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Cancer rates rank below average

Idaho's numbers are down but skin and lung cancers rise, mostly among women

The Associated Press

BOISE — A new report shows cancer rates generally are lower in Idaho than nationally, and that the state is on the right track in alerting the public to two preventable forms of cancer still on the rise.

The first-of-its-kind report released Monday by the Cancer Data Registry of Idaho, a state and federally funded program of the Idaho Hospital Association, tracks cancer trends in Idaho

By the numbers

A rundown of Magic Valley and Idaho cancer rates in 1998, for melanoma, lung cancer and all forms of cancer.

County	Melanoma	Lung	All cancer cancers
Blaine	5	5	61
Camas	0	0	7
Cassia	2	9	80
Gooding	4	9	70

from 1971 to 1998. Its findings include higher rates both nationally and in Idaho of

ing-related lung cancer, especially among women.

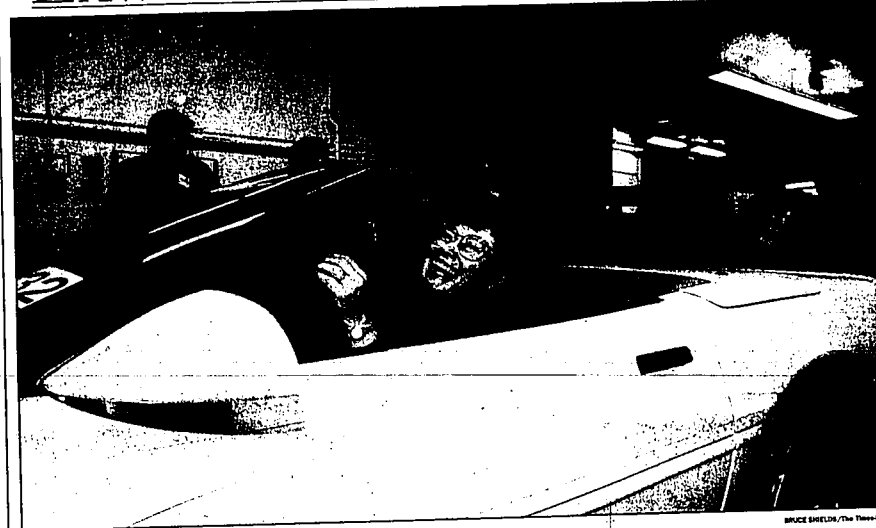
"Those are the two areas where prevention messages can be most useful," said Christopher Johnson, an epidemiologist who analyzed the data and wrote the report for the Cancer Data Registry. "It showed us that where the Division of Health has been putting resources are the right areas, anti-tobacco messages in particular."

The report also showed a correlation between lung cancer and

smoking rates from county to county. Johnson said the findings aligned with a greater cultural tendency to smoke in the Panhandle and not to smoke in eastern Idaho.

Most notably, the report identified the northern Idaho counties of Kootenai, Nez Perce and Shoshone as having significantly higher rates of lung cancer while the eastern Idaho counties of Bingham, Bonneville, Franklin, Jefferson and Madison counties had significantly lower rates.

LAWMAKERS ROLL INTO TOWN



BRUCE SHELTON/The Times-News

Idaho State Representative JoAnn Wood R-Right, takes advantage of a rare opportunity to court the driver's seat of a Corvette at the College of Southern Idaho on Monday during a Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee tour of the college's technology programs.

Budget writers eye college tax relief

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — State lawmakers continue to consider how relief could be delivered to the only three Idaho counties that support the state's junior colleges with property taxes.

The powerful Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, which writes the state budget, Idaho Monday during its three-day Magic Valley tour. CSI was one stop on a full agenda that by Wednesday will have taken the lawmakers from Hagerman to

Acacia. JFAC members who represent counties that pay the junior college tax are optimistic about seeing support in the upcoming legislative session for some relief for property taxpayers in Twin Falls, Jerome and Kootenai counties.

Panel checks on Snake River Adjudication progress

By Michael Journee Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — State lawmakers took an up-close look at the state water court's progress in wading through nearly 150,000 water rights in 38 of Idaho's 44 counties.

Members of the Legislature's budget committee Monday heard what the Snake River Basin Adjudication court has accomplished and what it has left to do to complete a legal

inventory of water rights in the state.

"By comparison with other states, Idaho is doing very well," said David Tutthill Jr., adjudication bureau chief for the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Tutthill said he expects the court to have a final inventory by the end of 2005, despite a recent ruling by the Idaho Supreme Court forcing District Judge Barry Wood, the court's

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Approval will be determined by what the solution looks like. "The state needs to step up

and help fund community colleges without taking the role and mission away," state Sen. Dean

Cameron, R-Rupert, said.

"The role and mission is defined by local control, a factor at stake in the tax relief discussion. Both CSI and North Idaho College in Kootenai County are governed by locally-elected boards. The State Board of Education oversees Idaho's public four-year schools, which do not have local taxing districts. Some people argue that if the junior college tax burden is shifted, the colleges should fall under the state board's jurisdiction.

Rep. Don Fischner, R-Coeur d'Alene, said local control appears to be more of a political issue than a legal problem. Fischner, who represents Kootenai County, said there doesn't appear to be a threshold that would dictate at what point the colleges would fall under the

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Council ponders bridge traffic

Speeds concern some members

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Local leaders remain adamant about lowering speeds on U.S. Highway 93.

Several City Council members Monday continued to push for lower speed limits across the Perrine Bridge.

But Idaho Transportation Department officials concluded in a recent speed survey that lower speed limits on Highway 93 between the Interstate 84 interchange and city limits would have no bearing on speeds.

More law enforcement could help, department officials said. City Councilman Lance Clow encouraged not only more law enforcement, but also, slower driving.

"From what I've seen, people are slowing down," City Councilman Lance Clow said. "But I think people should start slowing down before the bridge."

City Engineer Gary Young, under a recommendation from the City Council, requested the survey. The intent was to look at the feasibility of reducing speed limits on the highway. In May, the ITD began monitoring motorists on the route.

"The study showed most drivers exceeded posted speed limits from 184 to Twin Falls.

Though most people slow down before hitting the Perrine Bridge, many still drive too fast, Clow said.

Councilwoman Glenda Thompson echoed Clow's thoughts, adding that if it's a lower speed limit, people will continue to go as fast as they do," she said.

Bruce Christensen, a project engineer for the Transportation Department said though most people go faster than the posted speeds, a speed limit reduction would not cut back on speeders.

"What we don't think would be effective would be to reduce that existing speed limit because all you'd be doing is changing that

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Albright makes historic visit to N. Korea

Move could pave way for Clinton trip

The Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — Hands clasped in historic greeting, Albright and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il are taking measured steps to mend a relationship ruptured in war and steeped in a half-century of hostility.

The pair conferred for three hours Monday and planned to continue their discussions Tuesday. Albright also paid courtesy calls Tuesday on President Kim Yong Nam, the ceremonial head of state, and the North Korean foreign minister, Paek Nam Sun.

In a dinner toast that captured

the sense of promise, yet awkwardness, in the tentative thaw between the United States and North Korea, Albright said Monday, "The road to fully normal relations remains uphill," but her visit was a start.

Kim's adviser, Vice Marshall Jo Myong Rok, who opened the bold diplomatic initiative with a visit to Washington two weeks ago, said improved relations "will be good for both countries and for peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and the Northeast Asian region as well."

Albright's journey to the cloistered communist state, unprecedented

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North Korean school children wait for U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to arrive at their kindergarten Monday in Pyongyang.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO ALMANAC

Idaho Extremes
 Yesterday: High 62°
 Low 31°
 Burley 61°
 Stanley 58°

Missoula 61/31

ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
 Temperature 65/70°
 High/Low 65/32°
 Normal high/low 74/50°
 Record high 76° in 1963
 Record low 20° in 1905

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
 Month to date: 0.00"
 Normal month to date: 0.40"
 Year to date: 6.68"
 Normal year to date: 7.91"

Humidity
 Yesterday at noon: 67%
 Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 8 p.m.: 30.18 in.

Police yesterday in Twin Falls
 Arrests: 10
 Absent Weeds: 0
 Absent Grass: 0
 Absent Mold: 0

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather.
 Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunshine and patchy clouds.	Partly cloudy.	Times of clouds and sunshine.	Clouds and intervals of sunshine.	Sunshine and patchy clouds.	Partly sunny.
▲ 62° ▼ 40°	▼ 40°	▲ 58° ▼ 36°	▲ 54° ▼ 30°	▲ 58° ▼ 34°	▲ 62° ▼ 36°

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Calgary	51	33	48	30	45	28
Edmonton	50	33	48	30	45	28
Kelowna	52	34	49	31	46	29
Langford	52	34	49	31	46	29
Regina	52	34	49	31	46	29
Saskatoon	52	34	49	31	46	29
Toronto	52	34	49	31	46	29
Vancouver	52	34	49	31	46	29
Victoria	52	34	49	31	46	29
Winnipeg	52	34	49	31	46	29

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Sunny to partly cloudy in the west today, while eastern areas have more clouds than sunshine; a shower in a few spots in the far east. Partly cloudy tonight.

Boise: Turning out nice today with sunshine and occasional clouds. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. A mixture of sunshine and clouds tomorrow. Cool Thursday with clouds and some sun.

Northern Nevada: Patchy fog early, then mostly sunny the rest of today with a comfortable afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Sunshine and occasional clouds tomorrow.

Northern Utah: Partly sunny in the west today, while the east is mostly cloudy with a few showers of rain and mountain snow. A couple of showers of rain and snow in the east again tomorrow; partly cloudy in the west.

Northern Idaho: Sunny to partly cloudy today with a cold start, then a pleasant afternoon. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. A mixture of clouds and sun tomorrow; slight chance of a shower.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 8:02 a.m.
 Sunset today: 6:41 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 4:51 a.m.
 Moonset tonight: 5:15 p.m.

Phases: New, First, Full, Last

Oct 27, Nov 4, Nov 11, Nov 18

UV INDEX TODAY

0-1: Minimal; 2-3: Low; 4-6: Moderate; 7-9: High; 10+: Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 86° in Harlingen, TX
 Low 15° in Butte, MT

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Arlington	78	65	75	54	Chicago	68	43	68	43
Atlanta	68	43	70	49	Dallas	68	43	70	49
Baltimore	68	43	70	49	Denver	68	43	70	49
Birmingham	68	43	70	49	Detroit	68	43	70	49
Boston	68	43	70	49	Houston	68	43	70	49
Buffalo	68	43	70	49	Los Angeles	68	43	70	49
Charlotte	68	43	70	49	Madison	68	43	70	49
Chicago	68	43	70	49	Memphis	68	43	70	49
Cincinnati	68	43	70	49	Minneapolis	68	43	70	49
Cleveland	68	43	70	49	Miami	68	43	70	49
Columbus	68	43	70	49	Milwaukee	68	43	70	49
Dayton	68	43	70	49	Nashville	68	43	70	49
Des Moines	68	43	70	49	New York	68	43	70	49
Denver	68	43	70	49	Oakland	68	43	70	49
Detroit	68	43	70	49	Philadelphia	68	43	70	49
Fort Worth	68	43	70	49	Phoenix	68	43	70	49
Galveston	68	43	70	49	Pittsburgh	68	43	70	49
Houston	68	43	70	49	Raleigh	68	43	70	49
Indianapolis	68	43	70	49	San Antonio	68	43	70	49
Jacksonville	68	43	70	49	San Diego	68	43	70	49
Kansas City	68	43	70	49	San Francisco	68	43	70	49
Las Vegas	68	43	70	49	Seattle	68	43	70	49
Little Rock	68	43	70	49	Tucson	68	43	70	49
Los Angeles	68	43	70	49	Washington, DC	68	43	70	49
Los Angeles (W)	68	43	70	49	Weather (W):				

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Boise	66	40	58	38	McCall	56	26	52	26
Bonneville	60	38	58	34	Missoula, MT	61	31	58	27
Burley	60	38	58	34	Pocatello	58	32	55	32
Coeur d'Alene	60	38	58	34	Portland, OR	58	44	58	44
Elgin	58	44	58	44	Richland, WA	64	35	58	35
Englewood	60	38	58	34	Salem, OR	60	34	58	34
Grangeville	60	38	58	34	Salt Lake City, UT	58	41	58	35
Hailey	60	38	58	34	Seattle, WA	61	35	58	35
Idaho Falls	60	38	58	34	Spokane, WA	61	35	58	35
Kalama, MT	64	40	60	42	Stanley	56	28	53	15
Lewiston	60	37	58	35	Sun Valley	60	30	50	20
Madison	60	37	58	35	Yellowstone, MT	52	20	50	20
Maria	55	33	57	37					

Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX

Poleline At Blue Lakes North

U.S. puts Gulf forces on alert

WASHINGTON (AP) — American forces in Turkey and two small Persian Gulf states have been placed on a heightened state of alert because of new indications of terrorist threats in the region, a senior defense official said Monday.

The official, who discussed the matter on condition of anonymity, described the move as precautionary.

"The reason it was done was the receipt of specific threats against U.S. forces in those areas, but from sources whose reliability is unknown," the official said.

Figuring in the decision to raise the alert level for troops in those three areas was the bombing Oct. 12 of the USS Cole, which was refueling in the Yemen port of Aden when an explosion tore a hole in its hull. Seventeen sailors were killed and 39 were injured in what U.S. officials believe was the work of terrorists.

Water

The department has issued 112,316 recommendations for water rights, and has another 30,000 yet to file. It is up to the court to rule on those recommendations after review and hearing any protests.

The adjudication court has approved recommendations for 72,515 water rights.

As a Department of Water Resources official, Tutthill praised the court's work in wading through the adjudication. And Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, praised Wood's management of the court and lamented his removal from the court.

"A lot of us hoped it would be Dan Eismann who would recuse himself from the water court cases, but it turned out to other way around," Noh said. Noh, who is not a member of the budget committee, is chairman of the Senate Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee and as such has taken an active interest in the court's proceedings.

Tutthill ran through the court's progress so far for the lawmakers. Since its inception in 1988, the court took all claims and has completed all basin-wide issues, such as tribal water rights, federal water rights, and conjunctive management — or defining how ground and surface water are connected. The conjunctive management issue is the only basin-wide issue the court has not completed.

Weather keeps shuttle aloft

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Gusts of nearly 30 mph in Florida and rain clouds in California prevented space shuttle Endeavour and its astronauts from returning to Earth on Monday.

It was the second day in a row that bad weather kept the shuttle from landing, and it dragged the flight out to 13 days.

As one landing attempt after another was scrapped, Mission Control told the seven astronauts to "enjoy the extra 'wino time.'"

Commander Brian Duffy sounded exasperated and tired as he acknowledged the third delay of the day.

Less than an hour later, Mission Control announced Monday's fourth and final delay after Duffy he would have to aim for a touchdown this afternoon instead. "We all gave it a try," Duffy said.

Korea

hermit kingdom — a name originally applied to the sheltered Korea of the 19th century but now meaning the secretive north — Albright had a day in which her every step was a first of some sort.

Greeting each other, Kim and Albright clasped all four hands in a knot and smiled broadly.

"This is a new one from a historical point of view," Kim said. "I am really very happy."

Images of Kim's father and North Korea founder Kim Il Sung were everywhere as Albright swept in from the airport past cabbage fields, greenhouses and then dark apartment buildings of the capital.

Her first stop was at the Kim Il Sung Palace, which was converted into a mausoleum after his death in 1994.

Later, a delighted Albright mimicked the motions of kindergarten children who performed traditional dances for her on a dirt playground. The school doubles as a distribution center for donated food; a boy hid behind a white sack labeled USA. Wheat as a classmate tossed the powder at him.

Taxes

if the total tax burden is shifted to the state a fear is that the junior colleges would need to compete with the universities for funding from the state board. Clark said he thinks a governance structure like that in place for Idaho's charter schools could retain the junior colleges' local control while doing away with the unequal tax burden.

Charter schools are nonprofit and not permitted to levy taxes, but they are monitored by their local school boards.

CSI leadership supports shifting a portion of the tax burden from Jerome and Twin Falls county taxpayers to the state but not to the point that it loses local control.

In 2000-01, about \$4.24 million or 18 percent of CSI's budget will come from property taxes in Jerome and Twin Falls counties. Tuition paid by CSI from all other counties is projected at \$1.4 million but depends on how many students enroll.

Speeds

only one person since July in the area between Pole Line Road and the Perrine Bridge, said Capt. Jim Munn. That person was clocked by radar going 55 mph in a 45 mph zone on Blue Lakes Boulevard North near Canyon Springs Road.

Munn said that traffic is enforced in that area, but it is not a priority zone.

"We have schools and other zones that have priority also, Munn said, and it also depends on manpower."

Councilman Howard Allen agreed that other areas take priority.

"I think we should revisit the school zone issue. We really need to look at the school zone situation more," Allen said. "I don't see a need to spend a whole lot of time on this. But people on the other side of the bridge need to slow down."

Help could come with more development along Blue Lakes Boulevard North at the city's entrance. Young said development along Blue Lakes will probably slow down traffic.

Craig H. Neilsen and Co. has city approval to develop property on the Snake River Canyon rim at the city's entrance on both sides of Blue Lakes Boulevard North, including two major retail developments and a hotel and convention center site.

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Census: More moms head back to labor force with infant at home

WASHINGTON (AP) - More mothers are returning to the labor force within a year of giving birth, the Census Bureau says. When they do go back to work, it's more likely to be on a full-time than part-time basis.

This doesn't necessarily mean, though, that all these women are spending 40-hour weeks in an office cubicle while their children sit in day care. In this tight labor market, more employers are offering flexible work schedules and benefits to new moms.

And some are working at home. "Working mothers can command it because there's such a shortage of good qualified candi-

dates that employers need to start thinking about what (candidates) are looking for," said Kirsten Ross of Warren, Mich. She quit her office job to start Womens-Work, LLC, an organization that helps women find alternative work arrangements. Ross gave birth to her second child in March, and has run the operation since May.

Of the 3.6 million women who gave birth from July 1997 through June 1998, about 59 percent returned to the work force within a year of having, the baby, according to Census estimates being released Tuesday. That compares with 51 percent in 1995, the year the Census Bureau began tracking

the data, and 51 percent in 1987.

Of the new mothers most recently checked, 36 percent went back full-time, 17 percent part-time, and nearly 6 percent were unemployed but actively looking for work. It was the first time the bureau looked at full- or part-time status, Census analyst Amaru Bachu said.

The report did not track how many of the mothers who returned to work actually performed that work at home. The latest Bureau of Labor Statistics data, from May 1997, indicates one-fifth of all working mothers with children under 18 worked part or full time at home.

Clinton signs bill on drunk driving standards

WASHINGTON (AP) - All states across the country will soon be in line with Idaho in setting a tougher drunken driving standard - a move proponents hope will prevent 500 highway deaths a year.

President Clinton, after a three-year struggle with Congress, signed a bill Monday requiring states to implement a 0.08 percent blood alcohol content standard as the legal level for drunken driving by 2004. States that fail to impose

that standard would begin losing millions of dollars a year in federal highway funds.

Opponents of the 0.08 standard, including the restaurant and alcohol industries, say the measure would penalize social drinkers while ignoring the bigger problem of repeat offenders who drink heavily.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia already have 0.08 laws, and in Massachusetts a level

of 0.08 is considered evidence but not proof of impairment. Thirty-one states define drunken driving as 0.10 percent blood alcohol content.

"For me this is a very good day for the United States," the president said. He said the measure was "the biggest step to tougher drunk driving laws since the national minimum drinking age was established a generation ago."

Chenoweth says no to federal pork

WASHINGTON - Should the federal government purchase Cat Island in Mississippi? How about the Unibush Yuleti? Statute in Alabama? Build a dormitory for the National Constitution Training Center (price: \$5.2 million).

U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage, R-Idaho, is among those saying "no."

Congressional pork is mounting, as is usual at the end of a legislative session. That's when legislators, usually in the dead of night, in small rooms crowded with staff and with seats available to the public, recraft carefully legislation to introduce projects that weren't previously considered publicly.

U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, who finished as a runner-up in the Republican presidential nominating sweepstakes to Texas Gov. George W. Bush, has emerged this year as a leading critic of pork along with the National Taxpayers Union. The group recognized Chenoweth-Hage, and 28 other House members, for taking the position that going for those little extras isn't in the public interest.

"With the national spotlight focusing on the presidential race, Congress has felt free to spend taxpayers dollars with abandon," said Eric V. Schlecht, director of congressional relations for the Taxpayer Union.



U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage

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California to raise minimum wage

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - California is raising its minimum wage \$1 to \$6.75 an hour, one of the highest rates in the nation.

The Industrial Welfare Commission voted unanimously Monday for a 50-cent raise on Jan. 1 and another 50-cent increase a year later.

The federal minimum wage is \$5.15 an hour. Congress is expected to approve a White House-backed plan to boost it by \$1 within two years.

California, Alaska, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont and Washington have a higher minimum wage than the federal government, with Oregon and Washington leading the nation with a \$6.50 minimum expected to increase next year along with the cost of living.

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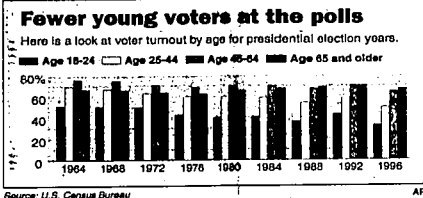
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NATION



Candidates struggle to attract young voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arle Deutsch says he's too lazy to get his absentee ballot from New York, so he won't be exercising his right to vote.

"It's not worth the effort," the 20-year-old sophomore at George Washington University said, puffing on a cigarette and soaking in the sun. "They're not talking to my voting age. Seniors' issues, health care, taxes. Students don't pay attention to taxes because they don't pay that much in taxes."

In this year's close race for the presidency, Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore have an uphill battle if they hope to lure young voters to the polls.

Since the 1960s, the percentage of people 18 to 24 who vote has been declining. In 1964, almost 51 percent of young voters turned out, according to the Census Bureau. In 1996, just under one-third.



Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, has an even lower estimate. He figures only 28 percent of young people voted in 1996, and this year will be even lower.

"There is no sign of young people's interest," Gans said. "This generation is into making their own lives better, and that is not consistent to participation."

Analysts say this generation lacks an issue to impassion young voters, such as the Vietnam War. Social Security and Medicare are hardly the fodder for lively debate, let alone a campus protest.

And third party candidates probably bring alienating young

voters, as Reform Party candidate Ross Perot did in 1992, said David Rohde, political scientist at Michigan State University.

"The candidates are paying attention (to young voters) at least to the degree that they'd like to turn out the folks who are inclined to support them," he said. "The reality is young people don't turn out."

In the last presidential debate, a professor asked the candidates how they address youth apathy when the issues of the day — Medicare, Social Security or prescription drugs — aren't directed at young voters.

Gore responded with an answer about campaign finance reform, health care and renewable fuels. Bush commented on Medicare, tax cuts and honesty. Jehmu Greene, spokeswoman for the registration drive Rock the Vote, said the candidates' substance — not style — is the problem.

Should Clinton hit the trail?

The Washington Post

Count Al Gore in the minority on the burning question of whether President Clinton should hit the campaign trail for the final two-week sprint.

Republican lawmakers and strategists were salivating this week at the prospect of their favorite target taking on a high-profile role on behalf of his loyal No. 2.

"I think Bill Clinton should be out there," Gov. Tommy G. Thompson, R-Wis., teased on CBS's "Face the Nation." "It's somewhat surprising that they kept telling how great they were as a team, and now Al Gore's absolutely petrified to be seen on the same stage as Bill Clinton."

While many Democrats realize the question is a dicey one, Republican George W. Bush's nagging lead in the polls has prompted many to plead for the campaigner-in-chief to work his magic on the party faithful.

"I do not know the proximity, but Clinton is an asset," civil rights leader Jesse L. Jackson said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "America's better off eight years later, from deficit to surplus, more Americans are working, crime is down, our future is brighter."

Democratic officials said California Gov. Gray Davis, fretting that the race has tightened in his state, has put in an urgent request for Clinton. Party leaders in Missouri, Ohio and Louisiana are also lobbying for a presidential visit before Election Day.

Letter brings up Flowers and Lewinsky scandals

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A fund-raising appeal from Rick Lazio's Senate campaign against Hillary Rodham Clinton includes a newspaper editorial that raises the Monica Lewinsky and Jennifer Flowers sex scandals.

The Clinton campaign complained Monday that the appeal contradicts Lazio's own recent statements that the first lady's personal life should not be part of the campaign.

The Wall Street Journal editorial from Sept. 15 states: "Senator Clinton would represent the perpetuation of the myths of the Clinton presidency, a vindication of its lies large and small, and an absolution of her husband's moral and ethical standards."

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Privacy protection steps up online

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration is stepping up its effort to ensure the government protects Americans' personal privacy after a congressional report alleged federal agencies electronically track users online.

When asked about the report, which said 13 federal agencies ignored a directive against tracking visitors to government Web sites, White House spokesman Jake Stewert said the administration is starting to keep tabs on agencies.

"What we've done concretely is to ask them, when they submit their budget requests in December, to give us an update on exactly where they are in the process and how they're correcting their policy if it's out of compliance with our regulations," Stewert told reporters.

Stewert and the White House's Office of Management and Budget made a distinction - also made in the original General Accounting Office study - between helpful tracking by electronic "cookies"

and surreptitious collection of information.

In a letter responding to the GAO, the budget office's deputy director for management, Sally Kauten, said that some of the cookies used on federal sites are helpful, similar to "shopping cart" cookies on a retailer's Web site.

On an Education Department site, cookies help student loan recipients fill out applications and consolidate their loans online. The U.S. Mint site also uses cookies to keep track of purchases.

Chinese general will go to West Point

WASHINGTON (AP) - A top Chinese general will begin an 11-day day visit to the United States with a stop at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., on Wednesday, the Pentagon announced Monday.

Gen. Yu Yongbo, director of the Chinese army's General Political Department and a member of the Central Military Commission that controls the army, also will visit Fort Jackson, S.C., Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., Patrick Air

Force Base, Fla., the Pentagon and U.S. Pacific Command headquarters in Hawaii.

During his stop at the Pentagon on Oct. 31, Yu is scheduled to meet with Defense Secretary William Cohen. His official host for the visit will be Bernard Rostker, the undersecretary of defense for personnel.

Yu will be the highest ranking official of the People's Liberation Army to visit the United States this year.

In announcing the visit, the

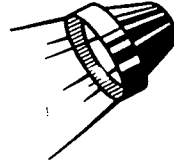
Pentagon said Yu is responsible for the political education, welfare and morale of PLA officers and troops. He also has responsibility for PLA support to domestic natural disaster responses, the military legal system and a large portion of the army's system of educational institutions.

The Pentagon said Yu asked to visit ordinary U.S. military bases to see how troops are provided with health, welfare, legal, entertainment and religious services. He also will do some sightseeing.

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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The Texas health commissioner resigned Monday after being accused of making racially insensitive comments to a black former employee.

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over comments he made about Hispanics and blacks.

Bush had supported Archer through his previous controversies but pulled back last week, calling Archer's latest comments "inappropriate."

Dr. Demetria Montgomery, who was a top-level administrator in the department before she was fired last month, had secretly tape-recorded a February meeting with Archer, who is white.

On the tape, Archer can be heard

making references to "lynching" and suggesting Montgomery used her brain to advance her career and "that's what white people do."

A man who answered the telephone at Archer's home said Archer was unavailable for comment.

Health and Human Services Commissioner Don Gilbert and the health department's governing board had suspended Archer last week while the complaint was investigated.



William Archer

Study: LAPD morale plummets

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Morale in the Los Angeles Police Department has dipped sharply since the mid-1990s, says a study released Monday, with officers upset about bad publicity and worried that their careers are being stalled or ruined by frivolous citizen complaints.

The survey by the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles reported that 57 percent

of officers said they would leave the 9,100-officer department if they could.

About 25 percent of officers questioned said they were burned out.

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IF OCTOBER 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have unusual voice, sense of drama, can win your way through diplomacy. Mother was excellent cook, father enjoyed complaining. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons play outstanding roles in your life - could have these letters, initials in names: F, O, X. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You find new ways of getting work done. A different kind of romance will be part of scenario. You can exude sex appeal. Don't break too many hearts. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Focus on children, home, family, recent decision concerning direction. Do what your heart tells you to do, despite those who might object. Capricorn involved. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Accent humor, versatility, intelligence. Open lines of communication. Someone in distant city wants to tell you something. Sagittarian plays leading role. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Revise, review, rewrite. What previously was rejected will now be enthusiastically accepted. Cut your way through mass of red tape. (July figures prominent). **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Your kind of day. Focus on change, travel, variety of experiences. Written word important. Get impressions on paper. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius are in picture. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emphasis on home, beauty, flowers, music. Family member confides. "I need to see more of you." Cycle high. Moon in your sign highlights initiative, element of luck. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look behind scenes. Define terms; be discreet. Maintain aura of mystery. Let others play guessing

HOROSCOPE
 Sydney Omar

games. Scenario highlights element of glamour. Pisces involved. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You win friends and influence people. Excellent for obtaining funding for unique project. In matters of speculation, stick with number 8. Cancer native involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Moon at top part of your chart emphasizes leadership, added recognition. Focus on distance, international affairs. You could be in midst of news-making transaction. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Let go of preconceived notions. Emphasize original thinking, inventiveness, breaking free from those who take you for granted. New love is on horizon. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check accounting procedures. Emphasis on security, structure,

home, marital status. Be with one who displays faith in you. Capricorn figures in scenario. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Spotlight on marital status, legal affairs, reputation. Display humor, versatility. You'll be dealing with bright Gemini. Protect self in emotional clinch.

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Male reindeer normally live longer than females

Male reindeer normally live six years longer than female reindeer, but why is a mystery. **Q. How come bodies of some people who drown in Lake Tahoe never rise to the surface?**
 A. The deep water is so cold - 39 degrees F below 700 feet. -Real gypsies never eat horse-meat.
 The first day of a new century under our calendar never falls on a Wednesday, Friday or Sunday. Next, the Jan. 1, 2001, will be a Monday, it's fast upon us. Don't miss it.
Q. What's that disease called "Historian's Lung"?
 A. Usually mild lung infection. So named by doctors who noted it turned up in people who spent a lot of time in reference libraries. Fungi found in some old books were blamed.
 In Africa, scientists noticed that pregnant elephants, when dead and only then, ate a certain species of small tree. Tests showed it induced labor in mam-

WHAT'S WHAT L.M. BOYRE

What "elope" means to you and me isn't what it meant to our ancestors. To run away from your matrimonial mate in the company of a lover, that's what elope meant once.
 The corn poppy reseeded itself, so it's called a weed in Western Europe. Way back when, trenches, shell craters, vehicle tracks and boot prints churned up mud. Canadian poet John McCrae wrote: "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow... Between the crosses, row on row..." Thus World War I became identified with the red bloom. In it, some saw a rebirth of peace while others still saw the blood of war.

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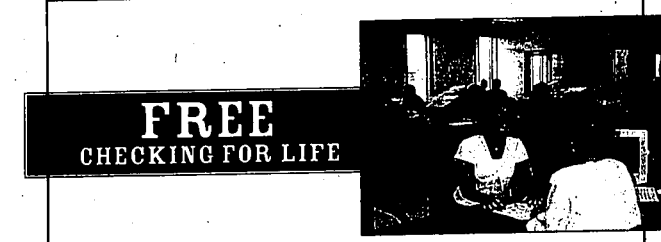
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FEATURES

Abusers say the right things until next time they get mad

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "Daughter of an Iron-Will'd Mom," whose mother is against her ranting with her abusive boyfriend. Perhaps she will listen to someone who's been there. My ex-husband was abusive. I cannot stand to forgive him and go back to him over and over, until all my family and friends refused to help me anymore. My 10-year-old daughter and I were hospitalized at our wit's end for nine months before I finally landed on my feet. It was pure hell. After seven years of hard work and heartache, we are secure and stable and have no more worries about that man returning. He finally found some other poor man to terrorize and has married.



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

Abusers rarely accept responsibility for their violent behavior, and because of that, they are not motivated to change. The victims of domestic abuse are the ones most likely to be helped by counseling. They often believe the batterer when told the abuse was their own fault, but with the help of a trained counselor, this untruth can be

exposed and the unwarranted guilt can be erased.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 32-year-old single mother of two terrific boys, 8 and 10. It's been a little more than two years since my divorce, and I have recently started dating.

Lucky for me, I met a wonderful man who is 52 years young. He's very active and doesn't look his age. I have never met anyone who shared so many of my interests. We water-ski, scuba-dive, rollerblade, go to movies, enjoy the same foods - and so many other things.

We've been seeing each other four months now, and it's been wonderful - except for one thing:

He doesn't want the responsibility of raising children. He seems to love mine, but says that because he never had his own, he doesn't have the desire to be a dad.

Other than this one issue, we have a wonderful relationship, and he would like me to be more free to travel with him. However, it's hard for me to leave my children for two weeks at a time.

About a month ago, I wrote him a letter telling him that maybe we should both move on. I told him I cared for him dearly, but didn't think it was fair for him to hold on to me when I'm not exactly what he is looking for. We talked it over and decided that since things were going so

well for us, we should continue our relationship until things change. He's very attractive and has given me no reason to move on; however, in the back of my mind I wonder if I am wasting my time, since I know he doesn't want a real role in my kids' lives. Abby, what should I do? Leave our romance "as is" or force myself to move on?

-TOTALLY CONFUSED IN FLORIDA

DEAR TOTALLY CONFUSED: At this time in your sons' lives, they need to be your top priority. Focus on that, and I have a hunch everything else will fall into place - whether or not this man remains in the picture.

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PLEASE, Abby, inform the man that abusers talk a good game because they really believe what they're saying - until the next time they get mad. Then the repeated parties that lead to abusive behavior reassert themselves, and they are unable to control their anger, no matter how many promises they've made. I know. And I have the scars to prove it.

-NEVER AGAIN IN ASHLAND, ORE.

DEAR NEVER AGAIN: I'm reading your letter in the hope that "Daughter" will see it. Although a minority of batterers can change, the vast majority of them will not recognize that they are the ones with the problem. They are convinced that their victims "deserved" the battery. They are sociopaths - unable to identify with the feelings of other people.

The worst kind of batterers - the psychopaths - are the ones who turn up in media reports. These sick male batterers are responsible for the murders of at least four women a day in this country - and when secondary victims of their unbridled rage (children, relatives, neighbors) are added, the numbers probably double.

My experts tell me that batter-

Encephalitis hospitalizes Liza Minnelli

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) - Liza Minnelli has viral encephalitis, a potentially deadly inflammation of the brain, and was in "very serious condition" but was doing better Monday, a hospital statement said.

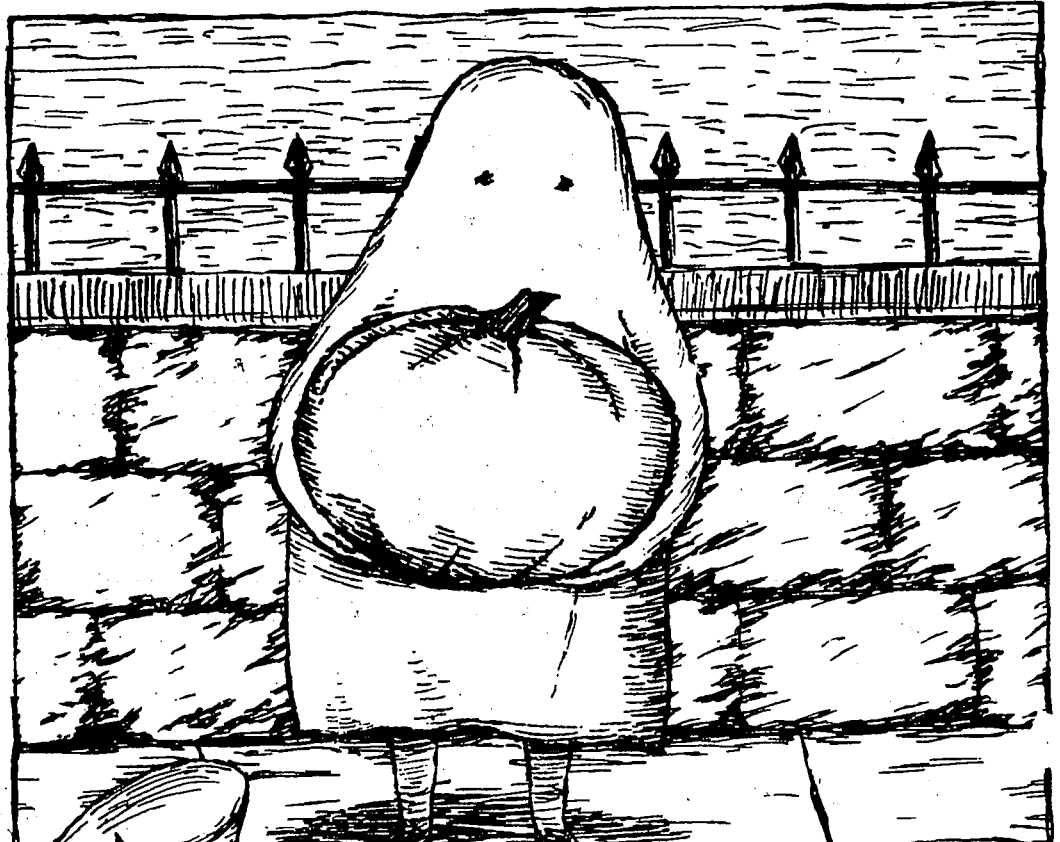
Responding to published reports, Cleveland Clinic Hospital in Fort Lauderdale said in the statement that Minnelli "is now recovering well and we expect to release her in a few days."

Fire-Rescue Division-Chief Stephen McInerney told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale that paramedics were called at Minnelli's home Oct. 8 to find the 54-year-old actress suffering symptoms that included paralysis on one side of her body, slurred speech and drooping facial muscles.

"We found her semiconscious on the floor, disoriented and suffering from what we believe was a possible stroke," he said. Encephalitis is usually contracted by an insect bite. The New York Post had reported the diagnosis in Monday editions.

The hospital said Minnelli fell ill two weeks ago and "was quite sick and was in a very serious condition." She was released after an unspecified number of days but then became dehydrated at home and returned to the hospital, the statement said.

It added that she expressed thanks to the public "for your care and concern."



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EDITORIAL

Community-minded people are society's greatest asset

No one forced Kaylynn Rolig and Doug Vollmer to give their time and talent to the community in which they live. They have given without having to be asked.

Their selflessness was recognized last week by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and the College of Southern Idaho. Rolig was honored as Chamber Person of the Year for 2000, while Vollmer was presented with this year's Lifetime Achievement Award.

These are significant awards, because Vollmer and Rolig - along with past winners of these awards - usually toil in the background without calling attention to themselves. Every now and then, such people deserve a big spotlight of recognition.

Rolig dropped what she was doing when she discovered the local Boys and Girls Club had lost its executive director. She filled in for four months - without pay, mind you - until a permanent executive director could be hired. Rolig didn't just sit there, either. She wrote grant proposals that brought the Boys and Girls Club more than \$100,000.

Vollmer's lifetime achievement award was the result of decades of community involvement. Over the years, Vollmer has come to personify public service in Twin Falls: eight years on the City Council (including four as mayor); three terms as president of the chamber of commerce; service on the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's board; and involvement in YMCA, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Junior Achievement, Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club, to name a few.

Vollmer and Rolig, along with others who share similar commitments, have made this a better place to live. They are vibrant strands in the fabric of community.

And another thing ...

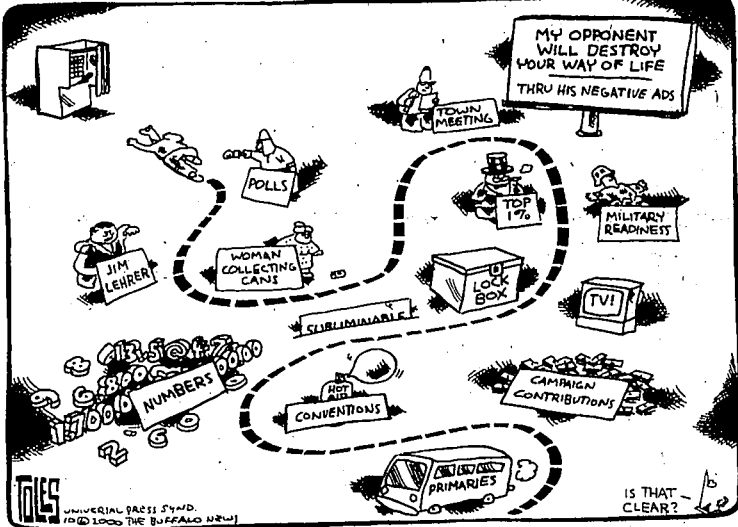
While we're on the subject of people who make the Magic Valley a better place to live, it's worth noting that seven outstanding local teachers have won \$1,000 apiece for their efforts. Our congratulations go to the winners: Gary Dalton at Jerome High School, Lynne Larson at Burley Junior High School, Christine Montgomery at O'Leary Junior High School, Carolyn Hondo at Caroly Junior High School, Ed Richards at Filer High School, and Jeff Fox, John Hughes and Jim Wilson at CSI.

It's also worth noting that the award money comes from private foundations, not the public education establishment. The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation and the College of Southern Idaho Foundation deserve credit for choosing to reward excellence in public education.

It's too bad that Idaho's public education establishment can't, or won't, perform this function. Merit-based rewards run counter to the interests of teachers' unions, which prefer to turn a blind eye to strengths and weaknesses of individual teachers.

Until merit-based rewards are given in-house, Idaho's system of public education must rely on the kindness of strangers to recognize excellence within its ranks.

Doug Vollmer and Kaylynn Rolig, along with others who share similar commitments, have made this a better place to live. They are vibrant strands in the fabric of community.



LETTERS

Agencies indulge in hypocrisy

As a supporter of the Jarbridge Shovel Brigade, I would like to make a few points concerning hypocrisy on environmental matters by some federal agencies and environmental organizations.

A state and federal bull trout extermination project was started in 1913 (ongoing to 1990) under the Dingell-Johnson program. They used nets, poison and bounties to kill the fish. They did this because the bull is very aggressive and eats everything live in its path, including brookies, rainbows, salmon and salmon eggs. The Forest Service, under the guise of an emergency listing season when damage could be done to spawning fish, obliterated the road, filling it with rocks, dirt and trees.

Members of the environmental group, "Great Old Broads for Wilderness," showed up to "clean up" the mess after the Fourth of July protest. There was no need for their help because the area was kept clean during and after the event, in glaring contrast to some of the Earth Day celebrations. One of the GOBs was pictured on Page A7 on July 5 of The Times-News. She or one of their group was quoted as saying the brigade would do damage if they just leaned on their shovels. She is pictured wearing nine pieces of precious metal jewelry on her arms and hands. I wonder how many hundreds of tons of earth had to be excavated just to satisfy her vanity.

After an area is closed to motorized travel, only about two people in a thousand ever use it again. This is extreme discrimination against the elderly, disabled, people with heart or respiratory ailments, bad hips, etc. These are people who have been contributing to this country most of their lives and they deserve access to the wild and scenic areas as much or more than many of the people trying to lock them out.

The key to a great outdoors now and in the future is proper management and maintenance - not closure to satisfy a few. If this costs more, then so be it, there couldn't be a better investment.

HARVEY PENDLETON
Twin Falls

Landscaping value grows over time

A couple of observations from your Home 2000 section on Oct. 15:

On the front page is shown a chart of investment vs. return on various home improvement projects. I could not help but notice that the category of installing or upgrading of landscaping netted an average payback of 30 to 60 percent of the cost.

What I believe this chart fails to show is that the appreciating dollar value of landscaping grows over time. While adding a new heating or air condition-

ing system or doing an interior remodel may net a higher initial return on investment than landscaping, over time and use, their value depreciates. Plant a couple well-selected trees in your yard costing \$50 each this year and see if you would take \$50 for them in five years. What a return on your investment that is!

My other observation regards the article on Page F-10 regarding fall landscaping. We tree huggers note that in the past from the high-altitude deserts of southern Idaho. Although well written and able to conjure up images of landscape heaven in a homeowner's mind, all but about three of the plant varieties mentioned even stand a snowball's chance of surviving the Magic Valley climate.

Next time, how about consulting your local nursery professionals for some home-grown advice? They dispense sound advice to many inquiring good folks daily and would surely consider The Times-News staff among those, if asked.

DAVID S. WRIGHT
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: David Wright is the president of Kimberly Nurseries Inc.)

Gore threatens firearm owners

Hunters, competitive shooters and people owning firearms for self-protection fear Second Amendment rights to "keep and bear arms" are in jeopardy if Al Gore is elected president. Gore has been quoted in the national debates as saying, "My proposals won't affect hunters and other sportsmen." This is a lie, as his own attorneys in the Justice Department have stated their purpose is to deny ownership of any gun to all people except in the military.

Last August in a case on the validity of the Second Amendment in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, Judge Garwood asked the Justice Department attorney, Mr. Metje, this question: "You can prevent ownership of rifles, pistols and shotguns from all people? Is that the position of the United States?" Metje, "Yes," Judge Garwood then asked, "Is it the position of the United States that persons who are not in the National Guard are afforded no protection under the Second Amendment?" Metje, "Exactly."

The appeal will go on to the Supreme Court, but the position of the Clinton-Gore administration is clear: George W. Bush has stated he will protect gun owners' rights. If you value your hunting, shooting and protection, then the choice is clear on Election Day - Vote Bush!

STU MURRELL
Jerome
(Editor's note: Stu Murrell is a retired employee of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, a leading Magic Valley firearms instructor, and frequent hunting and shooting sports contributor to the Outdoors section of The Times-News.)

Market prices seem uncertain

Kudos to Ramsey Heating & Plumbing for their marquee farm message. This farm wife really appreciates the kind words during this very worrisome time of harvest. Yields are good - quality is superior. But where are the market prices? Times have never been so uncertain.

Our community is clearly dependent upon the farmers and their tax-based dollars. Even with negative return on their investment, it is still their hope to keep doing what they love to do. Who of our neighbors will survive to farm again another year? What will happen if the sugar industry in our area ceases? What will be the ripple effect to processors, truckers, grocery and department stores, doctors, dentists or car salesmen?

Did you know that a farmer's share of a bag of potato chips is 3 cents or thereabouts? Can you buy potatoes in the store in any way, shape or form for a penny a pound?

Faced with rising fuel costs, stuffed molasses from Canada, imported honey from China, sugar and tomatoes from Mexico, and a myriad of other problems, it is a wonder optimism can be found anywhere.

And yet, consumers seem eager to welcome imported foods grown without the regulations for food safety and environmental protection required of the growers in our own country.

Don't you think we should care for our own? Are consumers ready to shoulder the escalating cost of food if we allow a few multinationals to dictate what we eat and how much we pay?

Thanks, Ramsey's, for recognizing the importance of independent business men and women who work the soil and share the benefits in local communities across the country.

GLENA TURNER
Burley

Letters deadline

Two errors appeared in the letter to the editor from Bob Muffley, which was published Saturday. Muffley's hometown was incorrect; he lives in Wendon. The year the Mid-Snake Study Group became a regional commission was incorrect; that year was 1993.

The Times-News regrets the errors.

The deadline for election-related letters is p.m. on Nov. 1. Letters can be submitted in person at our Twin Falls or Burley offices, by mail to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301, or by e-mail to letters@timesnews.com. Please keep your letter under 400 words. Also include your home address and home phone number for verification purposes. We look forward to your letter.

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LETTERS

Public outcry halted dairy permits

Recently, a letter was published extolling the virtues of the current county commissioners in regard to their handling of the conflict in public feeding operation issue. One "fact" that was cited was the current moratorium.

Yes, the commissioners did enact a short-term halt to permits, but not because "they" felt it was necessary. It was repeatedly asked for by individuals and groups because of the mess that has taken place. Once it was enacted, they appointed a review committee that was also suggested by the citizens. If the county commissioners are so concerned with the number of cows, the odors, the groundwater, why don't they continue the moratorium until these issues are resolved. They can say, on one hand, we enacted a moratorium so some of you should be happy. Then, on the other hand, the moratorium is off now so that pretty much covers everybody else. Vote for me.

The largest single contributing factor of the recent public outcry is the stench. They have appointed a lighting committee to address the night sky issue. I suggest they appoint a stench committee. This, too, has the added benefit of relieving them of actually doing anything and maybe even totally getting some relief for the people who are actually looking at the stars.

BILL HANSEN
Filer

Tree editorial was disappointing

Upon returning from a trip, I read the Times-News for the two weeks I was gone. What a disappointment to read the editorial of Sept. 22, regarding the "downtown tree," with very critical statements about the Magic Valley Arts Council and the Millennium Art Project.

Having been involved with this project from its initial proposal to Twin Falls by the Idaho Commission on the Arts and knowing to what extent the arts council and the art projects advisory board have gone to be fair and sensitive to all aspects of the project, I felt I had to address some of the issues raised.

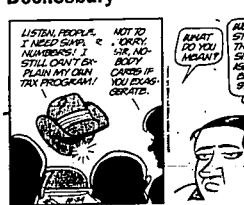
To say that the Tree Commission "grew weary of the fight and eventually gave up" doesn't give credit to the members of that commission or to the careful and thorough process the matter was given! Both committees involved, as well as the parks and recreation department and the City Council, were given the opportunity to be heard. To use the phrase, "airing the community's dirty laundry on a public art project is a bad idea," said more to me about the ignorance of the editorial board about the project than anything else.

Anyone who has taken the time to talk to Ted Clausen and learn about the depth of research in books and with people he has done can be assured his selections will be thoughtfully made and agreed upon by dozens of people from all parts of the community. Did any of the editorial writers research the project on their own, or did they write only from information spoon fed them?

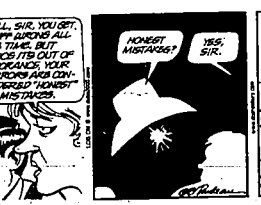
Many years from now, residents will remember with pride that Twin Falls was selected as the Idaho site for one of 50 millennium art projects nationwide. They will be comfortable with the bronze and stone works - symbols of their history. They will be familiar with the quotes - showing family and friends their favorites. Hopefully, they will not remember the insensitive remarks of an uninformed editorial board.

PAT HALLER
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Pat Haller is a member of the Idaho Commission on the Arts.)

Doonesbury



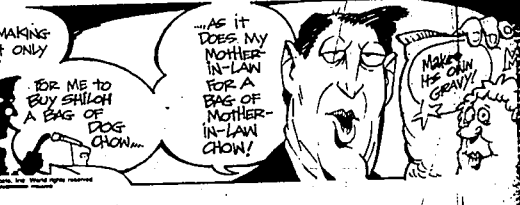
By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tins



OPINION

Gore faces a 'trick or treat' decision

SEATTLE - Vice President Al Gore is noted for his Halloween parties, but the "trick or treat" question facing him this year is no fun at all. In weighing the risks and rewards of unleashing President Clinton for the final days of the campaign, Gore is wrestling with an issue that could be decisive in his achingly close contest with Texas Gov. George W. Bush.



DAVID S. BRODER

Whatever your partisanship, you have to sympathize with the dilemma Gore faces as his 12-year quest for the presidency comes down to its final days. Clinton has been both a boon and a burden to him and arguably can save him or sink him still.

The quandary has its roots in the historically unique public ambivalence about the incumbent president. His job approval is remarkably high and his economic legacy is the single strongest asset Gore commands. But his personal disapproval scores are also staggering.

The Gore-Bush race may be the closest since 1960, but the circumstances this vice president faces are not at all like those confronting Vice President Richard Nixon 40 years ago. Nixon was widely faulted for waiting too long to ask President Dwight Eisenhower to take to the stump for him, but explained in his memoirs that he had promised Mamie Eisenhower not to tax the general's endurance or jeopardize his health. Certainly he had no reason to think Eisenhower's aid would be anything but a boon to him as he battled John F. Kennedy down to the wire.

It must be said that most of the Democrats I've talked to in traveling through such battleground states as Missouri, Michigan and Washington this past week consider the question a "no-brainer" for Gore as well. They want Clinton in the major cities of their states to highlight the importance of the election and drive up the core Democratic vote.

Their view reflects the report of last week's USA Today/CNN Gallup Poll, which found Republicans 10 points more enthusiastic about voting than Democrats.

Whether he wins or loses in the end, Bush clearly has suc-

ceeded in motivating a far greater Republican effort in far more states than any candidate since Ronald Reagan. In states like Maine, Wisconsin, Michigan and Washington, and even in Clinton's and Gore's home states of Arkansas and Tennessee, Republicans are excited by having their nominee on the scene.

Gore solidified the Democratic base at the time of the national convention in August, but local elected Democrats will tell you there is a difference between solidifying the base and energizing it.

No one can do that better than Clinton. The best campaigner since Reagan, cherished as no one else by African-American and Latino constituencies, he has shown what a force he can be in the cities. I watched him come into Philadelphia a year ago for John Street, who was lagging in his race for mayor. Clinton invented virtues for Street his own mother never imagined and made, his victory sound like salvation for the city and redemption for the race.

Street won by two points. Nonetheless, Gore hesitates to unleash him. A top Gore strategist told me Sunday, "The activists say you've got to do it, but if he goes out and makes this a Clinton vs. Bush campaign, it doesn't help."

Clinton's personal approval score, this official said, is 11 points negative in Michigan, only 2 points positive here in Washington.

"Bottom line," he said, "Bill Clinton is not going to be able to win this for Al Gore." The speaker of those words is a much better politician than I will ever be. But limiting Clinton's role to a few appearances in key states sounds rather than going all-out to win. If Gore loses, he'll have a long time to ponder what Clinton might have done.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

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Calls from within Yugoslavia grow for Milosevic's arrest

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Although the West has agreed to put the extradition of Slobodan Milosevic for war crimes on the back burner, the former Yugoslav leader may soon face arrest at home for alleged corruption, fraud and other offenses against his own people.

The new leadership of President Vojislav Kostunica is hinting that Milosevic's arrest is just a matter of time.

"There is some justice in the fact that Milosevic was not lynched, nor killed, as Serbs want to see him on trial and in prison," said Zarko Korac, a pro-democracy leader likely to become Yugoslavia's next foreign minister. "That is good for Serbia, and bad for Milosevic."

Kostunica's supporters say the depth of Milosevic's alleged illicit activity came to light only after his loss in the Sept. 24 election and

the Oct. 5 uprising that forced him to concede. That enabled the new leaders... to take control of some state-run enterprises, the National Bank and the customs bureau.

Milosevic's opponents say records show a pattern of embezzling state funds, transferring millions of dollars into private foreign bank accounts and of rigging the election to stay in power.

"There is a lot of evidence which should lead to Milosevic's arrest,"

said Velimir Ilic, the mayor of Cacak, and a key figure in Milosevic's ouster.

Mladjan Dinkic, an economist and Kostunica supporter who took control of the National Bank, described the level of embezzlement and corruption during the Milosevic era as "huge." Dinkic said Milosevic must be prosecuted, and several of his neo-communist allies "must be banned for life from public office."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Wendell votes on bond issue today

WENDELL - Wendell residents will vote today on a \$6.1 million bond issue.

The approved, the money would be used to build a new 57,000-square-foot middle school and a separate 100,000-square-foot vocational-technical building. Both facilities would be built on East Main Avenue next to the existing high school.

Rolling sites are at the Wendell High School gymnasium and elementary school and are open from noon until 9 p.m.

The plan is for a 20-year bond issue. The new school would accommodate fifth through eighth grades and would include 20 classrooms, three resource rooms, a computer lab, a science lab, media center, a multipurpose room with locker rooms, and a kitchen and cafeteria.

A separate metal-frame vocational-technical building, to be shared with the high school, would be completed as the district's vocational education programs were developed and implemented.

District leaders and a 35-member volunteer building committee have been working since March on the bond issue effort after the district lost a portion of its aging, middle school to a crumbling foundation.

Trial starts for man police say ran meth lab

TWIN FALLS - A trial begins at 9:30 a.m. today in Twin Falls for a man charged in May with making methamphetamine in the basement of the home he shared with his disabled 69-year-old mother.

Police who searched the home of Timothy Duane Richardson, 36, at 167 Filer Ave. W. in Twin Falls say they found a "boxed" meth lab in the basement, according to court documents.

Richardson is charged with possession of methamphetamine and trafficking in methamphetamine by manufacturing. Under Idaho's tougher anti-drug laws passed last year, the latter charge carries a minimum sentence of five years in prison and a \$25,000 fine and a maximum of life in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

Accident near Buhl leaves woman injured

BUHL - A 19-year-old Twin Falls woman was still in an emergency room late Monday, being treated for injuries she suffered in a two-vehicle accident about 4:30 p.m. near Buhl.

Colene Huh had to be cut from the wreckage of the 1994 Nissan pickup she was driving after it collided with a Buhl Highway District truck, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's office spokeswoman Nancy Howell.

High was being treated in the emergency room at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls and her condition was not available, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Details of the accident were still sketchy late Monday, Howell said. The crash site at 1500 East and 3900 North was still under investigation, she said.

The driver of the highway truck, Bryan Lively, 34, of Buhl, was not seriously hurt, Howell said.

Buhl commission picks its first area project

BUHL - The city's Urban Renewal Commission has chosen the McCollum Addition as its first improvement project and area residents are invited to attend a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

Agency Director Tom Gannon said the proposed project would include deteriorating water and sewer lines, street improvements and health and safety issues.

"We know we have city service problems in the McCollum Addition and are looking at ways to fix them," Gannon said.

The residents are the best source of comment and by hearing the concerns and priorities of the community the commission would not overlook any important information.

"We are depending on the residents to help us develop the best possible project in that area," Gannon said.

Questions about the meeting or project should be directed to Gannon at 543-2330.

Compiled from staff reports

Incumbent faces lone challenger

Jerome Democrat takes on Rupert Republican in House race

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

Where they stand - B3

RUPERT - For a while it looked as if legislative District 24 was going to have Democratic challengers running for both of its House seats - a rare thing in southern Idaho.

But a late withdrawal by one Democrat has left Peter Snyder of Jerome alone in his attempt to unseat a Republican incumbent in that district, which covers Jerome County and portions of Minidoka County.

Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, has served two terms in the Idaho

House and is a conservative thinker in the nation's most Republican Statehouse.

His positions on strengthening rural Idaho's economic viability - and his steadfast support for the agricultural industry in the face of growing natural resource use restrictions and labor demands - show how his farming roots have shaped his outlook in the Legislature.

A fiscal conservative, Stevenson thinks as much of the state's \$280 million budget sur-

plus should be returned to taxpayers - but not at the risk of having to raise taxes later.

"If we're generating that kind of surplus each year, we're taxing people too much," he said. "But we don't want to put ourselves up against a wall. If you lower them, and then have to raise them again, you're better off to have never lowered them."

On some issues, Stevenson has nearly libertarian views.

He advocates the privatizing of public schools and doesn't believe in minimum wage laws.

Snyder, with the exception of his views on abortion, sounds

much like a typical Democrat.

Snyder wants the state, at least in part, to pony up for safer, more learning-friendly school buildings and he wants to ax Idaho's "supermajority" requirement for school bond issues.

Snyder hopes his candidacy will help his party regain its lost competitive edge. He said apathy is growing among Idaho voters because of the GOP's current dominance.

He also thinks legislators should serve only two terms at the Statehouse.

"I think people get locked into a certain level of complacency or

stagnation - whatever you want to call it," Snyder said.

Snyder says he opposes abortion, but would not support a measure to restrict use of the newly approved "morning-after" abortion pill, because it's unlikely to withstand court scrutiny.

Another Democrat had been challenging for the other District 24 House seat, but Bonnie Smith - like Snyder, a Jerome resident - dropped her race against Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Rupert, last month. But because Smith missed the August deadline to withdraw from the race, she will appear the ballot in Nov. 7's general election.

Magic Valley Regional loses out on deal



Saint Alphonsus Chief Executive Officer Sandra Bruce speaks to about 30 people during a ceremony in the hospital's chapel to mark the transfer of sponsorship of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. Saint Alphonsus and its parent corporation took ownership of the hospital on Oct. 1.

Boise hospital assumes ownership of St. Benedict's in Jerome

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

JEROME - It's official: St. Benedict's Family Medical Center has a new owner.

After 1 1/2 years of negotiating, the Jerome hospital Monday celebrated a transfer of sponsorship to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Under the agreement, which took effect Oct. 1, Saint Alphonsus and its owner, Trinity Health Corp., are the new owners.

Benedictine Health Systems of Duluth, Minn., will take over the

day-to-day hospital operations under a contract with Saint Alphonsus. The deal involved no money. Instead, the hospital's former owner gifted the hospital to Saint Al's.

"Overall, people are very pleased," said Lynn Mattison, St. Benedict's interim administrator. "Saint Al's has an outstanding reputation in the state, and will strengthen St. Benedict's."

In October 1999, St. Benedict's former owner, the Idaho Corporation of Benedictine Sisters in Cottonwood, voted to relinquish sponsorship, according to a Saint Alphonsus news

release.

The Benedictine Sisters gave up ownership because they wanted a sponsor with more experience and resources, Mattison said. The Benedictine Sisters took no money from the transfer.

"That tells you what the Benedictine Sisters value," Saint Alphonsus Director and CEO Sandra Bruce said.

"We wanted the best for St. Benedict's, and this seemed the best way," said Sister Jean Lalande, president of the Idaho Corporation of Benedictine Sisters.

"I think that's the way it is

with rural hospitals," Lalande said. "They need a larger network that can do things we can't."

The Benedictine Sisters couldn't help the hospital financially or provide the resources a larger owner could.

"We're still very committed to St. Benedict's, and it will always be in our prayers," Lalande said.

Saint Alphonsus has managed St. Benedict's for nearly 15 years, so ownership was a natural progression, Bruce said.

"We are very committed to

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'Water is as healthy as it has been'

Well testing raises nothing startling

By Lorraine Cavenor
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN - No startling revelations were seen in results of a farm water testing project sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Companies.

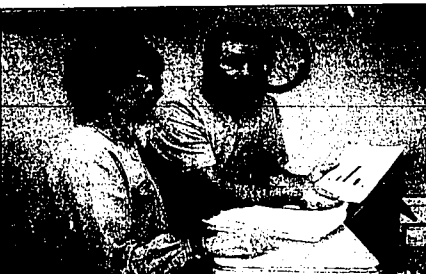
Forteen wells - of 144 tested - showed nitrates at levels higher than the drinking water limits, said John Firth, president of the local Farm Bureau.

But when those 14 were retested, only four showed nitrate levels above the limit, he said. Testing originally might not have been done properly, he said.

"Generally speaking, water is as healthy as it has been," Firth said. "We have some of the best drinking water right here in our area."

Those wells, which tested high for nitrates, are shallow wells between 300 North and the Snake River, he said. Nitrates are a form of nitrogen usable by plants and found in fertilizer.

State Department of Environmental Quality officials



Local Farm Bureau President John Firth and Secretary Betty Johnson review results of the Farm Bureau water testing program.

helped the Farm Bureau with the project, which tested wells for anyone who asked for \$15.

Nitrates in drinking water are particularly dangerous to infants and can cause the potentially lethal blue baby syndrome known as "methemoglobinemia." The federal drinking water

standard for nitrate is based on health risks and is 10 parts nitrates to 1 million parts water.

Mike Etcheverry was not surprised to learn that a few of the wells tested were over the limit. As a water quality science officer for DEQ, Etcheverry has been

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Beware of river

Officials warn owners to keep pets away from low water

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Before the Snake River is lowered to allow homeowners to fix waterfront property, officials are cautioning dog owners to keep their pets away from the river.

The warning comes a year after six dogs were mysteriously poisoned on the riverbank between the Minidoka Dam and Burley. Five of those dogs died.

"If you like your dog, run him somewhere else while the water's low," said Bill Bishop, director of the Idaho Bureau of Hazardous Materials in Boise.

Numerous agencies spent tens of thousands of dollars investigating the canine deaths, but investigators never found an answer, or even a strong theory.

"With the amount of work done, the number of samples taken ... it's pretty amazing we

Then there were seven

Candidates vie for Mindoka judge spot

The Times-News

RUPERT - Seven candidates are vying for a judge's job that will be vacated in January 2001 when 5th District Judge J. William Han steps down.

The candidates include:

- Dennis Byington, a Burley attorney.
- Thomas Cushman, a Jerome attorney. A former magistrate judge for Jerome County, Cushman is involved in the Snake River Basin Adjudication, and hopes to be transferred to the complex water-rights case as its presiding judge.
- Larry Huff, a 5th Judicial District magistrate judge in Minidoka County.
- Kent Jensen, a Burley attorney.
- John Melanson, a 5th district magistrate judge in Lincoln County.
- Raymundo Pena, a Rupert attorney.
- Randy Stoker, a Twin Falls attorney.

Now that the applications are in, every lawyer in Idaho will get a questionnaire to anonymously rate the candidates on several issues.

"The public also can comment anonymously through questionnaires that can be obtained at county clerks' offices."

Interviews with the Idaho Judicial Council follow. The council then selects to two to four finalists, whose names go to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne for consideration.

The council hopes to have a recommendation by Hart's Jan. 6, 2001 retirement date. The new judge will earn \$91,596 a year.

What to do

If a family member or pet becomes sick after being down by the Snake River now through December, call the state Department of Environmental Quality as soon as possible at 736-2190.

weren't able to come up with at least a strong clue to point us in the right direction," Bishop said.

The investigation isn't over. The state Department of Environmental Quality will head out to the river again this year to look for clues that might have eluded officials last time.

"We're not satisfied with the results we got last year," DEQ remediation manager Bill Allied said.

Several agencies tested the area - including the DEQ, Idaho Bureau of Hazardous Materials, the state epidemiologist, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and private veterinarians from the National Veterinarian Center in Ames, Iowa.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Aryan Nations leader reportedly moves into new home in Hayden

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler has moved out of his 20-acre northern Idaho compound, according to a supporter.

The neo-Nazi must relinquish the compound soon to satisfy part of a \$6.3 million judgment against him in a civil lawsuit.

Wealthy supporter Vincent Bertollini last week purchased a home for Butler in nearby Hayden, Idaho, and Butler has moved in, Bertollini said Monday.

Hayden is about 40 miles east of Spokane, Wash.

"The icon of the new defunct (h) Aryan Nations has 'left the property,'" Bertollini wrote in an

e-mail to reporters. "There is nothing but silence there now."

A woman who answered the telephone at the Aryan Nations said they would have no comment. She declined to answer questions.

The lawsuit also stripped Butler of the right to use the name Aryan Nations, but he has settled on an alternative, "The Aryan National Alliance," Bertollini wrote.

Butler, 82, was due to turn over the property to Victoria and Jason Keenan as early as this week. The Keenans last month won a negligence lawsuit against Butler after they were shot at and assaulted by Aryan Nations security guards in 1998.

Bertollini said Butler's enemies "can hire their trucks, vans and minions to cart away Pastor Butler's possessions of a lifetime."

"Pastor Butler will continue preaching. Pastor Butler will continue printing and Pastor Butler will continue to ride the Internet," Bertollini wrote.

Bertollini and associate Carl Story, both of nearby Sandpoint, Idaho, operate the 11th Hour Remnant Messenger, which shares the anti-Semitic, white supremacist philosophy of Aryan Nations. They have used wealth from their Silicon Valley computer ventures to finance mass mailings and other activities.

DEATH NOTICES

Harold Gene Choate
RUPERT - Harold Gene Choate, 59, of Homer, Alaska and formerly of Rupert and Fairfield, died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2000, in Alaska. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 27, 2000, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Burial will be in the Elrawood Cemetery in Gooding.

Family members and friends may call from 1-7 p.m. on Thursday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Beverly Ann Erickson
KIMBERLY - Beverly Ann

Erickson, 69, of Kimberly died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2000, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Norman Vernard Lyda of Twin Falls, services at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2000, at the Church of the Nazarene in Kimberly (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

a.m. Thursday at the Heritage Alliance Church in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Joseph Van Arkel of Twin Falls and formerly of San Mateo, Calif., memorial service at 10:30

Laura Evans of Ketchum, memorial services at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Elkhorn Hotel Banquet room. A reception will follow.

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TWIN FALLS



Rovena Smith
Rovena Smith passed away at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center on Oct. 21, 2000, of a prolonged illness.

Rovena was born in Cordell, Okla., on Nov. 4, 1922, the daughter of Carrie and Mammie Hilling.

Rovena attended schools in Oklahoma and Rupert, Idaho. In 1939 she married Curtis Russell and was later divorced. In 1944, she married Everett Hill and they farmed in the Eden area until 1952, when they moved their operation to Soap Lake, Wash. They returned to Wendell, Idaho, in 1962. After Everett's death in 1975, Rovena retired in Twin Falls. In 1986, she married Alex Smith and he preceded her in death in 1997. Mrs. Smith worked many years for Doss's Dry Cleaners and also One Hour Martinizing.

Rovena is survived by two sons, Roy (Laurie.) Hill of Buhl, Curtis (Mary Jo) Russell of Burley, two sisters Maxine Harper of Hayward, Calif., Cora Mae (Dolbar) Rasmussen of Rupert; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter, three brothers, and two sisters and one grandson.

Funeral services for Rovena Smith will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2000, at White Mortuary Chapel, with Reverend Clarence Vignone officiating. Interment will follow. Friends may call at White Mortuary today from 4-8 p.m.

BUHL



Wallace George Glasgow

Wallace George Glasgow, 68, of Buhl, passed away Oct. 20, 2000, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

He was born Jan. 19, 1932, in Pittsburgh, Pa., the son of Wilson and Fanella Glasgow. At the age of three the family moved to San Bonita, Texas. He served his country as a Navy Firefighter for twelve years, and was a retired California Firefighter. Wallace also worked part time for Seneca Foods in Buhl.

Wallace is survived by his wife Coy Glasgow of Buhl; son George Glasgow of Kingsville, Texas; daughters, Lindy Williamson of Charleston, S.C., Jeannine Glasgow of Mt. Vernon, Wash., Dorothy DeLeon of Plano, Texas, along with two brothers, Robert and Bruce Glasgow both of Texas and seven grandchildren.

He will be missed by all who loved and loved him.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, Oct. 26, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Military honors will be performed by the Magic Valley Veterans and Auxiliary.

BURLEY



Ethel Hendricks Robinson

Ethel Hendricks Robinson, 84-year-old Burley resident, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2000, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born Aug. 4, 1916, in Issi, then in the neighborhood of Marriner and Sarah Lowe Allen Hendricks. She received her education in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1933, she assisted with her parents to Leadville, Colo., graduating from Leadville High School in 1934. She married Charles (Chuck) Robinson on Sept. 24, 1938, in Salt Lake City. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in 1940. They moved to Rupert in 1950, and in 1953, she and Chuck preceded her in death in January of 1984.

She married William Moore on June 3, 1988. They resided in Salt Lake City, Utah. She returned to Burley in 1991, following William's death. Ethel started her employment with the Ramada Inn in Burley, on Oct. 16, 1968, assisting in getting the complex ready to open in November. From opening until 1982, she was cashier and hostess, then was time keeper and did bookkeeping until her retirement in 1987, from the now Burley Best Western Inn. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where she had served in various capacities.

She is survived by one son, Charles Kenneth Robinson of Prescott, Ariz., one sister, Ruth (Charles) Davidson of Salt Lake City, Utah; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and her special friends and caregivers, Scott and Norena Zimmerman of Burley.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Linda Edgington and Elaine Robinson and one brother.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2000, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, with Bishop Timothy L. Harris officiating. Interment will be at Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, on Tuesday, from 6-8 p.m. and on Wednesday, prior to the funeral.

GOODING

Martin A. Wiswell

Martin A. Wiswell, 98, a Gooding resident, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2000, at the Gooding Rehab. & Living Center in Gooding.

Martin was born Aug. 19, 1902, in Hutchison, Kan., the son of Royal & Emma Sumtiller Wiswell. He moved with his parents to Emmett, Idaho in 1908, they then moved to the Harrison and Hazelton area where he attended school. In 1922, he moved to Gooding. On July 6, 1936, Martin was married to Ruth Lewis in Harrison, Idaho. They lived in Gooding where Martin was employed by the Big Wood Canal Company until he retired. Martin

was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church and Lincoln Lodge 59, A.F. & A.M.

He is survived by numerous nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth in 1994; three brothers and two sisters.

Gravestone services will be conducted 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2000, at the Elmwood Cemetery by Reverend Richard Goetsch of Trinity Episcopal Church. Friends may call at Demaray's Gooding Chapel on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. for viewing and then meet at the Cemetery for services.

BROWNSBURG, IND.

Anna Louree Jaynes Finley

Anna Louree Jaynes Finley, 65, of Brownsburg, Indiana, passed away Friday, Oct. 20, 2000, at Clarifan Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind.

Anna was born Dec. 4, 1934, in Noodahse, Kan., the daughter of William & Louree Jaynes. In 1956, she married William C. Finley.

She is survived by sons Ron Finley of Wendell, Idaho, and Tom Finley of Brownsburg, Ind.; daughter Teri Duncan of Pittsboro, Ind.; eight grandchildren and two grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Finley.

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JEROME



Cleo C. Ambrose

Cleo C. Ambrose, 95, of Jerome, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2000, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit.

Cleo was born Aug. 9, 1905, at Nyssa, Ore., the son of Arthur and Nora Miller Ambrose. They moved to Jerome, where Cleo attended the first class at the Pleasant Plains School north of town. During his youth he helped remove the sagebrush from the land so that it could be tilled and irrigated as water became available. In 1927, he married Vera Hansen and they farmed northwest of Jerome for 24 years. Vera died in 1963, and Cleo later married Helen McCall Phillips in 1965. Cleo served as a Jerome County Commissioner from 1964 until 1973, also served on the Jerome County Fair Board, served as chairman and long time secretary for the Jerome Cemetery Association. He was also a member and past master of the Jerome Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife Helen of Jerome; a son Dennis (Donna) Ambrose of Hemet, Calif.; a daughter Helen (Lynn) Hanson of Aberdeen, Idaho; two step-sons Joe Phillips of Medford, Ore., Robert (Patricia) Phillips of Spokane, Wash.; a step-daughter Marilyn Sorensen of Healy of Hallog; a sister Billie Winterhalter of Fair; and two brothers Finis and Mac Ambrose, both of Jerome. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother, two brothers, two sisters and one grandson.

A memorial service for Cleo Ambrose will be conducted on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2000, at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2000, in the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel. No viewing is planned.

The family suggests memorials to the Talking Book Library, 325 West State St., Boise, Idaho 83702, or to a charity of choice.

Officials suspend air search for two Arizona flood victims

PARKER, Ariz. (AP) - Officials suspended an air search Monday for two people reportedly swept away by floodwaters that forced hundreds to flee two western Arizona towns.

Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Steve Biro said aerial searches could not confirm witness reports that two men had been carried away by the torrent. Further searches, this time by officers on the ground, will have to wait until the water recedes within a few days, he said.

40 miles to the northwest. Department of Public Safety and National Guard helicopters flew over areas where brown waters left behind by Sunday's rains were still washing over half-submerged cars and several mobile homes had been pushed off their foundations.

"If they've been there for two days there's no hope for rescue," Biro said.

Five others, migrant workers, also remained unaccounted for but officials did not know whether that was related to the flooding, said Deputy Karen Harris of the La Paz County Sheriff's Department. "They could've hatched home," said Harris.

Harris said more than 2,000 migrant workers come to pick crops in the area around the western Arizona town of Wenden, where most of the flooding occurred. They live where they can find room, sometimes pitching tents under a hedge or even in the Centennial Wash, which brought much of the flood water into town.

Many of the workers had sought shelter Monday in Parker, about

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Legislative candidates Q&A

Incumbent Rep. John A. "Bert" Stevenson, R-Rupert, faces Democratic challenger Peter J. Snyder of Jerome in the Nov. 7 election. They are running for a two-year seat in the Idaho House of Representatives from District 24, which includes Jerome County and portions of Mindokoa County. Legislators are paid \$14,700 annually.

	About the candidate	What should the state do with its surplus, which could reach \$300 million by the time the Legislature convenes in January?	What is your vision for education in Idaho?	Should all farm laborers be included under Idaho's minimum wage laws?	Would you support any measures designed to curtail use of RU-486, the so-called "morning-after" abortion pill?
 <p>John A. 'Bert' Stevenson</p>	<p>Age: 64. Occupation: Farmer. Education: High school diploma from Rupert High School; two years of college. Political experience: Two two-year terms in the Idaho House; One two-year term on the Mindokoa County Commission; board member of the Magic Valley Irrigation Pumps Association; member of the Mindokoa County Planning and Zoning Commission for four years; member of the East End Fire District board for four years. Civic and volunteer activities: Involved with Boy Scouts of America; member of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. Key political goals: Protect the continued, but balanced, use of Idaho's natural resources, with water being the most critical to the economic viability of the Magic Valley; watch out for the interests of the rural, agricultural communities often overlooked by legislation; protect Idaho's access to inexpensive hydroelectric power as that industry becomes deregulated; to limit the growth of state government by limiting the money it disposes.</p>	<p>Return as much as possible to taxpayers through a state income tax reduction and property tax relief, including property taxes for the College of Southern Idaho; put some money in reserve; and cover expenses, such as settling a lawsuit filed against the state by the trucking industry, and covering firefighting costs.</p>	<p>Bolives the "voucher system" has merit and advocates privatizing public schools; district superintendents should be business managers, not educators; to keep education expenditures to a minimum; believes sending some of the state budget surplus back to taxpayers would allow some mothers to stop working, giving children more time at home and making them better students.</p>	<p>Supports a legislative committee's recent recommendation to change state minimum wage laws so they mirror the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. "I personally am opposed to minimum wages. It ought to be between the employee and the employer."</p>	<p>Supports an outright ban, or measures to restrict the pill's use in Idaho with exception of cases involving rape, incest or pregnancies that threaten the health of the mother. However, he says there isn't much the state can do, since the courts would likely overturn any measure restricting its use.</p>
 <p>Peter J. Snyder</p>	<p>Age: 43 Occupation: Marketing manager for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Education: Bachelor's degree in community recreation; master's degree in municipal parks and administration. Political experience: No formal experience, but has served on a number of legislative committees in Nebraska and Illinois. Civic and volunteer activities: Former board member of the Twin Falls Crime Prevention Association; former member of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce. Key political goals: Promote economic development by doing more with tourism, food production and high-tech industries; improve the education system by using some state money to build public schools, by allowing school districts to pass bond issues with a simple majority and funding more teacher development programs; to increase political competition in Idaho.</p>	<p>Wants some put in the state's "rainy day fund," or budget reserve; wants to get rid of state sales tax on groceries; wants to give businesses tax breaks for creating new jobs; supports tax incentive finance for new industries.</p>	<p>Supports a state-financed matching funds program for school districts who pass bond issues for construction; supports repeal of the state's requirement that bond issues be approved by two-thirds majority, replacing it with a simple majority; supports funding more teacher development programs.</p>	<p>"It's something that should have been done years ago."</p>	<p>Doesn't support use of the pill, but wouldn't support measures to curtail its use, because they would have little chance of standing up to court review.</p>

Gore speech gets varied reactions

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Northwest activists have been waiting for Al Gore to give protecting old-growth forests and other ecological issues greater roles in his campaign. He finally did so during a Portland speech - but it might not be enough to draw voters away from Ralph Nader.

"He (Gore) is a pathological liar who will say and do anything to get elected," Tim Hermach of the Native Forest Council said Monday.

But other activists are pleased that in his speech Sunday night Gore finally acted like the environmentalist he says he is.

"I think it was a slam-dunk. He hit on the right issues and he did it with a lot of gusto," said Ken Raitt, conservation director for the Oregon Natural Resources Council.

Mainstream environmentalist groups like the Sierra Club have endorsed Gore. Seventy-five Oregon environmental leaders signed a letter endorsing Gore.

"I think that while they wished more could have been done in the past eight years, the Clinton-Gore administration was dealing with a Republican Congress that was hostile to environmental values."

But many ecological activists in the Pacific Northwest think that Gore has betrayed his environmentalist background by being too cozy with corporate America and are backing Green Party candidate Ralph Nader instead.

Gore gave a fiery speech in Portland Sunday night that was clearly aimed at winning over to his side those environmentalists who support Nader. Gore and Oregon W. Bush are in a virtual dead heat in Oregon, and could conceivably lose the state's 7 electoral votes because of Nader's support among environmentalists.

"When it comes to the environment, I've never given up and never turned back, and I never will," the Democratic presidential candidate said before a cheering crowd of nearly 4,000 gathered outside Portland State University.

Gore said that as president he would protect old-growth trees and roadless areas and enlist the help of science to restore salmon runs.

While Gore again did not specify whether he favors removing four hydroelectric dams on the lower Snake River to protect salmon runs, Raitt said he was disappointed Gore administration "would look hard at this issue" from a scientific point of view.

Mormon church says it's politically neutral

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - With the general election 15 days away, the Mormon church went out of its way to emphasize a policy of political neutrality on Monday.

President Gordon B. Hinckley and the top two counselors of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints affirmed the church's neutral stance in a news release.

They also issued a Sunday advisory that ward leaders need to the church's faith, who are overwhelmingly Republican.

"The church does not endorse any political party, political platform or candidate," said the church's First Presidency, which also includes counselors Thomas S. Monson and James E. Faust.

The trio said candidates and church officials should not imply any candidate has a church endorsement and church members are free to vote for anyone they believe is wise, good and honest.

The First Presidency also encouraged members to run for public office.

The Mormon church sometimes engages in political battles such as the effort to block same sex marriage rights, but largely stays out of politics.

However, political candidates in Utah have other ways of hinting at their loyalty to the church, such as Mormon elder worried about his faith's perceived link with the Republican Party issued a remarkable statement that being a good Mormon and Democrat wasn't a contradiction.

Hospital

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furthering Catholic health care in Idaho," she said. "When the Benedictine Sisters asked us if we were interested, it was very consistent with that goal."

But the deal could strain relations between Saint Al's and Magic Valley Regional Health Center, which tried to get a piece of the deal.

Both hospitals are competing to buy or lease the hospital at Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital, and Saint Al's wants Magic Valley Regional to contract air ambulance service from its Life Flight program.

Magic Valley Regional had approached St. Benedict's about becoming involved in the hospital's administration. When Magic Valley Regional later asked to become one-third to half partners with Benedictine Health Systems, St. Benedict's and the Benedictine

Sisters halted the negotiations, saying they had reservations about marrying their faith-based organization to a county-owned health care operation.

"We'll continue to provide the best patient care we can regardless of who owns St. Benedict's," said Shawn Barigan, Magic Valley Regional spokesman.

Terry Schultz, president of Magic Valley Regional's board of directors, declined comment Monday.

Saint Al's ownership of St. Benedict's shouldn't affect air ambulance negotiations.

"There are no plans to move Life Flight from Magic Valley Regional," Bruce said. Life Flight operates out of Magic Valley Regional, but has no contract.

Employees at St. Benedict's weren't affected by the change, but other changes might be coming.

St. Benedict's and Saint Al's are nearing completion of a strategic plan to determine how to best serve Jerome and surrounding communities, Mattison said.

The study should be finished by the end of the year and should identify key goals, including upgrades to the hospital building and community involvement.

The hospital wants to be more involved in the community through education programs, such as prenatal classes in Spanish, Mattison said.

Mattison has moved to Boise to become Saint Alphonsus' director of rural networks, but will continue as interim administrator at St. Benedict's until a new administrator is found.

Times-News writer Brandon Fiola can be reached in Twin Falls at 735-3246.

Water

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aware of the nitrate problem in Mini-Cassia for years. Most residents in the area where nitrate problems exist already know of the problem, he said.

The area is known for being susceptible to any kind of land use such as agriculture or septic tanks. Eutrocity said. Nitrate levels fluctuate often in wells in that area.

"Most have quit using the water for drinking water or have drilled a new well," he said.

If the problem were in the deep aquifer, that would be cause for alarm. DEQ has been monitoring wells throughout Magic Valley for years and so far has not found a problem in deep wells, he said.

State and federal studies, however, have shown that nitrate levels are rising in groundwater beneath the Magic Valley, particularly in parts of Jerome,

Gooding and Twin Falls counties. Though levels don't exceed the limit, the increasing trend has raised concern among state and local officials.

Mike Atchley, chairman of the committee in charge of the Farm Bureau's well testing project, said he was disappointed that more people did not participate in the well-testing project, but he was happy with the overall outcome of the project.

"There is no need for hysteria, but people need to be conscious of it," said Atchley, whose own well tested at an acceptable level.

Atchley lives in the area where nitrate levels have been a concern to residents in the past. When he and his father, Bill Atchley, proposed a subdivision last year, many of residents petitioned Mindokoa County commissioners against any new building permits until water quality and

quantity had been studied. Commissioners granted a variance to the Atchleys, which would allow them to build the subdivision without central sewer hook-ups, but would not allow the subdivision to be built without central water.

Mike Atchley said they hoped to continue with the subdivision project, but the cost of bringing central water to the area has been prohibitive to them and the subdivision has not been built.

He urges those who have not had their wells tested and are concerned with groundwater contamination to contact the health department.

"It's not a bad thing to have wells tested," Atchley said.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Coover can be reached through the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042.

River

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The river will be gradually lowered by 5 feet starting Wednesday through Nov. 3. The level will stay down until Dec. 20, when it will start to return to normal. And about all officials confirmed about the dog deaths is that they were related to the low water level.

"What we do know (is that) there weren't deaths prior to the river going down. And when the river went up, they stopped," he said.

Possible suspects had ranged from blue-green algae to pesti-

cides to rodent control agents, said James Baker, a toxicologist with the USDA in Boise. But nothing pointed to pesticides or chemicals.

Officials had ruled out water quality problems. It's unclear whether the poisonings were intentional, but Bishop said most toxins that are used intentionally leave a residue and are easily detected.

If the illnesses occur again, officials want people to notify the DEQ or the USDA as soon as possible. Last year's reports came at least three days after the incidents

occurred, which may have hindered the investigation.

No wildlife or other animals were reported harmed. Family members who were with one of the poisoned dogs on the river reported headaches and nausea, but were soon well again.

Nonetheless, officials caution people to avoid the exposed mud.

"I think that would probably be a good caution, too. Because we've never found a cause, never found why," said Cassia County Sheriff's Lt. Cary Bristol.

State, attorney continue sparring over Troy school

BOISE (AP) - The state and the attorney for 15 school districts seeking financial help on their building needs are sparring again over what to do about the Troy Junior-Senior High School that failed a safety evaluation.

School district Attorney Robert Huntley renewed the proposal originally made by the state last spring to close the school's main building after an evaluation by architects and engineers last summer.

In a response filed last week with 4th District Judge Deborah Bail, Deputy Attorney General Michael Gilmore reiterated the state's opposition to being ordered by the court to intervene in the Troy problem.

While it is too late to implement the state's original proposal to close the building before the school year started and reopen it only once it meets safety standards, Gilmore said the building could be closed at the end of this semester.

He also told Bail that she could take notice of the fact that state lawmakers last winter created the Idaho Uniform School Building Safety Code Committee to deal with unsafe schools.

Park sees decrease in visitors

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) - Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks both posted big declines in visitors in September.

Although forest fires in the region were burning only in the backcountry last month, they may have kept some tourists away, Yellowstone spokeswoman Marsha Karle said.

"They changed their mind about making the trip because of the uncertainty," she said.

Compared to September 1999, Yellowstone posted a 20.5 per-

cent decline in recreational visits during September. The park recorded 353,728 visitors last month, and 445,057 in September 1999.

Grand Teton reported a 16 percent drop from 392,841 in September 1999 to 329,923 last month.

Teton park spokeswoman Joan Anzelm said factors other than the fires also may have played a role in the decline. For example, some tourists may have gone to the Olympics in Australia, she said.

Idaho is the only state that requires both a two-thirds supermajority to pass bond issues and does not provide any direct state support for school buildings.

Bail is likely to rule before year's end on the school districts' claim that the state has failed to fulfill its constitutional responsibility to assure all students a safe environment suitable to learning.

State lawmakers implemented two loan programs last year to help districts deal with building needs. But critics of those schemes maintain that the problem has not been securing money to build or repair schools but paying that money back because property owners refuse to pay the additional taxes on their homes and land.

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Utah father, son die of apparent carbon-monoxide poisoning

DRAPER, Utah (AP) - A Draper father and his 15-year-old son died in their camper of apparent carbon-monoxide poisoning.

Bruce Parry and his son, Aaron, were on a deer-hunting and camping trip to Sanpete County. Their bodies were found by family members Sunday morning.

The camper were the apparent sources of the carbon monoxide. Both were out of fuel when the bodies were found.

Family friend Bob Shober told KSL-TV. "I've hunted, I've camped, I've done a lot of things with Bruce, and he is probably the most safety-conscious person I know."

Bruce Parry is survived by his wife and three daughters.

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Students learn eco lessons

By Margo Valentino
Times-News correspondent

STANLEY - On a clear, fall day on the banks of Redfish Lake, 23 Filer High School students both observed and participated in the reentry of hatchery bred and anadromous sockeye salmon.

The students and their teachers were in the company of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, other state officials, members of tribal nations from Idaho and other groups with an interest in what happens to the fish.

Filer students were given the opportunity thanks to a \$8,500 grant from the State Department of Education, written by Filer High School science teacher Ed Richards.

About \$2,000 of the funding allowed Richards' advanced biology class, Jim Krunich's annual staff and physics students to visit the Sawtooth Hatchery on Sept. 7. They heard about the life cycle of salmon and experienced first-hand the artificial spawning process practiced at the hatchery, which allows for scientific research as well as the farming and release of this species.

The grant proposed an integrated project where biology, physics and English students could work together on a related theme. Where biology students were more interested in the regeneration of the species, the physics students were motivated to work on ideas for possible ways for the fish to bypass the turbines



Photos courtesy of James J. Senech

More than 20 Filer High School students visited the Sawtooth Hatchery Sept. 7 to learn about the salmon for a project that shares what they learned with other students.



of the dams. English students were busy taking notes for creative writing exercises.

Besides visiting the hatchery and lake, students spent time in the Salmon River "kick netting" for bugs, which they used for evaluating water quality.

They also had the opportunity for fly-fishing casting lessons. The high school students will now take their experiences to third-graders as they prepare for the "Third-Grade Salmon

Run," an interactive science project where elementary students are introduced to the history and biology of the salmon.

Participants in the trip are also writing salmon stories to supplement the third-grade reading program.

Plans also are in the works for "Salmua Chanted Evening," where the high school students and their chaperones have the chance to share their unique experience with others.



KAREN BOSSICK/The Times-News

Barbara and Sarah Browning stand in front of Swiss cow bells that are customarily given to Swiss women when they marry. Barbara brought them back from her foreign exchange student days. Daughter Sarah will head to France.

Exchange students

Daughter follows in mother's footsteps

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

GANNETT - Twenty-five-years ago, Barbara Browning went to Switzerland on a foreign exchange program. Now, her 17-year-old daughter, Sarah Browning is following in her jet plumes, as a foreign exchange student to France.

"It's a big commitment. She's leaving everything she's comfortable with - family, friends, language - but she's got a perfect personality for it," said Barbara Browning. "She's mature, she's got it together. She's not afraid to go out and talk to people and, when things don't go the way they're planned, she looks for another way to make it work."

When Barbara Browning, a Twin Falls native, went to Switzerland in 1975, she flew into Brussels where she joined a bus load of other foreign exchange students. The bus dropped off students as it traveled through Europe.

Barbara Browning's foreign exchange Mom met her at the train station on a tractor and trucked her to her new home, a Swiss chalet in the countryside near Bern.

Pigs that lived in the barn attached to the house, ran in and out while she was trying to use the bathroom, Barbara Browning recalls. And the family took her on one trip to the Alps in a car they had to push up the hill to start.

"They didn't have that much, yet they were so willing to share," said Browning, who visited her exchange family four years ago. "You find out no matter what

country you're from, we all want the same things. My experience never ends. It keeps going."

Now, Sarah Browning is ready for her own adventures. "I've lived in Idaho my whole life. I'm so hungry to see new cultures, have new experiences," Sarah Browning said.

Sarah spent the summer baby-sitting, cleaning houses, working, and soliciting donations from friends and family, coming all but \$600 of the \$6,500 she figured she needed for the trip.

She's put together a scrapbook depicting her family and favorite sites around Sun Valley to show her host family. She's even included a supermarket since her host family likely hasn't been exposed to one.

An aspiring actress, Sarah Browning is looking forward to the artistic opportunities France provides, including the theater and art shows. She's already signed up for an acting school in the village, even though she only has one year of French under her belt.

"They say I'll be fluent by Christmas. They say it will be to the point I can dream in French," she said.

Today's technology will make this journey different from her Mom's in other ways, as well.

"I expect her to be able to call home more frequently," said Barbara Browning. "When I went it was too expensive and cumbersome to call overseas. So I wrote letters, lots of letters. Now it's easy to pick up the phone and call me."

Buhl drama students take 'Bridge to Terabithia'

By Dars Jensen
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - A magical world and friendship are at the heart of the Buhl High School drama department Phantom Pig Production of "Bridge to Terabithia" by K. Paterson and S. Tolman.

The play will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors are free with Buhl High School activity cards. An opening night reception will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

The play is directed by Dave Blazewicz.

The story takes place in a small town that is neither rich nor poor and concerns the friendship developed by a young girl and young boy as they invent the imaginary of a magic world.

There are nine main characters. The extras are from the fifth-grade class.

"Acting is the best job ever. Nothing equals the applause at the end of the show. It's a real high," said Samuel Garza, who plays Mr. Aron.

"The play is a lot of fun work. There is not a dull moment with this group," added Matt Quinton, who plays Jessie Aaron.



Young actors in a 'Bridge to Terabithia' practice in sitting still for a classroom scene. They are, from left, back row: Matt Quinton, Courtney Kendall, Michelle Viola and Evan Hillard; middle row: Erika Littlefield and Noah Keck; front row: AJ Hoffman, Steven Sostrom, Veronica Ruyal, Bonnie Becks, Samuel Garza and Tia Hosman; sitting: Luara Welch. Not pictured is Scott Ebcennan, Jill Hosman and Dallas Thom.

"It is great to help motivate others. I like to associate with the spotlight, but not be in it," she said.

Idaho First Lady heads bill at school event

BURLEY - The featured speaker for Cassia School District's ninth annual Back-to-School Assembly for employees was Idaho's First Lady Patricia Kempthorne.

"It is fabulous," she commented about the new Burley High School. Kempthorne said her parents graduated from Burley High School, noting that she has wonderful memories of visiting her grandmother in Burley as a child.

The First Lady said she and the governor are committed to education in Idaho with special emphasis on reading. She also emphasized the need for parents to be responsible for their children's education.

She commented the teachers for the gift they give children and encouraged them to meet the various challenges of the future, stressing that teachers have power.

"You are the luckiest people in the world. You make a difference in lives," she concluded. "Have a great year."

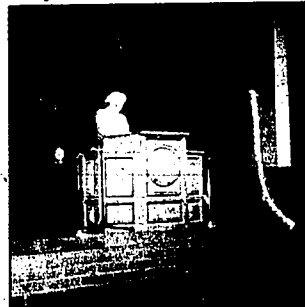
During the assembly, employees were honored with service awards, other awards were presented and new staff members were introduced. The district has more than 70 new employees this year.

Tim Preston, school board vice chairman, thanked employees for "lighting the way."

"As a parent," he said, "I want to thank you for a job well done."

Introduced was Mike Chesley, former superintendent of the Murtaugh School District for the past 10 years, who is the new accountant for the Cassia district. Chesley will also be grant writer and work on curriculum development and accountability.

Carolyn Honda, a co-president of the



Idaho's First Lady Patricia Kempthorne was the featured speaker for the ninth annual Cassia School District Back-to-School Assembly.

Cassia County Education Association, also welcomed everyone back and expressed appreciation for the support of the school board and the administration and presented a gift to last year's president, Fatti Williams. She introduced this year's officers.

"As a parent, I thank all of you," she stated.

Julia Fulkes, manager of the credit union, said the association, with \$2,938,000 in assets, has been successful since its inception in 1959.

"I salute you for the job you do for children," she told employees.

Loretta Peterson was the district's Teacher of the Year for 2000. Peterson, who has been with the district since 1984, is the music teacher at Dworsink Elementary in Burley.

"This is a very humbling experience," she said. "I want to thank Dworsink staff for their sharing and for being examples."

Service awards were presented by Helen Gochmour, a secretary. Employees with 20 years of continuous service received canvas satchels imprinted with the district logo.

The event included a musical presentation with visual effects by the Burley High band and Bel Cantos choir. Dan Gillett, curriculum director, gave the invocation.

A hamburger lunch was served compliments of the district and the Cassia County Education Association. The food was prepared by the staff members under the direction of Mary Ann Roskelley, food service supervisor.



Members of the I Love to Sew Club have been meeting for more than nine years.

Club sews projects for community

By Betty Taylor
Times-News Correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Members of the I Love to Sew Club, sponsored by the Twin Falls Sewing Center, spent their September meeting making bags that will be donated to the Valley House homeless shelter and the Women's Crisis Center.

The bags will be used to hold personal items such as towels, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and combs.

The downtown and Lynnwood Hudson's shoe stores donated all the shoelaces and members of the sewing club donated all other materials and

Want more info?

The I Love to Sew Club meets from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday every month. The club has been together for 20 years and welcomes anyone to join them. For more information, call the Twin Falls Sewing Center at 733-5348 or Glenda Balfow at 734-5348.

labor. "We wanted an individual quick project that the members could complete in a two-hour class," said Kathy Groves, a member of the club.

The members made 40 bags in two classes Sept. 28.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

PLUM PUDDING



Cindy Jardine prepares plum pudding for sale by the Ascension Episcopal Church. Orders are being taken for Christmas plum and carrot pudding. The puddings will cost \$6 and are decorated and wrapped for re-heating. Each pudding serves six to eight people and recipes for sauces to accompany the puddings are included. Puddings may be picked up at the Artisans' Holiday Show at the church Nov. 17-18. To order puddings, call the Ascension Episcopal Church from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. weekdays at 733-1248

CASTLEFORD OFFICERS



Above, Castleford School student council officers are, from left, Jon Babango, secretary-treasurer; Ryan Bliick, vice president; and Crystal Watsan, president. Below, Castleford School senior class officers are, from left, Eric Brubaker, president; Amy Schofield, vice president; Lori Puchel, secretary; and Janelle Wiersma, class representative.



Check out Comunidad Thursdays

Jerome Historical Society sets benefit auction

JEROME - A benefit auction to move two historic barns will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum, south of Petro 2, Interstate 84 and U.S. 93. All proceeds go to moving and repairing the old buildings. The barns were donated by Joe and Jeanette Lickley Frazier. Any items will be accepted. They may be left from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday at the Jerome County Historical Museum at 220 N. Lincoln. For items that need to be picked up, call Ralph Peters at 324-4683 or Wait Benzinger at 324-2709.

Free blood pressure checks available at flea market

FILER - The monthly indoor Flea market will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Free blood pressure checkups will be provided by nursing students from the College of Southern Idaho from 11 a.m. to 3

p.m. Saturday. Flea market items include books, antiques, Avon, Beanie Babies, tools and toys. Admission is free. For more information, call 532-4439 or 431-9939.

Baptist church schedules Octoberfest 2000

HAGERMAN - October 2000 will be held from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 31, at the Valley Baptist Church at 307 N. State St. in Hagerman. There will be snacks, games and prizes. The event is free to public. For more information, call 837-6204.

Parents support group meets today

TWIN FALLS - The Parents, Family and Friends of Gays and Lesbians group will meet at 7:30 p.m. today. Call Connie at 733-9172 or Dick at 324-8480.

Magic Valley Symphony League holds meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Symphony League will hold its meeting at 10 a.m. Nov.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Tuesday: Goulash, carrots, cottage cheese, salad; bread, baker's choice
Wednesday: Birthday roast beef, potatoes w/ gravy, mixed vegetables, spinach salad, fruit cake, rolls
Thursday: Chinese dinner
Friday: Corn beef, cabbage, carrots, Jell-O salad w/ fruit, biscuits, dessert
Monday: Chicken cordon bleu, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, pickled beets, muffins, fruit pie
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Craft class at 2 p.m.
Exercise at 1 p.m.
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Wednesday
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Birthday meal
Thursday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Flu shots
Saturday
Super bingo
Monday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

SENIOR CALENDAR

Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening.
Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the Center, everyone is welcome.
Tuesday: Liver and onions, potatoes w/ gravy, pea salad, carrots, bread, blushing pears
Wednesday: Hamburger, tator tots, tomato, lettuce, onion, baked beans, cookie, fruit
Thursday: Oven baked chicken, potatoes w/ gravy, peas, carrots, salad, rolls, cake
Friday: Baja chicken, green salad, garlic bread, herb potatoes, fruit
Sunday: All you can eat buffet - ham, \$3.50
Monday: Chicken enchiladas, cole slaw, winter blend vegetables, whole wheat roll, dessert
Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Tuesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
Treasure Tuesday
Bingo at 1:30 p.m.
Dedication at 1 p.m., a tree will be dedicated in the memory of Myrtle Greasch
Crafts from 2-4 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Thursday
Exercises from 7-9 p.m.

Bingo from 1-3 p.m.
Evening dinner at 5:30 p.m. - Smorgy Cards at 6 p.m.
Friday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Monday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.
Cards 6 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Baked meat loaf
Thursday: Oven fried chicken
Friday: Sloppy joe on a bun

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Chicken and noodles, green beans, relish tray, pears, cookie, coffee, milk
Friday: Fried fish, potato rodes, peas, Jell-O, bread and butter, cake, coffee, milk
Monday: Macaroni and cheese, french, spinach, fruit, salad, bread and butter, cookie, pears, coffee, milk
Activities
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Holiday costume contest, prizes will be given for the three best costumes
Pinocle 1 p.m.
Saturday
Third annual craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch will be available and prize drawings will be done hourly.

BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast Menu
Tuesday: French toast w/ maple syrup
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Breakfast pizza
Friday: Cereal, toast
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day
Tuesday: Burritos, spanish rice, fruit, celery sticks, peanut butter
Wednesday: Corn dogs, ketchup, mustard, french fries, fresh fruit
Thursday: Chili, crackers, apple-sauce, cinnamon twists
Friday: fish melts, tartar sauce, french fries, apples, caramel dip

FILER SCHOOL

Tuesday: Enchiladas
Wednesday: Hot dogs
Thursday: Fried chicken
Friday: Tacos

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu
Milk served every day
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit
Wednesday: Yogurt, toast, juice
Thursday: Peanut butter sandwiches, fruit
Friday: Long Johns, cereal, juice
Lunch Menu
Milk served every day
Tuesday: Lasagna, salad, bread, fruit
Wednesday: Stroganoff, mashed potatoes, green beans, toast
Thursday: French toast, ham, tater tots, fruit
Friday: Finger steaks, potato wedges, rolls, fruit

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
Tuesday: Build your own sandwich, fruit, banana cookie
Wednesday: Baked potato bar, long bread, fruit

Thursday: Taco salad, cinnamon bread sticks, fruit, chocolate mousse
Friday: No school

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Tuesday: Waffles w/ syrup, sausage patty, orange wedges
Wednesday: Cereal, apricots, donut
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, apple slices
Friday: Cereal, strawberries and bananas, breakfast bar
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Tuesday: Nachos supreme of malibu chicken sandwich or soup and sandwich bar, refried beans, power gelatin, cinnamon churro
Wednesday: Pizza or taco bar, fried green salad, spiced apple slices, bread sticks w/ pizza sauce
Thursday: Chicken fried steak or hamburger deluxe or potato bar, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberries and bananas, hot dinner roll
Friday: Deli sandwich or barbecue beef sandwich or salad bar, mini pretzels, diced pears, fruit roll-up

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Breakfast menu
Milk is served every day
Tuesday: Waffles w/ syrup, sausage patty, orange wedges
Wednesday: Cereal, apricots, donut
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, apple slices
Friday: Cereal, strawberries and bananas, breakfast bar
Lunch menu
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce, mayonnaise, potato wedges, banana, cutie pie
Wednesday: Sloppy joe, sweet corn, spiced apple slices, birthday cake
Thursday: Finger steaks, quick

baked potatoes, fruit cup, angel biscuits
Friday: Deli turkey sandwich, mini pretzels, diced peaches, fruit roll-up

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk
Wednesday: Scones, cereal, juice, milk
Thursday: Pancakes, cereal, juice, milk
Friday: Breakfast muffin, cereal, juice, milk
Lunch menu
Tuesday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce
Wednesday: Baked potato, chili
Thursday: Soft shell tacos
Friday: French dip sandwiches

KIMBERLY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Tuesday: Tomato soup, deli sandwich, pickle spears, pears
Wednesday: Chicken fillet, tri taters, green beans, fruit cup
Thursday: Corn dogs (Eggs benedict), chicken w/ (Soy) baked beans, hash browns, peaches
Friday: Roast turkey, potatoes w/ gravy, carrot stick, apricot cobbler

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Tuesday: Malibu chicken sandwich, potato wedges, school boy apple, cutie pie
Wednesday: Pizza, tossed green chunck, bread sticks w/ pizza sauce
Thursday: Deli sandwich, mini pretzels, diced pears, chocolate chip cookie
Friday: Beef enchiladas, seasoned corn, apple-sauce, cinnamon churro

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Tuesday: Turkey sandwich, potato wedges, baby carrots, apples
Wednesday: Hamburger gravy over potatoes, green beans, baby carrots, milk w/ jelly, peaches
Thursday: Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, baby carrots, rolls w/ jelly, applesauce
Friday: Burritos, salsa, corn, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, oatmeal cookies

ST. EDWARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day
Tuesday: Baked potato bar
Wednesday: Chili, Fritos
Thursday: Soup and sandwich
Friday: Rainbow treasures

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Tuesday: Hamburger w/ bun, lettuce, pickles, orange wedges, cinnamon roll, french fries
Wednesday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, California blend vegetables, hot roll w/ butter, fruit
Thursday: Open menu
Friday: Beef and cheese w/ bun, potato chips, vegetable dip, 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 menu varies 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 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

1, at the home of Elaine Bowen at 268 Heyburn Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Anyone who is interested in the symphony and the work of the symphony league is welcome to attend. For more information, call Doll Smith at 733-2280.

Head Start participates in 'Make a Difference Day'

TWIN FALLS - South Central Head Start will participate in "Make A Difference Day," a national day of caring.

Head Start is organizing a canned food drive and partnering with more than 32 grocery stores and businesses, 15 elementary schools, Girl Scout troops and AmeriCorps volunteers to collect food to benefit more than 25 soup kitchens, food pantries or organizations across a nine county area throughout south central Idaho.

The project continues through the month of October. Food pickup will be Friday and Saturday with food distributed the following week. All donated food items will stay within each community. Every fall, Wal-Mart, the retail supporter of Make A Difference

Day, donates \$2.5 million to help Make A Difference Day participants carry out their plans, organizers say. This year, South Central Head Start received a \$1,000 grant from Burley, Idaho, for start-up costs as well as purchasing winter hats, gloves and coats to distribute to families.

For more information, to volunteer or sponsor a food bin, call Cheryl Jester, community service specialist, at 736-0741 Ext. 19.

College of Southern Idaho offers holiday class

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a class to help participants get a jump on their holiday preparations from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 2-Dec. 7 at Desktop by design at 120 Main Ave. N.

In "Christmas Photos & Paper," participants will create a variety of Christmas-related crafts. Projects will include gift bag toppers, photo greeting cards, scrapbook pages and handmade paper gift tags and decorations. Cost is \$35, plus a \$25 materials fee to be paid to the instructor. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Times-News seeks charity information

TWIN FALLS - On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, The Times-News will publish a free listing of charities and groups that help others at holiday time. The listing will include descriptions of items that the groups are asking people in the community to donate.

To have your holiday provider

group included in the list, send your name, address and phone number, along with some information about the items you need for distribution, to Denise Turner, The Times News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548. Or fax the list to 734-5538. Or e-mail the list to denise@magvalley.com. Deadline is Nov. 15. For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 243.

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COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY



East Grand Rapids High School students chat with college admissions officials during the Online College Fair at the school in Grand Rapids, Mich., Thursday. From left are Juniors Ben Brightbill, 17, Mary Bailey, 16, and Mergaux Day, 17.

College fairs start to go online — but not without some problems

BOSTON (AP) — Colleges fairs used to mean fighting through pushy crowds, gathering stacks of useless literature and trucking home with unanswered questions. So the National Association for College Admission Counseling thought it had found the solution when it put the whole thing online last week.

Then the Web site crashed. The initial three-hour fair was cut short when too many people signed on at once and the server broke down, leaving chat rooms inaccessible.

Once the technical glitches were resolved, the fair was scheduled to run for a day or two each month through April.

About 1,200 people registered for the fair before Thursday, but more than 5,000 signed on in the first 15 minutes, NACAC spokesman Mark Cannon said.

"We were victims of our own success," he said. "We hoped this was a problem we could avoid and now believe it is just a hiccup. We have the state-of-the-art technology we need to make this work."

More than 200 colleges from across the country have signed up to participate in the virtual fairs. The system will allow parents and students to ask questions, take virtual tours of campuses, and chat with students, graduates, professors and admissions counselors.

The idea is to make information about colleges more accessible to students without access to college fairs, and to those who live abroad or can't afford to visit a faraway school.

Just as they would at traditional college fairs, each school has its own "exhibit room" — where it lists vital statistics, answers questions and provides links to other relevant sites.

At Boston University, admissions counselors spent the afternoon in front of their computers, answering questions for students patient enough to wait out the technical mishap.

"Ultimately, this will be a great tool to reach students who can't come see us before applying," said senior Susan Stofira said. "It is, so long as the server stops crashing."

Want to know more?

The National Association for College Admission Counseling is on the Web at www.nacac.com

Interactive Software of Boston developed the site's software. The technical problems were impossible to predict, company president Michael Bruck said.

NACAC runs 60 traditional college fairs across the country every year, but for students at East Grand Rapids High School in Michigan, the closest one is in Detroit — three hours away.

For those students, an online

fair is ideal, said Zay Reynolds, a guidance counselor at the school, which held its College Day on Thursday.

"Later, they can travel to see the colleges firsthand," Reynolds said.

In Flemington, N.J., guidance counselors at Hunterdon Central Regional High School kept the school open late so students could use the computer lab for the evening fair.

"Not every college can send a representative out to every high school to meet the kids," counselor Barbara Blowsen said. "But the Internet is accessible to everyone. This way, all they need is a computer."

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Windows ME still has Explorer

By Michael Gerst
 Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Dear Mr. Gerst: My new PC came with Windows Me. I had put some software on a CD and was planning to install it on the new unit. In the past I had used Windows Explorer, but Windows Me does not come with it. I would rather have the old Windows instead of this watered-down one.

— It's All About Me

Dear About: Watered-down? Have you seen how much disk space Me uses compared with Win98? The problem is that there's so much new and slightly different stuff in Me, you haven't had a chance to figure things out yet.

Explorer is most definitely still there. I mean, what kind of a bonehead would release an operating system without some sort of file manager? OK, bad example. I forgot we're dealing with Microsoft. But, trust me, it really is still there.

Win Me includes the same use-it-or-lose-it menu system that has been ticking off Office 2000 users for quite a while now. Windows decides that if you haven't used a menu item in a while, it won't display it.

Whenever Windows scrunches up the menu to eliminate the unused stuff, you'll see a double-headed, downward-pointing arrow at the bottom of the menu. Hold your cursor on it for a second, and the menu expands.

If you still can't find Explorer, then somebody is goofing with your head. Go to the Run dialog in the Start menu, type in "Explorer" and hit Enter. If it starts up, you're simply missing the shortcut, which you can create by right-clicking on an empty spot on the desktop. Select New from the menu, then Shortcut, then follow the instructions. If you can't find it,

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Explorer.exe is generally in the Windows folder.

Dear Mr. Gerst: Since I started sending questions to you a few years ago, you only answered one, and that was no help at all. Since I don't have anything better to do, I'll ask another. Is there any way to save my drivers on a disk so I can format the hard drive and reinstall everything from scratch?

— Not Your Biggest Fan

Dear not: Let's see if I can live up to your expectations. Here's your answer: I guess so.

What? Still want more? Then what will you whine about?

Oh, all right. I suppose you could eventually find all the various drivers and support files on your hard drive, but, since they have goofy names like "pinkheadreader.dll" or "mindlessd-web.vxd," it would take you forever to get it right.

Whenever I plan to nuke my drive, I make a list of everything that needs a driver, then download the latest, most bug-free versions from manufacturers' Web sites. Next I do the same thing for all the shareware I can't live without. I stick all of that in a single directory, then burn a CD-ROM. You might be able to fit some of the drivers and installation packages on floppies, but the trend is to bundle utilities with the drivers, making for mighty big files.

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Mini-Cassia business group picks leaders

HEYBURN - Members of Mini-Cassia's major business organization have picked their newest leaders. Newly elected Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce board members are incumbent David Westfall of Westfall & Westfall in Burley, to represent the chamber's Cassia County members; and incumbent Carl Hanson of Mindoka Memorial Hospital and Robert Haun of Haun's Do-it-Best Hardware in Paul, both to represent Mindoka County, the chamber office's Jean Asson said Monday.

All three will serve three-year terms after installation at a Jan. 18 banquet, Asson said. "They've got a couple months of preliminary to kind of get them up to speed," she said.

For Westfall and Hanson, January will mark the beginning of a second and last three-year term; the chamber allows a board member to serve only two three-year terms, she added. Asson said Monday she didn't have vote percentages available.

RadioShack profit rise on strong digital demand

CHICAGO - RadioShack Corp. said Monday third-quarter profit rose 29 percent as shoppers bought more digital products at the consumer electronics chain with Magic Valley operations.

Net income rose to \$77.1 million, or 39 cents a share, from \$59.8 million, or 29 cents per share, in the year-ago period. That beat by a penny the average estimate of analysts polled by First Call/Thomson Financial.

Losses for the quarter ended Sept. 30 rose 18.6 percent to \$1.4 billion. "All year long, consumer demand for digital products has driven RadioShack's business, enabling us to achieve solid top-line and bottom-line growth in all three quarters," said Chief Executive Leonard Roberts said.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based retailer has expanded its Internet offering, teaming up with companies such as Microsoft Corp. to sell high-speed Internet devices. It will also start offering in-home installation with some of its products.

RadioShack, which has more than 7,100 stores and dealers, has fared better than some consumer-electronics companies. On Friday, rival Circuit City Stores Inc. told investors its third-quarter earnings would be lower than expected due to sluggish sales and higher costs.

Increased sales prompts move to bigger offices

COEUR D'ALENE - Good business is driving Sunshine Minting Inc. into larger offices.

"We're the primary supplier of silver blanks to the U.S. Mint, so that has provided a lot of growth," said Randy Hardy, Sunshine Minting's president and general manager.

The business, which turns refined silver into coins, now has 100 employees, Hardy said. It is not affiliated with Sunshine Minting & Refining Co. of Kellogg.

Hardy said preliminary work is being done for construction on a new building.

"We're not even close enough to have a decent moving date, but it will be in the spring," he said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

The Associated Press

BOISE - Washington Group International on Monday reported its first red ink since the construction and engineering company emerged from bankruptcy protection in 1996, but the modest loss was due to last summer's acquisition of competitor Raytheon Engineers and Constructors.

The Boise-based company, formerly known as Morrison Knudsen, reported a net loss of \$638,000, or a penny per share of common stock, on \$898.8 million in revenue. That compared with \$12.3 million, or 23 cents a share, in profit on \$595.4 million in revenue during the same quarter last year.

AT&T mulls plan to split company

Knight Ridder News Service

ATLANTA - Beleaguered AT&T Corp. this week is expected to make a dramatic bid to rebound, with the most radical scenario calling for splitting the company into four pieces.

Beset by a plunging stock price and the painful slide of its long-distance business, AT&T's top executives and board of directors met Monday at the company's New Jersey headquarters to ponder a complex maneuver that would reverse its 3-year-old strategy of putting pieces together.

After dumping better than \$100 billion into the purchase of cable companies, AT&T is now contemplating a startling division. The idea is to shed the albatross of long-distance, allowing the other pieces of the company to grow. Breaking the telecommunications giant into four separate companies, along the lines of its current four major business divisions, would be "an extreme outcome, but certainly not an impossible one," said analyst Adam Q. Inoué of Merrill Lynch.

Any split-up would have ramifications for Atlanta, AT&T's second-largest site, with more than 12,000 employees in more than 20 locations, including regional headquarters at 1200 Peachtree St.

Of the company's 13,000 employees in Georgia, about 1,900 are in customer services, 2,600 are in broadband, 4,000 are in network operations, 4,000 are in business services, and 225 are in wireless. About 1,300 are in various corporate functions.

But Ma Bell's presence here is in many ways most visible among its children. In 1984, AT&T voluntarily shed Lucent Technologies and NCR, both of which have large and growing operations in this area.

Company officials Monday were not speaking for the record. However, various options are still in play, and the company has announced no formal decisions.

The most vivid speculation centers on a plan to create four units with various levels of independence, but all using the AT&T name.

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another \$18 million in charges on a power contract and the loss reserve for a government project, officials said the company would have posted net income of \$16.5 million, or 32 cents a share.

Wall Street had expected a profit of 25 cents a share, according to analysts surveyed by First Call.

"We have built a considerably stronger and more diversified company that is now a top tier

global contractor," Washington said in a statement. "We are in the right position to capitalize on what we see as the strongest markets in more than 20 years in our business."

Net income for the first three quarters of the year was \$20 million, or 38 cents a share, on \$2.1 billion in revenue. During the first nine months of 1999, the company made \$35 million, or 66 cents a share, on \$1.6 billion in

revenue. The company's expansion resulted in more than doubling its work backlog from \$3.2 billion in 1999 to \$6.7 billion on Sept. 1.

The biggest deal this summer was for a \$500 million, five-year contract to manage the federal government's underground nuclear waste dump in southeastern New Mexico.

"The marketplace is now demanding contractors who can provide an entire life cycle of services," Washington said. "We are one of only four who can really meet that demand."

The company employs 38,000 people in about three dozen countries.

Middle East fears pump gas prices higher

Southern Idaho sees record levels

LOS ANGELES - Gasoline pump prices rose nearly 3 cents per gallon nationwide as Middle East violence fueled oil supply fears, according to an industry analyst.

The average price of gasoline was about \$1.61 per gallon last week, up 2.8 cents over two weeks, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide.

And southern Idaho prices were even higher, remaining at record levels.

The American Automobile Association reported the average price of self-service unleaded regular gasoline in the Boise area last week was just over \$1.73 a gallon, up more than six cents from a month ago and a quarter higher than a year ago.

In the Pocatello area, the fuel survey found the average price was just under \$1.68 a gallon, essentially the same as a month ago but 22 cents higher than a year ago.

The association does not routinely maintain fuel price quotes for other areas of the state.

The increase nationally ended a brief downward trend, based on slower fall driving demand; that saw prices dip nearly 3.5 cents per gallon earlier in the month.

In recent weeks an attack on a U.S. warship in the Gulf of Aden and concerns that Israeli-Palestinian violence would spill over into Mideast policies sent crude oil futures to a post-Gulf War high.

Gulf oil producers have sought to reassure consumers that oil supplies will not be disrupted.

A proposed breakup

AT&T - the nation's largest long-distance phone service and cable TV provider - is considering splitting the company into four businesses, according to news reports.

AT&T's board approved the split, the companies said.

BUSINESS SERVICES: Corporate voice, data services; would become the new AT&T, create broad-based agreements with the others

- 1999 revenue: \$25 billion
- Customers: About 8 million
- Position: Largest U.S. data network

WIRELESS: Includes cellular phone service; trades now as a tracking stock of AT&T

- 1999 revenue: \$7.8 billion
- Customers: About 12 million
- Position: No. 3 wireless carrier

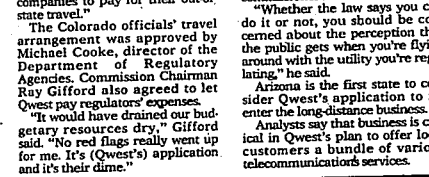
CONSUMER SERVICES: Corporate voice, data services; would become the new AT&T, create broad-based agreements with the others

- 1999 revenue: \$21 billion
- Customers: About 80 million
- Position: No. 1 long-distance company

BROADBAND: Cable services, including TV and high-speed Internet; includes acquisitions of TCI and MediaOne

- 1999 revenue: \$3.8 billion
- Cable customers: 15 million
- Position: Largest U.S. cable operator

AT&T market valuation has dropped about \$70 billion since January. Weekly closing stock price:



U S West paid for regulators' travel to Phoenix

DENVER - U S West paid for top state government regulators to travel to Phoenix to watch Arizona regulators consider supporting the long-distance business the phone company also is seeking in Colorado.

West, which took over U S West, sold its long-distance business in the Baby Bell's 14-state region, which includes Idaho, to gain regulatory approval of the merger. It is now trying to regain it, and Arizona is the first state in West's territory that has begun regulatory hearings on the application.

The company spent \$13,000 on regulators' hotel, food and travel bills between September 1999 and March because state government did not have the money, Colorado officials said.

Colorado ethics law allows payment or reimbursement of expenses for trips to conventions or other meetings. Public Utilities Commission rules call for utilities to pay expenses when commissioners travel outside Colorado for matters involving them.

"When the process started in Arizona, the (West) asked whether the director would see it so we wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel," commission spokeswoman Barbara Fernandez said.

She said each state in West's territory will hold hearings on the company's long-distance application and make a recommendation to the Federal Communications Commission, which will make the final decision.

Regulators said they shared rental cars and nightly dinners with West executives except for one evening, when they dined with West competitors, such as AT&T.

"The state regulators are supposed to be regulating West, not going out to dinner with West," said Pete Maysmith of Colorado Common Cause. "There's no way

that regulators should be accepting gifts, travel, anything, from an entity they're supposed to be watchdogging. That doesn't pass the smell test."

Nebraska state regulators also attended some of the Arizona meetings, but the state government paid their expenses to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest.

"The rules are different in Nebraska," West spokesman Bill Myers said. "They don't require companies to pay for their out-of-state travel."

The Colorado officials' travel arrangement was approved by Michael Cooke, director of the Department of Regulatory Agencies. Commission Chairman Ray Gifford also agreed to let West pay regulators' expenses.

"It would have drained our budgetary resources dry," Gifford said. "No red flags really went up for me. It's (West's) application and it's their time."

The \$12.6 million yearly budget for the Public Utilities Commission is financed entirely by utilities such as Qwest and Public Service Co. The budget includes \$55,568 for employee travel.

Public Utilities Commission executive director Bruce Smith said West would receive no special treatment. The commission fined the phone company \$12.7 million this year for poor service.

But Ron Lehr said the issue was treated differently when he was a commissioner from 1986 to 1991.

"Whether the law says you can do it or not, you should be concerned about the perception that the public gets when you're flying around with the utility you're regulating," he said.

Arizona is the first state to consider West's application to re-enter the long-distance business.

Analysts say that business is critical in West's plan to offer local customers a bundle of various telecommunication services.

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Blue chips end day up; tech falls

NEW YORK (AP) — Blue chip stocks moved higher Monday but technology issues lagged behind in one of Wall Street's busiest sessions in recent weeks. Many investors stayed on the sidelines, resting after a week of hectic buying and selling.

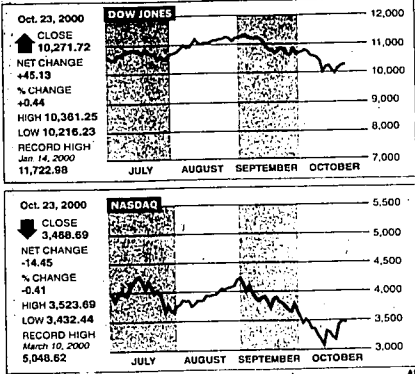
The market was uninspired by news of the \$45 billion merger between General Electric and Honeywell. Even Lucent Technologies failed to move investors, despite warning again of weak earnings, firing its CEO and reporting slightly better-than-expected third-quarter results.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 45.13 to 10,271.72, after a 1.34-point rise in the morning failed to hold.

Broader indicators were lower. The Nasdaq composite index fell 14.45 to 3,468.69. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.15 to 1,357.23.

"The market is pausing for a breath after its big recovery Wednesday and rallies on Thursday and Friday," said Rick Dickson, a technical analyst at Dickson & Stringfellow Inc. "Frankly, I'm surprised the market isn't off more than it is."

Investors woke to the news that GE was buying Honeywell



for \$45 billion in stock. Both companies are Dow components. GE fell \$2.52 to \$49.98, while Honeywell rose \$2.75 to \$49.75, but the news had little, if any, impact on other stocks.

Third-quarter earnings,

responsible for the market's plunge and recovery last week, also generated little excitement. Analysts weren't worried about the mixed trading, saying the respite was expected after last week's intense activity.

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Consumers need to save, not spend

By John Cuniff The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The trick in getting the economy to cool down is to convince consumers to save rather than spend, even as they are offered fistfuls of cash without so much as asking.

It isn't the only financial enticement. Below-cost companies and rebates from automotive companies, no-cash down terms, no interest payments for a year, bonuses to repeat customers, two-for-one sales, and more. This is the age of genius marketing, a time of financial creativity where everything seems to be on terms that make it hard to say no. And not all are of financial, this is a time of personal advertising too.

In dealing with the task of keeping the economy on a track that avoids extremes of inflation and recession, modern financial Federal Reserve isn't fully qualified to handle.

Consumer credit in September soared by \$13.4 billion in August, a 10.9 percent annual rate that startled those who analyze such numbers, many of whom had expected the total to be almost \$3 billion less.

As expected, most of the total was through the use of credit cards, which continue to be promoted as the smart way to save. In fact, have become necessities in transactions conducted over the Internet.

To say that money is offered unsolicited to individuals is not overstating the case. It can be attested to by consumers who receive bank checks in the mail, the cashing of which automatically opens a credit account.

Most other people regularly receive solicitations, many of which offer initially low rates to attract users. In fact, a marketing research firm estimates that consumers were inundated with 992 million solicitations in just the April-June period, the greatest volume in more than a decade.

While the same company, BAIGlobal Inc. reported that in 2000, it doesn't necessarily indicate that interest in cards is waning. Most people already have at least one actively used credit card. Besides other sources of funds are available. The unemployment rate is down to 3.9 percent of the work force, perhaps about as low as it is likely to go. If paychecks aren't sufficient, many already have fallback credit.

Buying a car was never easier. Thanks to the marketing genius of makers and financial institutions, including low or even no-down-payment leases, the roads were never more clogged with the very latest models.

The ability of manufacturers to produce millions of automobiles and light trucks a year could never be accomplished without the heavy and sometimes total use of credit, and easy credit at that.

Neither could new and used homes be sold in such volume. New-home sales in August were at a rate of 893,000 a year, and sales of existing homes soared to an annual rate of 5.27 million units.

No wonder credit plays a dual role as cause and effect. Families buy homes on easy credit terms, and as they pay down the mortgage and housing prices rise they have a new, highly tapped source of credit in the equity.

Families who lived through the Great Depression of the 1930s, a shrinking market, don't need statistics to tell you about the great credit revolution. Borrowing on home equity indicated a tragedy had come. Today, it's the way to go.

AT&T

Broadband — the cable business that includes the former Tele-Communications Inc. and MediaOne, the largest cable company in metro Atlanta.

Wireless — the third-largest carrier in the nation, with 12 million subscribers. AT&T has already issued a tracking stock.

Consumer Services — long-dis-

tribution phone services with the nation's largest data network, this unit would serve corporate customers and be the corporate core.

The idea would be to create units that are managed independently but are coupled to each other under the AT&T banner.

said Pascal Acquie, vice president of Adventis, a Boston-based consulting company. "This is a

better alignment with the market, and it happens to make financial sense.

However, a three-way split would be more effective, with consumer and broadband as one unit, he said.

For consumers, a four-way breakup might hold the promise of more choices — and potentially lower rates — for those who want AT&T for some services and

another provider for others. But it would be a dramatically different pose for AT&T.

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connection to tens of millions of citizens who could be sold voice, data and video services over upgraded cable lines.

With that bold stroke, AT&T cast its lot with the industry giant, but what was also disappearing was the big profit in long-distance. Thanks to competition and technology, so AT&T had to depend on building new markets faster than the old one went away.

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Night shift demands are easy for some

Earplugs and thick window shades... Night shift demands are easy for some. The article discusses the challenges of night shift work and how some workers manage.

In the 1990s, nearly 17 percent of the nation's work force punched a timecard on a shift other than a regular daytime schedule. Other figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show that about one in five workers work rotating schedules in the early '90s.

For some workers, including Home Depot employee Elliott Wilson, night work comes easily. "I'm not doing this for the better part of eight or nine years now," said Wilson, who had several overnight jobs before joining Home Depot when it converted from a day shift to a night shift.

Wilson, who had several overnight jobs before joining Home Depot when it converted from a day shift to a night shift, says that some trip takes 25 minutes. Shorter commute times are an advantage to night shift work.

More single people than married couples work night shifts, but couples with children often choose night work because it can reduce the need for child care.

The night shift does have its obstacles. Spouses who work odd hours, including nights and weekends, are more likely to separate or divorce because of marital stress.

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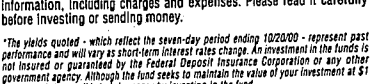
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Table of A.G. Edwards mutual fund performance data, listing fund names, assets, and returns.

Handcrafted Homes

Northwest's Finest Homes

JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath, updated, \$60,000. Call 735-8683.

KIMBERLY 4 bdrm, 2 bath, auto garage, play fort, storage shelves, 422-4747.

STARTER HOME - No in-laws, 2 bath + den, first time buyers program. No investors please. Call Home America 251-333-2224.

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, fenced yard, shed, 1/2 acre, \$60,000. Call 734-7815.

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, family room, 2 fireplaces, lots of storage. Good location. Near pool, schools. Free. \$115,000.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, one level, view, 1/2 acre, beautiful yard, good area. Reduced \$129,900.

4 bdrm, 2 bath, 1/2 acre, 1/2 wooded, rock fireplace, 2nd acre, nice country setting. 1387 North E.

3 bdrm, 3 bath, one level, fireplace in master bedroom, formal dining room, no storage, RV pad, quiet area. Call 734-7815. \$143,000.

ROBERT JONES REALTY 733-0404

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1800 sq. ft. new windows, paint, vinyl, carpet, granite floor, auto garage, quiet neighborhood. \$97,500. Call 734-0772.

TWIN FALLS - Brand new, 4 bdrm, 2 bath, fenced backyard, AC, auto garage, 1/2 acre, 725-4544.

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, reduced, 2,300 sq. ft. \$130,000. 733-1333.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1/2 acre, \$122,000 & \$6,100 down. No payments for 30 days. Call 733-4126.

TWIN FALLS, owner must sell 3 bdrm, 2 bath, pool, 1/2 acre, 1280 Axta Dr.

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 2041 Oakwood Dr. Will help with closing.

TWIN FALLS - Beautiful Custom Home, 6300 S. 2nd Ave. 2290 sq. ft. 4 b. (no finished) 2nd floor. Call quiet country. 733-0200.

3 bdrm + home office 2 b. bath, 1200 sq. ft. Call 734-0772.

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516 VACATION PROPERTY TIME SHARES

PINE-10 - Must Sell/Now, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 1200 sq. ft. acre, 391,900. Town & Country Realtors (208)764-2026.

516 MOBILE HOMES

BUHL, Must be moved, 1972 Buddy, recently remodeled, 2400, carpet & shed, apr. 58/Volt, 733-8399.

FLEETWOOD - 1998, 14x58 Mobile, #Estate #43, 819,000. Redman - 1998 double mobile, 14x58, 2 b. bath, in Village West Park Mobile Home #80, \$23,900. Fleetwood 1997 double w/11 Air Bury #6-11, \$23,900.

On the Border - Home, Champion 1997, 18x78, 3 bdrm, 2 bath like new, \$24,900. Call 734-1546.

In stock we have 10 others on the lot, Brockmeier, all units, 1-800-978-4380 or 1-800-311-1887.

601 FURNISHED HOUSES

BURLEY 1833 Grandview Lane, 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, lg. yard, 1786 Maple, plus 1st and 2nd. Call 878-9089.

TWIN FALLS 273 bdrms, 2 bath, 1974, 2 b. bath, 1/2 acre, 1/2 acre, \$175,000 + 1/2 acre. Call 734-9888.

TWIN FALLS, Newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath, Brockmeier home, \$145,000. Call Kent or Cindy Collins at 733-5336 or 734-9104.

TWIN FALLS, Cottage 2 bdrm, 1 bath, family rm, am. kitchen, appls, furnished, W/D, \$50,000. Call 734-9104.

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602 UNFURNISHED HOUSES

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519 CEMETERY LOTS

SUNSET MEMORIAL Park (2) Crypts, Call 733-1264.

520 REAL ESTATE

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521 MANUFACTURED HOMES

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WILDERNESS '94-17 Well-contained, Great shop, \$2750. 733-8384

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FLATBED 24' Flatbed Beverlark, 3 axles, \$2500. Call 734-5721

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UTILITY TRAILER 8' Whisall, \$2500/offer. Call 324-8755

UTILITY TRAILER 12' Tandem axle, Enclosed, 324-8117 leave message.

WELLS CARGO TRLR. 1997, 16 ft. 16X7X6.9, nice! \$4300. Call 733-1110

1002 AUTO PARTS & ACCESSORIES

CHEVY 305, engine, clean, ready to go in. \$550/offer. Call 432-5214.

CHEVY, 1983, 1/2 ton, part 24 whole. No motor, \$300/offer take all, Call 438-8055.

Kumho Powerguard MT 33x12.5 on 16.5" x 100 mm. 1000 mi. or less. Call 324-3182 leave message.

PONTIAC, Fire, '85, \$500 inc. mini delivery truck, 3200. 400 FORD motor & auto parts. Needs rebuilt, \$75. MECHANIC SPECIALS. Call 208-733-9558.

SIX HOLE wheel w/ tires, (4) 16x7 \$100. Call 738-0017.

TRUCK tires w/5 hole wheel. Ford mid & snow studs. Run 1 winter. P235-75R, 15", \$100. AUTO tires, 2-81.5. P205-70-14, \$50. 734-3024. 678-1591

1005 ANTIQUE AUTOS & COLLECTIBLES

OLDS, 88, 1993, Partially restored. Call 328-4672.

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AIR COMPRESSOR, SHIP, ingensol brand, clean & in good cond. \$850. Call 867-1919.

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WATER PUMP, John Deere diesel, 1, 300 rpm, 200 gal. w/ 4" hoses. 1 hr. on unit. \$3900. Call 867-1919.

CADILLAC Coupe Deville, 1989, 472 engine, \$500. 644-9067

BONNEVILLE, 1980, good condition. \$2000. Call 837-8157

MORTE CARO, 1990, NASHRAMBLER, American, 1989, 2-dr. Looks & runs good. Lots of new parts. \$3500. Call 734-6780

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DODGE - 1991 350 Cummins 1991, 472 engine, 1 ton dually, blue and white, power everything, 5th wheel attachment, lift miles. \$7000. 867-1919

DODGE - 1993, 250 Cummins AT, ext. cab, 103,000 miles, take small PU in trade. \$7423.

DODGE 1500, 1997, 8-sp. canopy, CD, 37k mi, full power. \$12,000. 732-3951

DODGE Int'l Ram, '96, 308 CD, 37k mi, full power. \$12,000. 732-3951

DOGGIE Int'l Ram, '96, 308 CD, 37k mi, full power. \$12,000. 732-3951

FORD '79 7.9 V. P.S. PB. exc. cond., \$5000/offer 328-4997 or 328-8919

FORD '80 F350 4x4, 1-ton w/10' auto liftbed, with gooseneck hitch, 16" gooseneck hyd. Dump Trailer, \$4900. Call 328-4680 or 733-8858, sms.anytime!

FORD '87 F250 460 V-8 Heavy 4x4, Ton. One owner. 75K miles. Nice tires. Nice truck. No dents. 934-5749

FORD '91 Explorer 5-sp. 4dr. 100K miles. Call 366-2042 or 339-6555

FORD '91 F-150, 302 cu. in. engine, 5 spd. 100K miles. Call 324-2710

FORD '94, F150, ext. cab, 5-sp., 4x4, AC, shell, o.x.c. cond. \$11,000. 834-4185

FORD '98, F250, 4x4, Lariat, 5.4L, V-8 engine. 100K miles. \$15,000. 834-4185

FORD '95 F150, 4x4, AC, no tires, nice truck. \$3595/offer. 738-6002

FORD Ranger, '93, 2.3 liter, 110K miles. \$5495. 834-4185

FORD Explorer Sport, 1998, 5-sp., Exc. shape. Hwy miles only. \$10,500. 834-4185

FORD Explorer, 1993, 95K miles. All power. \$7900. 543-8115 or 535-2427.

FORD, '93, F150, 4x4, 2.9L, 257,500 mi. \$11,900. 867-1919

FORD '98, 4x4, 2.9L Lariat. \$27,448/offer. 732-4488

FORD F350 - 1996, crew cab, 110K miles. \$22,000. 867-1919

FORD, F250, '94, ext. cab, 110K, cruise, AT, 351, \$18,000/offer. 423-4982.

FORD, '90 Ranger, 4.0L V-6, 4-dr., loaded. Loaded engine. \$15,000. 867-1919

FORD, 1979, 4x4, 3-ton, w/sports body, Clean. \$1950. Call 867-1919.

FORD, 1985, F250 4x4, 6-cyl. 4 spd., new paint & tires, rat run nice truck. 867-1919.

FORD, F-150, 1978, 4x4, AT, strong factory 390 engine. 81K miles. \$1200/possible partial trade. 423-8928.

FORD, F-250, '85, 4x4, XLT, 80K, top cond. New tires. \$14,250. 735-1911

FORD, '83, F250, Turbo diesel, sport cab. 5-sp. load. \$18,000. 324-5244.

FORD - F150, 1992 short wheel base, Harle side, 302 engine, AT, w/10' auto lift, auto hubs, receiver hitch, 7 way RV plug, AM/FM, cassette, 40K miles. \$12,000. 867-1919

FORD, '79, 7.9 V. P.S. PB. exc. cond., \$5000/offer 328-4997 or 328-8919

GEO '98 Tracker, Escat. cond. AT, AC, 73K mi. \$6495/offer. 324-8755

GMC - 1997 Sierra, 4x4, New wax, a million, fully loaded, all option's. \$18,400. Call 328-4328.

ISUZU, Hoodoo, 95%, 51K, 2800. Call 867-1919.

Reduced to \$12,495 Call 736-4849

ISUZU Trooper, '96, AC, Cruise control, ABS, 577K miles, \$13,500. 867-1919

PLEASE call 328-3900 Ford engine. Runs \$2500.

Call 731-1415

JEEP '83 CJ-7, 250 straight axle, 16" x 10" 4x4 lift & lowered, Full body roll bar, great for hunting. 734-7571

JEEP '84 Bronco, 4x4, Low mi. GMC '98 V8 SLE PU. These vehicles have had excellerent maintenance and run fantastic. 324-8117 leave message

JEEP '95 Grand Cherokee Laredo 81K mi., V8, all power, 12 CD. \$13,000. Call 733-4785

JEEP '79 Cherokee Laredo, fully loaded, well maintained, \$4500/offer. Call 734-5863

JEEP - '95 Grand Cherokee limited, power everything, leather interior, white, 8 cyl. 8 speed CD player. \$15,000. 280-0678.

JEEP - Cherokee Laredo '88, 3" suspension lift, 40 ang. AT, PW, PS, PB, AT, wheels. \$2,500. 423-4597

JEEP CJ5 '74, exc. cond. straight 6, 1100 mi. \$3000. 324-3600 or 731-5101

JEEP Wrangler, '95, Exc- cond., hardtop top. Stereo & speakers, custom 108" x 18" wheels. 934-8755 after 5pm

JEEP Willys, 1951, Impe- ciable New engine. A Must See! \$2500. 734-1813. L o a d e d a s h o w i n g !

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MAZDA B6000, 1990, ext. cab, 4x4, 5 spd., 100K mi, 1040 Ford 7.3L V8. \$11,000. 934-8755 after 5pm

NISSAN, Pathfinder, SE, V6, 1987, 4x4, power windows, 115,800 miles. \$11,000. Phone call 208-324-0657.

TOYOTA, Land Cruiser, 2000, V8, fully loaded. \$24,000. 867-1919

TOYOTA, Tacoma LX, Est. Cab, 1997, 41K miles, V6, 5 spd, AC, alloy wheels, \$15,800. 867-1919. Must See! 324-7194, ext. 8

1010 VAN & BUSES

CHEVY, 1986, 24', Cargo Van. Work truck, \$2400. Also loaders, 24' ext. 4' step 6' lift. \$150. 735-0227.

CHEVY, 1987, full size Conversion Van. \$5520. 2-dr. Under 100K mi. \$1500. Call 735-8903.

CHEVY, 1995, high top conversion van, 305 V8, TV/CVR, AM/FM, cassette, 100K miles. \$11,000. 834-4185

DODGE '91 Caravan, 93A 100K miles, well maintained. Excellent cond. \$7900. 733-5875

DODGE Grand Caravan, 1989, Great shape. 4 extra storage compartments. Call 208-726-3416

DODGE Ram Van, 1992, B350, 15 passenger, AT, 360, low miles. Call 328-5805.

DODGE Van, '97, 6600, Call 280-0409.

FORD '90 AEROSTAR, 120 V-6, 2000, 2000, top cond. Well maintained. \$4500. Will negotiate. 1000 mi. 735-1956

FORD '93 Mark III conversion van. \$8,700. Prof. maintained, one owner. Call: AM/FM, Cass. Push interior, buckles 7. Captain seats. Running good. Call 733-1301.

FORD, 1998, 12' passenger van, exc. cond. Ford 4.6 liter, 100K miles. \$18,500. Call 731-7350.

PLYMOUTH Grand Voyager, 91, 177K mi., 3.9 liter, 5 spd. \$10,000/offer. 734-2878

PLYMOUTH Grand Voyager, 94, 120K mi. \$5,300. New wax, a million, this one runs great. Our mistake is your gain. Call 736-4849

PLYMOUTH VOYAGER '96, Grand SE Mini-van, 100K miles. \$8,500. Call 328-4558

VW Bus, 17', straight body with minor rust, 25,000 miles on rebuilt. 3900/offer. 325-2399.

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS Special \$329.95. Most American vehicles, parts, labor & installation included. Economy Transmission Call 324-8780 for estimates.

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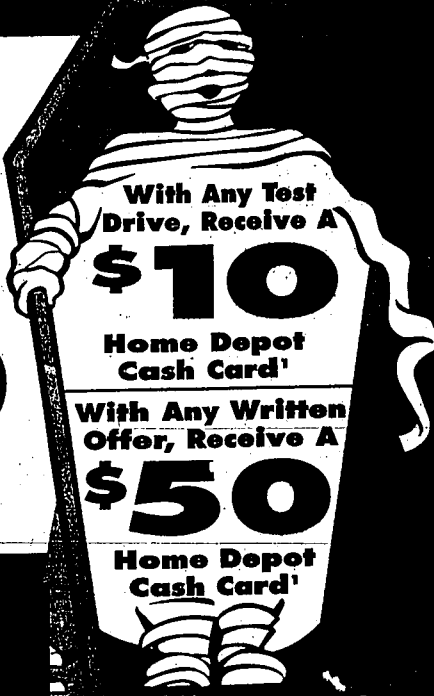
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SPORTSQUOTE

“... extremely apologetic, unsure, confused and unstable.”

—Mike Piazza, describing Roger Clemens on Monday

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
How many times in World Series history have teams that have taken a 2-0 advantage, won the World Series?
...answer below

IN BRIEF

Don Anderson wins Firebird weekend

EAGLE - Twin Falls drag racer Don Anderson scored his first bracket win of the season Sunday, winning the fast Super Pro Bracket at Firebird Raceway in Engle.

Anderson collected \$2,500 in defeating a field of 130 cars at the Firebird Halloween Classic.

In the finals, Anderson turned a time of 152 mph in 8.95 seconds in the quarter-mile with his 1997 Chevrolet Corvette beating Salt Lake City driver Ed Dialogue.

Only two events remain on the schedule for Magic Valley drag racers. Nov. 4's local drivers will be at an NHRA Divisional Points meet in Phoenix. The following weekend, Nov. 9-12, racers will compete in the season-ending NHRA World Finals in Pomona, Calif.

Roping, barrels set in Wendell on Saturday

WENDELL - The Southern Idaho Junior Rodeo Association and Parke Arena will host its season-ending event on Oct. 28.

The action includes a roping-and-run, with the open breakaway starting at noon and American West 4-D barrels beginning at 2 p.m. Sign-ups for the breakaway action will be at 11 a.m. Eve includes a two-for-one open breakaway, a two-for-one fifteen-and-under breakaway, an open American West 4-D barrel race with \$350 added and an American West junior barrel race.

Seahawks' season woes continue to grow

KIRKLAND, Wash. - The Seattle Seahawks might be forced to go back to Jon Kitna as their starting quarterback.

Brock Huard, who started the first two games, suffered a concussion in Sunday's 31-3 loss to the Raiders.

Kitna and the Raiders would knock him out of the week-end's game at the first in Las Vegas City.

Couch Mike Holmgren said lingering effects from the concussion caused him to send Huard home from the Seahawks' headquarters Monday.

Kitna also suffered a concussion in the loss to the Raiders and the Seahawks finished the game with third-string quarterback Matt Lyle.

"I think the chances of Jon Kitna being greater than Brock," Holmgren said. "However, let's wait and see how Brock responds."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Teams that took a 2-0 lead at home, have won it all 23 of 30 times.

Mets return to Shea to face El Duque

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - After an unbeaten start, the New York Yankees threw an unbeaten starter at the New York Mets.

Orlando Hernandez, who's never lost a postseason start, goes to the mound in tonight's Game 3 of the World Series against Rick Reed, the loser in the only game the Mets dropped in the NL championship series against St. Louis.

The Yankees lead the Subway Series 2-0.

With a win against Oakland in the division series and two more against Seattle in the American League Championship Series, El Duque is 8-0 in the postseason and remains a source of amazement to manager Joe Torre.

"He's been remarkable," Torre said on Monday after the Yankees worked out at Shea Stadium. "The last outing wasn't one of his best, but he persevered and hung tough."

Hernandez beat the Indians 4-0 that day, throwing seven shutout innings in his first postseason start. It set the tone for the Cuban-born right-hander with the



Game 3
Mets at Yankees
6:18 p.m., Fox

until we were able to win the ballgame against Seattle."

That was the AL pennant clincher, when the Mariners opened an early 4-0 lead but the Yankees rallied for the victory. It continued a pattern for a pitcher who never loses in October.

"I go back to that first game he pitched against Cleveland in '98 (in the ALCS)," Torre said. "We were down 2-1. He hadn't pitched in 16 days."

Hernandez was 12-13 during the regular season, when he struggled with elbow problems and back spasms.

corkscrew windup.

"As far as the focus and the determination, it's been pretty remarkable," Torre continued. "You can't teach this. Certain people are born with that desire and need to be in the middle of everything when it's important. It's remarkable. There's something inside there that drives him and I'm glad he's on my side."

Hernandez has no explanation for his postseason success.

"I try to approach every game the same," he said through an interpreter. "The object of the game is to win, and I want to go out and win, prepare myself to win. If it's in Cuba, in a World Series or in a national competition, the object is always to win and that's what I try to do."

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Yankee pitcher Orlando Hernandez warms up during practice Monday. Hernandez is scheduled to start Game 3 of the World Series against the New York Mets.

Roy charged with criminal mischief

The Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. - The wife of Patrick Roy, the NHL's winningest goalie, called 911 because she was afraid of what her husband would do as they argued about in-laws, according to a police report released Monday.

Michele Roy was not hurt during the dispute at their home early Sunday, but Roy admitted pulling a beer from under off its hinges and d m a g i n g another after his wife called Greenwood Village police and hung up without speaking, the report said.

The somber Colorado Avalanche goalie, accompanied by his parents, sister and brother, stood with his hands clasped behind his back during a brief court appearance.

The initial hearing was postponed until Nov. 7. Roy remained free on a \$750 bail and left by a side door without comment. His wife was absent.

The judge also issued a restraining order in domestic-dispute cases, which requires Roy to refrain from alcohol and illegal drugs and possession of guns or weapons. He was permitted to return home to his family and is allowed to travel with the team to out-of-state games.

After the Avalanche's practice, Roy read a brief statement, noting that he could not comment on the report on the advice of his lawyer. He also asked that the public respect his family's privacy.

"Obviously, this is creating a distraction, and my wish is that this distraction will be over soon," he said. "I am thankful for the support I am getting from my family and every one of my teammates."

Colorado players showed unified support for Roy, saying they believe he will remain focused after an eight-game (6-0-2) unbeaten streak to start the season. The team's next game is at home Wednesday against Nashville.

"We've always stuck together and we'll stick by Patrick," defenseman Ray Bourque said.

Defenseman Matt Miller said, "Until we find out exactly what's going on, we're not going to let it bother us or distract us. I think I speak for the whole team that we're behind Fatty 100 percent."

Roy, 35, was arrested and charged Sunday with misdemeanor criminal mischief which occurred during an act of domestic violence.

If convicted, he faces a maximum of one year in the county jail and a \$1,000 fine, said a spokesman for the Arapahoe County district attorney's office.

The teams that finish 1-2 in the final BCS standing released Dec. 3 will play for the title in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3.

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Not to worry Hokies fans, the Cornhuskers (7-0) visit the Sooners (6-0) on Saturday in Norman, Okla., and the result of that game likely will shake up

JETS SOAR IN OVERTIME

New York erases huge deficit to defeat Miami

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - There must be something to this late-game magic the New York Jets claim they possess.

Down 30-7 after the fourth quarter, the Jets staged yet another incredible rally and stunned the Miami Dolphins 40-37 in overtime Monday night in a showdown for first place in the A.F.C. East. A team that couldn't do anything right for nearly 45 minutes was unstoppable in the final quarter.

It was the third time the Jets (6-1) have rallied to win in the fourth quarter of what has become a charmed season.

They led the game on Vinny Testaverde's fifth touchdown pass of the night, a 3-yarder to tackle Jumbo Elliott, who was eligible on the play, with 42 seconds to go.

Early in overtime, Marcus Coleman of the Jets intercepted a pass, then fumbled on his return and the Dolphins (5-2) recovered. But Coleman got another pick five plays later.

Wayne Chrebet turned a short pass into a 28-yard completion on third down, setting up John Hall's 40-yard field goal to cap the almost unfaithful victory.

It was the second time in the NFL's prime time spotlight that the Jets won so improbably - they beat New England in Game 2 almost the same way. But that game, which stretched until 1:20 a.m. EDT.

The Jets rallied with a precision they totally lacked for the first three quarters - and against a defense that had yielded just 51 points and three TDs the entire season.

Miami's Jay Fielder connected with Leslie Shepherd on a 46-yard scoring play with 3:33 to play. Testaverde then tied the game again when he threw a 3-yard pass to tackle Jumbo Elliott, who had entered the game as an eligible receiver, with 42 seconds left. It was Elliott's first catch and touch-



AP photo

down in 13 NFL seasons.

Testaverde had a lot of help from the New York defense, which held the Dolphins to one first down in the fourth quarter and the Miami defense, which committed numerous penalties to extend New York drives.

Until the fourth quarter, it was all Miami.

Fiedler threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to Shepherd and Lamar Smith had touch-down runs of 68 and 3 yards as the Dolphins took a 17-0 lead and were up by 23 point after three quarters.

Gold medalist visits Sun Valley

Torres tells school about Olympic experience

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - When 2000 Olympic gold medalist swimmer Dara Torres decided to use her headline during a recent taping of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," she threw it out to Community S c h o o l.

Headmaster John Maksik, a teacher of hers at an all-girl private school in Los Angeles.

But there was a time when she had to throw out a different kind of headline. Torres told students at the Community School on Monday.

That time occurred when she



Elementary school children at the Community School in Sun Valley gather around Olympic swimming champion Dara Torres and her gold medal Monday.

added a few pounds onto her 6-foot-0, 140-pound frame during her freshman year at the University of Florida. She'd developed bulimia - an eating disorder involving bingeing and vomiting - because a coach arbitrarily decided she weighed too much based on her looks.

She and others who didn't make weight had to do extra workouts, including pulling 45-pound blocks the length of a football field. When the coach learned they had been starving themselves days before Monday's weigh-ins, he started weighing them twice a week.

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Nebraska, Oklahoma 1-2 in BCS standings

The Associated Press

Nebraska's first and Oklahoma's second - for a week, anyway - in the first Bowl Championship Series standings.

Virginia Tech, No. 2 in the AP media poll and USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, finds itself in third place in the rankings, which will determine what teams play in its national championship game.

The standings, released Monday night, are based on a formula that incorporates the AP poll plus the coaches' poll, eight computer rankings, strength-of-schedule and number of losses.

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BCS Rankings - D2

next week's BCS rankings.

In two weeks, there will be even more shuffling when Virginia Tech (7-0) visits Miami (5-1) and Clemson (8-0) plays at Florida State (7-1). On Nov. 18, Florida (6-1) is at Florida State.

Miami is fourth in the BCS standings, Florida State fifth, Florida sixth and Clemson seventh.

Nebraska had 3.61 points in the BCS standings - 1 point for poll average, 1.57 for computer rank, schedule and zero for losses. The Huskers beat Baylor 59-0 on Saturday, a week after a 56-3 win over Texas Tech.

Oklahoma had 5.43 points - 3 for poll average, 1.71 for computer rank, schedule and zero for losses. The Sooners were idle Saturday after beating Kansas State 41-31 on Oct. 14.

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SPORTS

Reports: Minnesota gets four years' probation

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - The NCAA has put the University of Minnesota men's basketball program on probation for four years...

90 percent of its money for playing in the 1994, 1995 and 1997 NCAA basketball tournaments, according to reports.



The NCAA Infractions Committee's report found that Jan Gangelhoff, a former office manager in the university's academic counseling unit, completed coursework for at least 18 basketball players...

Mark Rotenberg, the university's general counsel, declined Monday night to respond to the NCAA's assertions, which were to be formally received by the school Tuesday.

Norman victorious at rain-hit Shanghai Open

SHANGHAI, China (AP) - Magnus Norman won the Shanghai Open for the second straight year, beating Sjeng Schalken 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 Monday in a final delayed a day because of rain.

Tennis

Schalken won the doubles final with Dutch partner Paul Haarhuis. They scored a 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 victory over the Czech pair of Petr Pala and Pavel Vízner.

Panova, a Russian who is unseeded and ranked 43rd, won the first set in 32 minutes. She led her sixth-seeded opponent netted an easy forehand.

Magnus Gustafson of Sweden beat Francisco Clavet of Spain 6-4, 6-4.

Fourth-seeded player advances in Slovakia

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia - Fourth-seeded Denisa Chladkova downed Czech compatriot Radka Bobkova 7-5, 6-3 in the only singles match Monday at \$110,000 Eurolet Slovak Indoor WTA tournament.

After controversial loss, Slay gets wrestling gold

DENVER (AP) - For Brandon Slay says his Olympic wrestling gold medal is even sweeter because he knew "the agony of defeat before the thrill of victory."

Slay, in a telephone interview, forcefully turned down any suggestion that his victory was any less worthy because it took place in a controversial match.

clean and he made his choice to be "dirty." The IOC executive committee said it had ordered the German Olympic Committee to "withdraw and return" Leipold's gold medal.

and we are very proud of him." The IOC said Leipold's urine samples indicated the presence of norandrosterone and norethiolanone - signs of the use of the steroid nandrolone - in concentration 10 times higher than the maximum permitted under IOC rules.

BCS

Continued from D1. Virginia Tech, which also started out third in the BCS standings last year, had 6.66 points - 2 for poll average, 4.14 for computer rank average, 0.52 for strength-

schedule and zero losses. The Sooners were first in four of the eight computer rankings; the Huskers were first in three; and Florida State was first in the other.

ACC commissioner John Swofford created two years ago to come up with a national title game without instituting a playoff. After the top two teams are decided, the remaining BCS games - the Rose, Sugar and

Fiesta bowls - select from the remaining pool of qualified teams. Champions of six conferences - the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC - qualify for a BCS game, and two at-large teams are selected to fill out the field.

Table with columns: Rank, Team, AP, USA Today/ESPN, Points, Schedule strength, Losses, Total. Includes sub-tables for Poll Average, Computer Average, and Schedule rank.

Torres

Continued from D1. "That was a very dark period in my life," said the blond-haired Torres, who cut a lanky figure Monday in her black pullover and powder blue jeans.

She described her nightmare about trying to sandwich an awards ceremony between swimming competitions and how she was awestruck by being around athletes such as Michael Jordan and gymnast Mary Lou Retton at her first Olympics that she forgot she was one of them.

was considered washed up. And she was intimidated comparing her skinny body with the big, muscular bodies of the latest generation of swimmers.

everything the right way, that has to be satisfying to you." Torres, who was called "Mom" by some of the younger athletes at this year's Olympics, ran up against another roadblock en route to the gold when she slipped on her shoulder when and then hurt it throwing souvenir shirts into the stands.

Torres, the first American swimmer to compete in four Olympics, made the rounds talking about her Olympic experiences Monday in Sydney. She handed out souvenir Olympic pins to elementary-aged children at the Community School, and medals. And she shared some of the lessons she'd learned with students of Community School students.

To compete in Sydney, Torres left behind a multi-faceted career. She was an assistant producer for NBC Sports and a model who had appeared in Taebo commercials, only to be told by a coach that, "We don't swim that way, anymore." At 33, she

"I was terrified everybody would think I was doing drugs," she said. "But the coach told me, 'Your friends and the people who work with you know you're done

The U.S. team doctor injected so much pain-numbing medication into the shoulder that her arm was like dead weight, Torres said. But she smiled and cried her way through it. Five boxes of Kleenex later, and into the final day of the swimming competition, she said she had the most incredible swim of her life - a record-setting split time and another gold medal.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

San Jose player has foot, ankle amputated

SAN JOSE, Calif. - A sophomore on the San Jose State football team had the foot and ankle of his right leg amputated Monday night after he suffered a compound fracture during a game. ... Neil Parry, 20, injured his right leg on a kickoff return in San Jose State's Oct. 14 game against UTEP when a teammate awkwardly rolled over his leg. ... Parry, from Sonora, underwent surgery Monday morning at Stanford Medical Center. ... Parry is the younger brother of Spartans linebacker and team captain Josh Parry, the Western Athletic Conference's leading tackler. ... Parry's injury severely damaged a major artery and a nerve in the bottom of his foot, and swelling threatened to damage the remaining artery carrying blood to his feet.

Davenport named to U.S. Fed Cup team

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. - Lindsay Davenport will play for the United States in next month's 2000 Fed Cup World Finals. ... U.S. Fed Cup captain Billie Jean King has until Nov. 10 to nominate the remaining American team members for the semifinal and final matches. ... Davenport made her Fed Cup debut at age 17 in 1993 and has a career Fed Cup record of 23-2, including 18-1 in singles.

Bucs hire former hitting coach as manager

PITTSBURGH - Lloyd McClendon, the hitting coach on former Pittsburgh manager Gene Lamont's staff for four years, was hired Monday as the Pirates' manager. ... McClendon said he has been managing other players, even while as player himself, throughout his baseball career. ... McClendon, a 41-year-old former Pirates player who hit 244 in an eight-year major league career, will become the fifth Big Bay manager in major league history, joining the Giants' Dusty Baker, the Cubs' Don Baylor, the White Sox's Jerry Manuel and the Brewers' Davey Lopes.

Australia loses national hoops coach

SYDNEY, Australia - Barry Barnes retired Monday as coach of Australia's national men's basketball team following a fourth-place finish in the Sydney Olympics. ... Barnes, the national coach for eight years, cited family reasons when he said he would not seek reappointment to the job when his contract expires at the end of the year. ... Former national team captain Phil Smyth, coach of the Adelaide 36ers in the National Basketball League, is considered to be a leading contender if he applies.

Pac-10 approves basketball tourneys

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. - As expected, the Pac-10 Conference's chief executive officers Monday approved men's and women's postseason basketball tournaments. ... The men's tournament will be an eight-team event held in Los Angeles' Staples Center for six years beginning in 2002. ... The Pac-10 never has sponsored a women's tournament. In August, the Pac-10 athletic directors approved the postseason tournaments and Monday's vote was the final step in the process of making it official.

Delgado grabs Sporting News' POY

ST. LOUIS - Toronto Blue Jays first baseman Carlos Delgado was selected player of the year by The Sporting News on Monday. ... The award, based on voting by players, was one of several postseason awards announced by the St. Louis-based publication in its Oct. 30 issue. ... Delgado hit .344 with 41 homers and 137 RBIs. He finished fourth or tied for fourth in all three categories. ... Delgado, 28, received 164 1-2 votes, easily outdistancing runner-up Todd Helton of the Colorado Rockies, who received 38 votes. ... The American League pitcher of the year was Boston's Pedro Martinez, who was 18-6 with a 1.74 ERA. ... Jerry Manuel of the White Sox was named American League manager of the year after leading Chicago to its first playoff appearance since 1983. ... The National League winner was Dusty Baker, whose Giants finished with the league's best record. ... The Sporting News rookies of the year were Kansas City outfielder Mark Quinn and Atlanta shortstop Rafael Furcal. ... Atlanta's Andres Galarraga, who returned to the Braves after a year's absence while he received treatment for cancer, was the National League comeback player of the year. ... The Fireman of the Year award for the top relievers went to Detroit's Todd Jones and Florida's Antonio Alfonseca.

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Tobin fired after Dallas debacle

Cardinals appoint defensive coordinator as interim coach

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Vince Tobin, who coached Arizona to its first playoff victory in 51 years two seasons ago, was fired Monday, a day after the Cardinals lost 48-7 to the Dallas Cowboys.

Defensive coordinator Dave McGinnis was appointed interim coach for the remainder of the season.

"I felt it was time," owner Bill Bidwill said at a news conference. "Vince is a very fine man. He's worked very, very hard here. I wish him well in the future."

Bidwill said McGinnis will be "a prime candidate" for the job after this season.

"Dave McGinnis brings a great

deal of experience and optimism to the job," Bidwill said. "We anticipate that hopefully there will be a different Cardinal team on the field this Sunday."

McGinnis said his top priority will be to instill some enthusiasm in the team.

"The last three weeks we haven't been playing, we've been pressing," McGinnis said. "I want the guys to play instead of press."

Bidwill said he and general manager Bob Ferguson had been discussing the direction of the team since last week.

"We've been very disappointed in the apparent decline, which was most noticeable yesterday in

Dallas," Bidwill said.

He said the two talked again during the flight from Dallas, and the decision to fire Tobin was made Monday morning.

Tobin's firing came with the Cardinals in last place in the NFC East and two weeks before a vote in Maricopa County on a proposed \$331 million stadium for 2001.

Tobin had a 29-4 record in 4.5 seasons as head coach. In 1998, he directed the team to a 9-7 regular season, its only winning campaign since the franchise moved to Arizona from St. Louis in 1988.

The Cardinals made the playoffs for the first time since 1982, then beat the Cowboys in Dallas for their first playoff victory since the NFL championship game 51 years earlier.

However, the team stumbled to 6-10 last season and was 2-5 this year.

Jury selection starts in Carruth case

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Jury selection began Monday in the murder trial of ex-NFL player Rae Carruth, accused of masterminding the shooting death of his pregnant girlfriend to avoid paying child support.

No jurors were selected in the first day.

When court recessed, the judge had dismissed two potential jurors who said they opposed the death penalty. Another was let go because she had attention-deficit disorder and a fourth was dismissed because he knew people on the witness list.

If convicted of first-degree murder, Carruth could be sentenced to death.

Much of the morning was taken

up with defense motions, including one that Carruth's co-defendants be moved to another jail so they could not watch the proceedings on Court TV.

As the session began, prosecutors said they added the names of co-defendants Michael Eugene Kennedy and Stanley Drew "Boss" Abraham as possible witnesses.

Their main witness is expected to be Carruth's third co-defendant, Van Brett Watkins, whose name was already on the witness list. Watkins, the alleged trigger man, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and agreed to testify against Carruth.

Defense attorneys David Rudolf and Chris Fialko asked

that all three co-defendants be moved to another county jail where they would not have access to Court TV, which will televise the trial.

Superior Court Judge Charles Lamm denied the motion but asked a sheriff's deputy to determine if the three can be denied access to Court TV.

Lamm also denied two other defense motions: one to have the court reporter list the race of potential jurors and one not to require the jurors to say they could hand down a death sentence if appropriate. The defense said Carruth should face no more than a life sentence since that's the worst Watkins faces.

Titans' George highlights long list of NFL casualties

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee Titans running back Eddie George could miss the team's next game after tests Monday showed he has a sprained right knee.

The three-time Pro Bowl running back sprained the medial collateral ligament on his first carry during the Titans' first series Sunday in a 14-6 victory over the Baltimore Ravens. George said someone landed on his knee at the end of his run.

Coach Jeff Fisher said George might need a brace to run and that he will be day-to-day when the Titans resume practice on Wednesday. The Titans play at Washington next Monday night.

Bleak Monday

Without a touchdown with Tony Banks running the offense, coach Brian Billick turned to Diller in the fourth quarter of Sunday's 14-6 loss to the Tennessee Titans.

Diller failed to produce a score but showed Billick enough to get the starting job.

Clearly we have got to do something to change the impetus," Billick said Monday.

Diller, who started 76 games for Tampa Bay before signing with Baltimore in March, becomes the fourth Baltimore quarterback to start in two seasons under Billick, following Scott Mitchell, Stoney Case and Banks.

Baltimore is the first team since the 1993 Indianapolis Colts to go four straight games without reaching the end zone.

Loss of Tuggle leaves Falcons short at linebacker

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Atlanta Falcons linebacker Jessie Tuggle, the NFL's leading active tackler, will be sidelined for at least six weeks with a knee injury.

Tuggle, who has 1,37 tackles in his 14-year career — all with the Falcons — hurt his left knee last Sunday's 21-19 loss to the New Orleans Saints.

Tuggle underwent tests Monday that revealed tears of the medial collateral ligament and medial meniscus, coach Dan Reeves said.

The Falcons went into the game with only four linebackers, including starters Henri Crockett (sprained right ankle), Keith Brooking (sprained left foot) and top backup Jeff Keitz (right knee, surgery).

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

World Series	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
NY Yankees	7	1	0	0	0
LA Dodgers	0	0	0	0	0

USA Today/ESPN poll

Team	W	L	PF	PA	PP
Washington	6	2	74	148	115
NY Giants	5	3	65	148	115
NY Jets	5	3	65	148	115
Philadelphia	5	3	65	148	115
Green Bay	5	3	65	148	115

IN THE BLEACHERS



By Steve Moore

ON THE AIR

Event	Time	Channel
World Series, Game 3	8 p.m.	FOX
Bowling, PGA Fidelity Open	6 p.m.	ESPN
Wonderful World of Golf, Couples vs. Mickelson	7:30 p.m.	ESPN

NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Player	Team	Stat
Tommy Jones	NY Jets	1 sack
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TRANSACTIONS

Player	From	To
Tommy Jones	NY Jets	NY Jets
Tommy Jones	NY Jets	NY Jets

BASKETBALL

Team	W	L	PF	PA	PP
Chicago	1	0	80	68	0
San Antonio	1	0	80	68	0

TOP 25

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA	PP
1	Indiana	17	1	114	80	133
2	Michigan	16	2	114	80	133

PGA TOUR STATISTICS

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PGA TOUR LEADERS

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Clemens' actions are under investigation

NEW YORK (AP) - Baseball started investigating Roger Clemens on Monday for throwing the barrel of Mike Piazza's shattered bat at him in Game 2 of the World Series.

Umpires did not eject the Yankees pitcher for tossing the jagged end in front of Piazza on Sunday night, but Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office, did not rule out discipline.

"It's happened in the past," Alderson said at Shea Stadium. "That doesn't mean it will happen this time."

Umpires concluded Clemens, who beated Piazza on July 8, did not deliberately throw the bat at him.

"He just picked up the bat and winged it," umpire crew chief Ed Montague said. "It was just an emotional deal that built over the months."

Frank Robinson, the vice president in the commissioner's office in charge of discipline, began telephoning executives from the Yankees and Mets on Monday and viewing videotapes, Alderson said.

"We're reviewing the situation and will take any appropriate action, if necessary," Alderson said. "Whatever pattern of behavior that exists or doesn't exist will be part of the review. There's a perception of a pattern of behavior in the minds of the public that has to be taken into account."

In the past, hitters have been penalized for throwing bats at pitchers, most notably Oakland's Bert Campaneris. He was suspended for the rest of the playoffs in 1972 after throwing his bat at Detroit pitcher Lerrin LaGrou, who had hit him on an ankle with a pitch.

Clemens said he had not been contacted.

"It was an unusual incident. That's why I think we're approaching it with a certain amount of circumspection," Alderson said. "Intent is always difficult to establish."

Clemens' general manager Steve Phillips said he didn't think Clemens deliberately threw the



Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens throws a bat head in the direction of Mike Piazza of the Mets as Piazza runs towards first base in the first inning of Game 2 of the World Series Sunday.

bat fragment at his catcher. "I understand why they didn't eject him, I really do," Phillips said.

Still, he was in favor of having Robinson review the strange toss.

Any suspension would not start until next season, because the players' association almost certainly would appeal, delaying any penalty until after a hearing before Paul Beeston, baseball's chief operating officer. Lawyers would need time to prepare for a hearing.

When Clemens was ejected in the 1990 AL playoffs by umpire Terry Cooney, who thought the

pitcher was cursing at him, Clemens was suspended for five games and fined \$10,000. A final ruling after two appeals was not made until the following April 26.

Gene Orza, the No. 2 official of the players' association, declined comment on Robinson's investigation, and neither commissioner Bud Selig nor Robinson returned telephone messages.

Yankees manager Joe Torre said he already had spoken with Robinson.

"He asked me what I thought and what I saw and what I felt," Torre said. "I think to be thor-

ough about it, that's probably the right thing."

Piazza welcomed the investigation.

"Twenty, 30 years ago, it wouldn't have been an issue," he said. "This day and age, who knows?"

Mets manager Bobby Valentine refused to be drawn into the debate.

"I have never thrown anyone out of a game," he said. "And very often, I've disagreed when people have been thrown out of games. So I don't think I'm a very good arbiter in that manner."

Talk of the town

Flareup still big news during off-day

NEW YORK (AP) - Once Mike Piazza called Roger Clemens "unstable" and baseball began an investigation, it was clear where this day was headed.

So on a travel day that required no travel, there was only one topic at Shea Stadium and both teams agreed: The image of Clemens throwing the jagged barrel of Piazza's bat was sure to be the lasting image of this World Series.

"This is definitely going to be torture if you have to watch that time and time again," New York Yankees manager Joe Torre said Monday.

"If the Mets win, I think they're going to use that as a motivation for coming back and beating us. And if we win, it's still going to be a major part of it," he said.

Said Piazza: "This is a situation that has taken prominence over the bullgame, which is unfortunate. But that's the way it is."

The Yankees led 2-0 in the Subway Series, with Game 3 Orlando Hernandez, 8-0 lifetime in the postseason, pitches against the Mets' Rick Reed.

Torre made two lineup announcements, both which normally would attract a lot of attention.

With no DH to work with, he said Jose Vizcaino would start at second base in Game 3, leaving Chuck Knoblauch on the bench. Torre also said Denny Neagle would pitch Game 4, rather than David Cone.

Instead, all the talk concerned Clemens' throwing a chunk of Piazza's shattered bat within two feet of the Mets star in the first inning, causing the benches to empty in Sunday night's 6-5 win by the Yankees.

Clemens claimed the whole thing was accidental, and that he was merely being emotional. "This is the World Series, it shouldn't overshadow what we're trying to do," Clemens said. "I've done that before -

I've thrown the bat at the bat-boy."

"There's no intent there," he repeated, for about the hundredth time. "I wish it had been Mike Bordick's bat. The only thing strange was that it was Mike Piazza's bat."

The Mets were still seething at Clemens, having seen him bean Piazza on July 8 at Yankee Stadium.

Mets DH Lenny Harris said he spent the rest of Sunday night's game "trying to hit a ball right off his forehead."

A day later, Piazza seemed uncertain what to think.

"He seemed extremely apologetic and unsure and confused and unstable," he said.

Torre said he had no problem with baseball investigating.

"I welcome that. I mean, I do. I talked to Frank Robinson this morning," he said. "He asked me what I thought and what I saw and what I felt. I think to be thorough about it, that's probably the right thing."

Torre sharply backed Clemens' version late Sunday night that the intent was not intentional. The manager said he needed his wife to calm him down later at dinner.

Given a day to think about it, Torre did not change his stance, though he said he could see why the Mets were angry.

"I can understand their comments," he said. "Understanding that Roger is wearing our uniform and we're going to go overboard to back him, not necessarily agreeing with everything that happens, OK?"

"I don't condone what he did. But again, I still hold to the fact that he didn't throw it at him, OK?" he said.

No surprise, with the Clemens-Piazza flap becoming the talk of the town, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani even addressed the issue. Being a lifelong Yankees fan, he reacted with predictability.

"I can't imagine he would throw at anyone, otherwise, he would ... get himself thrown out of one of the most important games of his career," Giuliani said.

Mets try to regroup at home after slow start

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Mets began preparing for Game 3 of the World Series while still dwelling on the first two games.

They talked about bad breaks, their own blunders, and a shattered bat that Roger Clemens threw in the direction of Mike Piazza.

But that won't change the 0-2 deficit they face against the New York Yankees in the best-of-seven series.

"A lot of teams that lose think they got the bad end of the breaks," first baseman Todd Zeile said Monday. "That's a loser's mentality. You make your own breaks. That's what the Yankees do and that's why they've won 14 straight World Series games. It's not all luck."

Although, the Mets will probably need some of it to win four of the next five games against the two-time defending World Series champions, starting with Tuesday night's Game 3.

The Yankees have not only won the record 14 straight World Series games, but have won 27 of their last 32 postseason games.

"I don't believe anybody in here is giving up," said outfielder Jay Payton, whose three-run homer in the ninth inning of the Mariano Rivera brought the Mets within one run Sunday night.

"We're down 2-0, but we're back at home."

That might be the best news of all for the Mets. They went 52-2 at Shea Stadium this season - the best home record in baseball - and have won eight of 10 at home the past two seasons.

They need to win at least two of three games at Shea to send the Series back to Yankee Stadium and a Game 6 rematch against Clemens.

"He's not going to be pitching," reliever John Franco said of Clemens, Public Enemy No. 1 in the Mets clubhouse. "We have to forget about that. It's over with. There's nothing we can do about it. We have to go out and hit, pitch and play the type of game that got us to the World Series."

First, they have to harness their anger. They hadn't quite done that when they arrived at the ballpark for Monday's workout.

Backup catcher Todd Pratt screamed in anger when he saw a backpage story in the New York Post criticizing the Mets for not beating up Clemens.

"What were we supposed to do to Clemens? Jump him and dog pile him?" Pratt said. "Fighting doesn't belong in baseball. It isn't a hockey game. The only thing you can do is hit his fastball. When he's throwing it at 99 (mph) and a splitter at 92, he's unhittable."

The Mets haven't done much hitting at all so far, scoring in only two of 21 innings.

The Mets have lacked nothing like the team that eliminated San Francisco in four games and St. Louis in five to reach the World Series for the first time since 1996.

Only four Mets had been to the Series before and the team is showing its inexperience.

"We haven't played the kind of



The Mets hope pitcher Rick Reed is the answer to getting their first victory in the World Series. Reed is scheduled to start Game 3 against the New York Yankees tonight at Shea Stadium.

baseball we have to play to win a championship," said Game 1 starter Al Leiter, one of the few Mets with World Series experience. "Is it because we're in the World Series? I don't know."

Their blunders on the basepaths cost them at least one run in Game 1 when Timo Perez and Zeile did not run hard on Zeile's double off the top of the left-field wall.

Then closer Armando Benitez couldn't hold a lead in the ninth

inning and the Mets lost in 12.

At the plate, they were so concerned with getting retribution after Clemens' bizarre confrontation with Piazza, that they altered their approach.

"We were so mad at him that we were trying to swing too hard and knock him down with every hit," designated hitter Lenny Harris said. "We got away from our game plan and didn't get back to it until he left the game. Maybe that was his plan."

Series

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"I was injured most of the regular season," he said. "If I had not prepared myself during the regular season for the postseason, then I wouldn't be able to do my job in the postseason."

Mets manager Bobby Valentine said his team was ready for the challenge El Duque poses.

"We watched some film early this morning," he said. "We've faced him before. There was some talk about that around the batting cage on how his ball moves. He's never been beaten in the postseason. We understand all those things. We're going to come out firing."

Valentine was asked about the variety of release points in Hernandez's delivery but said he thought El Duque did not have

that many, just a variety of pitches.

"That's his opinion," Hernandez said. "I respect it. I never agree with anyone else. I respect their opinion and their right to it."

Reed was 11-5 in the regular season as the Mets' No. 3 starter. But he was hit hard in a no-decision against San Francisco in the division playoff and knocked out early in his start against St. Louis in the NLCS.

He said El Duque's postseason success was not a concern.

"I've got to prepare for the Yankees' lineup," he said. "I have to worry about their lineup. I can't worry about his record in the postseason and what he's done. I've got to keep my team in the game."

In the cross hairs

New York Yankees Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, a big-game pitcher in the postseason, will be gunning for the Mets in Game 3 of the World Series at Shea Stadium. Here's a look at his unorthodox delivery.

Source: Major League Baseball

Chicago can only dream of 'L' Series

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - Let's come to order, shall we? If we could get the baseball gods, those fellows in the corner with tobacco juice on their white beards, to stop laughing for a second and at least ponder the cosmic significance of an "L" Series, maybe we could have a bit-men.

Even though our charge is to predict when the Cubs and the White Sox will make it to the Series together, the first order of business is to say that there is almost nothing impressive about a Subway Series featuring the Yankees and Mets. That feels

better, doesn't it?

Both New York teams spent megabucks to build their rosters, and both have won at least two World Series in the last 31 years and both have missed out on the kind of heroic struggle that has allowed the Cubs and White Sox such an extended stay at the Sahara Marriott."

Simply put, New York fans don't know what it means to be so parched that tears taste good.

But what if there were an "L" Series? Hold it. Back up for a second. If we're going to consider the topic, let's be optimists right away. Not if, but when?

"Not in my lifetime," said former Sox announcer and major-

league outfielder Jimmy Piersall, 71.

To which a true Chicago believer would say: You mean, it conceivably could happen in 20 years? Excellent!

"I can't see it ever happening," said Richard Lindberg, who has written four books on the White Sox and throws a pretty mean yet blanketed.

The only time the two teams met in a World Series was 1906, with the White Sox winning four games to two.

The Cubs have lost 516 games in the last six years, and are 112 games below .500 in that time." said Piersall, whom the Cubs fired as a part-time outfield instructor

last year. "I'll be dead before a Cubs-Sox World Series happens. I wish it would be different because the Cubs' fans and Tribune Co. are great people despite the fact that everyone is putting them down."

The Sox have excellent young players in Magglio Ordonez, Paul Konerko and Carlos Lee, as well as rising stars in the minors. The Cubs have so many holes that it's hard to tell if there's any fabric.

Lindberg, who is the Sox's unofficial historian, said there are a number of reasons why a Cubs-Sox World Series won't happen. But while Cubs fans brace for the accusation that their club is to blame, listen first.

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