



GOOD MORNING

WEATHER



To our readers: We think you'll enjoy the new weather forecast that debuts today in The Times-News. See it on Page A-2.

Today, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. A little cooler and becoming breezy, high 75. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of evening rain showers, low 47.

MAGIC VALLEY



No place like home: Young volunteers Saturday brushed a fresh coat of color on a home that will house families nearly ready to be on their own.

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TOWERS OF TALK

Phone tower issue pits regulation against the need

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's a tough situation. On one hand, the transmission towers relaying cellular phone signals are needed, since more people than ever are using wireless.

On the other hand, local government wants to regulate the look and the placement of the steel skyscrapers - which can protrude more than 100 feet upwards.

So the question is twofold: Can a new city ordinance help regulate the look and influx of telecommunication towers, and how badly do consumers need them?

Twin Falls city officials are joining the local governments across Idaho and the United States that have started regulating communication towers. Other towns say their ordinances have helped tone down the towers.

But the wireless revolution is still young. Even more towers are expected to come and many local businesses and officials are welcoming them with open arms.

Tracking towers

In Twin Falls, the numbers speak for themselves. One tower is 330 feet tall. Another is 250 feet tall. Several others range between 85 and 150 feet.

Smaller communication towers sit on the roofs of buildings or the backyards of residences.

Drive down Blue Lakes Boulevard or Addison Avenue and try to count the number of noticeable towers or large antennas.

Kind of tough?

That's exactly the problem, local officials say - there are simply too many communication towers in town, at least seven that are 100 feet tall or taller.

To help alleviate the problem, Twin Falls city officials recently imposed a four-month moratorium on new towers to give a committee time to draft a tower ordinance.

Twin Falls joins several other Idaho cities and counties that have written, or are writing, such ordinances.

The city of Pocatello is working on an ordinance. Boise has had one for more than two years.

"Until we adopted the ordinance, we had no way of controlling them," said Angie Brosious, a Boise city planner.

But don't expect the regulations to stop the towers. After all, it's Gordon Trapp's job to find tower sites. Trapp is a land use planner with U S West, which hopes to establish cellular service in the Magic Valley. U S West has no towers up and running, but hopes to bring at least 12 Magic Valley sites online, including sites in Twin Falls, Wendell, Gooding and TWIN FALLS.

United States Cellular and Verizon Wireless are wireless service providers already online.

And other wireless service providers - including Newcom Wireless LLC, Clearlink PCS and Nextel Wireless - have gained approval or are looking to set up towers in the Magic Valley.

U-S West was put on hold Tuesday, when Twin Falls' city Planning and Zoning Commission denied its request.

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Spencer Cutler rappels from a tower on the Magic Valley Ropes Course behind Frontier Park. Many park users are unaware that the two stout flagpoles at the park are actually cell phone towers.

Federal act gives cities, counties the right to regulate towers

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Cities and counties can regulate the size and placement of communication towers, according to the Federal Communications Telecommunications Act of 1996.

But the same act places restrictions on cities and counties.

State or local governments cannot "unreasonably discriminate among providers of functionally equivalent services," the act says. Also, no state or local government can regulate the wireless service facilities "on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions."

Many local governments have adopted tower ordinances to help regulate the amounts and kinds of towers.

The basic concept of most of the ordinances, though, is to regulate tower operations and placement.

Boise's tower ordinance has been in place since 1998.

Tale of the tape

- 250 feet - Spoushony/Neel Partners tower on Canyon Street
- 250 feet - United States Cellular tower on Orchard Drive
- 195 feet - The American Drive Corporation tower, one on Orchard Drive and another on South Park Avenue West
- 250 feet - United States Cellular tower on South Park Avenue West
- 100 feet - Verizon Wireless cellular tower at Frontier Field
- 100 feet - Verizon Wireless cellular tower at Frontier Field

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Rollover near Wendell kills Shoshone woman

The Times-News

GOODING - Donna Gifford, 32, of Shoshone, died Saturday from injuries suffered in a car accident, the Gooding County

Sheriff's Department reported. A 1989 Pontiac sedan rolled and ejected Donna Gifford and Trinity Hubbs, 18, of Shoshone, Sgt. Chris Ward said. The roll over occurred one mile north of

Wendell on State Highway 46, near 2800 South, he said. Trinity Hubbs was transported to Gooding Memorial Hospital. Authorities were called to the scene of the rollover at 2:30 a.m.

Saturday, Ward said. Details about what caused the crash remained under investigation Saturday. Deputy Aaron Stolzman is the investigating officer.

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Violence erupts in Jerusalem

Israeli troops open fire on Palestinians in worst violence since 1996

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Israeli troops battling several gunmen and thousands of rock-throwing Palestinians opened fire Saturday, killing 12 Palestinians in the bloodiest clashes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since 1996. More than 500 Palestinians were injured, the Palestinian health minister said.

Among those killed was a 12-year-old boy who was caught in the cross fire. Covering behind his father, he screamed in panic as shots hit a wall just inches above their heads. Seconds later, the boy was fatally shot in the abdomen.

The trigger for the violence was a visit by Israel's hard-line

opposition leader, Ariel Sharon, last week to a bitterly contested Jerusalem shrine sacred to Muslims and Jews. Sharon said he toured the compound to show Israel was in control there.

On Friday, six Palestinians were killed and close to 200 wounded in clashes in the walled compound.

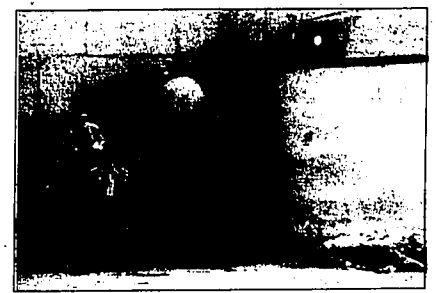
"The battle over Jerusalem has begun," said Bassem Naim, a Palestinian activist, as thousands of protesters chanting the

Muslim battle cry "Allahu Akbar," or God is Great, marched toward an Israeli army position.

Further dimming prospects for an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty, the two sides traded angry accusations Saturday.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak spoke to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat by phone late Saturday. "The prime minister warned Arafat that he (Barak) will not let violence be a tool in the negotiations," Barak's office said in a statement.

Israel's army chief, Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz, said the Palestinian Authority did nothing to stop the violence, and that Palestinian police officers in some cases even participated in the clashes.



In this image from television, Jamal Aldura signals his position while protecting his 12-year-old son, Rami, as they take shelter behind a barrel during shooting near the Netzmim Jewish settlement. Moments later, Rami slumped to the ground, fatally hit, and his father, gravely wounded, lost consciousness.

Political warfare

Stakes are high in Tuesday debate

Knight Ridder News Service

On Tuesday night in Boston, Al Gore and George W. Bush will face each other on the same stage for the first time. The major parties' presidential candidates will duel for the allegiance of a deadlocked electorate and will do so armed only with their wits and competitive instincts and stripped of all comfortable trappings.

There will be no fawning crowds, no spin doctors at the elbow, no Oprah or Regis to keep things warm and fuzzy. This is naked political warfare for the highest stakes, with each candidate hoping to strike the perfect chord or score the killer sound bite that tips the final vote.

It is the closeness of the race, analysts say, that makes the Bush-Gore debates the most important of any presidential campaign in the last two decades.

Many viewers will be partisans seeking reinforcement for choices already made. But the outcome of this election may hinge on the sentiments of a few million undecided voters in the big swing states of Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania and, perhaps, Florida.

Those voters are still seeking answers to fundamental questions: Can Al Gore be trusted to talk straight? Does George W. Bush have the brains for the job? Charles Cook, a nonpartisan Washington analyst, framed the 90-minute debate this way:

"Gore's challenges are purely

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Election will sway decisions of high court

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Difficult questions about Americans' constitutional protection against unreasonable searches - while in their homes, cars and even in hospital beds - lead the Supreme Court's agenda as the justices begin their 2000-2001 term Monday.

Some observers, however, say the most important day for the nation's highest court will be election day. The next president will choose the next members of a court that has been divided 5-4 on some of the nation's most explosive issues.

The court this term also is confronting a major challenge to the nation's premier environmental law, the Clean Air Act, and will decide whether people can sue states to enforce the federal ban, on discrimination against the disabled.

The term that ended in June was a blockbuster. The justices upheld the Miranda warnings police must give before

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Teens: Marketing changes in films won't keep us away

LOS ANGELES (AP) — To Matt Casazza and fellow teens, the debate raging over Hollywood's marketing of violent films to youth leaves them with one question: Who cares?

"Sooner or later they're all gonna come out on tape and then you can rent it," the 15-year-old Casazza said. "It doesn't really matter, because they don't card at (video stores)."

Teen-agers across the country were largely unaware of — and uninterested in — the Senate committee hearings under way in Washington on Wednesday in which Hollywood executives admitted marketing movies made for adults to children.

Sarah Wilson, a 16-year-old resident of Chapel Hill, N.C., said her class at school had discussed the debate over advertising for R-rated movies, which are supposed to be restricted to people 17 and older unless accompanied by a parent. While she goes to R-rated films in theaters, she thinks Hollywood goes overboard on the violence and nudity.

"Most of it's unnecessary anyway," she said. "If they really want kids to watch the movie, then they should put things in it that are appropriate for kids. I think (violence) desensitizes us to

things that happen in everyday life."

Another 16-year-old North Carolina teen agreed that R-rated movies are too violent for some young people.

"Little children don't need to be introduced to those things until they're older. What kind of audience are they trying to attract?" asked Emily Alderman of Raleigh, N.C.

One Southern California teenager who has been home-schooled said he and his friends try to be selective about the R-rated movies they watch.



Motion picture studio executives gather on Capitol Hill Wednesday prior to testifying before a Senate Committee hearing on marketing violence to children. From left are Walter Parkes, co-head of Dreamworks; Hal Harris of Sony; Jack Yarranton, president of the Motion Picture Association of America; Stacy Snyder of Universal Pictures; Alan Horn of Warner Brothers and Robert Iger of Disney, Maramax.

Analysts: Statements linking TV, violence are simplistic

Night Rider News Service

Tom Mauser is an unassuming guy, still somewhat shy despite the spotlight that has focused upon him since his 15-year-old son, Daniel, was gunned down in the Columbine High School library 18 months ago.

So he struggled to find a diplomatic way to express his feelings about last week's congressional hearing on movie violence.

"I think the timing of it, coming now," he said finally, "may be a little bit political."

The idea behind Wednesday's hearing — and another scheduled for next month on television violence — is that if children are cut off from gory films, television shows and video games, then they won't be as likely to, say, pick up automatic weapons and shoot their way through a high school.

But even though his son's killers reportedly reveled in violent video games, Mauser refused to draw a parallel between the violence that dominates the screen and the real-life violence that permeates American society.

"I'd stop a little short of the word 'cause,'" he said.

"How much were the killers of my son influenced, in their hatred, by the media? What percentage of it was the way they were treated? What about other factors — youth alienation, bad parenting, lack of moral compasses?"

Mauser's nuanced approach was a contrast to simplistic statements that have surrounded the issue for the last two weeks, ever since the release of a \$2 million Federal Trade Commission study ordered by President Clinton after the shootings at Columbine.

The report castigated Hollywood for its "pervasive and aggressive" marketing of violent and sexually explicit films, music and video games to pre-teens. The presidential candidates seized the opportunity to call for more regulation — Vice President Gore through federal legislation, Gov. George W. Bush suggesting industry self-policing and family oversight — while Hollywood executives fell back on talk of the First Amendment and parental responsibility.

But Mauser, who now works for a gun-control group, continued to insist that people who focus solely on media violence — or any single cause — were missing the point.

On the surface, the straightforward

ward approach is quite convincing. There's the timing: The steep rise in violent crime over the last few decades is often cited as cause for concern over media violence. Television entered the American mainstream in the 1950s; homicide rates in this country doubled between the 1950s and the late 70s.

"Children exposed to violent programming at a young age have a higher tendency for violent and aggressive behavior later in life than children who are not so exposed," said a joint statement by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. The groups say that more than 1,000 studies support their statement.

But do the splatter films really influence children so much that they're inclined to mimic the onscreen behavior — which is the whole push behind the curbs proposed during the hearings?

A 1996-97 UNESCO study found that children around the world watch similar amounts of television, much of it violent. Yet other U.N. statistics show more violent crime in the United States than in other industrialized countries.

"People reach out for the most manageable causes, which in this case would be the media," said Stuart Fischhoff, a California State University-Los Angeles

professor who teaches media psychology. "This way, you don't have to worry about violating the civil rights of parents by saying, 'Hey, you're a lousy parent.'"

With only six weeks before the election, Hollywood makes a far easier and more popular target than the powerful gun lobby.

But "there is hypocrisy enough to go around," he added. Media executives, he said, "know what they're doing, and it's time to tell these people, 'You have kids. Do you want your own kids to be exposed to this?'"

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Efforts to bar abortion pill gain momentum

The Washington Post

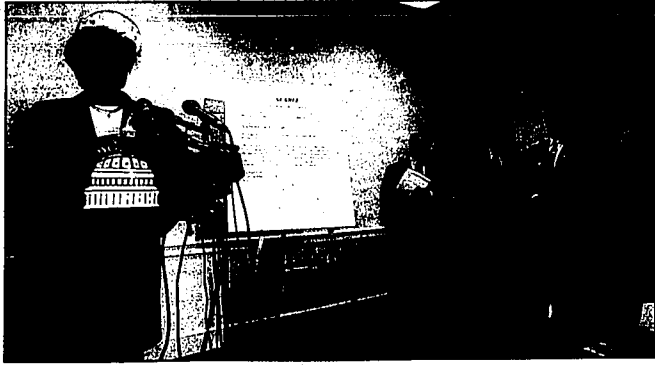
WASHINGTON — Efforts by congressional Republicans to overturn the approval of the abortion drug RU-486 or restrict its availability gained momentum late last week on Capitol Hill.

At the same time, anti-abortion activists accused the Food and Drug Administration of caving to political pressure by failing to put tighter restrictions on the drug's use, and pressed the agency to release more details about the drug.

Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., said he will offer legislation early this week that would restrict the distribution of the drug. An aide said the measure likely would be offered as an amendment to one of the spending bills remaining before Congress.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, sharply criticized the Clinton administration's decision to approve the drug and said he would support efforts by lawmakers to find a way to curtail its use.

Michele Davis, a spokesman for the majority leader, said that Armey would be "amenable" to legislation seeking to counter the Food and Drug Administration's ruling.



Helen Chenoweth-Hage, R-Idaho, accompanied by other members of Congress, meets reporters in Washington Thursday after the announcement that the FDA has approved the abortion pill RU-486. From right are, Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., Rep. Dave Weldon, R-Fla., Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., Roland Foster and John Hart, staff assistants for Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

Thursday, but added: "I don't know if it's doable" so late in the session.

Vice President Al Gore reiter-

ated his support of the FDA's decision during an appearance Thursday night on CNN's Larry King Live show. But Gore

seemed eager to broaden the subject to abortion in general, arguing that Bush would seek to overturn Roe vs. Wade by

appointing anti-abortion judges to the Supreme Court.

"You know, this is really a major issue that will be decided on Nov. 7 this year," Gore said. "I support a woman's right to choose, my opponent does not."

Bush did not expand Friday on his earlier comments stating strong opposition to the FDA ruling. But his spokesman, Ari Fleischer, said that Bush might sign a bill that would ban the drug if one passed Congress.

"He'd review it, and I think it would depend on what it says," Fleischer said. "But make no mistake, he thinks that decision is wrong."

Bush would not make opposition to RU-486 a requirement for a new FDA commissioner, Fleischer said, but would ask his commissioner to "review the decision to make sure all of the health and safety aspects have been thoroughly looked into."

While international studies have shown that RU-486 has not increased the number of abortions in Europe, Fleischer said Bush remained convinced that the drug will increase abortions in this country.

"His fear is that if you make a pill so easily so available, that instead of making abortion more rare it will make it more common," Fleischer said.

Utah clinic will offer abortion pill

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — One of Utah's three abortion clinics will offer the "French abortion pill" as soon as the drug is available.

Another hadn't decided, and the third is waiting to see what the pill will cost when it becomes available on the market.

The Utah clinics are calling RU-486 an "early option pill," meaning the two-drug regimen can only be used in the first seven weeks of pregnancy.

"We are going to offer it," said Nancy Courtney, medical secretary at Utah Women's Clinic. The other two clinics are Wasatch Women's Center and Mountain View Women's Center.

The drug has been used by more than 600,000 women in Europe over the past decade with only one known death — a French woman in poor health.

Abortion-rights supporters and foes predict the drug will have a profound impact.

More than half of obstetrician-gynecologists who do not provide surgical abortion said they would be willing to provide mifepristone, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey.

The newly approved abortion method requires two drugs and three visits to a doctor.

Abortion drug developers welcome U.S. approval

PARIS (AP) — The French developers of the abortion pill RU-486 have expressed satisfaction over the U.S. decision to approve the early-abortion method, saying it would help the pill gain acceptance in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

"Finally, American women can benefit from this product," said

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Eduard Sakis, former head of the French drug company Roussel that put the pill on the market in France, the first country to use it in western Europe.

RU-486 is now widely available

in western Europe, but 12 years after it appeared, it is far from the method of choice in the countries where it is authorized, and it remains controversial in many others. The pill blocks a hormone, progesterone, that is essential to sustaining pregnancy. It can only be used early in pregnancy and if

the pill fails, surgical intervention is required.

Dr. Etienne-Emile Baulieu, the pill's inventor, said Friday that after more than a decade of use in France, the method was "satisfying — and insufficient" and that he wanted to see the pill's application extended.

Priest vandalizes abortion clinic using his car and axe

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — A Catholic priest smashed his car into an abortion clinic Saturday morning, then chopped at the building with an ax until the owner fired two shotgun blasts to stop him, police said.

The clinic was not open and nobody was injured in the attack, which came just two days after federal approval of the abortion pill RU-486.

The man drove through a door at the Abortion Access Northern Illinois Women's Center around 8:15 a.m. He was swinging an ax when the clinic's owner fired a 12-gauge shotgun twice. He did not hit the man.

The Rev. John Earl, 32, was arrested and charged with burglary and felony criminal damage

to property, said Deputy Police Chief Dominic Iaspardo. Earl was being held in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

Iaspardo would not comment on statements Earl made to police about a possible motive.

Abortion providers usually are on alert for violence following abortion-related events in the news, such as this week's approval of RU-486 by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, said Vicki Saporta, executive director of the National Abortion Federation.

"We haven't received any specific threats, but anytime abortion is in the headlines we issue an alert to our clinics to take precautions because there is the potential for increased violence," she said.

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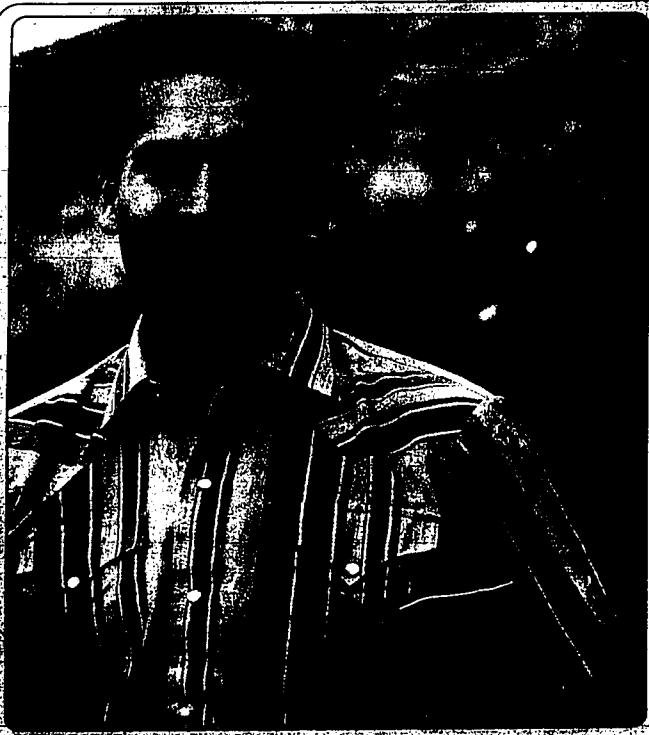
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GIANT JACK-O-LANTERN?

Judge: Inmates can sue for DNA testing



Steve W. Connelly of Sharon, Mass., lifts his son Scott, 9, onto his 1,009.6-pound pumpkin following his win of the New England Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off at the Topseed Fair in Topsheld Mass., Saturday.

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Inmates who claim they were wrongfully convicted have a constitutional right to request DNA testing that might prove their innocence, a federal judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr. issued the ruling Friday in the case of James Harvey, 53, who was convicted of rape in 1990. Bryan did not order DNA testing for Harvey but said the 14th Amendment allows state prisoners to file federal civil rights lawsuits seeking DNA testing.

Although a district judge's decision is not binding on other courts, Harvey's lawsuit could become a national test case. If Bryan's decision reaches higher courts and is upheld, it could unleash a flood of lawsuits, The Washington Post reported Saturday. Most jurisdictions, including Virginia, do not guarantee prisoners the right to post-conviction DNA testing. Instead, prisoners must depend on prosecutors and governors to grant access to the laboratory work they claim could clear them.

Clinton presses Congress for construction money

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, bemoaning what he said were too many overcrowded and crumbling schools, pledged Saturday not to budge from budget talks until Republicans set

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aside billions for school construction and his education priorities.

He also released a Department of Education study showing that at least 60 percent of schools in the country need repairs and that the work would cost an estimated \$12.7 billion.

The president supports legislation sponsored by Reps. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., and Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., to subsidize \$24.8 billion in school construction bonds; the federal government would provide tax credits for the interest normally paid on a bond.

Under the proposal, 60 percent of the money would go to states based on school-age population, with the rest directed to the 125 school districts with the largest number of low-income students. The estimated five-year cost is \$1.74 billion.

Thurmond recovers after collapsing in restaurant

WASHINGTON — Sen. Strom Thurmond collapsed Saturday at a restaurant in suburban Alexandria, Va., and has been hospitalized.

The 97-year-old South Carolina Republican, the oldest person ever to serve in the Senate, was first taken to Inova Alexandria

Hospital, and later transported to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Inova spokeswoman Rita Wakefield said.

Thurmond was in fair condition, Wakefield said. The nature of his problem was not immediately disclosed, but Thurmond has been hospitalized several times in recent years for various problems.

Keith moves west towards Mexico; gains strength

MEXICO CITY — Tropical Storm Keith strengthened to a hurricane Saturday and threatened to hit Mexico's Yucatan peninsula.

Heavy rain pounded the eastern Yucatan, Belize and northern Honduras on Saturday. Storm surges caused rivers to overflow and flooded thousands of homes, civil protection officials in Mexico said.

A hurricane warning remained in effect along the Yucatan peninsula's eastern shore, from Cabo

Catoche south to Monkey River Town in Belize, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Women abduct girl from home in Florida

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A 10-day-old infant was abducted from her home early Saturday after a struggle between her kidnappers and her screaming mother.

The mother, identified as Angela Brown, was home with her five children when two women knocked on the door about 1:30 a.m., the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office said.

When a boy opened the door, the women squirted pepper spray in his face, authorities said. One of the women then picked up the baby, Latisha Renee Dunn, from her crib.

When the mother tried to fight off the other abductor, she was squirted with pepper spray.

— compiled from wire reports

Budget fight underlines GOP's changed tune

By Alan Fram
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This year's budget fight, with both parties bidding up federal spending to record levels, underlines the stark change in Republican rhetoric and action since the New Gingrich-led GOP began controlling Congress in 1995.

The new budget year that began Sunday finds Republican leaders emphasizing that they would use annual federal surplus first to reduce the national debt, then to cut taxes and — yes — increase spending for schools and other priorities.

Clearly, they prefer less spending than President Clinton wants. Even so, with the White House and both chambers of Congress set to stake in next month's election, flexible GOP negotiators have accepted administration demands for billions of extra dollars. They have also added plenty of additional spending on their own.

"We're trying to address some of the additional needs the White House has requested," Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said of budget talks. But he added, "I'm hoping that the spending frenzy will stop."

Contrast that with the atmosphere five years ago. Republicans had just captured majorities of the House and Senate for the first time in four decades, led by Gingrich, R-Ga., their aggressive speaker.

Back then, with huge federal deficits envisioned perpetually into the future, Republicans spoke of dramatically changing the face of government by eliminating the annual shortfalls by 2002 and cutting spending and taxes. Rather than negotiate, they were uh-ah about using brinkmanship to force Clinton into unconditional surrender.

"It is possible the fundamental functions of the federal government could close," one GOP leader, House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich of Ohio, said in July 1995. "But that is an opportunity, not a risk. It gets us to the point where people decide where we're going to go."

By the following January, there had been two federal shutdowns totaling 27 days. He also showed that an angry public blamed the GOP by about 2-to-1 for the shutdowns; ever since, Republicans have taken a softer tone on the budget.

Gingrich's placed is the gentler-seeming Dennis Hastert of Illinois as speaker. And beyond that, not only the rhetoric has changed.

By the end of fiscal 1995, the last year for which a Democratic Congress wrote a budget, discretionary spending was \$546 bil-

Analysis

lion, including cuts Republicans made by year's end. Discretionary spending is the one-third of the federal budget that Congress must approve each year, covering everything the government does except for automatic payments such as Social Security benefits.

Republicans lopped \$9 billion off that total the following year to \$535 billion. But beginning in 1997, the figure has headed steadily upward, practically soaring recently amid annual, year-end talks in which GOP fear of another shutdown has given Clinton most of the leverage.

According to Senate Budget Committee estimates, discretionary spending reached \$617 billion in 2000, a 7.3 percent increase from the previous year. And this year's total is so far esti-

mated at \$646 billion, a 4.7 percent increase — with only two of the 13 annual spending bills for 2001 enacted. That figure is expected to rise as the remaining bills take their final form.

"We have a surplus now, we had a deficit then," said Michele Davis, spokeswoman for House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, explaining the spending turnaround.

Republicans say the extra spending is possible because of today's huge surpluses, which have so far gone mostly to reducing the \$3.4 trillion publicly held national debt. In a radio address last weekend, Lott said that still leaves money to boost "our national priorities such as education, defense and health research."

Five years ago, GOP leaders were emphasizing eliminating entire Cabinet-level departments, not increasing spending. Further — underscoring the

party's turnaround, it was Republican senators — including Lott and Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska — who delayed completion of talks last week on a new land conservation program by demanding extra money for coastal states.

And when bargainers shook hands on the new program — and the administration hailed it as a triumph, it was Murkowski who issued a written statement complaining that "none of the accounts might ever be" spent at all.

Budget negotiations are likely to last into mid-October, with the government kept functioning with a series of temporary spending bills.

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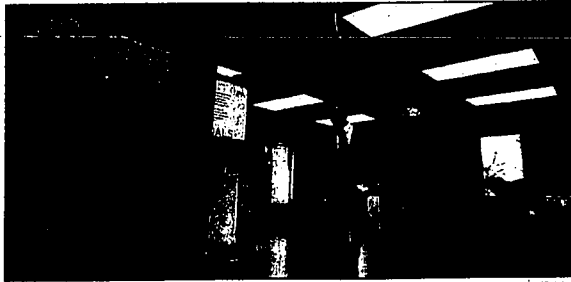
New building helps workers breathe easier

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Employees at the American Lung Association of Virginia are breathing easier — literally.

The association's new "Breathe Easy" office building doesn't look unusual, but observant visitors will notice distinctive features.

The hard wood and natural linoleum floors are bare, because dust and spills can lurk in carpet fibers. Crayola washable markers in bright colors — the same ones found in the bookbags of school children — grace white-board shelves. The nontoxic markers do not compromise air quality like conventional white-board markers, which release fumes when uncapped.

The red-brick, two-story office building, dedicated on Wednesday, employs the association's "Breathe Easy" concept, which aims to eliminate or reduce pollutants. The concept also makes use of ventilation and air



filtration in order to prevent "sick building syndrome." Air in normal office buildings contains pollutants such as

pollen, animal particles, carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, second-hand smoke and volatile organic compounds that can have long-term effects such as liver and kidney damage, said lung association spokeswoman Donna Reynolds.

A visitor to the American Lung Association of Virginia reads over displays about the association's new "Breathe Easy" office building after dedication ceremonies for the facility in Richmond, Va., Wednesday.

Debates

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personal, and Bush's challenges are intellectual. People already know that Gore knows a lot, but this debate is about whether people can feel more comfortable with him.

"There is an underlying weakness in Gore's candidacy, on the other hand. People want to feel confident that if he is elected, the embarrassments and deceptions of the Clinton era will stop. So he needs to come across as trustworthy, friendly, not as an overbearing Eddie Haskell.

"Bush," Cook added, "has to show that he's smart enough and serious enough. He has to put meat on his answers. One fundamental problem in past debates is that he often looked like a guy who just had 375 never opened a briefing book. He has to give the impression that he knows what he is talking about."

Some Democrats believe that Bush has the easier task since no one thinks he will beat Gore on substance anyway. Said Bob Mulholland, a national committee man and adviser to the California party: "The expectations for him are so low that 375 is long as 'W' doesn't commit on the spot, some people will think he did well."

Issues matter, and polls consistently indicate that voters generally favor the Democrats on the issues they have mentioned this year — particularly health care. Still, Gore's renowned debating skills may not win the day.

As Bruce Buchanan, a Texas analyst and longtime Bush watcher, points out, viewers generally pay scant heed to the forensics of debating. "It won't be the debate coaches who score this thing," Buchanan said. "It's going to be the regular folks."

After Boston, Bush and Gore plan to meet Oct. 11 in Winston-Salem, N.C., and Oct. 17 in St. Louis. Their running mates,

Republican Dick Cheney and Democrat Joseph I. Lieberman, are to square off Thursday in Danville, Ky.

"The debates could build an audience," said David Birdsall, a debate expert at Baruch College in New York. "It's quite possible that undecided voters could suspend active judgment until all three debates are over."

In terms of potential impact, these debates are widely seen as the most important since Ronald Reagan challenged President Jimmy Carter in a 1980 race that stayed tight until the final days. To some observers, Bush is the Reagan in this race, a candidate dismissed by critics as a lightweight yet often underestimated.

At the same time, presidential scholar Allan Lichtman said: "Reagan had an easier road than Bush has now. When Reagan and Carter debated, the president was burdened by double-digit inflation and the Iranian hostage crisis. The situation for Gore is the opposite: a great economy, no crises abroad. Bush is operating on a very uphill playing field."

Neil Newhouse, a GOP strategist in Washington, likens 2000 to 1960, when John Kennedy and Richard Nixon debated.

"That year," Newhouse said, "it was the same political environment as we have now: There was an incumbent vice president who people were not sure they wanted; it was a time of peace and prosperity, yet people were not sure whether they wanted continuity or change."

Nixon, like Gore, was an experienced underdog mistrusted by his critics. Kennedy, like Bush, was viewed in some quarters as ill prepared for the presidency. Kennedy, however, had served in public life for 14 years, as congressman and senator. Bush's elective resume is thinner, a fact that Gore is expected to try to exploit Tuesday.



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Extinction risk grows, hitting Central America especially hard

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) - Green turtle females lay upward of 100 eggs a year on Caribbean beaches in Central America - but today just one of those eggs will grow into an adult turtle.

Poachers from Mexico to Panama slaughter baby turtles to make tasty filets from their spongy, grayish-green flesh. Others, too impatient to wait for them to be born, sell their plundered eggs for exotic omelets.

The species is just one of the 11,046 plants and animals that risk disappearing forever, according to the most comprehensive analysis of global conservation ever undertaken, the World Conservation Union's 2000 Red List of Threatened Species. The report, released Thursday, examined some 18,000 species and subspecies around the globe. Earth has estimated 14 million species - and only 1.75 million have been documented.

Conservationists estimate that the current extinction rate is 1,000 to 10,000 times higher than it should be under natural conditions. That means that in the first decades of the 21st century, many creatures - from a majestic Albatross to Asian freshwater turtles - may join the ranks of the flightless Dodo bird.

The primary reason humans. Everything from expanding cities to deforestation, agriculture and fishing pose a significant threat to the planet's biodiversity. In the last 500 years, some 816 species have disappeared - some permanently, while others exist only in artificial settings, such as zoos.

"Animals are a finite resource much like oil in a lot of ways," said Enriquez, a regional director of the World Conservation Union. "But because the public does not need these species to survive every morning, it is easy to forget about them."

Of the 11,046 plants and animals at risk of extinction, 1,184 are in Central America and Mexico, where poverty and logging are teaming up to shrink habitats and legitimate species, according to the study.

"What this latest list shows is that many of the animals most have come to associate with the jungle are in danger," said Marino Gimenez, adjunct head of

Disappearing species

A study released Thursday of some 18,000 species and subspecies around the world found many stand a good chance of becoming extinct.

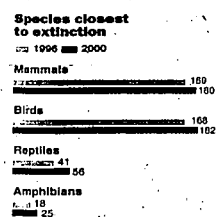


Wandering albatross



Iberian lynx

The main reason, experts say, is humans - growing cities, farming, hunting and pollution destroy the species' habitats and threaten the planet's biodiversity.



Source: The World Conservation Union

Wm. J. Castella, S. Hoffmann/AP

the group's Species Survival Commission, a network of 7,000 international species experts who researched the report.

Even Guatemala's national bird - a small green creature with a red chest and long tail-feathers known as the quetzal - is at high risk, along with other lesser known regional creatures including the Pacific pilot whale and the Mexican long-eared bat.

The report reveals that Indonesia, India and China are among the countries with the most threatened mammals and birds. But Central America and Mexico as a region have a higher percentage of problems and rank among the world's poorest defenders of native plants and animals, Lahmann said by telephone from his office in San Jose, Costa Rica.

The contrast of richly diverse terrain, coupled with poverty and often deficient environmental controls, has left this part of the world facing the potentially crippling loss of hundreds of plants and animals that are thriving elsewhere, Lahmann said.

Further, problems are getting worse - plants and animals in

Mexico and Central America are being threatened at a rate 10 times that they faced a decade ago, Lahmann said.

Besides poaching, the most serious threat is the clearing of forest areas for crops and cattle, and logging by lumber companies or rural families in search of firewood.

Adding to the problem are forest fires that rage out of control while cash-strapped governments look on helplessly.

As in Africa and Asia, another major factor is the sale of exotic animals as pets. The illegal smuggling of animals to dealers has become the third-most profitable smuggling racket behind drugs and guns, said Gustavo Aldo Martinez, field researcher for Guatemala's Jungle Life Rescue Association.

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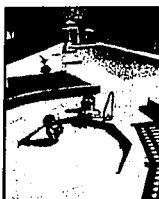
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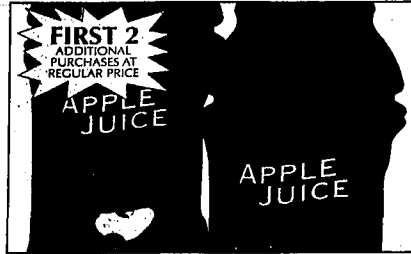
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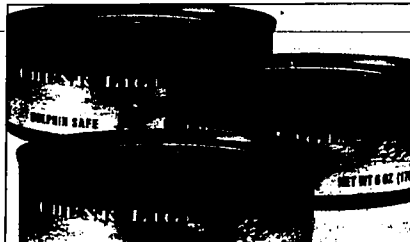
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Abortion drug: One woman's story

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When Amy found out she was pregnant a year ago, she went to a clinic near her home in the Seattle area and asked if she could get an abortion using the controversial drug RU-486, even though it had not yet received U.S. government approval. The 36-year-old mother and university laboratory worker thought RU-486 would give her a greater sense of control, allowing her to be home with her husband instead of at an abortion clinic. And Amy, who had terminated a pregnancy when she was 16, also found the idea of a drug-induced abortion more appealing than a surgical procedure.

With the FDA's announcement Thursday that the drug had been approved in the United States after years of bitter debate, Amy's experience provides a glimpse into what many American women will likely be going through. Using the abortion pill was more difficult than Amy had anticipated, but she nonetheless is glad she did. "It's not an easy experience, and it seems very important to have good support around you," said Amy, who asked that her last name be withheld.

Since clinical trials for RU-486 began in the United States in 1994, more than 10,000 American women have used the drug for their abortions. Surveys have found that 88 percent of those women felt their abortions were very or moderately satisfactory, and 95 percent who used the drug in trials said they would recommend it to others.

The clinic Amy went to referred her to another in the area that was testing the drug. Amy met the requirements for mifepristone use: She was less than 49 days from her last menstrual period, did not have an ectopic pregnancy, had no bleeding problems, and did not have an inserted IUD or certain kidney or liver conditions. The drug was not believed to be as safe or effective for women more than 49 days from their last period.

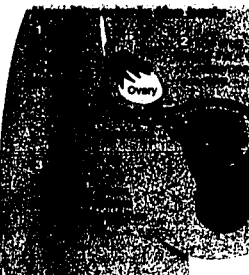
The exact dosages that have been used in U.S. tests have varied, and some of the women ended in hospitals or doctor's offices and some at home. But

How the abortion pill works

The Food and Drug Administration approved the abortion pill mifepristone, offering American women an alternative to surgical abortions. Here is an illustration of how the drug works.

The process

1. In a doctor's office, the patient swallows a mifepristone pill during the first seven weeks of pregnancy.
2. The drug causes the embryo to detach from the uterus lining.
3. Two days later, the patient returns to the doctor's office to take a second drug, misoprostol, that causes contractions needed to expel the embryo.
4. Within two weeks, a third appointment is required to confirm the abortion is complete.



Sources: National Abortion Federation; Food and Drug Administration; Emily Holmes/AP Journal of American Medical Women's Association

the basic regimen has been the same.

During her first visit, a doctor counseled Amy about how the abortion would work and what to expect. One of the strongest messages was that if she took the first pill, she would need to take the second. The first pill ends the pregnancy, but Amy's health would be threatened if she didn't take the second pill to expel the embryo.

Amy underwent an ultrasound test to determine the exact age of the embryo, and then she was given RU-486, or mifepristone, and sent home. The FDA has approved a protocol calling for 600 milligrams of the drug, but in studies such as Amy's, women have typically received a lower dosage of 200 milligrams.

The mifepristone blocks progesterone, a hormone needed to maintain a pregnancy. Without it, the lining of the uterus softens and begins to break down, and bleeding can begin. That part was easy, Amy said. In fact, she did not feel much of anything from taking the RU-486 alone.

Amy took a second drug, called misoprostol, two days later to trigger contractions designed to expel the developing embryo. Most women will return

to their doctors for the second pill; Amy got hers at the first visit. While the protocol the FDA approved Thursday calls for women to take misoprostol pills, Amy's study called for vaginal insertion of the hormone.

Amy started cramping after about 30 minutes and had two to three hours of sharp, menstrual-like cramps that kept her lying down with her knees up or running to the bathroom, she said. The contractions were close and constant as the embryo was expelled along with numerous blood clots. (Amy said that she saw nothing that appeared to be the embryo.) She also had heavy blood flow for the five days that followed.

Most women experience cramps that range from moderate to severe, said Paul Blumenthal, medical director of Maryland-Planned Parenthood. As a result, most women are given some pain relief, such as ibuprofen with codeine, though many find they don't need it, he said. In studies, about 6 percent of women expelled the embryo with mifepristone alone, 44 percent within four hours of taking misoprostol and 63 percent within 24 hours.

Several weeks later, Amy

returned to the clinic to make sure the abortion had been successful. A small percentage of women — between 2 percent and 8 percent — experience excessive bleeding or do not abort successfully with the drug regimen and must undergo a surgical abortion. As a result, the FDA regulations require doctors dispensing RU-486 to be either trained in surgical abortions or have a referring relationship with a trained doctor.

Amy had another ultrasound test and was asked questions to determine if she was physically and emotionally well. Everything had gone smoothly for her. Despite the pain and discomfort, Amy remains convinced she made the right choice.

"I felt like I was carrying it out myself. It probably was more uncomfortable (than a surgical abortion) but then someone else is doing that to me, and I didn't want that," she said. "It felt morally right," added Amy, who has a 5-year-old son. "I think all women should have that same option."

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Native Alaskan teaches without speaking

BOISE (AP) — The room fell silent as renowned Inuit artist Kenojak Ashevak took her seat at the front of the classroom.

While a woman, the diminutive artist picked out a black pen, looked at the paper in front of her and began a drawing.

"I've never seen anybody draw like that. She draws using what she knows from her childhood ..."

— Sarah Hovren, Idaho student

"Pick your favorite subject," Jimmy Manning told the dozen students at Foothills School of Arts and Sciences. "She doesn't want to tell you what to make. She wants it to come from you."

And for the next hour, students of all ages hunched over sheets of paper, carefully outlining what was in their imaginations.

It was a different kind of lesson for many of the students, because Ashevak speaks only her native language of Inuktitut and her style of teaching allows students to explore art for themselves instead of given assignments.

Luke Birch, 12, said Ashevak was teaching even though she couldn't speak directly to students.

"She's giving me a lot of inspi-

am doing and they will learn from it," Ashevak said. "As an artist, it is always hard to give instruction, but school kids are fast learners."

Ashevak and Manning were in Boise to see the Inuit art exhibit "Arctic Spirit" at Boise State University. It featured many of Ashevak's drawings and pieces from other Inuit artists. The exhibit recently closed.

Susan Medlin, director and teacher at the Foothills School, said students prepared for Ashevak's visit by visiting the exhibit. The point of the week's

lessons was not necessarily to convince students to draw like Ashevak, but to expose them to a kind of art with which they might not be familiar, Medlin said.

"This is fantastic, mythical, imaginary to see them take images from 'another place,'" she said. "Where it goes, I have no idea, it's just an opportunity."

There is concern among Inuit artists like Ashevak that they may be the last pen-and-ink artists of their kind. Many artists are getting older — Ashevak is 72 — and none of the younger generation seems interested in picking up the art form.

"Today a lot of young people have their own apartments and don't live with their parents and don't see them work," Ashevak said. "They have a lack of interest in observing and watching nowadays."

Foothills students didn't seem to have any problem watching Ashevak draw one of her trademark birds.

"I feel honored to watch her draw," said 13-year-old Sarah

Hovren. "I've never seen anybody draw like that. She draws using what she knows from her childhood and it reminds me to use my surroundings more in my art."

Erica Sheftic thought about Ashevak's unique style as she created her own drawing of a bird. "Instead of just drawing a bird with basic wings, this got me drawing each feather, each strand and each line," Sheftic said.

ATTENTION KMAAT SHOPPERS

The Knart September 30, 2000 weekly ad circular, on page 4, features the "Dove Cleansing Cloths." This item will not be available until February 2001 due to a delay by the manufacturer.

On page 5, the photo of the Fujifilm "SOAF camera" is incorrect. However, the description of the Fujifilm SOAF and the \$33 sale price is correct.

On page 28, the "Electronic V-mail" will not be available due to the manufacturers' inability to produce this item.

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Tribe discredits notion of Anasazi cannibalism

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona Hopis say they were offended by a study that suggests their ancestors practiced cannibalism, citing it as another example of outsiders misrepresenting their past.

Some Hopi researchers have also offered an alternative interpretation of the findings published this month in the scientific journal Nature.

They believe invading tribes were responsible for the acts of cannibalism attributed to the Anasazi, a mysterious lost culture whose empire stretched into present-day Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

"There really isn't enough information to state conclusively that there was some level of (cannibalism), or if it was performed by Anasazi or others," said Hartman Lomawaima, a Hopi who is associate director of the Arizona State Museum in Tucson. Lomawaima also studied anthropology at Harvard and Stanford.

The physical evidence of cannibalism is likely from an isolated incident, added Emory Sekaquaptewa, a Hopi researcher at the University of Arizona's Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology. "If that happened, it must have been something absolutely necessary for survival at that point in time," Sekaquaptewa said. "I don't know of any oral history in Hopi that ever suggested any practice like that."

The cannibalism claims touch a nerve with many American Indians because depictions of indigenous people as "savages" were used as a pretext for conquest and genocide by Anglos.

Some Hopi tribe members argue the findings and the accompanying publicity are akin to "American Indians unearthing the work of the Donner Party and then inferring all Anglos are cannibals."

In the study published Sept. 7, researchers reported that the remains of a burned Anasazi pit house near Mesa Verde in southwestern Colorado contained "definitive evidence" that "humans both processed and consumed human flesh at the site."

Archaeologists found broken and butchered human bones, cutting tools stained with human blood and cooking vessels with residues of human flesh. Evidence of cannibalism also came from a sample of dried human feces, known as a coprolite. Biochemical tests determined the coprolite contained digested human muscle tissue.

Lomawaima said the coprolite may have been deposited by a marauder from another tribe.

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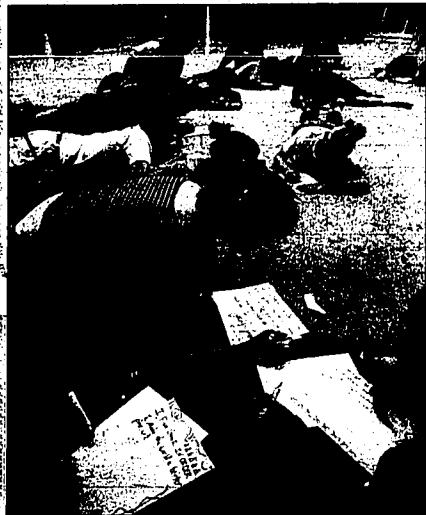
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Report: Olympic officials provided viagra

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Gifts given to International Olympic Committee delegates by Salt Lake Olympic bid committee officials ranged from a violin to more intimate gifts, including Viagra. Favors and gifts such as free medical care and paid vacations were reported shortly after the Salt Lake scandal became public in late 1998. Other gifts included the 1995 purchase of a violin, in violation of IOC rules, and the brokering of

Viagra prescriptions for two IOC members visiting Salt Lake City in June 1998 to study ski slopes and skating rinks. The Salt Lake Tribune reported in a copyright story on Saturday. The day before the opening ceremonies for the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Salt Lake Olympic Committee president Mitt Romney warned IOC members to brace for further embarrassments as more details become public and the federal bribery

case against former top Salt Lake bid committee officials Tom Welch and Dave Johnson goes to trial next year. Some IOC members responded with the threat of a lawsuit. Members were also upset in May when SLOC released a copy of the "Gold" memo, in which the Salt Lake bid committee hinted at inducements such as jobs, bow ties and medical treatment that could be given to specific members to win their support.

But The Tribune reported that a handwritten 1998 memo detailed a June visit to Salt Lake City by 20 members of the IOC Coordination Commission. According to the memorandum, SLOC employee Van Alford drove two visiting IOC members - only one is named - to a Salt Lake City urologist to obtain a Viagra prescription for the named member. Then Alford gave the delegate \$1,000 to buy the medication, used to treat erectile dysfunction.

Five die in two Idaho collisions

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Five eastern Idaho residents, including three members of a Roberts family, were killed in two collisions.

Juana Flores, 29, and her two passengers, Maria Anguiano-Flores, 50, and Beatriz Flores, 26, died at the scene of a crash that occurred about 12:40 a.m. Friday on the Old Butte Highway north of Hamer.

Dorothy Saurez, 36, of Idaho Falls, also was killed in the head-on collision. There were no passengers in her car.

Jefferson County sheriff's deputies continued to investigate Saturday.

Meanwhile, Robert A. Stockfish, 36, of Blackfoot, was killed shortly before 2:30 p.m. Friday when his car drifted across the center line and hit an eastbound truck on U.S. Highway 26, about 11 miles east of Idaho Falls.

Utah man faces charge of killing his two children

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A Utah man was charged with two counts of first-degree murder Friday for allegedly slitting the throats of his two young children to get revenge on his common-law wife.

The U.S. Department of Justice said Anderson Black told officials his wife was having an affair with his best friend and that on Thursday he drove from Salt Lake City to Monument Valley to kill the man.

But Black, 27, couldn't find him and after drinking two bottles of wine and six beers, he went to a home where his wife, Jennifer, Atene, was staying with the children, the department said.

Black allegedly began a fight with his family, punching Atene in the face and slashing his niece with a kitchen knife. He then allegedly turned the knife on his children, a 3-year-old boy named Dakota Ironhawk Black, and 1-year-old girl named Nicole Gentehawk Black.

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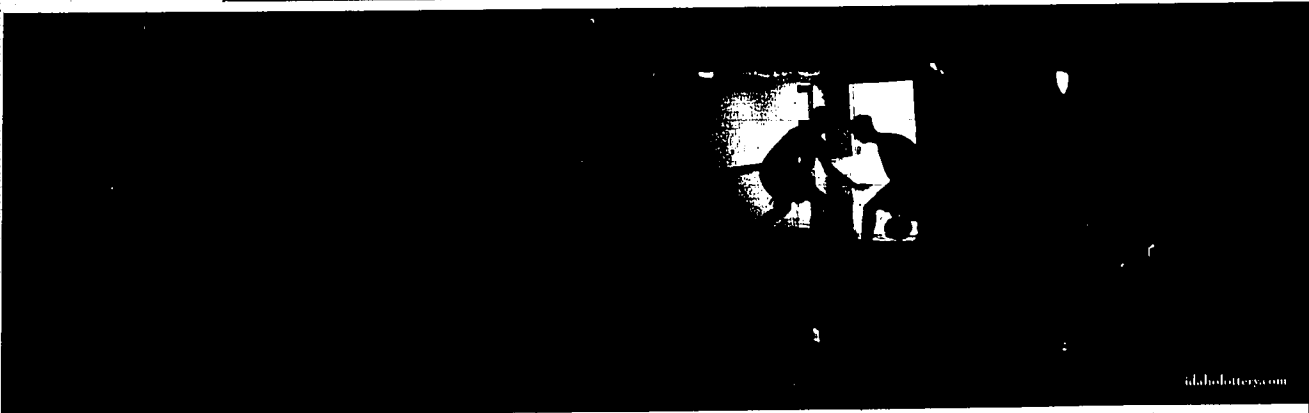
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WORLD

Russia offers to dispel Yugoslavian clash

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Russia offered on Saturday to use its influence to try to defuse the showdown between Slobodan Milosevic and opposition forces, who have threatened general strikes and protests until the Yugoslav president steps aside.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, however, said the Russians should accept Milosevic's apparent defeat in the Sept. 24 election. The only message Moscow should send to Belgrade, she said, was that the Yugoslav president is "finished."

The proposal by Russian President Vladimir Putin came as the opposition threatened to launch a nationwide general strike Monday to force Milosevic to accept apparent defeat by its candidate, Vojislav Kostunica.

Opposition leaders, using figures from their poll watchers, claim Kostunica won the election with 51.34 percent to 36.22 percent for Milosevic. But the Federal Electoral Commission, in a tally criticized by the United States and other countries, says Kostunica fell short of the majority needed to avoid a runoff Oct. 8.



AP Photo

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic stands at attention during a cadets graduation ceremony at the Yugoslav army military academy in Belgrade, Saturday. Milosevic attended the ceremony while facing wide-spread protest by opposition supporters claiming electoral fraud.

Milosevic shows no sign of giving up power and is moving ahead with plans to stand in the runoff regardless of whether the

opposition boycotts. On Saturday, the electoral body formally rejected opposition complaints of irregularities in the Sept. 24 vote

and reaffirmed the runoff will go ahead as planned.

In addition, Milosevic still controls the army and the police, traditional pillars of his power. Seeking to shore up those bases, the Yugoslav president addressed graduation ceremony Saturday at the Yugoslav military academy and congratulated the newly commissioned officers for serving "at a time of great temptation for our people and state."

Milosevic, in his first public appearance since the election, reminded the military of its duty to defend "our freedom and the independence of our country," which the government claims is at risk because of alleged Western interference in the Yugoslav election.

"Foreign forces will not dare attack us again, unless they try to come here with an invitation from our domestic enemies," Milosevic said, referring to the opposition. "Since foreign military intervention or a war are out of the question, other means of destruction of Yugoslavia are being mentioned — psychological, media and political pressures."

Police: U.S. man visited rebel camp

JOLO, Philippines (AP) — An American being held hostage by Muslim rebels visited their camp twice before being abducted and discussed procuring night vision goggles for them, the Philippine national police chief said Saturday.

Jeffrey Schilling, of Oakland, Calif., was taken captive by the Abu Sayyaf rebels Aug. 28 after he visited their camp on southern Jolo island in Sulu province. Schilling says rebel leaders abducted him after they began suspecting he was a CIA agent, which he denies.

But national police chief Pantilo Lacson said Schilling also had visited a rebel camp on the nearby province of Basilan.

"Twice in the past two years Schilling visited the Abu Sayyaf camp in Basilan (and met) with Abu Sayyaf leaders for the procurement of night vision goggles," Lacson said in an interview with ABS-CBN television.

"Because he went there without any difficulty, we are wondering why he was kidnapped, because he went to Sulu and transacted business."

The rebel faction holding Schilling previously operated in Basilan, but fled to Jolo to escape a military assault after they kidnapped about 50 children and teachers from two schools.

On Sept. 16, the military launched a massive attack on Jolo to rescue 17 other hostages being held by the Abu Sayyaf, including Schilling and three Malaysians.

Philippine officials have raised questions about Schilling's relationship with the rebels, although they say they continue to believe he is being held against his will.

Schilling's wife, Ivi Osani, is the second cousin of the Abu Sayyaf's spokesman and the widow of a rebel killed several years ago by government troops.

Canada mourns death of its former leader

OTTAWA (AP) — The body of Pierre Trudeau, Canada's former prime minister, was returned to the capital Saturday to lie in state as the country mourned.

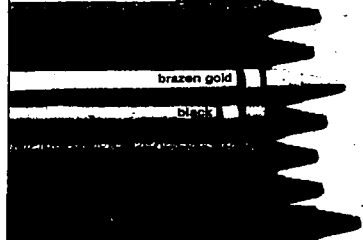
Trudeau died Thursday at age 80. He had been suffering from prostate cancer and Parkinson's disease.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Gov. Gen. Adrienne Clarkson, justices, generals, senior bureau-

crats and politicians paid their respects in the morning before the doors of the Parliament building's marble Hall of Honor were opened to the public.

Sons Justin and Sacha flanked their mother Margaret as they followed the coffin, along with Chretien and his wife, Aline. The prime minister looked drawn as he stood before the remains of his old friend and mentor.

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WORLD

Putin propaganda is a textbook operation

The Baltimore Sun

MOSCOW — For many Russians, the climate has turned even chillier than the cold north winds bearing down on the country these days would warrant.

The political party associated with Vladimir V. Putin is distributing a book to St. Petersburg first-graders that describes the president in the same tone once reserved for another Vladimir — Vladimir I. Lenin, the founder of the communist party and leader of the Bolshevik revolution.

Perhaps the unprepossessing little book would not have been enough on its own to send shivers down so many spines, but it arrives at a time of concern about Putin's authoritarian inclinations, given the arrest of a Radio Liberty reporter in Chechnya,



Russian President Vladimir Putin

"That book is a small indication of the new atmosphere in society," Andrei Pliontkovsky, a political analyst, said Friday. "It would have been impossible even two years ago. Nobody published anything like that about (former president Boris) Yeltsin. We live in different times."

The simply written book concentrates on the rights of chil-

dren as defined by the United Nations, but it also has the tone of Soviet literature. Addressing itself to "Comrade children" it discusses the Russian president: "When he was little like you, he didn't know he would be president and would be responsible for everything."

Nobody knew. But everyone on the block knew that Vovka (little Vladimir) was not afraid of anybody and would never let anybody down. ... And he is still not afraid of anything. He flies in fighter planes, skis down mountains and goes where there is fighting to stop wars. And all the other presidents of other countries meet him and respect him very much. ... He had so many friends — the entire country of Russia, and they elected him president. Now everyone says:

Russia, Putin, Unity!" Unity is the party formed to promote Putin, and when the St. Petersburg branch of the party heard that a group of teachers and children's advocates was having trouble finding the money to publish a book about children's rights, the party offered to pay for 10,000 copies. Another 30,000 copies have reportedly been ordered.

In return, Unity got a page devoted to Putin — a St. Petersburg native — showing a picture of him as a small child in his mother's arms, another at about age 12 and a third as an adult. That's how most adult Russians grew up with Lenin, starting out when they were very young children with pictures of baby Lenin affixed to little red plastic stars.

Police try to stop Chinese protest

BEIJING (AP) — Police checked vehicles entering China's capital to thwart a threatened protest by followers of the outlawed Falun Gong spiritual movement today, the 51st anniversary of communist rule, a rights group reported.

Spot checks on major roads around Beijing began Friday and continued Saturday after two weeks of police sweeps that saw 600 Falun Gong members detained in nearby provinces, the Hong Kong-based

Information Center of Human Rights and Democracy reported.

The report follows signs of government nervousness and dispatches in Hong Kong media that 10,000 sect followers were heading for Beijing.

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- Nov 6 Wendell Chamber Luncheon Farmhouse Restaurant 12:00 p.m. Guest Speakers: Legislators Update

OPINION

A 'step' mother becomes a mother

Nancy never liked the word "stepmother" in the first place. What did it even mean? A sort of mother? A not-really mother? When she and Jack started getting serious, his son was 3 and his daughter was 7. Nancy rocked Ryan to sleep at night. She helped Megan paint her nails and braided her hair and taught her how not to be afraid of making mistakes.

Two years later, when Nancy and Jack got married, Ryan was the shy ring bearer darting to the altar, and Megan the proud flower girl. She and Nancy were growing more and more alike; people who didn't know any better would sometimes say, "Like mother, like daughter."

"Oh, no," Nancy would say, "I'm just the stepmother."

She didn't like saying this. But she figured it was somehow a stepmother's duty to set the record straight. It was part of a stepmother's main duty, which was never, ever, to overstep the boundaries of the other mother.

This proved to be a lot easier said than done, and Nancy found life as a stepmother one big exercise in biting her tongue. She didn't agree with some things that were happening. She didn't like

JEANNE MARIE LASKAS

the way Ryan was so afraid all the time, afraid of splashing in mud puddles.

One thing Nancy refused to get used to was the word "stepchild." It was OK for her to have to live with a lesser title, but not her kids. And they were her kids, as far as her heart was concerned. This is something a stepmother is supposed to feel, but never say.

This remained easier said than done. The tests kept getting tougher as the kids got older, and by the time Megan was 12, Nancy found herself on the verge of flunking.

Jack and Nancy had planned a week with the kids in Florida. Mad it planned for months. Then the other mother noticed something. Uh-oh. She had scheduled Megan's dance recital for Friday of that week. And Nancy and Jack weren't supposed to fly home with the kids until Sunday.

What to do? Lesley Megan behind? Jack wouldn't hear of it. Have Megan miss the recital? Her

mother wouldn't hear of it. And so it was time to compromise. Jack and his ex-wife agreed to buy a plane ticket for Megan to return three days early.

"You're kidding," Nancy said, on hearing this. Cut Megan's vacation short? Put her on an airplane all by herself? Megan was terrified of airplanes. "You have got to be kidding me, Jack," was what she kept saying, having no idea what to do with the voice inside that kept saying, "This is wrong. This is wrong. This is wrong."

When the day came, Megan tried so hard to be a trouper, to go with the plan her parents had set. But as the family approached the airport her face started freezing up. When they got to the gate, Megan broke down, hard. Too many tears to talk through, to make sense of. Nancy stopped biting her tongue. Nancy said, "Listen to me. You don't have to go. You can turn around right now. You do not have to do this."

An older woman was sitting nearby. "Oh, honey," she said to Megan. "You don't want leave your mama?"

Nancy looked at the woman. "No, no," she said. "I'm just the stepmother."

The woman pulled her chin high. "There ain't no 'step' in the Bible!" she said. "You've either a mama or you ain't. You look like a mama to me."

Nancy wasn't sure what the Bible comment meant, but she understood the rest of it, clearly and deeply. "Thank you," she said to the woman. "Just thank you."

Soon Megan was rescued from her terror, if not by Nancy then certainly by the cute pilot who asked if he might personally escort Megan onto the plane. But the day lingered with Nancy. After this, she decided, there'd be no more mothering from the sidelines. She, too, would be a parent.

Nancy made the announcement to Megan and Ryan the other night. "I'm not going to introduce myself as your stepmother anymore," she said. "I'm not going to say you're 'Jack's kids.' Because you're my kids, too. Is that OK with you?"

"There ain't no 'step' in the Bible," said Megan. "You look like a mama to me!" said Ryan.

Jeanne Marie Laskas' new book, "Fifty Acres and a Poodle" will be published this month by Bantam.

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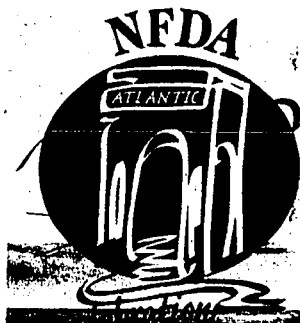
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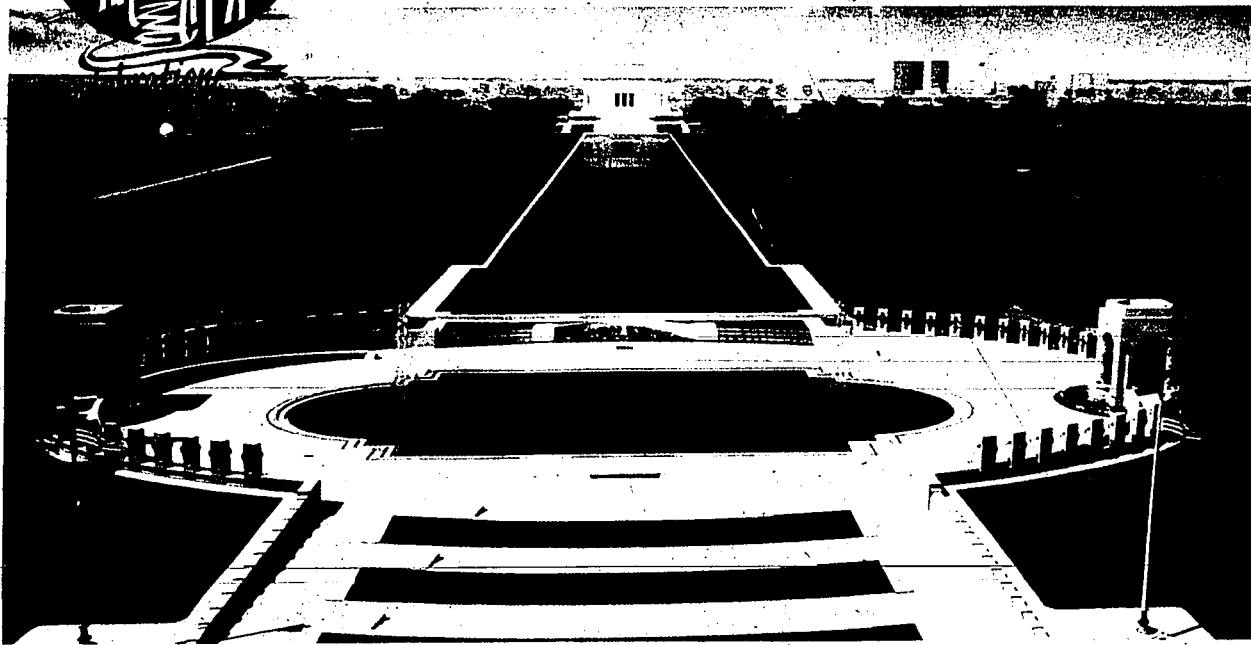
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White Mortuary and Reynolds Funeral Chapel have joined a growing number of organizations throughout the U.S. lending support to the national World War II Memorial campaign. Local residents are invited to do their part in honoring their fellow Americans who served in the country's greatest war effort by contributing to the memorial.

White Mortuary and Reynolds Funeral Chapel are committed to supporting the National World War II Memorial fundraising campaign by helping raise awareness about this important nationwide initiative. Between now and November 11 - Veteran's Day - **White Mortuary and Reynolds Funeral Chapel** will display monument rendering and brochures, supply pledge materials and accept donations on behalf of the World War II Memorial Fund. The national fundraising effort has so far raised \$85 million of the \$100 million needed to design, build and maintain this glorious new monument planned for our nation's capital.

World War II is the only war conflict in U.S. history not recognized with a national memorial. The 16 million Americans who served in World War II - either overseas or here at home - deserve our recognition and thanks, along with the families of the 400,000 brave and selfless Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The World War II Memorial, which will occupy a high profile location on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., is being built by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) almost entirely from private contributions. The ABMC hopes to break ground on the new memorial on Veteran's Day, 2000.

The national fundraising campaign is co-chaired by Senator Bob Dole and Frederick W. Smith, chairman, president and CEO of FedEx corporation, and endorsed by two-time Oscar winner Tom Hanks who



took up the cause after starring in the World War II drama *Saving Private Ryan*.

Actor/spokesman Tom Hanks says it best: "Dying for freedom isn't the worst thing that can happen, being forgotten is." With your help, the funeral profession says, *We Will Remember.*"

In addition to the efforts of individual funeral homes, the National Funeral Directors Association has also thrown its support to the War Memorial effort, endeavoring to raise \$5 million for the campaign by November 11

Having accepted the challenge to raise the \$5 million toward construction of the National World War II Memorial in Washington D.C., funeral directors across

America have an added sense of urgency toward a second aspect of their campaign...gathering names and other basic information about those who performed in military service.

On July 12, 1973 a fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis destroyed between 16 and 18 million official military records. Though not all the records lost were of World War II veterans, a significant number of them were. **White Mortuary and Reynolds Funeral Chapel** are encouraging all Veterans or their families to register their name to be included in the *Registry of Remembrances* either overseas or stateside.

More information about the World War II Memorial campaign, including artists renderings, donation pledge forms and brochures are available at **White Mortuary, 136 4th Avenue East** and at **Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls**. For more information, you can call **White Mortuary at 733-6600** or **Reynolds Funeral Chapel at 733-4900**. You can also visit the memorial website at www.wwiimemorial.com.

Please feel free to stop by **White Mortuary or Reynolds Funeral Chapel** to pick up a free *World War II Memorial* brochure to register a very deserving veteran. Then, please join us in conjunction with Twin Falls Area Veterans and Auxiliary on November 11, 2000 at 11:00 am at the Twin Falls City Park for the Veterans Day Celebration.



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I stick my neck out for no one

I'm pretty much a coward, but there's a real good reason why I don't stick my neck out.

Don't have one.

The Crump as a clan look like so many golf tees with a ball on top. They used to call my granddad "no-neck" when he was in school, and they called my kids the same thing.

It's hereditary tyranny of the worst kind.

If ever there was a sylph-like lad or lass who married into the Crump family, he or she was quickly drowned in the gene pool. The males all look like journeyman NFL linemen who've had their heads jammed into their shoulders for too many years.

And the women? Well, there are no swans in my family.

What connects our nogginns to our torsos is a very short, very stout fireplug, as I was reminded the other day.

I've lost 15 pounds since last spring, so in a fit of giddiness I went to the store to buy a new shirt - size 16 1/2.

To my absolute delight, the buttons over the belly didn't strain a bit.

Then I tried to fasten the collar button. It would have been easier to shove a marshmallow into a piggy bank.

Matter of fact, that's sort of how I looked.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

I reckon I'd still need a 17 1/2-inch neck size if I were anorexic.

My theory is that this is divine retribution for long-ago couplings that God didn't entirely approve of.

Consider Mr. Jack Sprat, anorexic, and his lady, the Marchioness of Maple Bars.

Mother Goose tells us that the couple reached an unusual accommodation about the sharing of meals, but she's silent on how they met.

This being a 17th century nursery rhyme, I'm guessing it wasn't on Love@AOL.com. Perhaps a blind date, or maybe they were both just real near-sighted.

In any case, the mind reels to contemplate what their kids looked like.

But if you average a 98-pound man and a 350-pound woman, I suppose you would get a race of short-legged, mouth-breathing yokels with pot bellies and no necks.

Gosh, who might that describe?

I can't argue with Euripides that the sins of the fathers should be visited upon their children, but shoot: We're talking - what? - 17, 18 generations for Mother Nature to work the Sprats out the shallow end of Crump gene pool. It hasn't happened yet, which leads me to believe that the Lord is working on an extended object lesson here about the advisability of long engagements.

Or maybe, like American kids in the '50s and '60s, He just likes the game "Cootie."

"Cootie" was a dice game that involved assembling a smiling bug from a collection of plastic parts. Each player collected a certain number of what the dice turned up, and the first to complete a cootie was the winner.

But being kids, we never stuck to the rules. Instead of cooties, we put together mutants - with seven antennae, head where the butt should be, and legs turned upside down.

Hey, the Almighty has assembled something on the order of 5 billion humans in the past 5,000 years. In all that time, who's to say He didn't switch a part or two?

All of which suggests that somebody out there in the human genome has my real neck, so I'm offering a generous reward - up to and including all the change I can find in the couch - for its return.

You'll also receive an unusual collection of neckties - the knot goes over your chin - and all of the turtle-neck sweaters hanging in my closet.

They're unique, too. They all have W-necks.

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Dave Saxe of Twin Falls found the following in the fall 2000 edition of the Wireless catalog:

Ser'lity Prayer

God grant me the ser'lity to forget the people I never liked anyway,

The good fortune to run into the ones I do,

And the eyesight to tell the difference.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump knows all the answers. Unfortunately, he's forgotten the questions.

Test just isn't about scores

ACT shows achievement, college prep and career plans

By Jennifer Sandmann
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The most common college entrance exam taken by Idaho students has much more to report than test results.

ACT, the Iowa City-based non-profit organization, breaks out the scores to analyze levels of college preparation, evaluate academic achievement over time, and it surveys students about their career plans. ACT had this to say about Idaho and the nation, based on information gleaned from the class of 2000:

Achievement gains

High school students nationwide this year have maintained ACT scores reached in the late 1990s, the first decade ever in which the national average increased substantially. The same holds true for Idaho averages, except for science reason-

How the scores add up

Class of 2000 (1991-2000)	10-year average
English	20.0
Math	20.0
Science	20.5
Reading	21.0
Composite score	21.4
Students tested	10,504

Class of 2000 (1991-2000)	10-year average
English	20.5
Math	20.7
Reading	21.4
Science reasoning	21.0
Composite score	21.0
Students tested	1,065,138

*The composite score is the combined score of all subjects.

ing scores that have continued to fluctuate.

More students are taking the test. In Idaho, the number of

test-takers has grown steadily over the past 10 years from

about 7,400 in 1991 to more than 10,000 in each of the past four years. Nationwide, more than 1 million students took the ACT this year.

"We had 46,000 more in this year's graduating class than in the last, and the total increase since 1990 has been almost 250,000," Richard L. Ferguson, president of ACT, Inc., said in a news release. "The phenomenon of thousands more students preparing for college each year while achieving average entrance-exam scores consistently equal to or higher than those of the year before is very positive."

College prep

The ACT is designed to be an indicator of how students will perform in college. ACT defines a college preparatory program as four years or more of English and three or more years of math. Please see ACT, Page B3

Volunteers raise arms for homeless shelter

By Jennifer Sandmann
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - About 20 paint-speckled teens Saturday brushed a fresh coat of color on a Twin Falls home that will house families nearly ready to be on their own.

The City of Twin Falls donated a house on Third Avenue North near Lincoln School to Valley House homeless shelter, which will use the home as transitional housing for one family at a time.

The city paid the Department of Housing and Urban Development \$1 for the house and agreed to donate it to the homeless shelter. The sale was arranged through HUD program for repossessed houses that haven't resold.

The home sat empty for a year, said Roger Wyatt, Valley House manager. Volunteers have been cleaning up the yard and sprucing up the house to prepare for the first family. Teens from Our Savior Lutheran Church and Twin Falls Reformed Church formed the paint crew.

Besides helping out, they said they were having a good time.

"It's kind of fun, because you get to work with your friends and meet new people," said Lauren Gaines, 13, of the Lutheran church.

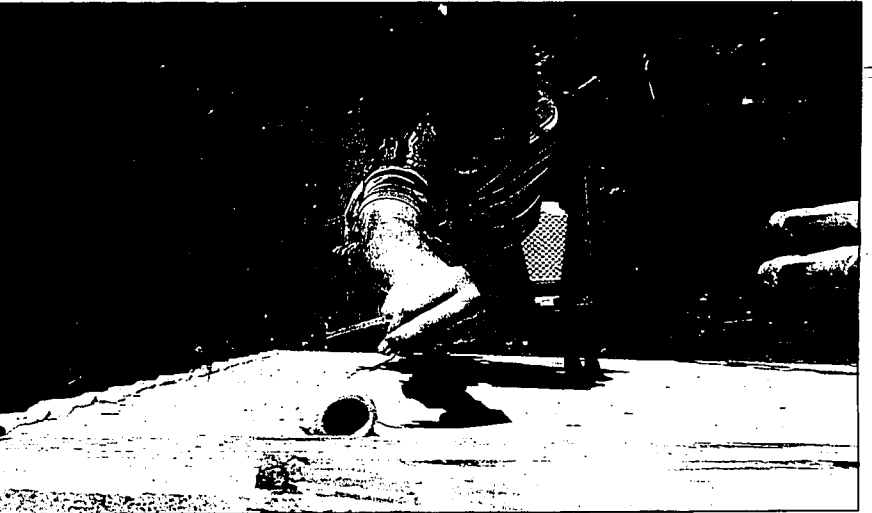
Valley House specializes in helping families with children.

"The children are the ones who suffer when people are homeless. Adults can adjust. Children know it's different, and they don't like it," Wyatt said.

And about four families, one at a time, will pass through the house in a year as they prepare to become self-sufficient, he said.

The shelter's headquarters on Addison Avenue East houses families in 300-square-foot units that each have a microwave, sink and small refrigerator.

The transitional home will give



Volunteer Chelsea Rahn gives a house on Third Avenue North a fresh coat of paint Saturday. Valley House is refurbishing the home to use as transitional housing for one family at a time.

families living at the shelter a taste of independence before it's time to set out totally on their own, said Claudia Harvey, a Valley Housing Coalition board member.

Families go through a normalization process after being homeless, Wyatt explained. Getting used to managing a full kitchen and paying utilities are part of normalization. Families also will

have time to save for future housing arrangements, whether it's the first and last month's rent or a down payment.

Entry into Valley House requires a referral, police check and a contract to work or to be actively seeking work. Residents are required to remain drug- and alcohol-free. These same rules will apply to the transitional housing, Wyatt said.

For more information...

Since the shelter opened in February 1995, Valley House has averaged 24 tenants every day, most of them children. The average age of Valley House clients is about 9. Valley House does not accept state

or government funds but relies completely on community support.

Donations are still sought to furnish the shelter's new single-family transitional home near Lincoln School. Donations may be sent to Valley House, P.O. Box 174, Twin Falls 83303, or call 734-7735.

Students commute for tech center programs

Technical training classes draw large numbers from area schools

By Aaron Brock
 Times-News writer

BURLEY - In an area with many small high schools, it is impossible for each to offer many electives, especially in technical areas.

But over the last two years, students at eight area high schools have commuted to the Cassia Regional Technical Center for technical training, while earning credits at their home high school.

"It's really been helpful to us, with the low population that we have," Valley High School principal Rod Malone said. "We can't afford to hire a shop technician out here. This has opened up a lot of opportunities for our students."

Forty-three Valley students, close to half of the entire junior and senior classes, attend the center, which also draws stu-

dents from Burley, Declo, Minico, Murtaugh, Oakley, Raft River, and the Cassia Education Center.

"They're coming here for programs that are not offered at their home high schools," center director Gaylen Smyer said. These programs include computer-aided design and drafting, graphic communication and advanced welding and automated manufacturing.

The commute ranges from right next door for Education Center students to 32 miles for Raft River students. Buses run students back and forth, and students who get permission can drive themselves to the center.

Each program runs every other day, for a half day. This means students spend about three-quarters of their time at their regular school.

Please see TECH, Page B3

Canal employee pulled under head gate

The Times-News

MILNER DAM - A Northside Canal Co. employee was listed in fair condition Saturday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after being pulled under a Milner-Gooding Canal head gate.

The accident occurred Friday afternoon during replacement work on the head gate, canal manager Ted Diehl said. Lawrence Vogel was standing on a concrete pillar when a piece of it broke loose sending him into the canal.

He was pulled under the head gate and came out on the other side where canal workers helped him out of the water, Diehl said. Diehl said he visited Vogel in the hospital Saturday and that he was doing OK.



Decked out in homecoming apparel, Declo High School seniors Tyler Gillette, front, and Hector Rios use a machine called a metal brake to bend a piece of sheet metal at the Cassia Regional Technical Center. Both Gillette and Rios commute to the center every other day for classes.

AARON BROCK/The Times-News

DEATH NOTICES

Robert X. Miller
TWIN FALLS — Robert X. Miller, 82, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, at his home.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Lowell E. Willis
TWIN FALLS — Lowell Ernest Willis, 83, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Oscar K. Myers
TWIN FALLS — Oscar Keith Myers, 84, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, at his home.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Geraldine M. Stonebreaker
ALBION — Geraldine M. Stonebreaker, 77, of Albion, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Doran Butler
BLISS — Doran Butler, 81, of Bliss, died Friday, Sept. 29, 2000, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Barbara Robins
BURLEY — Barbara Robins, 88, of Burley, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Maudie Z. Phillips
JEROME — Maudie Z. Phillips, 73, of Jerome, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Josefina Salinas
RUPERT — Josefina Salinas, 68, of Sanger, Calif., died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Jerome.

Carl M. Van Tassel of Burley, service at noon Monday at the Oakley Stake Center. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St., and one hour before the service on Monday at the church.

Christopher Anthony Welch, infant son of Chris and Denise Welch of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. before the service at the funeral chapel.

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Rupert. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Donna D. Gifford
SHOSHONE — Donna Diane Gifford, 32, of Shoshone, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

John P. Dixon
WENDELL — John P. Dixon, 89, of Wendell, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, at the Magic Valley Manor in Wendell.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Albany, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Albany (Fisher Funeral Home in Albany).

Alvin Earl Johnson of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary.

Jennie Marie Beatz of Buhl, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Reform issue may doom chance for change

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — With one high-powered opponent retiring and Democrats making it a high priority, the chances seemed better than ever for lobbyist and campaign finance reform.

But Republican leaders are angry over what they see as Democratic electioneering on ethics reform, and with GOP backing, reform is doomed.

Last month, Democratic lawmakers and Senatorial candidate Bill Orton unveiled a sweeping reform package during a news conference. But Republicans called it pandering.

"Obviously it is a campaign issue of sorts, and we're glad to take the lead on it," says House Minority Whip Ralph Becker, D-Salt Lake City. "But we know we can't accomplish it by ourselves."

The reform package included a ban on lobbyist gifts to legislators, a waiting period before retired lawmakers could go back to the Capitol as lobbyists, and a ban on candidates using campaign funds for personal expenses.

Utah's last sweeping reforms came in 1991, when lobbyists were required to register with the state and report — at least in a general way — spending on meals and gifts to lawmakers.

House Speaker Marty Stephens, R-Farr West, says Becker is "preaching to the choir."

Stephens disagrees with a mandatory "cooling off" period, but supports making campaign accounts off-limits to candidates for personal use. And he says he would vote for a lobbyist-gift ban.

But Stephens is angry that Democrats are using reform for campaign fodder, and says the news conference may have mortally wounded reform prospects in the Senate.

Interim Senate President Lyle Hillyard, R-Logan, who took over when Sen. Lane Bennett, a long-time reform opponent, resigned to become the State Olympic Officer — confirms those suspicions.

"The first problem we have is it's now politicized and once it becomes politicized it becomes very difficult for anything to pass," he says, complaining of Democrats' "grandstanding."

The legislator-at-tymie talks at length about the drawbacks of tough lobbyist and ethics laws in other states.

"Having said all of that, I am willing to take a look at these issues.... I'm willing to talk about them."

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TWIN FALLS

Gloria Ann Bryan, 87, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, September 28, 2000, of natural causes at her home.
 She was born December 28, 1912, in Peoria, Ill., the daughter of Oscar and Blanche Wright.
 She is survived by three sons, one stepdaughter, eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
 At her request, no services are planned. Cremation took place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

BURBANK, CALIF.

Cecil P. Walker
 Cecil Paul Walker, 80, of Burbank, Calif., and formerly of Murtagh, passed away Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000, at Burbank, Calif.
 He was born Aug. 24, 1920, at Murtagh, Idaho, son of Edward and Fannie Matthews Walker. He was raised in Murtagh and graduated from high school in 1938. He served in the Alutian Islands during the war. He returned to Los Angeles in 1945 and started working at Bank of America. He retired after 40 years of service.
 He is survived by his wife, Mavis; daughters, Lorraine Genchereaux and Beverly Phelps, both of Castaic, Calif.; one son, Edward Walker of Burbank, Calif.; five grandchildren, two brothers, Hollis Walker of Twin Falls and Edwin Walker of Orange, Calif.; and one sister, Pauline Dockstadter of Twin Falls.
 Services were held at Pierce Brothers Chapel in Burbank on Sept. 14, 2000. Burial was in Valhalla Memorial Park in N. Hollywood, Calif.

PAUL


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Lena G. Wood
 Lena Gertrude Wood, a 86-year-old Paul resident, died September 29, 2000, at her home in Paul.
 Lena was born November 19, 1913, in Ericson, Nebraska, the daughter of Harlow and Letha Mae Tarpenning Sanford. She lived in Ericson until she was 16 and then moved to Oniel, and graduated from Oniel High School in 1931. Later she moved to Chadron, Nebraska, and worked as a waitress. She married Rex Wood on February 7, 1947, in Harrison, Nebraska. They moved to the Minicassia area in 1953, and worked for the Migrant Resource Center. She enjoyed having her children and meeting all of the teachers in the area. She was a very simple person, and always put the needs of others before herself, especially her family. She loved camping, fishing, and traveling. She was a member of the Eastern Star and The Christian Science Church.
 She is survived by her sons, Harlan (Janie) Wood of St. Joseph, Missouri, and Dale (Jo) Wood of Caldwell, Idaho; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and two sisters, Lucile Drullinger of St. Helen, Oregon, and Laurel Maika of Chadron, Nebraska. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and one brother, Wesley Sanford.
 Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 3, 2000, at Hanson Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Friends may call Monday evening from 6-

Donald 'Bud' Taylor

Donald "Bud" Taylor, 70, of Nampa, died on Tuesday, September 26, 2000, at a Boise hospital.
 A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2000, at the Altip Funeral Chapel in Nampa. Pastor Bob Miller of the Nampa 1st Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Burial will follow in Meridian Cemetery.
 Born July 19, 1906, at Burlington, CO, Lila moved with her parents to Burley when she was six months old. She grew up and attended school at Burley, where she met Ross Simerly at age 16. They went together for five years and were married November 29, 1929. Their first home was in Burley. The family lived in Rock Springs, WY, before moving to Meridian in 1950. In 1958, the couple celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.
 Survivors include a sister, Elva Kindred of Twin Falls; brother, Donald Sides of Idaho; two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Norman Barker of Volcano, CA, and Maxine and Bud Monroe of Nampa; grandsons, an and Ken Barker; granddaughters, Shelly Monroe; six great-grandchildren, Colleen, Kyle, Michelle, Kelsey, Alyssa and Kasha; and one great-great-grandson, Jadar. Lila was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Ross.

NAMPA

Lila Eleanor (Sides) Simerly
 Lila Eleanor (Sides) Simerly, 92, of Nampa and formerly of Meridian, died Friday, September 29, 2000, at a local care center of natural causes.
 Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, October 2, 2000, at the Chapel of the Chirios in Meridian. Harold Bennett and Joe Layman will co-officiate. Burial will follow in Meridian Cemetery.

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Actress teaches about exotic pets

ACTON, Calif. (AP) - She found her stress-relieving peace by "The Birds," but today Tippi Hedren is working to ensure others are aware of the dangers of owning exotic pets. Lawmakers including U.S. Rep. Howard P. McKeon, R-Santa

Clarita, on Saturday honored the 65-year-old actress for her efforts to educate the public on the dangers of keeping wild animals. Hedren, who starred as Melanie Daniels in the 1963 Alfred Hitchcock film "The Birds," owns Shambala Preserve,

an Acton refuge housing one elephant and more than 50 lions, tigers, leopards, and other big cats. Hedren is pushing for national legislation to cut down on illegal breeding and irresponsible selling of wild animals as pets.

ACT

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social studies and natural sciences. But minimum graduation standards in Idaho do not put students on a college track. Students decide if they want to take the tougher classes, and those who do generally score better on the ACT than those who don't.

The exam is scored on a scale of 1 to 36. The average composite score of Idaho students who took the college prep work was 22.6 compared with 20.4 posted by students who did not take the higher-level classes.

Statewide, slightly less than half of the students who took the ACT this year completed the recommendation. The same holds true for 1999. But the opposite occurred between 1996-1999 when slightly more than half of Idaho ACT test-takers had completed the classes.

Nationwide, the number is growing. Sixty-three percent of the class of 2000 who took the ACT had taken the recommend-

ed classes. Tougher classes isn't the only thing that helps better prepare students for college. ACT says college freshmen should know what to expect when they enroll.

"Many students hope to enroll at a college or university that expects a higher level of performance than those students have demonstrated. They should be better informed about these matters early in high school rather than having to find out about them after they've applied to college," Ferguson said.

Racial-ethnic groups

ACT breaks down scores by racial-ethnic groups, but only for groups that have at least 500 students represented in the testing sample. In Idaho, a breakdown is available for Caucasian students only. Their average scores are slightly higher than those posted by the total Idaho group. Eighty-five percent of Idaho students

who took the ACT were Caucasian. And just 382 - about 3.6 percent - were Hispanic. Hispanic students represent about 9.74 percent of the state's public school population.

Career interests

Career interests among Idaho students are consistent with those of graduates nationwide. Most students - 20 percent - express interest in health professions. Just 10 percent say they want a career in education, 10 percent in business, 8 percent in engineering, and just 4 percent in computer information. Only 1 percent of females said they were interested in computer information careers, a field that along with education is faced with worker shortages.

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Tech

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Center credits count toward graduation requirements. The center holds true for 1999. But the opposite occurred between 1996-1999 when slightly more than half of Idaho ACT test-takers had completed the classes.

Nationwide, the number is growing. Sixty-three percent of the class of 2000 who took the ACT had taken the recommend-

tion, 53 have moved on to the military, further education, or an occupation related to their studies. Seven other students went to serve Mormon Church missions.

Center attendance this year totals 388, and several students are enrolled in two or more programs. This represents growth of close to 30 percent from 273 students last year, the first year the center was open to students from other districts.

Much of this growth has come from outside schools. Raft River high school sent only 12 students to the center last year. This year 42 students attend the center, more than half of the 70 eligible juniors and seniors.

Word of mouth got students excited about the center, Raft River Principal Mary Alice

Telford said. The kids wanted to go," she said.

The program also allows students from isolated high schools to mix and form friendships with students from other schools, Telford added.

Several school districts, the center does not get funding from the Legislature. Instead it receives alternative state money specifically designed for professional-technical schools.

This funding is tied directly to the number of students who attend the school, Doggett said.

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RUTH STREETER/Times-News

DeMary Memorial Library director Joan Falkner recently announced her retirement after 28 years as the Rupert library's head librarian. Falkner said a July heart attack prompted the decision to leave her stressful post.

Librarian begins a new chapter

Rupert library director to retire next month

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Librarian Joan Falkner is closing a book she'll have the hardest time putting down.

On Nov. 8, the librarian known for the kindness and energy she's invested in the DeMary Memorial Library will retire, and she doesn't expect it to be easy.

"I think this will be the challenge of my life," Falkner said. After 30 years with the library - 18 as library director - Falkner decided to retire after suffering a heart attack in July.

"I had planned to work a couple more years, but I just decided the work and the stress is just a little too much to be in my best interest," she said. Falkner says work had nothing to do with her moderate heart attack. Doctors didn't say she couldn't go back to work, but the upbeat librarian sees the heart attack - and the congestive heart problem that ensued - as "a wake-up call."

Librarians aren't well-known for their stressed-out lifestyles. But a librarian's job means working with a tight budget and knowing that services are not being provided because of it.

"That's pretty stressful to realize you're not going to cover the bases you need to cover," she said.

Especially for someone conscientious about covering them. "She has really given 100 percent to the community," said faithful library patron Loretta Klingenberg of Rupert.

Falkner has worked hard to gain outside funding beyond what the city of Rupert provides, those who know her say. She's sought funds that were vital to operating, said Marj Hooper, a library consultant and representative with the Idaho State Library.

"From my perspective (she) was seeking funds to maintain basic services," Hooper said. All the while she's kept the quality of service, given what she's had to work with, said Hooper, who's known Falkner since 1985.

Library board member Ruth Simpson remembers when the Rupert Library wasn't a welcoming place. But Falkner rolled out the welcome mat as if the library was her own home.

"It's a library where people like each other and interact with each other," Simpson said.

Falkner has watched the library grow more user-friendly over the years and seen circulation more than double. She has also introduced several new services, such as the annual student book fair, a book discussion group that brings university professors into the fold, accelerated reader books and an interlibrary loan system that expands library resources.

It's no doubt residents will miss Falkner's personal touch. She notices when people aren't coming to the library and takes books to them if they are ill or in the hospital, Simpson said.

"Joan has such a good rapport with the people," she said.

Falkner knows it will be hard to retire. But to avoid stress, she said she will probably even cut back on her role in the Rupert and Burley libraries' attempts to create a library district.

She plans to read and knit and stay involved in the Lions Club and Christian Education Board, as well as continue to support the library.

"I didn't stop working at the library to go home, sit in a rocking chair and die," Falkner said.

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State attorney gets new job at WSU

SEATTLE (AP) - The assistant attorney general who lost a \$17.8 million case over abuse of three developmentally disabled men - and later shared blame for missing the deadline for appealing the verdict - has been promoted.

Loretta Lamb will start work Monday as assistant vice president of Washington State University for personnel and business administration.

"The new job is "just a terrific opportunity," Lamb said Thursday. It pays \$100,000 a year, up from the \$90,000 she earned as an assistant attorney general.

WSU spokesman Hugh Imhof

says Lamb had assisted the university on a number of legal issues in the past.

She was the lead attorney for the state Department of Social and Health Services in the lawsuit filed over alleged abuse at a state-licensed home.

A Pierce County jury ordered the award - one of the largest ever against the state - in March.

Attorney General Christine Gregoire's office said the verdict would be appealed, but missed the 30-day deadline for doing so. Gregoire blamed a paperwork mix-up.

The plaintiffs' attorney sent a

notice - addressed to Lamb and her co-counsel, Assistant Attorney General Janet Capps - that the deadline countdown was about to start.



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Officials investigate grizzly shootings

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Federal and state authorities are investigating the shooting deaths of three grizzly bears by hunters in the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

The bears were shot in a span of two weeks, prompting worry that hunters are encountering more grizzly bears in a drought year that has diminished the bears' food supply.

Roy Brown, a special agent for the Fish and Wildlife Service, said two of the shootings involved big game outfitters.

The third was by hunters at a camp in the Thorofare region,

said Gary Brown, regional wildlife supervisor for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Killing a grizzly bear, unless done in self-defense, is a federal offense because the bear is protected under the Endangered Species Act.

The adult male bear killed at the Thorofare camp was shot after hunters woke up to noises on the morning of Sept. 18, Brown said.

In all three cases, the shooters had animal carcasses nearby, which could have attracted the bears, officials said.

The shootings occurred in the Teton Wilderness, which covers the northern portion of the forest in the south of Yellowstone National Park.

Investigators said they could not elaborate on the shootings until their investigations are completed.

Chris Servheen, who is leading grizzly bear recovery efforts for the Fish and Wildlife Service, said the deaths may renew efforts to educate hunters about dealing with bears.

Hunters should use pepper spray as a defense instead of rifles, he said.

Fish carcasses found in Clearwater River have officers looking for clues

OROFINO (AP) — Fisheries enforcement officers for the Nez Perce Tribe are investigating six whole fall chinook and steelhead carcasses found at the Big Eddy boat ramp on the Clearwater River.

The carcasses, including two threatened wild A-run steelhead, were found one day short of a year since a similar incident occurred at the North Lewiston Boat Ramp.

"It was pretty obvious to me somebody just drove down that ramp and pitched them in the river," said state Department of Fish and Game biologist Ed Buettnner, who has investigated the scene. "They were in about as far as you could throw them."

Officers have no leads or witnesses, according to Capt. Adam Villavicencio, manager of the tribe's fisheries enforcement

department.

"We aren't even sure where the fish came from," he said although the fish have marks on them that may be associated with commercial fishing nets. That could indicate they were from the Columbia River.

But Buettnner was more certain.

"They all had very, very distinctive gillnet marks on them," he said.

Last year, 37 fall chinook were dumped at the North Lewiston ramp. Most were filleted, but three were not cleaned at all. Investigators managed to identify the responsible person, but the suspect was never charged because he left the area.

Villavicencio said they were still pursuing that suspect so he could be charged with three counts of wasting wildlife.

Bush, Gore on same side?

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada Republicans wanted a written promise from their presidential candidate that he would veto plans for temporary storage of high-level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain.

They got it Friday from George W. Bush, who saw his big lead in Nevada slip after Al Gore made a similar promise at the Democratic National Convention. "I would veto legislation that would provide for the temporary storage of nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain," Bush wrote in a letter responding to a request from Republican Gov. Kenny Guinn.

It puts him at odds with a number of Republicans in Congress who have pressed for temporarily storing commercial nuclear waste at the Yucca Mountain site, the only one under consideration for a permanent dump.

Bush also repeated his earlier assertion that science should determine where a dump for the nation's high-level radioactive waste will be located.

During a visit to Las Vegas last week, Gore said he does not support interim nuclear waste storage in Nevada or anywhere else. Like Bush, the vice president said he would let science determine where a permanent dump for the nation's high-level radioactive waste will be located.

Hazing tradition leads to teens' arrest

KAYSVILLE, Utah (AP) — "This is one assignment that will not be done at our school again," said Principal Rulon Homer of the wooden bread boards made in the Davis High School shop classes.

Older students were allegedly altering the boards into paddles and using them during an initiation rite for underclassmen. School officials were unaware of the tradition until two seniors were arrested earlier this month.

The students were briefly suspended but are back attending

class. "It was just one of those things that got out of hand," said a victim's mother. "These boys aren't criminals, but the hazing needs to stop."

The two seniors allegedly showed up at a birthday party in Layton on Sept. 8 looking for the sophomore. They paddled the student so hard it left a bruise, according to a police report.

Since the boys were arrested, they have come to the victim's home, separately with their parents, and apologized, the victim's mother said.

Wyoming man dies at Lake Powell

PAGE, Ariz. (AP) — A Wyoming man died Friday while swimming near his boat on Lake Powell.

National Park Service spokesman Glenn Gossard said Roy Troyer, 67, of Cheyenne, Wyo., was swimming in the Llewellen Gulch area when he

asked his wife to get him a life jacket. By the time she retrieved the jacket and was ready to throw it to him, he was floating face down in the water, Gossard said.

National Park Service dispatchers were notified of the incident by radio about 3:20 p.m.

and sent a medic to the scene by helicopter.

Medical personnel worked on Troyer until he was pronounced dead at the scene about 5:10 p.m.

The park service and Kane County (Utah) Sheriff's Office are investigating the incident.

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Couple offer native landscaping projects

ARROYO SECO, N.M. (AP) — In Andy Wasowski's eyes, sloth and ignorance were good.

"I didn't want to work in my yard all the time, and I didn't — and still don't — know all those Latin names of the plants," he says.

What happened to change his life was that his wife, Sally, a landscape designer, decided she wanted to put together a book for her clients with photos of her favorite native plants. She turned to Andy for help, since he was in the advertising business in Dallas.

"In working with her, I asked all those questions that the ordinary person wants to know," Wasowski says. "My ignorance is my best asset. What we want to get across is that anyone can garden like this."

That means using plants that are native to the area you're living in.

Andy and Sally have now worked on nine books together, all to get the message across. And the message, bottom line, is that "there is only a limited amount of water in this world," Andy Wasowski says. "People need to wake up to that."

The two now carry that message full-time from their home in Arroyo Seco, near Taos, where they moved several years ago.

Surrounded by a forest of pinon and juniper trees, their

home is nestled in a garden of wildflowers. Normally lush, the garden has suffered from this year's drought conditions, just like most other New Mexico yards.

"No, we don't have a drip system," Wasowski says. "We thought, 'Everything will be indigenous so we won't need a drip system.' Ha. So we have to use a hose more this summer just like everyone else."

The Wasowski's books have ranged from "Native Texas Plants" to "The Landscape Revolution," their newest book.

The landscape revolution? The book says the goal is "to remove your landscape from the artificial life-support system that demands your constant attention, and needs gallon after gallon of water and an army of toxic chemicals and fertilizers to keep it going."

But rather than being a rabid treatise on the evils of traditional landscaping, the Wasowski's book offers a humorous look at the development of America's obsession with the lawn, as well as down-to-earth instructions for creating a native plant landscape.

Wasowski says many people think xeriscaping is fine for other people, but not for themselves, and certainly not for official, public buildings.

"Having a manicured lawn is a symbol of middle-class respectability," he said.

FOR THE RECORD

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Magistrate Court included the following arraignments:

Twin Falls County

Richard John Kerr, 26, 238 Tyler St., Twin Falls; theft by receiving or possessing stolen property; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 6; \$1,000 bond.

Thomas Benavidez-Garcia, 52, address not listed; battery-domestic violence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed.

Jeremy Scott Derrick, 25, 2300 East, 402nd North, Filer; driving without privilege; pleaded innocent; private counsel hired; \$3,500 bond.

Robert A. Berndt, 19, 544 3rd Ave. North, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$1,500 bond.

Jesse B. Frame, 50, 121 Hagerman Ave., Hagerman; battery-domestic violence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$500 bond.

Ryan James Derulter, 18, 222 East 11th Ave., Jerome; consumption of alcohol by a minor; failure to appear; pleaded innocent; \$2,500 cash-only bond.

Kurt S. Harmon, 17, 1478 East, 4000 North, Buhl; reckless driving; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed.

Christopher C. Ramirez, 20, 202 Falls Ave. West, No. 2, Twin Falls; providing false information to an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed.

Terriann Kristel Jenkins, 30, 233 West, 145 South, Jerome; petty theft; pleaded guilty; sentencing pending.

Tracy Wayne Frazer, 31, 723 Adell, Filer; driving under the influence (excessive); pleaded guilty; sentencing pending; \$2,000 bond.

Valentin F. Belyavskiy, 21, 409 Fruitland Ave N., Buhl; driving under the influence, driving without privilege; pleaded guilty; sentencing pending; \$1,500 bond.

Jeremi Todd Eller, 25, 882 Springhill Court, Twin Falls; battery-domestic violence, traumatic injury; no plea entered; public defender denied; \$5,000 bond.

Todd D. Richardson, 37, 259 Buena Vista, Twin Falls; burglary; no plea entered; public defender appointed; \$1,500 bond.

Levi Joseph Seal, 22, 380 Jefferson St., Twin Falls; driving under the influence, carrying a concealed weapon; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed.

Lanny E. Hollon, 32, 1284 Twin Parks, Twin Falls; resisting or obstructing officers; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed.

Milton S. McKeel, 37, 1284 Twin Parks, Twin Falls; driving under the

influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed.
Martha Palacios, 36, address not listed; drug trafficking, manufacturing-methamphetamine, two counts; private counsel hired; no plea entered; \$100,000 bond.

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Researchers find faults off California coast

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Two hidden faults capable of unleashing a magnitude-7.6 earthquake off the coast of heavily populated Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties, researchers reported today.

Although the potential for catastrophe is great, the chances are slim. In the worst-case scenarios detailed in the study, the biggest quakes occur once every 960 to 2,000 years on one of the faults and every 8,000 years on the other.

It's possible the faults release

their energy in smaller but more frequent spurs, the researchers reported in the October edition of the journal *Geology*.

"Because this is new and we can't access it easily, we don't have the knowledge base yet to decide whether it is going to rupture in small pieces or in one single event," said study author John H. Shaw of Harvard University.

"The critical issue for hazard assessment is really just defining the size of these faults," he added. "The size obviously dic-

ates the potential earthquake magnitude."

A 7.6-magnitude quake would likely cause widespread damage and injuries. The 6.7-magnitude Northridge quake in 1994 killed 72 people and caused an estimated \$35 billion in damage in Los Angeles.

The Thirty-mile Bank fault runs south from Santa Catalina Island, and the Occidente fault slices south from Laguna Beach in Orange County. Both extend south to San Diego and possibly beyond the U.S.-Mexico border.

Both faults are the same type that unleashed the Northridge and 1971 Sylmar quakes. Called blind thrust faults, they are not clearly visible on the surface, whether on land or on the sea floor, and are usually detected when they produce quakes.

"This is the first concrete evidence that we have large thrust faults in the offshore region here," said Tom Henvey, director of the Southern California Earthquake Center. "It is a significant finding, in fact it is the case."

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Washington and Oregon ban dredge

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Courts tried to deepen a 10-mile stretch of the Columbia River suffered a second setback because of the potential threat to a endangered Northwest salmon.

The states of Oregon and Washington have denied the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the required water quality permits.

The decision comes just five weeks after the National Marine Fisheries Service revoked its approval of the project. Both states and fisheries service are concerned about the impact on salmon and steelhead if three feet of rock, sand and mud are moved from the bottom of the Columbia River Estuary.

A deepened shipping channel between Astoria and Portland could allow larger ships to navigate the river. Officials with various ports say the dredging is key to maintaining a competitive edge in maritime commerce.

Last year, Congress authorized spending \$183.6 million to deepen the channel.

Dredging proponents, including corps and port officials, refused to give up Friday. A representative of the ports said the dredging project would not cause environmental damage.

"This thing is not over," Port of Portland spokesman Aaron Ellis said. He was so speaking for the ports of St. Helens in Oregon, and Vancouver, Longview, Kalama and Woodland in Washington.

But regulators from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the Washington Department of Ecology were unwavering in their concern for the fish and other wildlife.

Road-widening project could affect chinook

BELLEVUE, Wash. (AP) - The federal government says plans to widen Interstate 405 would hurt wild chinook salmon and must be changed.

The National Marine Fisheries Service told the U.S. Department of Transportation earlier this month to drop the project or prove the fish will be protected.

The federal agency suggested the state encourage mass transit rather than widen the highway by as much as six lanes. But state officials believe they can design the project so it will not harm the fish.

I-405 is the state's second-busiest freeway. It stretches 33 miles from Tukwila to Lynnwood and carries 290,000 vehicles every day. The fisheries service must approve expansion plans before the state can apply for federal grants and construction permits.

The agency worries that widening the freeway would create too much pavement near the Lake Washington and Issaquah River watersheds.

Micro rainwater would land on pavement and flow into drainage systems, leaving less to be absorbed into soil, where it can replenish the water table and feed rivers, a federal spokesman Brian Cornman said.

State Sen. Jim Horn, a Mercer Island Republican and member of the state's I-405 expansion committee, accused the agency of overstepping its authority.

The state is conducting an 18-month, \$6.5 million study of the I-405 corridor. Transportation officials hope to meet with federal officials this month.

"We believe that it is too early in the process to conclude that one of the alternatives can be designed or implemented" to satisfy the Endangered Species Act, Michael Cummings, state I-405 planning coordinator, wrote the agency.

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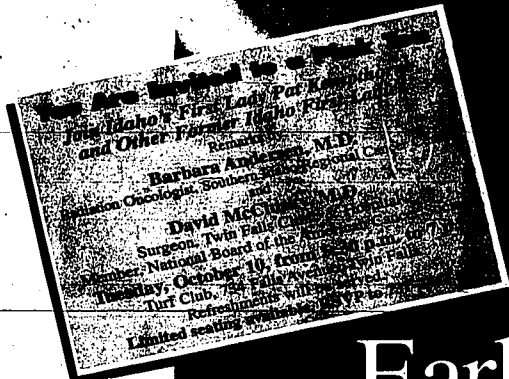
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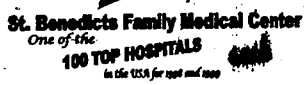
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TRIVIA
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IN BRIEF
Hamblin's team misses final cut

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — The Oldsmobile Scramble team of Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course pro Mike Hamblin, John Sflingl, Corky Federico, Kurt Standley and Todd Jones compiled a respectable three-day net 178 at the Oldsmobile Scramble National Finals this weekend but failed to make today's final cut. Teams from New Braunfels, Texas and Ocala, Fla. tied for the low net score through three rounds with matching 168. The Kokomo, Ind., team was third entering the final with a 169, and five teams were tied behind that at 170. The low 25 teams play for the net championship today. The low 25 gross teams will vie today for the gross championship.

Sign up now to golf in Budweiser Two-Person

TWIN FALLS — It's not too late to sign up for the Budweiser Two-Person best ball, slated for Oct. 7-8 at Canyon Springs and Twin Falls Municipal golf courses. There will be three divisions — men's, women's and couples. The fee to play is \$120 per cup. Call Canyon Springs to sign up — 734-7505.

Mike Nielsen eagles Twin Falls Muni No. 16

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls golfer Mike Nielsen eagled the par-4 No. 16 hole at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course last Sunday. Nielsen made the eagle during the final round of the IGA Net Amateur tournament, driving within 225 yards of the cup on his first shot and holing out from there with a 3-wood. Witnessing the shot was Lance Brock.

Vineyard holds boys' girls' championships

GLENN'S FERRY — Mike Potucsek led the boys and Brianna Winter paced the girls this weekend as Vineyard Greens Golf Course held its Junior Club Championship. Potucsek's nine-hole 43 topped the boys' high school division. Adam Perry was second with a 45. Mike Anchustegui was third with a 50. Riley Traudt followed with a 52 and Eric Parke shot a 70. James Snyder topped with junior high boys' division with a 49, followed by Tanner Shrum's 50. Winter shot a 56 to lead the girls' high school division, with Savannah Shrum (62), Megan Kennedy (66) and Katie Rulien (67) rounding out the field. Rachel Anchustegui had a 67 to lead the girls' junior high division.

Bruin boosters meet Tuesday downtown

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruin booster club meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. inside the First Security Bank building on Main Avenue downtown. For more information, call Bob Maloney at 734-9969 or 733-6765. Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
 LeRoy Irvin of the L.A. Rams, 207 against the Atlanta Falcons on Oct. 11, 1981.

Gardner to carry flag

SYDNEY, Australia — Ricki Scollage product Rulon Gardner, who wrapped himself in the U.S. flag after winning a surprise gold medal in Greco-Roman wrestling, now will carry it during the Olympic closing ceremonies. Gardner was picked to lead the U.S. team after pulling off one of the biggest Olympic upsets ever, beating three-time Olympic super heavyweight champion Alexander Karelin of Russia. Gardner, of Arton, Wyo., is the second wrestler in as many Olympics to carry the U.S. flag. Four-time Olympic medalist Bruce Baumgartner carried it during the opening ceremonies in Atlanta in 1996.

To the ugly end

Track finale fit odd Games

By Philip Hersh
The Chicago Tribune
SYDNEY, Australia — Celebration of achievement got mixed up with criticism of celebrations, and that was only part of the confusion on the final night of the 2000 Olympic track and field competition. The brilliant and the bizarre ran together, as the U.S. track team finished a distinctly inglorious Olympics with victories in three of the four relays, while Marion Jones wound up a star even though only three of her five medals were gold.

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"It was a strange Olympics," said Michael Johnson, whose fifth gold medal Saturday (late Friday MDT) went almost unnoticed by the crowd of 105,448 at Olympic Stadium. Johnson, 33, the star of the 1996 Olympics, anchored the 4x400 relay to win his fifth gold medal in his third and last. Please see **TRACK**, Page C6



The U.S. men's 4x100-meter relay team hams it up on the medal stand after winning the gold medal Saturday. From left are Bernard Williams III, Jonathan Drummond, Brian Lewis and Maurice Greene.

Spikes and memories

West Side wins Koyle-Miller Invitational

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

GOODING — Every year, the Jenifer Koyle and Bobbi Jo Miller Invitational Volleyball Tournament brings some of Idaho's best small-school volleyball teams to Gooding High School. Saturday was no exception as the state's top three Class A-3 squads from a year ago — two-time state champion West Side, runner-up Nampa Christian and third-place Homedale — joined the hosts and Challis, Malad and Salmon high schools for a day of round-robin play on the Senators' hard-

wood. Though tied with identical tournament records of 5-1 with Malad, West Side won this year's varsity event having downed the Dragons in three sets, 12-6, 6-12, 12-9. The rivals are the favorites to meet for the District V championship later this month. Finishing behind four-time state champion Malad, which featured 6-foot-2 Syracuse University-bound senior outside hitter Morgan Jones, were Nampa Christian (4-2), Homedale (4-2), Salmon (2-4), Challis (1-5) and Gooding (0-6).

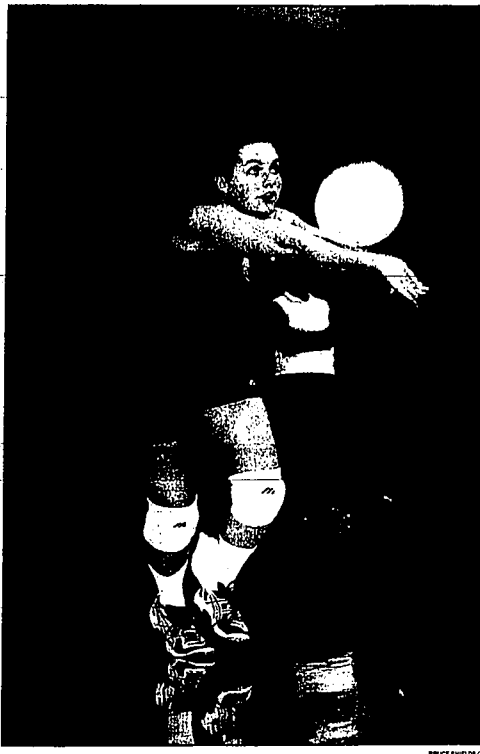
Across the street at Gooding Middle School, Homedale came away with a perfect 6-0 mark to capture the junior varsity tournament crown. Besides being a scouting report for the Class A-3 state tournament, Gooding coach Jenny Koski said the competition, now in its 10th year, is foremost a memorial for former Gooding volleyball players Koyle and Miller, who died in traffic accidents in 1992 and 1996, respectively.

"For me, it's more of an honor for those two players," said Koski, who had taught both girls since elementary school. "The younger girls didn't know either one, but having coached both and had both in (physical education) from the time they were in first grade — it means a lot to me."

Current Senators senior Ashlee Brown and junior Ayla Wilkins said although the team didn't win a match, the tournament is still fun to host. "It's tough, but it's good experience for us to get and play the bigger, taller girls," Brown said. "It's like excitement for us. Just getting to play a lot of matches, it keeps us up for the rest of the season."

Wilkins said Miller and older sister Dana were friends. "The tournament is about the two girls who died and stuff, and it's kind of a fundraiser for the volleyball team and it benefits the teams who come," Wilkins said. "(Koyle and Miller) were both excellent volleyball players and I remember watching them when I was little and really looking up to them. It was a pretty hard time when they died."

Koski recalled the upbeat nature of the deceased girls and how they brought their own identity to the volleyball court. Koyle, who didn't even begin playing volleyball until her freshman year, was the starting setter on the Senators' 1991 state championship team.



Leisa Goodman, a Gooding High outside hitter, returns a serve against Homedale in a tournament game on Saturday. Gooding lost the match in straight sets.

BRUCE SHELTON/The Times-News

HOMECOMING HEARTBREAK

Hornets swarm all over Trojans

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

MALTA — He threw four touchdown passes Saturday, but it only took Oakley High quarterback John Gay one word to put a wrap on the afternoon's game. "Finally," he said, smiling.

As in finally beating the Raft River Trojans — last year's Class A-4, 11-man state runner-ups, the same team that had burned the Hornets three times last season alone.

And as in finally reclaiming the bragging rights in one of Cassia County's biggest small-school rivalries.

"They've beaten us a lot," said Gay, whose 189-yard, four-touchdown performance led Oakley to a 32-12 victory over the Trojans and spoiled Raft River's homecoming in Malta. "We haven't won for like two years against these guys. And their homecoming too. We lost our, so I guess we beat them."

Three of Gay's touchdown passes went to wide receiver Ammon McBride. McBride caught five



Raft River High's Brock Goff struggles through a swarm of Oakley tacklers during Saturday's football game in Malta. The Hornets beat the Trojans 32-12.

balls for an unofficial 84 yards and accounted for both of his team's two first-half touchdowns as the Hornets took a 14-6 lead into the break. But Gay's biggest scoring hook-up might have been with Zeb McBride. The 15-yard strike, which capped a lengthy drive on Please see **HORNETS**, Page C2

BACK ON TRACK

CSI has no trouble draining Salt Lake

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News sportswriter

SALT LAKE CITY — When the machine is in motion, the College of Southern Idaho is a hard volleyball team to stop.

The problem the past two weeks has been figuring out a way to get the engine to turn over. The Eagles started slow again Saturday at Salt Lake Community College, rallying from a 13-5 deficit midway through the first game to pull out a 15-13 victory. That game set the tone for the rest of the match, with the Eagles out-muscling the Bruins in three straight, 15-13, 15-8, 15-12.

The victory came one day after a disheartening and rare defeat at Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah. "It was a win," coach Ben Stroud said. "After last night, it was tough to rebound and come back. But I was still a little disappointed with the effort of some of the people on this team."

CSI freshmen Daniela Lanza and Karla Bersano led the Eagles' consistent offense throughout the course of the match. "Another freshman outside hitter, Lisa Levings, also had a solid afternoon filling in for injured sophomore Tamekia Moore. "Levings had a good game for us," Stroud said. "She is a good athlete. All she Please see **CSI**, Page C2



Orangemen hammer BYU Cougars 42-14

The Associated Press

Regional roundup
More college football - C4

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Troy Nunes hit Pat Woodcock on touchdown passes of 79 and 65 yards and James Mungro ran for two more scores as Syracuse beat Brigham Young 42-14 on Saturday night. It was the first game BYU (2-4) ever played in New York state and the Cougars probably aren't anxious to return anytime soon. Syracuse (2-2) jumped to a 28-0 lead early in the second quarter and easily snapped its two-game losing streak.

The Orangemen, burned for three long touchdown passes in a 34-17 loss at East Carolina a week earlier, repeatedly victimized the Cougars on long plays. Mungro scored on runs of 61 and 20 yards, and Maurice Jackson scored on an 18-yard reverse after BYU tailback Brian McDonald fumbled near his own goal line and Keon Walker recovered for Syracuse. The Orangemen led 42-7 at

half-time. BYU running back Luke Stuey, who gained a career-high 167 yards last week against UNLV, was held to 1 yard on 6 carries.

Portland St. 42, N. Arizona 10
FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Cornerback Rashad Floyd returned two turnovers for touchdowns and Jimmy Blanchard threw for three other scores as Portland State beat N. Ariz. 42-10 Saturday night.

It was the worst home defeat in 23 years for the Lumberjacks (2-2, 1-1 Big Sky) as the Vikings (4-0, 2-0) avenged a 40-24 loss here last season that kept them from advancing to the Division I-AA playoffs. Please see **REGION**, Page C2

SPORTS

Locals fare well at Bob Firman meet

The Times-News
EAGLE - The Bob Firman Invitational at Eagle Island State Park turned into a cross-country showcase for area runners...

Wallis, 29:09, 94th; Stephanie De...
Tops among the boys was Matt Kones of Highland at 16:55.

Pringle. "We had some good look...
Burley (4-5-3) hosts Blackfoot Wednesday.

carries for 126 yards rushing...
The Bobcats' Lance Bodilly passed for 75 yards as well.

Wood River 5, Buhl 0

HAILEY - It was a team effort that lifted the Wolverines over the visiting Indians.

Burley (0-3 in conference, 0-5 overall) is at Rigby next Friday.

Local sports

"I was real pleased with how the whole team ran against the top teams of the state..."

Boys' soccer

Wood River 10, Buhl 0

HAILEY - Buhl was completely shut down Saturday and suffered a lopsided loss to the Wood River Wolverines.

Volleyball

Richfield swept at home

RICHFIELD - The Mackay Miners came in undefeated - left that way too - and Castledorf made it a sweep of the Richfield Tigers in Richfield Saturday.

Games Co. 52, Rockland 12

FAIRFIELD - Josh Ivie rushed for 198 yards and three touchdowns and Eric McGuire added 75 yards and a score Friday as the Musers routed Rockland.

Girls' soccer

Century 3, Burley 0

BURLEY - Three quick goals by Century were enough to win against the Bobcats. All three goals came within the first 10 minutes of the match.

Late Friday soccer

Blackfoot 21, Burley 7

BURLEY - Jed Thomas 17

Mariners hammer Angels; A's win too

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - Alex Rodriguez broke out of his slump with two homers and seven RBIs as the Seattle Mariners pounded Anaheim 21-4 in the most runs against the Angels...

American League

Jason Giambi hit his 43rd homer as AL West-leading Oakland beat Texas in the highest-scoring game in franchise history.

of the eighth alone when Toronto scored twice to close to 6-5.

Red Sox 4, Devil Rays 2

ST-PETERSBURG - Morgan Burkhardt hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth inning as Boston beat Tampa Bay, ending the Devil Rays' six-game winning streak.

Tigers 6, Twins 5, 11 innings

DETROIT - Dean Palmer's single scored the winning run in the 11th inning as Detroit beat Minnesota.

Indiana 6, Blue Jays 5

CLEVELAND - Chuck Finley got his sixth win in September and Roberto Alomar hit a disputed homer as Cleveland put the pressure on Seattle and Oakland in the AL wild card race.

White Sox 9, Royals 1

CHICAGO - Rookies Kip Wells and Jon Garland, hoping to earn spots in the playoff rotation or trade to other clubs...

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Hoop officials meeting Tuesday at Valley
BURLEY - The first high school basketball officials' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at Valley High School...

Funny Car's Force has best lap of week
TOPEKA, Kan. - John Force closed qualifying Saturday for the NHRA with the best Funny Car lap of the weekend...

Seles beats Williams in court showdown
HONG KONG - Monica Seles rallied to beat Serena Williams 6-3, 0-6, 7-6(1) Saturday in an exhibition between players who won medals at the Sydney Olympics.

Report: Phillies will fire Francona today
PHILADELPHIA - The Philadelphia Phillies are set to fire manager Terry Francona after today's season finale at Florida...

Compiled from staff and wire reports

West

Continued from C1
" She had a heart that was bigger than the whole world," Koski said.

Koyle met her untimely end during the school lunch period when she fell off the hood of a moving car when it braked to make a turn.

Koyle died the next morning. "She was special to me because I had been injured the year before and had spent the last six weeks in hospital," said "She was the kind of kid who was 16 years old and there's lots of things to go and do."

Region

Continued from C1
Utah 35, Utah St. 14
LOGAN, Utah - Senior quarterback Darnell Arceaux ran for 82 yards and two third-quarter touchdowns to lead the University of Utah.

Washington St. 21, California 17
BERKELEY, Calif. - Jason Gesser completed 15 of 24 passes for 238 yards, and Washington State's defense made a critical stop with 3:19 left.

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Regional scores table with columns for team names and scores. Includes Idaho St. 93, CS Northridge 30, etc.

Late-season callup powers Mets over Montreal

NEW YORK (AP) - Jorge Toca hit a three-run double in the eighth inning to lead the New York Mets to a victory over the Montreal Expos on Saturday.

National League

starters to get hit hard before the playoffs as Oswaldo Fernandez pitched Cincinnati past the Cardinals.

Stadium

Young had been suspended two games by the commissioner's office for making contact with an umpire during an argument in a game at Milwaukee on Sept. 21.

Astros 7, Brewers 6

HOUSTON - Keith Ginter hit his first major league homer and Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman hit consecutive home runs, leading Wade Miller and the Houston Astros over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Braves 5, Rockies 2

ATLANTA - Tom Glavine pitched five scoreless innings in his final tuneup before next week's postseason to gain his 21st win and Atlanta defeated Colorado.

Pirates 4, Cubs 2

PITTSBURGH - Kevin Young returned from a suspension and hit a two-run homer as Pittsburgh beat Chicago in the next-to-last baseball game at Three Rivers Stadium.

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UNLV 34, Air Force 13

LAS VEGAS - Jason Thomas had 316 total yards and two touchdowns to lead UNLV. Thomas, who entered the game ranked first in the Mountain West Conference...

CSI

Cartwright finished the match with 15 kills and three blocks, and Rigby clipped in 14 kills.

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Maggert, Price cling to Buick lead; Duval likes chances

PINE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP) — David Duval is right where he wants to be in his first tournament since July. So is Jeff Maggert. Despite failing to make birdie on any of the par-5s and watching his five-shot lead slip away, Maggert responded with a late birdie Saturday in the Buick Challenge to build a two-stroke lead over Nick Price, with Duval right behind.

under 201, has had at least a share of the 54-hole lead. He has converted only one into a victory, the 1993 Dismal Classic. Duval, who missed the last two months with a back injury, apparently didn't accumulate much rust. With eight birdies in a round of 67, he had a good chance to win for the first time in 29 tournaments, dating to the BellSouth Classic in March of last year. "I'm right where you want to be going into Sunday's final round on the par-5s for the second time in three days. You might wonder how I can come in long and play so well after being out so long. One of the reasons that might be I'm playing without an injury."

Waugh's 66 gives her 2-shot edge NEW ALBANY, Ohio — Shani Waugh has waited through 97 LPGA tournaments to finally win her first. If that happens, she's hoping someone back in her native Australia will find out about it. Asked if she would rather save her shot at her first victory when the Sydney Olympics are dominating the world press, she laughed and said, "If I had a choice? I'd take it tomorrow. I may never get another chance."

rest of her country's Olympians. That is fitting because Waugh said she has been motivated by what she's seen beamed back from her homeland. "If I were to win I'd have to thank the Australian Olympians, seeing how they've competed for the last two weeks," she said. "It's inspired me."

MetroStars even series

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Mark Chung and Adolfo Valenzuela scored Saturday as the New York Jersey MetroStars evened their Major League Soccer semifinal series against Chicago with a 2-0 victory over the Fire.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

American League Home Runs, Blue Jays 6

Table with columns for team, W, L, P, H, R, E, B, O. Includes Toronto Blue Jays, Detroit Tigers, Cleveland Indians, etc.

AL standings

Table showing AL standings for Toronto, Detroit, Cleveland, etc.

NL standings

Table showing NL standings for St. Louis, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, etc.

ASTROS 7, BREWERS 6

Box score for Astros vs Brewers game.

Wild Card Race

Table showing Wild Card Race standings for American League.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing TV schedules for NFL, MLB, and other sports.

German Masters

Table showing German Masters golf tournament scores.

HOKEY NHL Preseason

Table showing NHL Preseason hockey scores.

RED SOX 4, DEVILS 2

Box score for Red Sox vs Devils game.

Friday's Late Boxes

Table listing late game box scores.

RED 8, CARDINALS 4

Box score for Red vs Cardinals game.

Week 4 Leaders

Table showing Week 4 leaders in various sports.

College Football Scores

Table listing college football game scores.

Vantage Championship

Table showing Vantage Championship golf scores.

AUTO RACING

Table listing auto racing results.

WHITE SOX 9, ROYALS 3

Box score for White Sox vs Royals game.

RED 8, CARDINALS 4

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ANGELS 8, MARINERS 3

Box score for Angels vs Mariners game.

GIANTS 6, BREKERS 3

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SPORTS

Week 5 matchups ON A ROLL Warner's start is simply scary

11 a.m. Cowboys (1-3) at Panthers (1-2)

Key elements: Too bad they can't play the Redskins every week...

2:05 p.m. Dolphins (3-1) at Bengals (0-3)

Key elements: Don't expect the Dolphins' defense to roll out the welcome mat...

11 a.m. Chargers (0-4) at Rams (4-0)

Key elements: San Diego's anemic passing game is not helped by a squad of running backs...

2:05 p.m. Patriots (0-4) at Broncos (2-2)

Key elements: Patriot quarterback Drew Bledsoe has been getting very little support...

11 a.m. Colts (2-1) at Bills (2-1)

Key elements: The Colts have lost five straight games and are just 1-1 in their last 12 trips to Rich Stadium...

2:15 p.m. Cardinals (1-2) at 49ers (1-3)

Key elements: This could turn out to be quite an air show, as neither team has an adequate pass defense...

11 a.m. Vikings (3-0) at Lions (3-1)

Key elements: The Vikings have rushed for 120 or more yards in five consecutive games...

2:15 p.m. Bears (0-4) at Packers (2-2)

Key elements: The Packers have emerged the victors in 13 of the last 15 meetings between these age old rivals...

11 a.m. Giants (3-1) at Titans (2-1)

Key elements: The Giants are just 8-12 vs. AFC teams since 1995. Including the playoffs, the Titans have won their last 10 games...

2:15 p.m. Bucs (3-1) at Redskins (2-2)

Key elements: This will be a rematch of last season's NFC divisional playoff game won by Tampa Bay, 14-13...

11 a.m. Ravens (3-1) at Browns (2-2)

Key elements: In his last 11 games, Ravens quarterback Tony Banks has thrown 23 touchdown passes...

6:20 p.m. Falcons (2-2) at Eagles (2-2)

Key elements: After rolling for 306 yards on the ground in week one at Dallas (41-14), the Eagles have rushed for a paltry 208 yards...

11 a.m. Steelers (0-3) at Jaguars (2-2)

Key elements: The Steelers are winless (0-5) at Jacksonville dating back to 1995. In the last three meetings with the Jaguars (0-3), Pittsburgh has been outscored a combined 58-12...

Monday 7 p.m. Seahawks (2-2) at Chiefs (2-2)

Key elements: The Seahawks are a lowly 2-16 in their last 18 visits to Arrowhead Stadium dating back to 1981...

Warner's start is simply scary

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The NFL has never seen a start like this one. And here's the scary part: Kurt Warner is far from satisfied with his record yardage pace after four games...

He leads the league in completion percentage (70.4) and average gain (11.53 yards). He is second in the NFL in passer rating (111.9) and has thrown 10 touchdown passes.

It wasn't that he didn't enjoy the long plays, the 85-yard catch and run by Torry Holt and the 66-yard bomb to Isaac Bruce, that piled up the yards in a hurry. He just wished he had had a chance to air it out more often.

Mississippi State topples stunned Florida Gators

The Associated Press Dicenzo Miller ran for 172 yards and Dontae Walker had 156 as Mississippi State made No. 3 Florida look defenseless in a 49-35 victory Saturday in Starkville.

AP Top 25 Tallia Redman scored two touchdowns and had 183 yards rushing and 118 yards receiving as Minnesota beat No. 24 Illinois 44-10.

Tomlinson ran for 121 yards and a touchdown as TCU (4-0) extended its winning streak to nine games. Tomlinson, who had 33 carries, took TCU's career rushing record, pushing his total to 3,784 yards.

Idaho QB leads Vandals to romp

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — John Welsh tied a single-game team record with six first-half touchdowns passes Saturday night as the University of Idaho beat Montana State 56-7.

Townley, Williams and Ethan Jones also caught touchdowns passes as Welsh tied an Idaho record shared by seven other players. The Vandals set the tone with a three-play, 80-yard opening drive capped by an 8-yard scoring pass to Townley.

Bengals keep it rolling in California

NORTHBRIDGE, Calif. (AP) — Shane Griggs passed for 333 yards as Idaho State snapped a 10-game road losing streak Saturday with a 31-30 overtime win over Cal State Northridge.

Griggs to DeRonn Finley early in the fourth quarter. Griggs was 26-for-47 passing, with two touchdowns, both to Finley. Finley finished with 111 yards on seven catches.

- Northwestern 37, No. 18 Michigan 52-17. EAST LANSING, Mich. — Daniel Anderson ran 219 yards and two TDs, helping Northwestern (4-1, 2-0 Big Ten) its second straight victory over a ranked team.
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SYDNEY 2000

No chance France? U.S. men will face surprising French team

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Does France have a prayer? Even the French players didn't think so after they beat Australia to reach the gold medal game, but now all bets are off after the American men had a huge scare in the semifinals.

knocked off the host team, Australia, with ease. The French players hugged each other and celebrated after beating the Aussies like they had won the gold medal, knowing in the back of their minds that they really have no chance to beat the Americans. A few hours later, they may have been reconsidering their earlier thoughts.

"We were fighting for our lives," Ray Allen said. "It would not have been very fun to play for the bronze medal. But we know that on Sunday we could be in the same situation if we don't come out and just play the game of basketball."

France will look to get most of its offense from guards Laurent Sciarra and Antoine Rigaudeau, both of whom are a threat from 3-point range.

Olympic television schedule. Sunday, Oct. 1. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Boxing. Equestrian Individual jumping final. Gymnastics Rhythmic final. Men's volleyball Gold medal match. Wrestling Wipolyo final. 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Men's marathon Closing ceremony. MSNBC. 6-9 p.m. Water polo Men's gold medal match. Canoeing Finals.

their defensive stopper off the bench. France's third-leading scorer, Yann Bonato, ruptured his Achilles tendon against Canada and has already returned home.

Lisa Leslie gets scalped, but brings home the gold

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Not even a scalping of Lisa Leslie could stop the U.S. women's basketball team. When Australia's Lauren Jackson yanked off Leslie's braided hair extension in a tussle under the boards, it was the final indignity the Americans would suffer.



Nikki McCray celebrates U.S.A.'s gold medal victory over Australia in women's basketball Saturday.

This was the kind of game the Americans have been waiting to play since they arrived Down Under, an end-to-end rumble in which they unleashed two weeks of pent-up annoyance at the Aussies and let loose a deep, talented court that seemed bottled up too long.

more and more digs by local wags about how their beloved Opals would give the Americans, thrown together in a flash from WNBA teams, their comeuppance in the final.

Jackson, stemming from a chest-bumping confrontation in an exhibition game before the Olympics, Leslie said it never happened, as Jackson said it most certainly did. So it came down to the gold medal game, and the trash talking gave way to some serious bumping and elbowing, players bouncing off each other and the court as if a hockey game had broken out.

Olympic medal count

Table with columns: Country, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Total. Lists medal counts for various countries including USA, Russia, China, etc.

Medalists Saturday (Friday U.S. Athletics)

Table listing medalists for various sports including 400 Relay, 800 Relay, 1500 Relay, 5000, 10,000, 20,000, 30,000, 400 Relay, 800 Relay, 1500 Relay, 5000, 10,000, 20,000, 30,000, 400 Relay, 800 Relay, 1500 Relay, 5000, 10,000, 20,000, 30,000, 400 Relay, 800 Relay, 1500 Relay, 5000, 10,000, 20,000, 30,000.

SYDNEY SCORES AND STATS

Large table containing scores and statistics for various sports including Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, etc.

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SPORTS

SYDNEY 2000



Rally falters; volleyball team misses medal

Knight Ridder News Service

SYDNEY, Australia — Logan Tom said she wasn't disappointed. Said it several times. But her face betrayed her.

After the U.S. women's volleyball team lost its bronze medal match to Brazil in three straight games Saturday (late Friday EDT), Tom began to weep. Then, coming off the court at Sydney Entertainment Centre, the Stanford sophomore fell into the arms of her mother at court-side.

"We left a lot out there on the court," said Tom, who was still wiping her eyes 20 minutes after the match. "It does hurt a little. But you can't be disappointed with a fourth place finish at the Olympics."

Considering that the U.S. entered the Games as the world's 10th ranked team, winding up fourth was definitely an overachievement. But if there was a frustration over the 25-18, 25-22, 25-21 loss to Brazil's third-ranked team, it was that the American woman seemed to



USA's Logan Tom (15) is comforted by teammate Heather Bown, left, after losing the bronze medal volleyball match to Brazil in Sydney Saturday.

come out flat and not find a groove until late in the third game.

Brazil led 24-17 when the U.S. rallied and took Brazil to five match points. Virna Dias finally

clinched it on a spike that was blocked out of bounds.

"It wasn't until the third game that we found a real rhythm," said U.S. opposite hitter Sarah Noriega. "If we had gotten there early, we might have taking the match to five games and have a chance for the medal."

As it turned out, the Brazil team was far more motivated, being a veteran group that was expected to perform well here.

"We couldn't go home without a medal," said Bernardo Rezende, the Brazil head coach. "We felt under a lot of pressure."

"They passed better and got to more balls," said U.S. setter Robyn Ah Mow.

"We were underdogs, but we played our hearts out."

Cuba and Russia, the world's top two ranked teams, met for the gold medal after the U.S.-Brazil match. Rallying from a two-game deficit Saturday, Cuba stormed back to win a record third consecutive gold medal with a thrilling 25-27, 32-34, 25-19, 25-18, 15-7 victory.

Games fend off drugs

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — It began with an opening-ceremony promise from Australian hockey player Rechelle Hawkes, speaking for all the 11,000 athletes competing at the new millennium's first Olympics. No drugs, she vowed as the world watched. No doping.

No deal. Sydney wanted those Summer Games to be remembered as "the best ever," as International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch is expected to put it. And they have been magnificent in many ways — most, even. But forever attached to them may be a less distinguished moniker that makes Aussies cringe.

"The Sydney Games," lamented the national newspaper The Australian, "are in danger of being remembered as the Drugs Olympics."

A new, unwanted Olympic vocabulary has taken hold during the past 10 days. The obscure has become the headline: Nandrolone. Furosemide.

Pseudoephedrine. Stanozolol. And hovering behind them all, a shorter, less technical word: cheat.

Should Romanian gymnast Andreea Raducan have been stripped of her gold for cold medicine? Is the United States covering up track and field doping? Is a Bulgarian kayaker using steroids? Is the IOC doing all it can to stop drugs — or just going errantly overboard?

The IOC, which has made a big deal out of intensified anti-doping efforts it instituted earlier this year, says the Olympics are cleaner than ever thanks to the crackdown. And Samaranch isn't shy about taking credit.

Three Bulgarian weightlifters lost medals — a gold, a silver and a bronze — after testing positive for furosemide, a diuretic that can mask steroid presence. Then, in quick succession: a Latvian rower (nandrolone); Raducan (pseudoephedrine, the cold medicine); and a Russian runner (stanozolol, another steroid).

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YOUR BUSINESS

Idaho commerce director speaks at business seminar

CALDWELL - The latest trends in e-commerce, successful recruiting, international trade and tips for raising capital for businesses will be the focus of the Albertson College of Idaho Fall Business Seminar and Luncheon, set for Oct. 11 in the Langroge Center on the Albertson College campus.

The seminar, which runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., will include these panel sessions:

- "E-Commerce Trends Affecting Business"
- "Finding and Recruiting a Talented Workforce"
- "Sources for Raising Capital for Start-up and Existing Businesses"

Panelists will include Tom Loutzenheiser of Akers Capital; Diane Rigby, president of The Idaho Co.; Steve Simpson, chief executive officer and director of E-Systems and Laura Peters, technical recruiter for micropc.com.

Cost for the seminar is \$8; reservations are requested.

Gary Mahn, director of the Idaho Department of Commerce, will speak at the luncheon, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., about commerce and

international trade in Idaho. Mahn, who resigned as chairman of the Idaho Economic Advisory Council in 1998 to lead the Commerce Department, is a co-founder of the Downtown Boise Association and a co-owner of Fisher's Office Equipment.

Cost of the luncheon is \$15; reservations are requested.

The business seminar is sponsored by the Albertson College Business Leaders 500. For more information, call the Albertson College alumni office at 459-5300.

Edward Jones schedules free financial workshops

TWIN FALLS - Free financial workshops will be offered by Rob Weaver, an investment representative with Edward Jones. Classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. at 1445 Fillmore, Suite 1101. The first four-week series will be held Tuesdays, Oct. 3-24. A second four-week series is set for Thursdays, Oct. 12 through Nov. 2.

For more information or to register, call Patl at 737-0277. —compiled from staff reports



U.S. Bank Senior Vice President Bill Bryant presents a donation of \$10,000 to local United Way Director Diane Boyd during United Way's campaign kick-off breakfast Sept. 14.

CONTRIBUTIONS

U.S. Bank said it has made corporate grants of \$188,100 to nine Idaho United Way chapters, topping its 1999 contribution and setting the stage for an employee fund-raising campaign. U.S. Bank also reaffirmed its support of United Way as the bank's primary method of supporting nonprofit organizations that provide human services in communities where the bank operates.

The United Way of Magic Valley held a campaign kick-off breakfast Sept. 14, during which Bill Bryant, senior vice president of U.S. Bank, presented a corporate donation of \$10,000 to Diane Boyd, director of the United Way of Magic Valley. "We appreciate this contribution because it will help so many of our communities' less-fortunate friends and neighbors," Boyd said. "U.S. Bank's contribution is a great way to start the 2000-2001

campaign." U.S. Bank, among the other gifts, also donated \$2,200 to the United Way of Elmore County for the 27 nonprofit organizations it serves in Bruneau, Grandview, Glens Ferry and Mountain Home.

Aid Association for Lutherans recently presented \$200 to Clover Trinity Lutheran School in Bull through the AAL Member Gift-Matching Program. The total reflects AAL's matched portion of contributions received from members during second quarter 2000.

Annual gifts of \$25 to \$100 made by AAL members to participating Lutheran elementary or secondary schools, colleges or seminaries are matched dollar-for-dollar by AAL. Since the program was introduced in 1998, AAL said it has given more than \$12 million to Lutheran academic institutions nationwide.

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MILESTONES

Magazine gives nod to Rock Creek Restaurant

TWIN FALLS - Rock Creek Restaurant honored recently with the "Wine Spectator's 2001 Dining Guide" Award of Excellence for an outstanding wine list. Wine Spectator says it is the largest-circulation wine magazine in the world. Only 2,300 restaurants worldwide were honored by the publication, with only 10 Idaho restaurants. Restaurant wine lists were evaluated according to their strengths, including breadth of selection, savvy wine buying and appropriateness to restaurant menu and ambiance, a Rock Creek press release said. Stan Thomas, co-owner of

Rock Creek Restaurant, said the restaurant's wine list features the best wines of the Northwest complemented by the best of California and beyond. He said he and his partner, Terry Hancock, pride themselves on a full list of selecting wines for the list by reading, studying and researching not only their prime rib, steak or seafood dinners; wine sales are the fastest-growing segment of the 22-year-old restaurant, Thomas said.

Rock Creek is at 200 Addison Ave. W.

Board announces intention to merge credit unions

TUKWILA, Wash. - The Washington Corporate Federal Credit Union board of directors announced its intention to enter into a merger agreement with Northwest Corporate Credit Union based in Portland, Ore. Northwest Corporate has member credit unions in Idaho. The decision was reached during ongoing discussions regarding the future of Washington Corporate and Washington credit unions, a joint press release said. Washington Corporate's board said it is important to retain a corporate credit union in the Pacific Northwest. Both

boards said this is a merger of equals.

The focus of the new organization will be member service and enhanced development of products and services essential to credit unions in today's high-tech marketplace, the two said. The combined corporate credit union will have assets of more than \$673 million. Each corporate brings specialized features and benefits to create a complete package of correspondent services to credit unions, including a fully operational image-based item-processing business, the joint press release said. Kathy Garner, president and chief executive officer of Northwest Corporate Credit Union, took over as interim CEO of the combined organization Wednesday.

Busy workers find ways to handle stress

Knight Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Dr. Thor Svendsen, an obstetrician and gynecologist in private practice, came to work one morning at 7:30 a.m. to get a head start on a busy day.

He planned to see patients at Charlotte's Presbyterian Hospital until his first scheduled appointment at 9 a.m. But right away, Svendsen was called to the operating room.

He called a nurse and had to say the dreaded words: "We're going to be behind," Svendsen said. Svendsen has plenty of days marked by tight schedules, long hours and quick moves to head off a crisis. But, like many people in stressful jobs, he's found several ways to cope.

"I need protected time," Svendsen said. "I like to go home and be with my wife and children. When I am not on call, I am not to be bothered with concerns at the hospital."

Experts agree there are some pretty surefire reasons for stress — such as managing time effectively, exercising and eating properly, and even medication — but they caution that what works for one person may not work for another.

For Lynn Beasley, executive vice president of marketing at Winston-Salem cigarette maker R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., a Florida car to deflecting stress is her administrative assistant.

"Lots of things don't get through to me. She is my screen," Beasley said. "She becomes the organizer of my workday. That lowers stress tremendously."

Beasley, an 18-year veteran of RJR's marketing department, has been with the company through some of its toughest times. Part of her job is to put the best face on RJR and its products during a time when the tobacco industry is on the decline.

Experts say that at some point, chaos in the workplace will put a chink in even the most carefully crafted anti-stress personas.

"There have been times when I've closed my door or gone to some confidante in the company and unburied," said Beasley. "Sometimes it feels good to do that, but it's not something that I

usually need to do."

Most likely, he remains calm — which employs expert from a key leader in the organization. "You have to be very careful not to be too reactive," Beasley said. "Everyone around you takes their stress on you."

Keeping their composure is even more crucial for doctors. Svendsen said. The on- or who can't "maintain poise" can't concentrate fully on what they're doing and that could be harmful to a patient, he said.

Giff Daughtridge has a high potential for stress as he oversees the Hertford County steel mill that Charlotte steel-maker Nucor is building in northeast North Carolina. The \$416 million project, which employs 290 people, was heavily challenged by environmentalists upset that Nucor was granted state building permits before completion of the project's environmental review.

Now, production at the mill is just beginning. "You have to meet a lot of deadlines, and that can be stressful. Setting up our team has been a huge investment of time," said Daughtridge, who started with Nucor in 1983 as a metallurgist. "We took people out of farms and out of retail to make the world's greatest steelmakers out of them. You have to take things one at a time."

themselves. Keeping work and family separate seems to be a popular — and effective — tactic.

"We talk very little steel making at the house," said Daughtridge, 41. "It took Beasley about six years to get to the point where she almost never takes work home or talks about it. She refuses to call RJR to check on things while she is on vacation. If someone from work calls while she is at home or out of town, she knows it's a dire emergency."

"You have to empower your people to take care of things," Beasley says.

Oddly enough, what would be a stress-causing crisis for Svendsen is having less to do at work. Managed care, he said, has forced doctors to squeeze as many appointments into a day as possible to make money.

Doctors are becoming more and more sensitive to how long patients have to wait to be seen, but the salaries are often tied to productivity. "I would much rather be in a practice that's busy and thriving than in one that's three-fourths full," Svendsen said. "That's an awkward place to be in medicine now."

CAREER MOVES

JACKPOT, Nov. - Kevin McCartney was appointed director of player development

at Caesars Entertainment's Pines Resort Casino. He will be responsible for generating revenue utilizing a network of international, independent agents to bring mid-to high-range gaming customers to the property. McCartney brings more than 20 years of casino management experience to his new position. Immediately before joining Caesars Pines, he was a consultant to both Hyatt Gaming Group and Treasure Bay Gaming and was vice president of casino operations at the Jaro Fiesta Resort in Costa Rica. His resume also includes positions as vice president of casino marketing for Casino Princess in Miami and president of Casino Connections of Southwest Florida in Naples, Fla.

McCartney began his career in the casino industry with Harrah's Entertainment Group in Atlantic City, N.J., where he held management positions in casino operations, player development and special casino programs. In 1990, he opened the first casino bunker marketing office representing all of Harrah's properties in Florida.

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Community College in Twin Falls announced the addition of two new clinical social workers to its staff.

Elizabeth Foley recently moved from southern California and will work primarily with adolescents and adults. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in social work from San Diego State University. She has completed internships in in-patient mental health and medical social work. She also has experience working with battered women and a rape crisis center.

Donna Hatch, certified as a social worker by the state of Idaho, recently moved from northern Idaho and will work with children, adolescents and families. She has a bachelor's degree in social work with a minor in psychology and a master's degree in social work from Walla Walla College. She has extensive experience working with children, adolescents and families, and is working toward certification as a play therapist.

JEROME - The Idaho Real Estate Commission announced the recent appointment of Beckie Kukul of Jerome as South Central Education District representative to the Idaho Real Estate Education Council. Kukul

brings to the council 12 years of real estate experience, having been licensed in 1988 and earning her broker's license in 1990. She is an associate broker with Westerra Real Estate Group in Jerome.

Active in the Idaho Association of Realtors, Kukul serves on the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors Multiple Listing Service Board and the Multiple Listing Service magazine committee, and she chairs the Realtor's Professional Committee.

She holds both the "certified residential specialist" and "graduate of Realtors Institute" designations. Kukul is involved in Rotary, Jerome Chamber of Commerce, Jerome chamber ambassadors and fund-raising for National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

BURLEY - D.R. Curtis Co. welcomed Steve Bellem to its staff. A life-long resident of the Rupert and Fall area, Bellem has been involved in the agriculture industry for the past 28 years. He deals especially in farm and ranch real estate. He can be reached at 878-4456 or 431-8220.

BURLEY - Coldwell Banker Realty welcomed Doug Raymond and Ron Fowler to its staff. Doug Raymond deals in residential and commercial real estate and promises "old-fashioned service." He can be reached at 878-1751 or 431-9789. A lifelong resident of Minicopa, Minn., Fowler has served customers since 1974. He can be reached at 878-1751 or at his home, 675-1440.

CEOs stick around longer

The Associated Press

The number of CEOs jumping ship declined by 14 percent in the quarter ending June 30, compared with the previous quarter, according to a monthly tally by the employment consulting firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc.

In the second quarter, 211 CEOs either left their jobs or were forced out, compared with 245 departures in the first quarter. "This could reflect better than

anticipated earnings and therefore fewer departures," said Challenger CEO John Challenger.

Since August 1999, when Challenger began tracking CEO changes, or 17 percent, have been in the computer sector, which includes hardware, software and dot-com companies.

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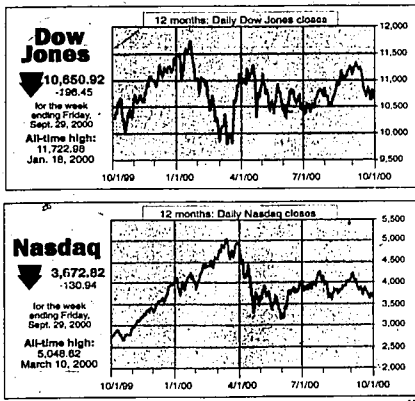
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legitimate, make sure the site has a secure server. Look for contact information about the store. The site should list a physical address, at least one phone number (often, stores have one number for order-taking and another for customer questions) and an e-mail address. Make a note of them. Call the phone number. I once investigated a site that was supposedly selling specialty pens. The person who answered the phone finally admitted to me that he did not have any of the items in stock but would order them from another retailer after my money had been received. There was, of course, a nice little markup included, not to mention a several-week delay since the pen had to go through a middleman. Even if it's after hours, call anyway. Any legitimate business is going to have a phone recording. But that's just a start. Now go to www.yahoo.com and click on the link to the yellow pages. The page that comes up will ask you to specify a city. Choose the city where your store is supposed to be located. Then type in the store name or the type of product you're planning to buy. Is there a listing for your store? Does the yellow pages listing match the information on the Web site? Check out the Better Business Bureau site at www.bbb.org. You can see if the store is a member or if there have been any complaints filed against it. Be aware that not all businesses belong to the BBB.

The Associated Press

October could be a bumpy ride

NEW YORK - Investors who were looking forward to the end of September - and hoping that a new month would bring new fortunes to Wall Street - are likely to be disappointed. The same culprits that pulled the market lower in September, including anxiety about corporate profits, high energy prices and currency woes in Europe, are going to be around for a while. Add to that the actual release of third-quarter results and growing misgivings about the future, and Wall Street's September volatility is likely to continue. "What the market has to come to grips with is that there will be earnings disappointments this quarter, during the fourth quarter and maybe even the first quarter of next year," said Charles Pradilla, chief investment strategist at S.G. Cowen Securities. "This is not a one-quarter phenomenon. The euro is still tanking ... and with an economic slow-down under way, there's every possibility we're going to see a fourth-quarter disappointment." Yet despite that bleak outlook, there's still optimism on Wall Street. "I think that October again will prove to be a turning point as it has the last few years," said Brian Belski, a fundamental market strategist with US Bancorp Piper-Jaffrey. "I think corporate earnings will be better than most expected." Historically, October has been a tough month for investors. Three of the biggest market drops in recent history, 1997, 1989 and 1997 - occurred then.



Although there's no reason to expect a similar drop this October, the numbers going into the month show a market struggling to find its footing. The major indices and averages all ended September lower after spiking upward in August. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 5 percent for the month, the Nasdaq composite index dropped 12.7 percent and the Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 5.4 percent. There were several catalysts for this latest decline. First, the market has been anxious to ensure of how slowing economic growth will affect corpo-

rate earnings. As a result, stock prices have fluctuated, with investors unloading companies that warned of earnings disappointments and rewarding those that met expectations. Technology issues, the driving force behind much of the market's stellar gains in recent years, have especially been singled out. Investors bid Apple Computer down by more than 50 percent Friday after it warned of earnings below expectations. Chipmaker Intel lagged for most of the week, although its profit warning came Sept. 21. Then there's the matter of the presidential election - neither

candidate has a convincing lead, creating uncertainty about future tax and economic policies. Energy prices are also a concern. The price of a barrel of oil shot up to around \$38 in mid-September, prompting many companies to warn that higher energy costs would hurt their profits. Higher fuel costs could also prompt consumers to limit their spending. Finally, persistent weakness in the euro, Europe's chief currency, has U.S. companies with international businesses worried about deflated earnings. But a lot can change in a month, analysts say, pointing to some shifts already happening. The price of a barrel of oil closed near \$31 Friday, and analysts say it could drop more if the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries makes good on promises to increase supply. The euro continues to flounder, but analysts believe European government intervention to support the currency could help end its decline. The key adjustments that analysts hope to see in October may be a little more difficult. Belski, the US Bancorp-Piper-Jaffrey analyst, believes many investors were so thrilled with profits the past few years that they are overreacting to more moderate but still healthy growth. "The market definitely needs a reality check," he said. John Shaughnessy, chief investment strategist at Advent, said third-quarter earnings may help the market move on. He's optimistic the rally will be better than expected, and that the market will calm down and even turn around in November.

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leading role when Twin Falls and Jerome interests asked it to. Cities, counties, chambers of commerce and other leaders in Twin Falls and Jerome have given the effort a green light. So CSI is starting with a two-county coalition before it canvasses non-located development interests, major businesses and municipalities in the rest of the Magic Valley about joining on board. "And it's a jumping on board," Meyerhoeffer said, "putting together a committee of five or six people to write a job description for the executive director of the yet-to-be-formed, two-county coalition. A governing board - CSI will oversee that employee and the joint operation. The board's membership might represent any entity that contributes money, but there could be other important players that should be represented, he added. "CSI's human-resources department probably will conduct the search for executive director, and Meyerhoeffer hopes to make a hire within 60 days. The college plans to take the responsibility of hiring the coalition's lead worker. That's a year commitment and guaranteeing him or her a three-year salary - perhaps in the range of \$60,000 a year plus perks such as vacation and health insurance, he said. That's less than the \$75,000 to \$80,000 Lockwood Greene recommended paying. CSI budgeted for a similar - but lower-level and less demanding - position that it has held open for some time, so the college will have the money after it dips into another budget category, Meyerhoeffer said. CSI can't afford to pay the hire any incentives, so they would have to come from other participants, he added. "To make a prime hire, Meyerhoeffer said CSI must make the position's longevity itself. But the college has verbal commitments from some entities in Twin Falls and Jerome that they'll pitch in. And some groups, including both chambers of commerce, have formally supported the effort. CSI will ask for letters of commitment within the next 30 days from Region IV Development Chambers of Commerce in Twin Falls and Jerome; both counties and their county seats; utilities, which CSI hopes to involve in the effort; and local businesses that choose to contribute and participate. Meyerhoeffer said the college has suggested a dollar amount to some entities. But at least initially, participants probably will determine whatever amounts they can handle, he said. The college president expects the hire will be followed immediately by discussions with the

About the Panhandle Area Council Inc.

The Panhandle Area Council Inc. was founded in 1993. The council's primary goal is to help develop the region's economic future. The council is currently planning district, helping counties develop long-term comprehensive plans. It was funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration, which asked the council to help check out their economic plans into action. **■ Mission:** After an evolution, the council now does primary economic-development planning. Focus is on infrastructure such as sewer, streets, water, power and industrial parks. But that isn't its only role. Begun as a public-sector helper, it's now involved with the private sector, too. It became a leading institution for start-up and expanding businesses. **■ Areas:** The council covers the five northern Idaho counties of Boundary, Benewah, Bonner, Kootenai and Shoshone. **■ Budget and staff:** The council has a \$1.5 million budget to run its whole operation, with 18 full-time workers. **■ Funding:** The council began with funding from the U.S. and Idaho departments of commerce. It also receives money from the Small Business Administration and the federal Rural Development Administration. Private contributors are Wells Fargo & Co., GTE and Northwest Area Foundation. **■ Governing board:** The 14-person board includes the chief elected official from each of the counties, mayors from the three largest cities, three bankers, the president of a local workforce investment board and representatives of two cities at large. **■ Cooperation:** The five-county area also has other nonprofits involved in economic develop-

ment, such as Jobs Plus in Coeur d'Alene, which serves Kootenai County and primarily recruits businesses. "We do very little crossover," Deffenbaugh said. "We're pretty cooperative, I guess you'd say." One city and three counties in the council's area have nonprofit corporations, which have the primary responsibility for business recruitment and expansion. But the council has the tools: worker training, loan programs, grant writing and public relations. "We work in partnership with them," Deffenbaugh said. **■ Recent success:** The job-creation success the council touts most is Harpers, an office-furniture manufacturing plant that needs a large factory. The council got involved securing grants for the city of Post Falls to provide infrastructure to serve the factory, which employs 600 and opened in Post Falls about four years ago. **■ Jobs Plus:** In that case, did the recruiting. "The combination of what they do and what we do is a good match," Deffenbaugh said. **■ A success effort:** The council tries to meet the needs of a company and of a community. For example, a particular Panhandle county has been looking for more jobs. And an Idaho telecommunications corporation looking to expand into a rural community approached the council. Deffenbaugh would name neither. So the council asked the county to donate land to the company, and it agreed. The council's rural community approach to building, which the company will lease, and it secured from the Idaho Department of Commerce workforce training money for the company, which plans to create 40 jobs.

Source: Executive Director Jim Deffenbaugh

About the Eastern Idaho Economic Development Council

■ History: The council was founded in 1993. Jim Bowman, director of business development, joined the staff in March, after 15 years in community and economic development in Illinois. **■ Areas:** The investor-owned, nonprofit council covers Bingham, Bonneville, Jefferson, Madison, Benewah and Butte counties. **■ Mission:** The council markets to attract businesses and business investment and helps existing businesses expand. It also gets involved in community projects - development of roads, sewer capacity, railroad extensions and the like - that become assets to the community, improve the region's quality of life and help in business recruitment. **■ Informal overall goal:** Bowman said, "to increase the community wealth and create jobs." The council generates job-creation leads, and it receives leads from the state, utilities, transportation companies and the like. "We worked hard to create a name and an image and a reputation," Bowman said. The council communicates regularly with various site-selection consultants. **■ Funding:** In addition to U.S. Department of Energy dollars, the council has about 75 investors. "We're looking to increase that to about 150 in the next year," Bowman said. **■ The council gets more private sector than public funding,** though Bowman couldn't specify the ratio. Investors include mostly businesses; some institutions, such as hospitals, colleges and universities; and some - but not all - municipalities in the area. Municipalities can choose whether to contribute, but the council treats them all the same. **■ Cooperation:** The council has umbrella responsibility in the region, but other smaller entities have narrower geographic scope. In cities with their own economic-development programs, some of those groups are public, some are private and some are tied to a chamber of commerce. **■ Budget and staff:** The council has an annual budget of \$200,000 - a number that has been pretty stable from the beginning - and, when it finishes making changes, will have six full-time employees. **■ Governing board:** With about 26 members, the board includes business leaders from both large and small companies, elected officials and presidents of the contributing institutions. "To be a board member, you have to be an investor," Bowman said. **■ Recent success:** A new Center Partners call center, growing over the past three years, has 350 job positions with more planned in Idaho Falls. The council's extensive role included selling the company on the community's merits, searching for a site, issuing a loan and helping round up grants, coordinating all the company's funding sources - including private financing - helping analyze the labor market and coordinating the hiring process. **■ The record:** From 1995 until now, the council has helped create almost 2,500 jobs and attract and retain in excess of \$50 million in companies' own investment.

Source: Jim Bowman, director of business development

other four counties Lockwood Greene pinpointed - plus Blaine and Camanche counties. CSI has responsibility to those two as well. Meanwhile, Meyerhoeffer has asked some folks in the economic-development field about successful models for the kind of enterprise Magic Valley is contemplating, and he has unofficially inquired about job candidates. He plans more research into economic development opportunities. **■ The future governing board in Jerome and Twin Falls will have some decisions to make. For example:** How much time should be spent on recruitment of new employees, and how much on retention and expansion of existing ones? **■ Bannock Development Corp.,** whose director met with local for a few hours last week, spends two-thirds of its attention on retention and expansion. "I don't know if that fits the model for us or not," Meyerhoeffer said. Meanwhile, some folks are pushing for more help from the state. **■ Idaho's Task Force on Rural Development** last week told the governor it recommends providing state funding for local economic-development staff, matched by private and local interests. **■ And the Twin Falls Area**

Chamber of Commerce is asking members whether it should put the 2001 Legislature for creation of an ongoing general fund expenditure, administered through the Idaho Department of Commerce, to make \$50,000 available in each economic region to help shift rural communities from resource-based to other economies. A completely different kind of help could be in the offing for the Jerome-Twin Falls joint effort. "A handful of economic-development leaders from all over the state met in eastern Idaho at the end of last week to discuss establishing a statewide economic-development association," said Jim Bowman, director of business development for the Eastern Idaho Economic Development Council. The professionals' group, he said, would exchange ideas, support Commerce Department requests for money from the Legislature, initiate programs that would benefit community and economic development, take stands on state and federal legislation, mentor smaller economic-development entities, provide continuing education and fill a social function. Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242, or by e-mail at virginia@magicalvalley.com

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by Craig Smith

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Army Corps of Engineers: Agency of unchecked clout

The Washington Post

EAST PRAIRIE, Mo. — The developer of a huge project to control flooding in Missouri's soggy southeastern boot-heel expects to drain 36,000 acres of wetlands along the Mississippi River. That's almost enough wetlands to cover the District of Columbia — and nearly twice as many as all of America's developers were permitted to touch last year.

The developer plans to plug a quarter-mile gap in an earthen levee to lock the river into its channel, then build two giant pumps to get rid of rain. But while the \$65 million venture is being promoted as an economic lifeline for water-weary East Prairie, the developer's fine print suggests this farm town will flood almost as often after it's built.

The consensus in the Clinton administration is that this megaproject must be stopped. "An environmental debacle," said a White House aide. "Absolutely ridiculous," scoffs Bill Harwig, a regional Fish and Wildlife Service director. "A crazy idea," agrees James Lee Witt, head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. "Probably the dumbest project around," says a top Environmental Protection Agency official.

The Army Corps of Engineers is part of the Clinton administration, too. It is a public works agency in the Pentagon chain of

command, reporting to a assistant Army secretary. It is also an environmental agency, legally responsible for protecting the nation's dwindling wetlands — ecologically sensitive areas ranging from seasonally flooded farmland to year-round swamps. But the Corps has a different take on St. John's Bayou-New Madrid Floodway Project.

It's the developer. And in many ways, this parish of a project is par for the Corps, one of the oldest, largest and most unusual agencies in the federal government. It is an executive branch bureaucracy that takes marching orders from Congress, a military-run organization with an overwhelmingly civilian work force, an environmental regulator despised by environmentalists. The Corps has \$62 billion worth of civil works projects underway — three times the federal spending on cancer research over the last decade. It has about 35,000 employees — more than the Energy, Labor and Education departments put together.

A Washington Post review of Corps activities across the nation, supported by more than 1,000 interviews and tens of thousands of pages of documents, found that the agency is converting its strong congressional relationships into billions of dollars' worth of taxpayer-funded water projects, many with significant environmental costs and minimal economic benefits.

Members of Congress authorize

the projects to steer federal money to their districts, and the Corps often justifies them with questionable technical studies. This pro-construction mentality has been fueled by Corps commanders, who have launched an agency-wide campaign to "seek growth opportunities," internal memos show. The result is a fragmented national network of canalized rivers and deepened ports, cobbled together by log-rolling and deal-cutting by individual lawmakers, instead of comprehensive planning by federal officials.

The East Prairie plan has the hallmarks of many of the Corps projects reviewed by The Washington Post. It has fierce support from local residents as well as a fervent congressional advocate, Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, R-Mo. The Corps justified it with a distorted cost-benefit analysis — the assumptions included a 2.5 percent interest rate that dates back to the Eisenhower administration — and deflected strong objections from environmental agencies.

The bulk of the project's benefits will flow to a few well-connected local farmers, but the federal rules that would have forced them to help pay for it were waived in Washington. And despite the administration's outrage, the project may soon become a reality.

Corps commanders refused scores of interview requests, under orders from Gen. Joe

Ballard, the agency's recently retired chief engineer. But in written responses to questions from The Washington Post, and in their public statements, they have called the Corps a model of public service, firmly committed to promoting economic development, newly dedicated to conserving ecosystems and federal funds as well. They describe the Corps as an apolitical military organization, simply following orders produced by the democratic process.

Earlier this year — after a whistle-blower charged that Corps officials had manipulated an economic study to justify billion-dollar lock expansions on the Mississippi River, and after leaked documents showed that senior commanders had drawn up a "Project Growth Initiative" to boost the agency's budget and expand its missions — Ballard angrily told a Senate subcommittee that the Corps is not a "rogue agency."

"I am confident that the Army Corps of Engineers is pursuing its mission with the utmost professionalism and integrity and will continue to serve this nation well," he said.

Almost all modern presidents have clashed with the Corps — and the Corps has usually won. Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Johnson and Nixon all considered reforms that went nowhere. In 1977, President Carter tried to kill a "hit list" of 19 water projects, removal of the Corps or, if failed, but permanently damaged

his relationship with Congress. In 1986, President Reagan did force Congress to make local communities pay more for Corps projects, but only in exchange for a costly new round of projects. This spring, President Clinton's Army secretary, Louis Caldera, tried to reaffirm executive branch control of the Corps, only to withdraw his proposed reforms a week later after a Capitol Hill backlash.

Now another intense battle is raging over the Corps — over who should control the agency, whether it should grow or shrink and how much it should shift its focus from construction projects that degrade the environment to restoration projects that clean up old damage. It may not be the sexiest of Beltway brawls, but it will have a dramatic effect on America.

Corps levees and floodwalls protect millions of homes, farms and businesses. Its coastal ports and barge channels carry 2 billion tons of freight annually. Its dams generate one-fourth of America's hydroelectric power. Its water recreation sites attract more visitors than the National Park Service. Its land holdings would cover Vermont and New Hampshire.

But the Corps may have its greatest impact on nature. It quietly presides over many of the nation's hottest environmental issues, from oil drilling on Alaska's North Slope to dam removal on the Snake River to water wars on the Missouri River

to restoration of Florida's Everglades. It is in the thick of furors over endangered species, endangered rivers, ocean dumping, beach erosion, agricultural pollution, floodplain sprawl. It cleans up industrial and nuclear waste. In its regulatory role, it approves thousands of private projects that destroy modest amounts of wetlands; in its construction role, it is pushing several public projects that could destroy huge amounts of wetlands. So the future direction of the Corps will help determine the future health of America's environment.

To conservationists, that is not a comforting thought. They lack the Corps as a dredge-and-destroy agency that builds massive dams, dikes and levees, domesticating wild rivers into straight and narrow barge channels. Its leaders have a "greener" organization, but they still battle traditional environmental agencies on almost every major issue. To many environmentalists, the Corps is still Public Enemy Number One, and almost all of its major projects are still greeted with environmental lawsuits.

"The Corps still doesn't get it," said Harwig, whose Fish and Wildlife regional office is fighting the project in East Prairie. "They still think they can defeat Mother Nature with engineering. They talk about the environment, but they don't really believe in it."

Beaufort Sea project sheds light on Corps' relationship with big oil

The Washington Post

PRUDHOE BAY, Alaska — This spring, the world learned about an obscure oil project called Northstar.

First Greenpeace activists camped out on the frozen Beaufort Sea to protest BP Amoco's plan to connect a five-acre artificial island to the Arctic's first-ever subsea pipeline. Then protesters dressed as polar bears crashed a BP Amoco meeting in London, and 13 percent of the firm's shareholders voted to abandon the project. Today, Northstar has become an international lightning rod for critics of offshore drilling, who warn that it will harm endangered birds, whales and other wildlife, and that BP has no adequate response plan for a major spill here.

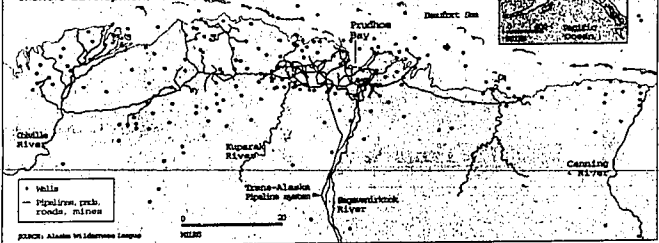
In the spring of 1999, though, when BP Amoco was desperate to start building — and the Army Corps of Engineers was anxious to get them started — hardly anyone was paying attention to Northstar. The field is less than 2 percent the size of Prudhoe Bay, enough to fuel U.S. consumption for just nine days. But hundreds of internal Corps e-mails from that crucial period in the permit process provide a vivid example of the Alaska District's relationship with the oil industry.

The correspondence shows that Jahn and other Corps officials, under pressure from Alaska's ever-present congressional triumvirate, fought as hard as they could to accelerate the process, hoping to issue BP Amoco a permit in time for the 1999 construction season. In the end, environmental concerns raised by the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service caused enough delay to force BP Amoco to postpone construction until 2000. But, as Jahn wrote in a May 1999 e-mail: "We tried!"

"We thought the Corps did a very good job with the permitting process," said BP Amoco spokesman Ronnie Chappell. "Our only concern was that it dragged on for as long as it did." If the heat is always on Corps regulators in Alaska, the tempera-

Oil Development 1968 to 1999

The Corps has granted about 1,100 permits for oil activities on Alaska's North Slope. But it has never measured the impact the onshore development has had on the environment.



ture rises when oil is involved. The oil industry, after all, is more than Alaska's economic engine; it's practically the whole vehicle. Oil money funds three-quarters of the state budget. It supports a \$28 billion endowment that sent every Alaskan a \$1,769.84 check last year. It builds schools, roads and hospitals in isolated and impoverished Native Alaska villages. The rest of the nation also benefits from North Slope drilling: America now imports more than half its oil, so more domestic production can mean less dependence on foreign cartels, and somewhat lower prices at the pump.

Washington politicians benefit from Alaskan oil, too: Petroleum interests contributed nearly \$100 million to federal candidates over the last decade. Rep. Don Young is the House's top recipient of oil money, and Sens. Frank Murkowski and Ted Stevens drill the industry's cash reservoirs as well.

The Alaska District set the tone for its approach to oil in 1972, when Congress passed the Clean Water Act, and the Corps simply refused to apply the law to the North Slope. In 1979, to avoid a lawsuit, the Corps finally

required oil companies to seek wetland-fill permits on the Slope. But it never denied a major permit until a decade later, when Robert Oja — then the Corps' Alaska District regulatory chief — tried to stop BP Amoco from building a gravel causeway into the Beaufort Sea. That denial was rescinded by Corps officials in Washington, after meetings with angry oil executives and the Alaska delegation.

In May 1990, Oja was the star witness at a congressional hearing on "The Manipulation of Science Affecting Oil and Gas Development in Alaska," testifying that the oil industry had systematically and successfully lobbied its self-interests at the expense of the public trust.

Less than a decade later, Alaska District commander Col. Sheldon Jahn was holding private meetings about Northstar with impatient BP Amoco officials, then ordering his regulators to pick up the pace.

By early spring this year there was still a major dispute lingering over project design. BP Amoco wanted to run its pipeline beneath a sensitive lagoon — and the state of Alaska, the Minerals

Management Service and the local Native Alaskan borough supported its plan. But Corps regulators had agreed with the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Marine Fisheries Service on a different "environmentally preferred alternative," concluding it would be safer to avoid the lagoon altogether. The decision was up to Jahn, but the other agencies would have a right to appeal his decision to Corps headquarters.

On March 18, Gen. Carl Stock, Jahn's boss, warned Gen. Russell Fuhrman, then the deputy commander of the Corps, that Fish and Wildlife was threatening to appeal to Corps headquarters if Jahn chose the BP Amoco plan. "This is a big deal because virtually any delay at this point will result in loss of a year to BP's schedule," Stock wrote. That same day, the Alaska delegation sent a letter to Jahn urging support for the BP Amoco plan. The delegation repeated its arguments in a meeting with Stock, commander of the Pacific Ocean Division.

On March 30, Jahn chose BP Amoco's plan. "Although there is currently no indication of reper-

cussions, the cooperating federal regulatory agencies in this process could eventually claim credit," he concluded. Jahn, who recently transferred to an Army base in Alabama, "I have pushed our original agreed-upon process much faster than anyone ever imagined or believed possible, and now the pundits could come in and complain that they were not allowed "due process" as was originally agreed to."

A week later, when Fish and Wildlife did appeal Jahn's decision, BP Amoco announced that it was postponing construction at Northstar. Jahn e-mailed headquarters: "My recommendation is that we now fall back to a "due process" approach."

"My team has been working under a lot of pressure up here (from me) to try and get a (permit) for the applicant this year, and now the pundits could come in and complain that they were not allowed "due process" as was originally agreed to."

In any case, now that "due process" had been reinstated, Fish and Wildlife pinned its hopes on its 19-page appeal, even

though the Corps almost never reverses its decision.

Still, Gary Frazer, the Fish and Wildlife Service's assistant director for ecological services, held out hope. His agency was legally the Corps' biological consultant on the Northstar project, and EPA and the National Marine Fisheries Service had threatened to appeal the BP Amoco plan as well. The Corps' own documents had estimated a disturbing 31 percent to 42 percent chance of a spill under the plan, after a draft report suggested a stunning 25 percent chance.

Three weeks later, the service was 0-for-18. Fuhrman recommended that assistant Army secretary Joseph Westphal, who oversees the Corps, should deny the request for review, and Westphal did so with a brief, no-thank-you letter, never explaining why he disagreed with the Service. The Alaska congressional delegation immediately released a joint press release congratulating the Corps. Dr. Westphal clearly saw that the Corps Alaska Region did a great job in their review," Stevens said in the statement.

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Along the Snake, it's a battle over values

The Washington Post

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — Phil Bengé says the Army Corps of Engineers is "obviously biased" against breaching the high-profile dams on the Snake River. John Loomis believes the Corps brass has "no appreciation" for the potential of a free-flowing Snake. They both think the agency's draft economic study of the Snake dramatically underestimated the recreational benefits of a free-flowing Snake. And they both agree that had a lot to do with political meddling.

Critics second-guess Corps studies all the time, but not critics like these. Bengé, a Corps recreation officer, and Loomis, a former Corps engineer, led the agency's recreation team on the Snake study. Loomis, a Colorado State University economist, is the Corps' chief economist doing the team's technical work. Now they both believe that Corps officials — and the president — are manipulating the study to misrepresent the team's results.

"I really thought to be a different kind of study for the Corps," said Bengé, a 40-year veteran of the Corps. "It tears me up that it got hung up in politics."

Loomis ultimately calculated a range for the recreation benefits of breaching the dams between \$70 million and \$416 million. Instead, after a series of Corps officials insisted that the benefits could not possibly be that high, the agency came up with its own "middle value" of \$82 million.

"It was a classic case of best professional practices saying one thing, and our fearless military leaders caving in to politicians and doing something else," Loomis said.

The Corps built the dams in the 1960s and 1970s and continues to manage them for hydropower and navigation, and to carry salmon around them in barges. Now it is supposed to be the honest broker in this debate, arbitrating the costs and benefits of the various options.

Advocates of the dams are furious that even though the Corps concluded in its draft last December that breaching the dams would cost \$245 million a year, the Clinton administration ordered the agency not to recommend any course of action. Activists are furious about the five-year study's initial conclusions, arguing that the Corps biased its analysis against dam-breaching through a series of questionable economic assumptions. The experience of the recreation team, they say, was typical of the entire study.

For example, even though the Environmental Protection Agency has found the Snake dams in violation of the Clean Water Act, the study ignored the potential costs of compliance if the dams remain. It also ignored the potential costs of salmon eradication, especially the costs to Indian tribes. The Corps acknowledged that its estimate for dam-breaching irrigation losses was "an overstatement of the economic effects," but used it anyway.

Bengé, a 50-year-old former park ranger from San Diego, has never felt comfortable among the gun-ho engineers of the Corps. He's a nature guy; they're more construction types. But he was excited about the Snake recreation team and his bosses were

saying all the right things about openness and objectivity.

The team's problems began in 1998, when Loomis was preparing a survey to try to gauge how many Americans would want to visit an undammed Snake. First, Gorton delivered a speech on the Senate floor lambasting the team's plans to include a \$2 bill with every survey to encourage responses. Those plans were promptly scrapped. But Gorton, a member of the Appropriations Committee, kept complaining to top Corps officials about bias in the survey, until the agency finally agreed to eliminate all of its questions about "existence values."

Existence values are designed to measure the worth of a free-flowing river to people who might not even use it. They are common in studies like this. Gorton himself believes that given the psychic importance of salmon to the Northwest, cost-benefit analysis might have justified breaching the Snake dams. He had estimated benefits anywhere from \$2.9 billion — unscientific guesses, but that's why he wanted to ask questions.

Gorton didn't want to find out anything that might hurt his cause, and the generals didn't want to say no to him," Loomis said. "I guess they were afraid he'd cut their budget."

In a statement, the Corps said it recognized existence values as a "valuable component" of the study, but concluded that a survey of existence values would be unnecessary.

Gorton did not return several calls for comment, although an aide sent along language that Gorton asserted during that "the committee expects the Corps to work objectively in assessing the true impacts in assessing the true impacts of our dam removal."

Bruce Lovellin, the top advocate for the dams, said Gorton was right to attack the inner workings of the study. "Come on: I think existence values are valid, but those numbers were ridiculous," said Lovellin, director of the Columbia River Alliance, a coalition of industry groups.

The team clashed with Bengé's bosses over more tangible values, too. For example, the team's e-mail traffic confirms that a series of Corps officials didn't believe that transforming the Snake from a series of slack-water pools into a free-flowing river would attract many visitors. When the survey suggested that many Californians and other westerners would come to the river to fish or raft or canoe, several e-mails described the results as "lousy."

"The Corps doesn't believe in the economics of recreation," Bengé recalled. "It still gets stepchild status."

There is no way to know exactly what will happen to the Northwest economy, whether the dams stay or go. Gorton commissioned the General Accounting Office to investigate whether the Corps underestimated the costs of dam-breaching, and it recently agreed with him that the agency's analyses of transportation costs and air quality impacts were incomplete. Lovellin says that inevitably, the economics of Corps studies are in the eyes of the beholder.

"The truth is, this has been a political process from Day One," Lovellin said. "Everyone has biases, and that's not going to change. We're all like ships passing in the night."

"I really thought this was going to be a different kind of study for the Corps. It tears me up that it got hung up in politics."

— Phil Bengé, Army Corps of Engineers

In Montana: Rocks, rights and the riverbank

The Washington Post

LIVINGSTON, Mont. — It was no big deal when a few ranchers ripped their land along the Yellowstone River, scattering boulders along the banks to prevent erosion. It was no big deal when the Corps of Engineers, a railroad and a host of other landowners, the upper stretches of the West's longest free-flowing river are starting to look like channelized rock piles.

And now a federal judge has ordered the Army Corps of Engineers to start paying attention.

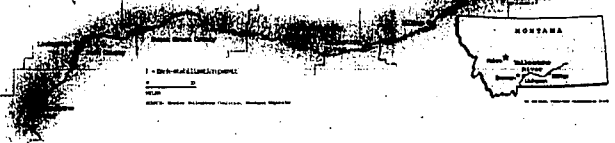
The agency's regulators had been handing out bank stabilization permits to anyone who asked, signing off on every one with a "Finding of No Significant Impact." The Corps never studied the contractor's oral effect on the river's health, ignoring appeals from other federal agencies.

In May, U.S. District Judge Jack Shustrom ruled that the Corps had fallen "far short" of its legal duty to analyze the cumulative impacts of individual projects. The Yellowstone may never see the same.

The judge's criticism could have national implications as well. From oil projects on Alaska's North Slope to agricultural drainage in the Mississippi River Valley to resort development in the Florida Keys, Corps regulators have often analyzed wetland-fill permits in isolation, despite federal laws requiring consideration of the cumulative impact. Now the Corps has been officially reminded that too many big-deal projects can become a big deal that they can nick-

Permits Granted Along the Yellowstone

A federal judge has ordered the Corps to consider the cumulative effect of the bank-stabilization permits on the otherwise pristine Yellowstone River.



and-dime an ecosystem to death.

The Yellowstone is still one of the West's best-preserved rivers, and one of the few without a dam. It is home to bald eagles and a world-famous trout fishery; it provided the backdrop for some of the fly-fishing scenes in "A River Runs Through It." But here in the Paradise Valley, the reach of river between Livingston and Yellowstone National Park, rocks, bars, jets, weirs and dikes now line the banks. In Park County, the Corps issued 38 bank stabilization permits in the two decades before 1996, when a heavy Yellowstone flood tore away chunks of valuable riverbank land. It approved 82 projects in the next three years.

The Corps regulators occasionally mentioned cumulative impacts in their permit approvals, but it was usually to admit the deficiency of their analyses. "It is not known whether these projects are having an adverse cumulative effect," one permit acknowledged.

Riprap projects do stop land from washing into the river. But they can also disturb aquatic habitats and increase erosion downstream by deflecting and

accelerating the river, skewing the natural food chain while creating demand for even more projects. So the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Environmental Protection Agency have repeatedly urged the Corps to study their cumulative impacts on the Yellowstone. In fact, from 1996 through 1998, the service's Montana office wrote 82 official letters to the Corps expressing serious concerns about bank stabilization projects; the Corps never responded. Still, in letters and memos, even some Corps regulators said the projects may be contributing to "increased erosion, flooding and riparian habitat degradation."

So far, it's not clear whether they are. Sen. Max Baucus (Mont.), the ranking Democrat on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, recently stashed \$1.15 million into a budget bill for a broader federal study.

But Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., and Rep. Rick Hill, R-Mont., have taken the side of

property owners along the Yellowstone, who argue that they have the right to riprap their own land, and that the river and its fish are doing just fine.

Green groups respond that man has been killing Montana's great rivers, and that the Yellowstone is almost all Mother Nature has left. To the east, the Missouri is caged behind dams. To the west, the Bitterroot is becoming a tunnel of rock and concrete, with riprap protecting landowners ranging from rocker Huey Lewis to moneyman Charles Schwab.

"Now we'll see if the Corps is even capable of following the law," said Bruce Farling, the director of Montana Trout Unlimited, the lead plaintiff in the federal lawsuit.

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Writers recount thrill of working for Rolling Stone magazine

The Baltimore Sun

Back in 1972, the group Dr. Hook spoke for countless musicians when it sang about what a thrill it would be "to see my smiling face/On the cover of the Rolling Stone."

But there were also those whose dream was to see the story they wrote on the cover of Rolling Stone. These were kids who read Rolling Stone in high school and college, who used its profiles and reviews to stoke their own knowledge and enthusiasm, and who revered the writers almost as much as they did the stars.

It's not the most common rock 'n' roll dream, but it's the one at the heart of director Cameron Crowe's new film, "Almost Famous." Largely based on his own experiences as a teen-age writer for America's most famous music magazine, the film not only shows what it was like to be behind the scenes in the age of Fleetwood Mac and Led Zeppelin, but offers a hard look at the difficulties involved in walking the line between fandom and journalism.

The fact that the film's central character, like Crowe himself, entered this world at the tender age of 15 may make the world of "Almost Famous" seem slightly fantastic. After all, most writers who do get published in Rolling Stone don't start until they're well into their 20s.

So what's the chance to see your name as a byline in Rolling Stone?



Actor Billy Crudup, left, and writer/director Cameron Crowe take a break between scenes on the set of Crowe's semi-autobiographical film, "Almost Famous," a DreamWorks Pictures release which opened Sept. 15.

"When my first piece ran, I thought I was famous," says Anthony DeCurtis, a Rolling Stone contributing editor who had his first byline in the magazine in 1990.

"I really thought that everybody who wrote for Rolling Stone

was famous, and that people would be stopping me on the street," he says. "I mean, it made no sense - I don't know how they were even supposed to know who I was. But that's what it felt like. It was like I'd made it.

"But that certainly proved not

to be the case for some time."

When DeCurtis started writing for the magazine, he was 29 and living in Atlanta. At the time, the E-S's were one of the hottest new acts in the country, and the quintet - which originally hailed from Athens, Ga. - was about to give its

first concert in Georgia in over a year.

Thinking the event newsworthy, DeCurtis pitched the idea in a letter to then-Rolling Stone editor Jim Henke. "One afternoon, the phone rang," recalls DeCurtis. "It was Jim Henke. He says, 'Look, I have no idea who you are

or what your work is like. But why don't you review the show? And if it's good, we'll run it.' So that was how I got my first assignment."

Not only did the piece run, but DeCurtis quickly scored several more assignments. "This created this very false sense of confidence on my part," he says. "Well, gee, this is kind of easy! And I was quickly disabused of that notion. I was assigned a piece on the Athens scene, which was the first long piece I wrote."

Although the editors said they liked the story, it never ran. "I essentially didn't hear from them after that for another two or three years," says DeCurtis. Eventually, though, his persistence paid off after a couple years of free-lancing; he was hired by the magazine in 1986, and was a senior editor when he left in 1995.

Not every writer sees making it into the pages of Rolling Stone as a ticket to stardom, but nearly all see it as a turning point in their careers. Elysa Gardner, currently a music and theater critic at USA

Today, says that when she first saw her byline in Rolling Stone in 1991, she simply sat and stared at the page in disbelief. "I was incredulous," she says. "I had grown up reading the magazine. It was, to me, unbelievable that I would have my name in there."

Although Gardner was only a few years out of college when she scored her first Rolling Stone assignment, she had already been published elsewhere and was working as an assistant to the music editor at Entertainment Weekly.

Even so, she says, "It was a big deal. My friends were extremely impressed. I had just moved into my first apartment, and had a little housewarming party for myself. One of my friends led a toast for me, but instead of saying, 'Here's to Elysa's new apartment,' they said, 'Here's to Elysa's first article in Rolling Stone.'"

It may not seem so prestigious to have started off reviewing an album nobody remembers, but that's typical of the way things work at Rolling Stone.

"The thing that a lot of writers don't really get is, you don't just call up and get to review the new Stones album. Doesn't happen," says David Fricke, a senior editor at the magazine who picked up his first byline there in 1977, when he was in his early 20s.

Soul legend helps woman get to church

WICHITA, Kan. - Maria Terrones says she has the godfather of soul to thank for getting her to the church on time.

"The Lord blessed me through James Brown," she said. Terrones told her niece, who works for the rhythm and blues veteran, that she couldn't go to church because her car wouldn't start.

Brown overheard Wednesday's conversation and quickly got on the phone. The following day, Terrones was the proud owner of a luxury sedan, courtesy of Brown.

"I can't believe it," she said. "I'm driving a Lincoln."

Famous author says there is no magic formula

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Toni Morrison says she doesn't believe in a magic formula for successful writing.

"There is (none), or we would have bottled it and every book would be a bestseller or very, very good," she told a crowd at Purdue University on Thursday. "Creative people know instantly, or at least very quickly, what is best for them."

Morrison won the Pulitzer Prize in 1988 for "Beloved," a story of an escaped slave who tries to kill her children rather than have them returned to bondage. She also won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1993.

Morrison said she often begins a book not knowing what the beginning will be, but she always has an end in sight.

"Writers seem to like chaos in their lives," she said. "They were created to have this place in the center that is peaceful, though they create chaos in their writing."

Actors, directors receive award for efforts in diversity

LOS ANGELES - A diverse group of actors and directors, including Jimmy Smits, Billy Dee Williams and James Coburn, are being honored for their efforts to bring diversity to film and television.

Nine people will be honored at the eighth annual Multicultural Motion Picture Awards ceremony on Oct. 23 in Beverly Hills.

The others are actors Halle Berry, Omar Epps, Diane Ladd and Greg Kinnear and directors Todd Solondz and Miguel Arteta. Williams, the guest star from the "Star Wars" series, is being given the organization's lifetime achievement award.

"These honorees bring with them a vast array of talent, diverse perspectives and symbolize all that is right in this industry," MMFPA President Jarvee Hutcherson said.

The MMFPA is a group of cinematographers, writers, directors and actors devoted to broadening the industry by promoting diversity and providing opportunity for aspiring filmmakers.

People in the news

Conductor swings baton to Duke Ellington

NEW YORK - Sir Simon Rattle knows a thing or two about swing.

The future artistic director of the Berlin Philharmonic said he recently heard a version of a Duke Ellington classic which was desperately lacking.

"One of the joys of being a parent is going to school concerts," he told Carnegie Hall audience Thursday night. "But when they did 'It Doesn't Mean a Thing if It Doesn't Have That Swing,' I found it a serious example of missing the point."

He then proceeded to conduct New York's Orchestra of St. Luke's in a rollicking version of Ellington's "It Don't Mean a Thing if It Ain't Got That Swing."

Jerry Springer considers running for office again

CINCINNATI - Jerry Springer still has a hankering for politics, but acknowledges that his light-filled television talk show might cost him votes if he runs for office again.

"The Jerry Springer Show" may have permanently tainted him in the eyes of some voters, Springer said after a speech Thursday at the Ohio AFL-CIO's convention.

"If people focus on the show, the answer is no. If they focused on issues, then maybe," he said.

The former Cincinnati mayor and 1992 candidate for the governor's job said he might give politics another try.

Oscar-winner recovers from viral infection

LOS ANGELES - "Sling Blade" Oscar-winner Billy Bob Thornton is recuperating at home after being treated at a hospital for a viral infection.

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A copy of the proposed budget as determined by the Board of Commissioners is available for public inspection at the Three Creek Highway District Office and will remain available until the special meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Three Creek Highway District Office, Rogerson, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming year.

This budget hearing is called pursuant to Section 33-801, Idaho Code as amended. Michael J. Rutling, C.P.A. Clerk
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November 7, 2000

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The polls for the reception of ballots cast at said election will be opened at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p.m. and remain open until the hour of 7:00 p.m., of the same day.

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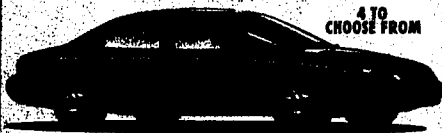
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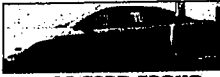
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Bureaucracy's no accident; it's an art form

Who are you - and can you prove it? That's the question my 14-year-old son was forced to contemplate when he tried to obtain an ID card to use until he is old enough for a driver's license. It's a troubling question. If you are asked it often enough, you start wondering if you do know who you are.

Sort of like that boy I dated in college who dropped out of school to go to Colorado and find himself. I suppose he was there, because he never came back. Unlike him, I thought I knew who I was, and I felt sure I wouldn't be in Colorado if I went there looking for me.

But I hadn't tried to obtain a check-cashing ID. My son's story began with a simple visit to the bank, where he opened a checking account with money from his part-time job. That was surprisingly easy.

I once heard a woman on TV say that she had all sorts of trouble opening a new bank account. "They wanted to know my mother's maiden name," she said. "I was giving them MY money - I want to know the bank president's mother's maiden name."

At our bank, it wasn't like that at all. They were happy to take our money. "All you have to do now is go to the driver's license bureau and get an ID card," the bank manager said, which turned out to be an understatement on the level of, "Giving birth is not much more painful than getting a tetanus shot."

My first visit to the bureau resulted in a long wait in line and a list of instructions. We needed to return with stuff like proof of residency, proof of employment, a certified birth certificate, a Social Security number, some money and a photo ID - which, of course, was what we were trying to obtain in the first place.

The instruction list said a current identification card "can possibly be used" to apply for a first-time identification card, which I never did understand. The bureau clerk, who was kind and polite, explained that an original birth certificate would not be accepted, but a "certified" one would.

No problem. I had written to Ohio for my son's birth certificate several times for sports tournaments, and all they say "certified" right on the front.

No problem, indeed. On the next trip to the bureau, we were told that our certified birth certificates were not acceptable because they were obtained from the city where my son was born - Middletown, Ohio - instead of from Columbus, Ohio. Where, then, did the form say to get a copy of your identification when you are applying?

Here we go again. The bureau clerk told us the state application forms are often outdated and we should call the office in Ohio before sending our money. When I tried this, I got an answering machine saying no one was there. I was, however, allowed to pay for the long distance phone call.

I went ahead and sent the form and the \$7 fee - on July 1. On Aug. 11, I received a torn fragment of paper reading, "Effective Jan. 25, the fee for a certified copy was increased to \$9. We regret the inconvenience this has caused."

Not enough to pay for the envelopes and stamps for a few weeks before we received the birth certificate, which looks suspiciously like the ones I already had. By the time the whole process was complete, my son had turned 15. As far as I can tell, the legal process of applying for a youth ID card is designed to make teenagers irrevocably cynical about government bureaucracy before they are even old enough to vote. Maybe it was designed by someone who has teenagers and is looking for a way to retaliate.

I just have one question: What in the world is it going to be like when it comes time for my son to apply for his driver's license?

No, don't tell me. I really don't want to know.

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

GROWING UP IN OVERDRIVE



Josh Northrup, 16, a junior at Wendell High School, burns a field at Frank Veestra's No. 3 Dairy near Hagerman Wednesday afternoon. Northrup works more than 40 hours, six days a week and attends high school.

Teen-agers are losing sleep, and that worries some adults

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

FILED - It's 10:30 p.m. on a Tuesday in September, and Brad Dochstader is just settling in for a night of homework.

It'll be a short night; morning's at 7. "It's tough," said Brad, a 17-year-old Eiler High School senior. "Yeah, I'm sleepy sometimes, sometimes it's hard to stay awake. But I want to work and I want to play football."

Brad, a lineman on the Eiler High football team who works part-time for a Twin Falls distributing company, is becoming increasingly typical of high school students in America.

He's losing sleep in order to chase his dreams. "It's brutal for a lot of kids," said Twin Falls High School psychology teacher Mike Federico.

"Sometimes I wonder why they're in such a hurry to grow up."

Federico's developmental psychology class surveyed 987 TFHS students last year - sophomores, juniors and seniors - and found that 59% had after-school commitments.

"People need a certain amount of sleep, and a lot of kids just aren't getting it," said Dr. Ben Katz, a retired Twin Falls pediatrician. "Whether you're an adult or a child, if you don't get enough sleep you'll pay a price one way or another, and for kids it often shows up in an impaired ability to learn."

Missing sleep affects long-term memory and concentration. Lectures heard and materials read are quickly forgotten, and a youngster's shortchanged of sleep can be downright irritable.

"Sleep is probably the most

important period of the day for processing new information," Bruce D. Perry, a child-psychiatrist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, told the Orlando, Fla., Sentinel.

"Children have many new concepts to learn in school. A good night's sleep not only lets them process what they learned but also helps them be alert in class."

And class is often the time when sleepiness catches up with adolescents. "I used to fall asleep (once in a while) in class last year, but I haven't this year," said Jeannet Miller, a high-achieving 17-year-old senior at Twin Falls High. "Have I thought about slowing down? I haven't had time to think about it."

Besides class, Jeannet has an after-school clerical job in a law office and she both teaches and

takes music and voice lessons - including occasional lessons in Boise.

She's also active in her church and is involved with other activities. "I'm able to get a lot of my homework done at school," she said. "Sunday I don't do much but go to church, and I get a chance to relax a little on Saturdays. BUT I have to keep myself organized and I don't have time to procrastinate."

Jeannet is saving her money for college; many other busy high school students are buying cars.

"The rule at our house is that work is fine as long as the grades hold up," said Mary VanHoozer, mother of a Wendell High School junior who works 40 hours a week at a Hagerman dairy. "But there are some days

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And when they're younger...

To help a younger child's learning potential to full potency, some bedtime do's and don'ts:

- Maintain a regular bedtime and wake-up time for your child.
- Don't serve chocolate, tea, or sodas containing caffeine from late afternoon on.
- Use the bedroom only for sleeping. Watch the boob tube and do homework in other rooms.
- Keep your child's bedroom cool, quiet, and dark and make sure the mattress is comfortable and supportive.
- Give your child a light snack before going to bed.
- Keep your child away from bright lights before bedtime.

- Source: Orlando, Fla., Sentinel

Want your kids to slow down? Parents first

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - It has become many a parent's mantra, a near-unanimous whine of the affluent who multitask: We are too busy.

We aggressively pursue all the activities we think will bring us and/or families happiness. Empowered by cell phones and Palm Pilots, we can drive our daughter to a travel-team soccer match two hours away, reassure our boss we will meet our 6 p.m. deadline and confirm our doctor's appointment, all at once. So why aren't we satisfied?

Two new books suggest why. In the midst of all this running,

their authors say, we haven't stopped long enough to figure out what things are truly important to us and how we can enjoy more of those things. As Katrina Kenison writes in "Mitten Strings for God: Reflections for Mothers in a Hurry" (Warner Books), "When we race through life, we miss it."

Ominously, we may be short-changing, even damaging, our children as we run, according to Alvin Rosenfeld and Nicole Wise, authors of "Hyper-Parenting: Are You Hurting Your Child by Trying Too Hard?" (St. Martin's Press). "By the age of 18, 20 percent of children have suffered a major

depression," they write. "Close to 8 percent of adolescents have been diagnosed with anxiety disorders. . . . Should our goal be preparing our kids to get into the college of their choice or to live the life of their choice?"

Rosenfeld, a psychiatrist, and Wise, a journalist, are neighbors in Stamford, Conn., a wealthy suburb of Manhattan. They latched the idea of a book after chatting one day about some of the parents they knew who were going to extremes to raise perfect children. "Hyper-Parenting" is filled with examples: The 8-month-old girl whose nanny was instructed to follow a step-by-step video promising to enrich a baby's intel-

lect; the 7-year-old girl whose week was filled with piano lessons, gymnastics, religious school, choir practice, ballet and horseback riding; the 13-year-old boy whose parents took him to a psychiatrist saying that he was too laid-back and needed to be more aggressive in order to succeed.

"Hyper-Parenting" traces the reasons why, in the authors' view, the current generation of parents is so driven. One reason is that we can afford to be. "We are the most well-off, most well-educated generation ever," says Rosenfeld, 54 and father of three. "Older generations had enough to do providing food, adequate housing and decent

schools. Fortunate parents today do not worry so much about physical resources so they've turned their attention to what used to be the domain of children themselves: their hearts and minds.

As well-informed as many of these parents are, they question their ability to parent well, according to Rosenfeld. "This makes them even more hyper. 'We don't trust ourselves, partly because there are all these experts telling us we can't,' he says during an interview. Parents also feel competitive with other parents. 'Who can hear the soft voice of reason in the midst of a stampede?' he asks.

How to beat burglars when no one's home

Whether you plan to be away from home for a few hours or a few weeks, take these precautions to make your home less vulnerable to burglars:

- Make sure all doors and windows are locked. If you have an alarm system, remember to turn it on.
- Ask the Postal Service and newspaper to stop deliveries if you are gone for more than a day, or have a friend or relative collect the mail and newspapers for you.
- Set a timer to turn lights, a

Etc...

TV or radio on and off at times that make it appear someone is home.

- Let police, a relative or a trusted neighbor know the dates you will be gone so they can keep an eye on the house.
- Make a list including serial numbers where applicable of personal belongings for insurance purposes and photograph

or videotape any expensive items such as furniture, electronic equipment, jewelry and art works and store the tape or photos with appraisals and receipts.

- Leave a car in the driveway.
- Store valuables in a fire-proof home safe.
- Install a peep-hole in your door and keep the door locked even when you are home. Keep the garage door closed when you are in the back yard.
- Trim bushes and trees around windows to remove hiding places for burglars. Fill those

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Get stary-eyed at planetarium

Ongoing

TWIN FALLS - The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrert Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho will show the Baxter Black-narrated "Cowboy Astronomer" Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4 p.m. "The Search for Life in the Universe" will be shown Friday and Saturday nights at 7, and "Rusty Rocket's Last Blast" Saturdays at 2 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and children, and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admit-

To do for families

ted, and there are no late admissions to the planetarium after a show has started.

Ongoing

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Creative Arts Center will offer several art classes for children ages 2-12. The following classes will be held through June 1 at the art center, 249 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

- Parent and Child Art For

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FAMILY LIFE

Askmy4Kids.org - The Orange County Register - Family flicks

Speak Out! - UTILITY SHOW-A-RON - 'ROBOTS' COUSE

Askmy4Kids.org - Any answer you're looking for? - The Orange County Register

Forget about taking kids to 'Bait': Adults only

'Almost Famous' (R) - Twin Cinema, Magic Lanterns of Ketchikan. Best for: Mature teens to adults.

An e-mail from a cyber-stepmother

'Love is too strong a word to say it too early, but it has too beautiful a meaning to say it too late.'

Chicken Soup for the Soul - Always on the family, a stepmother longs to experience the bond between mother and child in this story by Judy E. Carter

with the telephone, would enable us to reach them on a daily basis by sending frequent notes and messages, and even chatting together when we were all online.

didn't identify myself, either. After hearing the latest volleyball scores, the details about an upcoming dance at her school and a history project that was in the works, I commented that it was late and that I should get to sleep.

Sleep - Continued from E1 - Although students like Josh Northrup, Jeanett Miller and Brad Dockstaider are working hard, Katz points out that some adolescent sleepiness can be blamed on parental inattention.

school years in overdrive are almost invariably good, goal-oriented highly motivated kids.

Mothers-to-be connect online - The Orlando Sentinel - ORLANDO, Fla. - Michele Bonner was pregnant.

More Websites - Village.com - MSN Women Central - ParentsPlace.com - ParentingPlace.com

Etc. - Continued from E1 - areas with unfriendly plants like cactus or bushes with thorns.

Hide valuables in out-of-the-way places where a burglar might not think to look.

Cats are independent. They don't listen, they don't come when they're called, and they like to stay out all night.

THE BOND - Marty Becker - All-walker gopher gun. 22-caliber well used one day when his wife brought home a kitten.

Offensive language: Yes. Sexual situations: A bedroom scene shows Fox and his girlfriend having sex with lots of violence. These scenes, explosions and a scene that shows a mother and child tied to a van that's about to explode. Although this movie lacks many things, it's entertaining.

'Bait' (R) - Twin Cinema, Sun Valley Opera House. Best for: Adults only. What it's about: A traveling salesman (Paul Giamatti), a father-daughter team (Fruity Lewis and Gwyneth Paltrow), an escaped prisoner (Andre Braugher), a betrayed boyfriend (Cubby Scott Speedman) and a karaoke hostess (Maria Bello) are brought together through unusual circumstances at an Omaha hotel to battle it out in a big-bucks karaoke contest.

Families - Continued from E1 - ages 2-3, 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. Monthly tuition is \$25.

Monthly tuition is \$32. Each class will include creativity in drawing, painting, sculpture design and art history.

This was a special chair. Big, soft, worn-in like a favorite pair of slippers. Most evenings of the man's castle. Most thrones and some weekends the former head of the house could be found slumped on it.

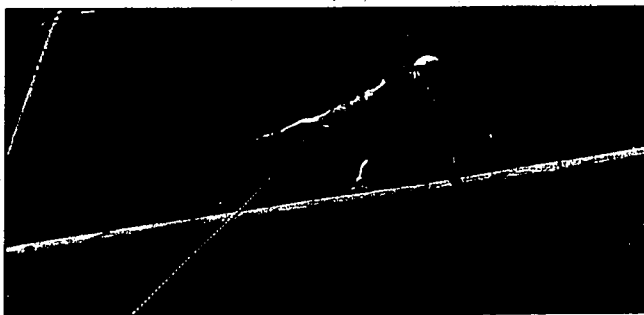
1. Law of cat herding: A cat will remain at rest unless acted upon by some outside force, such as the opening of a can of cat food.

proportion to how dark it is. 11. Law of doors: Cats don't allow closed doors in any way. Once you've opened a door, it's not necessary for them to use it.

COMMUNITY

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On Friday, the Twin Falls City Parks and Recreation Department will offer the Magic Valley Challenge Course for young people off of school during teacher in-service days.

Parks and rec department plans activities for children

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department has planned two activities for children off from school during the upcoming teacher in-service days. On Thursday and Friday, Twin Falls County Public Schools will not be in session. The city recreation department has used this opportunity to offer outdoor recreation to students, representatives say.

invited to share a day hiking the Centennial Trail. The trail winds along the canyon sides under the Perrine Bridge. Hike leader Ron James will talk about the historical and environmental use of the area. There will be discussion on low-impact use of campsites. Participants should bring a sack lunch, plenty of water and good hiking shoes and clothes. The hike is open to participants age 12 years and up. The fee is \$15 per person.

On Friday, the parks and recreation department has scheduled the Magic Valley Challenge Course for registered participants. A day at the course offers the experience of improving relationships, gaining self-confidence and building teamwork skills, organizers say. The challenge course is open to participants ages 10 and up and will cost \$20 per person. For more information or to register, call the parks and recreation office at 736-2265.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Historical society hosts family history program

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Valley Historical Society will host a program designed to help those who want to learn more about their family history at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Hagerman Fossil Bed national Monument Building at 221 N. State in Hagerman.

Do" ideas that will reflect the fall season. Jamie Thietten, 1994 Miss Twin Falls, will perform and Pat Nelson from Cody, Wyo. will speak. The cost is \$7.50. There will be complimentary child care. For more information, make reservations or arrange child care call Stephanie at 837-6682. Reservations should be honored, canceled or used by a friend.

Declo. Anyone with a theater background and who works well with youth is welcome. Those who choose to judge will be paid \$10 per round. The debate judge training will be held at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16 to prepare for invitations and to discuss competition in the spring. A one time \$7.50 fee will pay for both workshops. The debate training will be offered again in the spring with speech judge training. Both classes offer a lecture and open-book test for state certification. For more information, call Cathie Hopper at 324-8137.

Christian Women's Club holds prayer coffee

TWIN FALLS - The Christian Women's Club of Magic Valley Prayer Coffee will be held from 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday at the home of Maryanne Reese.

Jerome Public Library seeks books for book, bake sale

JEROME - The Friends of the Jerome Public Library will present its bi-annual book and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Jerome Public Library's Atrium. For more information or to donate books, call or e-mail Patty Brynner at 324-2676, pat1957@excite.com or call Darlynn Crozier at 324-5499 or Xenia Williams at 324-7613.

Jerome Recreation District takes registrations

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District is taking registrations for youth basketball for 7-9 grade boys and 5-6 grade girls.

Friends of the Hailey Library plans book, bake sale

HAILEY - The 13th Annual Friends of the Hailey Public Library Used Book and Bake Sale will be held Oct. 19-22 in the meeting room at the Hailey Public Library.

Canyon View schedules free depression screening

TWIN FALLS - Canyon View will hold a free anonymous depression screening to local residents from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center at 228 Shop Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Those who receive screenings may receive educational material on depression and manic depression, complete a written screening test and talk one-on-one with a mental health professional. Those who appear to need further evaluations will be given referrals to local treatment services.

There will be a meeting for volleyball at 7 p.m. Tuesday and a meeting for basketball at 7 p.m. Oct. 10. The district is also looking for new teams. For more information, call 324-3389.

Club plans 'Arranged Just For You' brunch

TWIN FALLS - An "Arranged Just For You" brunch is scheduled by the Christian Women's Club of Magic Valley from 10:13-11:30 a.m. Oct. 10 at the Weston Plaza in Twin Falls. Theresa Robinson from Kimberly Nurseries will give "To

School sponsors drama and debate judge training

JEROME - A clinic for district 4 drama and debate judge training will be held Oct. 16 at the Jerome High School. The drama judge training will be held at 5 p.m. in room 122 to prepare for judging Nov. 18 in

Kimberly Library announces new books

KIMBERLY - Kimberly Library announces the addition of the following new books. Adult non-fiction: "Kite Flight: Complete, Easy-to-Follow Instructions for Making 40 Different Kites" by Bertman and Alice Weve; "Dave Barry's Greatest Hits" by Dave Barry; "Thomas Jefferson: An Intimate History" by Fawn M. Brodie; "Child Star" by Shirley Temple Black. Adult Christian fiction: "Beyond the Christmas" by Al and JoAnna Levy; "Hidden in Time" by Michael Phillips; "Freedom's Promise" and "Freedom's Hope" by Dianna Crawford; "Heaven's

Road" by Judith Pella; "Beyond the Gathering Storm" by Janette Oke. Juvenile fiction: "Rebel: A Tibetan Odyssey" by Cheryl Asjward White; "Horrible Harry and the Christmas Surprise" by Suzy Kline; "Mrs. Jezebel's Batty Vacation" by Debbie Dadey; "Polar Bears Fast Bedtime," "Jaws at Lunchtime" and "Ghost Town at Sundown" by Mary Pope Osborne; "The Secret" and "The Stranger" by K. A. Applegate; "Who Invited the Undertaker?" by Ivy Ruckman; "Hello, Jenny!" by Susan Meyers; "Bounce Along Big Bird" by Sesame Street; "The Legend of the Deadman's Mine" by Joan Lowery Nixon; "A Tent

Too Full" by Stephen White; "Little Critter's Little Sister's Birthday" and "Just Me and My Brother" by Mercer Mayer; "My Life as a Beat-up Basketball Backboard" by Bill Myers. Juvenile non-fiction: "Age of the Dinosaurs" a 12 volume set by Steve Parker; "Earth Science: Discovering the Secrets of the Earth" an eight volume set by Grollier Education; "The Steplkin Stories: Helping Children Cope With Divorce and Adjust to Stepfamilies" by Peggy Lumpkin; "Step Into the Arctic and Mayan Worlds" by Fiona Macdonald; "Step Into the Roman Empire" and "Step Into Ancient Egypt" by Philip Steele.

SCHOOL LUNCH

BUHL SCHOOL Breakfast Menu Monday: Cereal and toast Tuesday: Pancakes and maple syrup Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy Lunch Menu Salad bar and milk served every day Monday: Turkey and noodles, green salad w ranch dressing, crackers, fruit, cookie Tuesday: Rib-b-que sandwich, barbecue sauce, french fries, fresh fruit Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, french fries, breadsticks, pineapple	MURTAUGH SCHOOL Menu not available ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH Breakfast menu Monday: Cereal, peaches, toast w jelly Tuesday: Egg and bacon breakfast burrito, apple-sauce Lunch menu Monday: Cereal, kiwi, toast w/ peanut butter Tuesday: Egg and bacon breakfast burrito, apple-sauce Wednesday: Cheese chalupe or french dip sandwich or salad bar, baby carrots, chilled apple-auce, cinnamon churro Thursday: Hamburger deluxe or baked cheese sticks or soup and sandwich bar, lettuce, pickles, french fries, kiwi, rancherco cookie Wednesday: Pizza or taco bar, tossed green salad w french dressing, diced pears, bread sticks w pizza sauce
CASTLEFORD SCHOOL Breakfast menu Monday: Doughnuts, cereal, juice, milk Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk Wednesday: Scones, cereal, juice, milk Lunch menu Monday: Toasted cheese sandwich Tuesday: Lasagna Wednesday: Fish burgers	ST. EDWARD'S HIGH SCHOOL Menu not available TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY Breakfast menu Monday: Cereal, peaches, toast w jelly Tuesday: Egg and bacon breakfast burrito, apple-sauce Lunch menu Monday: Chili and crackers, baby carrots, apple-sauce, cinnamon roll Tuesday: Hamburger deluxe, lettuce, pickles, french fries, pineapple chunks, rancherco cookie Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks, almond apricots
FILER SCHOOL Monday: Burritos Tuesday: Chicken patty sandwiches Wednesday: Pizza	VALLEY SCHOOLS Monday: Soft shell taco, tortilla chips, salsa, corn, apple-cobbler Tuesday: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, hot roll w butter, peaches Wednesday: Ham and cheese pocket, potato chips, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding, cookie
HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT Breakfast Menu Monday: Cereal, toast, juice Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit Wednesday: Bagels, fruit Lunch menu Monday: Chicken nuggets, tater tots, green beans, rolls, fruit Tuesday: Burritos, tater tots, corn, fruit Wednesday: Chicken noodles, rolls, mixed vegetables, fruit	TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Breakfast is served every day. Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menus vary everyday. School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menu in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or fax it to 734-0531. Menus. Deadline is 10:00 Wednesday for publication Sunday.
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL Choice of milk every day Monday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, potato planks, fruit, oatmeal raisin cookies Tuesday: Salad bar, bread sticks, fruit, zucchini bread Wednesday: Hamburger w bun, american cheese, potato planks, condiments, fruit Thursday: Spaghetti w meat sauce, green salad w assorted dressings, focaccia bread, pears Friday: Mini corn dogs, french fries, condiments, applesauce, granola bars	MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL Milk served every day Monday: Chili and crackers, baby carrots, apple-
KIMBERLY SCHOOL Milk served every day Monday: Barbecues, green salad, corn, apricots Tuesday: Pork fingers, potatoes w gravy, whole wheat rolls, peas and carrots, apple half Wednesday: Hamburgers, french fries, pickles, ketchup, fruit, Jell-O	

Fair awards sheep department ribbons

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County Fair awarded ribbons in the open class categories: Female 1st - Kelly Cooper, Le 2nd - Kelly Cooper, Le 3rd - Kelly Cooper, Le 4th - Kelly Cooper, Le 5th - Kelly Cooper, Le 6th - Kelly Cooper, Le 7th - Kelly Cooper, Le 8th - Kelly Cooper, Le 9th - Kelly Cooper, Le 10th - Kelly Cooper, Le Male 1st - Kelly Cooper, Le 2nd - Kelly Cooper, Le 3rd - Kelly Cooper, Le 4th - Kelly Cooper, Le 5th - Kelly Cooper, Le 6th - Kelly Cooper, Le 7th - Kelly Cooper, Le 8th - Kelly Cooper, Le 9th - Kelly Cooper, Le 10th - Kelly Cooper, Le	Female 1st - Kelly Cooper, Le 2nd - Kelly Cooper, Le 3rd - Kelly Cooper, Le 4th - Kelly Cooper, Le 5th - Kelly Cooper, Le 6th - Kelly Cooper, Le 7th - Kelly Cooper, Le 8th - Kelly Cooper, Le 9th - Kelly Cooper, Le 10th - Kelly Cooper, Le Male 1st - Kelly Cooper, Le 2nd - Kelly Cooper, Le 3rd - Kelly Cooper, Le 4th - Kelly Cooper, Le 5th - Kelly Cooper, Le 6th - Kelly Cooper, Le 7th - Kelly Cooper, Le 8th - Kelly Cooper, Le 9th - Kelly Cooper, Le 10th - Kelly Cooper, Le
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ENGAGEMENTS

MUSSMANN-HOWELL

EDEN - Berwyn and Millie Mussmann of Eden announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine Mussmann, to Mark Howell, son of Fred and Mary Howell of Starr Valley, Nev. Mussmann is a graduate of Valley High School and the University of Idaho. She is employed at the Jerome County Extension Office in Jerome. Howell is a graduate of Wells High School and the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed by Howell Angus Ranch in Starr Valley, Nev. The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Trinity Lutheran



Mark Howell and Elaine Mussmann Church in Eden. A reception will follow at 5:30 p.m. at the Jerome County Fairgrounds. The couple will reside at the family ranch in Starr Valley.



Jennifer Speirs and Michael Tilley

SPEIRS-TILLEY

KIMBERLY - Mickey and Phyllis Speirs of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Speirs, to Michael Tilley, son of Dale and Colleen Tilley of Hazelton. Speirs is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Meridian Development Center-Magic Valley in Twin Falls. Tilley is a graduate of Valley High School and is attending CSI. He served an LDS mission to the New Zealand Auckland Mission. He is employed by MDC-Magic Valley in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Logan-LDS Temple. A reception will be held Friday in Twin Falls.

FENNEN-KELLEY

BUHL - Linda Fennen announces the engagement of her daughter, Gail Christine Fennen, to Craig Michael Kelley, son of Richard and Caryn Kelley of Filer. Fennen is the daughter of the late Michael Fennen. Fennen is a 1994 graduate of Buhl High School and a 1998 graduate of Rocky Mountain College in Montana. She is employed as a teacher with Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls. Kelley is a 1993 graduate of Wendell High School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Idaho. He is employed as nursery manager with Kelley Garden



Gail Fennen and Craig Kelley Center in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Saturday at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

WALLACE-WATTS

IDAHO FALLS - Bruce and Linda Wallace of Idaho Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Danielle Wallace, to Steven Jack Watts, son of Pamela Watts of Juneau, Alaska, and Robert and Karolyn Watts of Kimberly. Wallace is a graduate of Idaho State University and is currently campaign manager for Congressman Mike Simpson in Boise. Watts is also a graduate of ISU and is an account manager at Alternative Resources Corporation in Boise. The wedding is planned for Dec.



Steven Watts and Nicole Wallace 30 at the Willard Art Center in Idaho Falls.

MARRON-SHARK

BUHL - Pat and Theresa Marron of Meridian announce the engagement of their daughter, Terri Ann Marron, to Rex Kenneth Shark, son of Larry and Janet Shark of Buhl. Marron is a 1993 graduate of Bishop Kelly High School, a 1997 graduate of Creighton University and a 1999 graduate of the University of Mobile in Alabama. She is employed as a physical therapist at Health South in Boise. Shark is a 1989 graduate of Buhl High School and a 1994 graduate of Albertson College of Idaho. He is employed in the tax department at MCMS in Nampa. The wedding is planned for Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic



Terri Marron and Rex Shark Church in Boise. A reception honoring the couple will be held Oct. 21 at the Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl.



Fonda Bingham and Matthew Thompson

BINGHAM-THOMPSON

BURLEY - Ken and Wendy Bingham of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Fonda Lynn Bingham, to Matthew James Thompson, son of Jim and Ellen Thompson of Jerome. Bingham is a graduate of Burley High School and attended Ricks College from 1998-2000. She is employed at Cedar Springs in Twin Falls. Thompson is a graduate of Jerome High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho full-time, playing baseball on scholarship. He has also served an LDS mission to Peoria, Ill. The wedding is planned for Friday at the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday at the Pella Church, 152 W. 400 S. in Burley.

WEDDINGS

EVANS-BOLAND

TWIN FALLS - Emilee Rose Evans and Daniel Boland were married Aug. 26 at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. Officiating was the Rev. Brian Vriesman. Steve Arnest and Kate McLanara were the soloists. The bride is the daughter of Mac and Janice Evans of Twin Falls. Parents of the bridegroom are Glen and Doreen Boland of Meridian. Lori Donaldson, sister of the bride, and Alyssa Scholes, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maids of honor. Bridesmaids included Trish Zell and Mindy Flores, friends of the bride, and Erica Evans, sister-in-law of the bride. Taylor Boland, niece of the groom, was the flower girl. Matt Morrison, friend of the groom, and Mick Boland, brother of



Emilee and Daniel Boland the groom, served as best men. Groomsmen included Glen Boland, father of the groom; Steve Eddy, friend of the groom; and Eric Evans, brother of the bride. Ushers were Brian Donaldson, brother-in-law of the bride, and the groomsmen. Kade Evans, nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer. Candle lighters were Marcus Donaldson and Connor Boland, nephews of the bride and groom.

Special guests included grandmother of the bride, "Granny" Jean Evans of Twin Falls. A reception was held following the ceremony at the Blue Lakes Country Club. Sean Williams, cousin of the bride, and Noelle Cissold, friend of the bride, attended the guest book. Gift attendants were Brittany Steed and Shayla Bird, cousins of the bride. The bride graduated from Twin Falls High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University. She is employed at S.T. Investments in Boise. The bridegroom graduated from Coeur d'Alene High School, served in the Army and attended PSU. He is employed at S.T. Investments in Boise. The newlyweds reside in Boise after a honeymoon to southern California.

SHEEN-HEIKEN

TWIN FALLS - Jennifer Sheen and Richard Heiken were married Aug. 12 at the Salt Lake LDS Temple. The bride is the daughter of Ernest and Lynn Sheen of Twin Falls. Parents of the bridegroom are Don and Cindy Heiken of Dietrich and Brenda Speiser. Carrie Heiken, sister of the groom, served as the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Kayla Peck, Brianna Lentz and Stephanie Hafez, friends of the bride, and Emma Howard, Sophie Sheen and Mary Sheen, sisters of the bride. Sarah and Joy Sheen, sisters of the bride, were the flower girls. Patrick Carrie, friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Tom Spencer, cousin of the groom, and Ernest Sheen and Tim Sheen, brothers of the bride. Stetson Cox, cousin of groom, and Joseph Sheen, brother of the bride, were the ringbearers. Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Glen and Vonda Sheen and Jan Dudley, and grandmothers of the bridegroom, DeElda



Richard and Jennifer Heiken Dean Hicks of Shoshone. Receptions were held in Twin Falls and Dietrich. Serving were Ruth Ellison, Julie and Crystal Blau, Connie Blau, and Courtney Smith, friends of the bride. Heather Hicks, cousin of the groom, attended the guest book at the reception in Dietrich. Sandra Butters, friend of the bride, was the gift attendant. The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. The bridegroom is a graduate of Dietrich High School and is employed at Glanbia. The newlyweds reside in Dietrich.



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ANNIVERSARIES

THE KOYLES

BURLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Dean Koyle of Burley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July with their family at Lava Hot Springs. Koyle and Marilyn Mitchell were married Sept. 12, 1950, at her parents' home. Their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on Aug. 15, 1951. The Koyles have lived in Burley most of their married life. He has retired from the Amalgamated Sugar Company, but still farms and raises dairy heifers. She stayed home until all the children were married, then worked for the State



Marilyn and Dean Koyle Department of Agriculture, retiring in 1996. The couple has seven children, Steven (Velma) Koyle of Bristol, Fla., Lynnette (Bristol) O'Dell of Hillsboro, Ore., Bart Koyle of Paul, Jan (Dave) Platts



of Burley, Joyce (Russell) Quigley of Twin Falls, Brent (Michelle) Koyle of Burley and Brad (Jana) Koyle of Salt Lake City, Utah. They have 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

THE PUBANZES

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. George C. Pubanz of Twin Falls were honored at a family dinner July 22 for their 60th wedding anniversary. Pubanz and Alvina Holtzen were married Oct. 4, 1940, in Clover. They have lived in Twin Falls County all their married lives except for 11 years in the Salt Lake City area and are now retired.

They are members of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. The couple has five children, Barbara (Carl) Rosenbaum and Willie (Earl) Coker, all of Twin Falls, Sharon (Wayne) Seaman of North Carolina, Chuck (Jan) Pubanz of Hawaii and Jan (Warren) Yataw of Maryland; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Friends are welcome to visit or call anytime.



George and Alvina Pubanz

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Your Perfect Wedding

SENIORS

It's never too late for the vision of wisdom

For most of my life I had perfect vision. Although all my brothers and sisters wore glasses I was lucky - no glasses for me. I must admit I goggled a bit - though I wear a pair - but my my how times have changed.

Although I only have to get over the counter reading glasses I have those glasses all the time in case I have to look closely at anything. What a nuisance!

Getting older has advantages and disadvantages. Although we can retire from our job, if we loved those jobs that can be a difficult life change. But retirement gives us freedom that we could not enjoy working eight to five. We now have time to read, to garden, to go fishing and camping, to do all the things we put off because we



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Gay Peterson

couldn't have a full time job and do those other things as well. We can travel, enjoy our children and grandchildren and visit with those we just didn't have the time for.

We also realize that we are a bit slower, our joints creak a bit more, and we aren't as athletic as we once were. I notice that my husband and I say "What?" to each other more often than we used to, and our children and grandchildren tell us our television is much too loud.

But I also find that we have more time for each other and that the years bring even more closeness and more joy in that time.

Perhaps there is a reason our eyesight dims. Perhaps it allows us to overlook the gray hair, the wrinkles and the love handles that seem to be a part of aging. We can see what really matters instead of the often artificiality of external appearances.

I think that when our optical vision starts to fail mother nature replaces one kind of vision with another kind of "vision" to make up for what we now lack. Perhaps, if we are lucky, the vision that has become inaccurate with age can be replaced by the "true vision" of wisdom - the ability to see what is truly important.

How wonderful it would be if we were all given the inner vision that would allow us to stop judging simply by appearances and let us see deep within a person's soul. How much easier to confirm our sometimes immediate likes or dislikes and how much more difficult for someone to hide who they really are.

Since that is impossible let us all, as our vision slowly fades with age, try to appreciate not only the beauty that surrounds us, but the inner beauty of those we love and care about - something we too often take for granted.

It is never too late.

Gay Peterson is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@magicklink.com

Moving? Be sure to update address with Social Security

Night Rider News Service

Q. I receive my Social Security benefits by direct deposit. If I move, do I need to report it to Social Security?

A. Yes, if you are receiving benefits you will need to give Social Security your new address as soon as you know it. All you need to do is call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and give the representative your new information. Social Security must have your correct address so we can send letters and other important information to you.

Q. My mother receives Supplemental Security Income benefits. She may have to enter a nursing home to get the proper care she

Social Security Q & A

needs. How does this affect her SSI benefits?

A. If a SSI beneficiary enters a residential institution or skilled nursing facility, nursing home or any other kind of institution, Social Security must be notified. In some cases a person usually cannot get SSI while in an institution. Call Social Security toll free number, 1-800-772-1213 if you need more information.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. Send answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

Book lifts the veil on 50 years of love

Los Angeles Times

From Shakespeare through soap operas, we have all heard various views of True Love as it exists in fiction. A passion so deep, so transporting, so simultaneously physical and mental that it shuts out all else. Love that can wait a couple through time and space, be mine together, on a cloud of intimacy and ecstasy.

The new book, "I Love You, Ronnie" (Random House), proves that Ronald and Nancy Reagan have shared such a love in real life. Small segments of the correspondence from Reagan to his wife cannot deliver the high-intensity emotion that these dozens of notes, letters and squiggles convey when they are heaped, page upon page, spanning 50 years.

In a small, chickeny scrawl, often addressing his beloved as Nancy Pants or Mommie Poo Pants, Ronald Reagan conveyed his deepening love as the years disappeared and the romance doesn't. He could not bear to be away from her, could not wait to be alone with her, was suffused with warmth (read desire) just thinking about her, just looking at her bedroom window from his desk in the Oval Office.

Through his early years as an actor, then as governor and president, Reagan was often forced to travel without his wife. And whenever that happened, she writes, he would mail descriptions to her of the world he was viewing, letters "filled with emotion, which deepened as we fell more and more in love."

The psycho-biographers will undoubtedly pore over these letters, theorizing about the Regans' childhoods, their unfulfilled needs,



The new book 'I Love You, Ronnie' conveys Ronald Reagan's love for his wife as it deepens over 50 years.

and the overwhelming passion that beset them when they met on a blind date in Hollywood in 1949. He was a hunky divorced actor and president of the Screen Actors Guild. She was a petite actress, who had been left to live with a relative as a child while her mother pursued an acting career. (Her mother reclaimed her when she married Chicago physician Loyal Davis, who by all accounts became a loving but stern father to the young girl.) Nancy realized well before

Ronald did that they were destined to be a matched pair, that he was everything she wanted and would ever need. He had a great sense of humor, she writes. He didn't talk about himself, his movies or even the film world in general. He talked about the Civil War, horses, good wine, "and had a broad knowledge of many different things."

"How come you moved in on me like this?" he wrote to her in a plaintive note early in the relationship. It clearly was not meant as a

"Without you, there would be no sun, no moon, no stars. With you, they are all out at the same time."

- Ronald to Nancy Reagan

scold but was a kind of uncomprehending wonderment at the unpredictable nature of love and life itself.

He was grateful to her from the start, acknowledging that he was "no Browning" but often attempting poetry anyway. "Without you, there would be no sun, no moon, no stars. With you, they are all out at the same time." On one Valentine's Day, he thanked her for giving him a Valentine's card. He was an actor, working for General Electric; he wrote from a lonely New York hotel room about "this pigeon-encrusted city," the unexpectedly enemy types he encountered while dining at the elegant 21 Club, and about a need so great for her that he began to fantasize she was with him. "We walked back in the twilight, and I guess I hadn't ought to put us on paper from there on. Let's just say I didn't know my lines this morning."

In other letters, he discussed his "heart transplant" (her heart into his) - and his constant feeling that they were confined, that he could not physically survive without her. The amazing thing is that he found so many creative ways in which to say it. There is hardly a repetitive letter in the lot.

Pamphlet helps folks stay healthy after 50

The Washington Post

Concerned about your health but confused by what could help you stay well? Worried about what regular screening tests to have? Need help keeping track of medications and vaccinations?

A free pamphlet titled "Staying Healthy at 50" may help you. It was put together by officials from two federal government offices - the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Health Resources and Services Administration - and the advocacy group AARP.

The book has tips for staying healthy, information on screening tests and how often they are needed and ideas for questions to discuss with a physician, as well as charts to keep track of drugs, tests results and vaccinations.

To get up to three free copies of the booklet, write to the AHRQ Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 8547, Silver Spring, Md. 20907 or call 1-800-358-9295 and ask for publication AHRQ 00-0002. The information is also available online at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/ppip/50plus/>

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Use caution when buying a long-term CD

Q. Since my father died, my mother followed his practice of being very secretive about her money. Although I am an only child, I knew only that she invested in certificates of deposit at her local bank.

It was not until she suffered a stroke and needed nursing home care that she involved me by signing a durable power of attorney which gave me the care of her finances and pay her bills. I found a \$25,000 CD at her local bank and a \$100,000 CD with a small bank across the United States that was more than a year old. Written across the CD was "No Penalty for Early Withdrawal" and "One-year noncallable," so I tried to cash it in, only to find that I could not because Mom had purchased a 30-year certificate of deposit - not a one-year certificate - which will not mature until 2029. At age 79, this is well past her life expectancy.

Mom told me she had purchased the \$100,000 certificate through a broker who had called and told her that he could get her 2 percent more interest per year. She was assured that the CD was insured by the government, and that, because his firm was much larger than a bank, he could get her better interest rates. She was also told that she could withdraw the money at any time without penalty. Now I find out that I can not withdraw anything. Is there any way to get her money?

A. Your mother purchased one of the "brokered CDs," which are wreaking havoc among the many elderly persons who shop for certificates of deposit to get the highest interest rates - only to learn later that they have signed up for 20 or 30 year terms. There was no pen-

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Because the planning process for elderly and disabled individuals often transcends a number of different fields of law, find a lawyer who has a working knowledge of, and experience in, the following areas:

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- Social Security and Medicare.
- Nursing home regulations, both state and federal, concerning admission and discharge, quality of care, required services and record-keeping requirements.
- Elder abuse and exploitation laws.
- Wills, trusts, estate planning, and probate law.
- Powers of attorney and advance health care directives.
- Income, gift, and estate taxation due to the tax ramifications of various transactions and long-term care planning.
- Retirement plans, IRAs, and taxation of qualified funds.
- Insurance and annuities.

public - generally elderly people who are looking for higher interest rates. While some "brokered CDs" have one-year terms, many do not. The only way to cash out is to have a broker sell your mother's CD on the open market to another investor; however, you must be prepared to accept a loss of principal of 25 percent or more. There is probably nothing you or your mother can do except to 1) take the loss or 2) continue to accept the interest for the term of the certificate.

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