toast to the city leaders of today.

Time and again, the City Council and its professional staff have proven themselves vigilant caretakers of the municipal water system. They have a sharp eye for trouble and, in most cases, they have avoided it deftly.

Spring water from Blue Lakes Spring, on the north side of the Snake River near the Blue Lakes Country Club, is still the linchpin of the city's water supply. But, for a variety of reasons, that spring has been declining for years. So far, not much can be done to reverse that disturbing trend.

The city has made sensible improvements to the Blue Lakes system, but it has also been looking elsewhere for water. The upshot has been four new wells to pump groundwater on this side of the river. Given the diminishing flows at Blue Lakes, diversifying the city's sources of supply is wise.

But not all groundwater is created equal. Blue Lakes, for example, is fed by the Snake River Plain Aquifer - a vast underground labyrinth of saturated basalt that stretches almost to Yellowstone National Park. Fed by melting snow from a huge watershed and by irrigation water that seaks into farm fields in the Upper Snake River drainage, it is one of America's biggest aquifers.

Though subject to fluctuation at any given spot, the Snake River Plain Aquifer is a steady and largely con-

stant source for most water users. It is also at risk of pollution by farm chemicals, land application of animal wastes, or ill-sited industrial enterprises.

The little aquifer beneath Twin Falls, on the other hand, is fed by relatively meager snowmelt from the South Hills and, significantly, by flood irrigation in farm fields south of town. As more of those fields are converted from flood irrigation to sprinklers, or transformed into residential subdivisions, the incidental recharge of the aquifer declines.

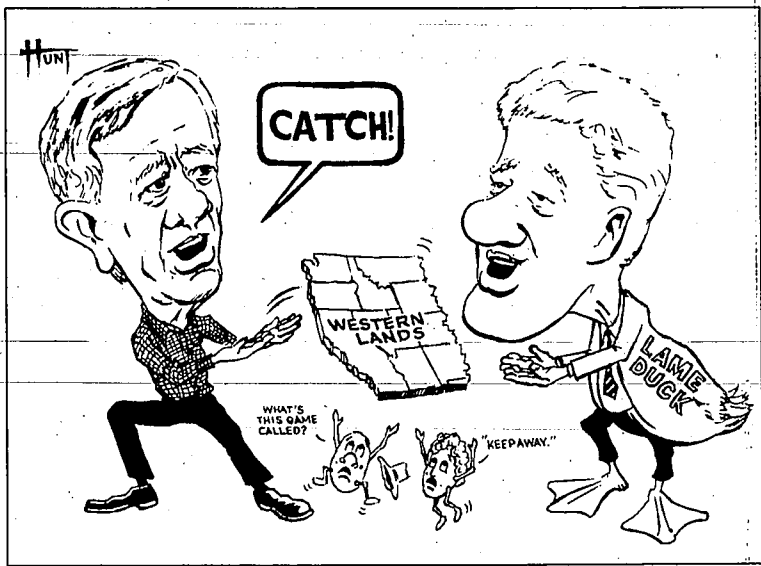
The upshot is that wells on the south side of town don't yield as much water as they could. That's a potential Achilles heel for a thirsty, growing city in arid southern Idaho. With peak demand currently at 31 million gallons per day, steps must be taken to shore up the city's southside sources of supply.

The city can count on a supply that varies between 40 million and 47 million gallons a day, depending on groundwater levels south of town. That's enough for the short-term future, and perhaps a little longer.

But it's probably not enough for the long-term future, which is why the City Council agreed to finance the aquifer recharge study. The next step would be a pilot recharge program, which doubtless would cost much more than the feasibility study. Some federal money may be available, but the bulk of the expense would fall on the city's shoulders.

Ensuring there is enough drinking water to meet the city's long-term needs is not a cheap proposition. But it is a necessary one. The council deserves credit for meeting the challenge head on.

*Ensuring there is enough drinking water to meet the long-term needs of Twin Falls is not a cheap proposition. But it is a necessary one.*



### Gore lectures on plans at convention

LOS ANGELES - In tone and substance, Vice President Al Gore's acceptance speech on the final night of the Democratic National

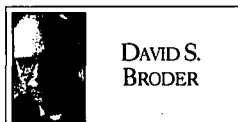
Convention was like nothing I have heard in 40 years of covering both parties' quadrennial gatherings. Usually these acceptance speeches are attempts to take you to the mountaintop and show you the future. Gore's was more a request to step inside a seminar room, listen closely and take notes.

Never has a candidate provided more detailed information on his own autobiography and the program initiatives he plans. One more paragraph and he would have been onto the budget of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

My hunch is that the approach was highly effective - for what Gore wanted to do. It may have sounded more like a briefing prepared for those who log onto the Gore Web site than the political rhetoric one expects on these partisan occasions. But given Gore's circumstances, it was probably the smartest thing he could do.

At the beginning of convention week, James Carville remarked that "people think Al Gore was born in 1992," the year Bill Clinton picked him as his running mate. All the polling and focus group data support the belief that little information about his family, his early career or the work in Congress that commended him to Clinton has penetrated the public consciousness.

And so he told about the values he had learned from his hard-working father and mother, about his youth (though nothing much about living in the swank Fairfax Hotel or attending elite private schools), about his forays into the Army and journalism and the decision to make politics



DAVID S. BRODER

his career.

He mentioned only three aspects of what was, in fact, a significant record in the House and Senate - his work on the environment, welfare reform and arms control.

But my, how he went on about what he wants to do as president. This, too, was necessary. Since the primaries ended last March, George W. Bush has been strikingly successful in marketing a handful of interesting policy ideas - his proposals for education and Social Security reforms, for example - by dint of repetition. Gore has taken a more scatter-shot approach and has seen his opponent make headway on these traditional Democratic issues.

On some of the headline proposals - for Medicare prescription drug benefits or a patient's bill of rights - Gore humanized his presentation by pointing to specially invited families in the audience who would have benefited directly from the programs he is promoting. But I have to confess, my attention wandered as he went on through page after page of other swell ideas, and somewhere between hate crimes legislation and a crime victim's constitutional amendment, I almost nodded off.

For all his Washington experience, Gore does not seem to have grasped Bush's point that a chief executive is smart to focus on a few key reforms,

rather than dissipating his leadership on a crammed agenda. Or perhaps Gore just felt it necessary to throw a bone to every one of the constituency groups in the Democratic Party.

That criticism aside, his speech succeeded in sending several subliminal messages about the nominee. Where Gore has sometimes been ridiculed for exaggerating - with his suggestion that he sort of invented the Internet or served as an inspiration for the hero of "Love Story" - this speech was notably modest in tone. Immediately after mentioning that he had volunteered for Army duty and was sent to Vietnam, he added, "I didn't do the most or run the gravest danger" as a military reporter.

Where he often has been accused of attack-dog tactics, this speech made virtually no unkind references to his opponent. Where he often drags out his sentences in pedantic fashion, on this night he moved through the text briskly and in conversational style, frequently ignoring the raucous cheers of the partisans who packed the Staples Center and talking to the television audience at home.

The speech was more reassuring than rousing to Democrats, who are still suffering Clinton withdrawal pangs as they try to embrace their new standard-bearer. But if these strategists are right in saying that the public really wants a serious, substantive download of information from and about the candidates, Gore has given them what they want.

The slogan of the campaign is clear: Inspiration. No. Information? Yes. If you want a work, Al Gore is best.

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## LETTERS

### Non-affiliated people clear trails

A few years ago, my husband and I were preparing to ride a section of trail in the Sawtooths on horseback. We paused at the trailhead to look at the different maps and information provided there. A large sign proudly declared that the trail was maintained by the Back Country Horsemen. What a great idea, we thought, that fellow equestrians had adopted a trail and were responsible for clearing it. We even discussed the possibility that we should join the organization, something we had never done previously. As we rode the trail, it became apparent that the trail had not been cleared in some time by the Back Country Horsemen or anyone else. There was a great deal of deadfall that was accumulated from several years. We managed to make our way through that day, but concerned how the poorly maintained trail made the Back Country Horsemen look, we came back the next week. Armed with a couple of fellow equestrian friends and a chainsaw, we cleared the trail.

It didn't occur to us to go home, sit down and write a letter to the editor. We had the organization for making all equestrian trail-users look bad. Perhaps a better approach to this issue in the South Hills would have been to help out or offer advice. Even though public humiliation is an enticing prospect in some, it is not an effective way to facilitate change, nor does it unite people to a common cause. If your letter was your idea of a membership drive, it didn't make me want to join your organization. Suggesting that "groups" are the only ones maintaining the trails is ridiculous. I know of many bikers, hikers, equestrians and motorcyclists who do not belong to any "group" but work very hard every year to keep the trails clear for everyone. The phrase, "those of you from any group should join the group who maintain the trails for your use," sounds pretty self-righteous.

We encounter motorcycles quite frequently on our outings in the South

Hills, and they are, almost without exception, friendly and courteous. And by the way, who said anything about "trail wars"?

Just for clarification, I am not a member of the Arabian Horse Club, nor did I assist in putting on the recent endurance ride in the South Hills.

KATEY GIES  
Twin Falls

### Damage to trout habitat untrue

I am writing to correct a claim by the Forest Service that the South Canyon road above Jarbidge, Nev. built in early July with pick and shovel by several hundred concerned citizens damaged the habitat of the bull trout which call the Jarbidge River home. To claim that the work "could threaten the survival" of the bull trout is preposterous.

The road built by the volunteers is 30 to 50 feet from the river and in no way damaged the stream bed nor added silt to the river. I was there the day after the work was completed and searched my conscience for evidence that there was any harm done to the stream. It has cut a new course far from the new road.

So why is the Forest Service now suing the Shovel Brigade for damaging the habitat of the bull trout? Just to show the citizens of that tiny town in northern Elko county who's boss. The county, of course, maintains that this is a county road since it was in place long before the Forest Service took over in the canyon.

Let us hope that Elko County is not intimidated by the federal government and stands its ground. It would be ludicrous, outrageous, unthinkable to have the kind of fines upheld which have been proposed against the project by an overbearing federal agency.

P.S. - The citizens of Jarbidge are convinced that the Forest Service is determined to close them down, wipe out the town so they have total control of the Jarbidge River Canyon.

RALPH MAUGHAN  
Rupert

### Cutting more roads won't stop fires

MISSOULA, Mont. - To most of us, it is unseemly to take advantage of other people's tragedy, hard times and fear. Yet some folks, driven by the pursuit of profits or political ambition, simply cannot resist. That is the case with those seeking advantage from the terror most of us in the Northern Rockies are experiencing as fires threaten to engulf us and render our homes and hometowns uninhabitable.

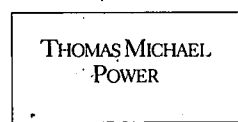
Except for the suffocating ash fallout from Mount St. Helens, we in the Northern Rockies have had the luxury of observing natural catastrophes at a distance on our televisions.

When floods swept the Mississippi Valley and its tributaries in the upper Midwest, hurricanes ravaged Florida and the Carolina coastlands, and earthquakes rumbled through southern California; we in the Northern Rockies could shudder with a distant fear and easy sympathy, for we were not in such immediate threats of natural disaster. This summer's wildfires have changed that.

While most of us have suffered with the unavoidable fire-related anxieties, we have also been impressed by the hard work and heroism of both neighbors and anonymous firefighters. But others have tried to profit from the fires and the primordial fears they evoke.

The forest products industry has been in the lead in this exploitation of other people's hard times. The forest products industry wants access - as cheaply as it can get it - to as much wood fiber as possible.

It once had privileged access to forested public lands. As the frontier economy has faded and government give-aways have fallen out of political favor, the forest products industry's privileged grip on public resources has begun to slip. The



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current forest fires offer them an opportunity to try to regain some of their lost clout.

The fires, timber industry representatives claim, are a result of restrictions on commercial logging on public lands. If all of these lands had been logged, they assert, the fires would not be burning.

They are attempting to blame the federal government and the environmentalists for causing the fires that now threaten us. As one timber industry advocate baldly said, "I never saw a clearcut burn."

Nothing could be further from the truth. Of course clearcuts burn. When long, hot summers dry out the grasses, brush and logging wastes, they can flare explosively. When they regenerate with closely packed young trees, they present exactly the fire danger we are wrestling with now. And miles of logging roads provide humans access to the forests and humans are the source of the vast majority of non-lightning caused fires.

If roading and logging actually eliminated the threat of wildfire, most of the fires that threaten us now would not be burning.

Look at where these fires are: They are largely burning on the forest-urban interface in areas adjacent to intense human activity. In western Montana, for instance, the fires are burning in the forests adjacent to some of the most rapidly growing residential areas in the nation, the

Bitterroot, Helena and Clark Fork Valleys.

These are not roadless areas but areas that have been extensively roaded and logged in the past. At last count in western Montana more than 75 percent of the burned acreage lies outside of protected areas like national parks and wilderness.

Commercial logging and the roads associated with it do not reduce the threat of wildfire. They do the opposite.

The timber industry has been insistent as anyone else that all wildfires be extinguished immediately, thus, over the decades, allowing the fuel loads in our forests to build.

Commercial logging does not remove dangerous fuel loads. In fact, it makes the largest, most valuable and most fire resistant trees, leaving behind a firetrap. Commercial logging is not a prescription for forest health; it is one of the major causes of unhealthy forest conditions.

Until the forest products industry stops trying to insist that clear-cutting our public lands is necessary for the health of those lands, we will make no progress in restoring those lands.

Equating forest health with timber company profits condemns our forests to either the commercial ravages of the past or the management paralysis of the present. Both are bad for our forests and for those of us who have chosen to live in beautiful, but naturally dangerous, forested landscapes.

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# Sunken sub lowers Russian morale

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**M**OSCOW — Whatever the final outcome of efforts to rescue the crew of the Kursk, the Russian nuclear submarine that sank last week in the Barents Sea while participating in a large-scale military exercise, the tragedy is sure to have long-lasting effect on Russian politics, public opinion and military.

The area have thwarted their efforts. Several attempts to lower a rescue capsule to the stricken submarine have failed. While rescue officials publicly cite weather conditions as the cause of these failures, other specialists privately list other possible reasons. For example, the engineers of Lazurit construction bureau who design the equipment used for underwater rescue operations suspect that the capsule's crew was inadequately trained for the mission. They also note that, a year ago, the government refused to provide funds for the construction of new rescue systems. Reports published in the Russian media say that even when one of the rescue capsules managed to attach itself to the stricken sub's hatch, it was forced to the surface because its batteries had run out.

The Kursk, with its double-layered hull, entered service in the Northern Fleet of the Russian Marine Forces in 1995. Considered one of the best warships of its type, it participated in naval maneuvers witnessed by President Vladimir Putin last April. Experts say its commanding officer, Capt. Ghennady Lyachin, 45, was considered young but experienced.

Safety equipment designed to help the crew in the event of such an accident was not on board the Kursk because its mission was expected to last only three days and such equipment is in short supply for the cash-strapped Russian navy.

While the exact cause of the accident remains unknown, it's clear that the damage was massive and occurred quickly, leaving even an experienced commander like Capt. Lyachin no time to respond. Officials who have seen video images of the sunken sub report seeing a "terrifying hole" in the front of the vessel.

While the entire nation waits to learn the fate of the crew and the cause of the accident, many other troubling questions are

It was, of course, fortunate that both of the vessel's nuclear reactors, housed in the sixth of nine compartments, were automatically shut down. And, because of the 1992 agreement between the United States and Russia, the Kursk was not carrying any tactical nuclear weapons on board.

Up to 22 vessels have been involved in the rescue effort, but so far, winds, waves and the strong underwater currents in

already being asked of the Kremlin and military officials. They include:

- Why have the search-and-rescue efforts so far been so ineffective?
- Why did it take so long for the government to accept offers of assistance from Britain and Norway?
- Why have military and other officials remained so silent as the tragedy has unfolded?
- Why have family members had to rely on the media for information? Why has an official list of crew members not yet been released?
- Why are Russian navy vessels that are not fully equipped allowed to deploy?

These and dozens of other questions are bound to provoke heated debate among the public and professionals alike. In the wake of this tragedy, it is vitally important that Russia change the way it funds and maintains its armed forces. It's also crucial that the government learn how to be honest with the public during such a crisis.

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## LETTERS

### Cat killing causes concern

I am writing in response to your article in Tuesday's paper about the Richfield teens, Archie Biegler and Justin Stewart, who were convicted of barbecuing and eating another person's cat, among several other crimes.

You began the article with a question, asking if the reaction of the community was just a case of small-town hysteria. My answer is absolutely not. I was both appalled and disgusted when I read about this. I cannot imagine my reaction if I were a member of this close-knit community, or if I were in the shoes of Marcie Paulson, the cat's owner. I think this is an issue that is cause for serious concern from the community, and especially the teens' families.

I was disturbed by Archie Biegler's mother, Merrie Williams, who showed a surprising lack of concern for her son's actions. She addressed the court, saying, "I'm sorry, but I feel more threatened by the community than the community is threatened by him."

Well, Mrs. Williams, I find that hard to believe. I don't think you fully understand the seriousness of your son's behavior. Not only did he and a friend kill, barbecue

and eat someone's cat, but he has also threatened several schoolmates with a knife and was involved in the theft and resale of two World War II Japanese military rifles.

I honestly do not know why a psychiatric evaluation was not part of the boys' sentences. This behavior is not excusable as average adolescent mischief, and I seriously hope others share my opinion. I'm sure Marcie Paulson does.

JENIFER HOPPERSTAD  
Twin Falls

### Wal-Mart creates more jobs

Well, Twin Falls has done it again — sending Wal-Mart to another town.

How are young people supposed to find work when everything that wants to come to Twin gets voted out?

Sure, it might make for more traffic for people living around there, but think of the jobs it would make. I didn't want a bike path in front of my house either, but it is here and I can't see that it is hurting me now.

Maybe if you are one that lives over there where Wal-Mart wants to build would think of others that just want to have a chance to work and a lot of them might be on welfare and that be a chance

to help themselves and someday have a home, too.

We are retired so we don't need the work or the extra traffic it will make, but we are thinking of the good it would do for others.

NAEDAN KENNEDY  
Twin Falls

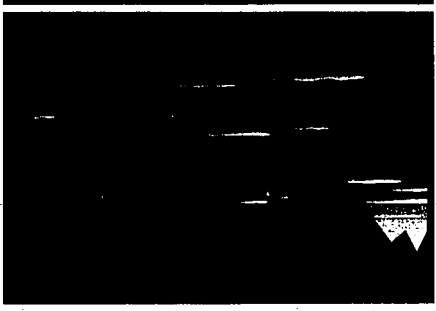
### Let Wal-Mart look for new site

I was not impressed with local Wal-Mart attorney Gary Slette's statistics about how many people in Twin Falls favor Wal-Mart's entry into our city. Instead of asking how many people would like to see the store in Twin Falls, the question should have been how many people would like the 24-hour-a-day noise and traffic that the retail behemoth will surely create in their neighborhood. I feel certain that the numbers would not have looked nearly so welcoming!

If Wal-Mart wants to prove what a friendly, community-minded business they are, they should look for a site that is already zoned to accommodate their size, a site that will not create traffic and noise problems in anyone's neighborhood. Then those of us who are neighbors of the proposed site will be able to roll out the welcome mat for them.

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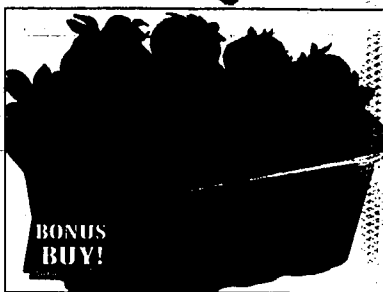


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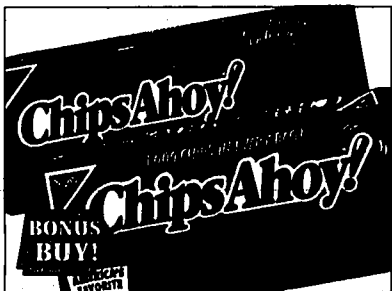


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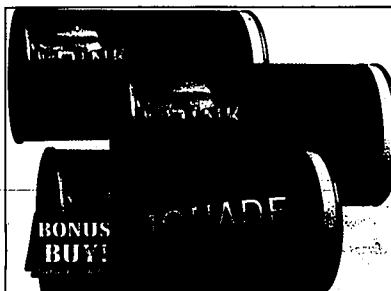


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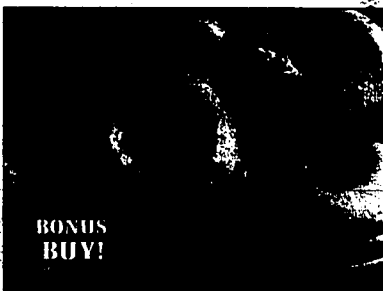


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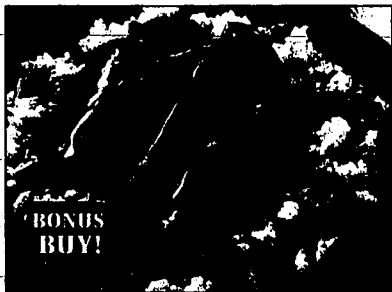


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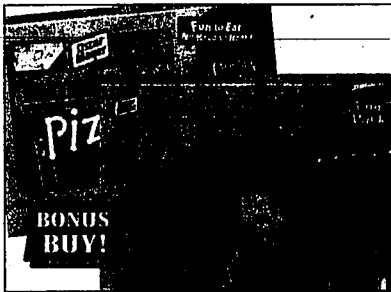


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## Now this might hurt a little

I've got a toothache. I'm pretty sure about this.

But I'm reluctant to embrace the rise-and-spit option. Dentists, bless 'em, are dedicated health professionals who still employ technologies invented about the time of the Spanish Inquisition.

So I'm opting instead for conservative treatment.

OK, I'm scared silly and I'm putting off Dr. Painless for as long as possible.

I actually resorted to garlic. It works - at least it did for me for a while - but, oh, the side effects.

What you do is you take a garlic clove and break it in half, and then you chew on a piece about the size of a Chiclet. Which, of course, is



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more than enough raw garlic oil to touch off a four-alarm fire in your palate.

And by golly, by the time the tears stop streaming down your face you've forgotten all about your toothache.

Plus nobody - and I mean nobody - wants to be around you. My dog moved in with the cat next door.

The aura of garlic in quantities greater than a thimbleful is absolutely indelible. No matter how much mouthwash you use, how many times you brush your teeth, or how far away you stand from folks at the company picnic, you're gonna be about as welcome as the IRS in May.

Bram Stoker got it right when he draped Lucy with garlic cloves to ward off the Draculogister. Here's 5 bucks that says her husband, Jonathan Harker, became a monk.

All of which, of course, raises the awful possibility that when I finally do go to the dentist, he won't let me open my mouth.

Plus, I come from people steeped in belief that dentistry, when resorted to at all, should be a true test of character.

My mother used to talk about visits to the dentist when she was growing up in Buhl during the '20s. Idaho was a long way from the 20th century in those days, so whatever ailed your mouth was cured by a pair of pliers.

Do I need to add that Novocain and Lidocaine were years away, anesthetizing gas was only available in big cities, and that it was always prudent to fill up on bourbon before your appointment?

There's a wonderful scene in Frank Norris' "McTeague," one of the great novels of the 20th century, about a San Francisco dentist driven to ruin by his obsession with a woman. In it, McTeague literally wrestles a patient to the floor for possession of a hot molar.

Dentistry has come a long way since then, but every dentist in the world is battling Laurence Olivier every day that he or she goes to work.

In the 1974 movie, "Marathon Man," Olivier played a Nazi war criminal who lives in hiding in South America, where he practices dentistry. Dustin Hoffman spots him in New York City, figures out who he is, and makes the mistake of inquiring further.

No one who has seen the film will ever sit quietly in a dentist's waiting room again - not while the drill is running in the next room.

Seems that dentistry suffers from bad word-of-mouth, you should excuse the expression. And I'm debating whether moral suasion will stop my bicuspid from throbbing.

I'm guessing no. Sooner probably rather than later, Dr. Painless and I are going to have a long, soulful chat about the consequences of failing to floss.

Do you think I could cut a deal with him? I'll lose the garlic if I hides the pliers.

Times-News features editor wonders why the dental assistant puts that bib around your neck unless you're expected to bleed.

# County ponders fee hikes

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If the county government's wallet is feeling the pinch these days, your wallet will probably feel the pinch as well. The question is, how much of a pinch?

Twin Falls County officials are looking at increasing user fees for various county services - a move they hope will help bring money to the cash-starved county.

What will increase? That's what county officials will be looking at in the next few months, County Clerk Bob Fort said Friday.

Residents pay user fees for such services as zoning permits,

building permits and park use.

The problem is determining what fees are set by the state and what can be changed by the county. License plate fees, which range from \$15 to \$30, and marriage license fees, which are \$28, are state set.

"There aren't that many fees that the commissioners can set," Fort said.

Commissioner Gary Grindstaff raised the idea to increase county user fees at the commissioners' Wednesday meeting with county department heads - a meeting in which the county's leaders were given the bad news about this year's budget.

Fort said the user fee idea is only an idea at this point.

"It's really a little premature

to go there until the commissioners get serious about it," Fort said. "It came up in the discussion the other day, but they haven't gone anywhere with it."

The total 2000-01 budget was cut by 5 percent, from \$22.6 million in 1999-00 to \$21.6 million for the 2000-01 budget year. The new budget year starts Oct. 1.

"It's kind of drastic but it's necessary," Fort said.

So far, Fort and the commissioners haven't heard from county department heads about the budget cuts or user fee increase idea.

Several county departments will see 2 percent budget cuts. Some departments will see deeper cuts, including the county prosecutor's office, which will

see a 10 percent cut in its non-salary "B budget."

Each county department has an "A" budget for salaries and a "B" budget for other expenses.

But while some departments will be hit hard, the sheriff's \$2 million budget will stay the same. The jail's \$1.3 million budget will get a \$200,000 boost.

County employees also heard this week that they won't get pay raises in the next year. The employees' share of medical premiums also will increase by several dollars per month.

Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-0931, Ext. 259 or by e-mail at jhuddy@magicvalley.com

# Crystal will run again

Cassia County Sheriff ends the suspense

By Dan Fields  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal has ended a five-month mystery by saying he will run as an independent candidate for re-election in November.

In an interview with The Times-News, Crystal said he made up his mind last month that he would seek a fifth term in the post he has held since 1985.

Crystal initially had said he wouldn't run for another term; and he endorsed his undersheriff, Capt. Jim Hignens, in the May GOP primary. But two hours before the March 30 filing deadline, Crystal did an about-face and filed as an independent candidate - thus leaving himself the option to run in November.

Now he says he'll pursue that option.

Crystal said health problems, along with the death of his sister, Dixie, led to his initial decision against another term. But Crystal said his decline in health was partly caused by sleep apnea. Since that diagnosis, Crystal said he is responding well to treatment and feels rejuvenated.

"I started feeling better and thought about jumping back in again," he said.

Hignens, who won the GOP nomination in May, declined to comment on his boss's entry into the November race. There is no Democratic nomination in the county.

If elected, Crystal said he would likely keep Hignens in his current job.

"I seriously wouldn't have a problem keeping him as undersheriff," Crystal said. "I don't have any grudges toward Jim. I don't feel as if he's thrown dirt or is out to get me."

Crystal said he believes the race between himself and Hignens will be a close one. And Crystal said he is prepared to do other work, should Hignens win and decide not to keep Crystal on the payroll.

"The worst that could happen is that I would lose and wouldn't have a job next year," Crystal said. "I'm willing to accept that."

Crystal said his accomplishments as sheriff include helping the department merge with the Burley Police Department and providing jailers to the county jail. In his tenure, a seven-person department has grown to 80, largely because of the merger with Burley police and to meet needs caused by more inmates at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center.

Dan Fields is The Times-News' Mini-Cassia editor. He can be reached at 677-4042 or by e-mail at dfields@magicvalley.com

## COOL FUN



Austin Turner, 16, of Gooding, rides the mechanical bull 'Shotgun' at the Gooding County Fair Saturday afternoon.

# Gooding County Fair benefits from cooler weather

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

GOODING - Riders have climbed on the black bull called "bogeysman" about 300 times, but nobody's stayed on long enough to win, Gooding County Fair Manager Don Gill said Saturday.

He explained the fierce bull's history while looking over the bullpen fence and down at Bogeysman. Bogeysman is about waist-high to an average-size man.

He's one of several miniature Brahma bucking bulls brought in to replace "mutton-busting" - wild rides on sheep - as the

event giving during youngsters a chance to prove their mettle during the fair.

"If you don't do something different, you fall behind," he said.

Team goat roping, which pitted pairs of younger children against speedy goats, was also a huge hit, he said.

Attendance during the three-

day fair, which ended Saturday night, was up this year, he said. He said this week's cooler temperatures helped.

Dale Thomas, an adult leader with the Prime Cut 4-H Club, also praised the weather.

"The cool weather has defi-

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## WANDERING CURATORS OF AMERICA'S PAST

# Mountain men stick to their guns

By Pat Murphy  
Times-News correspondent

SMILEY CREEK - This must be August, since "Black Kettle" has pitched his tent for his customary month-long bivouac on the grounds of the Smiley Creek Lodge.

In that time, he'll patiently field the usual questions about his frontiersman attire, his primitive living conditions and lifestyle, and the variety of 19th-century-style wares spread out on tables for sale or trade.

But don't ask if he has a name other than "Black Kettle." Although he has a real name and a past, "Black Kettle" shares the name with scant few people. He picked up his moniker after awakening with his head in a black kettle after a night of overimbibing on a grain alcohol-based beverage.

As for a past, he concedes he was born in Burley; he once was

married; he served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam; he's worked pouring concrete at construction sites and he's broken horses. He sheepishly admits he even slept in a real bed in a home a few months back for the first time in years.

The "Black Kettle" whom tourists see at Smiley Creek and elsewhere in the Rockies where he roams is as close as they come to the authentic mountain men of the past - the fur trappers and traders of the 1820s. He embellishes the characterization with his spoken flair for nostalgia and the ways of yesteryear. At 53 years old (or is it 54? he asks), "Black Kettle" may seem to the unknowing to be a dropout in life - a man who lives in a tent, reads by lantern light, cooks meals outdoors over hot coals and grumbles cynically about



politicians. As he explains it, however, he and hundreds of others who wander the Rocky Mountain region merely have decided to return to the lifestyle of the rugged mountain men of the 1820-1840 period.

"We're trying to preserve and maintain one of the wonderful periods of American history," he says, pointing out the authentic frontier trapper garb, most of it handmade, and the 19th-century rifles and pistols he collects and fires, including a 50-caliber flintlock and .62-caliber pistol. "It's a simple, good life."

To emphasize just how loyal he is to the authentic, "Black Kettle" reaches into his handmade leather pouch and pulls out a piece of black cotton which he strikes together. A spark ignites a wad of black cotton which he uses to light one of his few luxuries - a pipe cigar.

As for those who question him

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Bearded, tanned by all his days in the outdoors and driven by the romance of the past, 'Black Kettle' is an unforgettable figure in a world racing in search of the new. He and hundreds of others who wander the Rocky Mountain region have decided to return to the lifestyle of the rugged mountain men of the 1800s.

PHOTO BY PAT MURPHY

# MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

## Fires prompt forest closure, evacuation

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - The Forest Service Saturday shut down public access to a fire-prone section of the Sawtooth National Forest near Twin Falls, and another fire east of Boise prompted the evacuation of some residents of a tiny town.

Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere ordered the southwest corner of the Cassia Division of the Sawtooth forest - about 100 square miles - shut until further notice down after the West Basin

fire exploded Saturday afternoon, according to a news release. Extremely dry conditions and strong winds made the whole area volatile, the release said.

The closed area included all national forest lands south of the Porcupine Springs Campgrounds, near the head of Rock Creek; west to the forest boundary and south to the southern boundary of the Sawtooth forest. The eastern boundary of the closure ran south from Trapper Monument Peaks to Piney Creek.

Crews from the Bureau of Land Management and the Elko County Rural Fire Department were struggling with the West Basin fire late Saturday, said Forest Service spokesman Ed Waldapfel. It did not seem as though the fire would be contained anytime soon, he said.

Meanwhile, Elmore County Sheriff Rick Layher ordered parts of Atlanta evacuated as the Trail Creek Fire moved toward town, according to a Boise release from the Boise Interagency Logistics Center.

Evacuees were being taken to the Green River Ranch, while spot fires popped up in town. High winds and smoke hampered air tankers dropping fire retardant, and some historic buildings on the edge of town were feared lost, the news release said.

The fire was reported moving late Saturday afternoon near the junction of the Middle Fork and Yuba rivers, and toward the Atlanta Dam near the junction of Quartz Gulch and the Middle Fork River.

## Leaders resist possible Superfund designation

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** - The state will oppose any attempt to designate scenic-but-contaminated Lake Coeur d'Alene a Superfund site, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said Saturday.

"I will use whatever resources the state has available to fight it," Kempthorne testified Saturday at

an unusual hearing that attracted three of the state's four members of Congress.

Lead and other pollution from decades of mining at Silver Valley has seeped into the Coeur d'Alene River into the lake. The politicians said they want the contamination cleaned without the

stigma that would come with naming it a Superfund site.

"This city and this lake are not Superfund sites," Kempthorne said. "Imagine what that does to an economy."

The hearing was held by the independent ombudsman for the Environmental Protection

Agency. Testimony concerned whether the EPA botched the cleanup of the 21-square-mile Bunker Hill mining site - the nation's second largest Superfund site - and whether the Superfund designation should be extended to cover the entire 1,500-square-mile Coeur d'Alene River Basin.

## SERVICES

**Bonnie Lee Labb**, formerly of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Monday at the LDS 24th Ward on Cherry Lane in Boise (Cleveland-Gibson Mortuary in Boise).

**Wilford E. Tupper** of Nampa, service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Aispig Funeral Chapel in Nampa. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel; the family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. today at the chapel.

**Herbert Bamesberger** of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Immanuel

Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. today at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Lewis E. Hack** of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until time of the service on Monday at the funeral chapel.

**Clarence Hollister Nye**, formerly of Twin Falls, Mass of Christian Burial on Monday at San Lidenonso Tewa Mission in San Lidenonso, N.M.

**Marilyn Irene Dudgeon** of Denver, Colo., service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

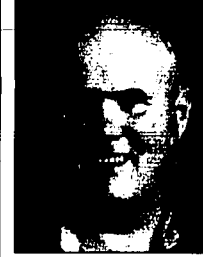
**Estella Brown Stock** of Roy, Utah, and formerly of Hagerman, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Roy, Utah, (Myers Funeral Home in Roy).

**Deanna Sue (Wagner) Purcell** of Pensacola, Fla., memorial service at 1 p.m. Sept. 30 at the Prairie City Christian Church in Prairie City, Iowa.

## OBITUARIES

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### SHOSHONE



**David Leroy Porter**, 62, of Shoshone, died August 18, 2000, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise, of a massive heart attack.

Born July 20, 1938, in Twin Falls, to Lewis and Arlean Porter. David spent his whole life devoted to other people, especially his family. David grew up in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1957. Upon graduation, he joined the National Guard. On March 26, 1961, in Kimberly, David married Velma Jean Berry, daughter of Cyril and Nellie Berry of Twin Falls. They resided in Kimberly, where David worked for Kimberly Motors. He also worked for Motor Merc and Bob Reese Motors as a mechanic until 1971, when he took a mechanic job with the Idaho Department of Transportation and moved with his family to Shoshone in 1971. David was very active with the Boy Scouts and he was a 4-H leader for years. He, along with his wife, shared the responsibility of caring for the Riverside Estates in Shoshone. He enjoyed all sorts of activities and some of his favorites include camping, fishing, going hunting, snowmobiling, and working with his family on different projects at home.

David and Velma were members of the Desert Sun Square Dancers. This was one of his most favorite times, because he was able to combine all of his favorite pastimes, fishing, visiting with friends and family, and dancing. He spent a lot of time with his grandchildren, watching movies, going to ball-games, parades, fairs, etc. He was a man who knew how to love and how to share his life with others. He was a warm, generous spirit - will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

David is survived by his wife of 39 years, Velma Jean of Shoshone; sons, Alan David Porter of Norland and Jarrett (Shauna) Porter of Detroit, ID; daughter, Twila (Mike) Bridges of Twin Falls, ID; brother, Roy E. Porter of Boise, ID; and father, Lewis (Oradella) Porter, and sister, Naomi (Ed) Thompson of

### KIMBERLY

**Kimberly**, ID, four grandchildren, Twyla (10), Myra (7), Leann (5), Porter of Detroit, and Makala Bridges (8) of Twin Falls, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. David was preceded in death by his mother.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 23, 2000, at 11 a.m. at the Shoshone LDS Church. Officiating will be Pastor Jerry Steele. Friends may call Tuesday, August 22, 2000, from 5-7 p.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation will also be held prior to services at the church from 10 a.m. until service time. Burial will be held following services at the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone. The family requests that memorials be made in David's name to the Idaho Youth Ranch, P.O. Box 8538, Boise, Idaho 83707.

### CAREY



**Spencer M. Bingham**, 86-year-old Carey resident, left this earth on the 18th of August 2000, at his home in Carey, Idaho.

Spencer was born in Wilson Lane, Utah, in 1914, the oldest son of William and Bertha Anderson Bingham. He moved to the Pella area in Burley, Idaho, where he attended grade school and high school. He married Myrtle Craner on August 23, 1935, in the Logan LDS Temple. They are the parents of six children: Merrell (Janet) Bingham of Rupert, Idaho, Carol (Vern) Lottland of Carey, Idaho, Gay (Lloyd) Thompson of Sacramento, California, Hal (Karna) Bingham of Carey, Idaho, Joyce (Darrell) Hope of Wendell, Idaho, and Shauna (Brian) Harper of Olympia, Washington.

Spencer's love for life, his family and his love of his horses and other animals will always be remembered. He was an active member of the LDS Church, and served in many callings, of which being father has had the greatest influence. Spencer and Myrtle served a welfare mission in the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, area in 1978-1979. Spencer served as a stake missionary, as well. Spencer's humor and patience will always be an example to his family.

He is survived by three sisters and one brother, Margaret Adams of Nampa, Idaho, Virginia Ward of Richfield, Idaho, Lue Dean Gillin of Ogden, Utah, and Max Bingham of Burley, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents and three great-grandchildren. He has 39 grandchildren and 64 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, August 21, 2000, at the Coeur d'Alene Stake Center with Bishop Michael Kelsey officiating. Burial will follow in the Carey Cemetery. Friends may call Sunday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary and Rupert Chapel, 710 6th Street, and one hour prior to the funeral service on Monday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary and Rupert Chapel.

### TWIN FALLS



**Rosaura 'Rosa' Gonzalez**, 58, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2000, at Bridgeview Estates.

Rosa was born Aug. 10, 1942, in Rockspings, Texas, the daughter of Cristofal and Maria Rodriguez Dominguez. She married Benito Satano on Nov. 29, 1959, in Lubbock, Texas, and they were later divorced. She later married Leopoldo Gonzalez. Rosa moved to California in 1963, and then to the Magic Valley in 1975. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Rosa is survived by one daughter, Martha Chavez of Twin Falls; three sons, Ricky Solano and Jose Solano, both of Twin Falls, and Mike Solano of Hayward, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; two brothers, Amando Ancira of Las Vegas, Nev., and Paul Dominguez of Redwood City, Calif.; and by one sister, Stella Navarro of Las Vegas, Nev.

Vigil Services for Rosa Gonzalez will be conducted at 7 p.m. Monday, August 21, 2000, at White Mortuary Chapel. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2000, at St. Edwards Catholic Church with Father, Ernie Anderson officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary Monday from noon until the time of the Vigil Service.

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# 4-H sale showcases fair champions

By Dex Dutton  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** - A rabbit is a rabbit, right? And if there is any doubt, just talk to Hallie Ramsey, 12, of Burley, who proudly showed her grand champion rabbits Saturday at the 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale at the Cassia County Fair. Ramsey bagged \$550 for her rabbits which is pretty good for a trio bunnies that nearly died after birth.

"After they were born, we had to scent the cage to get the mother to take them," said Ramsey's mother Teresa Keetch. Ramsey said she used warm towels and rice bags to keep the newborn bunnies alive.

"Three of the seven died," she said. "These are three of the four that made it."

Glad to see her efforts pay off, Ramsey said she plans to put the money away. Her mother said the money would be earmarked for Ramsey's college fund.

For others, the livestock sale is an essential part of supporting the area's youth. Tom Geary and Cleve Smith, who are on the board of directors for Raft River Rural Electric, bought two sheep and a hog and planned to buy a steer on behalf of the company they represent. For Geary, the livestock sale is a way to play a part in what he feels is a good cause. Geary said after having four of his own boys participate in 4-H, he understands how much work goes in to rearing an animal for show.

"I know the amount of work you go through to get these animals raised and ready. This is a great program for teaching the kids. It is really a development tool in what they learn in raising the animals," he said. "I am happy that our company can participate and support the kids like this," Geary said.

Kylie Barrus, 12, of Burley,





Hallie Ramsey of Burley shows her trio of grand champion rabbits.

said she was glad to finish her 4-H pig project that started last April. Barrus said she enjoys being with other 4-H club members and having the opportunity to learn about caring for animals. Barrus' sister Kelsey and brother Sam also participated in raising swine for the livestock sale.

"My sister Kelsey's hog sold to Sanders. She said that if they invite us to dinner - and they have ham - she is not going," Barrus said.

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### Cassia County Fair winners

Cassia County Rodeo Queen 2001  Lacey Bennett	Cassia County Rodeo Princess 2001  Whitney Anthon	Livestock Show results Rabbit Grand Champion Hallie Ramsey Hog Grand Champion Jake Searle Dairy Grand Champion Jordan Davis Sheep Grand Champion Chase Malsen Beef Grand Champion Alysa Androsso
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# Past

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about his past, whether he votes and for whom, his income and whether he pays taxes, and the like. "Black Kettle" waves them off brusquely but gently. "It's none of your business."

Which is basic to the credo of a formalized organization - American Mountain Men - made up of some of the wandering curators of America's past: "I shall at all times consider a man's private life none of my business unless he wishes to make it so," the AMM Code reads. The code also stresses self-reliance, keeping one's word, respecting personal property, sharing food with others in distress, protecting the wilderness and wildlife, and continually "(improving) myself, my wilderness abilities and my knowledge of nature's law."

Try as they might to rekindle the primitive ways of the mid-1800s, "Black Kettle" and his fellow mountain men are captives of some inescapable technology - an Internet website at [www.xmission.com/~drudy/amm/more-amm.html](http://www.xmission.com/~drudy/amm/more-amm.html).

Bearded, tanned by all his days in the outdoors and driven by the romance of the past, "Black Kettle" is an unforgettable figure in a world racing in search of the new. Sitting in front of his tent, his frontier rifles nearby, and proudly showing handmade necklaces, some of them well over 100 years old and worth thousands of dollars that he's acquired through trade or purchase, "Black Kettle" can almost induce a time warp for a visitor, shutting out the 21st century and creating another era.

Then there's "Pore Devil," of Boise, Mont., a retired U.S. Foreign Service officer, who writes eloquently of mountain men and their era, and reads aloud from his manuscripts while sitting near a table showing his beadwork. Standing nearby is Gordon Perry, a retired railroad man and part-time mountain man from Pocatello, who's painting images on a moose hide, listening approvingly to "Pore Devil" read his latest rendition of a frontiersman story.

At a nearby hand-cranked forge, two mountain men - "Nosedive" and "Valdeen" - work on white-hot metal they're fashioning into items for sale. This setting is what the wandering mountain men call a "rendezvous," where they camp, share gossip, trade wares and relive the history of the American Rockies frontier days.

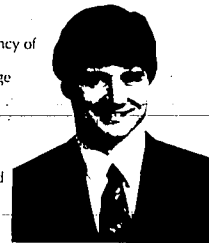
"Black Kettle" can remember when he'd make as many as 30 or more of these rendezvous a year. He's now down to about 10 - in Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Arizona and Colorado. The "rendezvous" itself is an essential part of mountain man history. These were gatherings in the Rockies where mountain men would bring their trapped furs to sell or exchange for supplies from eastern buyers.

The one large annual rendezvous - the original Western National Rendezvous - might attract as many as 40,000 people. This year's event is in Douglas, Wyo.

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# Tiny radiation detector will combat smuggling

**BOISE (AP)** - A nuclear scientist has developed a device that detects neutrons and gamma rays and helps prevent smugglers from sneaking radioactive material in or out of the United States.

Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory scientist Rahmat Aryaeinejad designed the dosimeter, an invention that was recently recognized as one of the 100 most significant technological achievements for the year 2000 by R&D Magazine. Aryaeinejad will receive his award at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry next month.

The dosimeter responds to the presence of radiation and measures the dose or amount of exposure. Hospitals, nuclear power plants and research labs already use the device and Aryaeinejad is readying the instrument for

use in national security. Aryaeinejad began work on the battery-operated detector in 1997 in response to needs expressed by the U.S. Customs officials. Officials said they needed an instrument that could detect such dangerous radioactive materials as weapons-grade plutonium, instead of commonly transported medical isotopes that set off false security alarms.

Aryaeinejad's dosimeter measures both gamma rays and neutrons. Gamma rays are essentially massless energy that can pass through all but the heaviest forms of matter, such as lead or concrete. Neutrons are atomic particles - tiny pieces of the radioactive element's mass that crash into other atoms. The neutrons then bounce in other directions.

# Caller identifies skulls found in trash

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** - The mystery surrounding two, apparently human, skulls discovered Thursday in a Dumpster has been cleared up.

A caller, whom police have not identified, contacted the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department Friday morning to report that the skulls were

"anthropological relics" recovered in the late 19th century. The caller told authorities that the relics were owned by his family and handed down from generation to generation.

The latest recipient of the memento heirlooms decided to dispose of the inherited items in the Dumpster.

# Gooding

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nately helped. If it (the fair) had been last week, we'd have had a wreck."

4-H stock sales were strong, though chilled a little by a struggling agriculture economy, he said.

"You'd see people who maybe wanted to buy stock from a family member or friend, but didn't because the economy is tight," he said.

Thomas was taking a break from cleaning up in the stock barn, where robust cattle rested quietly.

Things were slow almost everywhere else on the fairgrounds late Saturday afternoon. A small crowd gathered for a show by hypnotist Arthur Wayne, and vendors braced for the evening crowd of rodeo fans.

But Austin Turner, 16, of Gooding, found excitement aboard "Shotgun" - a mechanical bull brought to the grounds by Outlaw Rider's Association of Ogden, U.S.

Turner rode well, but was still

thrown a few times. A winning high school rodeo bronc rider, Turner said the mechanical bull's bucking is very similar to that of a live animal.

Shortly after his visit to the miniature bull pen, Gill said he and others were satisfied with the fair's results.

"Everybody just seems to be tickled to death," Gill said. "The returning vendors are saying they did better this year than last year."

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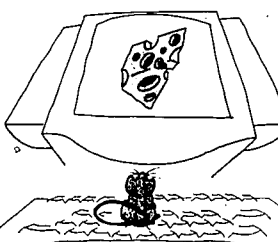
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# North Fork is scarred by trash

## Shoshone County official makes his living by keeping the rivers clean

ENAVILLE (AP) - When Kenny Hicks got there, the campers were gone, but their garbage remained.

Amid the trash were a bicycle, a plastic tarp, upholstered chairs. Everything was scattered around a smoldering fire in a clearing, the entry to which was blocked by a blue car with deflated tires.

The "scavengers," as Hicks called them, had occupied a strip of Forest Service land along one of the region's prettiest rivers for about five weeks.

"I wouldn't want to run my fingers through that," he said, nodding toward a pile of sand along a path leading to the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. It was topped with an empty toilet paper tube.

Hicks is Shoshone County's planning administrator. Protecting the North Fork environment, especially responding to calls like the one that brought him to the camp near Enaville, takes up half his time.

"This is the most sensitive area of the county - this and the St. Joe River corridor - and we plan to protect it," he said. "It's not that I feel like Joe River Cop. That's not what I am."

Though his one-man office lacks the ordinances to do the job properly, Hicks says he's making it a priority to do what he can.

Sometimes that means pulling up in his silver county pickup truck and asking politely: "What are you folks using for a toilet?"

He can file a citizen's complaint with the sheriff's office that might lead to a small fine for misdemeanor littering or blight. He can alert other agencies, such as the Forest Service, or talk with the Panhandle Health District.

Every agency is short on money and staff to deal with the problems.

There are few hotter topics in Shoshone County than protection of the North Fork, which escaped the ravages of mining waste only to face overuse, and even abuse, by recreationists.

There's great disagreement about the extent of sewage, solid waste and visual blight - and even more over what should be done about them.

Enaville Resort owner Joe Peak is among those frustrated with the lack of progress dealing with litter, with riverbanks used as toilets, with the visual impact of RVs crowding the scenic river.

But he's encouraged by Hicks' visits to the North Fork. Peak noted that a task force recommended that on-the-ground oversight be part of the planning administrator's job.

"You'd be surprised the number of people who come here and say, 'I just spotted some guy dumping his garbage. Who do I call?'" said Peak.

Hicks used to work as a structural inspector. His career got derailed by a 1995 liver transplant and long recuperation, during which he spent 2.5 years on the Shoshone County planning commission.

In that capacity he got the impression that the administra-

tor's biggest job was processing permits and otherwise dealing with paperwork. When he was hired in January, he learned otherwise.

Tackling land-use issues and enforcing ordinances takes the biggest bite of his time.

Last March, hundreds of people attended a planning commission meeting to demand that commissioners kill a proposed North Fork ordinance. Its most controversial feature was a \$200 permit that people would need to camp on their own property. The money would have gone toward enforcement of septic rules. Instead, Commissioners scrapped the hated ordinance.

"The democratic process worked, and I'm happy about that," said Hicks. "What I'm not happy about is the whole ordinance of septic rules. Instead of working out suggested changes."

The contentious meeting was held in a Wallace courtroom. Hicks was there again in May, this time testifying before a judge in a case the county brought against two landowners.

The point of contention: the removal of 265,000 cubic yards of topsoil from fields along the North Fork. The dirt was being sold for use at the nearby Bunker Hills wind turbine site.

The county contended that the removal was surface mining and was illegal under county ordinance. Hicks bird-dogged the project. He snapped pictures of the dirt-scraping and filed a complaint as soon as topsoil was taken off the property, at which point it became a commercial operation.

But a judge agreed with the landowners - one of them planning commissioner Dick Hansen - that the food plain activity was simply an agricultural practice.

"They hung a John Deere hat on it," Hicks said as he stood at the edge of the John Lambros property. Huge piles of brown earth were being shoveled around by rumbling heavy equipment. Hicks shook his head and went no farther up the driveway, knowing his presence wasn't welcome.

"Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe this will just be a green field" with no harm done to the river and wetlands, he said. "But I had to do my job."

On a drive up the river, Hicks pointed to hayfields and speculated about which would be harvested for topsoil next.

Other owners caught his eye:

- A neat private campground where someone recently emptied an RV septic tank on the ground, a stone's throw from the river.

The only penalty available was a littering citation.

"The owners spent more money cleaning it up than there was in the fine," Hicks said. "I do believe that it was an accident, but the point is, it's happening."

- A county trash bin, one of several located along the Coeur d'Alene River. And this year to help keep trash off the riverbanks. At the end of a summer weekend, they're overflowing. Local residents are using them, too, said Hicks.

At trial, the defense argued the man did not intend to rape the woman and had a good-faith belief she had consented. Jurors acquitted him of rape and forcible sodomy, but convicted him of misdemeanor counts of fornication and simple sodomy.

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# RailNet seeks to abandon historical lines

SPALDING (AP) - It's one of the most spectacular rail lines in the West, moving through seven tunnels and across high wooden trestles that resemble giant Lincoln Logs.

The 67-mile line is so scenic that it was used in the movie "Breakheart Pass" and more recently in the movie "Wild Wild West."

But the breathtaking scenery is part of the problem for Camas Prairie Railnet, whose owner wants to abandon the line because of high costs and little business. Those 300-foot-high trestles and steep grades make the rail line much more expensive to maintain, owners say.

The farmers and timber companies that rely on the only rail line between the towns of Spalding and Grangeville want the federal government to block the proposed abandonment.

Roger Nelson, who with two partners owns Camas Prairie Railnet, contends the line is losing about \$1 million a year and that business must improve if it is to survive.

"We need a dramatic upturn in traffic," Nelson said from the headquarters of Railnet in Bedford, Texas. "A 50 percent increase in traffic is break-even."

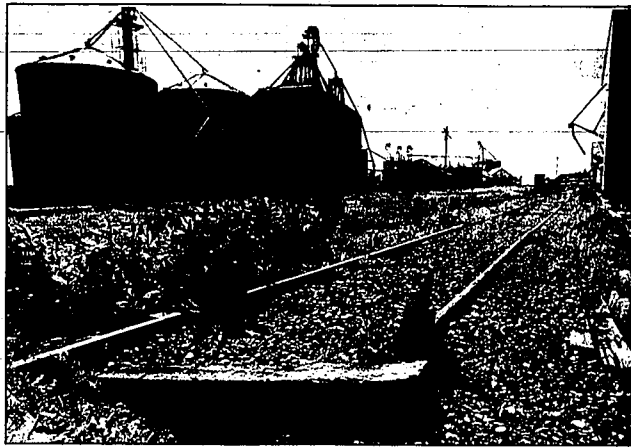
The magic number is 3,000 carloads of business, Nelson said. Currently, Camas Prairie Railnet ships about 2,000 carloads each year.

"Abandonment and salvage of the railroad is the last thing I or my partners want," Nelson said. "We don't want one spike pulled up."

Some local businesses have banded together to petition the U.S. Surface Transportation Commission to deny the abandonment. A decision on that petition is expected in mid-September.

"To us it appears they had had abandonment as their goal since they purchased the line in 1998," said John Bennett, head of Shearer Lumber Co. in Grangeville, Idaho.

Shippers contend the rail line



Railroad service to such rural towns as Craigmont, shown here on Friday, could end if the Camas Prairie Railnet succeeds in abandoning its line between Spalding and Grangeville.

can be profitable at the current level of traffic, and that business is actually improving.

Bennett blames many of the financial problems on the rail company's poor contracts with larger railroads to move products across the nation.

He said it costs about \$4,000 to ship a carload of lumber from Grangeville to Chicago. The money is split by Camas Prairie Railnet and the other shippers who complete the trip.

"We believe there's plenty of margin in there to operate profitably," Bennett said.

The state of Idaho is also opposed to the proposed abandonment. Their objection, filed with the Surface Transportation Board, marks only the fourth time in 15 years the Idaho Public Utilities Commission has protest-

ed closing tracks. "Abandonment would clearly cause a severe adverse impact on rural development," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said in the state's response to the abandonment filing.

Loss of rail would especially hurt the 670 malt barley growers who use the rail line. Malt barley can be shipped only by rail because that's the only way buyers will receive it, state officials said.

In addition, 18,000 more trucks would crowd U.S. 95 each year to make up for the rail line's capacity, the state said.

The state disputes Railnet's contention that it loses \$1 million per year on the line. The state contends the line is profitable and would remain so in the future.

The rail line primarily serves three grain companies and two timber companies.

"Wheat goes to Portland," said Shawn O'Connell of Columbia Grain in Lewiston, one of the line's main customers. "Malt barley, peas, lentils, canola, we load it on rail and ship it all over."

Railnet connects with the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroads to ship products across the nation.

"It's a lot easier to ship lumber by rail than by truck," said Mike Ebert, traffic manager of U.S. Timber Co. in Craigmont, another big customer.

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# Utah court rules woman in sodomy case is not an eligible for restitution

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The sexual partner of a person convicted of simple sodomy cannot be considered a crime victim and is not eligible to receive restitution, the Utah Court of Appeals ruled in a split decision.

In his dissent, appeals Judge Russell W. Bench argued that partners should be entitled to restitution if evidence shows they did not consent to the sexual contact.

The court ruled last week on an appeal filed by a 24-year-old Salt Lake County man charged with rape and forcible sodomy in July 1998. He and the alleged victim had agreed to forgo a sexual relationship until after their marriage.

However, after attending a Fourth of July celebration, they went to sleep on a trampoline and later had intercourse. The man said he believed the woman had consented because she did not resist or speak when he kissed or fondled her.

The woman said she was silent because she was paralyzed by memories of being sexually abused as a child.

At trial, the defense argued the man did not intend to rape the woman and had a good-faith belief she had consented. Jurors acquitted him of rape and forcible sodomy, but convicted him of misdemeanor counts of fornication and simple sodomy.

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# Police seek clues to mother's identity

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP)—Police said Saturday they now have questions about the identity of a woman who abandoned her disabled 4-year-old son in a grocery supermarket nearly two weeks ago.

On Friday, Port Angeles police identified the woman as Susanne McCarty, 46, until recently of Port Angeles, and released a photo of her in hopes of drumming up leads about her whereabouts.

But Saturday, a Shelton woman saw the photo and recognized it as a 1989 picture of her sister, who has remarried, is no longer married and has no children.

Police then realized the woman in the photo wasn't the one they're looking for.

They said the woman they want used the name "Susanne E. McCarty" and possibly the same birthdate as Suzanne E. McCarty. Neighbors of Susanne E. McCarty said she moved from Port Angeles in December 1989, had a disabled son and an 11-year-old daughter.

No picture of Susanne E. McCarty has been located and, in fact, it is not clear whether the name Susanne E. McCarty is an alias or not, a police statement said. "The true identity of Susanne E. McCarty has not been positively established."

The boy Avery, who has a rare medical condition known as metaphase dysplasia, a genetic disorder and a form of dwarfism which gives him the stature of a toddler. He is now being tended at a Calgary foster home.

Police said the boy had identified the woman in the photo as his mother and that the photo also seemed to match supermarket surveillance film.

Meanwhile, a doctor who knows Avery and his family said "something drastic" must have happened to prompt his mother to leave him in a Calgary supermarket.

Pediatrician Dr. Orero Flowers said she never suspected the mother was in any distress.

"I think something drastic must have happened to make her frightened or feel overwhelmed," Flowers said Saturday, appearing shaken.

"I don't know if that would have been the medical expert's, running away from an abusive family member. I don't know what happened."

Flowers said she wanted to ask the woman that if she came forward, she would be looked after, as would her children.

"I've found (the mother) to be a very dynamic, bright, committed, empathetic woman and I think something must have happened to push her over the edge," Flowers said.

"I can't imagine that she would have left her son, her very beloved son," Flowers said patient confidence.

ciality prevents her from saying whether she treated the boy, but said she knows everyone in his family.

Other personnel at the Port Angeles clinic where Flowers practices, including another doctor, said the boy had been a patient there.

Flowers said even if McCarty doesn't want authorities to know where she is, she hoped the woman would let people know somehow that she and her daughter are all right.

"We'd love to have your family back in Port Angeles," Flowers said.

"I would love to continue being a pediatrician to a family like yours."

Authorities in Calgary at first had no clues to the identity of the boy's mother apart from a fuzzy surveillance video. The mother attached a note to the boy describing his condition before she left him.

She left him.

Authorities scoured the country looking for doctors familiar with the boy's rare condition in hopes of identifying the mother. Last Wednesday, they took the unusual step of releasing videotape of the boy with his foster family.

The story went across Canada, prompting three solid leads.

Flowers works at the Peninsula Children's Clinic and the Olympic Medical Center in Port Angeles. She said Canadian medical staff working at the center alerted her to the story.

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# Prominent Boise charity member dies

BOISE (AP) — Frank A. Payne Jr., a member of several charitable organizations and the husband of City Council President Carolyn Terteling-Payne, died Friday after a year-long battle with cancer. He was 73.

Payne retired in the Boise area after a long and successful business career in Southern California.

He met Carolyn Terteling-Payne through his volunteer efforts with the St. Luke's Auxiliary. Terteling-Payne is a trustee at the hospital. The couple married in 1995.

Payne was a board member of the Children's Home Society in Boise, a member and Paul Harris Fellow of the Boye Rotary Club and an active volunteer with the Sun Valley Jazz Festival, the Boise Open and St. Luke's.

Payne grew up in Los Angeles and earned an undergraduate degree in engineering and a master's degree in business administration from Stanford University. He started his business career with Lyon Moving and Storage, a company headed by his father, and eventually became an executive vice president.

When Lyon Moving and Storage was sold, he became president of Royce Photographics, a position he held until he sold the company. Payne was married previously to Nancy Reed Payne, who died in Boise in 1993. The couple had three children, Reed, Payne of Menlo Park, Calif., and Linda Payne Smith of Boise.

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# WHO'S READY FOR SCHOOL?

Parents, officials debate issue of preparedness

The Associated Press

Devi Knaster knows her ABCs, can count to 10, and is no longer too shy to speak to adults or play with other children. The 5-year-old spent an extra year in preschool brushing up those skills.

Now she is ready, her mother says, for the rigors of kindergarten.

"She probably would have been fine had we forced her into kindergarten early," said Devi's mother, Barbara Knaster, a computer consultant from Campbell, Calif. "Now I know she's really ready. She's much more self-confident."

This fall, thousands of children 4.5- or 5-year-old will sit out a year of kindergarten, delayed by new state laws deeming them too young or by parents who take the option of holding their children out until they feel they have matured.

All states provide kindergarten, and even pay for a half day of it, but it is mandatory only in 11 states and the District of Columbia.

Borrowing the sports term for athletes held off the team, about 9 percent of the roughly 4 million eligible children each year are "redshirted" from kindergarten.

As kindergarten gets increasingly academic, with children being encouraged to read sooner and better, the debate over red-shirting children — and its lasting effect on their school careers — intensifies.

"Parents really struggle over that," said Heidi Inouye-Steiner, president of the California Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools, Inc. "What if



Devi Knaster, 5, plays with her mother, Barbara Knaster, in her bedroom in Campbell, Calif. This fall, thousands of children will sit out a year of kindergarten because of new state laws that deem them too young or by parents who hold them back until they feel they're ready.

the kids are ready and you hold them back? What if you send them back? What if they're not ready?"

No one agrees on when children should start kindergarten, a Common program of developmental play, song and stories brought

here in 1856. It has become the gateway to first grade.

It was once standard practice to enroll new kindergartners in September as long as they were going to be 5 by December or January. Even if they could

count, they might not be able to sit still or follow directions.

But in a quest for a more sophisticated pool of children, most states now say children must be 5 by September or October, leaving the 4-year-olds to wait another year. Or local officials simply encourage individual parents to wait until the next year.

Denise Weis, a Mountain Home, Idaho, kindergarten teacher, said she had to recommend 16 of her students held back for another year of kindergarten last spring because they had not learned their letters or could not count to 20.

"They started below ground zero," she said. "Sometimes I feel like I'm teaching two or three grades."

Now educators armed with new research say anxious lawmakers and parents should be careful: Sometimes children will do better if they get immediate help from a school instead of sitting out.

"Some people talk about giving children the gift of time," said Dan Miller, a Texas Woman's University school psychology professor who sells preschool and kindergarten screening materials to schools. "If an at-risk child stays at home (rather than going to a good preschool) and comes to you a year later, he or she may be even more at risk."

Educators are also worried about the children who might miss kindergarten altogether, because the next year they've reached the state-mandated age for starting first grade instead.

Barbara Willer, a spokeswoman for the National Association for the Education of Young Children, says holding children out only fuels the move toward requiring more academic skills of developing children. "It adds to the momentum of expecting them to do work more acceptable for older children."

## Fast-growing knapweed might pose as much threat as cheatgrass

EUREKA, Utah (AP) — If cheatgrass sounds frightening, brace yourself for squarose knapweed.

The Eurasian shrub was first spotted near here in the 1940s, but didn't start to spread until the late 1970s. Now it covers an estimated 125,000 acres in Utah, Arizona and Nevada.

"This stuff is really scary," said Steve Monsen, a biologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The small, shrublike plant covered with tiny purple flowers looks harmless enough. But its hook-like seed pods that grab onto wandering wildlife or cattle and a tendency to crowd out native plants. With a four-foot-long taproot, it can suck moisture from the driest soil, and even thrives during a drought.

It even invades cheatgrass, and

it's just as likely to burn. "It's a biological wildfire," said Pat Foster, a range specialist for the Bureau of Land Management's Millard District. "We're trying to contain it. We're starting at the edges and trying to push it back in."

On a recent day, Foster stepped out of his pickup truck, took a few long strides across the range and pulled up short to point out two healthy clumps of knapweed hiding among the grasses. On the other side of the charged remains of a fire that burned 14,000 acres earlier this month, he pointed to a knapweed infestation that had been mowed down by the fire. The BLM, and gets \$120,000 a year to fight the invader. The other three are in Montana, Idaho and Oregon.

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## Idaho mayor sees Cuba with new eyes

KOOSKIA (AP) — It started as a matter of principle but finished with a week-long stay in Havana, Cuba.

Kooskia Mayor Skip Brandt began to notice pictures about a year and a half ago of American athletes and movie stars in Cuba, smoking cigars.

He couldn't understand the photos because he, like many Americans, thought it was illegal for Americans to be in Cuba.

So he set out to find an answer. He wrote to the U.S. Treasury Department to ask how he would go about visiting Cuba.

"Not that I really wanted to go at that point," he said. "He was answered with a letter telling him he would be imprisoned and fined if he traveled to Cuba."

But in his regular dealings with representatives of U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage, Brandt happened to mention his attempt to get clearance to travel to Cuba.

He was told to resubmit his letter on a Kooskia letterhead and sign it as the mayor. Brandt remembers laughing at the idea. He couldn't believe being the

mayor of a little town in north central Idaho would make any difference.

Within a week of sending the letter as a Kooskia official, he received a letter outlining the procedures to get clearance to travel in Cuba. Eventually, Brandt received an invitation from the mayor of Havana.

As a traveling companion, he chose high school classmate and lifelong friend Scott Bledsoe, who now lives in Dallas. Brandt says Bledsoe's ability to socialize with just about anyone was one of the traits he was looking for.

Not knowing what to expect, Brandt could only picture Fidel Castro's troops armed with machine guns parading around, and nobody wanting to talk to an American.

What he found was quite the opposite. Stepping off the plane at the modern Havana airport, Brandt says it was like arriving in any American city except everyone was speaking a different language.

They rented a room at the Hotel Nacional de Cuba.

"The lobby was very grand and

clean but our rooms were really run down," he said.

This was the first sign of the United States embargo against Cuba, Brandt remarked. Cuba is not able to get supplies and the infrastructure is suffering. The first full-day in Havana, Brandt and Bledsoe visited with the locals.

"As we just walked and tried to get a feel for where things were located," he recalls.

He says people were friendly and curious. Rather than just selling something, people wanted to get to know the Americans.

"They are just a very sincere people," he said.

Over the course of the next week, Brandt also met with government officials and with officials from the U.S. State Department in Cuba.

"That gave us a little insight on Cuba and where the relationship

currently sits," he said.

He was surprised to learn each day Cubans line up at a building that serves as a sort-of U.S. embassy in Cuba.

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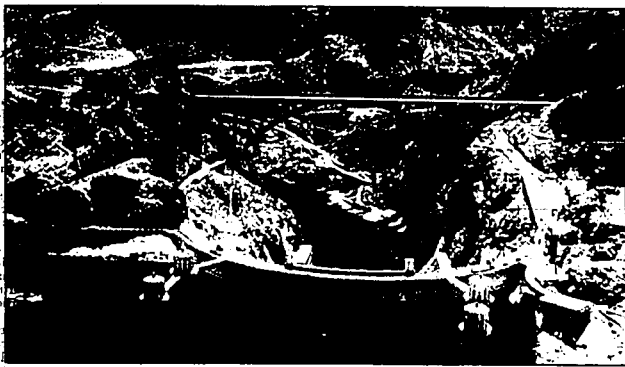
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A proposed bridge over the Colorado River designed to divert traffic from Hoover Dam near Boulder City, Nev., is shown in this artist's rendering. The 'Sugarloaf Mountain' proposal is one of three being studied to relieve traffic over the dam.

# New Hoover Dam bypass bridge spans controversy

**BOULDER CITY, Nev. (AP)** — With take-your-breath views on both sides, the narrow road over Hoover Dam is a rubbernecker's dream.

But the two-lane road has become a major bottleneck on the heavily traveled highway connecting Phoenix and Las Vegas.

Finding a new route over the Colorado River to connect Southern Nevada and Arizona has been a goal of a handful of federal agencies for at least a decade.

The increasing volume of traffic over the dam, especially heavy trucks, makes another route imperative, highway officials say. The question is, where should it

The federal government, with allies in commercial trucking and the state, wants to build a \$200 million bridge south of Hoover Dam. Instead of bumper-to-bumper traffic inching over the dam and the nearby hard curves, they want a four-lane bridge that would span the river 250 feet higher than the towering dam.

The road across the dam has been designated as a primary transportation route under the North American Free Trade Agreement. Advocates for the new road argue that commerce

shouldn't be blocked by sightseers. Construction, depending on the availability of funding and the successful navigation of the design and environmental review process, is scheduled to begin in 2002 with completion in 2007.

But bridging the river demands an engineering feat almost as audacious as building the 726-foot-tall Hoover Dam. And unlike the 1930s, when the dam was built, environmentalists and American Indian groups are organized to stop what they believe will be an expensive mistake.

The Southern Nevada group of the Sierra Club is one of the foremost opponents. Fred Dexter of the Sierra Club wants to stop construction of the Federal Highway Administration's "preferred option" — a 2,000-foot-long span a quarter-mile south of the dam that would shear off the top of Sugarloaf Mountain before crossing the river.

The environmentalists' main concern is the impact the construction would have on the mountain and on Black Canyon, the stunning chasm that begins beneath the dam.

The Sierra Club has allies among American Indians, many of whom view Sugarloaf Mountain

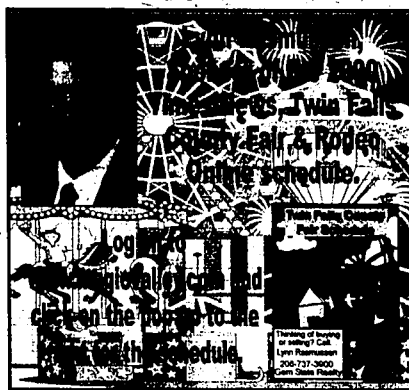
and the surrounding area as a religious and cultural icon.

The environmentalists have support from the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The council promotes "full consideration of historic values in federal decision making."

"Construction of the Sugarloaf alternative would introduce a significant visual intrusion into the dam's setting, which is unchanged in any respect from the 1930s," the agency said in a June update on the bridge project. "Several archaeological sites along the Arizona approach also require further investigation."

Dexter and other environmentalists favor putting the new highway across the river between Bullhead City, Ariz., and Laughlin, Nev. That alternative wouldn't infringe on the Hoover Dam National Historic Landmark or carve up Sugarloaf Mountain, and the plan has been endorsed by both cities.

"On numerous occasions we have asked that the Laughlin-Bullhead City alternative be considered, and it has always been rejected," Dexter said. "The only one they ever considered was Sugarloaf."



## Blue Ribbon Panel Invites Your Participation!

The Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Panel on Emerging Technological Alternatives to Incineration will meet in Idaho Falls, ID and in Jackson, WY. All Panel meetings are open to the public. Evening sessions have been scheduled to permit broader public participation.

### Purpose of Panel

The Panel was charged by Energy Secretary Bill Richardson with evaluating alternative treatment technologies, other than incineration, for nuclear waste now stored at the Department of Energy's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. The Panel will hear presentations on the types of waste to be treated, the rules governing treatment and disposal, and the status of emerging technological alternatives to incineration. The Panel will evaluate and recommend emerging technologies for the treatment and disposal of mixed waste.

### Public Comment Periods

During the four public comment periods listed below, interested citizens and organizations will be invited to present their views and to identify and comment on specific alternatives to incineration.

### Meeting Dates and Locations

#### Idaho Falls, Idaho

Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Blvd.

Aug. 22, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. with public comment from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and beginning at 7:30 p.m.  
Aug. 23, 9 a.m.-noon

#### Jackson, Wyoming

Snow King Resort, 400 E. Snow King Ave.

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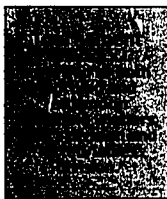
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# Young Hispanic emerges as crusader for farm workers

He divides time between fields, college campus

BOISE (AP) — Leobardo Morales grew up fast.

It happened the year he left Santa Maria Tindu, the small town in Oaxaca, Mexico, where he was born.

It was the year he left behind his few American-made toy trucks, when he first saw the lights and bustle of a city, when he viewed the deserts, mountains and canyons of his country from the dusty windows of a series of rickety northbound buses.

It was the year he tucked himself into a ball in the foot well on the passenger side of a small, overloaded car that wouldn't deliver its human freight to a new life that day.

It was the year he first saw the United States, through a tiny barred window in a Border Patrol holding cell somewhere between San Diego and Tijuana.

It was 1989, the year Morales turned 11, the year he started working in the fields of the American West.

"That's when my childhood ended, when I came here," Morales reflected recently, safeguarded from those memories by one, his legal residency and the barricades provided by education and a mastery of English.

He's long since been just "Leo" to most since his classmates for one season in Oregon and 10 in Wilder couldn't pronounce his name. He learned English in about a year, earned A's through school and got a scholarship to Boise State University.

Now, Morales is getting ready to start his sophomore year of college, though he still works in the fields in the summer.

He's become one of the most passionate and visible speakers promoting farm-worker issues in Idaho, but his fiery style may not have helped his cause in the Legislature. He's a young man carrying the burden of great expectations — many hope he will lead Idaho's growing Hispanic population into the coming century — yet his goals could lead him to California or the East Coast.

Morales is living in two worlds, with one foot in the mostly brown fields and the other in largely white academia.

Before he can think about guiding the state's Hispanics to an empowered and vital role, Leo Morales is working on defining himself.

Morales stepped into a war that's been waged since long before his six-day journey to the United States.

In Idaho, farm-worker advocates have been a fixture at the statehouse for a decade, winning a decision in 1996 to include farm workers in workers' compensation.

It took years of legislative debate, the dogged leadership of then-Gov. Phil Batt and a horrible auger accident in 1995 that mutilated a farm worker.

For the past four years, farm workers and their advocates have tried to build on that, grappling with lawmakers and farmers — and the more than 30 of 105 legislators who are both — over whether Idaho should guarantee farm workers the minimum wage.

Last year, farm-worker advocates and key supporters in the Legislature, such as Reps. Ken Robison, D-Boise, and Tom Trail, R-Moscow, started a push to create a state license for farm labor contractors.

These middlemen run field crews much like a temp agency provides secretaries. The farmers pay the contractor, who then divides the money up among the workers and, of course, keeps a profit for himself. It's too easy,



Above, Leo Morales stands in a field in Canyon County, Tuesday, where as a child he learned to work hard with his family. Left, Morales is shown near Boise, Morales stepped into a war that's been waged since long before his six-day journey to the United States.



Robison and Trail maintain, for a dishonest contractor to cheat his workers, or to not pay them at all.

Morales talked about these issues and a few others one evening at his family's Wilder home. Shaded from the still-hot sun by a leafy tree that looked like it was planted just for that reason, Morales was calm and reflective.

He had spent the day with his family in the fields where he's on his parents' work crew, earning \$6 an hour gathering onion seeds, shucking corn, and doing other field work he and his relatives can find.

The Morales family bought a tiny house on a patch of dirt a few years ago and have since more than doubled its size. Morales lives there in the summer with his parents and six brothers and sisters, but he stays at BSU during the school year.

His T-shirt that day was from a Hispanic youth symposium, and though his sun-darkened skin and wiry muscles betrayed his summer occupation, his wire-rimmed glasses and demeanor gave him the look of an intellectual.

He likes political science and sociology classes. They help him understand how his community developed. He doesn't like weeding onions; too much bending over. He and his brothers and sisters prefer speaking English to each other, but he'll talk to his mother in Spanish because she's more comfortable in her native tongue. He likes to go to parties with his college friends, but he spends far more time attending meetings, doing homework and working with the Progressive Student Alliance, a once-quiet campus group that he's helped focus and mobilize.

The group has raised money,

and food for farm workers, and several BSU students have since spoken out on minimum wage.

Morales talked about his political goals — to be a "voice for the oppressed" and a "wake-up call to the oppressors."

Farm workers have become the scapegoat in agriculture, he said, but trade policies and giant farm corporations are doing far more to hurt family farmers than the costs of labor.

At a rally this winter at BSU, Morales was red-hot.

"He was angry," activist and community organizer Roger Sherman recalled. "He was real-

ly angry that more of the students who were sitting in the dining hall didn't come out, didn't seem interested. It was a pretty amazing thing to watch him. He was able to really speak his anger."

Morales also showed that fire in a House Agriculture Committee hearing at the state house, telling lawmakers; he recalled, that "You need to do this, and you need to do that." It was the first time he'd ever addressed a legislative committee, and he said he realized later his accusatory tone might have been counterproductive.

"He was very hard-hitting, very aggressive," said committee Chairman Doug Jones, a Republican who has introduced minimum-wage bills and served as the moderator of the Legislature's discussions on them. "The way we operate in committee hearings is not the same as a rally or a community meeting."

But Morales seems to have learned from the experience. At a hearing in Burley recently, he was more reserved, even cracking a joke at the start of his testimony. The move put the lawmakers at ease.

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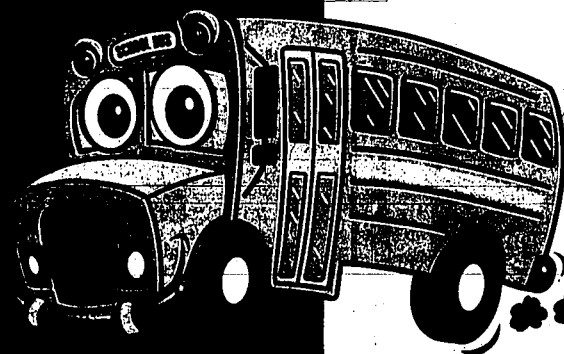
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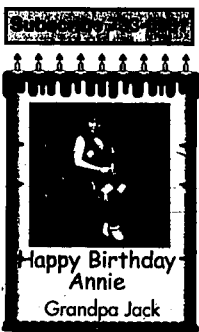


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# SPIKES & DIGS

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Section C



College of Southern Idaho coach Ben Stroud hopes big hitters like Tamekia Moore, left, and Stephanie Martin will eat opponents for lunch as the Golden Eagles launch their season this week with the annual CSI Invitational Tournament in Twin Falls.

## Eagles crave No. 7



By Joe Sunnen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Consider this a warning to every NJCAA volleyball team in the nation: The pressure is off this year's CSI volleyball team to repeat as champion.

And the Golden Eagles are hungry for a chance at redemption.

Not since 1993, when CSI claimed its first title, have the Golden Eagles started a season as anything but the defending NJCAA national champions. And it's been five years since CSI even began practice without an All-American on the floor.

For an average program, this season would be a time of transition, a time to revel in past successes, bandage the wounds of a disappointing finish and reload with freshman prospects for a future run at the crown.

Of course, this is not an average volleyball program. The future is now for the Golden Eagles.

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- Magic Valley talent dots roster - C8

"We were expected to win everything last year," coach Ben Stroud said. "Every game, every match, every everything. Last year we were a very mature team, and at the end we weren't progressing the way we should have been. Maybe we got stale after playing together for two years."

Getting stale is something that Stroud won't have to worry about this time around. The 2000 team is one of the youngest teams he has ever fielded, the players as fresh and inexperienced at playing together as any group he has coached.

"The nice thing about a young team is that we will keep making strides all year," Stroud said. "We won't peak too early, and with our athletic ability we should be a really good

team by the end of the year."

At the end of the year, even with the pressure off of repeating, anything less than a national championship will be a disappointment with the bumper crop of talent that dots the roster this season.

### Setting the table

Gone are such standout players as Anna Popowka, a first team All-American selection last season.

Fabianna de Abreu, everybody's all-everything outside hitter from Brazil has moved on to the University of Iowa. Also graduated is Roberta Robert, another All-American selection from Brazil, and local favorite Holly Foster, whose feisty play and fine passing might be the hardest thing to replace on a team that is shallow and inexperienced at setter.

"We are working to find someone to get the

Please see CSI, Page C8

# The Baker's Dozen

## Amanda Basanez

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 5-10  
Pos. OH/S  
Class: FR  
Hometown: Elko, Nev. (Elko HS)

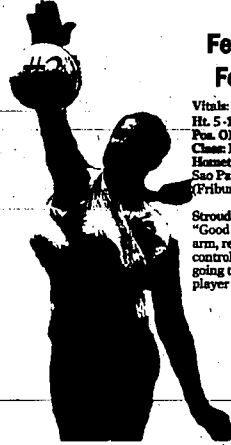
**Stroud says:**  
"I like Amanda's attitude. She is a solid person and really kind of a tough kid. I think she will be the kind of person that will be hard to keep off the floor."



## Fernanda Ferreira

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 5-10  
Pos. OH  
Class: FR  
Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil (Friburgo)

**Stroud says:**  
"Good jump, great arm, really good ball control. Fernanda is going to be a great player for us."



## Lisa Levings

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 5-11  
Pos. OH  
Class: FR  
Hometown: Twin Falls (Twin Falls HS)

**Stroud says:**  
"Lisa is a great athlete. She has some physical problems right now, but once we get her healthy she definitely could be a big-time Division I player."



## Coach Ben Stroud

The 2000 season marks Stroud's 16th year at CSI. He has led the Golden Eagles to six consecutive National Championships in the '90's, compiling an outstanding 692-113 record during his 15 years as head volleyball coach. Stroud was named NJCAA national tournament coach of the year from 1993-98 and has coached 12 All-Americans.

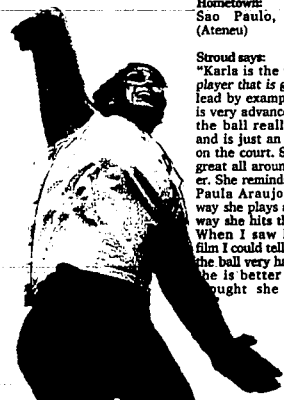
Stroud graduated from Camas County High School in Fairfield, attended Treasure Valley Community College and earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Boise State University. He then earned his master's degree from Idaho State in athletic administration.



## Karla Bersano

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 6-1  
Pos. OH  
Class: FR  
Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil (Ateneu)

**Stroud says:**  
"Karla is the type of player that is going to lead by example. She is very advanced, hits the ball really hard and is just an animal on the court. She is a great all around player. She reminds me of Paula Araujo in the way she plays and the way she hits the ball. When I saw her on film I could tell she hit the ball very hard, but she is better than I thought she would



## Tamekia Moore

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 6-1  
Pos. MB  
Class: SO  
Hometown: Temple, Texas (Temple HS)

**Stroud says:**  
"Tamekia is probably one of the best athletes in the country at any level. She jumps out of the gym and can hit the ball a ton. She was raw when she got here but has really improved. She is being recruited by everybody in the country because she is just a great athlete."



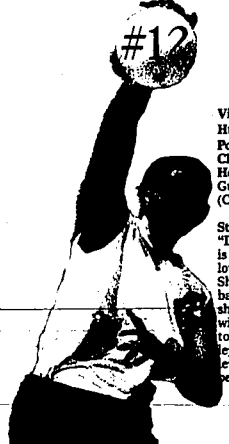
## Who's on the menu

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Aug. 25-26	CSI Invitational	Twin Falls	8 a.m.
Aug. 31-Sept. 2	Utah Valley Invitational	Orrem, Utah	TBA
Sept. 14	Snook College	Ephraim, Utah	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Dixie College	St. George, Utah	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	College of Eastern Utah	Price, Utah	7 p.m.
Sept. 21-23	Valley of the Sun Tournament	Phoenix, Ariz.	TBA
Sept. 29	Utah Valley State College	Orrem, Utah	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	Salt Lake Community College	SLC, Utah	5 p.m.
Oct. 5	Ricks College	Twin Falls	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	North Idaho College	Twin Falls	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Northern Montana College	Twin Falls	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	North Idaho College	Coeur d'Alene	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	Ricks College	Reznburg	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	Salt Lake CC	Twin Falls	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	Utah Valley State College	Twin Falls	7 p.m.
Nov. 2	Snook College	Twin Falls	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	College of Eastern Utah	Twin Falls	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	Dixie College	Twin Falls	7 p.m.
Nov. 5-11	Region 18 Tournament	At region winner	TBA
Nov. 20-22	NJCAA Tournament	Kansas City, Kan.	TBA

## Sonymar Santana

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 6-1  
Pos. MB  
Class: FR  
Hometown: Gurabo, Puerto Rico (Conchita Cuevas)

**Stroud says:**  
"I like Sonymar. She is a young kid with a lot of athletic ability. She already hits the ball hard, and when she leaves here she will have the chance to play college volleyball at a very high level. She is going to be really good."



## Daniela Lanza

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 6-0  
Pos. OH/S  
Class: FR  
Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil (Ateneu)

**Stroud says:**  
"Daniela is learning a new position in setter and she is doing a great job with it. She is another player with a great arm, a good block and excellent ball control."



## Stephanie Martin

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 6-3  
Pos. MB  
Class: SO  
Hometown: Mesa, Arizona (Westwood HS)

**Stroud says:**  
"Stephanie is a big-time talent and this is her payoff year. She redshirted her freshman year, so this is the year she has to get it done. I thought last spring she looked better than I have ever seen her. She hits the ball really, really hard and has a big block. She should have a great year."



## Kara Hymas

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 5-10  
Pos. OH  
Class: SO  
Hometown: Filer (Filer HS)

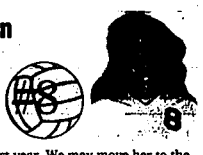
**Stroud says:**  
"Kara should see quite a bit of playing time this year. She has worked hard at improving her game and she is going to do a good job for us this year."



## Kara Erickson

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 6-2  
Pos. MB  
Class: SO  
Hometown: Kimberly (Kimberly HS)

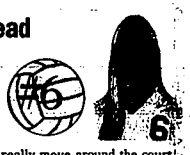
**Stroud says:**  
"Kara is much improved over the last year. We may move her to the right and get a little taller on that side."



## Leah Hollingshead

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 5-8  
Pos. OH  
Class: FR  
Hometown: Filer (Filer HS)

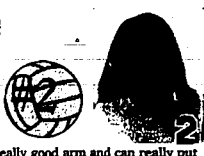
**Stroud says:**  
"Leah is small and athletic and can really move around the court. Hopefully we can train her to be a defensive specialist because she moves so well."



## Tiffany Bird

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 6-0  
Pos. MB  
Class: FR  
Hometown: Pocatello (Pocatello HS)

**Stroud says:**  
"Tiffany is a solid kid. She has a really good arm and can really put some pace on the ball. She is going to be training, and it's going to take a while before we get her where we want her, but she will be a good player before she's done here."



## Sirla Palomar

**Vitals:**  
Ht. 6-0  
Pos. OH/S  
Class: FR  
Hometown: El Paso, Texas (Eastwood HS)

**Stroud says:**  
"Sirla played middle blocker in high school and now we are training her to set and play outside. She is catching on really fast and doing well - plus she is left-handed, and that will help her out too. She can change the complexion of our team if she becomes comfortable as a setter. She should be a really nice player for us."



## Assistant Coach Jing "Jason" Hou

Hou, a native of China, returns for his second season as an assistant coach for the Golden Eagles. He held the position in 1997 briefly before visa problems forced him out of the U.S.

Hou's credentials are extensive and his expertise is well regarded within volleyball circles. He served as setter for the Chinese national men's team that assisted the Chinese national women's team through two World Championships, a World Cup and a silver medal finish at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.





## MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE

“ I learned about controlling my fears and emotions and turning that adrenaline rush into something positive.”

“ -Dag racer Tony Pedregon, who credits his boyhood training as a boxer for much of his success as a funny car driver”

**TRIVIA QUESTION:**  
Who holds the record for runs batted in in a game for a pitcher?  
...answer below

**IN BRIEF**  
**Dupree defects from CSI basketball team**

TWIN FALLS — Sophomore Jerry Dupree, a 6-7 forward out of Morano Valley, Calif., has transferred from the College of Southern Idaho to San Bernardino Valley College in Southern California. RecruitingUSA.com reported Thursday that Dupree also gave the University of Southern California a verbal commitment for next season. Dupree averaged 7.2 points and 3.8 rebounds per game last season. CSI coaches Derek Zack and Jay Cyriac are attending a weekend coaches seminar in Malibu, California and were unavailable for comment.

**Winners crowned at Team Tennis Classic**

TWIN FALLS — Winners of the two-day Team Tennis Classic were crowned on Saturday following the singles and mixed doubles round of play. C.J. Thompson, Cathy Cooper, Kurt Hefner and Tim Rambur won the 4.0 division, while the team of Darrell Mullinix, Stan Metzger, Shirley Keegan and Fatty Wiesner took the 3.5 division. Karen Hefner, Janet Burdick, Karen McNairy and Carson Wong won the 3.0 division. Complete results of Saturday's mixed doubles and men's and women's singles matches can be found on Page C5.

**Smith, Fraley eye Canyon Springs titles**

TWIN FALLS — Kimberly's Matt Smith and Twin Falls High grad Stephanie Fraley shot themselves into contention for 2000 Canyon Springs Golf Course club championship titles on Saturday. Smith fired a first-round 71 for a single-stroke advantage over Ted Black and Gordon Barry in the men's championship flight. Three back is Jim Ochsner with a 74. Fraley, meanwhile, owns a 74 lead in the women's championship flight, shooting a sizzling opening-day 70 for a 10-stroke cushion over Sally Blomham. Entering the final round today, Terry Morrill leads the men's first flight with a 75, and Bob Hitchcock is ahead in the second flight on Saturday 81. Mary Fraley is all alone atop the women's first flight with an 87. Action resumes at 8 a.m. this morning with 114 entrants.

**Compiled from staff and wire reports**  
**TRIVIA ANSWER:**  
Tony Cloninger of the Atlanta Braves, with nine on July 3, 1966, against San Francisco. He hit two grand slams.

# Volleyball void: Eagles lose travel partner

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer  
TWIN FALLS — Ben Stroud grimaced when Treasure Valley Community College decided to drop its volleyball program this spring. The College of Southern Idaho's travel partner in the rugged Scenic West Athletic Conference severed volleyball in late March due to a \$250,000 budget crunch that arose due to low enrollment figures over a three-year span. The exodus leaves CSI all alone to face two fresh teams every Friday and Saturday night of the season. And it trims an

already-slim North Division down to three teams. "It's ridiculous," said Stroud, pursing his lips at the notion. "That means (teams) are going to be ready and gunning for us every night." But with six straight national titles in the '90s, weren't teams already preparing their best for the Golden Eagles? "Well, yeah," Stroud conceded, "but at least they had to play the night before, so the legs weren't fresh." TVCC athletic director Rick Baumann said his office had a decision to make when

the cuts came down. "(The TVCC Board) looked at, 'What can we do with athletics?' he said. "Without salaries, (the athletic department) budget is approximately \$100,000. We couldn't afford to take a hit." So instead, Baumann said, the college considered several choices, concerning budget restrictions and the value of volleyball. With the school adding softball in 2001, the department faced two options: make cuts across the board 20 percent from all five sports, or eliminate the sport. Baumann said the first option — a 20 per-

cent cut across the board on five sports — was not the best choice. "We did not feel this was a good option for our programs at TVCC," Baumann said, "because I don't believe we could afford to make cuts and still stay competitive." Volleyball coach Heidi Cartisner made the choice easier when she resigned to take the head coaching position at Chicago State University. Baumann said softball is a better fit for the college's needs — keeping two male and two female sports on the campus. "We feel softball will bring more athletes to the campus," he said.



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# BARNSTORMING BASEBALL



Bryan Allan, 17, of Victoria, British Columbia, a member of the 'Legends of the Road' baseball team, touches up his glove at a game against the Dyersville Bulls at Commercial Park in Dyersville, Iowa on Thursday. The group of high school players from Washington state and western Canada have been biking from state to state to keep the spirit of the Negro Leagues alive. Also on the tour is College of Southern Idaho baseball signee Matt Gunning of Victoria, B.C.

## Eagle recruit joins Negro League tour

By Jeff Rosen and  
The Associated Press  
DYERSVILLE, Iowa — Long before the movie "Field of Dreams" turned this tidy farm town into a baseball shrine, fans gathered by the thousands for another reason. Tom Jenk Jr. remembers when they came to marvel at the skill of Billy Bruton in the outfield, the power of Hank Aaron at bat and the pitching of the ageless wonder, Satchel Paige. Jenk got a dugout view when Negro League players barnstormed through the area because he played against them. "I'm not saying I hit Satchel Paige," the Dyersville attorney

said. "But we did all right." The traveling Negro Leaguers brought big-time baseball to small town fans who had no other way to see it. This summer, an adventurous College of Southern Idaho baseball recruit from Canada has joined a group of high school-age players from Washington state bent on bringing those days back to life. They call themselves the "Legends of the Road," and they are true barnstormers, rolling into town for a game, packing up the next day and moving on to another. By the time they reach the Negro Leagues Museum in Kansas City later this month,

they will have bicycled — yes, bicycled — 5,100 miles and played more than 30 games. The trip was organized by Gary Thomsen's sports and event marketing students at Seattle's Chief Seattle High School. The players, all of them white, come from high schools in Seattle and Victoria, British Columbia. Their heavy wool uniforms are replicas of those worn by the Kansas City Monarchs, perhaps the most famous of the Negro League teams. "What these kids are doing is helping preserve history," said Thomsen, a former minor league outfielder. "What history we have comes from these former Negro League players. When

they go, that history goes with them." Since their first game in Kamloops, British Columbia, on June 20, the players have ridden over three mountain ranges, across vast prairies and through rain. 100-degree heat and unbearable humidity. They've played in Swift Current and Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; in Medicine Hat and Calgary, Alberta; in Grand Forks, N.D., and Rapid City, S.D.; and in places like Flandreau and Redfield, S.D.; and Bancroft, Iowa. "When we come into town and we're not really known where we're going to stay, and we're not Please see TOUR, Page C4

# Lewis wins NAPA 150

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer  
TWIN FALLS — Gary Lewis won his fourth Raybestos Brakes Northwest Series race Saturday night as a late pass gave Lewis his second consecutive win at the fourth annual NAPA 150 at Magic Valley Speedway. Lewis, who was in a dogfight with 1999 race winner and first-year Joe Benediti for most of the race, caught the No. 2 car on Lap 119 when he went around Benediti on the backstretch. Racing proved fitful for most of the 21-car field, as a rainbow of green, yellow, blue and even one red flag flew in the event. At unofficial 25 laps were run under caution. Chris Hart, of Yakima, Wash., grabbed the lead at the 54-lap mark when Boise's John Dillon, who led for 36 laps, slowed due to engine problems. But entering Turn 3 two laps later, Hart went high on the lapped car of Rick Suran allowing Benediti the inside. When Benediti moved, Hart shot low, as Lewis clipped his rear sending him spiraling over the corner's bank, shredding his tire in the process.

When racing resumed for the 63rd lap, it was Benediti in the yellow No. 2 Pontiac ahead of Lewis, rookie John Zaretske and Hamlin. Kevin Hamlin, of Bothell, Wash., sped out to the initial lead, holding it through six laps before the No. 25 of Boise's John Dillon took over leading two-time winner Garrett Evans and Hart. The field spread itself out quickly with Dillon and Evans battling at the front. But as Dillon ran hard, Evans' car became loose and he began to lose ground starting at the 75-lap mark. A yellow flag called the race on Lap 39 when Jerome's Brett Thompson spun out along the back straightaway.

**Welch goes out a winner**  
Banker Brian Welch went out a winner in the Grand-National Sportsman main event. After a 100-lap history, Powell for all but two of the 35-lap main, Welch took over the front

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# Double trouble for Woods

The Associated Press  
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Finally, a major championship that lasts 72 holes. Just when it looked as though Tiger Woods might take all the drama out of the PGA Championship, a shocking turn of events Saturday left him clinging to a one-stroke lead over Bob May and the unflappable Scott Dunlap. Woods missed a 2-foot putt for his first double bogey in 153 holes of major championship golf, then he had to survive some suddenly errant shots for a 2-under 70. It was his 14th consecutive major round at par or better, but it was nowhere near the kind of score available Saturday at Valhalla Golf Club. Twenty-four players broke 70, and Jose Maria Olazabal tied a major championship record with a 9-under 63. Still, Woods reached the par-

58th with two rocket launches from his 3-wood, two-putted for birdie and still has command as he tries to become the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win three majors in one year. Woods was at 203, and has had at least a share of the lead for six straight rounds in the majors. Please see PGA, Page C4

## Jose comes to play

The Associated Press  
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Jose Maria Olazabal stood in the 18th fairway, hands on hips in disappointment, after his approach to the green landed on a ridge and rolled 35 feet from the hole. He was smiling minutes later after two-putting for par for a 9-under 63 on Saturday in the third round of the PGA Championship. The Spanish star's brilliant round broke the course record by two shots and tied the lowest score ever in a major tournament. Olazabal wanted it to be even better. "I was thinking 10-under par," he said. Olazabal was even par to start the third round at Valhalla Golf Club and 11 strokes behind Tiger Woods. Olazabal is the 18th player to record a 63 in a major, and the first since Greg Norman in the first round of the 1996 Masters. Norman also accomplished the feat in the 1986 British Open. The last player to shoot 63 in the PGA was Brad Faxon, in the final round at Riviera in 1995. More than tying a record, however, the two-time Masters champion gave himself a chance to win. He finished at 9-under 207 and was four shots off the lead entering the final round.



Jose Maria Olazabal

# College grid glory

## It's Huskers' and Seminoles' to lose

The Associated Press  
Chuck Amato gave an honest answer when asked how many of his new players at North Carolina State could start for his old team, Florida State. "None," he said. "But don't think we're the only ones with that answer." Well, how many players would make the three-deep roster for the defending national champions? "Four," said Amato, a Seminole assistant for 18 years who took over the Wolfpack in January. Not exactly an encouraging number for those North Carolina State fans wondering "Why not us?" a season after freshman wide receiver Michael Vick led Virginia Tech into the national title game;

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• Big Sky fall outlook

Marshall and Tulane produced perfect seasons; and Hawaii turned an 18-game losing streak into the greatest one-year turnaround in NCAA history. The answer might be because Nebraska and Florida State, 1-2 in The Associated Press preseason poll, are once again loaded with talent and set for another charge to the title game, in the Orange Bowl, Jan. 3. So which team out there is ready for a surprising run? While Amato says it will take at least three years to turn a mediocre Wolfpack team into a contender, "I didn't come from Florida State to Nebraska," he said — that's not the case at Clemson, another ACC school trying to challenge Florida State. Please see FOOTBALL, Page C6





COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEW

For Vick, the secret to success is family

The Associated Press

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Some 220 sheep, several flocks of sheep, and dozens of tobacco fields east of where Michael Vick was rehearsing for a repeat virtuoso performance at Virginia Tech, the man who perhaps knows him best made a prediction.

"This," said Warwick High School coach Tommy Reamon, "is the biggest year of his life."

An intriguing statement, especially considering that as a redshirt freshman, Vick promptly became the nation's most electrifying player, running and passing the Hokies to an undefeated regular season and into the national championship game. But Reamon, a man who regards Vick almost as a son, wasn't just talking about his own exploits.

It has nothing to do with how many touchdowns he throws," Vick's high school coach said. "It has something to do with if he throws two interceptions in the first game, they're going to eat him alive. They're going to talk about him like a dog. People are going to not accept him. And then I'm going to have to worry about him when he walks into that apartment and shuts that door and looks at himself in the mirror. And I'm going to have to wonder about his mental stability. Others worry about his touchdown passes — I wonder about where he's going to go."

"So," he added, exhaling slowly. "He's going to be great and he doesn't know it," Reamon said of the high school junior while walking toward the sideline to greet Vick's parents, Brenda and Michael Boddie, both of whom are sporting Virginia Tech



Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick runs for 15 yards against Florida State during the Sugar Bowl Jan. 4. Vick threw for 2,840 yards and 22 TDs and ran for 585 yards and eight TDs in leading the Hokies to an 11-0 record before their loss in the national title game.

maroon and orange garb. "He's got more fluidness than Michael at this stage."

Better than Michael? Perhaps Reamon, a former pro running back in the mid-1970s, has been swept up in Vickmania like nearly everyone else. But one person not questioning Reamon is Michael Vick himself, who remembers his ex-coach telling him before the '99 season about being ready to embark on an incredible journey.

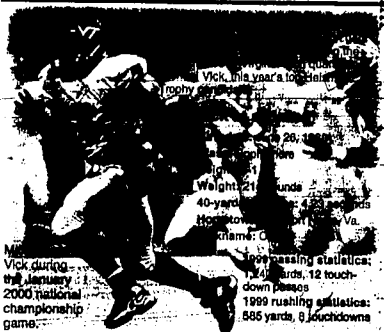
"It was like he said 'I'm coming,'" Vick said last month in Blacksburg.

Reamon wasn't alone. Hokies coach Frank Beamer, offensive coordinator quarterback coach Rickey Bustle, and his mother — the cornerstones of what Reamon calls Vick's incredible support network — told Vick the same thing.

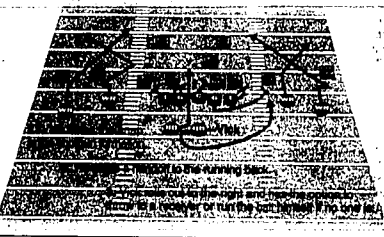
"I'm a redshirt freshman and they're all telling me this is going to be my year," Vick continued. "It was like they looked into the future and just knew I sit back now and think about that. And I smile."

The Michael Vick bio

NAME: Michael Dwayne Vick  
NICKNAME: Doby  
AGE: 20 (Born June 26, 1980)  
BIRTHPLACE: Newport News, Va.  
HIGH SCHOOL: Warwick High School, Newport News, Va.  
COLLEGE: Virginia Tech  
POSITION: Quarterback  
HEIGHT: 6-1  
WEIGHT: 214 pounds  
40-YARD DASH TIME: 4.23 seconds  
1999 STATS: 90-of-152 for 1,240 yards and 12 TDs; 108 carries for 585 yards and 8 TDs  
FAVORITE MEAL: Lasagna  
WEB SITE: www.hokiesportsinfo.com/vick



The advantage of a mobile quarterback  
What makes Michael Vick one of a special breed of quarterback is his ability to scramble and move outside the pocket. Virginia Tech has designed plays to take the most of Vick's mobility.



Sources: Virginia Tech; compiled from AP wire reports

home to Georgia Tech on Aug. 27 — and guess what? The 20-year-old Vick is the Heisman front-runner. "Michael will be good," Beamer said. "He hasn't backed down from anything that's happened yet. There will be a lot written about what's expected, but I've told Michael not to worry about that — just prepare yourself well, play the way you can and everything will turn out fine."

Henson finally in charge at Michigan

The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — After starting down George Steinbrenner, eluding a linebacker is hardly any trouble at all for Drew Henson.

Henson, tagged a sure thing when he was recruited as a quarterback by Michigan, spends his summers playing professional baseball. That's fine with Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, but not so fine with the owner of the New York Yankees. Steinbrenner wanted Henson to commit to baseball. Said he'd make him a Yankee for life if he did.

Henson declined. A few weeks later, he was traded from the Yankees' farm system to the Cincinnati Reds' Double-A club in Chattanooga in the trade for pitcher Denny Neagle.

Big deal. He still gets to trot onto the field in front of 110,000 roaring fans in The Big House on autumn Saturdays. And that's what Henson really loves.

"It's an awesome feeling," Henson says. "You never get tired of running out that tunnel. That was one of the reasons why I came. That's one of the reasons I didn't go play baseball right out of high school. I wanted to play here."

And now he'll finally get his chance.

Henson, a 6-foot-4, 215-pound junior, played behind Tom Brady his first two seasons in Ann Arbor. Despite Henson's awesome talent, Carr felt Brady had paid his dues as an understudy for two years to Brian Griese.

Henson, whose father was an assistant coach at Eastern Michigan during his high school years at nearby Brighton, found warming the bench for the first time in his life a little strange. Yet the kind of loyalty Carr showed toward Brady was what attracted Henson to Michigan in the first place.

"I always wanted to come here," he says. And when he did play, Henson — who is big, strong and fast — put up good numbers.

Henson has completed 68-of-137 passes for 800 yards and six touchdowns in 18 games for the Wolverines, and now gets the chance to show what he can do under pressure. His teammates think he'll do fine.

"Drew's very mature," says split end David Terrill, the MVP of last season's Orange Bowl win over Alabama. "I think pro baseball did that to him."

Michigan has a chance to contend for the national title again. The Wolverines, 10-2 last season, were ranked No. 6 in the AP pre-

season poll. But six other Big Ten teams also were among the Top 25.

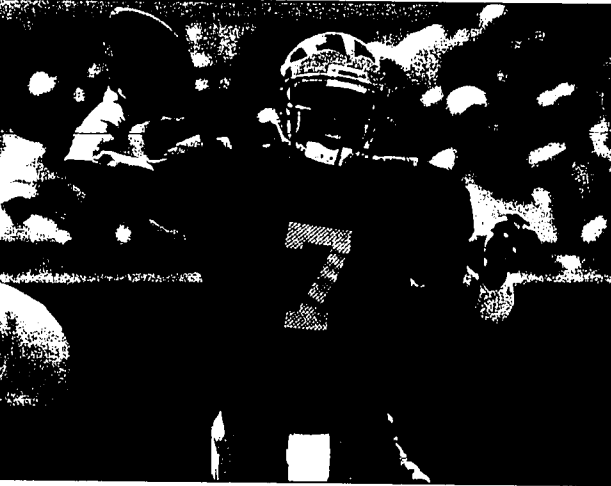
"Nobody expects him to do things he can't do," says all-conference tackle Steve Hutchinson. "He's just part of our offense."

Despite the fact that Henson, who received a \$2 million signing bonus from the Yankees, was already rich and famous by the time he arrived at Michigan, he has never had any trouble being just one of the guys. For example, after he was traded this summer, Hutchinson called defensive tackle Eric Wilson and they drove to Chattanooga to see Henson play.

"We sat in the stands," Hutchinson says. "He saw us and we kind of waved at him. I think he went 0-for-4, but he made a great play at third base. His glove was hot, anyway."

Henson hit .234 in his first two professional seasons. At Double-A Norwich this year, he hit .287 with seven home runs and 39 RBIs in 59 games. He scored the winning run as the U.S. team beat the World team 3-2 in the Futures game in Atlanta. After the trade, he hit .172 in 16 games for the Lookouts.

Henson says his goal is to lead Michigan to a national title. So, what if he gets lucky and does it this season? Would he return to



Michigan's Drew Henson looks downfield during a game against Rice on Sept. 11, 1999. Two-sport phenom Henson spent the offseason playing professional baseball in the Cincinnati Reds' farm system.

Football

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A bunch of others, including Illinois, Oklahoma and even TCU, might be ready, too.

At Clemson, the time is now — in coach Tommy Bowden's second season. The Tigers are No. 17 in the poll, their best start since 1992.

"There are high expectations for us," Bowden said of a team returning 16 starters, including star linebacker Keith Adams, from last year's 6-6 bowl season.

In 1998, Clemson went 3-9 and fired coach Tommy West. "The kids have bought into our system and they believe they can compete with anyone," Bowden said. "We've had to see if we can take it to another level."

Bowden has done it before. Before his arrival at Tulane in 1997, the Green Wave had five wins in the previous three years. In '98, Tulane went 11-0 in the "Big East" and finished up No. 10 in the final AP poll. Lofly heights, indeed.

"We believe in him, we want to play hard for him, and we know we can win with him," Adams said. "He has gotten us to believe in ourselves. I think we can challenge for the ACC. We may have been 6-6, but we made progress every game."

Even against the Seminoles, coached by Bowden's father,

Bobby. "I don't think the gap between us and them is that far," Tommy Bowden said. "Two years ago, we lost 48-0. Last year it was 17-14."

Alabama, Miami and Texas, ranked third, fifth and seventh, respectively, are expected to be back in national title form, but others are poised for a few surprises.

In addition to Clemson, watch out for No. 15 USC in the Pac-8; No. 18 Mississippi in the SEC; No. 19 Oklahoma in the Big 12; No. 21 Illinois in the Big Ten; Pittsburgh in the Big East; and No. 20 TCU in the Western Athletic Conference.

Turnaround teams of the past have several common threads. Each had a sensational quarterback, a relatively new coach with a proven past, and players who were convinced they could beat anybody despite a history of losing. Staying healthy and favorable schedules helped, too.

"But it all starts at quarterback," Amato said. "Look at Virginia Tech. It's had a great defense and special teams for years, but Michael Vick put them over the top. You have to have someone to pull the trigger."

Tulane had Shaun King in 1998, and Marshall had Chad Pennington in '99.

At USC, where coach Paul

Hackett's Trojans were a disappointing 6-6, quarterback Carson Palmer is back after missing the final nine games with a broken right collarbone. The defense has 10 of 11 starters back.

USC needs to open strong against Penn State in the Kickoff Classic on Aug. 27. Without league favorite Washington on the schedule, the Trojans have a good shot at the Rose Bowl.

David Cutcliffe, former quarterbacks coach at Tennessee, starts his second season at Mississippi with one of the nation's best backfields: quarterback Romaro Miller and running backs Deuce McAllister and Joe Gunn.

At Oklahoma, coach Bob Stoops brought a pass-happy offense — and junior college transfer Josh Heupel — to Norman. Heupel is back after setting nine school and six Big-12 records while passing for 3,460 yards and 30 touchdowns. The defense — Stoops was Florida's defensive coordinator — is sure to improve, but the Sooners must pass a rugged three-game test against Texas, Kansas State and Nebraska.

Coach Walt Harris, a former Ohio State assistant, enters his fourth season at Pittsburgh, and has 15 starters back: John Turman or David Priestly (both

threw for more than 1,300 yards in '99) will start.

TCU not only boasts Heisman Trophy candidate LaDainian Tomlinson, who led the nation in rushing last season with 1,850 yards, but also Horned Frogs have a talented quarterback in Casey Painters, B-2 as a freshman starter in 1999. Coach Dennis Franchione, who arrived in '98, has 19 starters back and his team should be favored in every game.

Nebraska and Florida State have superior quarterbacks, too. Not to mention many All-American candidates and decades worth of dominance.

Eric Crouch, who threw for 1,289 yards and ran for 889 yards for the Cornhuskers, directs the option, which also features I-backs Dan Alexander and Correll Buckhalter. Linebacker Carlos Polk leads the defense.

The 29-year-old Chris Weinke returns for a final season at Florida State and a run at a second straight national title. He threw for 3,103 yards and 25 TDs, and will have Travis Minor returning in the backfield and a new crew of wide receivers led by Anquan Boldin.

Weinke is among the top Heisman contenders along with Vick, Crouch, Tomlinson and Purdue quarterback Drew Brees.

According to the polls...

Nebraska is favored in six of eight preseason football rankings to be the 2000 national champion. Florida State is on top in the other two. The selections:

Associated Press — 1. Nebraska, 2. Florida State, 3. Alabama, 4. Wisconsin, 5. Miami.

Athlon Sports — 1. Florida State, 2. Nebraska, 3. Alabama, 4. Michigan, 5. Wisconsin.

Blue Ribbon Yearbook — 1. Nebraska, 2. Florida State, 3. Alabama, 4. Michigan, 5. Miami.

ESPN the Magazine — 1. Florida State, 2. Nebraska, 3. Alabama, 4. Miami, 5. Georgia.

Football News — 1. Nebraska, 2. Florida State, 3. Georgia, 4. Wisconsin, 5. Texas.

Lindy's — 1. Nebraska, 2. Florida State, 3. Wisconsin, 4. Alabama, 5. Miami.

Sporting News — 1. Nebraska, 2. Florida State, 3. Alabama, 4. Wisconsin, 5. Kansas State.

Street & Smith — 1. Nebraska, 2. Florida State, 3. Alabama, 4. Miami, 5. Wisconsin.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# Irish eyes aren't smiling upon Notre Dame

**SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)** - When C.J. Leak announced where he'd play college football, it was supposed to be a formality. Months he'd been touted as the next great Notre Dame quarterback, the latest to follow in the cleats of John Lujack, Paul Hornung and Joe Montana. The Irish were so confident he was coming they didn't bother with a backup.

But when Leak went to a podium in February 1999, he stunned Notre Dame. He held up a Wake Forest jersey and announced he was going to be a Demon Deacon.

"Notre Dame's a great school. There's nothing wrong with it," Leak said earlier this month. "But I felt something special at Wake Forest."

"I wanted to be a part of something special." Leak's choice of Wake Forest, a school whose tradition is in basketball, over the home of Knute Rockne and the Four Horsemen was an unbelievable snub. It also was another sign that Notre Dame had lost what the Irish faithful believe is their rightful place at the pinnacle of college football.

"Since finishing a close second to Florida State seven years ago, Notre Dame has been rocked by tawdry scandals, the school's first major NCAA penalty and won-loss records that are mediocre at best."

"The Golden Dome still gleams, but the gilt has been tarnished."

"Everything that happens at Notre Dame, people see," said Bob Davie, who might be coaching his last season after going 21-16 in his first three years. "Things are made out to be worse than they are when they're going bad, and things are made out to be better than they are when they're going good."

The reasons for Notre Dame's woes are as varied as they are complex. There's no debating the talent has declined. The Irish haven't had a first-team All-American since Aaron Taylor and Jeff Burris in 1993. They've produced only two first-round draft picks since 1995.

In 1994, 10 Notre Dame players were drafted. This year, there was one - fewer than Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Academic standards are part of the problem. Always tough, they've gotten stricter in recent years. Partial qualifiers like Tony Rice, academically ineligible in his first year, are no longer accepted.

But the bigger problem is a change in college football itself.

"For most recruits it's no longer enough to show them a scrapbook of Notre Dame's storied history and tell them they'll be on national TV every week. Florida State has some impressive history of its own. So does Nebraska. And with the explosion of TV sports programming, just about everybody is on television these days."

"I don't think it's realistic to say that Notre Dame can just walk in and take their pick of who they want to recruit from," Davie admitted. "That day is over. That day has long been gone."

With 11 losses from 1994-96, Lou Holtz lost two more games in his last three seasons than he did in the previous six. In his first year, Davie became the first coach since Joe Kuharich to lose four straight.

Davie said new athletic director Kevin White hasn't told him to "win X games or else," but he knows he's still under pressure.

"Do I feel a sense of urgency because of how last year finished? You're damn right I do," Davie said.

AP preseason top 25

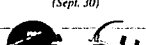
1. Nebraska (36)
  2. Florida State (29)
  3. Alabama (3)
  4. Wisconsin (1)
  5. Miami
  6. Michigan
  7. Texas (2)
  8. Virginia State
  9. Florida
  10. Georgia
  11. Virginia Tech
  12. Tennessee
  13. Washington
  14. Purdue
  15. Southern California
  16. Ohio State
  17. Clemson
  18. Mississippi
  19. Oklahoma
  20. Texas Christian
  21. Illinois
  22. Penn State
  23. Southern Mississippi
  24. Colorado
  25. Michigan State
- (X) first place votes

Title tilts

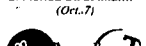
Games that will go a long way in determining who plays for the national championship in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3:



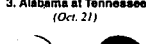
1. Wisconsin at Michigan (Sept. 30)



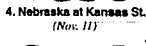
2. Florida St. at Miami (Oct. 7)



3. Alabama at Tennessee (Oct. 21)



4. Nebraska at Kansas St. (Nov. 11)



5. Florida at Florida St. (Nov. 18)

# 2000 College Football

## P R E V I E W

The biggest question for the college football world this season is whether Nebraska and Florida State are the only teams capable of winning the national championship. There might

be a few teams such as Alabama, Miami and Texas, but are there any teams ready for a surprise season? Try these: Clemson, Illinois, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Pittsburgh and TCU.

1999 AP top 5

1. Florida State
2. Virginia Tech
3. Nebraska
4. Wisconsin
5. Michigan



Alex Brown of Florida State sacks Steve Martin of Tennessee

Ouch!

These guys are guaranteed to make the hardest hits of the season.

1. Jarman Fletcher CB, Wisconsin
2. Jamal Reynolds DE, Florida State
3. Alex Brown DE, Florida
4. Carlos Polk LB, Nebraska
5. Keith Adams LB, Clemson

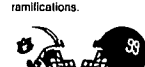
Games of interest

Some games are worth watching just because of the time, place and people.



Clemson at Florida State (Nov. 4)

Tommy Bowden tries to beat Dad Bobby Bowden in the Father vs. Son sequel. Bobby's Seminoles won last year 17-14. This one could have national title ramifications.



Auburn at Alabama (Nov. 18)

First visit to Tuscaloosa by Auburn since Nov. 15, 1901.



Washington at Colorado (Sept. 16)

Former Butts' coach Rick Neuheisel returns to Boulder for the first time since walking out to sign a \$1 million deal with Washington last year. We can hear the booning now.



Purdue's Drew Brees

Heisman hotshots

Some players have a flair for the dramatics, others just go out and put up huge numbers worthy of Heisman consideration. The preseason high five are:

1. Michael Vick QB, Virginia Tech
2. Chris Wainke QB, Florida State
3. Eric Crouch QB, Nebraska
4. LaDainian Tomlinson RB, TCU
5. Drew Brees QB, Purdue

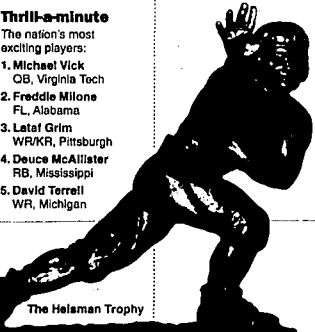


Virginia Tech's Michael Vick

Heisman

Web sites are all the rage as sports information directors pitch their players for the dozens of postseason awards, especially the Heisman Trophy. Here are five sites to bookmark.

1. Michael Vick QB, Virginia Tech [www.hokiesportsinfo.com/vick](http://www.hokiesportsinfo.com/vick)
2. Deuce McAllister RB, Mississippi [www.thedeuceonline.com](http://www.thedeuceonline.com)
3. LaDainian Tomlinson RB, TCU [www.L.Tfor2000.com](http://www.L.Tfor2000.com)
4. Quincey Carter QB, Georgia [www.quinceycarter.com](http://www.quinceycarter.com)
5. Drew Brees QB, Purdue [www.purdueports.com](http://www.purdueports.com) (click on football, then the Drew Brees photo)



Thrill-a-minute

The nation's most exciting players:

1. Michael Vick QB, Virginia Tech
2. Freddie Milone FL, Alabama
3. Latif Grim WR/KR, Pittsburgh
4. Deuce McAllister RB, Mississippi
5. David Terrell WR, Michigan

The Heisman Trophy

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

# Sizing up the Sky

## New coach won't mess with Montana

Associated Press

The Glenn knows better than to mess with good things.

Although his Montana Grizzlies will have a new coach this season in Glenn, they won't need to learn a new playbook or new names for their plays and formations.

"Rather than have all the kids change, we felt it would be better to make the coaches adapt," said Glenn, who built an NCAA Division II power in 11 seasons at Northern Colorado.

Montana has become a perennial Division I-AA national contender and won the Big Sky Conference five of the past seven seasons.

Twice when the Grizzlies didn't win the league, they finished second.

"Why would you change anything," Glenn asks. "Look at the success they've had. And to be real honest, there's only so many ways you can run a curl flat."

In a league known for its wide-open offenses, the Grizzlies have one of the best passers in quarterback Drew Miller. He was second nationally in total offense last year, averaging 331.5 yards a game.

But as usual, there are plenty of talented quarterbacks in the Big Sky. Jimmy Blanchard of Portland State, Marcus Brady of Cal State Northridge, Ricky Ray of Sacramento State and Kevin McCarty of Idaho State will air it out this fall.

"Just about everybody in this

league has a real good quarterback," said Idaho State coach Larry Lewis.

Yet it's a running back, Charles Roberts of Sacramento State, who will get plenty of headlines this fall. He's had two straight 2,000-yard seasons and needs 2,029 yards to become the NCAA's career rushing leader.

"He's got great speed and great balance," Lewis said. "The only thing he doesn't have is great size, but it never seems to bother him. It bothers everyone else."

Joining Montana in the title chase will be a determined Portland State squad, a veteran team at Eastern Washington and a Sacramento State team bolstered

by Roberts' running.

The departure of former coach Mick Dennehy, who left for Utah State after four seasons at Montana, couldn't change the expectations that the Grizzlies will lead the pack.

"Until somebody else knocks them down, it's Montana first and righteously so," said Weber State coach Jerry Graybeal.

"They are the traditional power in our league."

Montana has 17 returning starters, including last season's Big Sky defensive player of the year in safety Vince Huntsberger. He led the Grizzlies with 90 tackles and four interceptions.

After opening against Western Washington, the Vikings face a challenging month, with road games at Hawaii, Sacramento State and Northern Arizona, plus a home game against Hofstra.

If the Vikings survive that span, Walsh says they'll contend in the Big Sky.

Sacramento State's season rests on the pumping legs of Roberts, last year's Big Sky offensive player of the year and the league's career rushing leader.

How prolific is the 5-foot-8 Roberts? He has averaged 2,170 yards over the past two seasons. As a senior this fall, he could become the NCAA's all-divisions rushing leader.

Volek said Roberts squats 600 pounds and benches 300 pounds. "It's amazing to watch this little guy come into the weight room," Volek said. "He brings everybody

to a new level."

Eastern Washington lost only one starter from last year's defense, and nine offensive starters are back. Return specialist Lamont Brightful averaged an astounding 33.9 yards on kick returns last year.

The Eagles are a darkhorse under first-year coach Paul Wulff, a former Washington State lineman who was hired when Mike Kramer left for Montana State.

"I'm not a guy who sets major goals," said Wulff, promoted after two seasons as offensive coordinator. "I set short-term goals and let those goals take care of the big picture."

Northern Arizona also could contend for the Big Sky title. According to preseason forecasts, Cal State Northridge, Montana State and Idaho State will round out the league standings.

## Idaho scrimmage mixed

The Times-News

MOSCOW - Saturday's scrimmage might have been Tom Cable's first as a head coach, but the Idaho Vandals' new top man has been in the game long enough to know what to expect when the team goes head-to-head and full bore for the first time.

"I was disappointed in our defensive unit, particularly the first hour," Cable said. "Offensively, we don't have the killer instinct yet," he said. "In between, for both sides of the ball, there was some good. Starting quarterback John Welsh was solid if not spectacular. He completed six of 11 passes for 77 yards and hooked up with senior tight end Mike Roberg for a 10-yard TD."

While there were some flashy catches - wide receiver Chris Lacy's 40-yarder and tight end Justin Odum's catch-and-run 32-yarder comes to mind - there were times Cable was left shaking

his head as the ball bounced from arms.

On the plus side, the intricacies of a new offense seem to be well ingrained.

The extra push opened enough holes for a 267-yard rushing game that included the efforts of seniors Willie Alderson (seven carries, 27 yards) and Anthony Tenner (six carries, 55 yards); the debut of junior college transfer Drew Miller (13 carries, 63 yards); and the breakaway ability of sophomore Rahimu Pettit (nine carries, 86 yards).

Cable attributed some of defense's inconsistencies simply to a matter of a lot of information assimilated in a short amount of time.

The Vandals scrimmage again Wednesday at 4 p.m. and hold their first scrimmage next Saturday at 9 a.m. Idaho opens the 2000 season at the University of Washington Sept. 2. Game time is 12:30 p.m. Pacific.

## Leach to BYU: No thank you

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas Tech head football coach Mike Leach said Friday he will not leave the school to pursue the vacant coaching job at Brigham Young University.

Leach was mentioned as a possible candidate to replace longtime coach LaVell Edwards, 69, who announced Thursday that he would retire at the end of the season.

"I'm staying here," Leach told Friday's editions of The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

BYU's football team is a high-profile arm of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and it's widely believed the coach will always be a Mormon.

Even if Leach received an offer from the school in Provo, Utah at the end of the season, his contract buy-out from Tech - worth \$250,000 per year for the remaining term of the contract - would be prohibitive. Leach will have four years left on his contract after this season.

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## CSI VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

### CSI

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job done for us (at setter)," Stroud said. "It's something that isn't going to happen overnight, but I am pleased with the progress right now."

Three freshmen will be vying for the responsibility of donning the ball this year - Siria Palomar of El Paso, Texas, Daniela Lanza from Brazil and Amanda Basaner out of Elko, Nev. Each will be new to the position, but Stroud seems optimistic and confident about their ability to handle the role.

#### The main course

With only four players returning from last season's team that finished 46-3 and took third at the national tournament, finding the right combination of players to have on the court has become Stroud's biggest challenge.

"It is going to take some experimenting to find out where to play everybody," Stroud said. "We also have to get everybody in the right kind of condition to play."

Of the four that are back in the gold and black, only two - middle blockers Stephanie Martin and Tamekia Moore - received significant playing time last season.

Both Martin and Moore earned recognition as second-team members of the All-Region 18 team, and Martin was nominated to the SWAC All-Tournament team, but neither approached a level of play consistent enough to be considered All-American.

Moore wasn't even expected to return to CSI this fall. But she called Stroud on Aug. 8, the day the team started two-a-days, and announced her desire to return to the program. Once told Stroud that she wanted to come back, he had a plane ticket for her in about 15 minutes, she said.

"I realized that coming back to play for CSI was going to be the best thing for me," Moore said. "I could have gone somewhere else, but I would have had to adjust to a new coach and a new system. Coming back here is like going home basically. This is where I started my college career and it was the best thing for me to do."

Moore's return provides Stroud with a level of depth and experience that he didn't expect to have when the season began.

"Our athletic ability really took a jump when she showed up," Stroud said. "It was happy. It is not only good for us, but it's good for her as well. She needs to go to school and she needs to graduate."

Stroud wasn't the only one happy to see last season's team leader in blocks return to CSI. Moore's block party partner, Martin, had been trying to get Moore to come back since last year and was ecstatic to find out that she was going to share the floor with her again.

Kara Hymas and Kara Erickson, the other hold-over players, saw limited action last year and contributed more from the sidelines than from the court. But both have a chance to see significant playing time during this season's run at the title, Stroud said.

"Just about everybody on this team is going to be competing for playing time," Stroud said. "I wouldn't be afraid at this point of subbing anybody in and out at any time."

Hymas may also be called on to provide leadership for the young and talented group. Stroud looks at her as someone with the ability to become a vocal leader for the team - both on and off the court.

CSI has also added its typical group of talented international players to the roster. Joining Lanza is high school teammate Karla Bersano, a 6-1 outside hitter from Ateneu in Sao Paulo, and another Brazilian from Sao Paulo, Fernanda Ferreira. Also in the mix is Sonymar Santana, a praised recruit out of Gurabo, Puerto Rico.

Bersano is expected to see plenty of playing minutes this season, and Ferreira and Santana should also see significant time.

Lisa Levings, a standout player from Twin Falls High School who graduated in June, has also made a good impression on Stroud. Levings is working through a knee injury she suffered earlier this summer, but once she is healthy she will be a force,



Golden Eagles middle blocker Stephanie Martin rises to block a Treasure Valley opponent during a match last season.

Stroud said.

"Once Levings gets back she will definitely be one of the top players," he said.

Pocatello High middle blocker Tiffany Bird, and Leah Hollingshead, an outside hitter from Filer that Stroud hopes to mold into a defensive specialist, round out the team.

#### Soup de jour

It seems like every year a player whose game is on a different level enters Stroud's stables.

Two years ago it was de Abreu, with her amazing all-around play and intelligence at the net. Two years before that it was Flavia Gabino, who was named

Volleyball Magazine's Junior College Player of the Year in 1995 and an NJCAA All-American for '96 and '97. And in 1994 it was Paula Araujo, the player that helped start the trend, who earned All-American honors in 1994 and 1995.

This year looks to be no different.

"Karla Bersano is an animal," Stroud said, smiling. "She has a great arm and excellent ball handling skills to go along with her intensity. She should lead this team this year."

But it has been Bersano's consistency that has impressed Stroud the most. She hardly ever makes a mistake on the attack,

and he expects her to be a go-to person on the team.

"Early on, she is going to get a lot of attention," Stroud said. "She reminds me a little bit of Araujo in the way she plays, and she was one of our all time great payers here."

The comparison to Araujo isn't the only one being made about Bersano. Moore and Martin thinks she plays like another Golden Eagle star.

"Karla is going to be the next Fabiana de Abreu," Moore and Martin said in unison. "She is awesome."

That's high praise considering the accolades that de Abreu garnered while she was at CSI, but if

anyone would know what it is like to play with someone that talented, it would be Martin, who spent two seasons sharing the floor with her.

#### Late night snack

Stroud will be able to tell a lot about his team after the first month of play is over. The Golden Eagles open the regular season as hosts of the CSI Invitational Tournament on Aug. 25-26, then hit the road for a grueling month of conference matches that could make or break this young team.

"It's going to be hard," Stroud said. "Hopefully between now and the Utah Valley Tournament (Sept. 29) we will be able to get to the point where we can be pretty tough."

Stroud's players know that turning an abundance of talent into a competitive team will be a difficult task. They also know that doing so is essential if they hope to challenge in Kansas at the NJCAA National Tournament this year.

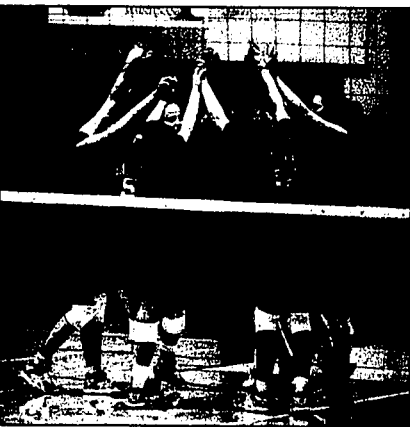
"It's going to be little different," Martin said. "We are a young team, and it is going to take some time, but I think we will be really good once we get the issue of team settled. As individual players, we are all good - and once we all come together, we will be fine."

CSI isn't going to sneak up on anybody - that much is obvious after the success it has sustained for nearly a decade - but there is a different attitude and sense of urgency among the members of this year's team that was missing last season.

And with the added pressure of following up a national championship gone, the players have been able to relax and focus on the season at hand.

"The team is thinking, 'Okay let's do this,'" Martin said. "We have some fighting to do," Moore said. "We didn't defend our championship last year and we have something to prove this year."

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CSI players gather in a group huddle before facing an opponent last season.

## Eagles enjoy some down-home cooking

By Joe Sunnen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Fans attending CSI's volleyball matches may notice several familiar names and faces on the Golden Eagle roster.

The players with Idaho ties will be putting up for coach Ben Stroud this fall, including two Filer graduates, a Kimberly alum and a Bruin from Twin Falls.

"When we started recruiting, we saw these girls as people that could help us," Stroud said. "It wasn't that they were Idaho or anything else. We wanted a team that would be deep and more competitive in practices than last

year." Kimberly has contributed sophomore Kara Erickson. Sophomore Kara Hymas helped guide Filer High School to a Class A-3 state championship in 1997, and freshman Lisa Levings was named an All-Region III first-teamer while at Twin Falls High.

Also on the roster are 2000 Filer grad Leah Hollingshead and Pocatello High product Tiffany Bird. Bird was an early signee and joins the Golden Eagles after starting as a middle blocker for the Indians, while Hollingshead spent the summer working out with the team and earned a spot.

## Travel

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But TVCC's departure may only be the tip of ominous things to come for the SWAC. Rick's College will eventually phase out athletes when it becomes Brigham Young University-Idaho sometime after the upcoming school year.

And Utah Valley State College and Dixie State College have already made known their intent to eventually become four-year schools, leaving the SWAC a six-school conference.

"That's not a good situation," Stroud said. "I don't know what's going to happen with the league, but it's scary."

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### TF native's design stands up to quake

RENO, Nev. - Ever-Level Foundation Systems Inc. of San Rafael, Calif., has developed and tested a foundation system invented, developed and marketed by Twin Falls native Harold L. Stiles.

The foundation system is capable of absorbing and dampening seismic energy, thereby dramatically reducing structural damage, injuries and loss of life during earthquakes, a press release said.

Under the direction of Dr. Saïd Saïdi of the University of Nevada at Reno, the company tested the Base Isolators with a two-story building loaded with 80,000 pounds of lead and concrete on a seismic shaker table at the university. The table duplicated an earthquake of 6.8 intensity on the Richter Scale (equivalent to the Northridge, Calif., earthquake) with no damage to the building or the drywall, the release said.

The Base Isolators consist of an elastomeric pad and a ball-and-socket unit. The system is designed to be incorporated into new buildings; however, it can be retrofitted to existing residences and small structures and foundations for structures housing sensitive instruments. Incorporation of the Base Isolators is less labor intensive, thereby more economical, than traditional concrete slab and concrete stem wall foundations, the release said.

Stiles was born in 1939 to Harold and Elizabeth Stiles. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1957 and Utah State University in 1962 with a degree in civil engineering. He earned his professional engineer's license while working in Boise in 1966. He has traveled the world over the years, and one of the interesting projects he worked on was a ski resort in Japan, which tied in with his passion for skiing that began at Magic Mountain in the South Hills.

### Signup for WorkSmart course ends Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - Change is constant in today's work environment.

With new policies, new management, new laws, downsizing, mergers, layoffs, new equipment, new technologies and new job descriptions, employees often feel stress, frustration and fear, said Diana Pauls of the center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho.

So the center is offering a "WorkSmart: Skills for Lifelong Learning" course to help workers handle transitions in the workplace. Participants will begin by identifying their learning styles and how that affects their reaction to change. They will then practice techniques to apply new knowledge to solve problems and make decisions. They'll develop skills to improve their adaptability and enhance learning styles so change is welcomed, not feared, the center said.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, class scheduled 8:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 29 through Sept. 12. One credit is offered. Cost is \$66.50; financial assistance and scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2690, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

### Tidwell Jenks firm offers property management

TWIN FALLS - Tidwell Jenks Property Management, which started full time in March, is providing professional commercial property management and leasing services to property owners throughout Magic Valley.

Kid Tidwell brings 18-plus years of management experience and brings her expertise as a developer. She is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and a candidate on the State of Idaho Registry for a certificate as a professional property manager. She will be the second professional to be certified in the state, a company press release said.

Kendra Jenks has been the property management business for two years and has a degree in business management/accounting. She also is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and will receive a certificate for property management from the ICSC this fall.

For information, call 733-5203 or 420-3711. All inquiries are confidential, and services are tailored to property owners' needs.

- compiled from staff reports

# The business of fires

## Local companies serve firefighters

By Rachel Denny  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Fire can be good for business. A number of local business people are doing what they can to help the fire effort - and making a little profit.

Whether it's catering or helicopter service or providing shoes and portable toilets, these individuals are not the profiteering sort who exploit natural disasters. Rather, they continue the traditions of good business people.

Since 1962 Steve Soran, co-owner of Depot Grill, has been servicing fire sites. He talks of fire crew members' faces when they realize they are going to have a complete, hot meal after two days of eating granola bars and bannet weenies in a can.

"This year Soran has catered 24 fires and fed crews from Arkansas, Alaska, California, Oregon and Washington, he said.

"This is something we've always done," Soran said. "When we show up with tables and hot meals they are ecstatic. They will get ham, eggs, French toast and more. They are very happy to see us out on the lines."

It isn't all money for some of these businesses that head out to fire sites. Often vehicles end up with flat tires, Soran said.

And sending employees to fire sites creates a stress on his staff, he said.

Other people agree. Many businesses don't charge extra to deliver goods to the sites, which can be hard on a limited staff, said Jim Vickers, owner of Vickers Western Stores.

His staff recently delivered a supply of White's Handmade Boots to a fire site in Malta. It's a specialty boot that is designed for firefighting, and only a few dealers in the West carry the boots, Vickers said.

"They couldn't break off a fire scene and come to Twin Falls to get fitted," Vickers said. "We sent a truck up to them. We didn't charge anything for delivery and didn't mark up the shoes; this is an emergency situation. We will continue to dispatch if necessary."

With specialty items such as the boots, profiteers begin to see dollar signs. One woman from Montana recently called Vickers and told him she wanted to buy every White boot he had.

"She wanted to buy all my shoes and mark them up," Vickers said. "I didn't sell them. If I did I couldn't service my customer."

While fires provide a good boost to some business' profits, they don't always come out even, said Les Reitz, manager of PSI Waste Systems.

"It's a nice plus to business, you can't rely on it though," he said. "You hate to have natural disaster be the bread and butter of the business."

PSI's delivered portable toilets and garbage cans to a number of fires in Nevada,



Depot Grill employee Phil Olsen, right, and the Twin Falls restaurant's co-owner Tim Soran load a van with supplies to send to a fire site.

some south of Oakley and some in Utah. It has gone to 12 fire sites this year, Reitz said.

"It's more costly to do business this way," Reitz said. "We try to factor it in. If you have a good year you're ahead and if you have a bad year you're behind."

While most business people agree fires are good business, they also say they provide a service that not everyone would. Sometimes

they come out on top and sometimes on the bottom, but they've done what they could to help fight the fires.

"These are exceptional times," Vickers said. "It is good business, but I don't know how many people would do what we do."

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## It's easy to blame advisers

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Never forget it: In the stock market, you're on your own. You can blame your broker, your adviser, and the newsletter-writer, but it's your money to lose.

The moans of such investors have become a growing counterpoint to the usual merry music that accompanies a strong market, but it is possible we haven't heard the worst notes yet.

Part of the reason is the volatility; even some of the biggest gainers have had days and weeks when they fell like spent rockets. But only part; many investors have a tendency to defer to others.

This tendency is most marked in the eagerness with which funds are handed over to institutions, particularly mutual funds, with the expectation that the portfolio manager can multiply the amount.

The number and growth of mutual funds is testimony to that habit. From barely a few hundred right after World War II they have grown in number to more than 6,000 and in dollars to \$6 trillion.

Pension funds, which limit the individual's choice of stocks, pour in added billions. And subscribers to a proliferation of newsletters often let the letter-writer dictate their choices.

The advice of others is expensive today, and in the strictest sense of the word it is cheap as well. It is extremely easy to offer advice to others, and costly to those who accept it uncritically.

An example is contained in the July issue of "Better Investing," the monthly magazine of the National Association of Investors Corp.

"I purchased 400 shares at \$13.88 and within two weeks the shares fell to \$3.50. I purchased another 300 at \$3.06 to average out, and the shares fell to \$2."

The writer then states "your analysis was dead wrong," and states "that is why I cannot buy or recommend your service."

The NAIC explained that "we stress the importance of readers always doing their own research and study of a company and coming to their own personal conclusions about its future prospects - rather than relying on the comments and opinions of others."

A hard lesson to learn, yes. And often, a very high tuition rate as well. It is a dilemma to show for it. Still, it's a lesson that potentially thousands, if not millions, may pay the price for.

There's nothing wrong with taking advice; the trouble arises when little effort is made to assimilate the advice into their own store of information.

The investment industry's product is advice, not results. In no other enterprise of man is more advice offered. Much of it is secondhand quality, some exploitive, but sold at boutique prices.

## Exchanges face new electronic competition

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO - Jim Soderberg has seen it all at the Pacific Exchange. Now the question is how well the options trader can see into its future.

He was there shortly after the Pacific Exchange began trading options in 1976, and he was young, brash and determined to do it. He was then the power broker at the exchange totaled up the fledgling option floor's losses and wondered whether to shut it down.

And at nearly 50, he is there

today, at a pivotal time when technology, globalization and impatient investors are forcing financial markets like the Pacific Exchange, New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq to evolve or die.

The 118-year-old Pacific Exchange is undergoing a radical transformation that belies its record trading volumes and revenues. Unlike in Soderberg's early days, the options side of the business now carries the load, while the equities floor has been staggered by reported monthly losses of \$600,000.

The changes have come rapidly

in recent months. In November, the member-owned exchange became the first to declare its intention to become a for-profit entity. On the equities side, the 552 traditional "seats" will be replaced by an unlimited number of far-cheaper trading permits. And in March, the exchange announced it will create a new stock market by merging with 3-year-old Archipelago, one of the upstart all-electronic trading networks, known as ECNs, that have snatched almost one-third of the Nasdaq's trading volume.

One byproduct of that merger is historic - and an omen for

traders like Soderberg. The equities trading floors in San Francisco and Los Angeles are doomed to close. The date of execution is uncertain, but in a few months all trading will be completely computerized. People predicted it would happen way back in the 1980s. But it's like watching a loved one die. You know death is inevitable, yet you still grieve.

"We all knew it was coming," says Soderberg, who has been involved in the exchange's strategic planning for years. "But when it hits, it's like getting hit with a brick. You still feel it."

## Weekly watch

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the past week.	Friday's Close	Previous Friday	Weekly Change	52-week high-low	Annual Yield
ABX - ALBERTSONS	39 7/8	39 1/2	1/4	52 1/2 - 23 1/2	NA
ASCA - AMERISTAR	4 1/2	4 1/8	3/8	7 1/8 - 6 3/8	NA
CB - COBBLE	10 1/8	10 1/8	0	20 1/8 - 10 1/8	4.00%
COST - COSTCO	33 7/8	33 1/2	1/2	50 1/2 - 25 1/2	NA
FZ - FED DEPT STORES	27 1/10	26 3/4	1/4	35 1/2 - 21 1/2	NA
FIRST - FIRST SECURITY	18 5/8	18 1/2	1/4	22 1/2 - 12 1/2	3.75%
HNZ - H. HEINZ	20 5/8	20 1/2	1/4	25 1/2 - 15 1/2	3.75%
HD - HARLEY-DAVIDSON	48 7/8	44 7/8	4	48 1/2 - 22 1/2	2.1%
HME - HOME DEPOT	18 3/8	18 1/4	1/4	19 1/2 - 12 1/2	3.1%
IDA - IDACORP INC.	37 13/16	38 9/10	- 1/4	63 1/2 - 25 1/2	4.02%
JPR - JCP PENNY	18 1/2	17 7/8	3/8	43 1/2 - 12 7/8	7.42%
KEY - KEY CORP	10 7/16	10 1/16	1/4	16 1/2 - 6 1/2	5.78%
KRO - KROGER	7 1/8	7 3/8	- 1/4	14 5/8 - 6 9/16	NA
LR - LABOR READY	4 1/4	4 1/4	0	5 1/2 - 3 1/2	NA
LONGVIEW - LONGVIEW PAPER	11 3/16	12 3/16	- 1/4	17 3/4 - 10 5/8	2.0%
MCD - MCDONALD'S	31 9/16	33 7/16	- 1/4	49 1/2 - 27 1/2	NA
MU - MICRON TECH	80 3/16	78 1/16	1/2	112 1/2 - 27 1/2	NA
MORRISON - MORRISON KNIBBEN	11 7/8	12 1/8	- 1/4	19 1/4 - 8 3/16	10.48%
OMX - OFFICEMAX	4 11/16	4 5/8	1/16	9 - 3 3/4	NA
OPI - PHARMACIA	58	58 3/16	1 13/16	69 17/16 - 32 3/4	8.3%
OWB - OWENS	40 5/16	47 1/2	- 1/4	65 1/2 - 37 5/8	1.84%
RAD - RTE AID	4 3/8	4 3/8	0	22 1/4 - 1 1/8	10.61%
SEARS - SEARS ROEBUCK	31 5/8	31 3/8	1/4	43 1/2 - 25 1/4	2.91%
SKO - SHOPKO	12 3/16	12 3/16	0	23 1/2 - 12 1/4	NA
SKYW - SKYWEST	46 1/2	49 3/16	- 2 1/16	110 - 10 1/8	3.4%
TARGO - TARGET	18 1/2	18 1/2	0	30 1/2 - 10 1/2	8.4%
UNP - UNION PACIFIC	43 1/8	44 3/16	- 1/16	66 1/2 - 24 1/4	1.62%
USB - US BANCORP	20 1/4	20 15/16	1/16	36 1/16 - 14 7/8	4.25%
WAWT - WAWT	28 1/4	28 1/4	0	36 1/2 - 18 1/2	1.62%
WFLB - WASHINGTON FED	16 15/16	16 7/8	1/16	23 1/2 - 14 1/8	6.02%
WFLS - WELLS FARGO	44 1/4	45	- 3/4	49 15/16 - 31 7/16	1.9%
ZION - ZION BANCORP	43 1/8	43 1/8	0	52 1/2 - 21 1/2	NA

Compiled by Rob Weaver, investment representative for the Edward Jones office at 1448 Fillmore St. in Twin Falls.

## Labor market forces new hiring policies

The Associated Press

The tight labor market is prompting U.S.-based businesses to revise hiring policies to the extent that employees convicted of crimes can start few work again, said John A. Challenger, CEO of the firm, which regularly polices its human resource professionals.

Milwaukee-based Production Stamping Corp. is encouraging workers convicted of nonviolent misdemeanors to return to work after serving any jail time, Jeffrey Clark, the company's president, told Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

"Some firms are resorting to policies and practices that would have been unheard of even before a few weeks ago," said John A. Challenger, CEO of the firm, which regularly polices its human resource professionals.

Trans World Airlines Inc., facing stiff competition for airline pilots, dropped its mandate that pilot applicants have a four-year college degree.

# YOUR BUSINESS



Art Frantz and Sherry Olsen-Frank of the Magic Valley Skateboarders Association receive a check for \$2,000 from Lamb Weston employees. Lamb Weston donated proceeds from a lunch by both at Western Days MVSA for Twin Falls' outdoor skate park project. Pictured left to right are Lillian and Lea Roberts for Lamb Weston, Olsen-Frank, Frantz, Florence Gilbert for Lamb Weston, and John Pohlman for Lamb Weston and MVSA.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

■ Candlestick Park, in a restored 1915 home at 736 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls, will host "Art at Candlestick Park" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 9.

The event features products from The Willow Basket, Florals by Sharon and Ruby Candle. Ten percent of all sales will go to the Humane Society.

■ AT&T Cable Services will donate the entire \$495 digital installation fee for every digital hookup from now until Sept. 4 to the Idaho Special Olympics,

to help local Special Olympians get to their games in Alaska this year.

AT&T Cable will cover more than 400 hours of the Olympics on NBC, CNBC and MSNBC (recently launched on channel 60 in Mini-Cassia and to be time-shared on Univision-channel 33 in the Twin Falls area during the Olympics).

AT&T Cable provides cable television service to Twin Falls, Kimberly, Hander, Jerome, Gooding, Wendell and Filer, and cable and high-speed Internet services to Burley, Rupert, Heyburn and Paul.

## Local art instructor opens new center for children

TWIN FALLS - Karen Fothergill said she has opened Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, designed to help children discover art as an outlet for fun and creativity, a record of human history and a reflection of culture.



Fothergill is an Idaho-certified art teacher for kindergarten through 12th grades. Before launching the Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, she held art teaching positions with the College of Southern Idaho College for Kids Summer Art Program, at Twin Falls High School, Gooding-High School, Gooding Accelerated Learning Center and Acorn Learning Center. She also was artist-in-residence for Morningside and Sawtooth elementary schools and led workshops for art parents at Morningside and Bickel elementary schools in Oregon, she facilitated Birth to Three parenting classes and taught a variety of art groups for the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department.

Fothergill said she is co-chairman of Kids Art in the Park, which has helped thousands of Magic Valley children discover the arts since 1992. She is a member of the National Art Education Association, Idaho Art Education Association and Magic Valley Arts Council. Classes at the Creative Arts Center begin the week of Sept. 10 and end June 1. The center encourages parents to enroll chil-

dren in classes for the entire school year. The center follows the holiday and no-school schedule of the Twin Falls School District. A \$5 discount per class will be granted to parents who apply for more than one class for additional family members. All art supplies are included in tuition.

Scheduled classes and the monthly tuition for each class are "Parent and Child Art" for ages 2-3, \$25; "Preschool Art" for ages 4-5, \$32; "Kindergarten Art" for morning or afternoon kindergartners, \$32; and "Art Club" for children in first through sixth grades, \$32.

The Twin Falls Creative Arts Center is at 249 Main Ave. W. For more information, call 737-9111.

## Diversified Martial Arts starts up 'Kicken' Kids

TWIN FALLS - Diversified Martial Arts is introducing a new program for children. "Kicken' Kids" is an afternoon program that starts immediately after school. Participants will be provided with a health snack and some time to "blow off steam" before a period of supervised homework, a press release said. Adults who are child supervision professionals will provide assistance during homework time. A full martial arts class will be included, and the program concludes a period of character education with such topics as "Real Friends don't support anyone's poor behavior, don't keep secrets" or "Actions

## Speak Louder than Words"

Community leaders who specialize in children will lead discussions with the students, Diversified said. Leaders will elaborate on character education through a workbook, "Black Belt Minds," written by Brian Higgins,



Brian Higgins

which contains stories and exercises designed to help children internalize the values they need to be strong leaders in today's culture while building their vocabulary and language skills, the business said. Higgins is the owner of Diversified Martial Arts and a founder, innovator and author of practical martial arts. He contributes to the community with his work at the local detention center, a demonstration program he offers to schools and nearly \$190,000 in scholarships each year. He also is the founder of "In the Zone" self-defense.

For more information, call 733-8910. Diversified Martial

Arts is at 1300 Kimberly Road.

## A.G. Edwards analysts win Wall Street accolades

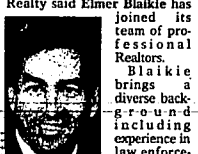
TWIN FALLS - Several of A.G. Edwards' analysts recently received major accolades for their stock-picking abilities.

According to the 2000 "Best on the Street" survey developed by First Call Investment Research and published in the July 25 issue of The Wall Street Journal, 12 A.G. Edwards analysts (none local) earned "Best on the Street" status for their stock-picking skill and/or earnings-estimate accuracy. Five of this year's 12 qualifying analysts have appeared at least twice in the 8-year-old survey - formerly known as the "All-Star Analysts Survey." Since the survey's inception, 36 A.G. Edwards analysts have earned "Best on the Street" status at least once during their careers, with 13 of them appearing two or three times, A.G. Edwards said.

As one of the nation's largest investment firms, A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. and its affiliates encompass more than 6,800 financial consultants in 680 offices, including ones in Ketchum and Twin Falls.

## CAREER MOVES

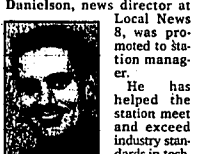
TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Realty said Elmer Blaikie has joined its team of professional Realtors.



Elmer Blaikie

Blaikie brings a diverse background including experience in law enforcement, construction, property acquisition and management and small-business ownership and has served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Idaho State University. He has lived in Twin Falls for the past nine years and is a member of the city's planning and zoning commission. He also is co-owner of Snake River Pendleton. Blaikie speaks Spanish and Filipino in addition to English.

IDAHO FALLS - Mark Danielson, news director at Local News 8, was promoted to station manager.



Mark Danielson

He has helped the station meet and exceed industry standards in technology, including expansion of the station's award-winning website, the station said. He will continue to oversee the news department as well as take responsibility for daily operations of all departments at the television station.

Danielson, an Idaho native, graduated from Twin Falls High School and attended the University of Utah, where he received a bachelor's degree in communications. Over the past 14 years, he worked at broadcast stations including KSL-TV in Salt Lake City, KHQ-TV in Spokane, Wash., and KCRV-TV in Sacramento, Calif. He and his wife, Deborah, returned to Idaho in 1998.

At the same time, Kathy Walden was promoted to assistant station manager. Walden has been with Local News 8 for 10 years. She was born and raised in Idaho and returned to the region from Vancouver, Wash. She received an associate's degree in business from Ricks College and a bachelor's degree in education from Idaho State University.

LEWISTON - Regence BlueShield of Idaho appointed Dave Self vice president of sales and marketing.

Self will be responsible for the Lewiston operation of Regence BlueShield of Idaho's sales and marketing division and will play

a prominent role in the same department at Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah. As a member of The Regence Group's Idaho and Utah management team, he will help develop sales strategies for both states, build the companies' electronic business plan and lead both sales teams.



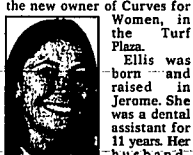
Dave Self

BlueShield of Idaho has an office in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS - The Environmental Care Association's board recently appointed Chad Heider of Kimberly Nurseries as vice president of the organization.

As vice president, Heider will assume the duty as convention chairman of the upcoming annual conference and trade show to be held Dec. 6-7 in Twin Falls. The ECA serves lawn, pest, tree and shrub companies that benefit humans' environment by controlling insects, plant disease, weeds and rodents in Idaho.

TWIN FALLS - Sherri Ellis is the new owner of Curves for Women, in the Turf Plaza.



Sherri Ellis

Ellis was born and raised in Jerome. She was a dental assistant for Kimberly Nurseries. Her husband, Rob, is an agent for Farm Bureau Insurance. They have two children.

Curves is a women-only facility that provides a 30-minute workout specializing in cardiovascular and strength training.

For a tour, consultation and figure analysis, call 734-7300.

TWIN FALLS - Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Laura Zuber of Jensen Ringmakers and Yessica Tover of Jensen Management from its Certified Professional Jeweler program.

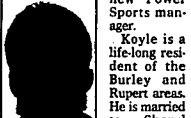
The two completed the 11-week course and received certification. The course involves training in all procedures of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, gemstone stones, watches and all facets of jewelry making.

TWIN FALLS - Janine Newkirk achieved board certification as a specialist in renal nutrition.

To become board certified by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, the credentialing agency for The American Dietetic Association, a registered dietitian must meet specialty

practice requirements and pass a nationally administered examination. Board-certified specialists in renal nutrition work with adults and/or children with acute or chronic renal failure, under treatment by kidney transplantation, dialysis or other modalities in a variety of settings.

BURLEY - Pinetree Sports announced Darrell Koyle is the new manager.

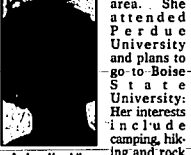


Darrell Koyle

Koyle is a life-long resident of the Burley and Rupert areas. He is married to Sheryl Koyle, and they have four children. He has previous sales experience as the assistant manager of Roper's in Rupert and management skills as plant supervisor at Max Herbold Inc. He is an avid sportsman, enjoying golf, horses, watercraft sports and snowmobiling.

Pinetree also announced these new employees:

• Andrea Hamblin was born and raised in Indiana and is fairly new to the area. She attended Purdue University and plans to go to Boise State University. Her interests include camping, hiking and rock climbing. She is also an open-water scuba diver and has experience with water sports equipment.



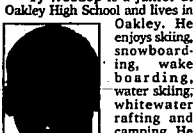
Andrea Hamblin

Heath Kincaid is a native of Rupert and a senior at Minico High School. He enjoys outdoor sports, particularly snowboarding, and has a growing knowledge of snowboarding, the product of a dedicated and related gear.

• Nate Evans is a 1997 graduate of Burley High School and a recent graduate of Ricks College in business. He is preparing to attend the Marriott School of Business at Brigham Young University. He enjoys snowboarding, camping, mountain biking and water skiing. With years of experience water

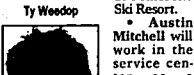
skiing, he is knowledgeable in water sports and their gear.

• Ty Weedop is a junior at Oakley High School and lives in Oakley. He enjoys skiing, snowmobiling, wake boarding, water skiing, whitewater rafting and camping. He has been a ski instructor at Pomerelle Ski Resort.



Ty Weedop

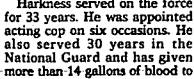
Austin Mitchell will work in the service center as a mechanic assistant. His hobbies include snowboarding, wake boarding, mountain biking and martial arts.



Austin Mitchell

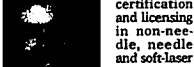
BURLEY - Police Sgt. Kirby Harkness retired from the Cassia County Police July 19. A retirement party in his honor was held July 22. He received a plaque and his gun to commemorate the occasion.

Harkness served on the force for 33 years. He was appointed acting cop on six occasions. He also served 30 years in the National Guard and has given more than 14 gallons of blood to the Red Cross.



Kirby Harkness

RUPERT - Rupert chiropractor Dr. Troy Crane recently completed extensive training to achieve certification and licensing in non-needle, needle and soft-laser acupuncture. Crane completed a 100-hour, seven-week-end course and a four-hour exam to achieve certification.



Troy Crane

If the energy flowing through the body's organs gets too high or too low, decreased health in the body results, Crane said. Acupuncture, he said, stimulates energy points to rebalance the body's energy. Energy in each major organ is painlessly tested by using a diagnostic testing device called an EMU Unit, he said.

Crane welcomes questions and can be reached at 436-9015. Cost of an EMU test and consultation is \$25.

Crane also welcomes the opportunity to speak for no charge at safety meetings, civic groups, church meetings, athletic functions, classrooms and staff meetings about having and maintaining optimum health. He has a list of 28 general topics he can discuss.

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# MV LeTips meets on Thursdays

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley LeTips group met for its first business mixer at the Blue Lakes Country Club-Bass Lake.

LeTips is a professional leads organization founded to help network businesses in an effort to promote their products and services. Every Thursday at 7 a.m. its members and guests meet at Elmer's Pancake and Steak House in a friendly but structured setting for the exchange of referrals, a press release said.

The group said it is committed to the highest ethical standards in the conduct of members' businesses. For membership information, contact Todd McQueen at 734-5677.

Another Twin Falls chapter is part of the same national group.



Magic Valley LeTips members in the front row, from left to right, are Jeff Bluck (Western Real Estate Group), Mike Preece (GNAC Mortgage), Bob Parton (Twin Falls Sign Co.), Laura Drake (McDonald Insu/Serv), LaRae Warren (Northwest Network Services), Len Chossamer (Cedar Creek Communications-Nextel), Todd McQueen (Team America) and Darin Teeter (Raymond James Financial Services). In the back row are Scott Martin (Twin Falls Title & Escrow), Elmer Burnham (Blacker Appliance & Furniture), Scott Standley (Obenchain Insurance), Doug Lincoln (Van Engelen CPA & Co.) and Tony Tucker (KMR Fabric Products). Darla Brownfield (Argo Co.), Sherry Morrill (Creative Eye) and Debra Hagley (First Security Bank) are not pictured.

# CSI offers classes in Mini-Cassia

The Times-News

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Enrichment Program is offering several classes for business employees to update or learn skills that will help them in their current workplace or in re-entering the workplace. Class sizes are limited, and early registration recommended.

A professional resume writing workshop is set for 5 to 9 p.m. Sept. 12. It includes interviewing techniques, how to post the finished resume online and surfing the Internet for employment. The instructor is Karen Edwards. Cost is \$20.

An injury prevention series features modules of specialized training developed by the American Red Cross to meet the needs of employees, employers and Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations. Each class is a one-hour training segment taught by an American Red Cross certified instructor. The four-course series includes back-injury prevention;

ergonomics; slips, trips and falls; and work-place-violence-awareness. The cost is \$35 for the series or \$10 for any class. Participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. Classes will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 11 through 14.

Preventing disease transmission is a two-hour training module for employers and employees or individuals that may be exposed to blood or other body fluids that could cause infection. This course may help businesses comply with OSHA regulations. The fee is \$20, which includes the text. Class is planned for 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 23. The instructor is American Red Cross certified.

Introduction to Windows will increase workers' understanding of the Windows operating system. Students will learn to set up

programs, create and manage files, customize windows, change desktop displays and discover shortcuts. Cost is \$30. Class will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 18 through Oct. 30. The instructor will be Pam Teeter.

In Microsoft Windows 2000, students who can't decide if they want to brave the new Microsoft upgrade can learn about program advances before they upgrade their home computers or pick up tips and tricks to use on their new system with the latest edition of Windows. Cost is \$40. Class will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 19 through Oct. 10. Lamont Turner is the instructor.

For more information or to register, call CSI's Mini-Cassia outreach office at 678-1400.

# Most farms pay over \$5.15, need workers

TWIN FALLS - Including farm laborers in Idaho's minimum wage law is a fair and reasonable request, says one advocate.

Most farmers pay more than the current minimum of \$5.15 per hour, but Adan Ramirez, chairman of the Idaho Community Action Network, says the law would protect workers from other farmers who don't.

But many in the ag industry say there is no need for more legislation. The more powerful law supply and demand works better than more government bureaucracy.

The real issue is finding enough workers to fill the jobs in Magic Valley's farming industry. Most employers in the local farm economy find themselves paying considerably more than \$5.15 per hour for seasonal and year-round laborers.

"For the worker who is willing to work, the wages are generally running \$7.50 to \$12 an hour," says Ag-Mart president Mike Yohe of Twin Falls. Ag-Mart specializes in supplying a workforce for dairies from Idaho to the Pacific Ocean.

Retired custom-farmer Les Jones of Filer said the constant aggravation of not being able to find and keep good help contributed to his liquidation earlier this summer, even though he had been paying higher wages for years.

"I don't know a single soul who doesn't pay way over minimum wage," he said. "Farmers just have to pay more or they wouldn't have any workers at all."

Even Ramirez said most farmers pay over \$5.15 per hour.

"What I want farmers to understand is that we know how they are struggling," he said. "Eighty to 90 percent of the farmers no doubt pay over \$8 an hour, but what about those farmers who cheat the workers?"

## Nutrient management plans face animal producers

BUHL - Livestock operations



Adan Ramirez is committed to protecting farm workers, and he says one way to do this is to include them in Idaho's minimum wage law. As chairman of the Idaho Community Action Network, he travels around the state and is currently on his way to Washington D.C., to tell about some workers who only get \$2-3 an hour.

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

are in the spotlight now for developing nutrient management plans, but crop producers need to be prepared.

"Animal agriculture is the first step in nutrient management," Mike Mitchell, an agricultural engineer with the Idaho Department of Agriculture, "but crop production is coming too."

In short, a nutrient management plan lays out how much manure or compost in combination with commercial fertilizer can be applied to a field given soil testing results and crop use. Phosphorus is the limiting nutrient when developing these plans.

While the nutrient management rules were written to prevent livestock operations from applying large amounts of manure to fields and raising phosphate or nitrate levels in the soil; other farmers are seeing benefit from voluntarily adopting the rules.

## Magic Valley grain harvest proceeds on schedule

TWIN FALLS - Though combines started opening up grain fields about a week earlier this season, they are winding down about on schedule.

Grain yields and quality from sprinkler irrigated fields are at or above average, despite concerns that the hot, dry and windy growing season would harm crop development. Grain from furrow irrigated or dryland is lower in yield and quality.

Bruce Waag, area manager for Coors Brewing Co., said harvest is about half done in the Wood River Valley and approaching 90 percent complete in the

Magic Valley.

"We're very pleased with the crop," Waag said from his Burley office. Kernels are plumper than last year and the protein percent is above average.

Statewide, he expects barley yields to be slightly above average. A combination of weather and increased malting barley acreage led to a couple of days with long lines at the elevators.

Coors Brewing Company increased acreage in southern Idaho by 15 to 20 percent this spring. Hot weather all season pushed the crop to mature all at once, instead of coming off in stages as it usually does.

## Potato farmer tests new soil moisture technology

AMERICAN FALLS - Technology is helping take the guesswork out of irrigating.

By combining technology that's become common - from cell phones to the Internet - a Pocatello-based company has developed a system to convert continuous soil moisture data into information that farmers can use for irrigation scheduling.

American Falls farmer Lyle Michaelson allowed the system to be tested in one of his potato fields. The 140-acre field is irrigated by a center pivot sprinkler system.

This is the first year he's used soil sensors to monitor soil moisture, and he can see time savings already.

With potato harvest a few months off, Michaelson doesn't know yet whether the system has benefited his crop, but he is excited about the possibility of the technology offers.

Having access to the amount of soil moisture available to the crop plus projected crop water use in combination with the remote sensing capabilities of today's pivots has promise.

"It's pretty exciting," he said. "We're all trying to do a better job and trying to do it as cheap as we can."

# How to gain independence from junk mail

The Associated Press

A Takoma Park, Md.-based nonprofit organization is asking Americans to seek a new type of infomercial - freedom from junk mail.

The Center for the New American Dream, which pro-

poses "responsible consumption," has posted on its Website (www.newdream.org/junkmail) a simple form that people can use to remove their names from the mailing lists of banks, credit card companies and many direct mail companies.

The nonprofit group says hav-

ing one's name taken off these lists typically takes 90 days, meaning those who declare "independence" in July can be spared unwanted solicitations during this year's holiday shopping season.

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# No-money-down mortgages pick up speed

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — This summer, Steven and Linda Redmond finally found the home for which they've been searching more than five years.

Surprisingly, though, the spacious, 105-year-old, three-story Victorian house in midtown Kansas City was only the second-most-remarkable discovery in their search, the Redmonds say.

What tops it is the financing package that allowed the Redmonds and their three children to move within blocks of their church and their workplace with no money down, no mortgage insurance, a below-average interest rate and an additional opportunity — which they took — to knock an additional \$16,000 off their total borrowing costs.

Redmond — a church leader whose religious title is Father Deacon Michael Redmond — estimates that his family's housing costs are going to be about \$150 a month from what they paid at the apartment complex in Kansas City where they previously lived. Commuting costs also will be slashed.

"It is amazing," he said. "The Redmonds will plow some of those savings back into their home, along with love and sweat equity as they continue some refurbishing begun by the previous owners. They call it a good investment."

"Before, our life was in the city, but we weren't," Linda Redmond said.

Without realizing it, the Redmonds became part of what appears to be a rapidly emerging trend in U.S. home buying — the low (or no) down payment mortgage.

Researchers at Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies estimate that three in 10 home buyers last year moved into their new digs with a down payment of less than 10 percent of their home's value. About half of those put down 5 percent or less. That works out to less than the cost of a late-model used car for a home in the low-\$130,000 range, the national median.

The Redmonds were able to get especially good terms because they qualified both for a Kansas City plan to help its low-income neighborhoods and a new similar

## Housing affordability

Home prices and mortgage rates increased in the last two decades. But generally, the cost of buying dropped as our incomes rose. Home price is U.S. median, adjusted for inflation.

Year	Home price	Mortgage rate	Mortgage payment	(as a percentage of income after taxes)
1980	\$116,197	12.00%	\$1,132	28.1%
1985	\$111,018	11.17%	\$964	22.5%
1990	\$121,791	8.74%	\$840	22.6%
1995	\$116,545	7.69%	\$760	18.9%
1999	\$121,907	7.14%	\$738	17.6%

SOURCE: Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies

## Mortgages are easier to swing these days

■ Down payments have dropped to 3 percent, from the traditional 10 percent or 20 percent, for qualified borrowers; some plans allow the borrower to use government bond money, gifts from relatives or even a second mortgage to cut up-front costs.

■ Interest rates increasingly are tied to credit history; a poor credit record won't kill a mortgage request, but the borrower generally needs an above-average record to qualify for the lowest rates.

■ Lending guidelines are more flexible; some plans allow qualified borrowers to use as much as 33 percent of their monthly income for housing costs, instead of the standard 28 percent.

SOURCE: Fannie Mae, Kansas City area lenders. THE KANSAS CITY STAR

program that their lender, Capitol Federal Savings, offers on both sides of the Missouri-Kansas line.

Lenders are seeing growing numbers of nontraditional buyers who previously weren't much in the home-buying market, reports Joe Birch, a branch manager and underwriter with Countrywide Home Loans in Lee's Summit, Mo.

"We're getting more young adults, more single adults, more women, more of just about everyone except maybe young single men," Birch said.

Figuring why is not difficult, he continued.

"Basically, you don't need money anymore to buy a house," Birch said. "If your credit's good enough, we can put you in a house with no money down and no closing costs. We'll finance them by lending 103 percent of the home's price."

Such changes may seem startling to anyone who hasn't shopped mortgages for a while, said William H. Brown, Kansas City Partnership Office director for Fannie Mae, the nation's largest source of mortgage funds for retail lenders.

Get used to them, he suggests. "Competition and technology are completely transforming the

industry," Brown said.

Even for relatively conservative loans that conform to Fannie Mae standards, down payment requirements have dropped to as little as 3 percent of a home's price from a traditional 10 percent or 20 percent. They even go to zero in special circumstances, such as when local governments or other fund sources pony up additional help.

And with Internet access and the right software, lenders — and their competitors — now can glean within minutes or hours the same information that once took weeks to gather and digest, Brown said.

Other changes also are becoming evident, he said. Lenders increasingly tolerate more credit-card and other debt than they once did. Many, however, also check credit records far

more closely than before, usually to see whether applicants normally make payments on time. That information often determines whether applicants will get the mortgage they seek, and what interest rates they pay. The best deals go to applicants with the best repayment records.

"In the end, affordability and the size of the monthly payments that are required become what determine whether a loan is made," Brown said.

Affordability and the size of required monthly payments aren't always easy to calculate, however.

For example, making the largest down payment possible remains one of the simplest, most effective ways to keep monthly payments low. That is because, traditionally, lenders haven't lent more than 80 percent of a home's value, and buyers with down payments of less than 20 percent have been required to buy pricey private mortgage insurance, generically known as PMI, to make up the difference.

Harvard's Joint Housing Studies center researchers calculate that a buyer flush enough to make a \$26,600 or 20 percent down payment on a \$133,300 home would pay \$762 a month on an 8 percent traditional 30-year-fixed rate mortgage.

A different buyer, with only 10 percent, or \$13,300, to put down, would pay about \$898 a month, while a third, with only \$399 saved for a 3 percent down payment, would pay \$984.

But what if buyers didn't have to pay for private mortgage insurance? Some don't.

The Redmonds in Kansas City, for example, found that because they wanted to move to a low-income neighborhood, they qualified for one of many down payment assistance programs in which a third party in effect provides loan protection for the lenders.

Basically, the most valuable thing a cash-strapped home buyer can show a lender is a rock-solid record of paying debts on time, Birch said. An occasional lapse is OK, particularly if it happened long ago or related to special circumstances that are unlikely to recur, Birch said.

"We can forgive stupid; we can't forgive late," he said.

Exact guidelines vary, but most lenders require that applicants achieve higher than average credit evaluations to qualify for the very best no-down deals.

"Fundamentally, there is only one way to raise your score if you are worried about what your records show, Birch continued.

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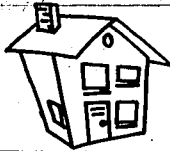
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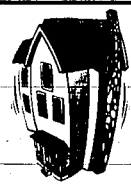
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Sunday, Aug. 20, 2000

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:

If partner opens one diamond, what should I respond, one spade or two clubs, with Q-J-Q-10-8, 10-7, Q-Q-9, K-Q-J-8-4?

Major's Print, Carrol, Calif.

ANSWER:

In standard methods, when responder has invitational or better values, he should bid his longer suit first. When holding less strength (nine or less), it's best to bid the four-card major.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Partner opens one no-trump (15-17 HCP), and next hand overalls two hearts. Can I double to ask for spades, or do I have to cue-bid three hearts?

No Solution, Helena, Ark.

ANSWER:

Those who play negative doubles after a no-trump opening have been overcalled can double to solve the problem. If partner bids spades, they can offer an invitational raise. Those who do not must choose between two no-trumps and three hearts. Both have defects, but three hearts seems better. If partner doesn't have a spade suit, maybe he is strong enough to make three no-trump.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Playing Jacoby transfers. I opened one no-trump and partner responded two hearts as a transfer to spades. I complied and bid two spades with 4-5-3, A-K-5-2, Q-10-3, A-K-9. Partner then bid three diamonds, and I marked time with three hearts. When partner jumped to five spades, how should I have interpreted his bid?

Big Mix-Up, Bellevue, Wash.

ANSWER: Whenever three suits have been bid, a jump to five in the agreed trump suit (by inference) asks for control in the unbid suit. With your holding, a six-club cue-bid would have been correct. Do not worry about spades — partner has plenty of those.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Partner opens one heart, and I hold 4-3-7-4, A-Q-10-8-5, 10-5, 6-7-2. How many hearts is my hand worth?

Trump Floor, Memphis, Tenn.

ANSWER: Three and four hearts are gross overbids. There is not enough distribution for a leap to four, and there is not enough strength for a jump to three. Since you pass is one of the question, only a single raise to two hearts remains.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

At IMPs, partner opens one diamond and next hand overalls two clubs. I pass with Q-7-2, 10-7-5-3, J-K-Q-2, N.Y. LHO also passes and partner doubles. I bid two hearts, LHO raises to three clubs, and partner bid three hearts. Was I worth a push to game? We were vulnerable; opponents weren't.

Seventh-Inning Stretch, Easley, S.C.

ANSWER: At IMPs, vulnerable, the stretch to game offers reasonable odds and you should bid it. Since you have promised nothing by your prior bidding and partner has pushed to three, you should promote the five-card suit, the singleton and the spade queen. The club king might even be worth a trick.

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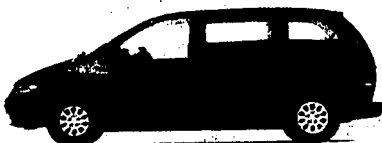
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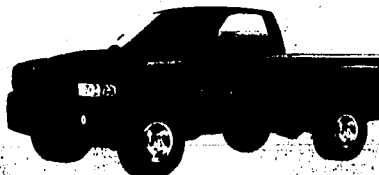
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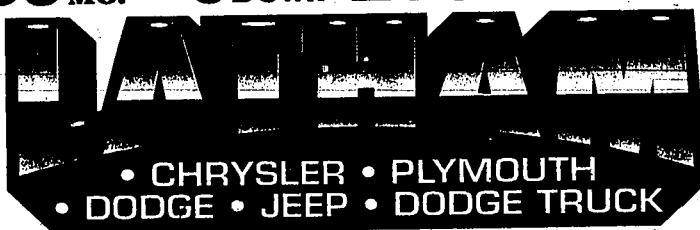
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## The summer of the grand old game

I'd never been to a state baseball tournament before, so I didn't know what to expect. My son's team of 14-year-olds earned the right to go to summer at a district tournament, but this would be big—or at least bigger—time.

Before we left, I found myself thinking back to the early days of sports in our family. When tiny players would yell, "Look, Mom, there's the ice cream truck!" and run off the field in the middle of an inning.

During his off-time from helping coach our son, my younger-then husband would play church league softball. And that was a whole 'nother ball game.

In church league, you can have a team member who lettered in four sports playing alongside a kid who never made a team anywhere else. You also have a bunch of people trying to play ball and pretend they don't know how to cuss at the same time.



And no one ever yells, "Kill the umpire!" There's a commandment against that.

One year (during a mental lapse, according to my baseball friends), my son decided to play soccer instead of baseball. Like most parents of my generation, I was raised on baseball and am soccer illiterate. I never even mastered the basics of soccer—like why they tell you to buy your kid shin guards and then tell the kid to hit the ball with his head.

And soccer moves so fast, which makes baseball-look nice and sensible in comparison. I mean, at a baseball game, you can get a hot dog and even wander around the stadium for a while and the next pitcher will still be warming up.

Lucky for me, my son returned to baseball, and I settled in to become a Baseball Mom.

Since then, I have learned more than I ever wanted to know about ace bags and Ace bandages—and when I hear someone say the word "bunt," I never even think of a cake pan.

I've also learned to talk like a Baseball Mom. So you'll never catch me saying winner stuff like, "Maybe that was a strike, even though my son didn't swing at it." Or, "My son looked safe at second, but I think we should just believe the umpire."

I guess I was ready for my first state tournament. I kept a neck umbrella by day and blankets by night—and I was prepared for my son's team to come up with a good luck plan.

I remembered the season when they all wanted to dye their hair before a local tournament. I waited in fear and trembling to see what they would do for state. I shouldn't have worried. The kids ended up deciding not to shave until after the tournament was over, and since they are only 14, no one even noticed.

The state tournament was in Moscow, and I had never been there before. On the way, we met up with lots of road construction, and the radio stations met up with more interference than I'd seen all year on the ball field. Amid the static, one DJ announced he was playing "the best music in the mountains," and one of the kids said, "That's the sad part. That IS the best music in the mountains."

Somewhere past McCall, the signs on the businesses started to get interesting: "Heaven's Gate Outfitters—and Taxidermy." And, "Do it in a dory."

We were at the tournament for five days, until our son and I gave our hand platted long hair a little give us checked for it. But we were there because we kept winning.

The success was great, but my strongest tournament memories are behind-the-scenes stuff: The banner we worked all night to make.

The kid walking down the motel hallway, alone with his eyes closed, singing, "A double and triple for me today, a double and triple for me."

The vans filled with boys en route to a game passing by a University of Idaho cheerleader camp and a topless sunbather in a park. ("No, we won't drive by the park again!")

The gracious parents from teams like Idaho Falls and Rupert, who hugged us and told us to win it for them after they had lost. It was a good baseball summer.



Jamie Shetter, right, is in charge of giving tours and explaining college life to incoming freshmen at the College of Southern Idaho. Shetter gives practical advice to first-time college students like Julie Willis on the ins and outs of college life.

# How to survive college

### It's a new world for freshman; Parents can make the transition easier

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

#### Survival tips -E2

TWIN FALLS - Now is the summer of our discontent.

Between now and Labor Day, something on the order of 8,000 freshly minted Idaho high school graduates will leave home—defined loosely as traveling more than 100 miles from home—to start college.

"It can be stressful, no doubt," said Mary Lu Freano, who's in charge of orienting new students at the University of Idaho in Moscow. "Hard on the students and hard on their parents."

Although distance learning has had an impact, the vast

majority of new Idaho college students still get their education on the campuses of one of the state's six four-year schools and three junior colleges. For many, it's another world.

"At home you have structure; here you're making your own decisions," said Elie McKinnon, tutorial program coordinator at Boise State University's Gateway Center. "Nobody's making you go to class or do your homework, and that comes as a shock to some students."

And on their parents, "Separation anxiety works

both ways," McKinnon said. "But with e-mail and telephones, it can be less traumatic."

McKinnon and Freano agree that parents can best prepare college students to be by encouraging them to make their own decisions and to take ownership of their own education.

But Mom and Dad should expect some anguished phone calls. "It typically comes at midterm time or when the first term paper is due," Freano said. "That's when many students discover that college isn't the same as high school."

"A lot of students get discouraged when they discover

that just because they did well in high school, college is going to be a bigger challenge academically."

To that end, both BSU and the U of I have intensive on-campus tutoring and student counseling programs designed to teach study skills and head off transitional problems.

"Our goal is to make students confident that they can overcome challenges if they're willing to put in the effort," McKinnon said.

It's also important, she added, to give them a sense of community.

"They have to learn that here in Boise, they're part of a community within a community," she said. "The faster they learn that, the easier they

adjust."

"That's why we have a bias here for students living on campus during their freshman year," Freano said. "Here, they have a support system."

Both Freano and McKinnon say there's no foolproof system for making the transition to college. Some kids won't fit in, and will go home.

"But our goal is to make the students feel comfortable with their decision to come here," Freano said. "So that when their parents drive away from campus, they're glad they're staying."

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## Colleges strive to help newcomers adjust to campus life

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ryan Broyles of Troy, Mo., remembers being intimidated when he arrived as a freshman at Rockhurst University two years ago.

"It was just me and my stuff; there was nobody else here from Troy," he said. "I didn't know a soul."

Every fall, thousands of college freshmen around the country are dropped suddenly into a different place with new people, new expectations and new social activities.

Now many colleges, including Rockhurst, where Broyles will be a mentor to freshmen this fall, are doing more than ever to try to ease these teen-agers' transition from home to college campus.

College leaders around the country are realizing it's not enough to just give young people a campus tour and some fun days of orientation games, concerts and information fairs.

They're figuring out that some teens do better when they get help adjusting, rather than just being left on their own to sort out how they fit in.

So at many colleges, administrators have extended and expanded the old freshman standby, "orientation." They've added mentoring programs, freshman-only courses and dorms, and "first-year experience" programs that get freshmen out into a college's city or bike tours, service days and music nights.

College leaders hope that paying more attention to freshmen will help prevent the problems—

from excessive drinking and neglected schoolwork to extreme shyness and homesickness—that sometimes make freshmen call it quits before the year is out.

Freshmen deserve special attention, said Kathy Nasteff, director of first-year experience at William Jewell College. The Liberty school offers a freshman mentoring program, freshman housing, a survival guide and a special course for freshmen called "The Responsible Self."

"Everything that could possibly change in their lives changes. The rooms they're in often are smaller than their walk-in closets at home, and they're sharing it with someone," she said, only half-joking.

"They're homesick. The academic program is tougher than they're used to. And, sometimes,

there's too much partying. So we try to intervene. Not handholding, but getting them help when they need it."

At Rockhurst for the first time this year, 35 juniors and seniors, including Broyles, will be social mentors to small groups of freshmen.

Broyles, 20, already has called the students he'll be working with. He told them about the new "RU Social Crew" mentoring program, and that if they have questions, he will get the answers.

So when the teens arrive next week at the Rockhurst campus, 53rd Street and Troost Avenue, for the fall semester, they'll already know at least one person, someone committed to smoothing their adjustment to college life.

But the help won't end when

classes start.

Up through the Thanksgiving break, Broyles and the other mentors will meet with their groups and take them to campus activities and Kansas City area events.

The program has several aims: to help younger students meet more people and become familiar with the city and the school, and to give them social alternatives to liquor-fueled parties.

"The party is going up so much. What are you played to drink? If you don't drink alcohol, Broyles said, "Kool-Aid and ice water? Freshmen have to adjust to that. The social mentoring program really targets the population that is trying to find friends without compromising. You don't have to drink, or sit in

classes.

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## Planetarium can be good family event

TWIN FALLS - The Faulkner Planetarium will present a show choreographed to "Pink Floyd The Wall," 8:15 p.m. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and children and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children under 4 are not admitted. The Faulkner Planetarium is located in the Herrett Center for Arts on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. The show continues on Tuesday through Saturday nights throughout the summer.

The Search for Life in the Universe will play Tuesdays through Saturdays at 7 p.m. throughout the summer. "How to Build a Planet" Tuesdays through Saturdays at 4 p.m., and "Larry Cat in Space" on Saturdays only at 2 p.m.

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

## How to be a good friend when someone dies

Clark Williams always sat on the 49-year line, 12 rows up at the University of Nebraska games. When he died of heart failure, Sarah Williams, his daughter, couldn't believe what someone asked her.

"I'm sorry about your dad. By the way, what are you girls going to do with those football tickets?"

Coping with death is never easy. And it always seems to come at the wrong time. "Don't Ask For the Dead Man's Golf Clubs: Advice for Friends When Someone Dies," by Littleton, Colo., author Lynn Kelly, is a 101-page do's and don'ts guide for people seeking ways to comfort a grieving friend.

Kelly held in-depth interviews with families—including the Williams—throughout the United States and Canada, who had lost brothers, husbands, wives, children, sisters, grandmothers and mothers. The people interviewed suffered every kind of loss, from murder to AIDS to suicide to stillbirth.

## Etc...

Kelly herself was widowed at 34, left with three young children. Since then, she has lost her father and other family members.

The book contains four sections: what to do now, what to do over time; what not to do and a section on suicide, stillbirth and miscarriage.

Among her suggestions:

- Go to the home for a visit, even if you only stop by for a minute or two.
- Be honest. Don't go overboard.
- Be genuine. If you don't know what to say, don't be afraid to say so.
- Respect your friend's need for privacy.
- Send a card, note or letter with a

handwritten note expressing your sorrow.

Share your fond memories of the person who died.

Among the things not to do:

- Don't judge the way they grieve.
- Don't assume they think it's for the best.
- Don't say "I know how you feel" no matter what your experience has been.
- Don't imply that the person who died deserved to die.
- Don't ask for things that belonged to the person who passed away.
- Don't make parallels with animals—a dog's death and a person's death shouldn't be compared.
- Don't Ask for the Dead Man's Golf Clubs: Advice for Friends When Someone Dies is available in book stores and at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). For more information, call (888) 401-6602.
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## A SITE IN THE KEY OF "COOL"

Turn up the volume on your next Net surf with a visit to The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Tap out a cool little melody on your computer keyboard to join the jam session at <http://www.rockandroll.com>. The online Hall of Fame has more amazing rock stuff than you can imagine. Find out about the lives and music of all the famous rockers, from Elvis to the Beach Boys, the Clash to Queen Latifah. Rocket back to the '50s for the roots of rock and roll, and check out the rhyming and styles that made hip-hop what it is today. Hey, what's a rock and roll museum without music? There's a great virtual jukebox that will have you "togglin'" to some of the most important and fun music of our time. Click on "Community" to flip through the great photo album of all the celebrities who have visited the Hall of Fame. Then be sure to sign up as a cyber "fossil" to get updates from the Hall of Fame. Keep your finger on the pulse of rock music.

## AskAmy@4Kids.org

Dear Amy: Do famous people really talk on the Internet for live events?—*Jana, Seattle*  
Dear Jana: Just as they appear on television, celebrities also appear on radio stations and offices and in audio companies where live Web casts deliver their words to a live audience. Sometimes they just talk in a chat room, but many live Web casts are streaming video technology. That makes it more like a television interview, except that it shows up on a computer screen.  
Many important interviews with famous people happen all the time, but we don't usually hear about most of them because news is local to a region. The Internet has an advantage over television in that it can carry local news throughout the world. That's one of the reasons Internet Web casts are becoming so popular.  
At [www.4kids.org](http://www.4kids.org) we are very interested in new technology and how it can help educate and entertain kids. We will link to a live Web event when a Congressman Dennis Moore of Kansas and astronaut Steve Hawley will visit with 200 to 300 fifth graders on the morning of Sept. 1, 2000. If you are interested in how Web events work, check out the "Webcast" link at our Web site: <http://www.4kids.org> on Sept. 1. You may even be able to ask a question from online.  
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## Girls and soccer: Mia's gotcha covered

Is soccer your sport? Looking for some great tips? Look no farther than your computer screen!

At Elaine's Mia Hamm Web Page, you can find pictures of Mia Hamm, soccer e-cards, soccer tips to help you win your games, and you can even see what some of the Team USA players' autographs look like. If you don't play soccer, you are interested in learning more about Mia Hamm, they have articles all over this web site about her.



Online Nicole Ridgeway

Today's site is very week, 4Kids

Online explores Websites geared toward youngsters. This week's site is Elaine's Mia Hamm Web Page at <http://www.gocolor.com/2/classroom/Pr550/6343>

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# 'Replacements' contains good, bad for kids

Orange County Registrar

**"The Replacements" (PG-13)**—Odyssey Theater of Twin Falls, Century Cinema of Burley, Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.

Best for: Mature older teens to adults.  
What it's about: When a football player's strike keeps the pros from playing, a team owner (Jack Warden) orders his coach (Gene Hackman) to recruit the best he can find to play until the strike ends. The team of replacements, led by Shane (Keanu Reeves), a quarterback with heart, becomes pretty decent. The real test of what the team can do with their skill and talent shines through. Orlando Jones, an offensive end, and Brooke Langton, who plays Reeve's cheerleading girlfriend, co-star.

The good: The many scenes of wannabe pro athletes learning to play football within the league's boundaries are funny and entertaining. Reeves plays the quiet hero who's trying to prove to himself, his girlfriend and fans that he's not a quitter and can take the team to victory if given a chance. It's the quirky personalities and bizarre on- and off-the-field moments that make this story funny and entertaining.

The not-so-good: What ruins this movie for discerning adults and many parents who would let their children and young teens see it, is the sideshow of porno cheerleaders. The weak side plot has Langton recruiting the team's cheerleaders, and at first all that apply are the homeli-

## Family flicks

est, most uncoordinated weirdoes we've ever seen. So naturally a couple of beautiful airhead exotic dancers show up who recruit their friends from the club. This subplot then becomes a soft-porn show. Shot after shot of these women seductively dancing and licking each other soon kills the comedic novelty of the situation. This PG-13 movie could have been inspirational for younger audiences, but it's ruined by the adult soft porn and smut. The director could have achieved the same comedic effect and delivered the same plot with implied shots that weren't so seductive.

Offensive language: It's a movie about football and tough men—yes, there's lots of foul language.  
Sex: No nudity or sexual situations. One scene shows Reeves kissing Langton, but nothing else is shown.

Violence: Testosterone on and off the field with men getting punched, hit, kicked on and tackled for no reason. Guns are waved around a couple of times, but it's relevant to the story.

Parental advisory: A great message about a group of underdogs overcoming the odds and achieving their dreams. Unfortunately, that message is overshadowed by a crude soft-porn sideshow that sends a completely different message that's unacceptable for chil-

## PARENTS

Movie title/MPAA rating	Language	Violence	Drug use	Nudity
Bless the Child (R)	Strong	Strong	Strong	Partial
Cecil B. DeMented (R)	Strong	Strong	Strong	Partial
The Cell (R)	Strong	Strong	Medium	Partial
Coyote Ugly (PG-13)	Medium	Medium	Medium	Partial
Godzilla 2000 (PG)	Mild	Medium	None	None
Hollow Man (R)	Strong	Strong	Mild	Strong
Nifty Professor II (PG-13)	Medium	Mild	Mild	Partial
Original Kings of Comedy (R)	Strong	None	None	None
The Replacements (PG-13)	Medium	Medium	Mild	Partial
Spaco Cowboys (PG-13)	Mild	Mild	None	Partial
Thomas... Magic Railroad (G)	None	Mild	None	None
What Lies Beneath (PG-13)	Medium	Medium	Mild	Partial

**G** All ages admitted  
**PG** All ages admitted, parental guidance suggested  
**PG-13** Parents strongly cautioned, some material may be inappropriate for children under 13  
**R** Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or guardian

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dren and young teens. Entertainment value: C  
"Coyote Ugly" (PG-13) — Twin Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.  
Best for: Older, mature teens to adults  
What it's about: Piper Perabo sets out to achieve her show-biz

dreams in the big city with a singing talent she inherited from her late mother and a lot of reluctance from her overprotective father (John Goodman). Realizing she needs fast money, she applies for work as a bartender from tough boss Maria Bello, who employs only female bartenders (Melanie Lynskey,

Izabella Miko, Bridget Moynahan) who seductively dance atop a flaming bar. Enter a boyfriend (Adam Garcia) who believes in Perabo's talents and encourages her to get out of the bar scene. The conflict of careers develops into a Cinderella story.

The good: Perabo gives a sincere performance that combines naivete with hustle. She seems to have a good voice as well. The best parts take place out of the bar with Perabo realizing she can write songs and sing them.

The not-so-good: The plot tries to combine a clichéd Cinderella-goes-her-dream story with Cinderella gets down and raunchy, and it just doesn't work. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is obviously going for the male audience with this one, but if he wanted to make an adult down-and-dirty movie about the bar scene, he should have made a different movie. This story is too sweet and immature for the 20-somethings who frequent the bar scene and sells way too much T&A mentality for the young pre-teens who will undoubtedly flock to see it.

Offensive language: Some  
Sex: No sexual situations or nudity; but sexually suggestive dancing with skimpy costumes atop a bar.  
Violence: A couple of fistfights break out in the bar.

Parental advisory: Once again, a PG-13 adult-themed plot that kids and young teens will flock to see but which they have no business watching.  
Entertainment value: C

## Survivor

Continued from E1

the dorm room and study and be a nerd."  
It's fairly easy for small, private schools like Rockhurst and Jewell to introduce mentoring programs because they have just a few hundred freshmen.  
But at large public universities, where thousands of freshmen arrive each year, it's more difficult to give them personal attention.

Administrators at the big schools say they can.

In the past few years, the University of Missouri-Columbia has introduced voluntary "Freshman Interest Groups," which other colleges are replicating.

Billed as "a community within a community," each group has approximately 20 freshmen with the same academic interests. They live in the same dorm and take three classes together, as well as a one-credit freshman seminar.

The freshmen spend time with a mentor professor and a peer adviser, usually a junior or senior studying a similar subject.

At the University of Kansas, freshmen take part in a summer orientation day and "Hawk Week" the week before school starts. On the orientation day, they learn about the university's programs, set up their class schedules and talk to older students who act as mentors for the day.

Erin Carlson, 21, who graduated from KU last spring and served as a mentor this summer, said she and freshmen often wanted to know how much they would have to study and what it was like to live in a dormitory.

If the teens are intimidated by the mass of students and the university's size, Carlson tells them: "No matter what you need, there is always someone on campus who can help you. The key is, you have to take the initiative and find out where the resources are."

But some college administrators are starting to believe it's not smart to leave it to 17- and 18-year-olds to find help for themselves.

More and more colleges are offering a course for freshmen that helps them adjust.

Baker University in Baldwin City, Kan., requires freshmen to take a one-credit, eight-week "First Year Experience" course. The course uses a Baker-oriented textbook that includes discussions of alcohol and drugs, said Jim Troha, the university's dean of students.

Eating disorders also have become more of a concern in recent years, he said, so some experts on that topic have talked to the class.

## What you really need to know

**Do** learn that you're a student, not a stenographer. You can't, and shouldn't, take down every word a professor says. Get the major concepts, ideas, example problems, etc. Most of the course material can be reviewed with the textbook. It's more important to listen to the lecture than to try to capture every word in your notes. If the instructor will allow it (always ask first) use a small tape recorder to tape the lectures.

**Do** beware of "weeder" courses — those classes which either by content or design (or both) intend to reduce enrollment. Most schools deny having them, but almost all have them. They are usually by major departments within the college. Know what your college is and your major's "weeder" courses are. Pay special attention that you do well in them. They are normally required courses which you can't avoid taking. Many engineering programs use calculus as the weeder course. Chemistry, some biology and nearly all pre-med, pre-nursing, pre-dentary type programs use organic chemistry. Some large state universities use freshman English composition as the weeder course. Do well in these courses or you will be a flunk-out statistic.

**Do** get to know your instructors. Teachers, like most humans, will react more positively (and give the benefit of the doubt) to someone they know vs. someone they don't know.

**Do** be sure your professor knows you by name, not just as a number in his/her class.

**Do** trust your instincts on exams. Whenever possible re-read the exam questions. Did you answer what was asked? Don't change answers unless you are absolutely sure the first answer was incorrect. You know more sub-consciously than you may realize. Your first instinct was probably correct. More people change right answers to wrong ones than the other way around.

**Do** learn to skim and browse textbook material. It is not always necessary to read in fine detail every word in the text. Learn to skim for important concepts and information — this is commonly bold type or otherwise highlighted in the textbook. Also, most textbooks have chapter summaries — if you can't read the whole chapter — well, enough said.

**Do** learn how to study for tests. Don't keep studying; you notes the same way. Start your review of your notes at different places. This avoids the alpha/omega effect. You remember first of what you first study and what you last study — the middle material gets lost. Start your review at different points to avoid this effect.

**Do** make friends with the copy

machine and/or copy machine operator. Your other best friend should be the secretary to your professor and/or the department. They can supply answers quickly. Secretaries run the world. Always be nice to secretaries — they can make life easy for you or make it a living hell. Get to know the custodial staff and cafeteria staff also (if you can't figure out why, you aren't smart enough to be in college).

**Don't** expect college to be like high school — it's not. College requires more in depth work, higher quality work and generally more work than you have been used to in high school. One of the main differences is that in college you are expected to be a self-motivated and an independent learner.

**Don't** fall to turn in all papers, homework, etc. when they are due even if you know it's incomplete or that a problem is wrong. Getting a low grade is better than getting a zero. Zeros absolutely kill an average.

**Don't** assume that people and "offices" have carried out your requests. Follow up on everything — transcript requests, graduation applications, scholarship applications, etc. It is too important to assume that

these things have been properly processed. Call and check.

**Don't** expect instant understanding; it doesn't happen. Learning takes time and effort. Just listening to a lecture and/or watching a professor do something on the board does not mean you know the material or can solve similar problems. Watching isn't doing.

**Don't** while. Learning like life, doesn't always (if ever) fit into 50-minute time slots. Sometime class will run over; sometime there is extra work to do. The anticipation is always worse than the doing. You just have to get down and do what is otherwise — it may not be pleasant, but it needs to be done. Just do it.

**Don't** be afraid to guess on an exam. Making good guesses is a survival skill. On multiple choice exams there are usually possible answers you know are wrong — eliminate those and then guess — you have increased your odds of being correct. On true-false questions, beware of absolutes. Words like "always," "never" and similar absolutes are almost always "gotcha" terms.

—Source: Richard Stein, professor emeritus of chemistry, Gemanna, Va.

## Garth Brooks wants to open his mansion

GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn. — Garth Brooks wants to open his mansion to the public, but that tomorrow may never come.

Robert Langford, a lawyer for the singer, said the plan is off the table for now, after more than 100 residents in this Nashville suburb gathered Wednesday to complain about the traffic the plan would bring. "I don't know of a single person in there that was for it," said Councilwoman Bettye Balthrop. "Consequently, it's not going anywhere."

Making the 20-acre Blue Rose Estate public would require a zoning change. Neither Brooks nor his wife attended the meeting.

Country music stars Conway Twany, Leona Lynn and Dolly Parton already have created tourist attractions near their Tennessee homes, and Elvis Presley's Graceland complex draws more than 600,000 visitors a year.

## Time to liquidate? Use The Times-News Marketplace classifieds to turn possessions into cash.

Stay on top of your investments with the Money pages.

# An angel in shirt sleeves

By Carol Sturgis/Lehigh

"No matter what anybody tells you, words and ideas can change the world."

Mickey Weiss was technically retired from the family produce business. Even so, he still enjoyed dropping in now and then to check on things.

Early one morning in 1987, he headed over to pay a visit. On the way, Mickey couldn't help slowing his car as he passed a small encampment of homeless people. They were just beginning to stir in the cool Los Angeles dawn. He sighed with helplessness at the sight of such poverty.

Minutes later, he pulled up at the family's vegetable company, one of many located at the Los Angeles Wholesale Produce Market. And there, waiting for the garbage truck, were 200 pallets of slightly damaged strawberries.

Mickey exploded. "Why are we throwing away berries when eight billion more people are frying their streats over open fires for their first meal of the day?" he demanded.

That was the beginning of a crusade. In the years that followed, Mickey Weiss helped feed hundreds of thousands of hungry people in California by salvaging edible food destined for trash bins. He once calculated that in just two years, he gave away more than \$8 million worth of food.

Every morning in Los Angeles, big semi trucks deliver produce to the wholesalers market. And every morning, food is deemed unfit to sell. Maybe a few tomatoes in a crate are molding, although the rest are fine. Maybe the peaches are blemished, though they still sound fine. Maybe cartons are improperly labeled, or paperwork is incomplete. Until Mickey came along, nearly all that was thrown away.

Mickey was in his early 70s, but

## Chicken Soup for the Soul

One man's generosity toward a group of homeless people leads to charitable efforts throughout Los Angeles and other cities.

he knew the produce industry inside-out. He'd dropped out of college to help his father with a struggling produce business after his brother-in-law gambled away the profits. Together, he and his son built up their one-truck business until they served the city's finest restaurants. Then came World War II. The man who knew his fruits and vegetables spent the war in Palm Springs, Calif., working in the officers' mess hall and scouring the L.A. produce markets for the bananas that the troops loved.

After the war, Mickey went back to the family produce business and was soon known as "the mushroom king." After more than 40 years, he handed over the business to his son. Then Mickey was supposed to retire.

Until he saw those strawberries. Mickey started working the phones. Using his contacts in the industry, he got other wholesalers to donate space at the produce market. He rounded up high-school students to call Los Angeles charities to see who could use produce to feed the poor. He worked with the county agriculture department and other government agencies to cut through the red tape

that had kept unsalable food from being given away.

Today, the center is the collection point each weekday morning for unsold fruit and vegetables from market merchants. Then, the donated produce is picked up by charities for distribution to soup kitchens, shelters and agencies that help the needy. Everything from apples to zucchini — along with more exotic fare like fresh ginger, tomatoes and eggplant — is given to people in need. And bowls for homeless people, poor children, shelter residents and many more.

"Thank God, Thank Mickey," they say.

So much for retirement. Until his death in 1996, Mickey was on the job at the distribution center three or four days a week. He won capturing donations of more than a million pounds of produce a month and passing them directly to charities.

His work didn't go unnoticed. In 1989, President Bush gave Mickey an End Hunger Award. Mickey's dream was to see similar food centers operating in every large produce terminal in America. "I'll be glad to go and help them," he said — and he did. Los Angeles was first. Houston followed, and other cities fell in line. In 1991, Peter Clarke and Susan Evans were so inspired by Mickey's work that they established From the Wholesaler to the Hungry, a program to teach other cities to set up produce distribution programs. There are now more than 75 such operations around the United States.

Mickey once told an interviewer that the greatest lesson he learned from his charity was that "people give to people, not causes." He described him as a silver-haired angel in shirt sleeves.

Mickey Weiss' cause lives on after his death. And to the people who benefit from his legacy of giving, he is now — and always has been — a real angel.

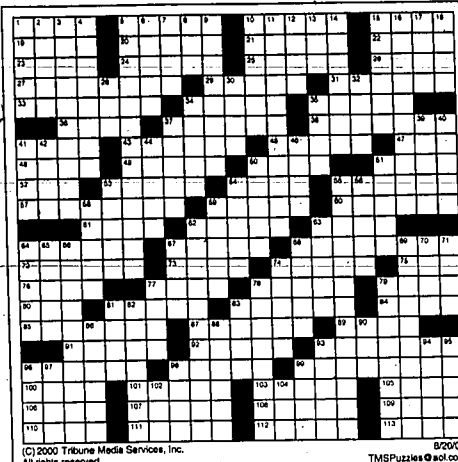
### PERPS

By James E. Buell, Edgewater, Florida

## THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 1 Sheepshead or marlin
  - 5 Of the Vatican
  - 15 Slightly open
  - 19 Astronaut Shepard
  - 20 By southeast of Rome
  - 21 Fielder's equipment
  - 22 "Only Just Begun"
  - 23 The regularly
  - 24 Correct a clock
  - 25 Drag through the mud
  - 26 Dumbfounded
  - 27 Food of the gods
  - 28 Quagmire
  - 31 Interviewers
  - 33 Rub the wrong way?
  - 34 Knockknock spot
  - 35 Oust
  - 36 Tie holders
  - 37 "This Is Tap"
  - 38 Return of Cleopatra
  - 41 Hourly payment
  - 42 Flooting on water
  - 43 Restroom upon
  - 47 Slip on it
  - 48 Troubles
  - 49 In the midst of
  - 50 Iowa State city
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  - 52 Drink for two?
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  - 54 Low-cut shoe
  - 55 River feeders
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  - 57 Editor's mark
  - 60 Grip
  - 61 Crews of contempt
  - 62 Calculator power, often
  - 63 Wind blast
  - 64 Serve toward an end
  - 67 Yarns
  - 68 Armored-car item
  - 69 Scold
  - 73 Great distance
  - 74 Nonpareils
  - 75 In the manner of
  - 76 NFL receiver Jerry
  - 77 Choppers
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  - 81 Subject
  - 82 Wood facing
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  - 85 Kong from leaping
  - 86 Slowest one's horse
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  - 99 Reside beside
  - 100 Sommer of 'A
  - 101 "Soot in the Dark"
  - 102 Exchanged words
  - 103 Terminals
  - 104 Woodchuck
  - 108 Lascivious look
  - 107 Assistants
  - 109 Terminal
  - 110 Use for a foe
  - 111 Small fries



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- DOWN**
- 1 Velocity detector
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  - 3 In the manner of
  - 4 Second-story man
  - 4 Strengths
  - 5 Bagman's nine
  - 6 Dined at home
  - 7 Chy on the Arno
  - 8 Spinning-disk plisher
  - 9 Throwing a
  - 10 Black Hills range
  - 11 Silver-tongued
  - 12 Wand?
  - 12 Watch guards
  - 13 Plumb or Arden
  - 14 "Easy-chair" occupant
  - 15 Come to one's
  - 16 "Dark"
  - 16 Icebreaker?
  - 17 Declare as true
  - 18 Cincinnati's nine
  - 20 Resistance measurement
  - 21 "I'm a Little Bit of a Mard"
  - 22 Gras
  - 23 Flashed a ticket
  - 34 Paddle
  - 35 Noteworthy periods
  - 37 Abounding in
  - 39 Talk-show host
  - 40 Lake
  - 41 Entertainment agency
  - 41 Mental ability
  - 42 Smart guy?
  - 43 Oriental nursemaids
  - 44 Sobbed
  - 45 Ineffective atmospheres
  - 51 Minor
  - 53 Pook with a wide-eyed gaze
  - 54 Weaker in color
  - 55 Marmalade?
  - 56 Artifices
  - 58 Put up with
  - 59 Soda and Pepsi
  - 62 Guy
  - 63 Deep mine
  - 64 Bitterly pungent
  - 65 Wailing relief
  - 66 Dip
  - 67 Tilted
  - 68 Locked like a lion
  - 69 "I'm a Little Bit of a Mard"
  - 70 Hand-cream ingredient
  - 71 Chatters
  - 74 Window subdivisions
  - 77 Inlaid
  - 78 Subscription extensions
  - 79 Coast
  - 81 Coddle will
  - 82 Supermarket
  - 83 Clipping plant
  - 84 Leaf collectors
  - 86 Emergence
  - 90 Unit of energy
  - 93 Intrinsically
  - 94 Middles
  - 95 Narrow mountain ridge
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  - 98 Pop
  - 99 Person, place or thing
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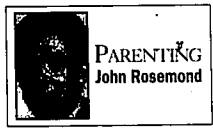
## Don't overreact to teen-ager's fetish

Q. My wife and I recently discovered that our 13-year-old son, on two separate occasions, went into our 13-year-old daughter's room and cut up one pair of her panties. Our third child knew about it, and he asked who that was to tell.

A. This is a bit weird, our first inclination was to call a therapist. Since then, my wife has had insomnia. When she does sleep, she has bad dreams. She tells me she feels violated herself and has expressed the feeling that our son is a "stranger" who is capable of even more outrageous things.

Is my wife overreacting? Should we get our son into therapy? I suppose you need to know that he has apologized to his sister, seems genuinely remorseful, and has accepted his punishment, which amounted to being grounded for a month.

A. I'd say your wife is overreacting, but on the other hand, it's important that neither of you underestimate either child. A young adolescent male's sexual curiosity is to some degree universalized, meaning this age male has yet to learn to say "no" to some of his sexual impulses. For example, he may know that something (i.e., cutting up his sister's underpants) is wrong, but his sexual feelings are often so urgent, so all-consuming,



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that they override the admonitions of his conscience. As a consequence, the young teenage boy is likely to express his sexuality in ways considered downright bizarre by adults. In fact, if an adult male cut up a little girl's underwear, he definitely would be considered perverted, sick, and perhaps even a menace to society. Such "abrogations" do not apply, however, when the perpetrator is 13 years old.

If your son had physically violated his younger sister, if he had exhibited no remorse when his act was discovered, if he persisted in destroying her underwear in spite of being punished, significant concern would be warranted. None of those apply, therefore, I needn't keep an eye on the situation for some time, but I don't think you have anything to worry about. Along these lines, I do not think he would profit at this time from seeing a counselor, but if you would feel more

secure if he (or the two of you) spoke to a professional, then by all means make an appointment.

The act of vandalizing a sister's underpants at age 13 or thereabouts is not predictive of bizarre sexual behavior later in life. I've talked with many a responsible, well-adjusted male adult who has admitted to having had some very strange fetishes during early adolescence. (Which is not to say that some of these fetishistic teenage boys don't grow up to be sexual deviates, but this is probably more the exception than the rule.) Keep in mind that the young male teen is less mature and generally shorter than his female classmates and can't even "get the time of day" from them. These fetishes are, generally speaking, a harmless way of channeling a lot of pent-up sexual energy.

Your son did something inappropriate, but relatively harmless. He has apologized and been appropriately punished. Now it's time for the family to move on.

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## Mom by any other name not as sweet

DEAR ABBY: I was a single mother throughout my only child's early years. I had no financial or moral support from the child's father. For years, we have had numerous discussions on that subject — me explaining my unhappiness, she insisting on using my first name and ignoring my hurt feelings. I never wanted to be referred to as one of her many friends. I wanted to be called "Mother."

At 49 years old and married (no children), she has lived out-of-town for many years and her attitude is cold and distant. Her friends are the center of her life. How do you explain such treatment?

I now have the opportunity to be a foster mother to a child. I would insist that this child call me "Mother." Unfortunately, I fear that my desire to be called "Mother" is based only on the longing to be called that by my own child. Under such circumstances, should I go ahead and bring this young child into my home, maybe making her unhappy and leaving myself vulnerable for another disappointment in life?

— DISAPPOINTMENT IN LIFE  
IN FLORIDA



DEAR ABBY: I recently overheard a conversation between two young women in their 20s. They were lamenting the fact that they smile too much because of cultural and social conditioning. They seemed to feel they must be "tougher" to succeed in the business world.

Abby, I have had a varied career as a museum manager, an office coordinator for a law firm and a property manager for a 33-story

building. I was a competent, intelligent student in school, but by no means at the top of my class. I had a fine arts degree and reasonable computer skills.

A short time ago, I walked out of a new job because I didn't like the way my employer screamed at people in the office. Within three days, I had three job offers. (I hadn't even begun to look for new employment.)

The reason? I smile.

When someone walks into my office, I smile and greet the person pleasantly. Whether that someone is my boss, a client, co-worker, vendor or cleaning lady, I smile and am pleasant. I say please, thank you, and apologize for my mistakes. One employer said, "It's easier to train a smiler to use Excel than to teach a computer-literate snarper to smile."

In the final analysis, it comes down to choosing whom I want to spend my day with.

— SONIA IN SEATTLE

DEAR ABBY: I agree. A smile is not in the business world, but in social situations as well. The young ladies you overheard have a lot to learn about interpersonal relationships if they think smiles are to be used sparingly. Smiles make people feel good and open many doors.

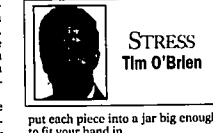
## Participating in joyful activity can control stress

Make something! Create something! Express yourself! Make a cake. Make a wish. Make a pun. Make a difference. There are many ways to satisfy fulfillment through personal expression. Enjoyment can come from taking initiative and seeing projects through to completion.

Each of the stress we have is the result of frustrated or forced actions. Sometimes, our jobs feel like drudgery. Heavy tedious, cranky clients, and long tiring days can take an emotional toll on us. We feel drained when we get home from work. Or, we feel like doing nothing on the weekends as a way to recuperate.

Rather than being sedentary, try some joyful activity as a way to recuperate. You were going to give yourself those few extra hours to recharge your batteries anyway. Give yourself the liberty to try a new approach to feeling energized.

First: what do you like to do but normally feel you don't have the time to do? When you consider the time you wanted what would you do? Visit an old friend? Go fishing? Plant a garden? Sew a quilt? Build a deck? Get a small dog and write one activity on each piece of the pad. How many projects or activities can you think of? When you finish, fold and



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put each piece into a jar big enough to fit your hand in.

Next, from your activity jar, pick one piece of paper. That's your activity to try during your next self-assigned "free time." Or, wait until that free time and pick an activity. Whatever the choice, do it with energy and excitement. Remember, these activities are what you decided you wanted to try or do again.

Put your entire self into the doing of the activity. Approach it with what S. Suzuki called "the beginner's mind," the mind of a person trying something new for the first time.

Spend the entire session you had planned immersing yourself in the activity. When you finish, think about the time just spent. Did it go fast or slow? Do you feel energized or emotionally drained? Was it physical exercise? Did it fit a part of your regular exercise and movement routine, as an alternate activity? Did you have fun? If this was a


positive experience, write the date and the way you enjoyed on the slip of paper. Now, put it back in the jar and into your daybook so you can do it again, maybe soon!

If you didn't enjoy the experience, ask yourself why you didn't. Did you overestimated what the experience would mean to you? Have you grown beyond the activity? Does it no longer interest you now that you've tried it? This is also very valuable information. It will help you refine the choices you put into your activity jar. You will learn important facts about yourself if you are honest in your appraisal of the activities. Write down your reasons for not enjoying or wanting to repeat the activity. Keep these in a file

for you to revisit periodically. Don't let the activity out until you've reviewed it at least three times.

Repeat this process of trying new activities as often as practical. Keep track of your likes and dislikes; this exercise should help you feel refreshed and renewed. And, it should help you find some new activities that you would enjoy having as a part of your regular routine.

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Kimberly High School class of 1935 graduates are, left to right, front row: Anne Pledger Glodowski of Carson City, Nev., Cynthia Nebeker Johnson of Twin Falls, Jessie Ewing Andrews of Twin Falls, and Dorothy Stepp Hutchings of Twin Falls; back row: Raymond Sudweeks of Kimberly, Lloyd Shewmaker of Kimberly, Max Moffitt of Twin Falls and Don Hutchings of Twin Falls.

## Kimberly class of 1935 meets for reminiscing

By Betty Taylor  
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - The 1935 class of Kimberly High School gathered to celebrate its 65th reunion July 9 at the Dan and Denise Shewmaker residence, south of Kimberly.

The alumni reminisced about old times and thanked Jesse Ewing Andrews for keeping scrap books throughout the years.

They also thanked Lloyd Shewmaker for keeping track of their classmates and organizing all of the class reunions. Shewmaker was presented with a plaque and embroidered sweatshirt. He was the class president in high school.

Most of the classmates live in Kimberly or Twin Falls except Ann Pledger Glodowski, who traveled from Carson City, Nev.,



Lloyd Shewmaker of Kimberly shows off an embroidered sweatshirt he received from classmates for his work on the reunion.

with her husband, Clarence. One couple, Don and Dorothy (Stepp) Hutchings were high school sweethearts and are still married.

### CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

**Breakfast menu**  
Thursday: Breakfast cereal, juice and milk  
Friday: Breakfast cereal, juice and milk  
**Lunch menu**  
Thursday: Chicken nuggets  
Friday: Hoagie Sandwich

### VALLEY SCHOOLS

Wednesday: Chicken chunks, french fries, veggies and dip, hot roll,

## SCHOOL LUNCH

cantaloupe, chocolate chip cookie.  
Thursday: Spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, meat and cheese, green beans, breadsticks, peaches.  
Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, and pickles, chicken noodle soup, crackers, applesauce, gingersnap cookie.

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

### Open house celebrates woman's 90th birthday

**BUHL** - An open house will celebrate Ethel Brown's 90th birthday from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 27.



Ethel Brown

The celebration will be at the home of Steve and Pam Brown at 1852 East 3900 North, 3 1/2 miles west of Filer on Clover Road in Buhl.

Brown was born on Aug. 22, 1910 in Roswell, N.M. She married Ralph I. Brown in 1930 and they lived in the Filer area for more than 50 years.

She worked at the Filer High School as the school secretary for many years. After retiring, the couple in 1984, moved to Twin Falls.

The event is hosted by Brown's grandchildren and they have requested no gifts.

### Hospital offers childbirth classes in Spanish

**JEROME** - St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome will offer prepared childbirth classes in Spanish at 7 p.m. Tuesdays beginning this Tuesday.

Each class will consist of a series of five classes. A new class rotation will begin once the series is completed.

The class is free for those delivering at St. Benedict's. For patients that will be delivering elsewhere, there will be a \$6 fee per class. No pre-registration is necessary.

English childbirth classes will begin on Sept. 6.

For more information, 324-1122, Ext. 3301 or 3283.

### Castleford resident celebrates 79th birthday

**CASTLEFORD** - Exie Shafer of Castleford will celebrate her 79th birthday on Wednesday. She was born Exie Shrum in Kingston, Ark. She married

Thurman Shafer on July 5, 1941, and together they had two children, Carl and Blanche. Shafer has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### Kimberly senior center needs vendors for sale

**KIMBERLY** - The Ageless Senior Citizens Center are looking for vendors for its annual bazaar and craft fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 28 at its location in Kimberly.

Cost of a display table is \$20 for a large table and \$10 for a small table. Set up time is from 2-5 p.m., Oct. 27, or at 8 a.m. Oct. 28. Applications and fees can be mailed to The Ageless Senior Citizens at P.O. Box 403, Kimberly, Idaho 83341-0403.

### Twin Falls fire fighters fight muscular dystrophy

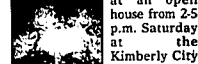
**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls fire fighters will participate in Fill the Boot fund-raiser to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy asso-

ciation Saturday in Costco's parking lot in Twin Falls.

Motorist can stop by and fill fire fighters' boots with money that will go to help fight muscular dystrophy. Last year, fire fighters raised \$1,000 for the Snake River Chapter of MDA.

### Open house set for 80th birthday at Kimberly park

**KIMBERLY** - Sylvia Scantlin will celebrate her 80th birthday at an open house from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Kimberly City Park in Kimberly.



Sylvia Scantlin has two children, four grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Scantlin's family is requesting no gifts.

## Magic Valley Symphony season tickets go on sale

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Symphony League is holding its annual season ticket drive for the 2000-2001 season entitled, Four Seasons with the Symphony.

The fall concert on Oct. 15 presents the winners of the biennial Youth Solo Competition, Rebekah Jones, violin; Heather Angel, flute; Sarah Lincoln, alto sax; and Vince Gerrish, trumpet.

The winter concert on Nov. 14 features a prelude to the holidays by presenting the best music of the holiday season.

The spring concert scheduled for March 2, 2001 will feature guest conductor/violin soloist Craig Purdy, conductor of the Boise State University Orchestra and professor of violin at Boise State University in Boise. Included in the program will be Purdy's solo performance of the spring section of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons."

The summer concert on May 4, 2001 will be a summer-style pops concert with selections ranging from Baroque to Broadway, from

### Want more info?

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the classics to the Can-Can from Strauss to a sing-along.

Season tickets for individuals are \$20, for groups of four people are \$70, and family tickets are \$75. Business or personal memberships, which include ads in the program, run from \$100 to \$250. Membership in the Friends of the Symphony, a group which helps with symphony expenses, is open to anyone making an additional donation.

Businesses, organizations and individuals can join the Maestro Circle, a group committed to the continuation and growth of the symphony with a donation of \$300 or more.



Magic Valley Symphony League officers include, left to right, H. Richard Cook, business manager; Carmo Smith, secretary; Doris Willis, publicist; Doll Smith, president; Opal Manning, treasurer; Dottie Miller, vice president; Theodore Bradley, conductor and music director; and Joan Watt, reception chairman. Not pictured is Janice Forbes, Maestro's Circle Committee.

## CSI offers courses in stress management, pottery

**TWIN FALLS** - Stress management, Japanese and pottery are a few of the topics of courses offered by the College of Southern Idaho.

The second of four "Saturday Mornings with Morgan" will be "Relieve Stress ... Restore Harmony and Balance."

Students will learn the healing techniques of Hatha Yoga to relax the body and mind for the restoration of peace, harmony and balance. Instructor Morgan Jeno will also teach classes in self-massage and foot reflexology and astrology in the next two Saturday morning classes.

Jeno is a licensed cosmetologist, certified Hatha Yoga instructor, and licensed massage therapist.

The class will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 9 in CSI's Taylor 276. Cost is \$30.

Beginning Japanese is for students wishing to learn a new language, expand their business and employment opportunities or who simply want to enjoy travel experiences to Japan.

Introduction to Japanese will provide a ground floor understanding of Japanese. Subjects will include greetings and expressions, counting, telling time, learning money values, basic writing and common words and phrases.

The class will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 5-28 in Shields 109 on the CSI Campus.

### Interested in a class?

For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Cost is \$40. The instructor is Sandra Bosteder.

Beginning Music Arranging will give students the necessary tools to arrange their own musical combinations using an uncomplicated step-by-step process. Students will also learn to arrange music for combos, large dance bands and even symphonic bands.

The instructor, Alfred Dutt, has performed in bands and orchestras for more than 50 years and is a published composer.

The class will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 5 through Dec. 19 in Fine Arts 133 on the CSI Campus. Cost is \$75.

A weekly pottery class will be held for two months starting in September. Clay enthusiasts of all levels will use the pinch, coil, slab or wheel methods. Also, students will learn how to glaze the work and complete the process with kiln firing.

Students have a choice of attending either Tuesday or Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 5 or Sept. 7. The class will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. in the Art Complex, Room 113.

The cost is \$70 plus an additional \$12 clay fee to be paid to the instructor, Liz James.

### Filer resident earns Emerson Scholar honors

Sarah Lincoln, daughter of Douglas and Mary Ann Lincoln of Filer, has been named the



Sarah Lincoln

Emerson Scholar at the Magic Valley Christian High School in Filer, Idaho, entitling her to a full scholarship to attend Interlochen Arts Camp, the country's first and foremost summer arts program, organizers say.

Lincoln, a student at Magic Valley Christian High School, has been a saxophonist in the All-State Band and first chair saxophonist in honor band and jazz band at the International Music Camp Music Honors Program, where she was awarded two National Band Association Outstanding Music Camp awards for excellence in performance and leadership.

She has been a winner of state, regional and national Music

Teachers National Association competitions in the high school woodwind divisions and was featured on From the Top, a radio program based in Boston, Mass., showcasing young classical performers under the age of 18.

Lincoln studies saxophone with Linda Auferheide and piano with Margaret Vincent. She is continuing her music studies this summer at Interlochen, where she is a member of the High School Symphonic Band. She hopes to attend Florida State University or the New England Conservatory of Music after she finishes high school and is interested in pursuing a career in music performance.

The Emerson Scholar Award is based solely on merit. To be eligible, students must be in grades nine through 12 and be proficient in violin, viola, cello, bass, wind, percussion instruments or harp. Applicants must submit a taped, solo performance.

### Twin Falls student receives bilingual education honor

Jill Sanchez of Twin Falls, a graduate student in curriculum

and instruction with an emphasis on bilingual education at Boise State University from Twin Falls, has been awarded a bilingual education/English as a second language scholarship.

Sanchez received a bachelor's degree at Boise State in 1997.

She is the daughter of Jan Roan of Twin Falls and Don Roan of Hawaii.

### Filer student receives education honor at BSU

Heidi Tubbs, an elementary education and earth science education major at Boise State

University from Filer, is the recipient of the Jerry Tucker Memorial Scholarship, an education department scholarship and a geo-sciences department scholarship. She also was nominated for student employee of the year at Boise State. Tubbs is a 1993 graduate of Filer High School and the daughter of Bruce and LoyAnn Bennett of Filer.

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

## FAIR MEMORIES



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# ENGAGEMENTS

## Ross-King

MURTAUGH - Scott and Robyn Ross of Murtaugh announce the engagement of their daughter, Stefanie Kay Ross, to Chad King, son of Wanda Haney of Lake Havasu, Ariz., and the late Wayne King.

Ross is a 2000 graduate of Murtaugh High School and is employed at Sears in Twin Falls. King is a 1997 graduate of Ontario High School in Ontario, Ore. He is employed at Zales in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday at the White House in Twin Falls. A reception will follow.



Chad King and Stefanie Ross at the ceremony. After a honeymoon to Hawaii, the couple will reside in Twin Falls.

## Davis-Jenks

BURLEY - Dwight and Bona Rae Davis of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Ainsli Davis, to Jared Robert Jenks, son of Robert and Janet Jenks of Blackfoot.

Davis graduated from Burley High School and has attended Utah State University. Jenks graduated from Snake River High School and attended College. He served in the Mexico City East Mission for the LDS Church.

They plan to continue their education at Utah State University. The wedding is planned for Friday



Jared Jenks and Ainsli Davis in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Jack Funk residence, 150 E. 300 S. in Burley. The couple will be honored at a reception Saturday in Blackfoot.

## Rollins-Quigley

GOODING - Jay and Nancy Rollins of Montclair, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaimie Lynn Rollins, to R. Paxton Quigley, son of Randy and Lori Quigley of Gooding.

Rollins is a 1998 graduate of Cairo American College in Cairo, Egypt. She will be a junior at Brigham Young University this fall, majoring in secondary education in social sciences. Quigley is a 1995 graduate of Gooding High School and will be attending BYU this fall, majoring in business. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Canada. He is employed by Eclipse Marketing in Virginia.

The wedding is planned for Tues-



R. Paxton Quigley and Jaimie Rollins in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held Friday at the Gooding LDS Church. The couple will reside in Provo, Utah.

## Webb-Swensen

TWIN FALLS - Bill and Gwen Webb of South Jordan, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Webb, to Benjamin Sherman Swensen, son of Jerry and Marilyn Swensen of Twin Falls.

Webb is a 1996 graduate of Bingham High School. She is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah, majoring in early childhood development. Swensen is a 1996 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is also attend-



Benjamin Swensen and JaNae Webb in Utah State University in Logan, majoring in business. He served an LDS mission to the Brazil San Paulo South Mission. He is employed at Lee's Marketplace in Logan. The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

## Arrington-Quigley

TWIN FALLS - Dan and Shawn Arrington announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenny Louise Arrington, to Bryant Dale Quigley, son of Dale W. Quigley and Betty Jo Quigley of Twin Falls.

Arrington is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho, studying elementary education. She is employed at Daisy's in Twin Falls. Quigley is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the West Indies. He plans to attend CSI and is employed at Bowman Communications in Twin Falls.



Bryant Quigley and Jenny Arrington. The wedding is planned for Monday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A garden reception will be held Saturday at the home of Lewis and Louise Arrington in Twin Falls.

## Bunn-Randall

BURLEY - Dennis and Karlene Bunn of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Marsha Dee Bunn, to Shawn David Randall, son of Steven and Julie Randall of Burley.

Bunn is a 2000 graduate of Burley High School and is employed at the Best Western Burley Inn in Burley. Randall is a 1996 graduate of Burley High School and is employed by the South Idaho Press. The wedding is planned for Tuesday at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Sweetheart Manor, Overland and 42nd Street in Burley.



Shawn Randall and Marsha Bunn

# WEDDINGS

## Schlegelmilch-Koyle

GOODING - Julie Ann Schlegelmilch and Jade Derek Koyle were married Aug. 19 in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Donna Schlegelmilch of Sugar City. She graduated from Sugar Salem High School, where she participated in the jazz, concert and marching bands. She graduated from Ricks College with an associate's degree in arts and sciences, and spent much of her time in music and dance.

The bridegroom is the son of Dennis and Shanna Koyle of Gooding. He returned from serving a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in February 1999. He attended Ricks College, where he participated in choir, and graduated with an associate's degree in psychology.



Jade and Julie Koyle

The couple will attend Brigham Young University. She will study marriage, family and human development, and he will pursue his education in marriage and family therapy. They will reside in Lehi, Utah.

An open house will be held in their honor from 8 to 10 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Gooding LDS Church.



Jeffery and Barbara Becker

## Jansen-Becker

JEROME - Anthon H. and Marilyn Jansen of Jerome announce the marriage of their daughter, Barbara Lynn Jansen, to Jeffery Brent Becker, son of Jeffery D. and Martha Becker of Kirksville, Mo.

The couple was married March 10 in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception was held in their honor in Jerome.

Karen Tolman, Deborah Jansen, Julie Jansen and Lisa Jansen, sisters of the bride; Brock Becker and Beau Becker, sisters of the groom; and Melissa Summers, friend of the bride, were the bride's attendants. Brennan Birkinbine, friend of the groom; Ben and Bill Jansen, brothers of the bride; and Brandon Becker, brother of the groom, served as the groom's attendants.

The bride graduated from Jerome High School in 1999 and attended Idaho State University. She is currently employed at Whiteman Industries in Boise.

The bridegroom graduated from Green City High School in Green City, Mo., and attended Ricks College. He served an LDS mission in the Idaho Boise Mission. He is currently employed at Hewlett-Packard in Boise. The couple resides in Boise.

## Harrell-Tibble

RUPERT - Dianne Harrell and Robert Tibble were married July 25 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert.

Officiating was the Rev. Henry Carmona, Colorado Carmona, organist and Tom Wheeler was the soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Max and Jeanette Stamm of Rupert.

Parents of the bridegroom are Dwayne Dannered of Bakersville, Calif., and the late Joe Danner. Sarah Harrell, daughter of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Amy Harrell, daughter of the bride, and Amanda Tibble, daughter of the groom. Megan Higley was the flower girl. Jeremy Harrell, son of the bride, served as best man. Ushers were Michael Wheeler, Brandon Cousins of the bride, Michael Higley was the



Dianne and Robert Tibble

ring bearer.

Special guests included grandmother of the bride, Rose Werner of Rupert, and grandparents of the bridegroom, Stan and Sandy Robinson of Bakersfield, Calif.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Serving were Sheryl Jenamin and Judy Fowler, sisters of the bride, and Cindy Stamm, sister-in-law of the bride.

# ANNIVERSARIES

## The Crotherses

SHOSHONE - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crothers of Shoshone will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Shoshone Senior Citizens Center, 218 N. Rail St. W.

Crothers and Inez Burkhalter were married Aug. 27, 1950, at the First Presbyterian Church in Jerome.

They have resided in Shoshone for 35 years.

He graduated from Jerome High School in 1943 and served three years in the Navy. He received his master's degree in education from the University of Idaho and worked as an auditor for 36 years, retiring in 1984 after 19 years as superintendent of the Shoshone schools. He served six years on the board of the Idaho High School Activities Association and is a past president of the Shoshone Rotary Club. He



Kenneth and Inez Crothers

has served many years as secretary of the Masonic Lodge, is a past grand captain of the Grand Lodge and past grand treasurer of Eastern Star. He is an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church.

She graduated from Jerome High School in 1947 and attended Idaho State University for two years. She worked as bookkeeper for several businesses between raising their three sons.

They are active in the Episcopal



Church, Rotary, Senior Citizens Center, Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star. In 1991-1992, she served as worthy grand matron of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

The event is being hosted by their children and families, Alan (Sally) Crothers and Tim and Rhannon of Boise, Mark Crothers of Boise, Tad (Nancy) Crothers and Kaden of Twin Falls, and by their church family of Christ Episcopal Church.

## The Hutchisons

RUPERT - Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Hutchison of Rupert will be honored at an open house Aug. 27 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Rupert First Christian Church. A program will be held at 2:30 p.m.

Hutchison and Ruby J. Slater were married Aug. 19, 1950, at her mother's home in Jerome.

They have made their home north of Rupert for 39 years.

He farmed, worked at Simplot in Hoyburn and at Cannon Sales and was a long-haul truck driver. He currently makes items from wood and works in the pea and corn harvest for Seneca Foods.

She farmed with her husband, was a homemaker, worked at Simplot and retired from McCain Foods, formerly Ore-Ida, after 25 years service.

They have been active in the Rupert First Christian Church. The event is being hosted by their children, Arlene (James) Hall of



Stanley and Ruby Hutchison

Palmdale, Calif., Russell (Lisa) Hutchison of Burley and Myrna (Jeff) Rubner of Filer.

The couple has 19 grandchildren.



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# Mother's will won't have its way

**Q** I am my mother's attorney-in-fact and have been handling her finances since she became demented. I have one brother. Mother has an estate consisting of an account with a broker, an annuity, two IRAs and some furniture. On the brokerage account, I am a joint tenant with survivorship rights. I am the beneficiary of both IRAs and the annuity. Mother's will says that my brother and I should share everything equally. How will the equal division take place at her death?

**A.** Based on the circumstances you describe, there will be no equal division and all your brother will receive is one-half of the furniture. As joint owner of the brokerage account, it will pass to you automatically at your mother's death, not according to her will. As beneficiary of the IRAs and annuity, those accounts will also pass to you automatically at her death, not according to her will.

If your mother added your name to the brokerage account and made you the beneficiary of the IRAs and annuity while she had capacity and before she signed her will, she unwittingly frustrated her desire to divide her assets equally between you and your brother; if after she signed her will, she either did not understand the consequences or changed her mind about the way in which she wanted her assets distributed at her death.

As a fiduciary, you have an obligation to your mother to carry out her intent. The only person who knows what she really wanted to do is her, and she does not have the capacity to tell you. What can you do?

If you believe your mother's intent was to equally divide everything between you and your brother and if your mother's durable power of attorney gives you the authority, you can add your brother's name to the brokerage



**NEXT STEPS**  
**Jan Collins and Jan Warner**

account and make him a joint beneficiary with you on each IRA and the annuity.

If the power of attorney does not give you this authority, the only way you can carry out your mother's intent is to treat you both equally would be to gift your brother one-half of the assets you receive after your mother dies. But be forewarned: If you gift him more than \$10,000 in one year, you will be required to file a gift tax return. And if instead you divide the IRAs and annuity, you should find out your tax consequences before you give your brother one-half of the gross amounts.

**Q.** My mother, 70, owns quite a bit of oil and gas acreage that will be passed on to my sister and me at her death. At present, her income from this property is substantial. But the mineral rights are too complicated to evaluate and to evenly divide between my sister and me. What kind of entity can my sister and I form to receive this bequest so that each of us and our spouses can enjoy our respective halves of the income, and eventually leave our shares to our respective heirs?

**A.** We suggest that you contact an experienced estate planning attorney in your state to help you, your sister and your mother design

a plan that will work for your family based upon your mother's situation and yours.

Because there appears to be a clear business purpose, it may be a good idea for your mother to consider transferring these assets into a family limited partnership or another vehicle which will allow her to not only continue to receive the income during her life, but also may result in a reduction of the value of the asset for estate tax purposes. By your mother passing control of such an entity to you and your sister at her death, you and your sister will be able to manage the entity in a way that will benefit your families. While valuation of this asset may be difficult, it is essential prior to your mother making the transfer.

**Q.** You have stated that properties titled in living trusts would be counted as part of a taxable estate. My wife and I have total assets of \$550,000. We recently attended a seminar about living trusts and were told that properties titled in a funded living trust would not be included in our taxable estates. Could you clarify the taxable status?

**A.** You received misinformation at your seminar. Although removing assets from your probate estate, revocable living trusts have no impact on your taxable estate. If a lawyer gave you this advice, shame on him (or her). If you received this erroneous advice from a non-lawyer, you were given bad legal advice. In either event, if your total assets are \$550,000, you don't have to worry about paying estate tax.

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# Influence children the right way

He was a tall, handsome boy with a nice smile, and when I first saw him that August day in the halls of Wendell High, I thought he would fit right into my classes. But I was wrong.

He was intelligent and appeared pleasant, but underneath he was a bully. Unfortunately he was a very smart bully.

He had, evidently, learned during grade school that overt acts of brutality just got him into trouble, so he became a covert bully, never getting caught, but starting trouble every chance he got.

Unfortunately, perhaps because of his size and athletic ability, he had some influence among his peers, and he used that influence to pursue his goal of making many people, particularly teachers, miserable. Every class he was in was a trial. I dreaded the hour during the day in which I had to face him. And he took every class I offered.

I never lost control of any class he attended, but the time spent in that class was always an ordeal. I was constantly on edge, and because of that I couldn't enjoy teaching as I always did.

I tried taking him aside and talking to him. He would smile and assure me of his good will, but, inevitably, the same problems



**AFTER CLASS**  
**Gay Peterson**

would again occur. I got angry, but soon discovered that was foolish—the just enjoyed my anger. No matter what I did I was not successful in dealing with him. I had never had a student like him and never did again. My efforts to find an answer failed. I could not reach him, and because of this failure my school year was unhappy. I have often thought about that year, and I still don't know what I could have done differently.

What causes a bully? Many things I suppose. In this case his father had bullied him, and he had learned the lesson well. He could not take his frustrations out on his much bigger father, so he took it out on whoever was handy, and he hurt many people by his actions. What happened to him I do not know, but I am sure that unless there has been a drastic change, he has continued to be unhappy and make those whose

lives he touches unhappy as well. We as adults have great influence upon children. How seriously we should take that responsibility when we are involved with them, be it as a parent, a teacher, a relative or friend.

A child is very malleable, much like a piece of clay. We can mold a child into our own image in many cases, but is that image one we want to promote? If we are thoughtful, caring people we want the child we influence to contribute to society rather than take from it. We want to use that influence to produce good, kind, caring individuals. Certainly we would never want to promote attitudes that end up hurting the child and society in general.

All of us who have a chance to influence children should remember what an awesome responsibility that carries. Each child we influence for the better will become an adult who will promote the same ideas and ideals. On the other hand we also have the ability to produce the opposite. Let us try to take the right path.

*Gay Peterson is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to him at petersonumagiclink.com*

# Over 60? Don't worry about remarrying

**Knight Ridder News Service**

## Social Security Q & A

**Q.** I'm a 65-year-old widow and I receive Social Security benefits on my deceased husband's Social Security record. I'm thinking about remarrying but I'm afraid my benefits will stop. Would my benefits be affected in any way if I remarry?

**A.** Your benefits won't be affected if you remarry since you are older than 60. (The remarriage of a widow(er) age 60 or older does not affect benefit con-

tinuation.) If you do remarry, you should call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to see if you could get a higher benefit on your new spouse's work record.

**Q.** I was looking at Social Security's website and couldn't find much information about Medicare. Where can I get information about Medicare?

**A.** Although Social Security

determines entitlement to Medicare benefits, the Medicare program is administered by the Health Care Financing Administration. HCFA can be reached via e-mail at <http://www.hcfa.gov>.

There also is a Medicare Web site at <http://www.medicare.gov>.

*This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.*

# Check out these great websites for seniors

**The Washington Post**

The fact that seniors tend to have more free time on their hands than others does not mean they want to spend it aimlessly noodling on an Internet info-hunt. Herewith, some sites we know to be good places to start seeking health information on topics of likely interest to seniors.

**www.mediclineplus.gov**  
We recently decided not to bother listing any other sites after spending a few hours with the remarkably well-edited MedicLinePlus, courtesy of the National Library of Medicine. Go to the home page, choose "Seniors' Health" from the pull-down menu, hit "Go" and you'll see

a list of links on most topics you're likely to want. Each link launches an intelligently culled and recently updated list of resources on the topic, drawn mostly from government, academic and non-profit sites, meaning the information is largely free of the commercial bias that pervades the Web.


**www.elder.org**  
It's hardly a surprise that this site makes the list, but the national senior lobby's Web site offers a very useful, blissfully brief gathering of health stories from its Modern Maturity magazine, plus other informative pieces aimed at seniors' health-care interests. If you want to know what preventive services are

covered by Medicare Part B, in other words, you're in the right place. The site does not have a particularly deep database on conditions, but its index of recent Modern Maturity health articles provide well-tailored explanations of many.

**www.thirdage.com**  
Similarly, this site is as medically informative as others, but it embeds such a daring and provocative conceit that it's worth looking at. Unlike senior sites that tend to presume infirmity, disease and declining options, ThirdAge aims at active, aging emperors in their forties through sixties with resources dedicated to healthy, vigorous, stimulating pre- and post-retirement years.

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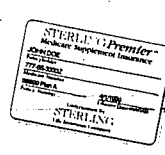


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