



## GOOD MORNING

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# LOOKING AHEAD

## Lawmakers get head start on surplus options

By Michael Journee  
Times-News writer

**ROISE** - Lawmakers won't be caught flatfooted by this one again.

The most divisive issue of the 2000 legislative session - what to do with Idaho's state-pledged healthy-budget-surplus - is getting plenty of forethought before the 2001 session.

The \$65 million left after the Legislature paid the bills last winter caught everyone by surprise, making for a confrontation session as strident tax-cutters and more cautious opponents fought over what to do with the money.

After weeks of proposals and counterproposals, the Legislature finally compromised, ending one of its longest sessions in history. Their solution? A modest tax cut that left everyone with something, and no one satisfied.

In the end, no lawmakers left the Statehouse in April with the illusion that the \$29 million in

tax relief was a permanent fix. The issue would surely be back.

Sure enough, Last session's surplus could likely be three times as large in January 2001. For the 1999-2000 budget year, which ended June 30, the surplus tipped the scales at a cool \$179 million.

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## Rain dampens fair attendance



Tony White, of Arizona, guards the Clown Slide Saturday afternoon. The ride had to be closed due to rain.

## Judge rules against Aryans

The Associated Press

**COEUR D'ALENE** - The Aryan Nations was negligent in the operation of its security force, a federal judge has ruled, clearing the way for a jury to award punitive damages against the white supremacist group.

District Judge Charles Hosack made the ruling Friday after sending the jury in the civil case home for the Labor Day weekend.

The defense case began Tuesday.

Aryan Nations appointed a security director who was known to be unstable, dishonest and suspected of using methamphetamine, Hosack said Friday.

The Spokesman-Review newspaper of Spokane reported.

He said the conduct of the Aryan Nations as described by witnesses was "outrageous" and an "extreme deviation."

The judge said Victoria and Jason Keenan, plaintiffs in the suit against the Aryan Nations and its founder Richard Butler, met the legal test necessary to let the jury decide if punitive damages should be awarded.

If the judge had ruled otherwise, the jury would have been limited to considering only compensatory damages. If the jury were to award punitive damages, the Keenans could demand the Aryan Nations' assets, mainly the 20-acre compound at Hayden Lake and the group's buildings.

Their lawyer, Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center has said he hopes to bankrupt the Aryan Nations.

Hosack said Butler and his former staff director, Michael Teague, were negligent in appointing Edward Jesse Warfield as security chief without checking his criminal past.

Warfield and other plaintiffs guards did not get drunk, had access to automatic weapons and were "impulsive and irresponsible" under Butler's supervision, the judge ruled.

Richard Butler

Another investigation - B5

## Sloppy weather creates budget concerns

By Mark Henz  
Times-News writer

**FILER** - Despite the overcast skies Saturday afternoon, Twin Falls County Fair Manager John Williams kept a sunny outlook on the fair's future.

"You can take care of everything but the weather," Williams said as he and Piz discussed the "dent" sloppy weather has put in fair attendance this year.

"If we get any clearing up of the weather, we'll still pull it out in the next couple of days," Williams said.

On Friday, 11,619 people  
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**Fair attendance**

	1998	1999	2000
Wednesday	75,320	14,052	12,281
Thursday	11,889	11,709	8,908
Friday	12,476	13,064	11,619
Total	43,685	38,825	32,808

## Day five at the fair: A quick guide

### What and when:

- 12 noon - Round Robin Showmanship
- Zebarch Arena
- 12 noon - Goat Round Robin Showmanship, goat show ring
- 12 noon - Sheep Round Robin Showmanship, swine show ring
- 12 noon - Sheep Round Robin Showmanship, sheep show ring
- 12 noon - Dairy Round Robin Showmanship, dairy show ring
- 12 noon - Beef Round Robin Showmanship, beef show ring
- 1 p.m. - Angus Steer Show, beef show ring
- 1 p.m. - Stock Dog Demonstration, Centennial Arena
- 1 p.m. - Jersey Show followed by all other dairy, dairy show ring
- 1:30 p.m. - District Rabbit Show, swine show ring
- 2 p.m. - Pygmy Goat Obstacle Course, goat show ring
- 2 p.m. - Junior Angus Show, beef show ring

### Prices:

- ring
- 2 p.m. - Ullama Public Relations, Ullama show ring
- 3 p.m. - Pygmy Goat Round Robin, goat show ring
- 3 p.m. - Open Angus Show, beef show ring
- 4 p.m. - Cwe Lead Fashion Show, sheep show ring
- 5 p.m. - Shorthorn, Red Angus, beef show ring
- 8 p.m. - Michael English concert, rodeo arena

### Special day:

Peppi Coupon Day: Get half price admission with a Pepsi product coupon from any Oasis convenience store.

### Fair hours:

Gates open at 7 a.m.  
Fair buildings open at 10 a.m.  
Carnival starts at noon.

### Midway

### Read more about it...

Catch the Midway X-Press, a special page about the fair, written and photographed by Magic Valley teens. Please see Page B6

## Gore builds edge in race for electoral votes

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - Democrat Al Gore has come from behind to build a slight lead over Republican George W. Bush in the race for state electoral votes, but is still short of the total needed to win the presidency, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

Fourteen states plus the District of Columbia are leaning Gore's way or solidly in his column at the Labor Day start of the full campaign, putting him at 201 electoral votes - 69 fewer than the 270 required to win. Another

### Campaign in depth - A4-5

22 states with 179 electoral votes would go to the Texas governor if the election were held today. That leaves 14 states and 158 electoral votes at ground zero - a wide open race concentrated in the Midwest battlegrounds of Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin as well as Pennsylvania. Interviews with more than 100 Democrats, Republicans, pollsters and political scientists in 24



Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush speaks with members of the Arkansas High School football team, left, and Texas High School football team, right, Friday at the Texarkana airport in Texarkana, Ark. Poll show Bush trails Al Gore in the hunt for electoral votes.

## Drug could help smoker's lung sufferers

The Associated Press

**FLORENCE, Italy** - An experimental drug could make breathing much easier for millions of people suffering from "smoker's lung," new research suggests.

In tests involving 630 people who had suffered from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease for more than a decade, the drug appeared to be safer and better at improving breathing and at reducing infections and hospital visits than the best current treatment, researchers said. They were addressing scientists at the World Congress on Lung Health, which concluded Saturday.

The inhaled drug, Spiriva, could be available as soon as 2002. And if it turns out to be as good as it looks right now, it could improve the quality of life for nearly half of the 600 million people with the disease, said Dr. Bartolome Celli, Celli is chief of pulmonary and critical care at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston and a leading authority on the illness.

While the drug probably will not slow the deterioration of the lungs, many sufferers could see their overall well-being improve by between 30 and 50 percent, said Celli.

# THE REGION

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

### Camas Prairie

High: 63 Low: 45  
Partly cloudy with patchy morning fog in the morning. Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Monday.

### Treasure Valley

High: 70 Low: 46  
Partly cloudy with patchy morning fog in the morning. Partly cloudy with a little warmer on Monday.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 65 Low: 35  
Showers likely with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy on Monday with highs in the 60s.

### Eastern Idaho

High: 72 Low: 43  
Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy and breezy on Monday. High: 74.

### Northern Idaho

High: 65 Low: 48  
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers, mostly in the evening. Mostly cloudy on Monday with scattered showers.

### Northern Utah

High: 73 Low: 39  
Mostly sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny on Monday with highs in the 70s.

### Northern Nevada

High: 74 Low: 40  
Partly cloudy with chance of showers. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs in the 70s.

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### Twin Falls - Precipitation

Yesterday	62	43
Low year	65	46
Normal	85	47

Yesterday in Twin Falls:  
Normal to date: .48  
Normal mo. to date: .06  
Water year to date: 6.00  
Normal year to date: 6.50

### Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	65	51	....
Burley	62	44	....
Coeur d'Alene	52	....	....
Gangeville	m	m	....
Hagerman	m	51	....
Idaho Falls	68	42	....
Lewiston	60	51	....
Malad	67	41	....
Malden	m	m	....
McCall	48	40	....
Portafello	66	44	....
Salmon	63	46	....
Stanley	50	37	....
Sun Valley	m	m	....

### Idaho weather Sunday, Sept. 3

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions. High/Low temperatures.

National weather The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Sunday, Sept. 3.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The information is for the Idaho Transportation Department and reports are http://www.state.idaho.gov/roads/index.html

### ACROSS THE NATION

The eastern third of the nation was stormy Saturday, and the Northwest was cool with snow in the highest elevations. Tornado risk continued in the southern Plains.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms fell from Florida into New England. The rain was heaviest at times, and severe weather was expected in the afternoon. Cross City, Fla., received 2.15 inches of rain by midday, and fresh flood warnings were posted elsewhere. Temperatures reached the 80s along the Eastern Seaboard.

Western New England and the Great Lakes region received heavy rain in the early morning.

Shoggon, Wis., recorded 3.38 inches of rainfall. By afternoon, the storms were moving into the Dakotas.

The southern and central Plains and Mississippi Valley warmed again into the 100s, with 90s as far north as Illinois.

An upper level trough over the western part of the U.S. led to a county kept conditions cloudy and cool. Rain fell in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, northern California, northern Nevada and western Montana. The wind chill in Seattle, Ore., made the temperature feel like 25 degrees.

The Associated Press

### UV INDEX

Index: 3 (minimal) Burn time: 60 minutes

### FIRE DANGER

The BIA's fire danger in South-Central Idaho is high. Mountains high. Rainfall: High

### SKYWATCH

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Sunrise tomorrow: 7:06 a.m.  
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## Fair

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passed through the tumultuous - 1,445 fewer people than the same day last year.

Even so, there's genuine concern about the fair-breaking event, Pitz said.

It costs about \$500,000 to put on the fair, he said. The fairgrounds generate about \$150,000 from events other than the fair, and the grounds must stay within a \$750,000 annual budget, he said.

So the numbers might not add up.

"If we can generate \$400,000 today, tomorrow and Monday, we'll be OK," Pitz said.

Not everything has lagged. This year's fair concert drew a bigger than usual crowd, and rodeo attendance has also bucked up, he said.

The rain might have helped boost the rodeo.

"There's a lot of mud in the arena. That's harder for the cowboys, but it makes it more fun for the spectators," Pitz said.

The weather was showing signs of clearing Saturday afternoon, and Pitz and Reed hoped it would bring more people out to the fair.

The timing of the rain has been worse for us than the rain

himself," he said. "People coming off work at 4:30, five or six-and-driving home in the rain would not drink, I'll just go to the fair tomorrow night," when they had planned to lead the family in the parade and then "here's so soon as they got home."

Fond vendor Brent Reinke of Filer said this is the worst weather he's seen at the fair since 1984. And it's definitely bogged down business.

"Enough to make him consider not coming back next year?"

"Heavens, no, not after 18 years," he said. "The fair has been good for my family. It's good to be part of the community."

Salsa vendor and Billings, Mont.-area resident Sylvia Ellison said she saw bad weather bring out the best in people late Friday.

"When a strong wind tore through vendors' booths, fairgrounds employees, sheriff's deputies and fair attendees all jumped in to control the damage and pick things up, she said.

"I go to a lot of fairs every year all over Idaho, Montana, North and South Dakota," she said. "This is the first fair where I've seen people pitch in and give that kind of support."

## Aid opponents fear another El Salvador in Colombia

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - When President Clinton said last week that the \$1.3 billion aid package to Colombia will not lead to another Vietnam, some of the plan's main critics agreed. A better comparison, they say, is El Salvador.

In the 1980s, the United States helped the El Salvadoran military, despite its human rights abuses, to fight leftist guerrillas. In Colombia, where the "proxy war" is against drug traffickers and the leftist forces helping them, Clinton waived human rights rules to deliver the military aid package.

Even without a Vietnam-style buildup of U.S. combat troops in Colombia, the United States could aggravate and prolong the three-decade old Colombian civil

traffickers, who account for an estimated 90 percent of the cocaine in the United States.

In Colombia, however, the distinction between fighting drugs and waging war is murky. Colombian guerrillas finance their insurgency in part by protecting drug laboratories and fields of coca and poppy, the raw materials for cocaine and heroin.

Much of the U.S. aid goes for helicopters and other equipment for two Colombian army anti-narcotics battalions to fight those guerrillas, allowing laboratories to be dismantled and coca fields to be eradicated.

The U.S. military equipment is generally restricted to counter-narcotics operations. But those operations still involve Colombian soldiers fighting guerrillas, albeit guerrillas protecting coca and poppy fields.

And the United States also allows Colombia to use its U.S. counter-narcotics equipment to help friendly forces under attack and endangered by guerrillas.

"I think there is a very great danger that this kind of thing can increase little by little, and all of a sudden you will be in far more jeopardy than you ever wished to be," said Robert White, a former ambassador to El Salvador and now president of the Center for International Policy.

White said this could lead to a situation such as that in El Salvador, where U.S. involvement "postponed peace in Central America and divided and angered a lot of people at home." About 76,000 people were killed in El Salvador before a January 1992 agreement ended the 12-year war.

## Gore

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contested states produced a snapshot of the race two months out from Election Day.

They said the contest may end up being the closest in more than 30 years and could tilt either way.

This is how things stand now:

- After a slow start, Gore is securing traditionally Democratic

## Surplus

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Those high numbers and the lagged debate at the end of the 2000 session prompted Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and legislative leaders in state working toward a solution well before the session.

Kempthorne has pulled together two informal groups of legislators, private-sector representatives and bureaucrats to get a handle on the issues.

One group is focusing on education - one of the biggest variables in the next budget, thanks to a school facilities lawsuit filed by several school districts. The districts say the state's tax in its responsibility to provide safe learning environments for students, while most legislators say school buildings are the local school districts' responsibility.

The other group is focusing on tax policy.

Rep. Delores Crow, R-Nampa, chairman of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, was the rambrod of this year's tax-cutting efforts.

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war, critics argue.

"It's not another Vietnam, but it's still the wrong thing to do," said Lisa Haugard, legislative coordinator of the Latin American Working Group, a coalition of more than 60 organizations including many that opposed the aid to El Salvador.

In a brief visit Wednesday to Cartagena, Colombia, Clinton delivered the aid and said the United States will not get into "a shooting war" in Colombia. "This is not Vietnam," he said.

Administration officials have long stressed that the United States won't get dragged into Colombia's civil war. They say U.S. military aid is intended solely to help Colombia battle drug

That's a point not lost on most lawmakers.

Rep. Maxine Baile, R-Jerome, is co-chairperson of the powerful budget-writing Joint Finance Appropriations Committee - along with Sen. Don Cameron, R-Rupert.

Baile agrees taxes might be too high and she insists on meaningful tax cuts, but she said the state's strong financial position offers opportunity.

"I think we might look at paying some of these one-time expenditures we may have," Baile said.

School buildings might be one of those expenditures, she said.

Cameron agreed the time for dealing with the school lawsuit might be coming.

"My own personal opinion is we many not have a legal responsibility to do it, but we may have a moral, ethical responsibility to assist," Cameron said.

It will be tough to sort out how to be fair to districts who have already passed bond issues.

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Saturday, September 2, 2000

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ANYBODY GOT A FORKLIFT?



Barb Everingham of Waiilatpe, Alaska, wins the blue ribbon on her 105.6-pound world-record giant cabbage during the Giant Cabbage Weigh-off at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, Alaska on Friday. The cabbage broke the record of 98 pounds set by Leslie Dinko, in 1990. Everingham was awarded \$2,000 for her first-place cabbage.

Study: More members work in black and Hispanic families

WASHINGTON (AP) - The prosperity many American families enjoy is due not only to rising wages but to more family members working - especially among black and Hispanic families, a new study says.

The study by the Economic Policy Institute, a union-supported think tank, found that an average middle-class family's income rose by 9.2 percent after inflation from 1989 to 1998. But they also spent 6.8 percent more time at work to reap it.

Without increased earnings from wives, the study's authors concluded, the average middle-class family's income would have risen only 3.6 percent over the decade.

Government figures show that while the average full-time worker's work week has remained fairly steady at about 43 hours, the share of married women working full time rose from 41 percent in 1989 to 46 percent in 1998.

The EPI study said middle-class black families work an average of 9.4 hours more per week than their white counterparts. Blacks work more hours than whites at every income level, said economist Larry Michel, a co-author.

"To be black in America is to work more just to keep up," he said.

The study also found that middle-class Hispanic families work five hours more per week than their white counterparts.

Upper-income Hispanic families work the most of any group in any economic class, putting in 12.9 hours more per week than whites, the study said. Other ethnic groups were not profiled in the study.

The statistics, based on Labor Department figures, are part of a biennial report, "The State of Working America" (to be published in January).

While advocates for workers portray the extra hours at work as a grim necessity to keep even, business groups say they more

represent pursuit of the American dream.

Martin Regalia, chief economist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said much of the increase in work time is voluntary, as workers choose to earn more and move up economically.

"We're not the rats on a treadmill, we're the rats that built the treadmill," he said. "There's a very, very big difference between making a choice to run faster today so we can take it easy tomorrow versus being forced to run faster just to stay even."

Richard L. Trumka, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO, called Regalia's comment "absolutely ridiculous," saying several recent strikes over forced overtime show that many Americans want to spend less time on the job.

Manufacturer: School bus brakes could fail

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - One of the country's largest school bus builders is warning that 6,000 of its school buses may have defective brake systems and as many as 40,000 other buses may be affected nationwide.

The defect involves the anti-lock brake system on buses manufactured between March 1998 and last month, said Debi Nicholson, a spokeswoman for Freightliner Corp., the Portland-based parent company of Thomas Built Buses Inc.

School officials can call Freightliner's help line - 800-FIT-HELP - to arrange inspections.

When the buses are moving slowly, less than 20 miles per hour, they can temporarily lose their braking ability for up to three seconds, Nicholson said Saturday.

No accidents have been directly linked to the brake systems.

The problem was discovered by the system's maker, Bendix, which told Freightliner in June that a San Francisco school bus had experienced a "temporary loss of brake capability." The

driver was able to bring the bus to a safe stop.

The brake system's electronic control units can "misinterpret" certain signals from the wheels, resulting in the temporary loss of braking capability "in one or more wheel positions," Thomas Built wrote in an Aug. 30 letter sent to hundreds of school districts nationwide.

The company said repair kits were being manufactured and

would be shipped by November. Meanwhile, Freightliner dealerships are prepared to inspect buses 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Nicholson said.

Thomas Built is one of several bus manufacturers that use the Bendix system, and the Thomas Built buses affected are only a fraction of the 46,000 buses believed to have the potentially defective brake systems, Nicholson said.

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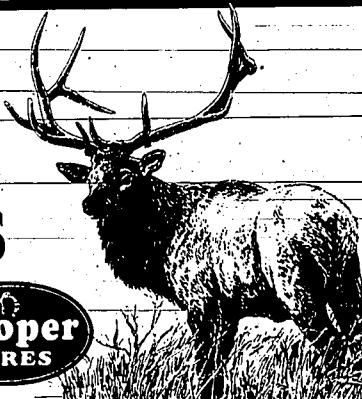
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President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Democratic candidate for New York's open U.S. Senate seat, sit on the lunch counter after dining on Giannelli's Italian sausages at the New York State Fair in Syracuse on Saturday. At left is Patrick Hogan, an employee of Dinosaur Bar-B-Q, the restaurant that serves the locally famous sausages.

# President Clinton campaigns with wife

SKANEATELES, N.Y. (AP) - President Clinton greeted voters alongside his Senate candidate wife Saturday, and pressed Congress to resolve differences. The Clintons took an overnight trip to this upstate New York resort village that began and ended with fund-raising appearances to benefit Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign. Clinton also took time for 18 holes of golf and some sidewalk politicking in Skaneateles, where the first family had vacationed last year. The president also accompanied his wife for some heavy-duty handshaking at the state fair in nearby Syracuse. Although this part of New York is heavily Republican, the shops in Skaneateles were decorated with hunting and signs welcoming the Clintons. Well-wishers gathered at area intersections and along the sidewalk of picturesque Skaneateles, where restored buildings date to 1790. Pictorial Amelia O'Hara, 7, held a sign that read "Clintons Rule." Clinton and his wife worked the crowds side by side, as they have done for more than 20 years as candidate and spouse. The roles are reversed now, with Clinton playing pitcher for his wife, who faces Republican Rep. Rick Lazio in what is probably the nation's most watched Senate race.

# Independent counsel's plan to release Whitewater angers critics

WASHINGTON (AP) - Independent Counsel Robert Ray says critics are misinterpreting his plan to divulge conclusions of the Whitewater investigation just weeks before voters decide whether to elect Hillary Rodham Clinton to the Senate. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and several legal experts said the Independent Counsel statute under which Ray was appointed limits him to filing his soon-to-be-completed report with a federal appeals court, which wouldn't release it until well after Election Day. The criticism came after Ray told The New York Times he would issue a statement of his findings and conclusions in the Whitewater probe a few weeks before New York voters go to the polls. "Our plan to make a public statement is not shocking," Ray said in a statement. "This office is not releasing a final report or a portion of a final report without

at the fair, the Clintons divided the duties, each working one side of a promenade lined with hundreds of people. After about two hours of handshakes and autographs, the Clintons repaired to Giannelli's Italian Sausage stand, source of a locally famous sandwich made from fat sausages, peppers and onions. The president did the honors of tying a bandanna around her neck. "Not too tight, Bill," she admonished, and Mrs. Clinton ran to protect her peach pantsuit. "It's great," she managed through a mouthful. Clinton ate his sandwich without comment. In his Labor Day weekend radio address aired earlier Saturday, the president accused GOP leaders in Congress of stalling the measure for more than a year and a half, burdening it with large tax cuts for businesses and trying to spread an increase over three instead of two. "It's now time for the Republican leadership to stop riding the brakes on the minimum wage," Clinton said. The White House estimates that about 10 million workers now earning between \$5.15 and \$6.14 an hour would directly benefit by raising the minimum wage by a dollar. For a full-time worker now earning the minimum wage, this increase would amount to a \$2,000 annual raise. "It makes you feel like the good ol' days," says Armstrong, 33, who works at a magazine subscription company. Fair competition is a family tradition for Armstrong. When she has children, she will have them enter projects. "They will have plenty to choose from. Just about every 25th year, from misand-cutting to rubber chicken-tossing to the Super Bull Contest. But parents say their children learn responsibility by raising prize animals, young farmers also discover winning can mean profit. Although most awards are in the \$10 range, top winners can auction off their livestock.

# Tire workers ready to strike; talks continue

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - More than 8,400 Bridgestone/Firestone workers at nine plants remained poised to strike at a moment's notice Saturday, but union negotiators said progress was being made in the clock talks with the embattled tire company. About 90 minutes before workers in seven states planned to walk off the job at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, negotiators with the United Steelworkers of America agreed to indefinitely postpone the strike deadline. It was welcome news to Nashville-based Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., already hit with the recall of 6.5 million allegedly defective tires, a Labor Day weekend warning from the federal government that another 1.4 million might have problems, and wide-ranging investigations into allegations that Firestone tires caused at least 88 deaths in the U.S. and more overseas. "We're still encouraged by the

progress that is being made in the negotiations, and we hope to work through the remaining issues as soon as possible," Bridgestone/Firestone spokeswoman Cynthia McCafferty said Saturday. "But Garry Manning, president of the United Steelworkers of America's Local 1055 in La Vergne, cautioned that the union "could pull the plug at any time." He declined to say what sticking points remain, but earlier the

union said it couldn't agree to company proposals on mandatory overtime, pension and insurance changes and seniority rights. The company says a strike would have minimal impact on production or on its efforts to produce enough tires to replace those involved in the recall, saying that most of the replacement tires are being made at nonunion plants in the Carolinas or a Canadian factory covered by a separate union contract.

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# Fair competitors still covet the blue ribbon

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Competition builds in Virginia over the "ugly lamp" contest. Colorado kids tried to know who has the best-looking goat. California winners sweat over a prize that could win them acclaim. From canning contests to prize bulls, state fairs hand out thousands of blue ribbons each summer. In a 150-year-old institution kept alive by a mix of economic motivation, tradition and old-fashioned pride. "We have a saying here: You can forget the prize money, but don't you dare forget the ribbon or then you're in some real trouble," says Gary Goodman, manager of the South Carolina State Fair. When state fairs started, participation was an economic necessity. Farmers had to display their wares and animals to do business. Today, fair organizers say, there's a new motive behind the flashy midway and rows of food stands at modern state fairs - trying to appreciate the agricultural economy, even if they only come to ride the Ferris wheel. "There's more glitz other places. You can see animals anywhere. What you don't get is that little bit of Americana," says Virginia State Fair spokesman Jay Lugar. Even the dubious honor of owning the ugliest lamp - a "hot contest" at Virginia's fair - is special, he says. "The ribbon is an icon," Lugar says. For Teri Ricketts of Citrus Heights, Calif., it's not a matter of whether she will enter something at the fair, but when she will start planning. This year, she entered apricot candy. "We are all so addicted to the television or the Internet that I think this is one of the few real things that people can go to in the state," says dairy farmer Richey Hutzog of Oakdale, Calif. Winners also find value in fair awards.



Wayne Glaeser of Modesto, Calif., shows a blow dryer and hair brush to comb Roste, his Holstein-dairy cow, which he showed recently in the Open Dairy Cow Judging at the California State Fair. Handing out blue ribbons at state fairs is a 150-year-old institution kept alive by a mix of economic motivation, tradition and pride.

"Last year the grand champion steer sold for \$45,000," said Colorado State Fair project manager Ed Kruse. "That's a pretty good college scholarship." Profit also is still the major motivation for farmers and ranchers who may travel hundreds of miles to a state fair, even with today's widely circulated livestock-breeding magazines and the World Wide Web. "You don't really know how you are doing until you compare your animals with the best in the state," says dairy farmer Richey Hutzog of Oakdale, Calif. Winners also find value in fair awards.

In the saturated Northern California wine market, consumers frequently choose a bottle because of a sticker that says it won a "best of" competition at the fair, says George Rose of Sonoma County winemaking giant Clos Du Bois. "You're looking at 30 bottles and they all look the same," says fairsinger Larry Hoppin of

Woodland, bringing the award-winning vines with his wife. "We almost always get the ones that have won some sort of award." But while there may be cultural and economic reasons for entering state fair contests, it really comes down to one simple factor, says Del Chase, who entered vegetables in the 1939 West Virginia State Fair when he was 5.

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Sgt. Bob Blackburn of the Orange County Sheriff's Department stands near a van in a car graveyard, run by the sheriff's department on Thursday in Santa Anna, Calif. The van was used by William G. Bonin, also known as 'Freeway Killer', who was convicted of 14 murders in the 1970s.

## The junkyard home of infamous autos becomes field of nightmares

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Its green paint fading from two decades under the sun, the dusty and rusting Econoline van appears as unremarkable as any other junkyard castoff.

The only clue to its past as a torture and murder chamber comes at the back inside: The door handles are missing.

"He removed them so his victims couldn't get out," said Jim Amormino, spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

The van belonged to "Freeway Killer" William G. Bonin, one of the nation's most notorious serial killers. It is one of dozens of vehicles in a Southern California junkyard that has become a repository for criminals' cars.

Sheriff's officials agreed to give a tour of the yard if its location wasn't revealed, fearing it could become a draw for those seeking ghoulish souvenirs.

Padlocked shut and protected by razor wire, the weed-choked

lot has become a sort of field of nightmares, home to vehicles belonging to about a dozen high-profile murderers.

Among them is the Toyota Celica owned by Randy Kraft, convicted after a decade-long killing spree in Orange County that ended in 1983.

Another is the gray Toyota pickup that belonged to Mark Richard Hibbun, a fired postal worker who shot two employees at a Dana Point post office in 1993, killing one. He also killed his mother and her dog and is currently serving a life sentence.

The yard also is the resting place for the pickup truck of Thomas Francis Edwards, convicted of shooting two 12-year-old girls in 1981.

The friends were camping with one of the girl's families in the Cleveland National Forest when they wandered off to start a picnic spot. Edwards, sitting in the truck, shot each in the head with a .22-caliber handgun,

killing one and seriously wounding the other. The motive remains unclear.

His truck, once sporting a bright red coat of paint, is now faded pink.

State law requires law enforcement agencies to hold vehicles that are related to crimes in case they're needed for evidence.

If they're related to murders, the vehicles must be kept for at least three years after the killer has been put to death. For cases in which the convict is sentenced to a prison term, the vehicles are kept until the appeals process has been exhausted.

## Anti-suicide program founder loses another son to suicide

DENVER (AP) — After Les Franklin's teenage son committed suicide, he channeled his grief into helping others and founded a suicide prevention organization so other families wouldn't endure similar tragedies.

But ten years after the suicide of Shaka Franklin, Les Franklin has found himself inexplicably reliving the same nightmare: His troubled son, Jamon, committed suicide last month.

Jamon, 31, was found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning in a remodeled blue Cadillac parked in a four-car garage at the family's home, which doubles as headquarters for the Shaka Franklin Foundation for Youth.

Now Franklin is stepping away from that organization as he struggles to deal with his confusion and grief.

"I get angry with myself even though I know if I had done everything perfectly, this still could have happened," Franklin, 61, said. "I just don't have it in me to go out and talk to kids about taking their lives."

The risk of suicide is thought to be up to 12 times higher for people whose immediate family members have committed suicide, but it is uncommon to find multiple suicides in a family because the suicide rate is low, said Dr. David Brent, academic chief of child psy-



Les Franklin Relives another nightmare

chairty at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Statistics show 11 in 100,000 people committed suicide nationally in 1997, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A graduate of the University of Northern Colorado, Franklin was an Air Force lieutenant and IBM executive for 25 years. He also directed the governor's Job Training Office, resigning in 1995 for an unsuccessful run for Congress.

In 1990, Franklin returned home to find his 16-year-old son, Shaka, had killed himself in a downstairs bedroom of the family's 7,200-square-foot home.

Shaka's suicide was attributed to his mother's failing health and an injury that ended his football season at Thomas Jefferson High School.

Franklin resigned from his jobs and founded the Shaka Franklin Foundation for Youth, which offered programs to help prevent suicide among youths as well as helping underprivileged youth.

A year later, the boys' mother died of cancer and Franklin, who had remarried, suffered a heart attack.

Recognizing the losses had affected Jamon Franklin, Les Franklin offered to get his son help, but he refused, pledging not to kill himself as Shaka did.

Jamon Franklin pressed ahead, graduating this summer from Morehouse College in Atlanta. He took charge of Shaka Liner City Edge, a program of the Shaka Foundation which teaches inner-city children how to skate and play hockey.

Friends and relatives believed Jamon Franklin was in control. "He was the type who was quiet," said Earleen Reed, Les Franklin's cousin. "That's what's so puzzling. He had such a good rapport with the children."

Terry Patton, one of his closest friends, said it was Jamon Franklin who made sure everybody was OK.

## West Nile virus infects eighth victim

NEW YORK (AP) — A 53-year-old woman was diagnosed as the eighth New York City resident struck this summer by the mosquito-borne West Nile virus.

The woman — the seventh victim from Staten Island — became ill Aug. 23 and was hospitalized five days later with encephalitis, health officials said Saturday. The woman is improving but remains hospitalized.

Last year, seven people in the New York area died from virus-related symptoms and scores more were hospitalized.

On Friday, New Jersey officials said tests had confirmed that state's first case in a 43-year-old Jersey City man.

New York City continued pesticide spraying over the weekend in an effort to reduce the mosquito population and halt

the spread of the virus.

The elderly and those with weakened immune systems have the greatest risk of infection. Symptoms include a fever, headaches and body aches, although severe infections can result in encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, or meningitis, an inflammation of the brain's lining and the spinal

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## Harvard Lampoon skewers college guides

BOSTON (AP) — There's a new college guide out, but prospective freshmen may want to think twice about taking "The Harvard Admissions" seriously.

The publication, which hit bookstore shelves Friday, parodies the cottage industry of lists, guides and manuals that have caused parents zealous in seeking the perfect school — even before their little student can spell "college."

"Some books have sections on how to get your 5-year-old into the right kindergarten," staff

writer Kevin Etten said. "They're almost comedy pieces in themselves."

One section of the Lampoon guide lists the "Do's and Don'ts of getting your embryo into the right college." Do: lecture the embryo on a variety of academic disciplines, ranging from spelling to numbers to the humanities to the biochemical sciences.

About a dozen student writers, editors and graphic designers, financed with \$40,000 from Warner Books, compiled the guide last summer after poring through bookstore stacks and

spending \$200 on real guides.

Founded in 1876, the Harvard Lampoon is the oldest continuously published humor magazine in the world, staffers say.

Previous targets include USA Today, Newsweek, Rolling Stone and Entertainment Weekly, but staffers say it's the first attempt at a college guide.

Former Lampooners include John Updike, George Plimpton and Conan O'Brien.

The Lampoon's guide — which hit newsstands the same week as the well-known U.S. News & World Report university rank-

ings — includes a parody list of college rankings as well as less-than-serious tips on how to choose a college and prepare for standardized tests such as the ACT ("Not just for fieldhands and man-children anymore") or the SAT.

The guide also takes light-hearted digs at other top universities, such as Brown University ("Founded in the summer of '69 by some hippies and their dogs as a socialist commune") and McGill University ("Founded in 1984, only four years after Canada itself was discovered").



From left, Harvard Lampoon staff members David King, Kevin Etten, Kevin, Daughter and Jean Yu check out their publication.

## Clinton calls for \$1 hike in wages

The Washington Post

SKANEATELES, N.Y. — On this Labor Day weekend, on President Clinton's last dash of summer vacation, the president called on Congress to give workers a \$1 raise in the minimum wage and on New Yorkers to elect his wife to the Senate.

And as Hillary Rodham Clinton campaigned for the Senate seat, he campaigned for a place in the hearts of New Yorkers, as the couple basked Saturday in the affections of tens of thousands at the New York State Fair.

Clinton's actions reflect how well he's spending his final week in office, squaring off with a Republican-controlled Congress over his legislative agenda and making the case for his wife, for Vice President Al Gore to be his successor and for the Democrats to regain control of Congress and shaking every last hand in the crowd.

Tuesday, he will gather with congressional Democratic leaders in a Rose Garden ceremony to press for a president's bill of rights, a Medicare prescription drug benefit, stricter gun control, and money for better schools and teachers.

## Parachutist's jump requires city rescue

CINCINNATI (AP) — A parachutist had to be rescued Friday night after he jumped from a downtown office building and snagged his parachute on the 29th floor of a nearby hotel, authorities said.

Witnesses said they saw two people jump from the 49th floor observation tower of the Carew Tower, the city's tallest building. The first parachutist landed safely, they said, but the second got caught and ended up on a ledge outside a closed hotel room window.

"He did two flips and then he snuggled on the corner of the hotel and then he swung around and smacked into the building," said Meg Jahnes, a downtown worker.

Jahnes said the man was still attached to his chute, which remained caught on the corner of the building. "He just grabbed that window and hung on," she said.

Rescue crews pulled the man to safety through the hotel-room window about 20 minutes later and arrested the man. The other jumper wasn't immediately found.

## Freshman falls, impales herself on spiked fence

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An 18-year-old college freshman was impaled on a spiked security fence Friday after plugging through a second-floor window when the screen gave way.

The student, whose identity was not released, was treated at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center and released.

The accident happened shortly before 11 a.m. at an off-campus housing facility for University of Southern California students campus police Lt. Art Blair said. She had arrived on campus a few days ago to begin her freshman year.

"She was leaning against a window with a screen in it," Blair said. "The screen popped out and she did a back flip."

The woman landed on the fence and two spikes punctured her buttocks, Blair said.

Police said alcohol or drugs played no role in the accident.

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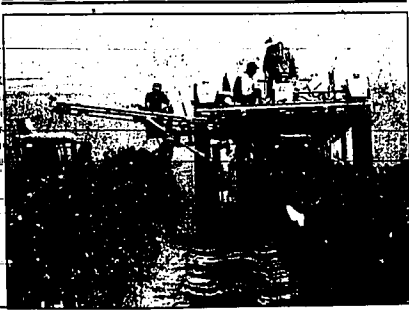
Motel-project gives seasonal workers a place to stay

PASCO, Wash. (AP) - In times past, the building formerly known as the Hotel Pasco served as an upscale hotel and a retirement home. Now, it has begun a new incarnation as a low-cost motel catering to migrant farmworker families who might otherwise sleep in tents or cars.

The Sea Mar Motel opened two weeks ago, in time for the influx of migrant workers coming to the region to pick apples. A grand opening Thursday drew two men on opposite ends of the political spectrum: U.S. Rep. Doc Hastings, a Republican whose 4th District includes Pasco, and former Gov. Mike Lowry, a Democratic candidate for state lands commissioner. "This may

be the future and model of how we're going to take care of the farm workers who come to this area," Hastings said. Lowry said the motel is "a major step forward on how we will solve this critically important issue" of farm worker housing. The motel is a project of Sea Mar, a Seattle-based non-profit health agency.

The project is financed entirely with private money from Western Bank, a division of Washington Mutual, which also contributed a \$50,000 grant. Rooms cost \$29.95 for the general public and \$24.95 for people referred by other social service agencies. People considered low-income by state guidelines pay \$10 per day.



Workers at Gordon Brothers farm harvest merlot grapes at their vineyards east of Pasco, Wash., in this 1998 file photograph. The harvest began this weekend.

# Grape harvest raises hopes

### Washington growers say demand, crop condition bode well for industry

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) - The Washington wine grape harvest should be a season of good cheer this year as the industry anticipates a record crop at a time when demand is greater than supply. "The harvest is monster," said Steve Burns, president of the Washington-Wine Commission in Seattle. "It's going to exceed the previous record by 25 percent."

The harvest began this weekend in the state's wine grape-growing corridor from Yakima Southeast to Walla Walla. This year's projected crop is 88,500 tons. The record in 1998 was 71,000 tons. The increased tonnage is the result of increased plantings, said Roger Gamache, chairman of the Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers. The state now has almost 25,000 acres of vineyards - more than double the 11,000 acres in 1993.

For the first time, more acres were planted in red wine grapes than white. In 1993, 64 percent of plantings were white wine grapes. In 1999, 56 percent were red wine grapes. Wade Wolfe of Hogue Cellars winery in Prosser said this year's fruit condition is near perfect. "One hates to make such predictions, but I expect a third wonderful vintage for Washington state, perhaps better than the '98 and '99 vintages," he said.

The wine industry has grown dramatically in this state in the last 10 years and is one of the few bright spots in agriculture these days. "We've reached critical mass from that standpoint," Burns said. "There are wineries coming out of the woodwork."

The commission expects to have a report by the first of the year on the economic impact of the industry on the state. There are multiple ripple effects as the wine industry grows, including niche food markets and tourism and entertainment packages built around wine tastings. "Demand for Washington wine exceeds supply, which is one of the reasons a record crop is good news. Washington wine sales in state were up 20 percent in June, Burns said.

The 2000 vintage also will be the first sold under the standards of the newly formed Washington Wine Quality Alliance, a group of 105 to 110 wineries that have agreed to a certain set of standards to ensure the state's reputation as a producer of premium wines. "It's totally focused on quality," Burns said.

Washington wine grapes had lots of "precious hang-time" this summer, Burns said. The extra time on the vine only improves the grape quality. "Our northern latitude gives us two more hours of sunlight than California each day, so we pro-

duce fruit of great ripeness and, coupled with cool nights to help maintain acid, we get balanced wines full of varietal flavor," said Norm McKibben, chairman of the wine commission and a vintner himself.

# Contract spotlights farm workers' gains

Los Angeles Times  
A quarter century after the United Farm Workers of America created a national movement for consumers to boycott Gallo wines, the union has won a contract with the winemaker, the world's largest.

Union leaders said last week's agreement caps a watershed year, which also saw the creation of a state holiday in honor of UFW founder Cesar Chavez' birthday, the passage of a bill to increase regulation of farm labor middlemen and a victory in the long campaign to represent workers of the nation's largest strawberry grower.

The successes were touted Saturday as the union assembled in Fresno, Calif., for its national convention. California Gov. Gray Davis was scheduled to address the gathering and to sign into law legislation designed to improve the safety of vans that transport farm workers.

Those gains are modest for workers who had once asked for starting-pay-of-as-much-as \$9.50 an hour and much more for experienced equipment operators. Many of the more than 80 employees who first voted for union representation six years ago have left the company. Hundreds of other Gallo employees at other locations are not covered by the contract.

Experts say the contract and legislative victories represent incremental gains for the union, which is still struggling to regain the power, prestige and membership that it earned in the early 1970s. Union President Arturo Rodriguez said that 2000 has seen "a lot of good things happening" for the union and laborers.

"At least one expert said it will be difficult for the union to spread the Gallo contract to other vintners and industries. "I don't want to say this is an insignificant agreement. But it took a long time," said Phil Martin, a labor economist at University of California, Davis. "The fact it took six years to get the contract means it's going to be hard to say to other workers, 'Join the UFW and we will get you a wage increase right away.'"

"It speaks to the stability of the organization and the fact the leadership is continuing to carry

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# Showers bring temporary relief on fire lines

## Rain helps to slow down wildfires

The Associated Press

Showers are slowing the spread of some of Idaho's 24 major wildfires. Up to an inch of rain is expected to fall during the Labor Day weekend.

"The rain slows them down and keeps the fire from torching," said E. Lynn Burkett of the National Interagency Fire Center. It gives firefighters a chance to aggressively attack the fires. Now we can contain them and mop them up.

The state's largest blaze, the Clear Creek fire near Salmon, is burning 200,155 acres. But the fire has not grown since Thursday night, when rain began to fall. Fire officials said this is the first time since the fire's eruption in mid-July that it has not gained acreage.

"It's another cloudy day and people are still smiling," said Mary Shedd, a fire information officer with the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

More than a half-inch of rain fell on the 35,750-acre Trail Creek blaze near Atlanta, which was contained Friday. Fire bosses have opened the main roads into the historic town.

Crews on central Idaho's 64,600-acre Burgdorf Junction, which blazes visited last month, set up a chain of rain tents Friday.

"The forecast does not mean an end to the blazes still burning through heavy fuels of dry lumber.

"We got some rains on some parts of the fire and other parts didn't get any," said Kathy Jo Hahnke, fire information officer at the Burgdorf blaze.

Over 706,000 acres are burning in Idaho.



Interagency firefighter Alfred Sanchez of Denton, Texas, sleeps on a box of shovels during a break while fighting the Willie forest fire near Red Lodge, Mont., on Saturday. A forecast for rain this weekend could help firefighters get the upper hand throughout the West.

"We know that one or two days of rain are not enough," Shedd said. "We have to be on our guard. The more days of rain the better it looks."

The National Weather Service in Pocatello called for more showers next week. "Hopefully we'll get enough rain to make headway on these fires before the snow comes," meteorologist Jack Messick said. Elsewhere, showers and thun-

derstorms had dropped as much as half an inch of rain on parts of Montana by Saturday and an inch or more elsewhere. Highs only reached into the 70s, humidity was low and rain was forecast through Wednesday.

"It cooled things down. It cooled the fires down, the air down. It took a lot of the smoke out. It made things so much more bearable for the crews," said J.D. Coleman, information officer at

the Northern Rockies Coordination Center in Missoula. Firefighters in Wyoming awoke to freezing temperatures Saturday morning. The damp, cold conditions allowed commanding crews home or to other fires, and some restrictions were lifted in Yellowstone National Park.

Showers also slowed the spread of some of Idaho's 24-

major fires. The state's largest blaze, at 200,000 acres near Salmon, had not expanded since Thursday — the first time the blaze hasn't grown since it started in mid-July.

In Montana, fire officials still cautioned that many of the 27 blazes burning on more than 658,200 acres there were not yet contained and could still jump fire lines if the weather changes.

# Man gets 40 years for sex crimes

BOISE (AP) — A Boise man who pleaded guilty to having sexual relations with his 17-year-old daughter will not see the outside of a prison anytime soon.

The 48-year-old man, whose name is being withheld to protect the identity of his wife and children, received the maximum possible sentence by 4th District Court Judge George Carey.

"We want to make sure he is out of our lives, with no chance to ever retaliate," the man's wife said during Friday's hearing, where the man was sentenced to 40 years in prison without parole.

The man was arrested in March on charges that he committed repeated sex crimes against his three daughters and two of his wife. He pleaded guilty to two of 11 charges in July, both of which involved sexual contact with his 17-year-old daughter.

The man gave a rambling statement to Carey before he was sentenced, which was not inaudible because he was weeping. He vacillated between apologizing for what he did and claiming some of the testimony against him was inaccurate.

"I am sorry for what I did. Yes I sinned, and yes I screwed up," the man said.

Carey told the man he was getting the maximum sentence because testimony and case files established that society needed protection, and psychological evaluations predicted a high probability the man would behave in a similar manner if given the chance.

An 11-count indictment handed up by a grand jury on March 14 said the father engaged in a pattern of sexual abuse against the 17-year-old girl, his oldest daughter, beginning as early as June 1994.

The 17-year-old girl testified Friday that the sexual abuse started when she was in sixth grade, and that she was too scared to talk to anyone about it. She also testified that her father had been physically abusive, and family members for years, and at times she contemplated suicide.

# Police arrest truck driver for road rage

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — An argument between two truckers over highway etiquette ended with shots fired and one of the drivers jailed.

Michael W. Sorden, 28, of Cedar City, Utah, was arrested Friday night. Mesa County sheriff's officials said he was being held without bond for suspicion of criminal attempt to commit first-degree murder.

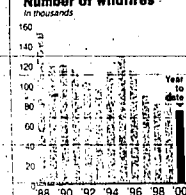
Sorden also faces possible charges of menacing with a deadly weapon, illegal discharge of a firearm, reckless endangerment and prohibited use of a weapon.

# Women fight blazes along with male counterparts

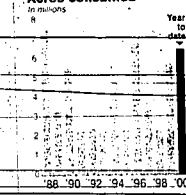
## Fighting fire

Blazing wildfires have scorched millions of acres of U.S. land, costing the government billions of dollars over the last decade.

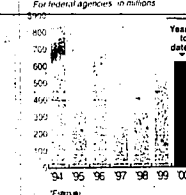
## Number of wildfires



## Acres consumed



## Suppression costs



Source: National Interagency Fire Center

COBALT (AP) — Maya Rocheleau hasn't showered in 15 days. Her face and hands are covered with soot and dirt after a 16-hour day fighting one of the nation's largest wildfires.

She sits on the ground sharpening her ax with the 19 other hot shots — highly trained firefighters who take on the most dangerous fires.

"My hair feels gross," says Rocheleau, 26, touching the braid at the back of her neck. "I was going to take a shower a while ago but there were all the guys."

She's the only female member of the Arrowhead Hot Shots, a team assigned to the 200,000-acre Clear Creek fire in central Idaho's Salmon-Challis National Forest.

At a petite 5-foot-2, the Chico, Calif., woman says the toughest part of fighting fires is psychological.

"It's so mental," Rocheleau

says. "When you're on 24-hour shifts you have to figure out a way to stay strong mentally. It's not the physical part."

After five seasons of firefighting and earning an occupational therapy degree from Colorado State University, last year, Rocheleau's parents did not want her back on the fire lines this year. But she couldn't pass up what she calls the best fire season in years.

"I think it's awesome. I wouldn't trade it for anything," Rocheleau says. "Fire has power over you. It's beautiful. It's awesome at night."

Still, she cautions that firefighting is not for all women. Besides the long hours and dirt, she cites the trials of working "only with men."

"Nineteen men together leads to typical male behavior," she says. "I do miss women, cool women."

—Claren Nilsson may fit the bill.

She oversees about 200 of the nearly 1,800 firefighters on the Clear Creek and is the fire's only female division supervisor.

As a truck full of Marines pulls away after stopping along a dirt road to get instructions from her, Nilsson and one of the young men exchange high-fives.

"It's just part of taking care of business," says Nilsson, 40, who has 20 years of experience fighting fires.

Besides her broader responsibilities, Nilsson has her own crew of 20 firefighters who work directly for her company, Lost River Fire Management Services Inc. of Merrill, Ore. It contracts its services to the Forest Service.

"Everybody thinks she's a great boss," says David Velador, one of Nilsson's firefighters. "She knows what she's doing and it's easier with a female boss because there's no competition."

Nilsson has had just two days off every 24 days for the last

three months. She has rarely seen her husband or 14-year-old daughter this summer, but says working with her crew is like having a bunch of younger brothers.

As the workday ends, the crew wears their chaps to protect their legs — sharpens their Pulaskis and axes in preparation for the next day.

One young man reminds Nilsson to take herbal cough drops for her cold. They sing and tell jokes.

"She took a group of us and made us brothers," says Jim Wallace of Tulelake, Calif. "I was living in the street before. She brought my self-esteem back up."

One member of the team says his only beef with the boss is her refusal to compromise, a shortcoming she readily acknowledges.

"I'm extremely competitive," she says. "I don't know when to quit."

# Teton firefighters get massages

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Kathie Chandler has been watching firefighting helicopters fly over her home near Wilson every day for weeks, a constant reminder of the fires burning throughout the Teton Range.

Wanting to help in some fashion, she decided the best way would be by donating her professional skills. Chandler is a massage therapist and firefighters are standing in line to take her up on the offer.

"These guys are shoveling and digging and cutting and saving my home," she said. "We all have something we can give if we think about it."

Chandler recruited five other masseuses to help ease the tired, aching muscles of the

roughly 400 firefighters assigned to a complex of five fires in or near Grand Teton National Park.

California firefighter Gil Smith spent days recently helping clear a mile-long, 150-foot-wide fire break by removing brush, trees and other plants that could spread a 6,800-acre fire in the Teton Wilderness, "which would explain the crick in my neck right now," he said.

Smith was among the many firefighters who almost forgot to finish dinner when he heard the word "massage."

"I almost left my ribs on the table," he said. His crew "slammed down" their food and drove their engine to the fire command post at Colter Bay Village to check out the rumor.

Initially, some fire bosses were reluctant to accept the donation, concerned in part by increased traffic to the command post by crews wanting to take advantage of the massages. But Chandler refused to take no for an answer.

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# ABOLISHING ROADS

## There used to be a road here, but soon just grass



Backhoes destroy a road crossing Davis Creek in the north end of the Gifford National Forest near Randol, Wash., late last month.

RANDLE, Wash. (AP) — Loggers built a dirt road across Jumbo Creek on the western flank of the Cascade Range 30 years ago so they could convert Douglas firs in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest into timber riches.

But then in 1996, heavy rains dumped giant boulders, trees and mud down the mountain and washed a section of the road away. There is a 60-foot wide canyon where the road across Jumbo Creek once was.

Now Forest Service workers are finishing the job nature began.

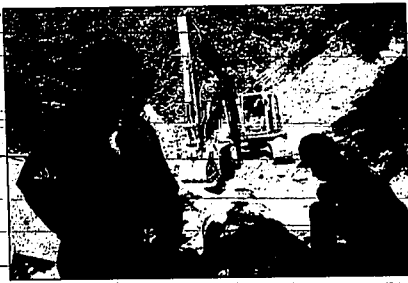
They are using excavators, dump trucks and a bulldozer to firm up the canyon walls, pull out a smashed culvert and churn up the road bed on either side of the creek.

They will put 60-by-12-foot mats made of nylon and coconut fiber on the canyon walls to prevent erosion. And they will plant a seed mixture of grass, lupine and creeping red fescue to make the former road bed on either side of the canyon more wild.

"We're definitely restoring it to the forest," says Bob Klatt, a district engineer at the Gifford Pinchot.

The Forest Service has a road network of 386,000 miles across 192 million acres of federal forests. Many of the roads were built by loggers during the timber heydays of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

No place are the roads thicker than in the Pacific Northwest,



Bob Klatt and Harry Cody of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest watch work on Davis Creek last month near Randol, Wash.

once the nation's logging hub. But with projects like the one at Jumbo Creek, the Forest Service is slowly getting rid of roads that are considered dangerous, unnecessary or environmentally harmful.

The agency has erased 25,000 miles of roads in the last decade and is on track to abolish nearly 3,000 miles this year alone.

With logging down 70 percent in the past decade, agency officials say there is no longer a need to expand an expensive road system that was built for loggers.

"Our road system is nearly complete," Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck told journalists this summer.

While building few new miles, agency officials could step up the pace of abolishing roads.

The Forest Service hopes to finalize a rule this year that would make it more difficult to justify construction of new roads while calling on agency officials to "aggressively" abolish roads that are not needed or environmentally troublesome. Agency officials unveiled the proposal last March.

Chris Wood, an aide to Dombeck, said it is difficult to predict how many roads will be abolished under the new rule because the proposal sets a policy direction that local agency officials carry out.

"We're not proposing running around the forest willfully closing roads," he said. "We intend to work hand and glove with folks at the district-ranger-and-forest worker level. ... It doesn't set a quota."

The proposed rule, along with President Clinton's proposal to prohibit road building in 43 million acres of roadless national forests, has drawn complaints from loggers, Recreation advocates and western Republicans.

"More and more Americans are being denied access to our national forests," said Larry E. Smith, a consultant for Americans for Responsible Recreational Access in Washington, D.C. "Who are these forests for?"

Tom Grimsman, a retired Forest Service employee and trails consultant from Hayden Lake, Idaho, said local agency officials increasingly have little choice but to make unpopular closure decisions. "The roads are being closed by edict from Washington," he said.

Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage, R-Idaho, who chairs the forests and forest health subcommittee in the House, has a bill pending on the House floor that would require the Forest Service to consult with local officials before closing any roads.

Among other things, the bill would require agency officials to describe traffic patterns with a view of the closure and to say how the closures would affect forest users.

# Political infighting splits booming Nevada community

MESQUITE, Nev. (AP) — There's conflict brewing just below the surface of this otherwise tranquil Nevada-Arizona border town that was little more than a dusty Interstate 15 truck stop a decade ago.

In 1990, fewer than 2,000 residents and the Hafen-Dairy herd called Mesquite home. It was a town in search of its first spotlight. Today the booming little city has that spotlight, four hotel-casinos and a 24-hour supermarket. It has become a regional destination instead of merely a pit stop for truckers to play the slots before rolling into Utah.

The cows are still there, but now they wrinkle the noses of duffers, who play nearby on fairways lined with new and under-construction homes for snowbirds.

Mesquite, estimated population 15,500, is the nation's fastest-growing small city. And officials project the town will double in size in the next four years. That means two new spotlights along with ballfields, parks, a senior/community center and a \$5.5 million city government complex.

It shares many of the same issues facing other fast-growing communities in the Southwest, including lack of medical care, poor roads, and public services that can't keep pace.

But in this community 80 miles northeast of Las Vegas, there's another — troublesome — issue: Growing pains are dividing neighbors and causing a split among local leaders that residents say is hurting the quality of life that attracted them here. These people just can't seem to get along.

At the center of the civic cyclone is the mayor who breezed into City Hall with a vow to "clear up" the town, a self-styled Matt Dillon who says it's time to rid the city of sweetheart deals that benefit developers and casinos.

Chuck Horne is the tough-talking newcomer who said he's willing



At left, when Mesquite, Nev., Mayor Chuck Horne strode into City Hall promising to bring some order to what he saw as the good-old-boy network, he made enemies. City Councilman Paul Henderson, above, is not one of the mayor's more vocal opponents but he questions Horne's moves to give the mayoral office more power.

to take on the good-old-boy network to make sure things go by the book. And if that's not enough, Horne is more than willing to grab the book and write it himself. If that's still not enough, Horne will throw it; Horne has sued his own city council — and won.

"The conflict has been over the rules of government," Horne said. "Are we going to have government that follows the rules — just like we by whom that massages the rubs for favorite special interests?"

Horne didn't take long to make enemies. A posse full of townsfolk want Mayor Horne recalled but lacked the votes to run him out of office in August. It was the second failed recall effort.

"He's supposed to be a hood ornament and he's holding the town back," said Kirk Lee, the Chamber of Commerce president and a recall organizer describing

Mesquite's weak form of government that doesn't give the mayor a vote at council meetings.

Lee, marketing director for the city's largest resort, thinks the mayor's slow-growth platform is hurting his efforts to attract industry to other than casinos. "We need to bring in some white-collar industry," he said.

Outside the year-old recreation center-living-resident-Mojave-Carter said the amenities paid for by growth.

She is frustrated, however, by the mayor's litigious nature that is eating up tax dollars and could be used for more recreational services. For example, Horne tried but failed to have the Clark County district attorney press perjury charges against Lee during

the first recall effort.

"I think it's definitely dividing the town," the 33-year-old said.

Paul Henderson, the former city manager who is now on the City Council, says there are people who show outright animosity toward each other because of all this nonsense. The last couple of council meetings have been a little uncomfortable.

"It's gotten so nasty that some folks have had enough and have put their homes on the market," said six-year resident Jim Saunders, who moved to Mesquite from Ohio.

On a weekday afternoon, Saunders listens to a ball game and waits for a customer to stroll into his otherwise empty barber shop along the city's main drag.

He thinks the failed recall attempt is not so much a vote in favor of the mayor, but against the City Council. "The new people are tired of the good old boys running the city," he said. "But we're still waiting to see what he's (mayor)

going to do. The City Council has proven itself. He hasn't."

Councilman Henderson, however, believes the mayor has shown himself by creating his own city charter that would ultimately give the mayor's office more power.

A charter commission — hand-picked by the mayor and council — outlined a form of government for the city that Henderson described as "pretty representative" of the community.

Horne didn't like it because it retained the council-manager form of government he has been butting heads with. So Horne wrote his own charter and gathered the required number of signatures to place it on the November ballot as an initiative.

Opponents say that's illegal, suggesting Mesquite's new charter is likely to wind up in another court fight. Meantime, residents say they are frustrated that much-needed services like a hospital and a senior center have taken a back seat to the infighting. They want the differences between the council and the mayor resolved as evidenced in the letters to the editor in the local weekly paper. The resounding message is "let's move on."

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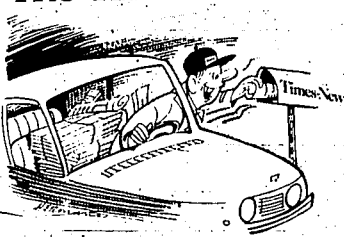
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Peace may hinge on sacred compound in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) - In the muted light of the Dome of the Rock Mosque, a young black-bearded Palestinian leaned against a stone pillar, crutches tucked under his armpits. He said he spends many hours a week in the soothing sanctuary where women in long robes sit in circles on the red carpet to study holy texts and worshippers kneel in quiet prayer. "I feel happy here. If I could stay here forever, I would do that," said Adil, 24, a former activist in the Palestinian uprising. He said his misshapen legs are a result of mistreatment during four years in an Israeli prison.

Compromise with Israel over the holy shrines is out of the question since God-willed the site to the Muslims, Adil said. "This mosque is part of our faith."

Shlomo Ben-Yosef, an observant Jew, is just as adamant. "We can give up everything, but not Jerusalem," Ben-Yosef, an electrical engineer, said as he toured remnants of the Second Temple at the southwestern base of the compound.

During one stop, Ben-Yosef and a dozen fellow Israelis rested on the partially reconstructed monumental staircase that led up to Temple gates, now filled in with bricks. Again and again, debate erupted in the tour group over whether Jews could have prevented the razing of the Temple by Roman soldiers in A.D. 70. The event, one of the most devastating in Jewish history, is still marked every year by daylong fasting and prayer at the Western Wall, part of the Temple's retaining wall and today the holiest site in Judaism.

At one point in the tour guide, Adil paused before a jumble of Temple stones, some the size of washing machines, that have not been moved since Emperor Titus' legions pushed them off the mount. "Infiltrating among the Jews at the time was a reason they were now standing," down here, within the



An ultra-Orthodox Jew prays at the Western Wall of the fallen second Jewish temple in the Old Walled City of Jerusalem on Friday. The dispute over who has sovereignty over the holy site is a key obstacle to an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty.

ruins, and not up there," where the ruins are, Anat said.

Observant Jews pray three times a day for the rebuilding of the Temple. Explaining why he could never give up sovereignty, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has said the Temple Mount has been the object of Jewish longing for 2,000 years.

Yet when Israel captured the compound from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war, it quickly assured Muslim clerics that it would not interfere in their business.

Israel's decision not to provoke the Muslim world was backed by mainstream rabbis who reaffirmed rulings that Jews cannot enter Temple Mount, for fear they would

desecrate holy soil.

However, the taboo is increasingly being challenged, not just by Jewish extremists, but by the rabbinical establishment. Last month, Israel's top rabbis were even asked to consider erecting a synagogue on the fringes of the mosque compound.

Some proponents said Muslims should not feel threatened by that idea. "I say to my Islamic friends, 'Let us all join together to pray together to the same God, from the same mountain,'" said Shaaryeshuv Haohen, chief rabbi of Haifa. Mainstream Jewish belief says rebuilding the Temple is up to God. However, a few at the fringes say Israel should make it a top priority to raze the

mosques.

Such talk unnerves Adnan Hussini, director of the Islamic Trust, or Waqf, that runs the mosque compound. Israel is too lax about restraining militants who again and again try to violate the ban on Jewish prayer on the mount, said Hussini, speaking in an office adorned with a picture of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Hussini scoffed at the Israeli government's claims that in 33 years of rule, it has ensured freedom of worship. Israeli travel restrictions routinely keep Muslims from the West Bank and Gaza Strip out of the shrines, he said. "They (the Israelis) dream that they are alone here, and the others are foreigners," he said.

Mideast peace effort

President Clinton will try again during this week's U.N. summit to bridge the Israeli-Palestinian divide, but it is likely the accord will still snag over 28 sacred areas in Jerusalem's Old City. Jews revere the wall compound they call Temple Mount as home of their ancient temples. To Muslims, the plot is the Noble Sanctuary, the spot where the Prophet Mohammed ascended to heaven.

Husseini brushed aside Jewish religious claims to the mount, arguing there is no proof a temple ever stood in place of the mosques, which were built in the late 7th and early 8th centuries.

"We (the Muslims) are here due to God's will," Hussein said, explaining why there could never be compromise. Palestinian officials have said Arafat would face a popular uprising if he made concessions on the shrines.

Outside Hussein's office, two burly Israeli policemen posted at a tall green gate to the compound frisked four young Palestinian men and ran their ID numbers through a hand-held computer. Other worshippers were allowed to pass without a check.

Security arrangements are complex, though Israel has the last word. The Waqf keeps the keys to all entrances to the mount, except the Maghrabi Gate at the top of a rampart near the Western Wall. About 250 unarmed Waqf guards patrol the compound.

Religious Jews are given special escorts - a Waqf guard and an Israeli policeman - to make sure they don't violate the ban on Jewish prayer.

During a recent visit, a black-coated ultra-Orthodox Jew, flanked by his ministers, wandered around the compound, but drew little notice from small groups of Palestinian women and children picnicking under pine trees and shaded archways.

Some mosque guards said day-to-day relationships with Israelis are actually much better than the Islamic Trust lets on.

But an undercurrent of tension is always there, and from time to time erupts into violence.

In 1990, Israeli police stormed the Haram as-Sharif (Arabic for Noble Sanctuary) after Muslim worshippers reacted to unfounded rumors of an Israeli takeover attempt and hurled stones at Jews praying at the Western Wall below. Seventeen Palestinians died from police bullets.

In 1996, 80 people were killed in riots that swept across the Jerusalem sovereignty dispute. Palestinian riots after Israel opened an archaeological tunnel alongside the mosque compound.

Ever since the Mideast summit at Camp David collapsed, the Jerusalem sovereignty dispute, mediators have been floating new ideas.

International sovereignty and even divine sovereignty - neither side wins and God is put in charge - have been proposed.

Egypt's envisaged plan is to defer sovereignty for five to 10 years. During this period, Palestinians would administer most of east Jerusalem, including the mosque compound, while Israel would remain in charge of the Old City's Jewish Quarter and the Western Wall.

But none of the plans has broken the deadlock yet. "Maybe the best idea of all would be to transfer sovereignty over the entire Temple-Mount compound to the Disney company so it could build a Park of Holies there," said an exasperated commentary in the Israeli newspaper Haaretz.

Talking in the postcard-perfect view of the Dome of the Rock Mosque with its bright golden dome and intricate exterior panels of blue mosaics, Dina Barlow, a visitor from London, said she understood both sides. "I can't imagine how they will settle it," she said.

Dragging death casts pall on South Africa

Hope for change declines rapidly

ZAMDELA, South Africa (AP) - In a country riven by racism, Abellina Ntanjia Rampuru had always viewed whites as regular people, just like her family, who simply had a different skin color. That was before, according to police, her husband's white employer tied one end of a wire around his leg, looped the other end to his pickup truck and dragged the black man for three miles before dumping his mangled, lifeless body in an open field. "I hate every white I see. I think my kids are going to hate whites for their whole lives," she said.



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John Mosoko Rampuru's family sees no end to the nightmare. His killing has convinced them blacks and whites can never reconcile. Rampuru, a driver working for a white construction company owner, called his family Aug. 25 to say he was staying at work to have a beer with his boss - something that had never happened before, his wife said.

Later that night, in a neat suburban neighborhood just a few

miles from Rampuru's home, someone called the police. They had just seen a body being dragged behind a pickup truck.

Shortly after midnight, police found Rampuru's badly torn body in a field. They followed a three-mile track of blood and flesh to the industrial area where Pieter Odendaal, Rampuru's boss, had his construction company. Odendaal's pickup truck, which matched the caller's description, was parked outside. Odendaal was having a drink in his office,

but he did not appear drunk, Capt. Elsabe Augustides said. Though he said he knew nothing of what happened, he was arrested on murder charges.

It's not clear when Rampuru was alive when he was dragged, and police do not know why he was killed. Rampuru, who was buried Saturday, had never complained about work, except for the long hours and low pay.

month, said his sister, Johanna Ntombi. And he was a calm man, a caring father to his two sons who would never fight with anybody, she said.

Police have declined to call his killing a racist attack. In a country only six years removed from the white domination of apartheid, few South Africans believe a similar crime would have been committed had the races been reversed.

Colombian warplane crashes amid fighting

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PEREIRA, Colombia (AP) - A U.S.-made Colombian warplane crashed Saturday amid heavy fighting between leftist rebels and government forces, killing seven airmen, the military said.

In addition, at least eight government soldiers and 12 rebels died in the ground combat at a communications complex on Mount Montezuma, 155 miles west of the capital, Bogota. The clash was the bloodiest since President Clinton visited Colombia Wednesday to support President Andres Pastrana's fight against drug traffickers and leftist rebels who protect drug crops.

The AC-119G Vietnam-era gunship outfitted with 50-caliber machine guns crashed into the

11,200-foot-high mountain at about 5 a.m. as it returned to base from the fighting, the Colombian air force said in a communique. There were no survivors, and all those aboard were Colombian, the air force said. Air Force Gen. Jairo Garcia insisted the plane was not shot down. He said poor visibility may have been a factor, because the crash happened just before dawn in cloudy weather. The plane, which was used extensively by U.S. forces during the Vietnam War and was known as "Puff the Magic Dragon," had been providing fire support for the ground troops.

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# Milosevic's test

## Polls point to the unimaginable: Election defeat for embattled Yugoslav leader



Aung San Suu Kyi  
Wants democracy in the former Burma

## Activist confronts junta

**KOK, Thailand (AP)**—Sleeping in a car in the middle of a muddy, mosquito-infested field may seem like a compelling political tactic, but for Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, it might just have worked.

Like the mythic mouse that strikes terror in the mighty elephant, the diminutive opposition leader has shown again that she can face down Myanmar's military regime. Suu Kyi, two other members of her National League for Democracy and 12 members of the party's youth wing were stopped by security forces in Dala, a suburb of the capital, Yangon, on Aug. 24 while en route to do party organizational work in the countryside. Refusing government requests to return to Yangon and blocked from proceeding, they set up a makeshift camp around their two vehicles and stayed put for nine days.

Suu Kyi's party had announced they would not voluntarily return home until they were allowed to go to their original destination 30 miles south of the capital. The standoff finally ended Friday night when she and her party were forcibly returned to the capital by riot police, said her deputy, Tin Oo.

In a statement titled "Dala incident ends happily," the government said Suu Kyi and her party "arrived home safe and sound" Saturday morning after being driven back to Yangon in a government motorcade. Senior NLD members' home telephones were not operating Saturday, and at least one party leader, Tin Oo, was being held under house arrest.

Despite the final outcome, analysts have suggested that Suu Kyi's tactic boosted her longtime military enemies. "If they had let her go and do party work, it would have proven that she and the party have beaten the military—and given her party a second wind," says Josef Silverstein, a Myanmar expert at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. "On the other hand, by stopping and holding her a prisoner, they made a non-event a world event."

Suu Kyi, 55, has shown her merle time and again since having set up the democracy struggle in this southeast Asian nation in 1988.

## Old meets new under streets of Barcelona

**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)**—Workers laying fiber-optic cable ran up against a chunk of 14th-century wall and a watchtower built to keep intruders out of this ancient Mediterranean city.

Archaeologists said they were delighted by the find this past week under Calle Peloso, a busy shopping street in downtown Barcelona.

The tower was an imposing structure, estimated at 66 feet high, 36 feet in diameter with a wall seven feet thick, city government spokesman Diego Boza said late Friday.

Only the tip of it was unearthed in the digging that began last month to install more fiber-optic cable to the city's telecommunications network.

Both the tower and the wall were built in the mid-1300s on orders from King Pere of Aragon and Catalonia. They were part of the third defense perimeter constructed around Barcelona by the city expanded.

**CVETOJEVAC, Yugoslavia (AP)**—Boza Markovic counts off Yugoslavia's wars on his tobacco-stained fingers: first Slovenia, then Croatia, then Bosnia and finally, worst of all, Kosovo.

"Now what?" the 80-year-old villager asks as he folds his gnarled hand into a fist. "Is there anything else to lose?"

Millions of Serbs are thinking about Yugoslavia's decade of losses as they near Sept. 24 elections that are increasingly seen as a referendum on the rule of Slobodan Milosevic. For the first time since coming to power in 1990, pollsters insist, the Yugoslav strongman may actually face the unthinkable: rejection by the masses.

"I think he could really lose this time," said Bratislav Grubacic, a Belgrade political analyst who edits the influential newsletter V.I.E. Daily News Report.

But analysts here suggest Milosevic would be highly unlikely to abide by such a result, given his record of tampering with earlier ballots. If so, the question then turns to how he would seize another diminished status of private citizen wanted for war crimes.

Milosevic's problem is his challenger. The man who leads in every independent poll is Vojislav Kostunica, 55, a soft-spoken law professor known for his honesty and modest lifestyle. To a nation that feels



Boza Markovic, 80, criticizes Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic for the four wars lost in the 20 years the leader's been in power.

badly let down by its political class, Kostunica's ordinariness and his artlessness as a politician are what make him so popular.

The most recent poll, by the prominent Institute for Social Sciences, gave Kostunica 35 percent of the vote to Milosevic's 23 percent—a big lead, though not enough to avoid a runoff ballot. Two other candidates trail far behind with about 5 percent each, with the remainder undecided. The poll gave no margin of error or indication of how many people were questioned.

Yet even in villages like Cvetujevac, 55 miles south of the capital, Belgrade, Serbs are convinced that Milosevic will not go down without a fight.

Markovic's neighbor, Milivoje Nikolic, 89, comes from the same pool of rural supporters that kept the autocratic ruler in office year after year.

Nikolic fought during World War II, endured hardship under communism and fears instability if there is a change in government.

"He will do anything he can to stay in power," Nikolic said of the man who claimed his way up from low-level communist-era apparatchik to president of post-Cold War Yugoslavia. "He may try to provoke a war if he realizes he will lose."

Still, Nikolic has had enough. In a garden overgrown with flowers wilting in the late summer heat, he and his family reminisce about the young people who have left the countryside, unable to find work in

an economy where unemployment is measured by independent economists at 50 percent. They have seen inflation erode pensions: An engineer's monthly 156 dinars, \$13, now buy only a few packs of cigarettes.

The average annual income in Yugoslavia in 1990 was about \$3,250. A decade later it is \$625.

In cities scarred by last year's NATO bombing, where U.N. sanctions have depleted the stores, life revolves around waiting in line, starting at dawn when rufrees gather outside grocery stores to grab the cheapest cartons of milk. The longest lines are for visas to leave the country. Hustlers spend the night outside embassies and next morning sell their places in line for 30 German marks (\$15).

Analysts suggest that if elections were free and fair, Milosevic would face a runoff at the very least. Four candidates are seeking the presidency, including a far-right candidate seen as siphoning off support from Milosevic.

In timing the election for the fall, Milosevic appears to have miscalculated. Though he began preparations months ago by shutting down key independent media outlets, arresting his critics and intimidating dissidents, he appears to have been caught off-balance by the opposition's decision to nominate Kostunica.

## Rebels: American hostage stops eating

**ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP)**—An American man kidnapped by Muslim rebels in the southern Philippines is on a hunger strike, the guerrillas said Saturday.

The Abu Sayyaf rebels had requested food and medicine be sent to their camp on remote Jolo island for Jeffrey Schilling, 24, of Oakland, Calif. U.S. officials say he is seriously ill and needs regular prescription medicine, but the nature of this condition was not clear.

Asked Saturday how Schilling was, rebel spokesman Abu Sabaya

replied: "He is still there. He is on a hunger strike now."

Philippine Red Cross officials instructed their staff not to deliver food to the rebel camp because of the danger of abduction, the Radio Mindanao Network said.

Americans were also warned against traveling in the southern Philippines by the U.S. State Department on Friday.

The Abu Sayyaf, which says it is fighting for an independent Islamic state in the southern Philippines, is holding six other foreigners and 12 Filipinos.

The group freed six hostages last week for a reported \$6 million ransom, paid by Libya. It had freed other hostages earlier.

Philippine negotiators had hoped the Abu Sayyaf would release the six Westerners this weekend. But chief negotiator Robert Aventura said the release would be delayed until after the return of a Libyan envoy on Monday, at the earliest.

Libya has played a prominent role in negotiations for 21 tourists and workers, mostly foreigners, kidnapped by the Abu Sayyaf from a Malaysian dive resort on April 23.

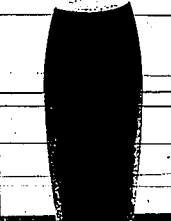


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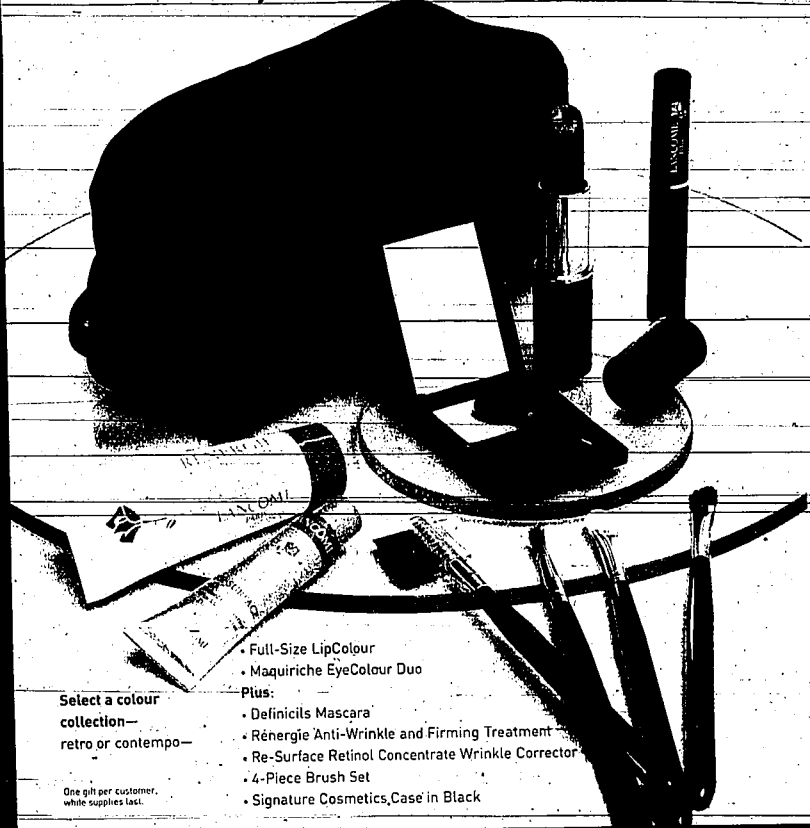
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# Some dating advice for the next first daughter

PATTI DAVIS

No matter who wins the presidential election, whether it's Vice President Al Gore or Texas Gov. George W. Bush, there will be at least one young, single first daughter forced to navigate the treacherous waters of the dating world while being closely followed by a merry band of Secret Service agents. As if dating weren't hard enough—

There are no how-to books available about how to deal with this situation, and I think even the wisest sage would throw up his (or her) arms and say, "Beats me." So, I'm offering a few suggestions. As someone who lived through this ordeal—notice, I didn't say survived it—I can at least give you some insights and tips that may help preserve your sanity and prevent you from missing romance altogether.

1) Don't let on that you think any of the Secret Service agents are attractive. They'll be taken off your detail before the clock strikes midnight. They're sensitive about that sort of thing. Jumpy, in fact.

2) In reference to tip No. 1, any guy you're dating will probably be jealous that you are being trailed by some attractive men. There's really no way around this, but you might suggest he strikes up a conversation with them—ask about their singular and their training. It's a jangling kind of thing, and it sometimes works.

3) Don't tell them where you're going beforehand. They'll be really mad, but here's the reason. If, for example, you say, "I'm going to dinner at this particular restaurant tonight, they'll 'advance' it." This means, when you walk in, everyone will be staring. I mean everyone. The cooks, the busboys, the dishwashers. The kitchen crew will get backed up, orders will be slow and the customers will blame you. Not to mention that your date will hate the scrutiny.

4) Tip No. 3 applies even more to movies. Wait until the last minute. Be spontaneous. That way the agents might not even get a seat; they'll have to stand in the back. There's nothing more distracting than men with guns sitting right behind you munching

popcorn.

5) There actually are some advantages. You can do risky things like go hiking at night, white-water rafting, skydiving in grizzly-bear country, skydiving. You know, all those things you might have been afraid to do before. Hey—they're there to protect you—why wait for a terrorist kidnap plot? Take advantage of their skills and commitment. They'll probably appreciate the adventure.

6) You can ask them for a bonafide mala opinion on how you look before you go on that really important date. Just remember to not ask the cute ones. If the reason for this is unclear, please refer back to tip No. 1.

7) Don't expect them to intervene if a disgruntled ex-boyfriend spots you in public and insists on talking to you. Unless your ex is wearing a facemask, brandishing a weapon or acting like a dragged-out lunatic, you're just going to have to handle the situation yourself. Ex-boyfriends are not in the Secret Service manual.

8) Explain to your date he should obey the speed limits. Not just for the obvious safety reasons, but also because the agents have sirens in their cars. It's embarrassing to be pulled over by your own Secret Service agents.

I hope these suggestions are helpful to whomever is placed in the strange situation of waking up one day as the new first daughter. I have just one more tip. If you end up getting married while your father's in office, get married in the White House. I didn't, and several of my friends have never forgiven me.

Patti Davis, a screenwriter, is the daughter of Ronald Reagan.

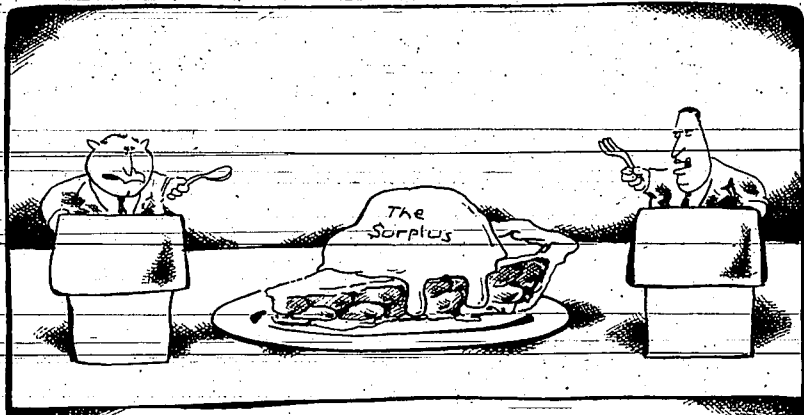
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# There never was a golden age of politics

PHILIP TERZIAN

Writing in the fall of 1952, Walter Lippmann described the Democratic presidential candidate, Franklin D. Roosevelt, as "an amiable man... who, without any important qualifications for the office, would very much like to be president."

In the annals of journalistic condemnation, Lippmann's initial judgment of his fellow Harvard graduate has an honored place. And, of course, as Lippmann himself would later concede, initial judgments are often deceptive. Still, it is difficult to look at FDR at age 50 (as he was that year) and not draw some comparable conclusions.

He had entered politics more or less as a lark, and his principal assets were wealth, great personal charm and his surname, which he shared with a popular ex-president. When he ran for president in 1932, he had been a sub-Cabinet officer, an unsuccessful candidate for the U.S. Senate and vice president, and governor of New York for three years.

Some promise, perhaps, but not a lot of substance. And that is how Roosevelt pursued the presidency. Chosen by the Democrats in Chicago, he broke precedent by flying in an airplane to accept his nomination, in person, at the convention; a theatrical gesture with no particular significance.

He criss-crossed the country vowing to restore "confidence" in Depression-ridden America, and balance the federal budget. A paraplegic, he was always photographed upright and smiling, or waving gaily from the back seat of a touring car. He was, as we might lament today, notably short on specifics, except to say that "these unhappy times call for plans... that build from the bottom up and not from the top down, that put their faith once more in the forgotten man." What those "plans" might be nobody knew, least of all FDR himself.

I was reminded of all this while reading a hostile review in The New York Times of David Gergen's new memoir, "Eyewitness to Power." Mr. Gergen, the famous publicist, is an easy person to dislike. He has been employed by a wide variety of presidents, from Nixon to Ford to Reagan to Clinton, largely with an eye to serving David Gergen.

But it is Mr. Gergen's speciality, the modern practice of political PR, which sets the Times reviewer's teeth on edge. "He is one of the people," she declares, "who helped create this sorry state of affairs... helping to orchestrate the aura of the great and the powerful." His success, she argues, "underscores the pragmatic—

some would say mercenary—ethos of a political era that increasingly values expertise over conviction, style over substance."

Even Gergen, in his characteristic way, agrees with his critic: The 1980 presidential campaign, he writes, "was the last truly good one the country has had because all three candidates... provided clear choices for the electorate. They said exactly what courses they intended to pursue if elected, didn't blur the differences, laid down the mustard, and didn't sell their souls to their pollsters and handlers."

This is what might be called the Golden Age theory of politics, which holds that up until recently American presidential elections were fought by honorable men of deep experience, taking unpopular stands on pertinent issues. To which one can only say: Dream on.

As early as 1828, voters were encouraged to choose between "John Quincy Adams, who can write" and Andrew Jackson, who can fight."

You don't have to be too old to remember that 1980 election, when opponents of Ronald Reagan never stopped talking about his background as a movie actor, deploying the artificial techniques of the silver screen to seduce the electorate. Candidates who found themselves in Harry Truman's crosshairs would be amused to learn that "muddling—

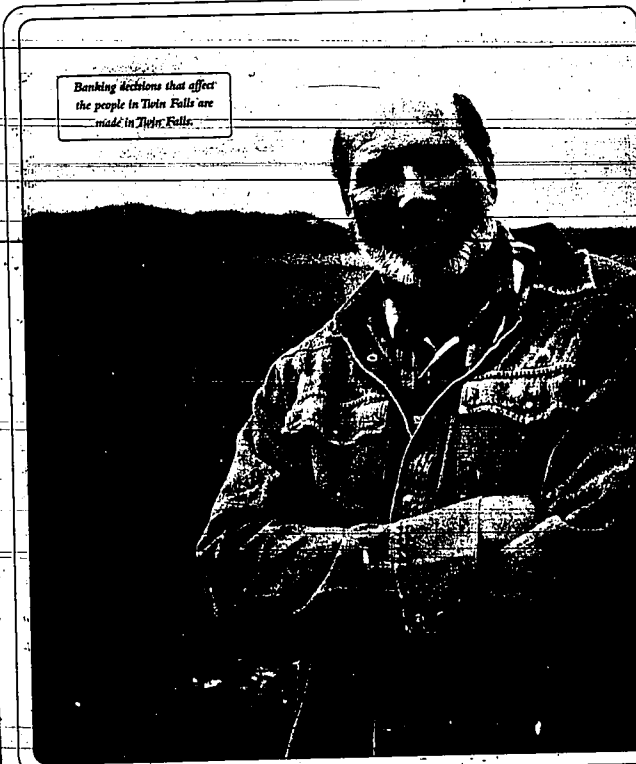
ing" is a recent invention. John Kennedy ran in 1960 on the principle of getting the country "moving again!"—a simple, yet well-defined — and scoring points on a nonexistent "missile gap."

And as any presidential biographer will tell you, handlers have been part of the process since the days of Jackson (Amos Kendall), William McKinley (Mark Hanna), FDR (Louis Howe) and Truman (Clark Clifford). What we now take to be the aura of greatness surrounding these statesmen seemed like politics to their contemporaries.

Which is to say that this year's contest is in the great tradition: At the moment, it is George W. Bush—the two-term governor of America's second largest state—who is suffering from the media accusation that he is an amiable man who, without any important qualifications for the office, would very much like to be president. But that could change, as the campaign progresses. For as we know from history, it is not "specifics" that win elections, or the promise of a discount at the drug store, but consistent themes and perceptions of character—even style, which did Franklin Roosevelt no harm.

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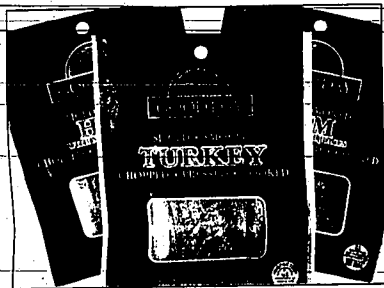


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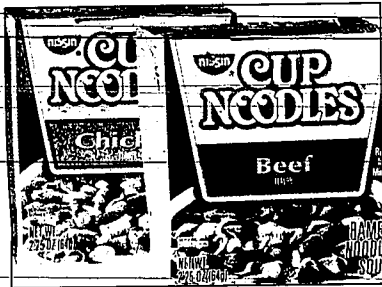


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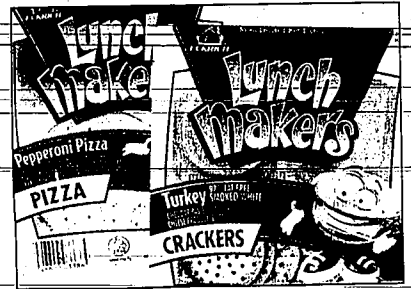


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## Canned fruit doesn't deserve blue ribbon

Aunt Cilla didn't do a whole lot with her life - three divorces, a son who sold used cars and a daughter who became a lawyer - but the woman did know her peaches. And every year at the Power County Fair she was a mortal lock to win the blue ribbon in the Canned Fruit Division - and usually one or two others in associated category. The times sure were hard. Fred Muffin and Composites and Preserves.

Couldn't see it myself. Seemed to me that Aunt Cilla's canned peaches were pretty much indistinguishable from Green Giant's, though everybody else raved about them. I long suspected - and later became convinced - that nobody ever actually tasted them.

Even though they lined the walls of every basement and root cellar in the valley like so many glassy-eyed sentries in tin hats. Nobody ever refused Aunt Cilla's peaches - everybody was too polite - but you just knew that all those jars were destined to slowly cultivate botulism toxin until, in the fullness of time, they would be carried off to the county dump and dashed against the fossilized watermelon rinds.

Now I admit that I come to the subject of home-canned fruit with certain biases born of watching all those old Vincent Price and Christopher Lee movies where pickled body parts were preserved in glass vessels that looked remarkably like Mason jars.

Plus, I wasn't persuaded that all the boiling water in the world was going to kill any nasty bacterium who truly had his mind set on settling down in a jar of undercooked apricots.

But fundamentally, I just never saw what the fuss was about: A canned peach - or anything else - is a pale copy of the real thing.

Back in the '50s, my Uncle Fred Larsen was in the hospital in Soda Springs for an operation, and home-canned peaches were part of the bland diet served to patients at the time. Fred found the peaches to be disappointing, so he left them in a bowl on his tray, and waiting for the nurse to return, casually carved his initials in them with the end of a spoon.

The next day, he swore, he was served the very same dish of peaches, bearing his "FL" monogram.

The sad fact is that something similar happens all over this green and pleasant land of ours every day. Foods are leaving canned fruit on their plates; they just don't usually have the presence of mind to autograph it.

So here's a modest proposal: Let's ban home-canned fruit from county fairs - henceforth and forever - and replace it with something that people actually eat. Corn Nobs, biscuits and gravy, Velveeta in the squeeze tube - anything.

Their let's take all those jars of peaches, pears and apricots and give them to the Red Cross to serve to victims of hurricanes and post-lance beautes, candidly, they're the only ones who will eat it.

When I was in high school in Pocatello, I had a math teacher who was an amateur archaeologist. He spent his weekends and summers noodling about the desert pits that dotted the mountains and high plains of eastern Idaho.

Mr. Carlsen's favorite venue was Chesterfield, a mile-high ghost town settled among the scrub cedar breaks northwest of Soda Springs.

He spent several weeks one summer excavating the skeleton of an old general store that dated from the turn of the last century, trying to find settlers' artifacts of some historical significance.

When school started that fall, he reported to his classes that he'd failed.

"I found a lot of stuff, but no real signs of civilization," he told us. "Just mostly trash and a lot of fruit jars."

# Relating to beast and people

## New wolf manager brings experience, expertise to job

**By N.S. Nohkventud  
Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS - The most important thing to know about managing wolves is how to deal with people, says the man taking over as head of the wolf recovery program in Idaho.

Communication is the most important component of any wolf recovery plan, said Carter Niemeyer of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services - formerly Animal Damage Control - in Helena, Mont.

A good wolf recovery program is important, but you also have to make sure that all the parties are talking," Niemeyer said in a recent interview with The Times-News. The sides don't have to agree on everything, but it's important that they understand the agency's job.

Niemeyer, 53, starts work with the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service in Boise Sept. 11 as head of the wolf recovery program in Idaho. He replaces Roy Heberger who retired in July.

Wildlife officials in Idaho give him high marks for his objectivity, professionalism and his communication skills.

Wolves were returned to central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park in 1995 and 1996 over the protest of the livestock industry and other critics who feared the skilled predator would kill vulnerable livestock and wipe out big game herds.

But wolf advocates say it conflicts arise wolves, which belong in the wilds of Idaho and Yellowstone.

Niemeyer has tried to bridge that philosophical gap since 1987 with the first domestic wolf kill in recent times.

He grew up in north Iowa and holds a master's degree in wildlife biology from Iowa State University. And he served as western, Montana district supervisor for Wildlife Services in Helena from 1975 to 1991.

Niemeyer became a wolf manager when wolves killed some livestock northwest of Browning, Mont., in 1987. The wolves came down from Canada, but there was little wildlife in the area and the pack turned to calves and sheep.

Government agencies at the time were

ill equipped to handle the problem at the time. Ranchers wanted the wolves moved. But Fish and Wildlife didn't want them killed.

The result was an interagency conflict with officials pointing fingers of blame at each other. The real problem was that no one had experience with wolves, and no one had traps or equipment for dealing with them.

Fish and Wildlife wrote an interim wolf plan the following year - setting up agency responsibilities and setting up some training. Officials looked for someone to run the program.

In 1990 Niemeyer got the call.

He refused at first. He liked being district supervisor dealing with a variety of problems, he said. But eventually he was convinced to take the job.

At the time he didn't foresee the growth or volatility of the wolf problems or the reintroduction that were soon to come, but looking back it was the right choice.

"It was one of the best professional decisions I ever made," Niemeyer said. "It made my life more challenging, interesting and adventuresome."

Fish and Wildlife's wolf recovery program gave Niemeyer the opportunity to put his expertise in catching wolves to use.

He first learned the art of shooting.

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Carter Niemeyer is the new head of Idaho's wolf recovery program for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Boise.

# Wagon Days packs crowd for parade Seeking space

## Rain doesn't deter parade goers; Man injured when cannon misfires

**By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent**

KETCHUM - Wagon Days' Big Hitch Parade went off Saturday - but with a few uncharacteristic hitches.

A third of the parade's 96 entries, including the El-Capa Bareback Riders, bowed out after a steady drizzle that left three inches of snow on Baldy Mountain. And a man was injured when a cannon that's used to signal the start of the parade went off, blowing off part of his hand.

Bill Johnston, of Richfield, who is in his 50s, sustained explosive injuries to his right hand, face and eyes around 12:45 p.m. according to The Associated Press. He was taken to Wood River Medical Center. Dr. Ed Miller, of the medical center, said Johnston could suffer finger or thumb loss as well as some vision loss. He was flown to the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah for treatment. Johnston was listed in stable condition Saturday afternoon.

Johnston was reloading a cannon to signal the beginning of the parade when the cannon ignited prematurely, according to the AP.

Scott Koski, a witness to the accident, said Johnston had shot the cannon and appeared to be putting the fuse in the cannon to get it ready to fire again when it went off. The black powder was probably pretty unstable with all the moisture, he said.

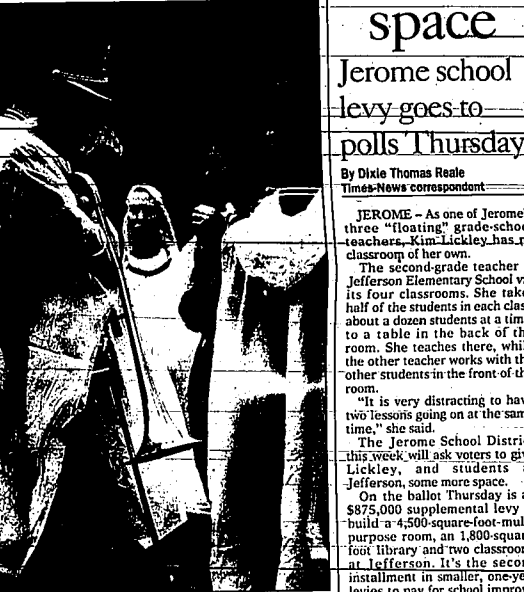
The parade's start was delayed temporarily while Johnston was transported to the hospital and while a policeman returned to the scene to retrieve one of Johnston's fingers.

Johnston, a dairy farmer, and Larry Deeds, also a farmer, had built the cannon with \$1.59 worth of parts including a butted end fashioned from a trailer hitch, according to an article in this week's Wood River Journal.

Ketchum tallied more than an inch of rain Friday and Saturday, cutting the number of parade spectators in half from last year's record-setting 15,000. But no one seemed to mind, save for 5-year-old Colton Prestwich, of Kimberly, who asked his mother why they didn't come in the summer this time like they did for last year's parade. "I love it - anything to put the fires out. And I think everybody else loves the rain, too," said Mike Hanley, sitting in the drizzle on the Silver City Stage.

The parade has had a few sprinkles before, even snow flurries once, said volunteers Dee Hadley and Kelly Houston. But nothing like Saturday's downpour. The rain didn't stop Twin Falls banker Jack Hetherington from throwing a raffish party for 38 under his RV awning parked along the parade route. Eight members of a Carey family huddled under a lawn umbrella to watch the parade and others sought refuge in their Hummers.

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Boise High School trombone player Will Waag keeps his finger nimble while weathering the storm that hit Ketchum during the Wagon Days parade Saturday.



Cassia County is cracking down on a ban on motorized scooters which officials say are too dangerous to be riding in traffic. Pictured with their scooters are, from left, Katie James, 10, and her brothers Mike, 13, and Garry, 16.

## Cassia cracks down on scooters

**By Ruth Streater  
Times-News writer**

BURLEY - Cassia County sheriff's deputies are about to crack down on motorized scooters, which, according to Idaho law, can't be ridden on public streets without a license and the proper equipment.

The scooters, which can move at speeds of more than 20 mph, have become a popular mode of transportation for both teens and adults.

But a recent look at state law by city and county attorneys showed that the scooters are considered motorized vehicles and

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# Amanda Kent, Natalie Bish take home crowns

**The Times-News**

FILER - Amanda Kent was crowned Miss Magic Valley Saturday night at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Kent, 19, of Pocatello, daughter of Paul and Joanne Kent, is a sophomore at the University of Idaho where she's active in a number of clubs and organizations. She is an ambassador, a starter on the women's rugby team and a member of the Horsemanship Club.

Kent was also the winner in the Poise and Personality, Rodeo Knowledge and Public Speaking categories.

Jenna Bell was named first attendant.

Bell, 18, of Eagle, daughter of Del and Susan Bell, will be a student at Boise State University next spring; she's served as pres-

dent and vice president of Eh Cara Bareback Riders Youth Group and has won various riding awards.

Bell was also voted Miss Photogenic and the Horseman in the Appearance and Horsemanship categories.

Other contestants were Amanda Bliss of Filer and Brooke Crandall of Jerome.

Natalie Bish took home the crown of Miss Magic Valley, Stumpede Teen Queen.

Bish, 15, of Nampa, daughter of Jack and Glenda-Bish, is a sophomore at Kuna High School where she's a member of the dance team and active in PFA, rodeo and Adopt-A-Grandparent.

Bish was voted Miss Photogenic and also won in the Appearance and Rodeo Knowledge categories. Britni Poulton was named first

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# Jerome school levy goes to polls Thursday

**By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent**

JEROME - As one of Jerome's three "floating" grade-school teachers, Kim Lickley has no classroom of her own.

The second-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School visits four classrooms. She takes half of the students in each class, about a dozen students at a time, to a table in the back of the room. She teaches there, while the other teacher works with the other students in the front of the room.

"It is very distracting to have two lessons going on at the same time," she said.

The Jerome School District this week will ask voters to give Lickley, and students at Jefferson, some more space.

On the ballot Thursday is an \$875,000 supplemental levy to build a 4,500-square-foot multipurpose room, a 1,800-square-foot library and two classrooms at Jefferson. It's the second installment in smaller, one-year levies to pay for school improvements. Since 1996, voters have rejected five school-bond-issue elections, with "please tags" of \$10.9 million to \$13.9 million.

"Levies seem to stand a better chance of passage than larger 20-year bond issues, Jerome Superintendent Jim Cobble said.

A supplemental levy needs only a simple majority to pass; a bond issue election needs a two-thirds majority.

The proposed addition to Jefferson is estimated to cost \$950,000; the district is asking for \$875,000 from the taxpayers and would cover the difference.

"Since the proposed supplemental levy is for one year only, there is no loan involved so there would be no interest to pay. That will help ease concerns and save the taxpayers' money," Jefferson principal Dale Layne said.

Last year the district passed a levy to build a \$1.25 million eight-classroom addition to the high school to help ease overcrowding. Before the addition, eight high school teachers did not have their own classrooms. With the addition, completed this spring, all teachers have classrooms, Cobble said.

"We still have problems of overcrowding at all levels... the enrollment projection for the fall semester is up between 30 and 40 students districtwide," Cobble said.

The supplemental levy is expected to cost the taxpayer \$1.49 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. The levy for the high school addition was \$2.18 per

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

# United Way changes Boy Scout policy because of ban on gays

LEWISTON (AP) — Citing an anti-discrimination policy, the United Way of Latah County/Moscow is changing the way it gives money to the Boy Scouts of America.

The United Way chapter decided to withhold \$2,500 from the Inland Northwest Council of the Boy Scouts in Spokane, Wash., because of the national group's ban on gays from becoming Scouts or leaders. "We don't want to hurt the Boy Scouts," said L.S. Nickerson, United Way of Moscow director. "But we do not want to give to a national organization which violates our bylaws."

Instead of donating money to

the council, the chapter is requesting area-troops sign a notarized letter stating they will not discriminate. The Moscow chapter would then give individual troops money. In the past, the chapter has donated annually to the council, which oversees troops in eastern Washington and northern Idaho. The council then distributes the money for summer camps and services such as record-keeping, said council executive George Trosko.

Nickerson said the United Way's national organization is struggling with its position on the issue.

Now, as long as an agency is fol-

lowing state and federal law, a United Way may provide money to individual chapters are free to make their own choices where the money goes.

Even if the national United Way changed its position on funding the Boy Scouts, Nickerson said individual chapters would retain local decision-making powers.

Trosko contends the chapter's move goes against United Way's own policies. He said individual troops are run by church and civic groups and thus are not charitable organizations. He added the regional councils and the national scouts are the only entities that can receive donations.

# Portland company intends to buy Idaho Forest Industries Inc.

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Stimson Lumber Co. intends to purchase Idaho Forest Industries Inc. with its three Panhandle sawmills and 89,000 acres of private timberland by year's end.

Stimson Lumber, a 110-year-old Portland company, has not disclosed the purchase price for the two mills in Coeur d'Alene and one in Priest River.

Tom Richards, who has run the Idaho family-business for 35 of its 84 years, said he and his twin brother, John, are ready to retire, and no other relatives are interested in taking over.

"But we have found a buyer that will continue to run the company the same way we have run it for all of these years," Tom Richards said, adding Stimson plans to continue running all

three mills despite poor lumber market conditions that have caused some area plants to shut down temporarily or indefinitely in recent months.

Richards said the family was mainly concerned about its 460 employees. Under the agreement, only about 10 of the managers will be laid off. Most of them were stockholders who held 20 percent ownership.

Idaho Forest shut down for 35 of its weeks in 1981 due to poor lumber prices and a boiler problem, but none of the mill workers were laid off, said company President Jim English. He is one of the stockholders who is leaving.

"We put them all to work cleaning up the mills and the grounds," English said. "They all collected their wages through that period."

We just didn't produce anything," The Richards brothers said they chose Stimson for its community-oriented nature and commitment to forest stewardship.

"They have an extremely well-run company," Stimson President Andrew Miller repudiated. "They have a great reputation in the marketplace."

Stimson owns six sawmills along with three timberland management offices in five Western states. It already owns 290,000 acres of private timberland including 20,000 acres in Idaho, and produces 540 million board feet of lumber annually.

The sale will increase its production capacity of more than 900 million board feet of lumber. The employment base will also grow to 2,260 people.

# Montana man escapes grizzly injury

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — A horseback rider who stopped for lunch suffered minor injuries after an attack by a grizzly bear, park officials said.

Richard D. Romano, of Belgrade, Mont., was treated for lacerations to his face and forehead after Friday's encounter in the Black Butte area in the extreme northwestern corner of the park.

Rangers closed trails in the area for about 10 days.

Romano told officials he had ridden his horse into the area, then stopped and dismounted

along a trail near Black Butte Creek to eat a sandwich. His horse began snorting and Romano turned to see a 300-pound grizzly bear directly behind him.

He said the bear swatted him in the face and chest area, knocking him into a tree. After he fell face down with the bear on top of him, Romano pulled out a can of bear spray, rolled over and sprayed the bear in the mouth.

The bear rolled off and started coughing.

Romano caught his horse and fled via the trail, returned to his

vehicle at the Daly Creek Trailhead and drove north to Big Sky, Mont., to report the incident, officials said.

He was transported to Bozeman DeBorja Hospital by emergency personnel, treated and released.

Rangers closed trails along Daly and Black Butte creeks and Skyrim Loop. Additionally, Skyrim Trail was closed west of Shell-Lake but visitors can still reach the lake and its campsite.

The closures will last about 10 days, then will be checked for bear activity and evaluated for possible reopening, officials said.

# Professor files tort claim against university

LEWISTON (AP) — A University of Idaho associate professor has filed a tort claim against the school over architecture trips to Europe.

The tort stems from two four-week trips to France and Spain this summer that Stephen Thurston nearly did not lead. He is calling for \$100,000 in damages.

The school has 90 days to respond to the claim. If it does not pay, Thurston can file suit.

The trips are an architecture department summer program Thurston and his wife have coordinated for three years.

But in May, Art and Architecture Dean Paul Windley

dismissed Thurston from leading the trips because of what Thurston said were untrue allegations of alcohol use, offensive remarks to women and disorganization.

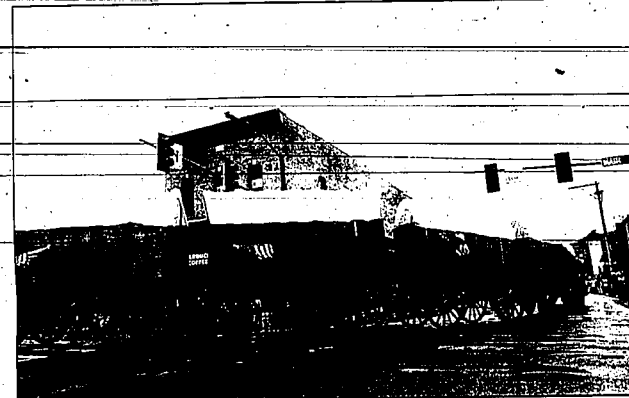
Windley later offered Thurston the position again, provided he agree to take along a professor as a monitor. Thurston agreed, saying he did not want to imperil the course.

Students had threatened legal action, and the American Federation of Teachers warned it would seek a court order requiring Thurston's reinstatement.

Thurston remains a tenured professor with a full class load.

said Kathy Barnard, associate communications director, at Idaho.

"Just as a matter of policy, we don't comment on matters that are or could be under litigation, except to note that no lawsuit has been filed, and we feel we've done absolutely nothing wrong," she said.



A team of 12 Percherons guided by Moj Broadle of Picabo pull six ore wagons onto Main Street Saturday during the Wagon Days parade.

# Parade

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or wrapped up in ski parkas, marker ski gloves and under Mexican blankets. Juan Berg, of Twin Falls, found shelter under a covered walkway that had been set up for pedestrians at the construction site adjacent to the former Christiana Lodge. "I missed the parade for several years and decided this year I was not going to miss it again," she said. "I'm originally from Washington, so I'm used to rain, anyway."

The drizzle let up just as the parade started. Jose Luis Heredia, whose wide sombrero kept him dry, and his appaloosa quarterhorse roped in the crowd's applause with their graceful moves. Six riders showed off their Peruvian Paso smoothies by riding the course without spilling a drop out of the champagne glasses they held in their hands.

As always, the crowning centerpiece of the was the Big Hitch, six tall ore wagons driven by

twelve 1,800-pound Percherons belonging to Moj Broadle, of Picabo. Disney, Knott's Berry Farm, Budweiser and Six Flags over America offered big bucks to buy the wagons, which are the largest in the United States.

But the freight line owner's descendants turned them down, opting to keep the wagons in Ketchum, said local historian Ivan Swaner. **Trip's news correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Hailey at 578-2111.**

# Professor files tort claim against university

LEWISTON (AP) — A University of Idaho associate professor has filed a tort claim against the school over architecture trips to Europe.

The tort stems from two four-week trips to France and Spain this summer that Stephen Thurston nearly did not lead. He is calling for \$100,000 in damages.

The school has 90 days to respond to the claim. If it does not pay, Thurston can file suit.

The trips are an architecture department summer program Thurston and his wife have coordinated for three years.

But in May, Art and Architecture Dean Paul Windley

dismissed Thurston from leading the trips because of what Thurston said were untrue allegations of alcohol use, offensive remarks to women and disorganization.

Windley later offered Thurston the position again, provided he agree to take along a professor as a monitor. Thurston agreed, saying he did not want to imperil the course.

Students had threatened legal action, and the American Federation of Teachers warned it would seek a court order requiring Thurston's reinstatement.

Thurston remains a tenured professor with a full class load.

said Kathy Barnard, associate communications director, at Idaho.

"Just as a matter of policy, we don't comment on matters that are or could be under litigation, except to note that no lawsuit has been filed, and we feel we've done absolutely nothing wrong," she said.

# Feds cite Poocatello plant

POCATELLO (AP) — U.S. Transformer West Inc. may soon have to pay about \$35,000 for a laundry list of alleged worker safety violations.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspectors toured the plant in April and cited Transformer. It contested the report on June 12.

The first citation alleges one major safety glitch: cranes working in spray-painting areas that were not wired to be explosion-proof. That carries a penalty of \$100.

The second set carries a penalty of \$33,250. Eighteen serious violations include such allegations as storage of flammable materials in unapproved containers, bad electrical

equipment, missing fire protection equipment, faulty forklifts and ill-trained forklift drivers.

Employees were allegedly found on runways adjacent to the crane without rails or platform guards. Brakes on an overhead crane were excessively worn and no preventative maintenance program was in effect, the citation says.

Plant officials declined comment because the matter is in litigation.

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## All dressed up 4-H'ers show tolerant llamas



JACQUELINE VARGAS/Midway X-Press  
Four-H'er Chelsea Reimier, 9, of Twin Falls, poses as Cruella DeVil with her llama, Shauneae, adorned in Daima's ans.

By Jamie Huber  
Midway X-Press writer

**FILIER**—Did you know that llamas spit at each other but rarely at humans? You would if you attended the llama costume show at the Twin Falls County Fair.

Four 4-H members and their llamas strolled around the llama show ring to sport their attire. By dressing up their llamas in costume, 4-H'ers demonstrate how desensitized llamas are to having weight on their backs. Llamas can normally carry 60 to 80 pounds for 8 to 10 miles.

Chelsea Reimier, 9, of Twin Falls, dressed up as Cruella DeVil and adorned her llama, Shauneae, with Dalmatians. Reimier's mom raises llamas, so she has

lived with them her whole life and knows what goes into taking care of them.

"You have to groom them and make sure they have food and water every day," Reimier said. "They eat hay and pellets."

"We have to train them a lot. We have obstacles at our house for them to do," her brother, 10-year-old Sean Reimier added.

Sean Reimier dressed up himself and his llama, Caruso, in camouflage because he likes the look and has a lot of it lying around at his house. He was the overall costume winner Friday night.

Other costumes included Santa and his reindeer by Jordan Howard and his llama, Double Stuff, and "beaching for the beach" by Halley Howard and her llama, Yukon.



JACQUELINE VARGAS/Midway X-Press  
Kimberly Key Club member Kerri Eyring, 17, helps staff an admission booth Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fair. Thomas Welch, 7, of Salt Lake City, gets his all-day admission stamp.

## Key to helping

By Levi Aspetya  
Midway X-press writer

**FILIER**—Key Club members from Kimberly High School took shelter in a fair admission booth Saturday to keep out of a morning downpour. The students volunteered to help the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club set tickets, because they wanted to earn service hours. Key Club is a junior version of Kiwanis.

The students also assisted Kiwanis Club members because they didn't want them to be working long hours, said Key Club Vice-president Crystal Pond, 17, who was trying to keep warm and out of the rain.

"We helped the Kiwanis members because we don't want them to have to do a 12 hour shift," she said.

Meeting at 6:30 a.m., the students prepared for a morning rush at the ticket booths. They were instead met by early rain showers that kept crowds small.

But Key Club members found a silver lining in the cloudy weather. They took the slow morning as a chance to get to know Kiwanis volunteers.

"They have great personalities, and they're fun to be around," Tavnu Hutanus, 17, said.

It worked both ways. Kiwanis members had the chance to get to know the students.

"They're good kids really. They are energetic and never a problem for us," Kiwanis Club member Ron Rhinchart, 47, of Twin Falls, said.

Working at the entrances allowed the youths to observe the forgers from a special perspective.

"We're having fun because we get to see people that come to the fair, while being a part of the fair," Sarah Sargeant, 14, said.

This is the first time that the Kimberly Key Club has helped out at the fair, something it would like to do again, Key Club President Heather Lauff, 17, said as she was selling tickets.

## X-PRESS staff



MEET THE MIDDWAY X-PRESS STAFF  
Meet the Midway X-Press staff. Front row from left to right: Holly Key and Jacquelin Vargas, both seniors at Twin Falls High School; and Jamie Huber, a junior at Twin Falls High School. Back row from left to right: Levi Aspetya and Jennifer Hedberg, both seniors at Twin Falls High School; and Janelle Wierama, a senior at Castleford High School.

## Chowing down at the fair

As for corn dogs, Pretzel Man Concessions sells between 400 and 500 daily.

"The fair food is good," said Trent Reinke, owner of Mr. B's. "I think it's good because it's outside. I think the primary reason for the fair is the social reason, especially this fair. There's no other fair like this in Idaho."

Reinke typically sells 9,000 ice cream cones during fair week, but sales are down this year because of the weather.

But ice cream and corn dogs aren't the only foods available for the hungry. Amaris Hughes, 18, of Twin Falls, said that she likes Papa Filer's best.

"I've had it every day—twice a day," she said. "It's mmm, mmm, good."

"Whenever it's corn candy or pizza, young people like the fair food," she said. "I'd like to eat as much as you can, because it's the fair for crying out loud," said Twin Falls High School junior Julie Call, another fan of the miniature donuts.



JANELLE WOODRUFF/Midway X-Press  
Challis Kerr, 7, left, and Desim Kerr, 10, enjoy one of the most popular snacks at the fair—miniature donuts.

## How do you have fun at the fair in the rain?

Compiled by Midway X-Press writer Jennifer Hedberg

By Holly Key  
Midway X-Press writer

**FILIER**—With temperatures dipping into the 50s and 60s, the lines for hot chocolate and chili seem to be the longest this week at the fair.

No matter what the weather is like, one of the main reasons teens head to the fair is for the food.

"You want a whole year to gain 15 the fair—miniature donuts," said Kim Cowger, 15, of Filer. "That's all you do here."

Most teens interviewed Saturday said their favorites are those apple dumplings at the Shack.

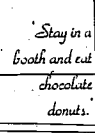
"I love those little donut things," said Yara Brown, a Filer High School junior.

Dave Pearson, owner of the miniature donut stand, said that they sell about 1,300 dozen per day.



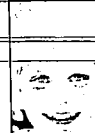
Danielle Allen, 13, Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School

Walk under the trees and watch other people get wet.



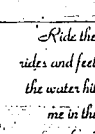
Danielle Allen, 10, Sawtooth Elementary School

Stay in a booth and eat chocolate donuts.



April Stimpson, 13, Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School

Go on all the rides because you don't have to wait in line.



Curtis Gibbs, 15, Kimberly High School

Ride the rides and feel the water hit me in the face.

## Furry friend brings home trophies

By Jennifer Hedberg  
Midway X-Press writer

**FILIER**—Mershona is her name and hopping is her game. Mershona is a female miniature lop-eared rabbit. This little fur-ball and her owner, Jana Davidson, 17, a senior at Buhl High School, won first place of the senior class class four of showmanship and were overall 4-H grand champions of rabbit showmanship.

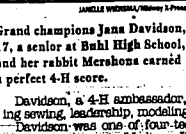
This is the first year that Davidson received a perfect score on her show. She gave a thorough speech to the judges, describing each part of the rabbit's body and the diseases that that part could have, and a written quiz demonstrating her knowledge of rabbits.

Davidson also won district reserve grand champion of Twin Falls, Gooding, Lincoln, Jerome, Cassia, Camas and Minidoka counties.

A birthday present from a friend started Davidson in her bunny showing life. At age 12, she started showing her bunnies, winning trophies every year; Davidson showed her first rabbit for three years. Last year she won top senior and first in districts with a different bunny—but her dogs liked the taste of bunny, so they made it their snack. This year Davidson raised Mershona from a baby, and Mershona's mother and two siblings are also in the fair.

Davidson is involved in many 4-H activities including sewing, leadership, modeling, and animals in beef and dairy.

Davidson was one of four teens from Idaho who went to the National Dairy Conference in Madison, Wis., last year. This year she will go to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga., over Thanksgiving weekend.



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Grand champions Jana Davidson, 17, a senior at Buhl High School, and her rabbit Mershona earned a perfect 4-H score.



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# Highway threatens millions of birds that use Great Salt Lake

Chicago Tribune

**GREAT SALT LAKE, Utah** — In the early morning stillness, pelicans rise suddenly from the grasses, swooping over iridescent blue-green waters framed by mountains in the distance. There is no hint that one of America's fastest-growing metropolitan areas lies only a few miles away, sprawling toward these vulnerable wetlands.

For millions of migratory birds, this is an essential spot for rest and eat on their lone flight from South America to the Arctic, a unique home away from home.

Now the ebb and flow of these marshes, teeming with life, is threatened by plans to build a 14-mile highway along the eastern edge of the Great Salt Lake to accommodate Salt Lake City's explosive growth. In July, the Utah Department of Transportation published a much anticipated environmental analysis of the \$370 million project, suggesting the highway could relieve traffic congestion without causing excessive damage to the environment.

In August, the public responded at a long, contentious meeting in Salt Lake City's northern suburbs.

If the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency approve the roadway this autumn, as state officials hope, construction would begin by next summer.

Known as the Legacy Highway, the proposed roadway raises a vexing question: What kind of legacy would a new four-lane highway leave on this narrow, mountain-rimmed valley whose population is soaring at twice the national average?

"The Legacy Highway seems to be the lightning rod for everyone thinking about here. How do we want to grow?" said Jess Agraz, who heads the Transportation Management Association of Utah, which is closely associated with the business community.

The debate over the Legacy Highway is emblematic of conflicts over growth and the environment occurring across the West, as the roaring economy spurs homebuilding, business development and sprawl.

Highway supporters, including Utah's popular Gov. Mike Leavitt, say the road would mean more efficient transportation and a better quality of life for people who now spend too much time in traffic jams around Salt Lake City. Leavitt initially proposed a 120-mile roadway. The Legacy Highway would be the first, and perhaps the only, leg to be built.

Aided by hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds, which flowed to the state after Salt Lake City won the 2002 Winter Olympics, Leavitt's administration also has overseen a major expansion of Interstate Highway 15, the area's main north-south artery. The proposed new road would run parallel to I-15, helping divert rush hour traffic and opening up several areas around Salt Lake City to new development.

Therein lies a good part of its appeal. Several suburbs surrounding Salt Lake City, such as Farmington, Bountiful and Centerville, hope to draw new businesses that would generate sales tax revenues. Homebuilders are salivating over the prospect of new communities. Speculators are trying to persuade ranchers and farmers with land along the Legacy route to sell, and "for sale" signs are easy to spot.

Conservationists fear the Legacy Highway could help destroy an intricately balanced ecosystem along the edge of the Great Salt Lake, which nine years ago was designated an internationally important habitat for shorebirds and migratory birds by the Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network.

No one is sure what might happen if a highway is run across the



From left, Helen Annla of Florence, Ore., Veina Hall of Woodburn, Ore., Mike Matheson and Emilio, both Utah residents, check out wetlands near Layton, Utah. Conservationists say a highway proposed for the area would harm the wetlands, a key resting spot for migratory birds.

area, isolating upland marshes from the mud flats at the water's edge, introducing noise and the potential for highway pollution runoff, and adding stress for wildlife.

"The long-term effects just are not known," said Lynn DeFretas of Friends of Great Salt Lake, which opposes Legacy along with the Sierra Club, Audubon Society and other groups. "Risking all these impacts on a unique ecosystem like this just for another highway, it's irresponsible."

In written comments submitted to the Utah Department of Transportation in April, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service criticized the state agency for its limited analysis of possible potential harm to the environment.

Utah has promised to create a 1,251-acre Legacy nature preserve, including 300 acres of wetlands to compensate for the 24 acres of wetlands that would be destroyed by the highway. But the Fish and Wildlife Service concluded that the full impact of the highway has not been adequately studied and said the proposed preserve probably would not compensate for the effects of the highway.

Although 257 species of birds have been recorded at the lake, their numbers and habits are only now being tracked by state biologists and the federal Fish and Wildlife Service. The best available estimates place the number of shorebirds that feed or nest there at 2 million to 5 million and the number of migratory waterfowl at up to 5 million.

On a recent morning just after daybreak, Hank Armantrout, a 42-year-old sportsman and avid bird watcher, maneuvered his airplane into an isolated cove, idling the engine and peering over the glassy water.

Every 10 days from April to September, Armantrout documents the number of birds on the southern edge of the lake for state biologists. "The diversity is just overwhelming," he said, pointing out several white-faced ibis, California gulls and black-bellied plovers darting among reeds and winging above the water. "It's a forgotten wilderness right on the edge of the city."

Conservationists want more public transportation and land-use planning that will reduce dependence on highways. An initiative known as "Envision Utah," an effort to help the state begin to think more systematically about smart growth, emphasizes similar strategies.

But the Wasatch Front Regional Council, which represents cities and counties throughout the area, says its analysis shows that public transportation alone cannot relieve the buildup of congestion in the region, which is expected to

expand to nearly 2.7 million people within the next 20 years, up from 1.2 million in 1995.

Council program director Mick Crandall said he doesn't expect the new road would produce more traffic, a "build it and they will come" argument frequently raised by its opponents and confirmed by numerous studies.

Moreover, he said, the highway could become a barrier to development that is creeping toward the shore of the Great Salt Lake, preserving land west of the road that is currently the cattered.

Jennifer Gillmor scoffs at that argument. Her family has ranched along the shores of the Great Salt Lake for more than 100 years. The

Legacy road would cut through the Gillmor lands and developers have come calling, urging the family to sell. No way, said the 28-year-old.

"This place means everything to me," she said, showing a visitor the alfalfa field that keeps cows fed in the winter. "I feel very fortunate to have grown up with the wind in my hair and the sun on my face, riding a horse. I don't have kids yet, but if I do, I want

to see this just like it is now, with the swallows ripping by and the flowers blooming."

"It's a delusion of the West: People come out here and buy their ranchette and build a house on it, then they complain about the commute," Gillmor added. "This, to me, is our legacy. My granddaddy passed it to my dad, and my dad passed it to me and my brothers. We should leave it alone."



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# Fluoride finally reaches ballot in Salt Lake, Davis counties

Opponents drop Communist conspiracy talk, contend health hazards

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Ask a dentist to describe the inside of the average Utah resident's mouth and they'll all say the same thing: well-toothed silver.

But that's all well and good, unless you're a dentist. That's because there's a reason for that. Unlike 62 percent of Americans, only 3 percent of Utah residents drink fluoridated water. That leaves just Nevada, at 2 percent, with less fluoridated water, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But on Nov. 7, voters in two of the state's most populous counties — Davis and Salt Lake — will decide whether to add the cavity-fighting mineral to the water.

In addition, Logan will also vote on the matter and four other Cache County cities — Providence, Nibley, Hyrum, Smithfield — will have no binding "fact-finding" votes on fluoridation.

Dentists, who make a good living in Utah patching up decayed teeth, say the addition is long overdue.

"In the rest of the country, dental work is continually bathed in fluoridated water. Here it's continually bathed in Diet Coke," said Bountiful dentist Adrian Vande Merve.

But opponents, although the minority, are well-organized and passionate about their cause. From the Cold War-era claims that communists were trying to spike the water, the loss of fluoride to a substance that can cause a host of health problems in the general public.

So far, only Brigham City, Helper and Hill Air Force Base add fluoride to their water supplies.

In 1976, voters rejected a state Health Department push to fluoridate water statewide. A law later was passed prohibiting officials from adding fluoride to water supplies without a vote.

But in the past two years,



Strawberry flavored fluoride gel lies in a styrofoam mouthpiece ready to treat a child in Sandy, Utah. Only about 3 percent of Utah residents drink water treated with the cavity-fighting material.

those who favor fluoride have made significant inroads: They have convinced the Legislature to let Salt Lake, Davis, Weber and Utah county commissioners put the matter on county ballots.

"It was that action by the Legislature that pushed a formal dental hygienist into action.

"That's an overstep, that's putting fluoride on the fast track," said Rosemary Minerini, president of Citizens for Safe Drinking Water, a group opposing fluoridating public water supplies.

Minerini said that although fluoride opponents are often

sidelined from mainstream discussions on the topic, new studies show that fluoride can contribute to brittle bones and high lead levels in children. She says the fluoride in water is not the same as in toothpaste and that it basically amounts to a rat poison.

And, no, she does not believe fluoridation is a communist plot. "That's just a way of detouring people from the issue itself. We're not going to say any of that garbage," she said on the Red Scare rumors.

Although Salt Lake County commissioners voted against the measure, a citizen's initiative collected about 38,000 signatures, 10,000 more than needed to have the placed fluoridation on the ballot. Most of the petitions were circulated in dentists' and pediatricians' offices.

In Davis County, the commissioners took advantage of their newfound authority and placed the issue on the ballot at the urging of the county's board of health.

If approved, it would probably take two years to add fluoride to the water in Davis County, said County Commissioner Gayle Stevenson.

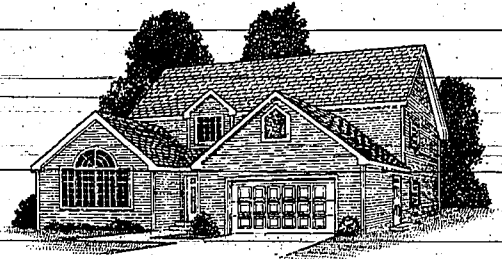
In Salt Lake County, it would take about a year, according to the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, which supplies most of Salt Lake County.

Weber and Utah counties are not considering the matter this November.

Davis County Board of Health Chairman Beth Beck said there was a risk in lobbying the commission. When fluoridation was last on the Davis ballot in the 1970s, supporters received death threats. This time around, Beck says, she has only been harassed by fluoride opponents.

"It's hard to understand, it's almost a religious fervor," she said about the fluoride opponents.

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### COUNTDOWN to Sydney

## 12 Days until opening ceremonies

#### Olympic update

Josh Antonio Saranchar, president of the International Olympic Committee, will lead a service Friday in Sydney's Hyde Park honoring Olympic athletes who have died in war.

#### March to the medals

Race walker Liu Yunfeng was removed from China's Olympic team after testing positive for a banned substance, a Chinese newspaper reported.

#### Olympic footnote

A consumer group plans to protest against sportswear company Nike before the Sydney Games, accusing the company of breaching labor standards.

### MORNING LINE

#### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**Golf**  
Magic Valley Amateur, at TF Muni

### IN BRIEF

#### Grizzlies won't hold camp in Idaho

BOISE - The Idaho Steelheads announced Friday that the Utah Grizzlies will be unable to hold their training camp in Boise as planned Sept. 20-23. Their exhibition games with the Steelheads on Sept. 22 and 23 have also been canceled.

The cancellation is a result of the Dallas Stars keeping players that will be in Utah and possibly Idaho in their training camp longer, to allow those players additional opportunities to play in NHL exhibition games. Idaho is the top affiliate of Utah in the International Hockey League, while the Grizzlies are the top minor league affiliate of Dallas Stars in the National Hockey League.

#### Gooding Co. Memorial announces golf tourney

GOODING - The Gooding Memorial Hospital Foundation is sponsoring the Paul Heustein Classic Benefit Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 16, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

A continental breakfast will be held before the golfing, and a free barbecue lunch follows at 12:30 p.m. The event is a four-person scramble. Entrants can make their own teams or be teamed with others. The entry fee is \$35 per person and the deadline is Sept. 12. Various prizes will be awarded.

Proceeds will benefit the hospital. To send a donation, contact the GCMHF Foundation, c/o Lucy Osborne, secretary, at 1776 S. 1625 E. Gooding, Idaho 83330. Send entries to: Troy Vitke, P.O. Box 533, Gooding, Idaho 83330. For more information call 934-9977.

#### Newcomer wins August Pleasant Valley league

KIMBERLY - Newcomer Glen Hays took first place in August in the Pleasant Valley Golf Course Men's League, followed by Rich Fehring, Kirby Nebeker, Bill Nebeker, Lynn McMaster, Kevan Taylor and Steve Birkly.

The men's league runs through the month of September, weather permitting. Call 423-5800 for more details.

#### Gooding HS boosters will meet Wednesday

GOODING - The Gooding High boosters will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-use room at Gooding High School.

Anyone interested in joining the booster club is invited to attend. For more information, call Tony Calacourt at 934-4045.

# Bobbitt bounces back

As one of Florida's most promising high school basketball prospects, Tony Bobbitt had everything going for him—a full academic scholarship to Florida State University, a state championship in his back pocket and an inside track to the NBA.

But a three-year downward spiral finds him on the verge of becoming nothing more than a statistic.



CSI freshman guard Tony Bobbitt is ready for a fresh start.

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - He's a long way from home, but that's fine with Tony Bobbitt.

Home is the last place he wants to be.

The troubled College of Southern Idaho freshman guard has no more fouls to give and is down to his last shot, possibly in life.

"If I would've went home and didn't have no choices," he says, his eyes opening wide. "Tony Bobbitt would either be in one of three things: jail, (the) corner, or the graveyard."

For now, Bobbitt's in Twin Falls, trying to resurrect his life as much as his vaunted basketball game.

"You only get three tries when you're up to bat, and I've already got two and I messed them up," he says. "Now I'm here (with) another chance, an opportunity not just to play basketball, but to get a degree. So far, so good."

Horrific are some of the tragic details of his 20-year-old life. Most notable was the first-hand, grisly discovery of his mother's stabbed and murdered body—an unsolved crime, he vows to avenge.

It wasn't supposed to be like this for the once-renowned player who averaged 28.3 points, 3.0 steals, 4.2 assists and 3.2 blocks

his senior year at Daytona Beach, Fla.'s Mainland High School—the alma mater of NBA superstar Vince Carter, whose pager number Bobbitt totes in his personal phone book.

He was supposed to lead Florida State University out of the bowels of the Atlantic Coast Conference and into the nation-

*"We just knew he was a phenomenal player who had had a lot of baggage. But this is one kid that we felt if we could get him in a structure, he could succeed."*  
—CSI assistant coach Jay Cyriac

al spotlight. Not to mention 2,000 miles away on the campus of Southern Idaho.

But after committing to the Seminoles last year, Bobbitt's personal demons resurfaced in the classroom when he stopped attending classes and realized he wouldn't be eligible to play Division I basketball, the result of a self-professed resistance toward school, and the need to "do the wrong things."

His former high school coach, Charles Brinkerhoff, whom Bobbitt still telephones frequently, says Bobbitt is a follower.

When Tony gets in trouble, he lets "people dictate his actions," Brinkerhoff says. "His troubles included ignoring the advice of mentors such as Brinkerhoff and Mainland coaches Derrick Henry, Stacy Beckton and Charles Stevenson."

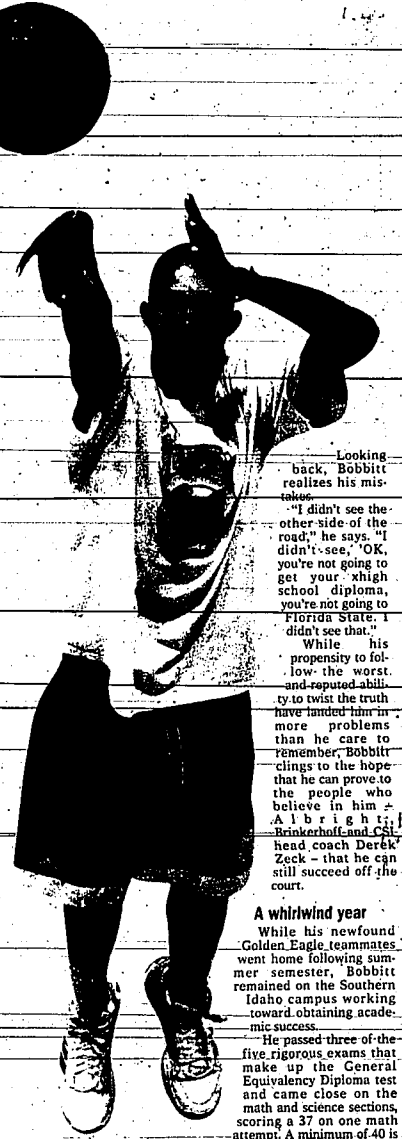
"Those four guys really tried to help me at Mainland," Bobbitt says. "They told me they'd always have my back, they tried to help me so much, I didn't want to help myself."

Though Bobbitt knows the right path to success, he admits to straying. He never graduated from high school, instead opting to hang out with his homeboys on "the street corners," "getting high ... and doing some sick things."

"I wasn't involved with no crimes, I wasn't involved with ...," he pauses, as he's off to do when recounting the past. "I wasn't selling no type of drugs, I was just hanging around the guys that were doing it."

Though he has a loving stepfather, John Albright, Bobbitt and his sisters Sabrina and Monike Albright often had to fend for themselves because of Albright's long hours working as a concrete subcontractor.

"His father is an example of



Looking back, Bobbitt realizes his mistakes. "I didn't see the other side of the road," he says. "I didn't see, 'OK, you're not going to get your high school diploma, you're not going to Florida State, I didn't see that.'"

While his propensity to follow the worst—and-reputed ability to twist the truth have landed him in more problems than he care to remember, Bobbitt clings to the hope that he can prove to the people who believe in him — Albright, Brinkerhoff and CSI head coach Derek Zeck — that he can still succeed off the court.

**A whirlwind year**  
While his newfound Golden Eagle teammates went home following summer semester, Bobbitt remained on the Southern Idaho campus working toward obtaining academic success.

He passed three of the five rigorous exams that make up the General Equivalency Diploma test and came close on the math and science sections, scoring a 37 on one math attempt. A minimum of 40 is

needed to pass each part. "You should've seen him around here when he passed the first part of the GED," Zeck says. "He was so excited, calling everybody, because he achieved

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## Defending champ leaves door open in bad weather

By Joe Sunnen  
Times-News writer

On a day when the defending champion called it quits on the 10th hole, just finishing the first round of the McDonalds Insurance/Tony's Pizza Magic Valley Amateur became an accomplishment.

Bob Lutz of Ketchum, last year's winner, walked off the course after a bad start and appeared frustrated with the weather and his performance.

"Lutz had a rough round and the rain wasn't looking good," said fellow Wood River Valley resident Brian Saksa, who started the day with Lutz.

Lutz was considered a favorite after qualifying for the U.S. Senior Amateur at Blue Lakes Country Club last week. His departure came as a surprise to everyone in the tournament.



Brett Kleinkopf, a junior at Twin Falls High School, tees off during Saturday's opening round of the Magic Valley Amateur at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

## Huskies tame Vandals

### Idaho squanders early lead

The Times-News and The Associated Press

SEATTLE - No bones about it. Idaho had hoped the Huskies might be looking past this weekend.

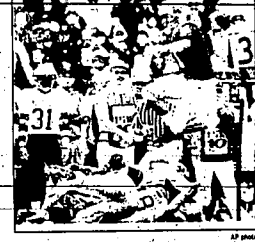
Turned out they were, but it didn't matter. Marques Tuiasosopo passed for one touchdown and ran for another as No. 14 Washington opened the season with a 44-20 victory over the Vandals on Saturday.

Next up, the Hurricanes. "We're excited. It's a big game anytime the number five team (in) the country comes into your house," said 6-foot-5, 335-pound Chad Ward, the standout of the Huskies' powerful offensive line.

Idaho, meanwhile, at least looked like it belonged on the same field as the Huskies — if only for a quarter. The Vandals stunned their hosts by taking a 7-0 lead on the first play when Willie Alderson scored on an 82-yard run, the fourth longest TD run ever against Washington.

Alderson went at right guard, bounced outside and went untouched up the right sideline.

"There was a big hole, I read it right and it was history from then on," Alderson said. But the Vandals' hopes unraveled from there. The punishing blow was dealt in the fourth quarter, as Idaho junior quarterback John Welsh was knocked out of the game briefly when he was hit by outside



Washington quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo leaps over Idaho's Brad Rice and Washington's Pat Coniff as he scrambles for extra yards during the first quarter in Seattle Saturday.

### More college football inside - C4

- Mismatches end in routs
- A BYU barnburner
- Upset in South Bend
- No joy for Torrey



Grant Waite overtakes Parnevik

SURREY, British Columbia (AP)—Grant Waite, who won the PGA Tour victory each seven years ago, moved past overnight leader Jesper Parnevik on Saturday to take a one-stroke edge into the final round of the ANA Canada Championship.

After starting the third round a shot behind Parnevik, Waite carded a 3-under par 68 to get to 13 under overall at the \$3 million event.

Nelson holds advantage at Foremost. A.D. Mich, Larry Nelson fired a 3-under-par 69 Saturday to lead by a stroke going into the final round of the Senior PGA Tour's Foremost Insurance Championship.

holes moved to 9 under overall at the \$1.1 million tournament at Egypt Valley Country Club. Jim Thorpe and Dave Stockton were tied at 8 under, with Chuck Moron another stroke back.

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PRO FOOTBALL SUNDAY

West Coast shuffle

Chargers start Leaf; Raiders debut Janikowski

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - In the 20 months since his last regular season game, San Diego Chargers quarterback Ryan Leaf has come going to have fun.

Leaf hopes to put two turbulent years aside and start fresh with this season's opener against the Oakland Raiders today. "I've got a whole new outlook on it. I'm not trying to take everything so seriously," he said.

Leaf, the highly touted first-round draft pick out of Washington State whose first season was marked by 15 interceptions and just two touchdowns, injured his shoulder last season and required surgery.

He also had his share of trouble off the field, including a month-long suspension for cursing the Chargers' then-general manager Bobby Beathard.

But he performed in the preseason, unseating Jim Harbaugh. Leaf got a scare, however, when he sprained his ankle on Monday during practice. He was listed as

probable for the game in Oakland.

Raiders coach Jon Gruden said he's impressed with Leaf's apparent dedication to the job after a rocky start.

"It's a very hard position to break in as a starter, especially six months out of your collegiate career. He did that, didn't have great success, but he's been very resilient," Gruden said.

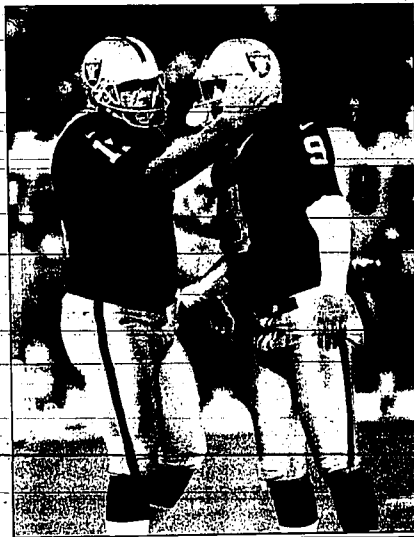
Raiders receiver Tim Brown says the Raiders offense will be ready. The trio of Brown, Andre Rison and tight end Rickey Dudley could cause coverage problems for the Chargers.

"Are they going to double-team Andre and let Tim Brown go? Or are they going to do it the other way?" Brown mused.

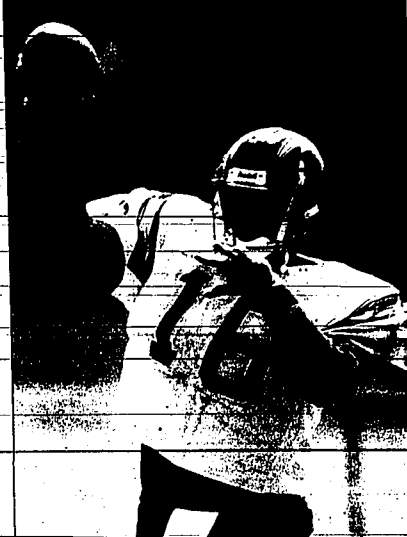
The game also will be the first for powerful kicker Sebastian Janikowski, the Raiders' top draft pick. Oakland missed 13 field goals last season and 11 eighth of its 15 passes came by a touchdown or less.

Janikowski, who boasts he can make a 65-yard field goal, is ready to go.

"It's going to be exciting. I want to win - and now the wins are going to count," he said.



Oakland kicker Sebastian Janikowski, left, is congratulated by punter Shane Lechler after Janikowski's field goal against the Detroit Lions in the third quarter of a preseason game Friday. Janikowski's first test as an NFL kicker came early in training camp. On a swasty July day, he was given a choice: make a 53-yard field goal or the rest of the Oakland Raiders would have to do wind sprints. He made it.



Ryan Leaf fires a pass during drills at the team's training camp Tuesday Aug. 15 in San Diego. Leaf, the number two pick but number one disappointment in the 1998 draft, is again the starter after missing the entire 1999 season with a shoulder injury.

Sizing up prospects for Week 1 NFL team schedules

The Associated Press

Bears at Vikings

Last meeting: Vikings won, 27-24, in OT at Soldier Field on Nov. 14, 1999.

Key stats: Vikings have won five of last six from the Bears.

Worth watching: After a promising exhibition season, Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepper makes his first regular-season start.

Outlook: If Culpepper has time to throw, he could start receivers Randy Moss and Cris Carter on record-breaking seasons. Cade McNewen and Marcus Robinson need big days if the Bears are to pull off the opening day upset.

Cardinals at Giants

Last meeting: Cardinals won, 34-24, at New York on Oct. 28, 1999.

Key stats: Cardinals beat Giants twice in '99.

Worth watching: Giants quarterback Kerry Collins opens what he hopes will be a save-the-career comeback season.

Outlook: Rookie Rom Dayne, the Heisman Trophy winner from Wisconsin, should give the Giants a weapon they traditionally have lacked - a great running game.

Ravens at Steelers

Last meeting: Ravens won, 31-24, at Pittsburgh on Dec. 12, 1999.

Key stats: Ravens won four of their last five (including victory over AFC champ Tennessee) in '99.

Worth watching: Tony Banks threw 17 TD passes and nine other interceptions a year ago. Steelers go with quarterback Kent Graham.

Outlook: A matchup of two teams headed in opposite directions. The Steelers are normally tough at home, but this is a team in decline.

Panthers at Redskins

Last meeting: Redskins won, 38-36, at Washington on Oct. 3, 1999.

Key stats: Redskins have won four straight from the Panthers (in '95, '97, '98, '99).

Worth watching: How well Washington's famous, aging free agents - cornerback Deion Sanders, defensive end Bruce Smith, safety Mark Carrier - play together.

Outlook: In the best NFC matchup of the day, Washington begins what it expects to be a season that will end in the Super Bowl.

Lions at Saints

Last meeting: Saints won, 35-17, in New Orleans on Sept. 21, 1997.

Key stats: Lions lost their last six road games of '99, including playoff game at Washington.

Worth watching: Two key free agent acquisitions: Saints quarterback Jeff Blake and Lions running back James Stewart.

Outlook: New Orleans makes its debut under Jim Haslett, who

needs to add some of the toughness he displayed as a player to a moribund franchise.

Colts at Chiefs

Last meeting: Colts won, 25-17, at Indianapolis on Nov. 7, 1999.

Key stats: Colts have 21 of 22 starters back from last year's 13-3 team.

Worth watching: Colts' Peyton Manning led AFC in passing a year ago and is still young enough to improve. Chiefs' Elvis Grbac is dependable, but he's Manning.

Outlook: Tough opener for Colts, who some believe are ready to go to the Super Bowl.

Jaguars at Browns

Last meeting: Jaguars won, 24-14, at Cleveland on Dec. 19, 1999.

Key stats: Jaguars have won 15 of last 19 AFC Central games.

Worth watching: Is a shaky preseason sign that Cleveland quarterback Tim Couch will have a rough second season?

Outlook: This is just the kind of opener the Jaguars need.

49ers at Falcons

Last meeting: Atlanta won, 34-29, at Atlanta on Jan. 3, 2000.

Key stats: Falcons have won last two at home vs. 49ers.

Worth watching: Jamal Anderson is back from a knee injury that cost him almost all of last season, so Falcons may have a running game again.

Outlook: Anderson's return has sparked optimism in Georgia that the Falcons can bring back memories of the '98 Super Bowl season. Opening at home against the rebuilding 49ers isn't so much a test as a quiz.

Bucs at Patriots

Last meeting: Bucs beat Patriots, 27-7, at Tampa on Nov. 16, 1997.

Key stats: Bucs won eight of their last nine regular-season games in '99.

Worth watching: Keyshawn Johnson, who caught 172 passes during the last two seasons for the Bucs, is expected to lead the Bucs to the Super Bowl. Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe has been there. On Sunday, he'll need a big game against the NFL's toughest defense.

Outlook: Johnson will give the Bucs' offense the boost it needs against a team that is ready for rebuilding.

Eagles at Cowboys

Last meeting: Dallas won, 20-10, at home on Dec. 12, 1999.

Key stats: Cowboys have won last three home games vs. Eagles.

Worth watching: Receiver Joey Galloway, the Cowboys' big free-agent acquisition, needs to make big impact quickly to justify the move.

Outlook: Emmitt Smith still capable of carrying the load - he averaged 4.2 yards per carry last year. Eagles could contend for playoff spot.

Jets at Packers

Last meeting: Packers won, 17-10, in Green Bay on Nov. 13, 1999.

Key stats: Packers have won nine of last 10 home games against AFC teams.

Worth watching: Two quarterbacks fighting injuries: Green Bay's Brett Favre had tendinitis during the preseason; Jets' Matt Testaverde back from torn Achilles.

Outlook: The Packers are going without injured running back Dorsey Levens. Favre can't keep carrying Packers, and the lead is getting heavier.

Chargers at Raiders

Last meeting: Chargers won, 23-20, at San Diego on Dec. 26, 1999.

Key stats: Chargers have won four of last five from Raiders.

Worth watching: After two lost seasons, Ryan Leaf has won the San Diego quarterback job.

Outlook: The Chargers have played the Raiders' tough the last few years. San Diego will have to pass to win this one, but ex-Bears wide receiver Curtis Conway was injured throughout training camp.

Seattle at Miami

Last meeting: Seahawks defeated Dolphins, 22-15, at Miami on Oct. 6, 1996.

Key stats: Dolphins have NFL's best September record (26-9, .743) during the last decade.

Worth watching: With Dan Marino era over, Jay Fiedler takes over as the Dolphins' starting quarterback.

Outlook: Dave Wannstedt gets his second chance as an NFL head coach. The Seahawks are in their third season under Mike Holmgren. Advantage experience.

Titans at Bills

Last meeting: Titans won, 31-14, at home on Nov. 23, 1997.

Key stats: Titans are 18-5 when Eddie George rushes for 100 yards.

Worth watching: Buffalo quarterback Rob Johnson, named the starter for the playoffs a year ago, is in charge from the beginning this time. Can he handle it?

Outlook: Opening-night rematch of last year's memorable wild-card game, which the Titans won on a 75-yard kickoff return when Kevin Dyson took a lateral from Frank Wysocke and headed up the sidelines. George's running should control this one.

Broncos at Rams

Last meeting: Broncos won, 35-14, at Denver on Sept. 14, 1997.

Key stats: Denver coach Mike Shanahan is 6-1 in season openers.

Worth watching: The Broncos' Brian Griese is the man the Broncos believe can guide them back to the playoffs.

Outlook: The Rams have all their key players back on the NFL's most versatile offense. Watch out, Brian.

Table of NFL team schedules for Week 1, listing teams, opponents, times, and locations.



SPORTS IN BRIEF

Bobbitt

Continued from C1... something academically. And he's never had that opportunity before."

Bobbitt admits he was thrilled at the prospect of achieving in school, a place that has never held much hope for him.

"I mean, to become the person that I want to become, I got to go to school... I can't really say I like school... to be honest, I love to shoot a basketball more than I love to go to school."

"Here was a school far away from the streets of despair. A school known for taking chances on players with a paper, and its coaches were willing to take a chance on Bobbitt."

"We just knew he was a phenomenal player who had had a lot of baggage," Cyrac says. "But this was a kid that we felt we could get him in a structure, he could succeed."

"When the taxi pulled up to Bobbitt's neighborhood of Derby Shire, the driver asked Cyrac if he really wanted to get out of the car."

"Cyrac, a New Jersey native, concedes that it was a rough place. Brinkerhoff agrees."

"There's a lot of drugs and a lot more," he says. "It was an area that prospered during the 60s when the NASA program was going on. When NASA stopped, all those people moved out... and a lot of people moved in."

"Cyrac convinced Albright and his son that things would be different for Tony in Twin Falls. He described a community that supports its student-athletes, a head coach that believes in his players as people first and college players second."

"Cyrac promised Bobbitt he would be tutored and get the remedial courses he needed to raise his reading, writing and other skills needed to work toward earning a college degree."

"But — and this was a big trade-off, given Bobbitt's past — if he failed to adhere to the strict and rigorous schedule required of him, one that included a 6 a.m. wake-up calls and perfect attendance in class, that final chance at proving himself would go by the gutter."

"So far, Bobbitt's been up to task. He's made all of his study sessions, kept up with his homework and impressed his teachers. He's carrying 16 credits this fall semester, and though he hasn't passed the CED, his instructor, Kimberly King, says Bobbitt can measure up to the grade."

"He's a fabulous student, one who works very hard," she says. "He can succeed in college. He's got a good head on his shoulders."

He also kept his cool this summer when he and teammate Cardell Butler got into a heated dispute over a foul Butler had committed during a competitive pick-up game. When Butler got mouthy and started throwing trash-talk around, Bobbitt threw steps — instead of punches — in the other direction.

"Another time, we would've been throwing," Bobbitt says. "But I can't do that no more."

**A son's worst nightmare**  
It was in the middle of Daytona Beach's Black College Reunion week, spring break for thousands of college students, that Bobbitt's life dramatically changed forever.

Recalling the events of April 13, 1998, he takes a few minutes to compose himself before drumming up the courage to talk.

"After a friend drop him off at his mother's modest home... If I would've went home and didn't have no choices, Tony Bobbitt would either be in one of three things: jail, corner, or the graveyard."

— Tony Bobbitt

because he didn't have a house key to his father's place. A couple of knocks at the front door went unanswered, and he figured his mother was visiting an aunt. So he borrowed her bicycle and rode to his cousin's house.

Returning to his mother's house the next morning "around 9:30," he recalls, Bobbitt's repeated knocks and calls still brought no response.

"I knock on the door, I get no answer," he says, looking at the ground. "The night before, the door was locked. So I went around to the side door and that was locked. I came around to the other side door and I noticed it was unlocked, so I went and pushed the door open and went 'Mom, and I was like, 'Damn, if she's not here, who's been in the house!'"

He entered the house finding the unimaginable before him. "She was just lying there dead with no clothes on," he says. "I didn't know what to do. I just stayed there."

Erlene Albright, 39, had been stabbed to death. Her son found her in a pool of blood.

She often babysat neighborhood children and frequently rode her bicycle to the local liquor store to get her favorite bottle of wine, Bobbitt says.

She was divorced and lived alone. To this day, her murder remains unsolved.

Bobbitt says neighbors had

heard noises, but nothing has come of the case. He promises to find the person responsible.

"I know who did it," he says. Before I leave this world, I will find who killed by mom."

"The emotional anguish shows as Bobbitt recounts the recent years without his mother. He said if anything, he wishes his mom could see him now."

"I know she wanted to see me graduate," he says. "But I look at it this way: I was probably for the best. I don't get down because she's gone. I'm going to make this make me stronger. If I let it get me down, I'd probably go out and do something crazy."

**A welcome return**  
Bobbitt will return to his home turf when Southern Idaho martial artist in the "Florida Community College Pepsi Challenge, Nov. 23-25 in Ocala, Fla."

Among the entourage of friends and family who'll be in attendance as part of the "Mainland family" will be names well-known to Bobbitt — friends Curtis and Anthony Azama, Brinkerhoff, and possibly even Carter.

"I love him," Brinkerhoff says. "He's like my own son. In a lot of ways I'm like his uncle. We've bonded through all the problems."

Mainly the problems of Bobbitt's refusal to follow good advice. Brinkerhoff says all the reports out of Idaho sound positive, but he isn't holding his breath.

"He's been known to apologize before and play the system," Brinkerhoff says. "But for the first time, I get a sense of sincerity from him."

"He's made friends and I don't want to set myself up for another disappointment because I know Tony can ingratiate himself to people. But if this is his last chance to succeed, I hope he can really make it."

Leaving Florida a confused, troubled teen, Bobbitt hopes to eventually return a matured, grown-up man.

"I like it (in Idaho)," he says. "It keeps me out of trouble because trouble seems to find Tony Bobbitt. I couldn't ever stay out of trouble. Now I don't worry about getting into drugs, no alcohol or getting people to say, 'Hey T, let's go hear up this person.'"

"I'm having the time of my life."

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Carter helps team rout collegians

**HONOLULU** — Never really in danger of being outscored, Vince Carter kept the U.S. Olympic men's basketball team from being outperformed. Carter unleashed a series of highlight-reel dunks in the second half to answer an array of spectacular plays by a team of collegians as the Olympians won their second exhibition game 111-74 Saturday over the U.S. Select Team. Carter didn't miss a shot as he led the U.S. team in scoring for the second straight game, tallying 24 points after going for 29 in a victory over Canada two days earlier.

A dozen of Carter's points came in the first eight minutes of the second half, and his trio of spectacular dunks sparked the Olympic team to a 29-9 run that locked up the victory.

Young joins ESPN's Sunday show

**NEW YORK** — Former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young, a two-time MVP and winner of the Super Bowl after the 1994 season, joined ESPN's Sunday NFL Countdown as a studio analyst.

The network said Saturday that Young, who retired from football in June after his fourth career three-year span, will make his ESPN debut Sunday, the opening day of the NFL season.

Young, who retired as the highest rated quarterback in NFL history and won four consecutive passing titles in a 15-year career, will appear periodically throughout the regular season.

Redskins, running back reach deal

**WASHINGTON** — Stephen Davis, the NFC's leading rusher last season, reached an agreement with Washington on a contract the team said would make him a "life-long Redskin."

Terms of the agreement, which was finalized one day before the start of the regular season, were not disclosed. The Washington Post reported Saturday that Davis was close to signing a seven-year \$65 million contract extension.

Franchitti scores moral victory

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia** — In the midst of a keen championship battle among 10 CART FedEx Series drivers, Dario Franchitti is simply trying to salvage some pride.

The 26-year-old Scot took a big step in the right direction Saturday, setting a track record on the way to earning the pole position for the Vancouver Molson Indy. Franchitti, who held the provisional pole after Friday's opening round of time trials, needed considerably more speed in the final round after being challenged by Team Kool Green teammate Paul Tracy and Marlboro Team Penske drivers Gil de Ferran and Helio Castroneves.

He covered the 1.781-mile, 12-turn temporary street circuit in 1 minute, 0.044 seconds, a speed of 106.144 mph.

Compiled from wire reports

U.S. women's gym team soars in Texas

**SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP)** — At their only exhibition before the Olympics, the U.S. women's gymnastics team appeared strong, with the exception of Morgan White, who watched from the sidelines.

White, bothered by a sprained left foot, sat out the beam, vault and floor exercise at the exhibition at Southwest Texas State University on Saturday. But White, 17, said she plans to perform in the Sydney Games.

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**SPORTS**

# Martin collects another trophy from Darlington

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) - Winston Cup star Mark Martin, driving in his final Busch Series event at Darlington Raceway, beat NASCAR's toughest track for the third time in a row.

Martin, who competes Sunday in the Southern 500, got the best of Darlington Raceway on Saturday for the eighth time in Busch competition. He won the Dura Lube 200 for the second year in a row, giving him a sweep of the races this year on the 1.366-mile track.



Mark Martin of Batesville, Ark., celebrates in victory lane Saturday after winning the NASCAR Dura-Lube 200.

But Martin's crew won him the race, getting him out ahead of Jeff Burton, who had the lead when their Ford's pitted for the final time on the 150th of 147 laps.

"That was the real key," Martin said of the decisive stop. "Jeff Burton was really strong today. I don't know if I could have passed him or not."

**Auto racing**

Burton outran Martin for most of the race, leading three times for 75 laps. Martin showed the way four times for 39 laps, and got a big break when the race was red-flagged to clean up debris from a crash with four laps left.

Martin got a fast restart when the green came out on lap 146, and Burton never got closer than the five-car-length deficit at the end.

**Benson's goal simple at the Southern 500**

DARLINGTON, S.C. - Although Johnny Benson's choice of race tracks might be a bit of a surprise, his goal for the Southern 500 isn't.

"I like Darlington," he said of NASCAR's toughest track. "Most people hate the place, but I can pick worse tracks."

The 1.366-mile Darlington Raceway, which he will attack Sunday from the outside of the front row, is a place where only the greats of the NASCAR generally conduct post-race celebrations.

A 37-year-old driver who's never won a Winston Cup race doesn't seem a logical fit.

But this season, everything about Benson - whose team

# Things heat up for U.S. soccer team

WASHINGTON (AP) - While most American sports fans are focused on NFL openers, the baseball pennant races and the U.S. Open tennis tournament, the U.S. soccer team has another big World Cup qualifier today.

If the Americans beat Guatemala, they'll be in good position to qualify for next year's finals of the World Cup.

**World Cup Qualifier**

U.S. vs. Guatemala Today, noon (ABC)

If they tie or lose, they probably would have to win their last two games of the round - against Costa Rica on Oct. 11 at Columbus, Ohio, and at Barbados on Nov. 15 - to advance.

Costa Rica, who don't want to go into that game having to win, U.S. midfielder Earnie Stewart said Saturday.

The Americans (1-1-1), coming off a record-setting 7-0 rout of Barbados on Aug. 16, are second in their group with four points, ahead of Guatemala (1-1-0) on goal difference and trailing Costa Rica (2-1) by two points. Barbados (1-2) is last with three points.

Costa Rica is at home against Barbados in today's other Group E game and figures to win. Only the top two teams advance to next year's regional finals, so a win is paramount for the U.S. team.

"It by no means assures us a final-round position," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said. "In my opinion, you need a minimum of 10 points, possibly 11."

The Americans originally were to have practiced Saturday at REK Stadium, site of the game, but practice was moved to Northern Virginia on less than three hours notice at the order of FIFA's match commissioner, who was concerned that the soggy field might be damaged, the U.S. Soccer Federation said.

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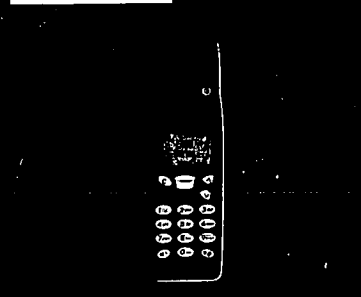
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Financially independent man's heirs hint about tax-free gifts

Los Angeles Times

Financial Q & A

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Answer: It's concerning about those doing the "suggesting" didn't mention that you can also reduce your estate by giving money to charity.

Some people want their heirs to get the maximum possible inheritance. Other people simply want to keep as much money away from the government as possible. Since estate tax rates climb pretty quickly to 55 percent, and since the tax hit is an higher, many people with estates larger than the exemption limit...

Another approach people use to control impulse spending is to understand what each purchase will cost them in terms of time and effort. A simple approach would be to simply divide your take-home pay by the number of hours you work to get an hourly figure...

Q: I have greatly enjoyed your columns, especially the no-holds-barre approach to the winners who do stupid things or are just plain greedy. Keep it up! I have to admit I haven't always managed my money very well, but it's always been my fault, and I've learned from each mis-

chamber leaders didn't think it was fair to make an offer that might " lure them away from the Burien area."

Metals

Continued from D1. Nonomic-development boom in Twin Falls by drawing out-of-town professionals who are free to pick pleasing places for their offices.

SMI Joist's Twin Falls location should be up and running in two months, pending staff hiring and training.



Flea beetles were released into the Sawtooth National Forest recently to help control noxious weeds. The beetles were collected by a crew of five 7th and 8th grade students from Fairleigh who traveled to Valley City, N.D., this summer. The 800-odd bugs were transported back to Idaho in plastic coolers.

Beneficial bugs feed on weeds

FAIRFIELD—Some of the best weapons in the fight against noxious weeds come out of a net instead of a jug. Several areas in southern Idaho are having good luck establishing colonies of beneficial insects that prey on problem weeds like leafy spurge and diffuse knapweed.



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

At first cooperators were skeptical about the bug releases. They'd go out on weed tours, leafy spurge could still be there and they couldn't find any bugs. But after a few days, when they'd finished the tours to arrive when the bugs were out, cooperators could see results.

to handle return flows of 20,000 milligrams per liter," Olmstead said. Sampling for sediment on 10 indicator drains on the Twin Falls tract shows that sediment levels were fairly low early in the season...

Scientist studies old-time beans for drought tolerance. Farmers and scientists will always argue about how much water beans require.

Irrigators find water quality is a season-long effort. TWAIN FALLS—Calendars might say it's September, but irrigators need to be thinking like it's early summer.

Concerned with production costs, last spring Singh set out to reduce inputs. "If we cannot reduce production costs and compete with grow-

Illegal questions put applicants in tough spot

Knight Ridder News Service. How old are you? Do you have children? Do you have AIDS? Do you recognize those questions for what they are? They, and several others, are unequivocally illegal questions to ask in job interviews.

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FAMILY LIFE

'Bring It On' best for older children

Orange County Register

"Bring It On" (PG-13) - Odyssey Theater of Twin Falls, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lanterns of Ketchikan.

Best for Mature teens to 20-somethings. What it's about: Torrance (Kristen Dunst) is the team captain of the Toro cheerleading squad...



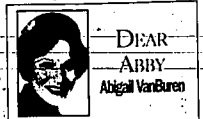
(Gabrielle Union) challenges the Toros to "bring it on" to the competition. Clare Kramer, Nicole Bilderback, Nathan West, Natina Reed, Brandi Williams and Shamari Fears also star.

Fears, Reed, Williams), who exemplify everything unflattering about cheerleaders. The story is told with biting humor and the script uses an indigenous vocabulary...

in their underwear, lots of sexual remarks and a couple of implied sexual situations. Offensive language: Yes. Sex: One scene shows a girl in bed with a guy...

Wife of alcoholic feels beaten down by life

DEAR ABBY: I am 55 and retired. My husband, "Mark," is 60 and an alcoholic. I want him to read this letter in your column.



I have concluded that I would be happier and have more peace of mind living alone in a trailer than in my house with an alcoholic.

Differentiate between helping, interfering

There is a fine, easy-to-cross line between offering help and interfering in the affairs of others. Personally, this was a difficult trail to admit I am action oriented. I see what I perceive as a need. I put my mind to work on it.



Tim O'Brien writes continuing education courses and presents seminars on stress management. He also has a website at www.hyperpress.com.

ing people (myself included, many others) interfere in the lives of others. We think we help, but actually we hinder a major part of the learning curve.

and do nothing until big mistakes have happened. Not at all. The suggestion is to examine clearly our motivation and timing when we offer help.

Finally, students can go to a website that really adds up

Are you having trouble in school with math? Try A+ Math! At A+ Math, you can play games to make math more interesting...



Nicole Ridgeway is a student at Robert S. Junior High School in Twin Falls. Write to her at crump@magicvalley.com

Preparing for dying can make process easier

In hospice programs, patients are encouraged to say, "Thank you, I love you, I'm sorry and goodbye."

neglected to resolve issues or to settle riddles with anxiety and guilt at a time when their job is to find a sense of peace.

can set a marvelous example. I've seen it. Kids and grandkids are propelled forward. It gives meaning to their lives.

spirit is occurred. "We have reached here a level of soul," writes Singh, a transpersonal psychologist in a Florida hospice.

Experts help parents discern school jitters for anxiety disorder

Starting in a new grade or a new school can be an anxious moment for any child. Will I like my teacher? Will middle school be like?

The Anxiety Disorders Association of America can be reached at (301) 231-9930. The ADA Web site is www.adaa.org.

Families

Continued from E1. Black-narrated "Cowboy Astronomer" Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4 p.m.

classes, beginning Sept. 10. Parent and child art, for kids 2-3. Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon.

Thursdays and fifth and sixth grades on Fridays. Monthly tuition: \$32. The Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, which is located at 249 Main Ave., teaches age-appropriate visual arts to kids ages 2 through sixth grade.

\$140. For registration and information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290. TWIN FALLS - There will be a meeting for the support group of parents of children with developmental and learning challenges from 7-8 p.m. on Sept. 12 at the Twin Falls Reformed Church.

Fall

Continued from E1. folks can use to summon health if they fall, and volunteers are available locally to check on homebound older people.

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Are you a teacher?
If you love the summer months as much as I do, then the start of a new school year probably makes you as happy as a kid in a candy shop.

Have a second child?
Quadruple your trouble

The Baltimore Sun
1. Picking up Cheerios can be a fun game for babies.
2. Keeping a crooked diaper bag is always useful.
3. Placing a mark on the toddler-size diapers makes it easier to tell them apart from the infant size.

Parents tend to go through stages, too
The eight seasons of parenthood

If you have children, you probably know what stage they're in—the terrible twos, perhaps, or the rebellious teens.
But what about parents?
They go through stages just as predictable as children's, according to a new book by family specialists Barbara Unell and Jerry Wyckoff.

1. Celebrity.
When: Pregnancy.
What to expect: If you're a woman, you're the center of attention. Sorry guys, but you're radiating, relegated to a support role.
You reevaluate all your priorities and plan major life changes. You're torn between hope and worry. You're disoriented about your role—child or parent?

When: Child's elementary school years.
What to expect: You're standing back a bit as teachers and peers play a growing role in your child's life. Separation brings anxiety and a loss of freedom for you and the child. You must find a way to remain a guiding force without being overprotective.
You're flooded by memories of your school days and may try to shape your child's life to replicate the good and avoid the bad. But your child is an individual and much of his world is beyond your control.

Your family may expand as your child embarks on serious relationships, marries or has children. You must figure out how to react to your child's life choices; it's out of your hands.
Hazards: Control issues often flare up; if you can't negotiate a new relationship with your child, you may find yourself estranged. Kids who return home can fling you back to that volcano stage.
7. Planate parent.
When: Child's middle-age years.
Becoming a grandparent lets you revisit your parenting choices and see how your child handles the challenges.

After 23 years, woman learns to conquer clutter

The Washington Post
Sandra Felton knows all about clutter. For 23 years, no matter how large her home, clutter reigned. "We had only one bathroom in use because the other one was full of storage. Now it's that crazy with three teenagers at home? It was hard to make the bed because of the books and papers all over. I kept my living room curtains closed because it was so cluttered. Halloween was the worst because people would come to the door, so I cleared away what was visible," said Felton, 65.

Girl's tough decision ends up for the best

"It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do."
—Mollere
It was two days after the tragic school shooting in Colorado, and I was feeling bad about what had happened to the students there. My school began receiving a lot of bomb threats and it seemed that police cars were there often. I was standing with my friend and her boyfriend when he casually said, "I'm gonna blow up the school and kill everyone." I asked, "Why would you want to do that?" He answered, "I just do, and he walked away."

Chicken Soup for the Soul
In this story by April Townsend, a brave young student might have prevented a tragedy when she courageously tells her teacher about a friend's threats against her school.
should never joke around about something as serious as killing people. If you do, responsible people have no choice but to have you checked out in order to ensure everyone else's safety.
Afterward, the student was suspended, our whole sixth grade had an assembly. The principal and counselors told the students that there was a kid who was making threats and that he had been suspended.
I decided later to tell my friend's boyfriend that it was me who told on him so that he wouldn't speculate about who it was. I was surprised to learn that he was not angry with me. He was able to get help for his feelings and behavior.
Many people are in the same sug-

ation that I was in. If your friend is saying threatening stuff like my friend was, then he or she obviously needs help—and soon. It seems like when one school shooting happens, another one occurs shortly thereafter. If there is any way you can prevent one school shooting, I could light for the very first time, saw her own growth and development in the reflection of her children's sun."

perhaps say your life and many other lives as well. If I had to do it over again, I would—because it really was for the best.
To submit a story for future publication, send it to P.O. Box 30880-K, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93130.

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By Alan P. Olachwang, Huntington Beach, California

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What's the meaning of tolerance?

She was handicapped, wheelchair-bound, had difficulty to brace herself from place to place using hand controls. She was a bright child and realized very early that she was different from her peers...



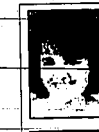
AFTER CLASS Gay Petersen

someone who we feel is not as attractive as we, in our wisdom, believe they should be. And do we do this just among adults, though that is had enough, or do we do it in front of impressionable children?

When I see tiny children dressed up in the white sheets of the Ku Klux Klan, for example, and when I see those same children sport well-oiled prejudice...

No need to go broke caring for spouse

Q. My father at age 67 suffered an unexpected stroke, which left him with permanent brain damage and unable to take care of himself physically...



Collins and Jan Warner

NEXT STEPS

before the Medicaid application is made, the law recognizes that it would be against public policy to force the "community spouse" (here, your mother) to use all the community marital assets to support the "institutionalized spouse" (your father)...

Benefits for survivors can vary

Knight Ridder News Service
Q. If I die, would my survivors receive Social Security benefits on my record? How much could they get?
A. Your survivors would receive a percentage of your basic Social Security benefit...

Relationships survive memory loss

The Gazette
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Alzheimer's sufferer Paul Pardun, 77, holds onto his wife Norma's hand as she leads him to the couch in the living room of their Colorado Springs home...

relationships survive memory loss
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