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GOOD MORNING

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 Mostly cloudy.
 tonight with snow showers.
 Low 20.

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Your big break

By Michael Jousse
 Times-News writer

BOISE - It's got a little bit for everyone. Individual taxpayers and corporations get a few breaks. Something's there for rural economic development - and urban areas, too.

Most importantly, and perhaps most surprisingly, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposals for \$140 million in tax relief in the 2002 budget year satisfy those worried about impending belt tightening

Tax-cut plan will likely be OK'd

and please hard-core tax cutters. The proposal's mix of one-time and permanent cuts allows immediate significant relief without locking lawmakers into long-term commitments that might hurt if recent indications of an economic slowdown bear out.

"I think it's an excellent, well-thought-out package," said Rep. Delores Crow, R-Nampa, who as head of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee led 2000's late-session charge for far-reaching tax cuts that divided the Republicans' Statehouse supermajority.

The package even pleases House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, who just a few weeks ago began to caution against big tax cuts because of Wall Street's recent downturn.

"I think it's a good idea," Newcomb said. "The \$100 million in one-time cuts - I think that's

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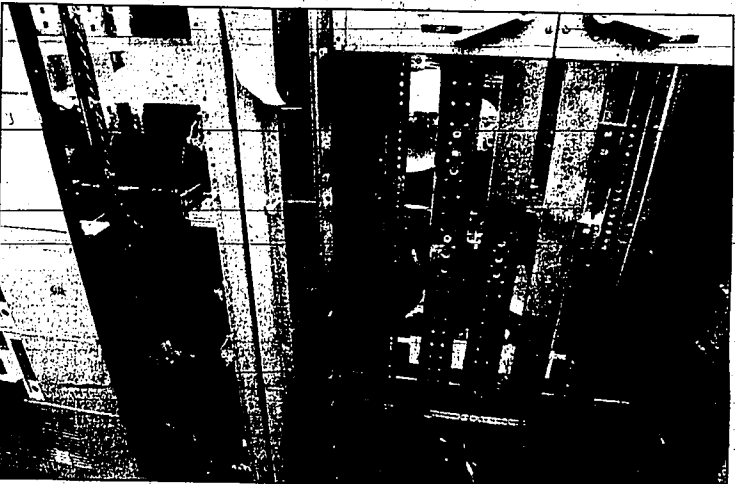
wise with the economy's downturn."

And while some of their priorities are different, Democrats too seem comfortable with Kempthorne's ideas. They called for about \$150 million in tax relief as a result of the \$340 million budget surplus, but would target different areas.

House Democrats have promoted

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TALE OF TWO BUDGETS



Electricians for Argus Electric of Twin Falls, John Hopkins and Beau Sackett, work on the electrical switch gear in the main panel room of the new Kimberly High School Friday. The construction of the school should be completed by June. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's plan for Idaho's budget surplus pays for some college and university buildings, but provides no surplus money for public school construction.

Public schools still feel construction pinch

By Jennifer Sandmann
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - To borrow from Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's analogy, describing a strong state economy but a depressed farm market, Kempthorne's education construction plan is a study in contrasts.

State colleges and universities, which have waited years to receive full funding for building requests, could reap the benefits of a \$330 million surplus. But because of Idaho's overriding support of local control, Kempthorne's office doesn't plan to give public school districts a share of the windfall to improve failing buildings.

The governor's spending pro-

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posal urges the Legislature to fund \$58 million in buildings at the seven public colleges and universities, including expanded music classrooms and auditorium facilities for the College of Southern Idaho; a classroom and lab building in Pocatello; a maintenance building at Eastern Idaho Technical College in Idaho Falls; a health and life science building at North Idaho College; a teaching and learning center in Moscow; an activities center at Lewis-Clark State College; and an academic building in Canyon County for Boise State University.

For public schools, Kempthorne recommends

addressing serious life-safety issues with the employers' portion of gain-sharing in the state employee retirement account. After a profitable year in the stock market, the account realized a \$155 million windfall that will be divided among state retirees, employees and employers. About \$34 million will be divided among Idaho's 113 districts.

H.D. Palmer, Kempthorne's communications director, said the money can make a good dent in school life-safety needs or give districts money to use as leverage for passing a bond issue.

Kempthorne did not want to use budget surplus money for K-12 school construction, and the Legislature wasn't likely to support such a plan anyway, Palmer said.

"You have the state getting into the issue of building schools," he said.

The governor's plan means Wendell, a district with a partially condemned middle school, would receive about \$13,000. That won't build a new school, but the district will take any help it can get, Superintendent Larry Manly said.

A \$6.1 million bond issue failed in October 2000. It received 61 percent approval but needed a two-thirds majority to pass.

Instead, Manly favors lowering the bond issue approval threshold to 60 percent.

"That's really I think all it would take to solve a lot of districts' building needs," Manly said.

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Idaho senators' votes follow GOP philosophy

By Megan Scully
 States News Service

WASHINGTON - If Capitol Hill had a bottle taking wagers on floor votes, Idaho's two senators would be a sure bet.

At a time where party unity is at a 12-year low, Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo rank as the most ardent loyalists to the GOP, posting a voting record during the most recent Congress that runs straight down the party line, according to CQ Weekly, a weekly magazine on Congress.



Sen. Larry Craig
 Sen. Mike Crapo

The Idaho delegation, in fact, was the only one in the Senate to achieve a perfect 100 percent

party unity rating, meaning that they never strayed from the Republican Party on any of the 298 recorded votes in the 106th Congress.

Sens. James Inhofe, R-Okla., and Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., also posted perfect scores.

The results of the study did not surprise political analysts or party leaders, who count Idaho among the most conservative states in the country and consider its senators to be a reflection of the state.

Despite Crapo's attempts to

reach across the political aisle, including a recent statement calling for bipartisanship, Idaho's delegation in the Senate was a model of conservatism on every issue from the development of public lands to supporting marriage penalty tax relief, said Norman J. Ornstein, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

"Make no mistake about it, you have two very conservative senators," Ornstein said.

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A resident of the middle-class Las Colinas neighborhood west of the capital, San Salvador, El Salvador, looks for family members after a 7.6 earthquake shook Central America Saturday.

Quake rocks Central America

The Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador - A major earthquake shook Central America on Saturday, unleashing a landslide that buried hundreds of houses near El Salvador's capital and killing at least 81 people across the region.

About 1,200 people are believed to be missing in the buried Las Colinas neighborhood just west of San Salvador, where at least 79 people are known to be dead across the country, a National Emergency Committee formed to deal with the quake announced.

National police and rescue workers estimated the death toll at near 100. There were fears the number would rise as excavations continued.

The 7.6-magnitude quake centered off El Salvador's southern coast also rocked Honduras and Guatemala, where two more deaths were reported. Buildings swayed in Mexico City, about 600 miles to the northwest.

Salvadoran President Francisco Flores declared a national emergency and appealed for international aid to help look for buried victims and assist survivors.

Hundreds of rescuers frantically ripped at the earth with sticks and bare hands to reach those buried in the middle class Las Colinas area, where a 1,500-foot landslide carried away houses, cars and trees.

A distraught Arturo Magaña, 25, wandered about to find his 18-year-old brother, Jaime.

"I don't know where to dig because I don't know where the house is," he said.

"This is terrible. I don't think we will be able to pull-out any victims; everything has been buried," said David Lara, a rescue worker struggling at the mass of dirt and concrete with a shovel.

Red Cross spokesman Carlos Lopez Medina estimated that 300 houses had been destroyed in Las Colinas. By night, 20 bodies had been recovered at Las Colinas.

No survivors had yet been found.

In the southeastern town of San Miguel, the wall of a hospital collapsed and 25 people were known to be dead in a small village nearby.

Reagan recuperates after successful hip surgery

The Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. - Former President Reagan underwent a 65-minute surgery Saturday morning to have a plate and screws inserted into his right hip to repair a fracture suffered during a fall.

Reagan, 89, who has Alzheimer's disease, was placed under general

anesthesia during the procedure and likely will remain hospitalized for seven to 10 days, said lead orthopedic surgeon Dr. Kevin Ehrhart during a Saturday afternoon news conference. Saturday night, Reagan was described as alert and had his first meal.

Nancy Reagan has been with her husband since he was hospitalized

Friday afternoon at St. John's Health Center after falling at the couple's Bel-Air home, said Joanne Drake, Reagan's chief of staff.

Mrs. Reagan was with him through the night, has remained strong throughout and is with him now in his room, Drake said.

Ehrhart said surgery, which originally was expected to last three

hours, started at 8:30 a.m. and was completed at 9:35 a.m.

"He remained in stable condition throughout the procedure and he remains in stable condition presently in his hospital room," the doctor said.

Ehrhart said the former president would be able to complete most of his recovery and rehabilitation at home.

Ronald Reagan

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO

Idaho Extremes
 Yesterday: High 38° Boise, Low 17° Challis
 Today: High 55° Boise, Low 28° Challis

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ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday
 Temperature: High/Low 38°/29°
 Normal high/low: 55°/18°
 Highest low last year: 44°/25°
 Record high: 58° in 1950
 Record low: 2° in 1964

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 8 p.m. yesterday: trace
 Month to date: trace
 Normal month to date: 0.34 in
 Year to date: trace
 Normal year to date: 0.47

Humidity
 Yesterday at noon: 85%

Barometric Pressure
 Yesterday at 8 p.m.: 30.07 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
 Grass: Absent • Woods: Absent
 Ragweed: Absent • Mold: Absent

Source: Astoria and Allegory of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Clouds, some sun and snow flurries.	Mostly cloudy with a few snow showers.	A few morning flurries, then some sun.	Patchy fog, then partly sunny.	Patchy fog, then partly sunny.	Area of low clouds and fog; some sun.
▲ 30°	▼ 20°	▲ 30° ▼ 16°	▲ 30° ▼ 16°	▲ 32° ▼ 16°	▲ 34° ▼ 18°

SUN AND MOON

SUNRISE today 8:06 a.m.
SUNSET tonight 5:29 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:28 p.m.
Moonset tonight 11:31 p.m.

Phase Waxing Crescent

Last New Jan 10 • **First Full** Feb 1

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Calgary	21 8°	21 8°
Edmonton	21 8°	21 8°
Regina	13 6°	13 6°
Saskatoon	13 6°	13 6°
Winnipeg	18 8°	18 8°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Mostly cloudy today with a few periods of sun; accumulations of up to an inch in the valleys, while the mountains have a few inches. Mostly cloudy tonight with occasional snow.

Boise: Cloudy; it's partly sunny today, with a few snow showers. Mainly cloudy tonight with snow flurries. Clouds and a flurry tomorrow morning, then some sunshine in the afternoon.

Northern Nevada: Cold weather will continue today with clouds, breaks of sunshine and a couple of snow showers. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with the chance for a few snow flurries.

Northern Utah: Clouds most of today along with snow flurries; little if any accumulation in the low spots, but the mountains will have a few inches. Mostly cloudy tonight with a little snow.

Northern Idaho: Mostly cloudy today with occasional snow that can leave a coating to an inch in the valleys and a few inches in the mountains. Most cloudy tonight with a little snow at times.

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.

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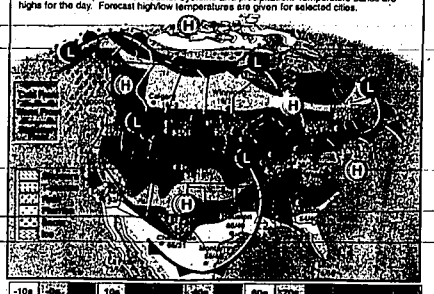
City	Today	Mon.
London	48 11°	48 11°
New York	32 1°	32 1°
Hong Kong	62 49°	62 49°
Tokyo	40 22°	40 22°
Sydney	33 23°	33 23°

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 79° in Harrington, TX • Low -17° in Prosser, IA, ME

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are 10° for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Boise	34 20°	34 20°
Idaho Falls	35 23°	35 23°
Pocatello	30 19°	30 19°
Twin Falls	35 23°	35 23°

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Perkins

THINK OF US FOR DINNER!
 15th BLUE LAVES BLVD. N. TWIN FALLS

Hunt for escapees dries up

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - A month after a brazen band of violent convicts escaped from the maximum-security Connally Unit, law-enforcement officers concede that their search is at a dead end.

The massive manhunt still centers on Texas while federal and state authorities are following potential leads nationwide. But a month of tips and interviews with dozens of possible associates of the prison escapees has not brought investigators closer to finding the men.

"Everything on these guys is just coming up zero," one law-enforcement officer said. "They're like ghosts."

History has shown that authorities usually have recaptured other escapees within three hours of the jailbreak, usually within three miles of the prison, officials say. And those who make it past that perimeter usually are recaptured within 10 to 15 days at a fast-food restaurant or a bar.

Not this time.

Larry Todd, a prison spokesman, said that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Office of the Inspector General, investigators spearheading the search candidly told him Friday. "We don't know where they are."

The lack of results is frustrating enough, but those involved in

Armed inmates escape

Connally Unit, South Texas, Dec. 13

11:20 a.m. Six inmates volunteer to wax the floors in the maintenance shop. Prison guards leave so they won't be in the way.

One by one as prison and civilian employees return, they are overpowered.

1 p.m. An inmate impersonating a guard reports that all prisoners are accounted for.

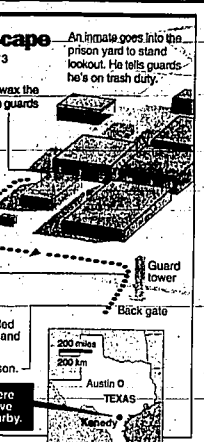
An inmate in a maintenance uniform and three others overpower a ground-level guard. Then the inmates yell up to the tower guard that they need to come up to install a new camera. They overpower the guard and seize weapons.

The three remaining inmates are called to drive a truck to the tower and load it up with weapons.

1:50 p.m. The inmates leave the prison.

Arrangements were likely made to have getaway cars nearby.

Source: Texas Department of Criminal Justice



compare them to Bonnie and Clyde and Jessie James," he added. "What a bunch of hog wash. These are cold-blooded killers who are mean as hell."

Many officers involved in the manhunt don't understand why a hefty reward - now at \$300,000 and expected to increase up to \$500,000 - hasn't brought tips from those who are aiding the escapees or know someone who is.

"For \$300,000," we ought to be able to find the shooter on the grassy knoll," one official said.

Still, those involved in the hunt said they are more determined than ever to recapture the fugitives, who are suspected of killing Irving, Texas, police Officer Aubrey Hawkins during a Christmas Eve robbery of Oshman's Super Stores USA.

U.S. Marshal Bud Benson said he has never seen a Benson coordinated, more cooperative effort than that of the multi-agency task force searching for the escapees.

Wireless technology inventor dies

Los Angeles Times

Al Gross' Ideas took decades to catch on. And by the time they gained widespread popularity, he had suffered the fate of a legion of inspired inventors: His patents had expired.

But what a difference Gross' gizmos made.

Gross, who died Dec. 21 in Sun City, Ariz., at 82, invented the walkie-talkie, the wireless pager and the cordless telephone.

Gross also inspired the wristwatch radio that was indispensable to a 1950s cartoon strip detective named Dick Tracy.

Half a century ago, however, when Gross tried to market his pager at a medical convention,

doctors smirked at the device: It would, they complained, ruin afternoon at the golf course. By the end of the 20th century, 300-million pocket-pagers were in use around the world.

"I was born 35 years too soon," he once told the Arizona Republic. "If I still had the patents on my inventions, Bill Gates would have to stand aside for me."

Gross was born in Toronto in 1919.

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Kempthorne has favored such a move, but it's not supported by most legislators.

Boise attorney Robert Huntley, a former Idaho Supreme Court justice, represents a group of school districts suing the state over what they say is inadequate school funding. Kempthorne's plan gives schools money they would have received anyway, Huntley said.

"This proposal gives no new money, and it does not give any substantial money to those with the most serious safety problems," said Huntley, who opposed Kempthorne in the 1998 governor's race. "To the extent these monies are diverted to safety issues, they reduce the means to provide a thorough education."

Huntley thinks the surplus should be spent on school construction. And he said he wants the state to develop a matching construction fund. A \$35 million annual fund to match up to 20 percent of a district's bond issue would be enough to pique his clients' interest in dropping the lawsuit.

Kempthorne's plan received a lukewarm reception from Twin Falls School District Superintendent Terrill Donich, who said he would rather see school districts decide how to spend their share of the retire-

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LOTTERY UPDATE

Powerball Saturday, January 13, numbers: 14 19 23 29 42. POWERBALL NUMBER: 60.

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RollDown Saturday, January 13, numbers: 10 28 29 37 40.

Pick 3 Idaho Saturday, January 13, numbers: 0 0 0.

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NATION



A visitor plays the slot machine at the gambling center in the U.S. Air Force base near Ramstein, Germany, Friday.

Problems plague nuclear plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - Management problems have plagued the program to maintain the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile, forcing a two-year delay and overruns of more than \$300 million, congressional investigators say.

A report by the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, says the problems threaten a planned expansion of the program that will cover much of the warhead stockpile. The Energy Department oversees the refurbishment program.

The Defense Programs Office at the Energy Department "has a dysfunctional organization with unclear lines of authority that lead to a lack of accountability," the report said.

In the past, the office managed the design, tests and manufacture of new weapons. But it shrank after the Cold War and now focuses on extending the life of existing nuclear weapons without explosive testing, which was banned in 1992.

The Peacekeeper missile called the W87 was the first to be refurbished, but all other weapons in nuclear lines are scheduled to remain safe and reliable. The W87 program experienced design and production problems that increased costs by more than \$300 million, or 70 percent, and caused a two-year delay, the report said.

At fault was an "inadequate" management process and unclear leadership in oversight of the program, the report said.

'Thirteen Days' pulls newspaper advertisements

NEW YORK (AP) - The makers of a film described as dead-on accurate and a "blue-ribbon recreation" of the days surrounding the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 were not in the print advertisements for the movie.

New Line Cinemas, which is distributing the Kevin Costner vehicle, "Thirteen Days," is pulling a two-page ad that ran in some newspapers, because the collage-like images include military equipment that did not exist at the time of the missile crisis, The New York Times reported Saturday.

The advertisements - which will be taken out of papers including the Times and The Los Angeles Times - feature a Spruance-class destroyer and F-15 fighter jets, equipment not built until well after 1962.

A spokesman for New Line said that all equipment featured in the film is "absolutely authentic to the time period," but that the ad had been created by an outside agency.

Military takes a billion-dollar gamble with overseas slots

WASHINGTON (AP) - In the darkness and cold of an Iceland winter, Senior Airman Lenyatta Tinnelle found her spark feeding quarters into slot machines on her U.S. military base.

"It's like I was in a trance," she said. "I couldn't stop."
Some nights she won. But over a year beginning in September 1999, she says she lost \$28,000. Court-martialed for writing dozens of bad checks, Tinnelle, 27, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month of hard labor, two months of restricted activities and a reduction in rank.

Now she is seeking leniency from the Defense Department, which not only employs Tinnelle, but also runs the slot machines, including video poker machines, at overseas bases.

"I feel the military let me down," said Tinnelle, stationed at Naval Air Station Keflavik in southwest Iceland. She says the Air Force is eager to punish but slow to help people who become addicted to the gambling it promotes.

"The four branches of the armed forces operate about 8,000 slot machines at 94 bases and other posts, all overseas, according to the Pentagon.

Military personnel and civilian employees poured roughly \$1.2 billion into the machines in 1999,



Lenyatta Tinnelle

the most recent year for which statistics are available. By comparison, nearly \$36 billion went into slot machines at the 12 casinos in Atlantic City, N.J.

More than 90 percent of the money wagered is returned to players as winnings. The remainder - some \$127 million in 1999 - is kept by the military as revenue for its "moral, welfare and recreation" activities.

Peter F. Isaacs, chief operating officer for the Army's Community and Family Support Center, said the military uses slot machines like states use lotteries - as a means to support valued programs.

Isaacs agreed that some military members have a gambling addiction but that "it does not appear to be a systemic problem. The overwhelming majority of soldiers and their families appear to view this as just another recreation program. It's no different than saying, 'I'm going to spend \$20 and go see a movie.'"

Arnie Waxler, a consultant on problem gambling who has counseled Tinnelle, argues against slot machines on the bases.

"They're taking money from their own people and dependents of those people," said Waxler, former executive director of the New Jersey Council on Compulsive Gambling.

Army Maj. Timothy Blair, a Pentagon spokesman, said the military addresses problem gambling by, among other steps, training its personnel in financial management and publicizing off-base civilian resources such as Gamblers Anonymous.

A 1998 health survey by the Defense Department found 2.2 percent of military personnel had experienced at least three gambling-related problems in their lifetime, classified as "probable pathological gambling." About 1.5 percent of American adults are pathological gamblers, according to a 1999 survey done for the National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

Experts say there is no way to know how many problem gamblers develop their habit using slot machines on military bases.

But John Kindt, a professor of commerce and legal policy at the University of Illinois, said more modern forms of slots such as video poker machines - which are among those offered on military bases - "are known as the crack cocaine of gambling, creating new, addicted gamblers."

as a relief program, however, the American-backed plan "does raise obvious security questions," said a senior administration official involved in formulating Iraq policy.

Embargo challenge - AB

gave the administration until Jan. 5 to develop a plan for carrying it out.

According to the plan, prepared in close consultation with the INC, opposition members will make clandestine forays into government-controlled areas to distribute relief supplies and propaganda. Administration officials acknowledge that the Iraqi leader is sure to regard the opposition's presence as a provocation, raising questions about the willingness of the incoming Bush administration "to protect the relief operation from Iraqi government forces.

Opposition leaders, meanwhile, say they view the operation as a precursor to the armed insurrection that they hope to mount one day with the help of American weapons and air support.

Administration officials say they welcomed the initiative as an effective way to boost the opposition's profile in Iraq short of supplying it with arms, a proposal with wide support in Congress but one that President Clinton and his aides regard as ill-advised. Even

Clinton plans to help Iraqi opposition

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - With barely a week left in office, the Clinton administration has approved a plan to help Iraqi opposition groups re-establish their presence inside Iraq, a potentially high-risk operation that could test President-elect Bush's commitment to ousting Saddam Hussein, administration officials said.

In a report submitted to Congress on Wednesday, the administration outlined plans to distribute food, medicine and other forms of humanitarian relief inside government-controlled areas of Iraq by means of the Iraqi National Congress, or INC, the main umbrella group for opposition forces arrayed against Hussein's government.

Notwithstanding its humanitarian purpose, the \$12 million program has important political and security implications because it would commit the United States to assist the INC in re-establishing a substantial operation in the U.S.-protected "safe area" of northern Iraq, from which it was ousted by Hussein's forces in 1996. Congress appropriated funds for the program last fall and

Problem grounds Clinton helicopter

WASHINGTON (AP) - What was described as a "minor" mechanical problem prompted President Clinton to abandon a Marine helicopter - poised Saturday evening to fly him and his family to Camp David.

The helicopter's rotor blades were spinning when the engine was shut down and Clinton left the helicopter with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and his daughter Chelsea.

Clinton told reporters there was "apparently a minor problem with the rotor. No big problem."

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WASHINGTON (AP) - What was described as a "minor" mechanical problem prompted President Clinton to abandon a Marine helicopter - poised Saturday evening to fly him and his family to Camp David.

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The Bush family tree

The family of President-elect Bush is steeped in politics. His brother is the governor of Florida and his father is a former president. Here is a look at the new president's immediate family.

George W. Bush
Born 1946
Businessman in various industries, primarily oil, 1968-89; managing general partner of Texas Rangers baseball team, 1989-94; Texas governor, 1995-2001.

Laura Welch
Born 1946. Taught in Texas public schools, 1968-77; serves on advisory councils for University of Texas Graduate School of Library and Information Science and Reading is Fundamental.

George H.W. Bush
Born 1918
45; U.S. representative from Texas, 1967-71; U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, 1971-73; chief U.S. liaison officer to China, 1974-76; CIA director, 1976-77; vice president, 1981-89; president, 1989-93.

Barbara Pierce Bush
Born 1925.
Charitable and humanitarian efforts; author of "C. Fred's Story," "Milla's Book" and "Barbara."

John (Jeb) Bush
Born 1953
Runs an Internet company. Married Sharon Smith; three children.

Neil Bush
Born 1955
Venture capitalist. Married Margaret; two children.

Marvin Dineen
Born 1956
Two children from first marriage; Margaret; two children from second marriage; Robert Koch.

Barbara Bush
Born 1961
Student, Yale University.

Jenna Bush
Born 1981
University of Texas.

Note: Robin was born in 1949 and died of leukemia in 1953.

Sources: Compiled from AP; with report from George Bush Presidential Library; "Biographical Directory of the United States Congress"

Bush will look at the big picture

WASHINGTON (AP) — Look for shorter speeches, swifter decisions, fewer late nights.

Count on a great deal of physical activity, new devotion to punctuality and presidentially bestowed nicknames. Don't expect as many news leaks, as many people passing through the Oval Office or as vibrant a social scene.

Expect a "big picture" president, not a policy wonk, in George W. Bush.

Bush has an operating style all his own and a brashness that suggests he'll keep it once he reaches the Oval Office. The president-elect is here, certain to delegate details down the chain of command.

"I'll be a decisive president," Bush likes to say, and he showed he meant it by filling out his initial Cabinet roster in less than three weeks during the truncated transition. (Bill Clinton, in contrast, took six weeks to make his first appointment.)

Vice President-elect Dick Cheney says Bush is "grown" in the job even before taking the oath of office.

"He's gotten better" at gathering information and sounding out people for advice, Cheney says, and he doesn't "agonize" over decisions.

Bush's move to swiftly withdraw support for Labor Secretary-designate Linda Chavez after she ran into legal and credibility questions

over her housing of an illegal immigrant showed he was willing to act quickly to end a damaging presidential distraction.

Once in place, his appointees can be expected to play an unusually strong role in the job of governing, as the new president sets out broad policy goals and gives subordinates great rein. (If Bush stays true to form, he'll also give them nicknames.)

Clay Johnson, who served as chief of staff to Bush as a Texas governor and came to Washington as the transition's executive director, says Bush sets out core priorities, relies on aides to develop strategic options and doesn't second-guess decisions.

"He's not a 16-hour-a-day type poring over position papers and reading 20-page papers," says Calvin Jillson, chairman of the political science department at Southern Methodist University.

"He's a decision-memo sort of guy."

The next president also is the first to admit he's better at building personal relationships than working a crowd with soaring ora-

tory. Presidential parliance that requires a double-take is guaranteed to pop up over the next four years.

A recent Bush comment on Chavez's prospects took this reassuring route: "I haven't had a chance to ask the questioners the question they've been questioning."

Whatever his limitations as a public speaker, Bush exerts himself one-on-one and can be expected to use personal diplomacy to press his agenda.

"I'm pretty good about reading people," he said during the campaign. Even opponents tend to agree.

Lanny Davis, a friend of Bush's from college who supported Al Gore in the presidential race and worked in the Clinton White House, says of the president-elect: "I always was struck by his perceptions about people. He could walk in other people's shoes and look through their eyes better than anybody else."

Jack Faris, president of the National Federation of Independent Business, recalls the easy manner in which Bush welcomed corporate litigants to an economy round-table in Austin, Texas, this month, thinking they for coming on short notice, and then adding with a grin, "Well, god, I am the president now."

Critics may discount Bush's intellect, Faris says, but the new president posed incisive questions and summed up "bullet by bullet" all that he'd heard.

"When you're with him, you come away with the impression he cares about what you had to say," said Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Donohue, another participant in the economic meeting.

Bush is known for his affability and high energy, but not for being part of any big social scene. He likes to be in bed by 10 p.m., and travels with his favorite pillow.

"I'm not much of a social butterfly," he confessed in one campaign interview. "If you want to find me, you can come and find me sleeping in the White House at night. I'm not somebody that says 'God, gosh, I can't wait to get to Washington, so I can go to all the cocktail parties.' That's not what, uh, I about."

Nominees invoke Civil War battle cries taking up states' rights issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Slavery. The Confederacy. Racism. Words that can stir deep emotions, open old wounds.

Two of President-elect Bush's Cabinet choices, appealing to social and religious conservatives, invoked battle-cries of the Civil War while talking up states' rights.

That has pit-falls, legal and a domestic experts say.

"To take pride in being part of a time of history when we dehumanized black people, that's where all the friction is coming from," said Sharon Rush, a constitutional law professor at the University of Florida.

"In the Confederacy period, the states could not be trusted to protect black people," she said. "So today, when people go back to the Confederacy, that brings up horrible, dehumanizing images."

Attorney General-designate John Ashcroft, courting presidential votes in South Carolina in 1998, hailed Confederate war heroes as "patriots" and called it "revisionist nonsense" to depict slave-owning early Americans as racists.

Interior Secretary-designate Gale Norton, in a 1996 speech to a conservative think tank in Denver, compared her struggle for states' rights to the cause of the Confederacy and portrayed slavery as "bad facts" in an otherwise strong legal case.

Of course, Confederate descendants, reenactors and history buffs say they take pride in their "heritage," whether from kink-

to who took part in a historic struggle or who battled federal encroachment rather than directly enforcing slavery.

But it is possible to talk about states' rights without throwing in the Confederacy, said Neal D. Thigpen, a political scientist at Francis Marion University.

"There's always the danger when you do that of this business of racism, rightfully or wrongfully," said Thigpen, a former Republican activist in Florence, S.C.

Matthew Spalding, director of the conservative Heritage Foundation's Center for American Studies, said the Civil War's constitutional questions have to be dealt with carefully since they touch upon slavery.

"Bringing up the question of states' rights in light of the Civil War does not necessarily diminish the war's efforts against slavery," he said of the controversy over Ashcroft and Norton. "What might be a serious discussion is getting caught up in the passion of the moment."

From the time the Constitution was adopted in 1789, debates have raged about the exact boundary between state and national power.

Much of it has focused on the 10th Amendment specifying that powers not granted to the national government are reserved only by the states.

Bush was asked Thursday whether Norton's speech-lamenting the undermining of states' rights after the Civil War might indicate an insensitivity to minor-

ity rights.

"I'd say that just is a ridiculous interpretation," he replied, adding she was not talking about "the unique values of slavery" but is a target of special interests in Washington that "like to tear people down."

Bush said while campaigning it is not the role of the federal government to let states how to run programs ranging from welfare to education, and he won support from Confederate flag supporters in South Carolina in the February primary saying it should be left to the state to decide whether to unfurl the banner from above its Statehouse dome.

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Nominee's history with judge comes full circle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine years ago, then-Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft had enough support in the Legislature to pass a ban on most abortions, but young Democratic House member Ron Rousey, while outmaneuvering him and killing the measure.



John Ashcroft and Judge Ronnie White.

The clash was the start of a contentious relationship that created in 1999 when Ashcroft succeeded in persuading the Senate to keep White, now a Missouri Supreme Court judge, off the federal bench.

Now it's White's turn. As the star witness at Ashcroft's confirmation hearing that begins Tuesday, he will help determine whether Ashcroft becomes U.S. attorney general.

White was the first judicial nominee since conservative jurist Robert Bork in 1987 to suffer defeat on the floor of the U.S. Senate. Ashcroft insisted the judge was "pro-criminal." Because the judge is black, critics accused Ashcroft of racism, a charge that has resurfaced since he was nominated by President-elect Bush on Dec. 22. The NAACP and other minority groups are ardently opposing his nomination.

Ashcroft's allies counter that he has a lengthy record of support for minority nominees, both as governor, when Ashcroft named eight blacks to the state bench and in the Senate, where he voted for 26 of 28 minority nominees.

In 1992, while governor, Ashcroft had a promise from Democratic leaders in the Missouri Legislature to give his abortion bill a fair hearing. He had a one-vote majority on the House Criminal and Civil Justice Committee, chaired by

White. But when members assembled for what was to be a no-vote work session on which two abortion foes absent — White unexpectedly allowed a vote. The measure failed, 87, remaining dead even after White allowed a no-show to weigh in, making the vote 8-8.

Ashcroft, then recalled state Rep. Quincy Troupe, an ally of White's from St. Louis. "I think he was insulted that Ronnie White outsmarted him," Troupe said.

Troupe believes Ashcroft sought revenge when White was nominated to the federal bench, but Rich McClure, Ashcroft's former chief of staff, said the senator's opposition had nothing to do with the abortion bill.

"I have no doubt that he did not want to remember Judge White's handling of an abortion bill when he was considering his judgeship," McClure said. "Senator Ashcroft did what was right, in his view."

Ashcroft's objections were muted in 1997 when President

Clinton nominated White to a judgeship in the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis, through renomination and two confirmation hearings.

Then, in August 1999, after the Judiciary Committee had given White a second thumbs-up, Ashcroft turned up the heat.

"White was soft on crime, even 'pro-criminal,'" Ashcroft said, because the judge voted 14 times to reverse the death penalty — more than one-quarter of the first-degree murder cases that came before him.

While Ashcroft mentioned abortion during White's confirmation hearings, his reference to their Statehouse dispute was obscure. Some "were injured by the nominee's manipulation of legislative procedures," Ashcroft said, and White's "failure to be evenhanded" contributed to Ashcroft's vote against him.

The emergence of the law-and-order issue with White coincided with Ashcroft's efforts to portray his re-election challenger, Democratic Gov. Mel Carnahan, as an ineffective crime-fighter.

Interior secretary choice bills

Alaska for help given to group

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gale Norton — billed — the — Alaska Legislature \$270 an hour last year to help overturn a fishing policy of the Interior Department that she's been chosen to run.

Billings records also show she charged the state for help she gave a private group in the case.

"Alaska Democrats are questioning why Norton would ask Alaska's taxpayers to pay for her to assist the Mountain States Legal Foundation, a group she once worked for that has sued the Interior Department repeatedly."

"I would be concerned about us spending Alaska money to help another organization outside the state put their views forward," Democratic state Rep. Al

Kookesh said Thursday. Republican lawmakers and a Norton spokesman said the billings were proper because the group was supporting the Legislature's position in the same case.

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Series of interviews show Clinton's centrist strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Midway through his first term, President Clinton pulled an all-righter dictating his 1995 State of the Union speech as adviser Dick Morris tapped away on an IBM Selectric typewriter, Morris recalls.

They used a typewriter instead of the White House computer system to keep other, more liberal staff from seeing the draft, Morris said.

They knew that liberals on Clinton's staff would object to his shift to a centrist position — and that was exactly what he was intending to do with the speech after the New Gingrich-141 takeover of Congress.

Clinton's tone in that 1995 speech all but announced his retreat from some traditional Democratic liberal causes and his stance of claiming credit for more and more legislative victories, regardless of which party originated the bill. He declared his New Covenant for bipartisanship and a "leaner, not meaner" government, and praised President Reagan for winning the Cold War.

White House chief of staff John Podesta said in his interview that he "mercifully" missed most of the Morris era. But Podesta concurred that the general aim was in "trying to move — the 'party' — towards the president's vision."

Former presidential press secretary Mike McCurry pointed to other events, including the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, as helping Clinton make a shift.

"Particularly because of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City, he began to have some opportunities to demonstrate he was relevant and he was capable of really seizing back control of the agenda in Washington, and doing battle with this new Republican Congress and defining the agenda for the country," McCurry said.

Many of those interviewed said Clinton enjoyed living at the edge and was at his best whenever there was a crisis.



President Bill Clinton

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"It's like being a rat in a maze," said her husband, Phillip. "What a world we live in. It's sad they have to go through all this."

The fencing is much taller and sturdier than the wooden snow fencing that traditionally has been erected, said National Park Service spokesman Earle Kittleman. He said the use of the fencing was not directly related to special security concerns for the inauguration, which is expect-

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There are the kinds of things that rural economies and communities need," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum. "People need to stay on the land and in their community and those communities need to stay viable. But I think school buildings should be a part of any rural economic initiative. To me that's the only thing that's missing."

Democrats have also called for the gradual elimination of the grocery tax for all Idahoans, while Kempthorne's proposal simply gives seniors a larger tax credit.

However, even Crow is not completely satisfied with the proposal, which could be before her committee early this week.

"Personally I would have preferred to have more of it be permanent tax relief," said Crow, who agreed to compromise on one-time credits. One trade-off was including each provision of the package in one bill, as opposed to several smaller bills.

Breaking up the package gives too many people an opportunity to pick at provisions.

"It takes so long to get through, and that's a good way to end up with nothing," she said.

In addition, Crow expects legisla-

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 - **One-time payment to Idaho farmers - \$5.7 million**
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 - **Increased grocery tax credit for senior citizens - \$3.6 million**
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 - **Change child-care credit to tax credit - \$1.1 million**
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 - **Increases elderly dependent care credit - \$1.2 million**
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to introduce other tax relief measures, and a few are likely to be approved. Crow is eager to get the major

package introduced and approved by her committee to the Legislature's joint budget committee - headed by Rep. Maxine Bell,

R-Jerome, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert - can get moving on spending bills. "It sets the tone for the whole

session," Crow said. "If we can get that much money out of our hands it's just that much better." For Bell and Cameron the nuts and bolts of a tax cut are not as important as the tally. Their main concern is how much money they have to work with. Kempthorne's tax cuts would leave about \$2.1 billion to spend. Last year, lawmakers argued over a surplus discovered halfway through the session, causing headaches for budget-writers. "We have to know what the bottom line is," Cameron said. "I hope (the tax cut) comes out soon so we can get going," Bell said.

Although there's a general good feeling about Kempthorne's proposal, a few kinks haven't been worked out yet.

For example, a proposed property tax rebate for farmers and ranchers might have a federal law standing in its way. The law, written in the 1800s, demands that if any property tax relief is given to a group, similar relief must be given to railroads as well. "It's a deal-killer," Newcomb said. As a result, Kempthorne is seeking a way around the law. In the

long term, Newcomb said he will work with Idaho's congressional delegation to get the law taken off the books. "It's antiquated. It needs to be repealed," Newcomb said. "You've got to give the railroads a break to give those people a break? That's about as unfair a situation as I've ever heard of."

Despite the technical problems some have with portions of Kempthorne's proposal, it seems to be little to stand in its way, Newcomb said.

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GOP

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 Their staunchly conservative stances and loyalty to the Republican Party have likely helped both senators climb the party ranks to leadership positions.

Craig, Idaho's senior senator, has served since 1996 as the chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, the fourth-highest position in Senate Republican leadership. The chairmanship entails overseeing policy analysts who routinely issue reports to the Republican caucus on specific policy issues and presiding over weekly lunches where caucus members debate their positions on pending legislation.

In his first term, Crapo was recently appointed deputy whip, where he will work within Republican leadership to formulate policy, develop strategy and

generate support for GOP legislative priorities in the Senate. In short, both senators are in position to help guide the party and keep members in line with the Republican policy agenda—a good fit for party loyalists. Craig said he sees his strict party line voting record as one of his responsibilities as a party leader.

"It fits quite comfortably with the state of Idaho and with what I believe," Craig said. Crapo's office, however, was reluctant to say that the senator votes strictly along party lines. Rather, he takes into account his understanding of the issue, and what would most benefit his constituents, said Crapo-spokeswoman Susan Wheeler. "Idaho is a fairly conservative state, so you end up with the kind of voting record you do," she said.

But Carolyn Boyce, chairwoman of the Idaho Democratic Party, disagreed with Wheeler's assessment. "Voting straight party line means you're not necessarily representing your constituents," Boyce said. "There are times when what Democrats believe would be good for Idaho." Democratic initiatives that have benefited Idahoans, Boyce said, include opposing legislation to eliminate certain student loans and supporting the Clean-Air Act.

"There are times when Democrats have some good bills," Boyce said with a chuckle. But Craig maintains that both his and Crapo's conservative ideology - and their partisan voting record - supports the needs and concerns of Idahoans. "What you're seeing is not an oddity," Craig said. "It's a reflec-

tion of Idaho." Craig added that, with two senators with nearly identical political views, Idaho is a strong force in the Senate because the two never cancel out each other's votes. "The delegation tries to work as a unit to amplify Idaho's voice," Craig said. "It is important, where differences can be worked out, to stand together." Not everyone is sold on that argument.

Ornstein points to Oregon's Senate delegation, where conservative Republican Sen. Gordon Smith and liberal Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden work together on issues of importance to Oregon, including co-sponsoring recent legislation on salmon protection. "They are a model of representation for the state," Ornstein said.

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NATION

New York school funding lawsuit underlines similar fights across U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — Dozens of states are embroiled in legal or political fights that pit city and rural school districts against their wealthier suburban counterparts over scarce education dollars. Lawsuits such as "class size and busing" have dominated education headlines, but the method of funding underpins them all. And in many states, it remains the biggest unresolved issue.

"It's about a lot more than numbers," said Mike Casserly, executive director of the Council of Great City Schools in Washington, D.C.-based coalition of city school districts.

"It means one school system has better paid and trained teachers, and in another class size is a lot bigger and there's much less money for safety and maintenance of facilities," he said. "It means some kids have many more opportunities than others, depending on where they happen to live."

The issue was underscored in New York Wednesday when a state Supreme Court judge ruled that the state's funding formula fails to provide city public school students with a sound education.

"This was a major decision because it begins to set the framework for the fact that this is a national crisis," said Rep. Chaka Fattah, a Democrat from Philadelphia who has unsuccessfully sought federal legislation ensuring equal education funding.

The education issues we talk about all the time are just symptoms of this much bigger national issue that's very complicated and hard to solve — so nobody wants to discuss it."

Fattah estimates that about 35 states are now involved in some stage of school funding litigation or the political fallout from such lawsuits. In addition, he said, there are three federal lawsuits involving the issue.

The Education Commission of the States, a Denver-based non-profit organization that works with policy-makers in all 50 states, said that, as of last year, litigation involving school finance was under way or unsettled in 18 states.

Most states tie their school funding to local property taxes, which can vary widely from district to district, and can be skewed in areas with universities and other large nontaxable institutions. Although states typically try to address the imbalance with higher subsidies to poorer districts, the funding divide often remains.

Plaintiffs in New York — a coalition of parent, teacher, education and civic groups — noted that the city historically receives a disproportionately low amount of state funding per pupil. That, they argued, leads to spending inequities which violate the state constitution. State officials are still deciding whether to appeal.

During the 1997-98 school year, the city spent \$8,171 on each public school child while the state average, excluding New York City, was \$10,032 per pupil. The average amount spent on each pupil in the suburbs around New York City was \$12,222, according to the Council of Great City Schools.

Gaps in school funding can be staggering. While the Bridgehampton School District in Long Island spent \$33,408 per pupil in 1997-98, the Portville School District in upstate Saratoga County spent only \$8,222, according to the council.

That makes a real difference in a kid's education. That's what these kinds of cases are all about.

Department under fire for strip searches transfers supervisors

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about," Casserly said. There are markedly different models of school funding, but Hawaii is the only state that divides its funding equally among all students.

Michigan has limited the use of property taxes to decide school funding questions, and is moving toward equalizing the per-pupil amount that districts get. State officials hope to do so over several decades by ensuring that poorer districts get higher annual increases.

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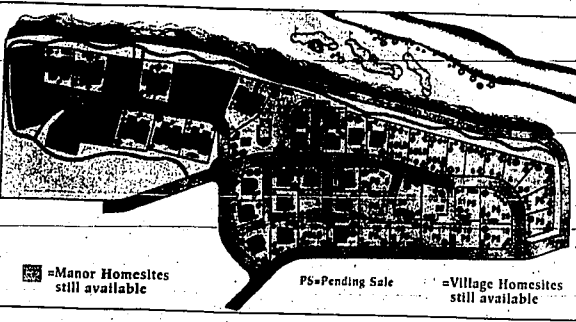
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YAPHANK, N.Y. (AP) — A police department under fire over allegations that one officer forced women stopped for traffic violations to strip off their clothes has transferred four supervisors out of the officer's agency.

The supervisors were not named in the allegations against Officer Frank Wright, but were transferred to send a message that supervisors are responsible for their subordinates' actions, Suffolk County Police Commissioner John Gallagher said in Saturday's editions of Newsday.

Wright is accused of pulling four women over for alcohol tests and then ordering them to remove their clothes or open their shirts. The women said that in return for reliving their clothes, they were not charged with drunken driving.

NATION



Organizer James Jennings arrives in Baghdad Saturday.

Activists fly to Iraq for protests

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - More than 70 American activists arrived on two separate flights Saturday to deliver medicine, books and school supplies as part of the growing international challenge to the 10-year-old international embargo against the Arab nation.

The Americans, mostly members of religious and humanitarian organizations, make up one of the largest U.S. contingents to visit Iraq since the 1991 Gulf War. A pair of Royal Jordanian flights ferried them from Amman, capital of neighboring Jordan, adding to the dozens of planes that have touched down at Saddam International Airport following a decade of U.N. sanctions that had effectively banned air travel.

"We're probably the first Americans who have flown over Iraq for a long time who haven't brought bombs," said organizer James Jennings, head of Atlanta-based Conscience International. "All these people have come together to show that there are many thousands of Americans who are concerned about the devastating effects of these sanctions," he added.

The visiting Americans did not request U.S. government permission for their trip. However, they did not technically violate the sanctions placed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait, Jordan, which owns the airline, received advance approval for the first flight from the U.N. sanctions committee, officials said. It was not immediately known whether the second flight was also approved, but Jordan routinely applies and receives approval for its Baghdad flights.

"Down USA" is painted in large black letters on the sidewalk at the entrance to the airport and similar handwritten signs are posted throughout the massive terminal building. However, a delegation of more than 100 Iraqis led by Health Minister Omed Medhat Mubarak warmly greeted Jennings' group on the tarmac on a cold, foggy day.

"We think this is a very important event, because it has been the Americans who have imposed the embargo for more than 10 years," said Mubarak. The second group of Americans, headed by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, arrived Saturday night.

Iraq rejects reports about surviving pilot

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraq said Saturday there was no truth to reports that a missing U.S. Navy pilot might have survived after being shot down during the Gulf War, calling the idea a "silly lie." Iraq's Information Ministry said it would soon release documents concerning Lt. Cmdr. Michael S. Speicher, whose jet was shot down on the first night of the Gulf War in 1991. The ministry did not say what information the documents contain.

U.S. intelligence officials in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Friday there have been unconfirmed reports in recent years that Speicher survived the downing of his plane and was seen afterward in Iraq custody. Clinton cautioned that he didn't want to raise false hopes, but said the United States was "going to do our best to find out if he is alive and, if he is, to get him out."

Speicher is the only American lost in Iraq territory who has not been accounted for. After the war, the Iraqi government turned over remains it said were Speicher's, but DNA analysis and blood testing showed they were not his.

Boxing match tip helps locate boy missing for 14 years

NEWBURY, Mass. (AP) - A woman who hadn't seen her son since his father picked him up for a visit 14 years ago has been reunited with the now 16-year-old boy after a hunch led authorities to a boxing club.

The boy's father and stepmother were arrested on kidnapping charges and were in custody Saturday pending extradition to New York state. Susan Hirsch last saw her son, Ryan Patrick Greene, when his father, Daniel Greene, picked him up in Oneonta, N.Y., on Feb. 13, 1987. She had been granted custody after the couple split up and Greene was given overnight visitation rights.

Hirsch and Ryan were reunited Friday and drove to her home in Otego, N.Y., about 40 miles east of Binghamton.

"He seems like a really good kid," Hirsch told The Boston Globe. "He's very upset," she said. "He had what seemed like a normal family, a mom and a dad. He was aware that there were warrants out for them, that his birthday had been changed at school. He told me his dad did it in his best interests."

Newbury Police Chief Roger Merry said Ryan told officers he was aware that his mother lived in New York. "He was very quiet," Merry said. "I

don't know what his father has told him about his actual mother."

The Greenes, who had been using the name Grein in Massachusetts, were charged with kidnapping Ryan when he was 2 years old - four days before they were due in court for a custody hearing.

Hirsch had offered a \$1,000 reward for information about her son and posted his photograph on the Web site of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

According to The Globe, she believed members of Greene's family might have known where her son was.



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University acquires Hemingway letters

By Christine Schwabert
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The University of South Carolina has acquired nearly \$2-million worth of Ernest Hemingway's letters, manuscripts and galley proofs, which experts think is the last large collection held in private hands.

The collection now resides at the Thomas Cooper Library as part of USC's Center for Literary Biography. Place where students and researchers can study how authors develop their ideas and their works. The collection joins works by E. Scott Fitzgerald, Joseph Heller and James Ellroy.

"We think it may well be the last great Hemingway collection that will be available," professor Matthew Brucoli said.

Hemingway's attorney, Maurice Speiser, amassed the collection, said Brucoli, Jeffries professor of English and a nationally known scholar on American literature.

The collection includes letters Speiser exchanged with Hemingway; the manuscript for Hemingway's only play, "The Fifth Column"; and galley proofs for many Hemingway novels.

"This material enables students and scholars to reconstruct the development of Hemingway's

work," Brucoli said. "It is a working collection. It is not a stick-in-the-wall collection."

Brucoli learned of the collection last July and asked permission from Georgia Terry, a USC vice president and dean of libraries, to pursue its acquisition. Brucoli traveled to Philadelphia to look at the collection and came back with a price: \$1.8 million.

It was \$1.8 million USC didn't have, Brucoli said.

But then, 1950 USC graduate Edward Hallman stopped in to say he'd like to do something for the university, Brucoli said.

Eventually, Hallman provided \$750,000 through his family's Hallman-Eastern Foundation, and USC raised \$150,000.

"It was meant to be," Brucoli said, "because we didn't have the money and we didn't know where we would get the money."

Four months later, collection was theirs — for half the asking price. An agent from Christie's auction house helped negotiate the sale.

"I'm still giddy about it," Brucoli said.

He'll have to stay giddy a few more weeks. USC won't officially unveil the collection until Jan. 31 in Columbia, as part of its bicentennial celebration. The acquisition will be announced at a New York reception on Feb. 1.

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— Professor of
Matthew Brucoli

Former lawmaker retracts anti-cop comments

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — A former state legislator publicly apologized Friday for calling for the killings of police officers in some cases — remarks that led to his resignation.

"I just wanted to say that a lot of the stuff I put out was wrong and it was hateful," a tearful-pounding Tom Alcieri said in an on-air telephone interview with Nashua radio station WSMN. "And you can call that a retraction."

"I never imagined that my words were going to be the focus of such intense media scrutiny," he added. "But I really don't have anyone to blame for that but myself."
The Nashua Republican resigned from the state House of Representatives on Wednesday in response to a hail of criticism. Alcieri advocated killing police officers in hundreds of Internet postings uncovered weeks after his elec-

tion in November.
Alcieri continued to make anti-police remarks as late as Thursday, when he told WSMN that construction sites provide "lots of opportunities" to kill police officers by swerving into them.
He said he decided to apologize after listening to stories from the families of murdered police officers.
Some police were not moved by the apology.



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Safety device does its job and saves skydiver

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WICHITA, Kan. — As he fell up to 138 feet per second, skydiver Kenneth Poland started praying, among other things, he prayed that a \$1,250 piece of equipment he had bought to save his life would do just that.

Recovering in a hospital bed earlier this week, the Derby resident couldn't say enough for the automatic activation device that opened his reserve parachute.

"I wouldn't be alive today without it," he said.
Poland, 47, was jumping with a group of fellow skydiving enthusiasts Sunday when things went awry.

They'd flown to 14,000 feet. Three skydivers jumped out of the Cessna Caravan. They'd serve as the "base" — the place where everyone else would meet in the air.

Poland had jumped and figures he was about 1,000 feet above the base when the force of a wind funnel propelled him into another skydiver, injuring Poland's shoulders and arms and knocking the wind out of the other jumper.

"When I rolled over, my right arm was flopping around in the air — the other one, too," Poland said. He wanted to pull his rip cord, but his arm wouldn't move. He thought about grabbing his reserve handle, too.

"My mind was telling me to do

it, but my arms couldn't do it," he said.

The adrenaline rush he experienced masked the pain, which he didn't feel until he landed. What he remembers most is how strange it was to see his arms flopping in the air.

"An altimeter in his helmet started beeping. The first beep comes at 4,500 feet, when it's time to break away from the base. The second comes at 3,500 feet, when it's time to pull the chute."

The third — or "DO SOMETHING NOW!" — beep comes at 2,800 feet.

Poland continued to fall.
He knew his Cypress — the automatic device — bought when he purchased all of his equipment two years ago — would be triggered eventually. He prayed nothing would go wrong.

At 750 feet, the Cypress opened his reserve chute. He landed softly in a muddy field, where he promptly slipped, and didn't catch himself "and just fell flat on my face."

His brother, a paramedic, came and got him stabilized.

"They had to haul me out in a pickup truck because the ambulance got stuck," Poland said.

Doctors still weren't sure, but it appeared Poland might have separated his shoulders. When his reserve chute opened, "it probably popped them back into place," he said.

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Leaders meet in peace talks

JERUSALEM (AP) - Former Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat joined peace talks Saturday in a final push for an agreement. President Clinton leaves office and Israel's battered leader faces voters. The participation of Peres and Arafat, Nobel peace laureates and architects of the 1990s landmark interim peace accords, suggested both men still hoped something might be achieved in the days remaining, despite public expressions of pessimism on both sides.

Arafat's and Peres' participation made the night meeting the highest-level talks in months. The Israeli delegation left the Gaza City site of the talks after three hours, without any immediate comment from either side on any results.

Peres told Channel Two television the aim of Saturday's talks was to quell violence in "this transition period" and to try to find a way to hold on to progress made so far toward peace.

Peres himself had sounded dubious beforehand on the chance for a more substantive deal, telling reporters: "There has been no real movement until now. It's hard for me to believe that in this short time the differences could be bridged."

The talks come just before Israel's Feb. 6 election. Polls show Prime Minister Ehud Barak trailing far behind hawkish opposition leader Ariel Sharon, who opposes the territorial concessions Barak appears ready to make, and has said he will not honor any new accord.

The sides have been trying to reach a deal by Jan. 20 - the last day in office for Clinton, who has been intensely involved in the Mideast peace efforts and has proposed a framework for a final Israeli-Palestinian peace deal.

A Palestinian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said his side would be trying its best for a real peace deal - but gave no indication the Palestinians had changed any of their positions from past talks.

Clinton's proposal envisions a Palestinian state in all of the Gaza Strip and almost all of the West Bank, including Arab areas and key Christian and Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem; however, the Palestinians would have to give up their demand that millions of refugees be allowed to return to what is now Israel.

Peres and Arafat were meeting jointly first with other top-level negotiators, including chief Palestinian negotiator Yasser Abed Rabbo and Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami, plus security and intelligence officials, Palestinian and Israeli officials said.

Iran journalist sentenced to prison

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Iran's leading investigative journalist has been sentenced to 10 years in jail and five years in internal exile for attending a conference in Germany that authorities said harmed Iran's image, his lawyer said Saturday.

Journalist Akbar Ganji was among 16 people tried on charges of "undermining Iran's security" for participating in the conference last year on reforms in Iran. Dozens of pro-reform activists were detained after returning from Berlin in what they called an attempt by hard-liners to intimidate supporters of President Mohammad Khatami's program of social and political freedoms.

Eight of those tried received prison sentences of 10 years and two were fined, defendants told - The Associated Press. Tehran Radio said earlier this week that six defendants were acquitted and 10 sentenced.

The Tehran Revolutionary Court refused to reveal the verdicts, saying it would leave the announcement to the defendants and their lawyers.

Before his arrest, Ganji had written a series of articles suggesting senior hard-liners in Iran's interim government had ordered the killings of five reform writers in 1998. Authorities have said rogue intelligence agents committed the slayings.

Palestinian firing squads execute two alleged collaborators

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority put two men before firing squads Saturday for collaborating with Israel in killings of Palestinian militiamen, executing them before weeping family members and crowds of hundreds amid cries of "God is Great."

The executions - believed to be the first of collaborators - were of men suspected in helping Israel carry out so-called assassinations of leaders of the Palestinian uprising against Israel. Israeli officials have confirmed some such hits, and defend the practice overall.

"This is a clear message to anyone thinking of betrayal of his people and his homeland," Palestinian Justice Minister Freih Abu-Maddien said afterward. "We will not forgive anyone like these."

Palestinian courts in Gaza City and the



Majeed Makawi, center, is led by Palestinian police just before being executed in the West Bank town of Nablus, Saturday. West Bank town of Nablus on Friday convicted Majeed Makawi, 28, and Alam Beni

Odeh, 25, of involvement in separate attacks that killed Jamal Abdel Rasek, a leader of Arafat's Fatah movement, and Palestinian bombmaker Ibrahim Bani Odeh. Arafat upheld the courts' execution orders.

Rasek, a Fatah commander in the southern Gaza town of Rafah, died Nov. 22 when Israeli soldiers opened fire on two cars at a checkpoint, killing him and three other people whom Israel said were also militia members. Rasek was a nephew of both Makawi, the accused collaborator, and a Palestinian Cabinet minister.

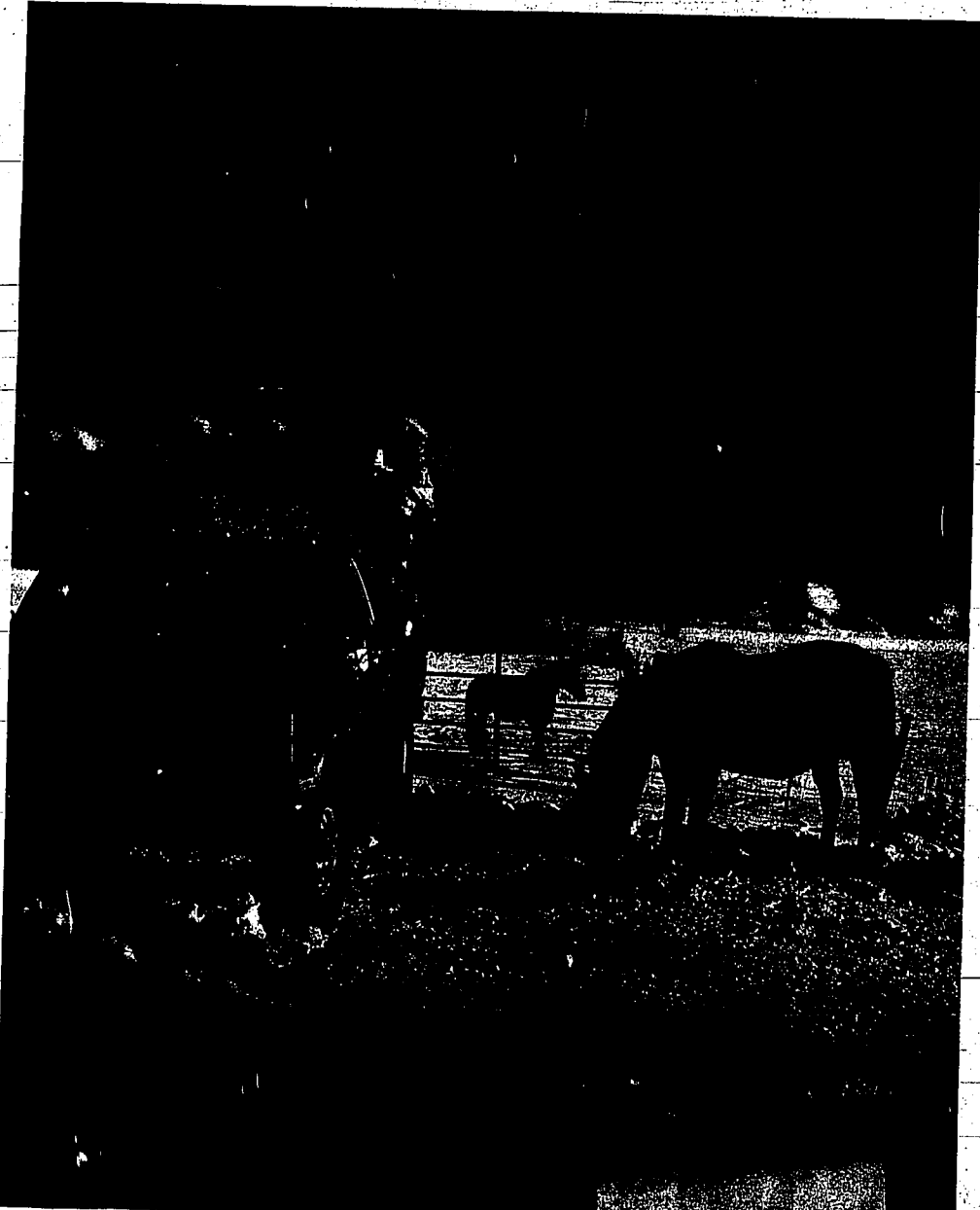
Saturday morning, Palestinian officials tied Makawi to a stake in a courtyard at police headquarters in Gaza City, blindfolded him, and put nine policemen before him with a mix of live and blank ammunition in their Kalashnikov automatic rifles.

Five members of each family, Palestinian Cabinet ministers and Fatah leaders looked on. The slain man's family burst into cries of "Allah Akbar" or "God is Great" when a police commander gave the order to fire on the accomplice of his killer.

"I was hoping to have the honor to shoot him," said 29-year-old Ahmad Abdel Rasek, a cousin of the slain Fatah leader and one of hundreds waiting outside the Gaza execution site. "We are very happy."

In Nablus, the 3-year-old daughter of Bani Odeh clung to his hand as he waited for execution, his mother and wife crying beside him.

Palestinian police say Bani Odeh helped Israeli agents plant the car bomb that killed his cousin, bombmaker Ibrahim Bani Odeh, on Nov. 23. The bomb exploded in a car's headrest.



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Yemenis read newspaper at a shop in Aden Wednesday. The front page of a Yemen newspaper reported that the United States has announced a \$5 million reward for information leading to the arrest of the USS Cole bombers.



Sources: U.S., Yemen disagree on trial

ADEN, Yemen (AP) - Yemen and the United States disagree on whether to try three suspects in the USS Cole bombing in absentia or wait to hold any trial until it is clear whether they have fled the country, Yemeni sources said Saturday. Yemeni authorities want the three tried in absentia, but the Americans want confirmation they are not in the country before any trial is held; the sources, who are close to the investigation, said

on condition of anonymity. The three are in addition to up to eight Yemeni men in custody that Yemen officials have said they will try, perhaps as early as this month. The sources would not say whether the three were believed to be outside Yemen. But last month, Yemeni sources said some suspects may have fled to Afghanistan. If the three are ordered tried in absentia and are outside the country, Yemen could

formally request their return from a third country, the sources said Saturday. A U.S. Embassy official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he was unaware of any such disagreement. Yemeni Interior Minister Hossein Mohammed al-Arab was in meetings Saturday, aides said, and was not available for comment. In Washington, the U.S. State Department said it would have no immediate comment.

One of the three men has been identified by sources close to the investigation as Omar al-Harazi, an Arab Afghan who allegedly gave instructions by telephone from the United Arab Emirates to Jamal al-Badawi, the top suspect in custody in Yemen. Another has not been identified but Yemeni sources have said he was the brother of a man in custody and ran a safe house in Yemen for visiting Islamic militants.

English philosopher dies at 81

LONDON (AP) - Elizabeth Anscombe, considered by some the greatest English philosopher of her generation and credited with bringing Austrian philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein to public knowledge, has died. She was 81. Her family said Anscombe died in Cambridge on Jan. 5. No cause of death was given. Gertrude Elizabeth Margaret - known as "G.E.M." - Anscombe was educated at Sydenham High School in London and at St. Hugh's College, Oxford. She came to know Wittgenstein, one of the 20th century's greatest philosophers, when she traveled from Oxford to attend his weekly classes at Cambridge University. The pair became close friends, and Anscombe did much to promote his work. After Wittgenstein's death in 1951, she became one of his literary executors and co-edited his posthumous works. Her translation of his greatest work, *Philosophical Investigations*, won acclaim and remains widely quoted. From 1970 to 1986, she was professor of philosophy at Cambridge, pioneering theories on contemporary action and practical reasoning. One leading philosopher, Donald Davidson, called her 1957 monograph "Intention" the best work of practical reasoning since Aristotle. "Causality and Determination," her inaugural lecture on taking the Cambridge post, contained views of causation that were both original and controversial. Always a leader in the field of moral philosophy, Anscombe argued that modern philosophy had misunderstood ethics. In her 1958 paper, "Modern Moral Philosophy," she argued that ideas like "moral obligation" and "moral duty" are meaningless hangovers from the Judeo-Christian idea of God as lawgiver. She argued that society should abandon this concept of morality and return to the secular Aristotelian concepts of practical reasoning and virtue. And she believed that was no longer possible to study moral philosophy without understanding concepts such as action, intention and pleasure in their non-moral sense. In 1956, she opposed Oxford's proposal to give President Truman an honorary degree because he had given the go-ahead for atomic bombs to be dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. "For men to choose to kill the innocent as a means to their end is always murder," she declared in a pamphlet, "Mr. Truman's Degree." Truman got his degree, but Anscombe and other opponents forced a vote on the issue.

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Sawtooth Society does good work in SNRA

After years of wandering in the wilderness, a federal program to safeguard the Sawtooth National Recreation Area from unsightly development is entering its final phases. It will take another few years, maybe five at the most, but the job will be done.

Though most of the enthusiasm has been supplied by the Sawtooth Society - essentially a booster club for the SNRA. The Society's president, Bethine Church, and its executive director Bob Hayes, have patiently rekindled enthusiasm for a program that had grown cold through neglect.

It's been a big job.

The SNRA encompasses 756,000 acres, of which roughly 25,000 acres are privately owned. The development rights for about 90 percent of that private land were purchased by Uncle Sam decades ago, but some tracts - both vulnerable and visible - remained unprotected.

A few years ago, the owner of one of those tracts got busy with bulldozers and surveyor's stakes. Why shouldn't he? It was his land, and mighty nice land to boot.

Rather than pout, whine and shame the landowner into halting development, the Sawtooth Society helped broker a deal to purchase the development rights. It was Uncle Sam's money, but the Society played a pivotal role in bringing the two sides to consensus.

That's the way disputes of this sort should be resolved. If you don't like what people are doing on their own land, pay them to stop.

One parcel at a time, the U.S. Forest Service is accomplishing this by buying scenic easements from willing sellers. The sellers continue to own the land, but they've sold the right to have much more than a rustic cabin on it.

Thus is the scenic grandeur of the SNRA preserved. Much has been

accomplished, but scenic easements are still needed on at least 11 additional properties, totaling about 800 acres, Hayes says.

Buying these easements will cost millions, but money is available now that the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund is again receiving royalties from offshore oil and gas leases. That's an improvement over the period from 1989 through 1996, when no money was available.

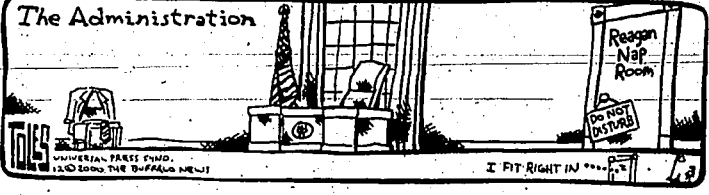
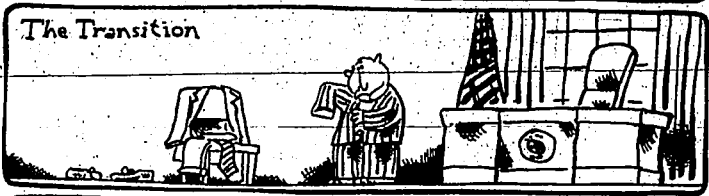
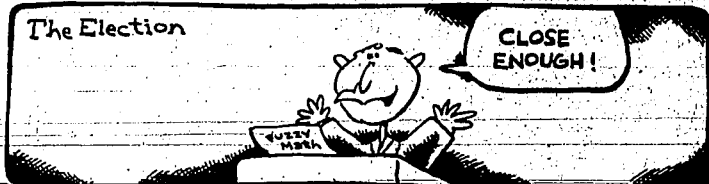
Forest Service funding for the SNRA itself also was declining during those years. With the exception of unusual or one-time expenses, the SNRA's annual operating budget shrank 26 percent from 1993 to 1997, according to the Government Accounting Office. In effect, the Forest Service was treating the SNRA as just another ranger district - even though it was a national recreation area. The upshot is that funding went down while visitor use went up.

The Society raises money in its own right - about \$250,000 last year - but it doesn't want to absolve Uncle Sam of the obligation to provide essential facilities and services. Instead, the Society prefers to leverage its money so that federal money will go further. For example, in 1998, the Society put up \$10,000 and the Forest Service kicked in \$20,000 to maintain 260 miles of the SNRA's trails.

Money aside, the Sawtooth Society's greatest strength lies in its human assets. For the most part, its 1,200 members are motivated by an undying love for one of Idaho's most remarkable places. "There needs to be a squeaky wheel," Hayes says. "We just try to be a nice squeaky wheel."

Once the scenic easement program is wrapped up, the Sawtooth Society will doubtless turn its attention to another worthy goal. It's thoughtful work is appreciated.

To learn more about the Sawtooth Society, visit its website at www.sawtoothsociety.org. Call (208) 387-0852 or e-mail sawsocty@micron.net.



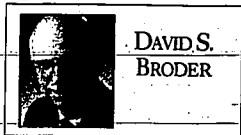
Clinton's highs and lows of office

Bill Clinton is too young - and too protean a character - to sum up for history in a few words. It is entirely possible, given his energy and his talent for arranging both catastrophes and comebacks, that what he does in the next quarter-century will be more significant than what he has accomplished in the 22 years since his first election as governor of Arkansas.

Nonetheless, the presidency will be a notable part of his saga. By almost every measurable standard, he leaves the nation stronger than he found it in 1993 - its finances, its crime rates, its environment and its economy all improved. The budget he passed with only Democratic votes in 1993 and the one he negotiated with Republicans in 1997 were landmarks on the road back to fiscal sanity. The opening of trade with Mexico and Canada in 1993 and China in 2000 promises long-term benefits, and his efforts to bring peace to the Balkans, the Middle East and Northern Ireland, though not uniformly successful, were entirely commendable. The Welfare Reform Act he signed in 1996 was a landmark of social policy, whose long-term effects are yet to be measured.

And yet there is clearly a sense of disappointment as his tenure comes to a close, and not just because of the reckless personal behavior that brought on his impeachment. There are too many jagged edges to the whole Clinton experience, too many highs and lows, too much grandeur and too much force.

To be personal for a moment, I thought that the man I met in Little Rock in 1978 and interviewed repeatedly over the next two decades was, far and away, the most extraordinary talent to emerge in



DAVID S. BRODER

the Democratic Party since the 1960s.

I still think that. No one comes close to matching his capacity to assimilate information and formulate policy, his skill and zest as a campaigner and his uncanny ability to connect with an audience, whether it be one person or thousands.

So why do so many of his own White House associates - men like Leon Panetta and Mike McCury - speak of him in tones of regret? For them, as for me, there is an overwhelming sense of squandered opportunities.

What was the flaw? In one word, immaturity. All his life, Bill Clinton had been so obviously fortune's favored child that he came to believe he could talk his way out of any jam. The same sense of immunity - of indestructibility - that made him the self-styled "comeback kid" also led him to repeated instances of reckless behavior with disastrous consequences.

It was not just Monica Lewinsky. The same urge for self-gratification that led him to cast aside every bit of prudence and engage in an Oval Office tryst made him think that a 43 percent plurality victory in 1992 entitled him to try to remake the entire American health care system in a single session of Congress.

The same duplicity that marked his recounting of his history with the draft let him conceal from his own colleagues

his maneuverings with the equally devious Dick Morris. This is not craftiness; this is conceit, magnified to a level rarely seen outside Hollywood, which, not surprisingly, became his favorite venue.

And it carried a price. Clinton himself emerges with a high job approval rating, and with his wife, who is so disciplined, he is disolute, ensconced in the Senate. But the country paid for his misdeeds. Clinton's deviousness evoked a fury among Republicans, and contributed to the malign partisanship of the capital.

And it cost the country three years of the second term, a time when we could have dealt with our most pressing national challenges, notably how to finance the health care and retirement needs of the baby boom generation.

As Newt Gingrich, among others, said on a thoughtful panel at the American Political Science Association convention here last Labor Day, everything was in place, after the 1997 budget deal, to move right on to similar negotiations of Social Security and Medicare reform. And then came Monica and Kenneth Starr and impeachment, with the most partisan Republicans out for Clinton's scalp and the president forced to back, for survival, on the hard core of the Democratic Party, the very legislators and interest groups who were least willing to contemplate any changes in those two landmarks of the New Deal and the Great Society.

Between the fumbles of the first two years and the frantic evasions of the last three, we got less than half of what we deserved from Clinton.

It was a waste.

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Mend fences with two words

My D.I.Y.O.R.C.E. became final today! Free at last. Fifty percent of all marriages today crash and burn. Christians aren't a nickel different. A plague far worse than AIDS sucks the life from 60 million people in this country alone, the only country rich enough to afford the terrible cost of the "red-um" of rampant divorce.

Like a front-line soldier, I watch comrades dying all around me and still more, wounded and half dead from the pain of marriages that exist in name only. Into battle they went. Into a civil war between sexes. Sometimes the mutually assured destruction of his gun pointed at her head and hers to his freezes the combatants into salt blocks shaped like human beings not dead but surely not alive.

Perhaps we'll have a kid or two and use them as the glue that holds us together? Maybe we'll busy ourselves with multiple jobs, multiple TV sets, multiple kid-sports shuttles or multiple religious meetings? I'll trade you my sex card for your security card. Go fish! Drug-like, we numb ourselves to the central questions of human existence.

And the two shall become as one. What does that mean? Do I lose my self-identity in that? Or does it mean a mutual co-dependency, leaning on one another so as not to both fall over? Does it mean a common bank account? How much do I need to give of me? 50 percent? 75 percent? 99 percent? Do I will to love him? Does he will to love me? Will my (our) marriage survive? It all hangs like the final card in a high stakes poker game. Or does it?

A thought, a resolution as we enter the first year of the new millennium. In addition to getting naked before one another physically, how about baring our souls one to another? What happened to the love we felt the day we were married? Is it still alive and growing or just - still? What do I need from you? What do you honestly need from me? How can you and I, and God (?) make "us" again?

Risking soul-deep intimacy is a scary thing for either sex. Who will raise the white flag first (and raise the red one)? Perhaps more important than "I love you" are the five little words, "I'm sorry, please forgive me."

Happy new year!
PHIL AUTH
Berger

Don't just talk the talk

When are we going to get smart, get tough? Anyone caught making the meth or selling it, demand the death penalty. The prisons are full, let's put scarce into these people. Getting our young hooked on that stuff is worse than murder. I could line them up and blow their heads off.

Another sore spot with me is the fifth on television. What happened to talent? Bring back the Ed Sullivans, Lawrence Welks. Everything is sex-oriented. I'm ready to stuff it and listen to talk shows - the radio is talk, talk. Thank goodness for KFI and KART radios; there are a few left.

We are lazy people. Just talk and gripe.
BETTY GALVIN
Wendell

Everyone should get chance to play

I am a seventh-grader from Shoshone, who played in the tournaments against Gooding, and I know that every one of our girls played at least once during the tournaments and every single one of us played as hard as we could. Not all of us went to basketball camps during the summer, but we all got to play. Some people can't afford basket ball camps.

I think everyone who goes to practice should play at least once every game. Our coach has his own rule, and that is to let every kid in our team play. There is absolutely no reason to sit anyone but the star players on the bench if they come to every practice.

DANI BOZOTTO
Shoshone

CSI should stay a two-year school

I am writing in response to your recent editorial in which you proposed that the College of Southern Idaho should become a four-year college. The idea is not logical, or sound and here are my reasons:

1. Idaho cannot afford another four-year college or university. We already have one too many and it (Lewis Clark) would function more properly as a community college.
2. The mission of a two-year community college is much different than that of a four-year college, and CSI has quite capably carried out that mission. Additionally, CSI is performing well as a broker for courses offered by three state universities and a private four-year college.
3. Consider the drain upon the state higher education budget to enable another four-year college to compete with existing universities and colleges for building funds, hiring of university-level faculty and administrators, and to develop a competitive intercollegiate athletic program, which the local sports enthusiasts would surely demand.

The decision between keeping CSI as it is or converting it to a four-year college rests upon the question: "Do we want a top-notch community college or a second-rate four-year college?"

DON PUDER
Twin Falls

Editor's note: Don Puder was chairman of the life sciences department and a professor of biological sciences at CSI from January 1969 to May 1997.

Thoughts go out to veterans

Jon Anthony Pos was honored at a small ceremony recently in Rupert. He was a Marine Corps veteran who had received the Navy Cross, the South

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Vietnamese Medal of Honor, a Bronze Star for Valor and two Purple Hearts while serving three tours in Vietnam.

In a poem he wrote, he said, "They gave us 'V's' on medals to denote valor. I say true valor is to bear our pain without letting it spoil our happiness."

Jon and his wife, Mary, and their children, Ty and Tina, lived this every day and the sacrifice of these men and their families has never been recognized enough by this country. My thoughts and my thanks go out to Jon and the other Vietnam veterans of this country, especially those like Jon, who 30 years later, are still casualties of trauma, Agent Orange and other silent killers of the Vietnam War.

MARK GUERRY
Castleford

Kudos to Tuesday's editorial

The editorial in Tuesday's paper was outstanding. Alan Simpson has made an error in nominating Steve Mealey as forest supervisor. This action will hurt him in his next election.

I personally had dealings with Steve Mealey here in the Magic Valley. He just does not fit in the top level position of forest supervisor.

DAVID J. ADAIR
Gooding

We will never forget fallen officers

I just wanted to tell you what a wonderful memorial to our fallen protectors. Thank you to all that served on our law enforcement. I was so moved with the vast amount of law enforcement personnel who took the time to come to our town to show their respect and to help us mourn the loss of two of our local protectors who put their lives on the line every day. We miss you both. We thank you and

pray for you, your families and all your fellow law enforcement officers who protect us every day.

SUE BURINIKEL
Twin Falls

Idaho mourns tragic loss

We lost two of our soldiers against crime on the evening of Jan. 3. They were two men who rose up to be counted as warriors against the evils that grow in our community. The shots that ended their lives were heard for hundreds of miles beyond Jerome County, and southern Idaho mourns the loss of her two sons.

To their families, we can only say how sorry we are for the loss, and we can only let you know that we grieve with you. If you drive around town, you will see flag flying at half mast, signs in the front yards of small houses, people talking quietly, all from the loss we feel from this incident.

Yet in the same breath, we thank you. We thank you for the sacrifice that has made us safe. We thank you for the chance to sleep soundly at night, to drive the highways without fear and the chance to send our children safely to school. We thank you for the late nights these men spent helping us and for your strength, for only a strong family can produce such men.

Our loss, though, is not as great as yours. The full weight will be yours alone to bear. But now if we can do anything at all to help you, please ask us. For we will remember your loss of a father, a son, a husband and the loss of two officers who became heroes in the fight for peace.

God bless and keep you.
MARK EACKER
Jerome

Bush's nominee for secretary of defense is his wild card

BOB WOODWARD

Donald H. Rumsfeld, the man President-elect George W. Bush wants to be the next secretary of defense, was one of the brightest Republican stars in the 1960s and '70s; he served in Congress, in cabinet-level posts in the Nixon administration, as President Ford's White House chief of staff, and then as Ford's defense secretary for 14 months. Many associates, including Rumsfeld himself at times, thought that the former 157-pound Princeton wrestler was headed for the presidency.

Those ambitions never fully flowered in part because of the rise of the president-elect's father, George Bush senior. In the 1980s and '90s, when Bush served as vice president and then president, Rumsfeld stayed in the Chicago area, his home town, running companies and playing only on the edge of government. But over four decades a pretty clear picture emerges of this scrappy, independent-minded and demanding executive's core: Rumsfeld admires most those people who don't allow themselves to be pushed around — even by presidents.

If confirmed, he may be more of a wild card in the new administration than the Ford retreat some have made him out to be.

In 1975, after a year as White House chief of staff, Rumsfeld was summoned to see Ford, who said that he planned to fire Defense Secretary James Schlesinger. Rumsfeld would move to Defense. CIA Director William Colby was also leaving and was going to be replaced by George Bush Sr., then the representative in China — an assignment that Rumsfeld has privately called "a crappy, irrelevant job." Ford then elevated Rumsfeld's deputy, Dick Cheney, to be the new White House chief of staff. At the time, the Senate was refusing to confirm Bush senior as CIA director unless Ford pledged not to select Bush as his vice presidential running mate for the coming election. Rumsfeld told Ford and

Cheney that the president should not cave in to the Senate and should keep the option open. When Ford and Bush eventually made the pledge to the Senate anyway, Rumsfeld, blamed Cheney's par and was very severe with the new chief of staff, telling him in so many words, you've screwed up on the first thing you've done.

During the next year, 1976, a subtle rivalry emerged between Defense Secretary Rumsfeld and CIA Director Bush. In their years in the House, Rumsfeld had found Bush to be a lightweight who was interested in friendships, public relations and public opinion polls more than substantive policy. In Rumsfeld's view, Bush avoided controversy and sweat, except in the House gym. He went so far with others as to declare that Bush had some of what Rumsfeld called the "Rockefeller syndrome": available and wanting to serve but not having clear goals or knowing why he wanted a particular post.

Rumsfeld believed that Bush and his CIA seriously underestimated the Soviet Union's military advances in missile accuracy, the speed with which multiple warheads were being placed on intercontinental missiles, and defense expenditures.

Rumsfeld felt that his most significant achievement during his 14 months as defense secretary was alerting Congress and the public that the Soviet Union had gone from a primitive power in the 1960s to superpower status in the 1970s. "It was a stunningly unattractive position for the president and Kissinger," Rumsfeld has noted. He showed the highest classified material to congressmen and senators, including satellite photos to prove his point. Ford wanted to win election as a president who had maintained superiority over the Soviets, and Kissinger wanted

ed an arms control agreement. Rumsfeld's effort hurt both. Having toyed with running for president himself, Rumsfeld has some very specific thoughts — and high expectations — for anyone who wins the office. In 1988, he had reservations about Bush Sr., and that spring he said privately, "Bush has very few enemies. He's not accumulated them because of the way he's lived. He has not drawn fire. He has not gone to the wall that often, if ever. He's not been around a lot of carnage. This is a good strategy to get the nomination, but can somebody like this be president?"

After a long discussion Rumsfeld and I had about the presidency, he sent me a letter dated Sept. 29, 1988, summarizing six core traits he believed were necessary for a successful president:

- 1) Having priorities — must be willing to make choices or the Administration will lack focus, go off in fifteen directions at once, get nowhere.
- 2) Knowing the importance of selecting the right people for key posts.
- 3) A president leads by consent, not by command — success will depend more on his ability to 'persuade,' than on his ability to 'order.'
- 4) A moral compass ...
- 5) The president has to have guts — he will need a little steel up his spine at the important moments.
- 6) There should be as small a gap as possible between what a president is and what people think he is, because the gap will close.

Rumsfeld was thinking of the president-elect's father, who was on the verge of winning the presidency, but it's not a bad list for the son. Now, 25 years after his Pentagon service he is slated to return in the administration of his rival's son. It will surely be one of the most interesting relationships to watch.

Bob Woodward is an assistant managing editor of The Washington Post.



Media is doing it right on nominees

NOEL RUBINTON

POP QUIZ: In its coverage of George W. Bush's Cabinet nominees, what are the media engaged in?
 a) a game of search and destroy
 b) the politics of personal destruction
 c) an extended fishing expedition
 d) a legitimate job.

Linda Chavez, the now-history labor secretary nominee, would certainly choose "a" and "b." So would many of the supporters of Bush's other Cabinet choices that are kicking up dust, attorney general-designate John Ashcroft and would-be interior secretary Gall Norton.

"For me, I take 'd.'" Providing background on presidential Cabinet nominees is a classic, crucial task for the media. At its worst, it is sordid inside baseball. At its best, it shines a light in important places where even all the president's veterans may not have gone. In this year's highly abbreviated campaign, the media are doing fine, despite the protestations of the Right. But the media scapegoat looks good, particularly on Chavez.

According to Chavez, she first told Bush aides Jan. 6 about her housing of and payments to a Guatemalan woman. By Jan. 7, ABC News had broken the story. So it's likely that if Chavez did not leak it, it was because the hounds of the media were nipping at her heels — or that a Bush aide leaked it to shortcut a problem. In her operatic news conference Tuesday where she dropped her nomination fight, Chavez said that the hurry-up nature of this presidential transition necessitated that the usual background checks would not be fully made by the time nominations were announced.

If this is true, Bush may have put the media to thank for coming up with the Chavez information so fast. If it had come out days, weeks or months later, it could have proved even more embarrassing. Chavez broke two cardinal Bushian rules: no lying and no surprises. So she was likely to go over the side whenever and wherever her story was outed.

Chavez tried to spin her departure as the unfortunate response to a noxious Washington climate where the "game of search and destroy" and "the politics of personal destruction" thrive. She didn't directly mention the media as part of that environment, but she certainly has implied that it was a contributor.

The media are definitely players in the high-stakes game of Washington politics. When newspapers and TV networks do things that make them look ideologically driven, it becomes a lot easier to float charges against the media.

By and large, however, the media have done well in the past weeks as Bush has assembled his Cabinet nominees. In newspapers and on TV and Web sites, there have been long, rich biographical profiles of the nominees. Some, including the New York Times and The Washington Post, have also run transcripts of Bush's and the appointees' initial public remarks. This extended media treatment has begun to put a human face on people who will go on to lead vast parts of the U.S. government bureaucracies.

Besides Chavez, the Bush nominees attracting the most controversy and opposition so far, Ashcroft and Norton, have also gotten the most media ink and air time (with the possible exception of Colin Powell). This situation is akin to bad news appearing more often than good news in newspapers — it tends to be more interesting and unusual. This year and in years past, the media have made mistakes in presenting and assessing Cabinet nominees as with anything else. For instance, the coverage on Ashcroft has sometimes seemed overly voluminous and vituperative.

Last week, the Times placed on the front page a long piece titled

"Religious Right Made Big Push to Put Ashcroft in Justice Dept." While the story was backed by extensive reporting, it still gave off a sense of his appointment being part of a right-wing conspiracy. Quotations from a book by Ashcroft and other details seemed intended to convey the idea that he is a religious zealot. Keep in mind that only the 100 members of the Senate vote on the Cabinet appointments. The media can sway public opinion, or reflect it — only the senators can make a decision. So to blame the media for hounding a Cabinet nominee is in general a stretch when an argument can be made that the media shape the view of the electorate.

In 1993, Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood withdrew from consideration for attorney general after stories surfaced that they had hired domestic workers who did not have legal immigration status. Many denounced the media for focusing too much attention on a small personal matter, but it was the overall political environment of fierce partisanship, not reporters, that caused the nominees to pull out.

It still will take many more days and a lot more news stories until Bush's Cabinet choices are confirmed. The media, like the nominees, will have plenty more chances for mistakes. But so far the media are holding steady.

Noel Rubinton is Viewpoints editor for Newsday.

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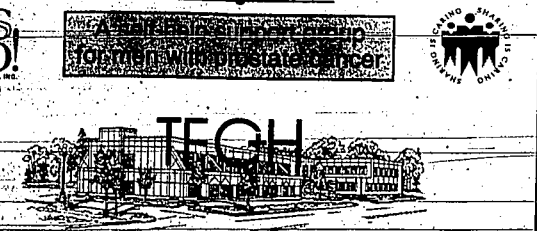
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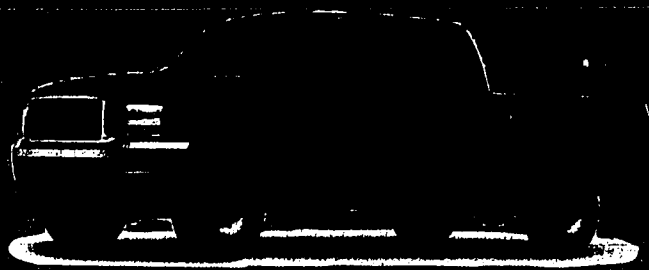
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Some things 'Monkey Ward' taught us

There was a time, albeit brief, in the education of a young Idahoan when I actually believed that I came from the Montgomery Ward catalog.

And why not? Just about everything in our house did - the cream separator, the old Underwood typewriter, the china, the flypaper strips on the ceiling, the threadbare rug on the floor.

Monkey Ward, the bank with the department store front, passed away last month after a short but with the 21st century. It was 128 years old.

Two, maybe three generations of small-town American legacy died with it.

It's not an exaggeration to suggest that Idaho was civilized, if not civilized by the Chicago-based department store chain and its world-famous catalog.

There were never more than a up at a dozen Ward's stores in this state, but there was a Ward's catalog everywhere.

It boasted toddlers so they could sit at the kitchen table. Its pages wadded up, it filled out the bodices of thousands of co-eds at hundreds of proms. And, famously, it did yeoman work in lieu of toilet paper when cash was scarce and the grocery store was 30 miles away.

Most importantly, the Ward's catalog was the textbook of the American dream for folks whose lives were so hardscabble that hope was an uneasy luxury. If you grew up at the end of a gravel road, the catalog was proof enough that not everyone wore patched gingham and hand-me-down denim.

The models there were ordinary enough to look at - yet stylish, somehow. They looked as if they hauled hay and voted for FDR, but still knew how to get gussied up, to take pride in new shoes and store-bought jeans, to find joy in small pleasures, paid for in cash.

Hell, they looked happy. Happiness was a hard sell in rural Idaho in the wake of the Great Depression - and public happiness was considered extravagant, even honorable. To flout good times was to tempt the converse, and no one dared.

But the Ward's catalog made private optimism respectable, for almost nobody was more than a decent harvest away from a stainless-steel pressure-cooker or a new blue-serge suit.

Meredith Willson got it right in "The Music Man": "The Wells Fargo wagon is a corbin' down the street, I wonder what it can be? It may be for someone who is no relation, but it may be something for me."

In the heartland of the past century, fervently capitalist but ever fearful of what that served as the definition of promise.

My Aunt Cloris got out of Idaho when she was a teen-ager, made her way to California and built a career selling real estate. Whenever she came back home for a visit, she'd pick out the stuff in our house that came from the Ward's catalog and subject it to particular derision.

"Cheap luxury," she'd sniff at the velvetene and the Formica. "You get what you pay for."

She missed the point: Ward's trafficked in small dreams, in the opening bid for a better life. Its goods came wrapped in the pledge - always implicit but never doubted - that tomorrow was perfectly entitled to be better than today.

Montgomery Ward doomed itself on the day that it forgot that vow. In a richer, hipper, more suburban America, Ward's tried to sell like Sears, then Macy's, then Target. The grandchildren of the folks who bought all those screen doors and sausage wrappers weren't interested.

Rural institutions disappear every day in contemporary Idaho, that's the price of change. But there's genuine peril, it seems to me, in expecting that prosperity and entitlement are synonymous.

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Steve Crump is The Times-News feature editor.

Privileged information?

By Brandon Fiala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The debate over whether the county hospital should break with the county could center on public access. It's hard to say, at this point, what becomes privileged information if the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center becomes a 501(c)(3), a non-profit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

It could be the end of the year before a citizens committee makes a recommendation on a

Hospital could move to limit public access

possible switch, hospital attorney Kent Taylor said. County commissioners will have the final say.

Hospital officials say a move could make it easier to negotiate with other hospitals, but could limit public discussion of some hospital operations.

But by how much? Details about what might or might not be closed to the public remain sketchy because it depends on negotiations

between the hospital and the county, Taylor said.

"Under the terms of the transfer or lease agreement ... I look at those as negotiated issues," he said. "There will be a lot of discussion on those issues so that the public continues to receive information about the hospital and its financial viability."

"Under the lease agreement, the county will still own the hospital so it's important for county commissioners to know about

the financial aspects of the hospital for their constituents."

The hospital would lease the building from the county.

The hospital needs to change, and not just to gain market share, hospital CEO Jerry Hart said.

County hospitals are a "dinosaur of the past, slow-moving when we need to be much quicker," he said. "County hospitals don't fit anymore, and county hospitals across the nation are

switching in droves."

The hospital could partner more easily with other hospitals, which are often wary of public hospitals, to compete better in an increasingly competitive market, Hart said.

"Now, it's somewhat disjointed," he said.

When Magic Valley Regional wanted to partner with Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, which it now wants to buy or lease, clinic officials halted negotiations saying they had reservations about working with a county-owned

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Event helps folks fight cabin fever

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Scuba diving in January? How about some kayaking?

Those were just two of the recreational opportunities offered Saturday for "Cabin Fever Day."

Local businesses opened their doors free of charge so the public could participate in various activities, including gymnastics, scuba diving, kayaking, martial arts and swimming.

The event, sponsored by the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department along with AT&T, Costco and other local businesses, was an opportunity for children and adults to get out of the house and participate in some kind of recreational activity, said Chris Miller of the city Parks and Recreation Department.

"It kind of evolved from the idea that we were looking for a contribution from the different businesses that are in our brochure and they said they'd rather donate their time than money," Miller said Saturday. "This helps everyone because it helps get people involved and gives their businesses exposure."

This year was a first for "Cabin Fever Day" and it's likely to continue in future years, Miller said, thanks to a turnout of more than 100 people. "This is just the first step," he said.

At the Twin Falls City Pool, kayaking tips were offered as well as a basic scuba diving course - perhaps the most popular of the courses at the pool Saturday, with at least 40 adults and children lining up to sink and swim.



Adaire Johnson, an instructor with Dive Magic, helps 12-year-old Emma Cheslik adjust her scuba mask during Saturday's Cabin Fever Day. PHOTO BY GUY WOODRUFF/THE TIMES-NEWS

The College of Southern Idaho's Outdoor Program sponsored Saturday's kayaking lessons, while Dive Magic in Twin Falls helped out with the scuba diving - a bargain compared with the usual rates of \$275 to get a lifetime certification in scuba diving. "We brought six boats in and

we got all these people ready to go," said kayaking instructor Will Smith as he looked at a line of about 12 people waiting by the pool. "It's just kind of a comfort introductory zone." Todd Czaplinski, 14, Twin Falls, smiled as he got out of his kayak Saturday. When asked why he chose

kayaking, he said "just for the new experience of it." The chance to learn something new, along with the opportunity to hang out with his daughter Megan, 14, was what brought Rick Burley out to the pool Saturday. "It's just something out of the ordinary," he said.

So, are the father and daughter ready for the first class rapids on the Snake River? "Maybe the low class," Rick Burley said, laughing. Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Twin Falls at 735-3259 or by e-mail at jhuddy@magicvalley.com

Rupert school hosts artist

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Being an artist-in-residence sounds like a fancy title for students studying art in France.

But schools as close to home as Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert have the chance to host an artist-in-residence.

In fact, Linda Wolfe is a resident artist who was teaching printmaking at Big Valley for the past week.

Sixth-grade teacher Gwen Leone, whose class was one of several Wolfe visited, said art projects boost her students' other learning.

"For many students, art is a real gift - the one true, positive thing in their learning. We've limited their potential if we don't let them do art," Leone said. "Often, kids in my class who don't succeed in other ways are good at art."

When a school sets context or science project comes along, the student is able to use artistic abilities to succeed, she said. "As teachers, we see that over and over again," Leone said. "Art is a no-fail situation. It gives you confidence and sets you up to be successful in other areas. It extends to better communication levels."

Wolfe agreed. "Every child is talented and successful in the projects," she said. "I consider every child very special and capable of succeeding with the arts." Parents volunteered throughout the week to assist Wolfe with



Linda Wolfe works on a printmaking project with sixth-graders at Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert. Wolfe is part of the Idaho Commission on the Arts' artist-in-residence program, which is available to all Idaho schools. LORRAINE CAVENER/THE TIMES-NEWS

the printmaking. Parents Connie Studer and Lorraine Jolley said they not only had fun doing the project with the students, but learned something too. "I've learned it's not easy. You have to take your time and you can't rush through it," sixth-grader Landon West said. agency's programs and services, assists grant applicants and provides technical assistance. For information about how schools can apply for an artist in residence, write to P.O. Box 63720, Boise, ID 83720-0008, or call 336-2119 or (602) 278-3863.

Carving the designs was fun, and West said the project gave him new experiences, such as making his own design. Learning to use new tools and materials was a good experience, said Cristall Juarez, another sixth-grader. Please see ARTIST, Page B3



Pete Peterson, district ranger for the Burley-Twin Falls district of the Sawtooth National Forest, will retire Feb. 2 after 33 years with the Forest Service. He said the district ranger's job has changed over the years. RUTH STEETTER/THE TIMES-NEWS

Ranger hangs up hat after 33 years

By Ruth Steetter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Being a district ranger isn't an outdoor job anymore. The opportunity to work outdoors was one reason Pete Peterson joined the U.S. Forest Service 33 years ago.

But things have changed in the 25 years since Peterson became a district ranger. He used to

spent four days in the field and one day in the office. Today, that's reversed, Peterson said. Peterson will retire Feb. 2 to take up a second career in woodworking, a far cry from the desk job he's had for years.

At 55, Peterson says he's young enough to start something new. He said the frustrations of his job have caught up to him. Please see RANGER, Page B3

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Mildred F. Shobe

Mildred Flora Arrington Shobe, 81, of Twin Falls, died Thursday afternoon, January 11, 2001, at her home, 1550 West 11th Street, Twin Falls.

Mildred was born on June 17, 1919, in Magna, Utah, the daughter of Robert Glenn Arrington and Anna Lunnett Talbot Arrington. As a small child, she moved to Twin Falls with her family. She attended schools in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1937 following high school, she worked at the fountain at F.W. Woolworth Dept. Store on Main Street in Twin Falls. Mildred married J. Earl Shobe on December 23, 1940, in Twin Falls. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple on May 10, 1962. Earl and Mildred farmed south of Burley from 1949 when they both went to work at F.W. Woolworth Dept. Store. They worked there for over 20 years, until they retired in the early 70s.

Mildred was a member of the LDS Church where she was very active in genealogy, researching the complete Arrington Ancestry. She sold insurance and was treasurer for the Royal Neighbors of America Life Insurance Company for several years.

Mildred is survived by her husband of 60 years, J. Earl Shobe of Twin Falls; one daughter, Verna (Ron) Folsom of Hansen, her daughter-in-law, Luz Shobe Nelson of Twin Falls; five brothers: Howard (Janet) Arrington, Aiden (Betty) Arrington, Lewis (Louise) Arrington, Norman (Helen) Arrington and Lee (Lorraine) Arrington; and two sisters, Elsie (Francis) Egbert and Gilda Garrison. Also surviving are two granddaughters, Tim Shobe, Mike Folsom, Jill Smith, June Prescott and Cathy Shobe; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Leslie Shobe in 1982; two sisters, Annie Belle Arrington and Emma Adams; and one brother, Golden Arrington.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2001, at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls, with Bishop Glenn Arrington officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call on Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel and on Monday from 1 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the American Diabetes Association. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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children, six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Kenneth (Alveta) Etcheberry of Buhi, Idaho, and Warren (Lillian) Etcheberry of Buhi, Ariz.; and by numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1994, her parents, two daughters and one brother.

Earl Williamson

Earl Williamson, 82-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, January 12, 2001, at home. He was born on August 26, 1918, in Graybull, Wyoming, the son of Thomas and Carrie Frances Cypher Williamson. He attended school in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1936. He married Rose Mae of Burley, on July 3, 1942, in Twin Falls. They lived in Arizona, Montana, and California prior to moving to Burley in 1975. Earl grew up through the Depression and knew the value of hard work. He was thorough in everything he did. He would pursue challenges despite the enormity of barriers. He believed that one should live by moral standards, honesty and integrity were his values and characteristics that he personified. He taught his sons to think as adults and always work toward the future. He stood by his family no matter what the situation might be. Earl attended and later taught at the Phoenix Acad. in Beauty. He worked in sales in the Beauty Supply and Equipment and Car Industries. He was a carpenter, liked auto-body work and plumbing. Upon arriving in Burley, he worked at the Burley Junior High School as the custodial manager until his retirement.

He loved the outdoors, especially in his pristine condition. He enjoyed hunting, camping, and had a real knack for stream fishing. His family was always included. Survivors include his wife, Rose Mei Williamson of Burley; two sons, LaMont Williamson of Australia and, Von Williamson of Burley; four daughters, two sisters, six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 17, 2001, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, with the Reverend Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home on Tuesday from 2 until 5 p.m. and on Wednesday prior to the funeral. The family suggests that memorials be directed to a charity of choice.

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Laura I. Kennel

Laura I. Kennel, 88, former Buhi resident, died Thursday, January 11, 2001, in Seattle.

She was born August 7, 1912, in Shickley, Nebraska, the daughter of Aaron and Mattie Roth Etcheberry. She was raised in Nebraska and Montana. She later returned to Nebraska, where she married Lloyd C. Kennel on Feb. 21, 1934, at Shickley. They moved to Idaho where they farmed in the Buhi. Buhi and Hagerman areas. Mrs. Kennel sold Watkins Products for several years, worked at Kellogg for five years, and spent 15 years at Harb's Nursing Home. In 1996, shortly after Lloyd's death, she moved to Seattle to be near her son. Mrs. Kennel was a member of the Buhi Church of Christ. Survived by one daughter, Joyce Novak of Twin Falls; two sons, Loren (Lola) Kennel of Seattle, Washington, and Eldon Kennel of Salem, Ore.; five grand-

children, six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Kenneth (Alveta) Etcheberry of Buhi, Idaho, and Warren (Lillian) Etcheberry of Buhi, Ariz.; and by numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1994, her parents, two daughters and one brother.

Funeral services for Laura Kennel will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, 2001, at the Buhi Church of Christ, with Pastor James Scott officiating. Interment will follow in Filer Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to a charity of donor's choice. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary.

Harmon loved to travel with his wife and frequently joined with the Stanford University Alumni Study programs. He loved music, history, photography, playing bridge and studying the world of investments. He and his wife began wintering in Arizona over 15 years ago and he enjoyed volunteering with the Golden K's in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Frazier King (Suzanne) of Morgan, Utah, and Tom King (Angela) of Burley; three daughters, Linda Brown of San Francisco, Edith King of Denver, and Liz King of Sebastopol, California; six grandchildren and two sisters, Dorothy K. Wilson of Santa Rosa, California, and Bertha Jean Mae of Olympia, Washington. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean B. King; his parents; his sister, Ardith Thatcher; and one grandson.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, January 18, 2001, at the King Fine Arts Center, 2200 Parke Avenue, Burley, with the Reverend Al Trachsel, of the Burley United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Wednesday, January 17, 2001, from 6 until 8 p.m. The family suggests that donations be directed to the Mount

Harrison Heritage Foundation, the Southern Idaho Learning Center, the College of Southern Idaho Foundation, the Idaho Youth Ranch, or the United Methodist Church Foundation, in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, Idaho 83316.

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Mariam H. Nelson

Mariam H. Nelson, 79-year-old Burley resident, died January 12, 2001, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Mariam was born December 9, 1921, in Fountain Green, Utah, where she spent her early years. She attended Snow College in Ephraim, Utah. She married Newel A. Nelson at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 22, 1943. Their marriage was solemnized July 6, 1965, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They were stationed at air bases in Boston, Massachusetts, St. Joseph, Missouri, and Long Beach, California, during World War II. Following the war in 1946, they moved to Logan, Utah, where Newel completed his education at Utah State University. They moved to Twin Falls in 1948 and settled in Burley four years later.

Mariam was an active member of the LDS Church, where she had served in the presidency of the Primary and Relief Society and as a teacher. She was active in the community, where she was involved in the Ladies Golf Association and the Literary and Home Demonstration clubs. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Newel of Burley; three children, Nancy J. Karchner of Burley, Gay N. (Nancy) Nelson of Hagerman, and Sally N. (Greg) Newton of Portland, Oregon; three sisters, Carol Powell of Richland, Washington, Joyce (Mauree) Marmott of Nephi, Utah, and Lewena (Boyd) Nielson of Sandy, Utah; a brother, Doyle Hansen of Tooele, Utah; thirteen grandchildren, and two great-grand-

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children. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Reed E. Hansen; and a grandson, Brett Terry Karchner.

RUPERT



Donald K. Egan

Donald Kraal Egan, 39, of Rupert, Idaho, died Saturday, January 13, 2001, at home.

He was born on December 12, 1961, in Fossil, Oregon, the son of Donald and Jeanette Egan. He graduated from Rupert High School in 1980 and attended the University of Idaho. He worked for the Idaho State Police and was a member of the Idaho State Police Association.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy; one son, Justin; and one daughter, Yvonna. He is preceded in death by his father, Donald Egan; his mother, Jeanette Egan; his brother, Chuck Egan; his sister, Vicki (Brent) Bodily of Clearfield, Utah; and his grandfather, Donald Egan.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2001, at the Rupert First Christian Church, Pastor Brian Livermore of the congregational Bible Church in Burley will officiate. Family and friends may call at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel on Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, or a college fund for his children at D.L. Evans Bank in Rupert. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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Opal E. Ratley of Burley, service

at 11 a.m. Monday at the Payne Mortuary Chapel, 221 W. Main St. Reynolds Funeral Home, family may call from 6-7 p.m. today and from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at Payne Mortuary.

Tratford-Varley-Woodhouse of Oakley, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home and from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Vern Cleora Loveland Peterson

of Tremonton, Utah, service at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Wilford LDS Church in Wilford; friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church (8665) and Taylor Funeral Home in Tremonton.

Cynthia K. Hange of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Rock Creek Community Church

Odin Hazel McGhee Stevens of Nampa, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Jerome Cemetery.

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Feds, state and utilities try to broker energy deal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A live satellite hookup linking both coasts had state and federal officials negotiating with utility company chiefs Saturday on a deal that could make California a long-term electricity broker.

A state agency, under emergency powers from Washington, already has spent roughly \$30 million buying electricity in the past month to stave off rolling blackouts during the California power crisis. Officials want the state to expand and continue wholesale electricity buys, selling the power to utility companies, said Steve Maviglio, a spokesman for Gov. Gray Davis.

It was expected that the meeting, which remained underway in Los Angeles and in Washington D.C. late Saturday afternoon, would lead to further negotiations over the next two days, said Gene Sperling, President Clinton's top economic adviser.

"I don't think any of us expect to get to the finish line tonight," Sperling said. "I think we can still make some more progress."

The California Department of Water Resources made the earlier emergency power purchases, including about 24,000 megawatt hours of electricity on Thursday and Friday, Carl Torgersen, the department's chief of utility operations, said Saturday. The department acted under authority of emergency orders by U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson.

"(This) is something we've never done before," Torgersen said. "We're in a new era with deregulation."

Wholesale power prices have increased fivefold in California since last summer, accompanied by a series of drops in the state's power reserves in part because power plants are shut for maintenance.

On Thursday, power reserves in California dipped below 2 percent after

a storm cut production at a key nuclear station.

The Independent System Operator, which manages most of the state's power grid, said electricity supplies had rebounded but were still tight.

Davis and Govs. John Kitzhaber of Oregon and Gary Locke of Washington said Friday that they would urge their residents to cut electricity demand 7 to 10 percent, try to reduce power use by their state governments by at least 10 percent, and look into joining forces to buy energy-efficient products for state and local agencies to get through the crisis.

Davis and California's two largest investor-owned utilities have pointed fingers at energy wholesalers, saying they have exacerbated the crisis by taking advantage of the tight supplies for their own profit.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and

Southern California Edison, both electricity retailers, say they have lost more than \$9 billion because of wholesale price increases and the state's 1996 deregulation law that froze rate hikes.

The utilities, which won't permit to raise rates, said the temporary increases approved by the Public Utilities Commission weren't enough and have warned they could go bankrupt if something isn't done.

Davis, Kitzhaber and Locke said in a written statement that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should impose immediate wholesale price controls.

"The federal government must take up its responsibility to prevent the chaos that threatens to engulf the entire western electricity system," the governors said.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said she would propose legislation to give the

U.S. energy secretary authority to cap skyrocketing wholesale electricity prices in 11 western states. It would let the secretary impose a temporary wholesale price cap if there is "unjust pricing" and would remain in effect until prices stabilized, said Howard Gantman, the senator's spokesman.

About 30 officials, including Davis, key members of the state Legislature, the head of the state's Public Utilities Commission and utility representatives, gathered at the Ronald Reagan Building in downtown Los Angeles to confer with counterparts on the other side of the country.

Linked from Washington were Sperling, Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, James Hoecker of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Deputy Energy Secretary T.J. Glatthier and officials from power companies.

Jackpot might get new day-care center

By Sam Foltman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — Jackpot could be getting a new day-care center.

Randy Gardner, pastor of the Mission Christ Fellowship in Jackpot, told the Advisory Board Thursday that the mission will receive \$150,000 in pledges from the Southern Idaho District Council of the Assemblies of God Churches if it can raise the rest of the funds for the project.

"So far the donations have been slight, but we are looking forward to a good year," Gardner said.

He said the building would cost about \$300,000 to construct and most of the labor would be

performed by volunteers from the Mission Aid Placement Service, an organization of retired contractors and builders who work through the ministry of the Assemblies of God General Council.

Gardner said the 11,000-square-foot building would serve as a church and a day care and would include an area for youth activities. The day-care facility would accommodate up to 60 children per shift and would cost \$12 per child with discounts for additional children.

"We hope to be up and going within a year basically to help anyone we can — to be a full service ministry," Gardner said.

Jim Bentley is the newest

member of the Advisory Board. Elko County commissioners appointed Bentley and reappointed board members Beth Winans, Norma Prindle, Darrell Jack and Gene Frank.

"I just feel real positive about the future of Jackpot," Bentley said. "We have clean air, no inversions, a new library and a great school program."

Bentley said he's concerned about the future of Jackpot and wants future development to be well-planned.

"As we develop and grow, we need to do it with a plan," Bentley said. "I want it to look like a well-planned community."

Other Advisory Board business:

• **Jackpot Tourism Director.** Terry Dunn said she would like to see some trails around the city. She said once it's decided where the trails should be located she would look into grants to help fund the project. Those who want to get involved with the project can call Dunn at 775-755-2984.

• **The board extended the application deadline for a new safety director to Jan. 22.** The safety director will oversee fire and ambulance services in Jackpot. The position is expected to be filled by early February.

Times-News correspondent Sam Foltman can be reached in Jackpot, Nev. at 775-755-2351.

Hazardous material crews investigate container in Buhl

BUHL — Hazardous material crews responded to a call on Broadway Street in Buhl Saturday for an unknown substance.

A murky, red liquid was found in a five-gallon container behind a building on Broadway Street in

Buhl, said Earl Tyree, Assistant Fire Chief in Buhl.

The Magic Valley Emergency Response Team (MVERT) was called out to the scene.

No other details were available at press time Saturday.

Report predicts losses if practices continue

COBUR D'ALENE (AP) — Timber workers and off-road enthusiasts call the price tag on a new roadless forest policy astronomical.

But a new report shows that taxpayers could lose billions if the incoming Bush administration axes the U.S. Forest Service roadless initiative.

More than \$6 billion could be lost in northern Idaho and

Western Montana alone, according to Bob Wolf, a retired forester and former Congressional Research Service analyst.

Wolf issued an audit of the roadless policy in the western United States and Alaska.

He calculated a total cash loss of at least \$2.5 billion if timber cutting continues at the current pace and without protections.

The estimates are based on the assumption that the Forest Service would continue to log forests rated suitable for timber production.

"Any way you cut it, they're going to lose a big bundle of money if they keep operating the way they are operated," Wolf said Friday by phone from his Maryland home. "And there's nothing that indicates they're

about to change."

The roadless policy blocks road-building and most logging, grazing, oil and gas drilling and mining on nearly 60 million acres of national forests. That includes 830,000 acres on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

The policy may not stand for long if it is possible the new administration will overturn the protections.

Two boys drown after falling through the ice

MANSON, Wash. (AP) — A search for two young boys ended tragically Saturday when their bodies were discovered in a partially frozen lake near this central Washington town, authorities said.

Manson, a town of about 2,500 on the shores of Lake Chelan, said Manson Elementary School Principal Steve McKenna.

"Everyone in the community liked these kids," McKenna said. "They were very sweet, polite, wonderful kids."

The two boys were on the basketball team and were supposed to play in a game just hours after their bodies were pulled from the lake, McKenna said. The game was postponed.

A shoe sealed in the ice of Roses Lake led searchers to the bodies of Tim McCabe, 10, and Jayson Batchelor, 11, and the two friends had been reported missing Friday evening, the Chelan County Sheriff's office said.

The boys' bodies were found at about 11:30 a.m. Saturday by a crew using an underwater camera. Searchers concentrated on the lake after one of the boys' shoes was found frozen near the surface, Yonakas said.

Both boys' homes are near the lake — Jayson Batchelor's overlooking the site where they fell in. The boys apparently went to the lake after school Friday and threw rocks on its surface before walking in about 75 yards, Chelan County Sheriff Mike Brickert said.

The boys fell in about 20 yards from shore, near a spot where there was no ice on the surface, Brickert said.

"They're in the Lord's hands now," Lavonne Allen, Batchelor's grandmother, said at Chelan County Fire District 5 upon hearing of the boys' deaths. "Both are good-hearted boys."

The boys were well-known in

Nearly 200 volunteers, firefighters and deputies searched for the boys.

"Basically, when you're a small community, everything shuts down," McKenna said. "Everyone's out trying to locate these children."

Roses Lake is one of a cluster of three small lakes just north of Manson and east of much larger Lake Chelan, a popular vacation destination located about 100 miles east of Seattle.

Grief counselors will be on hand when classes resume Tuesday at the elementary school and at Manson High School, McKenna said.

"This class also had another classmate that was killed in an accident two years ago, so they'll be struggling," he said.

Both the Batchelor and McCabe families have long ties to the area.

Autopsies for the two were scheduled for today.

Hospital

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health care operation.

"Nobody wants to do business with us," Hart said. "We have to have state plans, and then it becomes everybody's business."

But the change could mean less opportunity for the public to oversee some hospital operations. Information, such as salaries, would likely be closed to the public.

Keeping salaries closed to the public is a good thing, Hart said.

"It's an intrusion on peoples' lives," he said. "I don't think it keeps salaries down, but it creates jealousy and encourages comparisons. It's not good for a hospital."

Public access to salaries also

makes it hard to recruit employees, said Dr. Craig Bennett, a member of the citizens' committee and a former Magic Valley Regional hospital board chairman.

"It's easier to hire someone when their salary is private," he said. "That's one reason it's easier to get people in private industry. Would you like me to know your salary, or have it published?"

But public access has important benefits, Bennett said.

"It's good to know that money isn't being squandered," he said. "The public will know more details, and understand more. We have to look at the pros and cons."

If the hospital changes, some important hospital meetings probably would be closed to the public, Bennett said.

"It's easier to negotiate some things in private than in public," he said. "This is a competitive business, and it would be easier to negotiate."

While details of a lease or transfer agreement between the county and hospital must be negotiated, important clauses are already included, Taylor said.

The clauses must be included to comply with a law, which Taylor helped draft in 1986, allowing the hospital to change.

"There are very significant restrictions," Taylor said.

One restriction is a reversion-

ary clause, which would allow the county to regain control if dissatisfied with hospital management. The hospital also couldn't be sold, or leased under the agreement, he said.

The amount the hospital would pay to lease the hospital building isn't known, Taylor said.

"In some cases it's more than nominal, and others it's not," he said.

The county could seek money from the hospital to pay for its indirect care bills, but the amount must be negotiated, Taylor said.

"The county has to pay a significant amount for indigent care ... and we want to seek the middle ground," he said.

Ranger

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"I've lost a lot of my energy and enthusiasm and I owe it to the outfit to give someone else a chance," Peterson said.

Over the last three decades, the job of managing natural resources has gradually become a job of managing conflict. Like many people who work in the public sector most of their life, Peterson said he's frustrated with the constant contention.

"Managing the forests has become so confrontational and so controversial it's easy to lose your enthusiasm," Peterson said.

Often, it's not his enthusiasm that wanes, but his faith in people, he said.

"One of my biggest frustrations is people who misrepresent the facts. They must subscribe to one of the old adages, 'the ends justifies the means,'" Peterson said. "And I do not have any patience with that."

Thirty years ago, Peterson thought he was ahead of conventional wisdom regarding forest health. He wanted to reform timber harvesting because he thought Americans were "too casual" about clear-cutting.

Now, as he's lambasted by environmental groups who argue that overgrazing has run rampant in his district of the Sawtooth National Forest, Peterson said he feels behind the times.

Caught in the middle of fiery passions — whether it be in protecting a livelihood or protecting the land — the district ranger must make decisions that don't come easy.

Some cattlemen say Peterson hasn't been flexible, but has always been fair.

"I think he's been a real fair ranger to work with and he's been the type of person we've been able to come into agreement with," even if it was enforcing regulations we weren't too happy with," said Kimberly rancher Jeff Williams, a member of the Association of Western Stock Growers.

Peterson was easy to work with and his knowledge about resource management made him difficult to fight against, Williams said.

"It's hard to argue with somebody who's very knowledgeable about Williams said."

While cattlemen growers such as Williams hope the next district ranger has a strong background in range management, some grazing critics want a ranger who will strictly enforce policies that protect riparian health.

"In many respects, (Peterson) represents an old line of the Forest Service more interested in commodity production than in protecting public resources," said Jon Marvel, director of the Idaho Watersheds Project and a staunch critic of public lands

grazing.

On the other hand, Marvel said, Peterson has taken much-needed permit action against some permittees in the past.

But overall, "we'll be looking forward to the appointment of someone a little more interested in the conservation of public resources," Marvel said.

Albion resident Earl Warthen, another frequent critic of federal resource management, said Peterson has taken care of some of the concerns in his neck of the woods.

"Just here locally, I feel he's done a fairly good job cleaning up some of the dead and diseased trees in the Howell Canyon area," Warthen said.

Soon-to-be acting district ranger Dave Bossler said Peterson has always worked with natural resource protection in mind. Bossler has worked with Peterson since 1984 in Ashley

National Forest's Duchesne District in Utah.

Peterson is a public-oriented person ... trying to meet the resource's needs and the needs of the public. And I suppose that's the toughest part of the job," said Bossler, forest timber management officer for the Sawtooth forest.

Despite the challenges of being caught in the middle of disputing groups, the biggest challenge for Peterson is one that hasn't changed in years.

"Trying to get the users of the national forest to accept the need to treat the resources with kindness," Peterson said. "When people go up into the hills ... it seems they treat it more like a playground."

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Artist

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Students are learning there is more to art than drawing or painting, Leone said.

"They are using their imagination to create," he said.

The young artists first made a drawing, paper, then carved, applied ink to the print and transferred the print to another medium.

Wolfe told students what she went through to make her art career successful, which fit into the school district's career pathway program, Leone said.

The artist-in-residence program, sponsored by Idaho

Commission on the Arts, was a first for Minidoka County School District.

Penny Neibaur, district art coordinator, said she applied for a grant to bring the program to the district, because it never had before. Neibaur hopes other schools will try to bring a resident artist.

"Every school in the area could apply, and our kids deserve it," she said.

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OBITUARIES

BOISE



Reverend Msgr. Dennis George Falk, V.G.

Reverend Msgr. Dennis George Falk, 70, a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise for nearly 44 years who served as moderator of the curia and Vicar-General for the past decade, died in Boise on Jan. 10, 2001, of cancer.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at St. John's Cathedral in Boise with Reverend Dennis Wassmuth presiding. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at St. John's Cathedral with Most Reverend Michael D. Bracco, Bishop, Diocese of Boise, Idaho, presiding. Burial will follow at Morris Hill Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Gibson Funeral Home.

Msgr. Falk was born April 2, 1930, in Eau Claire, Wis., to the late Kermit and Frances Lennie Falk. He was raised in Idaho. He attended Mount Angel Preparatory Seminary in St. Benedict, Ore., and St. Edward's Seminary in Kenmore, Wash. On May 18, 1957, he was ordained to the priesthood at St. John's Cathedral in Boise, by

Bishop James J. Byrne.

His parish assignments over the years included assistant at St. John's Cathedral in Boise, and pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish; St. Joseph's and missions, St. Elizabeth's Parish in Gooding; Our Lady of the Rosary in Boise; St. George's in Post Falls; Holy Rosary in Idaho Falls; Our Lady of the Lake, McCall, and 11 years at St. Peter and Paul Parish in Grangeville. Msgr. Falk was named moderator of the curia and chancellor of the Diocese of Boise in 1990. The next year he was appointed Diocese of Boise Vicar General and Moderator of the curia. Pope John Paul II named him an Honorary Prelate with the title of "Monsignor" on June 16, 1996. Bishop Tod D. Brown conferred the honor on him at a special ceremony on Oct. 28, 1996, at St. John's Cathedral. Msgr. Falk's special diocesan appointments and honors included Assistant Vicar Director (1985-1986), Diocesan Vocal Director (1986-1989), Diocesan Consultant, Knights of Columbus-Chaplain-Diocesan Finance Council (1991-2000), Presbyteral Council member (1991-2000), Vicar of Religious (1993-2000).

His family, friends and the people he pastored will remember Msgr. Falk for his gentle, pastoral ways, his great love of the Eucharist and the Mass, the way he ministered to people in their times of need, his easy laugh, his love of fishing and the outdoors, and his suspenders and crazy fishing hats. Msgr. Falk felt very close to his family members, and enjoyed fixing them holiday meals and getting them together for celebrations. He also enjoyed traveling and exploring Idaho and its neighboring states with friends during his vacations. He loved history and was one of a handful of people in the Diocese of Boise who could fill you in on the history of the diocese, many parishes, most of the priests who served during his time. In his early years of priest-

hood, Msgr. Falk taught at St. Teresa Academy (1957-1962) in Boise. He also coached football and basketball teams when he served in Boise. Over the years, he kept up on what happened in his students' lives and was always happy to see them. He did the same with people he served in his parishes.

Msgr. Falk is survived by his brother, Kermit and Anita Falk of Atlanta, Ga.; sister-in-law, Donna Falk of Billings, Mont.; sister, Darlene and Hubert Weber of Livingston, Mont.; sister, Jean and Roger Coonrod of Pocatello, Idaho;

brother, Gordon and Jannine Falk of Boise; Idaho; sister, Yvonne Falk of Boise; numerous nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Donald; grand-nephew, Brandon. Memorial Mass will be made to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise-Chancery, 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705.

AMERICAN FALLS

Richard 'Dick' C. Schwab

A kind and gentle spirit went to sleep with the Angels early Wednesday morning, January 10th, 2001. He was a spiritual giant who will be greatly missed.

Dick was born July 5th, 1938, in Hazelton, Idaho, to Henry and Connie Harding Schwab. He grew up on the family farm and learned a sincere work ethic at a very young age. He graduated from Valley High School, Eden, Idaho, in 1956 and decided on a career in the United States Navy. He proudly served our country in the Navy from 1956 to 1969. He served a mission in Vietnam during the conflict. During his Navy career, Dick was given the opportunity to visit many parts-of-call around the world. He spoke often of his "adventures at sea."

Dick married Terry Bruelke, A

son, Cory, was born to this marriage. Dick and Terry later divorced. When Dick's Navy career ended, he came back to Idaho and worked for Rangan, Inc. in Buhl. He loved nature and the outdoors so this position was well-suited for his pursuit of adventure.

On December 31, 1990, Dick married the love of his life, Elizabeth Stansberry. On this date, Dick also "married" Elizabeth's five children whom he adopted as his own. His life was now full and "full of it." Dick, Elizabeth and three of the tribe moved to American Falls, Idaho, in 1993 and settled into a comfortable life. Dick was forced to retire because of health problems stemming from his Navy days. However, this didn't stop him - he became a "hot air balloon" cooking some of the best damn eggs in his part of the country.

Dick left this world a sober man! He was a stalwart member in the society of Alcoholics Anonymous. Being an old "geezzer," his sobriety and spirituality helped many a wayward soul get and stay sober. His contributions to AA were invaluable. Many "soberest" alcoholics will miss his kindness and inspiration.

Dick joins his mother in peace. He leaves behind his adoring wife, Elizabeth (who knows her "Angel" smiles from above); and children: Cory, Tara, Elizabeth II, Pelo, Andrea and Owen. A brother, Hank (Arizona) and a sister, Vicky (California) also survive him, as does his father of Hazelton. Please join a gathering of Dick's loved ones and friends on January 20, 2001, at 11 a.m. Services will be held at the American Legion Hall, American Falls, Idaho. "YOU'RE RIGHT WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE!"

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DEATH NOTICES

Kenneth L. Cramer
BUHL - Kenneth L. Cramer, 73, of Buhl, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 2001, at the Idaho State Veterans Home in Pocatello. Arrangements are pending and

will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Donna Helms
BURLEY - Donna Helms, 67,

of Burley, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Prosecutors to test DNA in 26-year-old missionary murders

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Prosecutors in Texas have begun collecting DNA evidence in a 26-year-old murder case involving two Mormon missionaries.

Prosecutors want to test blood found on evidence gathered during the original murder investigation and compare it to the DNA of the two dead missionaries' families. If they can conclusively link the two, attorneys will probably refile charges against Robert Elmer Kleasen, who was convicted of killing Mark Fischer, to include his companion, Gary Darley.

"We are queued up and ready to go forward," said Claire Dawson-Browne, assistant district attorney for Tarrant County, Texas. Dawson-Browne would not specify which items were being tested.

Fischer, 19, of Milwaukee, and 20-year-old Darley, 20, of Simi Valley, Calif., were serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Austin, Texas when they were killed in October 1974.

Within three days, blood-spattered clothing was discovered outside Kleasen's home and human tissue was found in the casing of a band saw at a taxidermy shop next door.

Prosecutors suspected that Kleasen, a disgruntled member of the Mormon church's Austin Ward who had threatened church leaders with violence, killed the two young men when they visited him.

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Drug-dealer's dream of owning a ranch benefits Wyoming

CODY, Wyo. (AP) — It's said that Stewart Bost had a lifelong dream of owning a ranch in Wyoming.

He accomplished that by the time he reached his mid-50s, but through just misdeeds, a healthy dose of greed, the Bear Tooth Ranch would not be his retirement home.

Nobody could have foreseen Bost's dream, the Colombian drug trade and squabbles over fishing access to the Clark's Fork of the Yellowstone River would result today in an outdoor education center for the Big Horn Basin.

Bost made his fortune as a boat captain in 1986, carrying 3 tons of

Colombian cocaine from the Bahamas to Florida. In 1988, he bought the 657-acre Bear Tooth Ranch for \$1.3 million. Using the alias Allen Stewart, he could not be found when federal authorities indicted him on smuggling charges in Florida the following year.

Back in Wyoming, it might have seemed strange that his ranch owner paid all his bills, including his property taxes, in cash. While it might have raised a few eyebrows, nobody thought too much of it. But the stakes went up in 1995, when he blocked access to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's fishing easement on the Clark's Fork.

The local inquiry into the easement dispute revealed that Bost used an alias, and led to a federal investigation that culminated with his arrest in 1996 on the smuggling charges. The Department of Justice seized the ranch as an ill-gotten gain of the drug trade and later transferred title to the state of Wyoming for the benefit of public recreation and wildlife.

Audubon Wyoming signed a lease with the state last fall and is currently developing its plan for managing the ranch as a nonprofit education center.

Mention the drug smuggler to Neil Miller of the Meadowlark Audubon Society and you get a

brief chuckle, followed by grand ideas about the future of the ranch.

"It's a marvelous opportunity," he says.

The ranch sits at the base of the Bear Tooth Range in a curl of the canyon and heads north into Montana. It abuts public land that extends from the ranch's western border all the way to the Shoshone National Forest.

Overgrown fields recall a time when the ranch was actively used in agricultural production. Audubon is planning to manage the ranch for wildlife habitat and education. Miller envisions various public uses, from day trips by

local schools to more intense field studies by Northwest College.

"Fishing access is right down along that river, and we expect to have hunting access," he said, explaining that the existing ranch buildings could be expanded some day to allow for extended field classes. "Duke University's geology class could come out and use it as a base camp."

Audubon is still studying how to pay for the operations and maintenance as well as any future renovations. Facilities include a large home, an insulated garage, a dilapidated, roofless cabin and the original log homestead, which dates back to the

turn of the 20th century. All sit in an old grove of cottonwoods on the west side of the river.

Audubon expects to start using the ranch this summer. Members spent part of last year improving the irrigation system so the ranch could retain its water rights, and revegetation of the crop fields will begin this spring.

Local Audubon board member Dennis Saville conducted a tour of the ranch for about a dozen people recently. He estimated the total acreage formerly tilled for agriculture at about 160 acres, including an 80-acre strip along the Clark's Fork. Two other strips are tiered into the hills to the west.

Daughter travels with mom's corpse

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A Colorado woman drove her mother's corpse from Colorado to Oregon — with the body in the Subaru's passenger seat — to fulfill her dying wish to be buried next to her husband.

The daughter, Janet Levine, then made sure that 91-year-old Mildred Catherine Wooten was changed into clean pajamas for the sad journey.

Transporting a body across state lines without a death certificate is illegal. Lane County deputy medical examiner Frank Ratti found out about the body's journey, and informed authorities.

"I was amazed," Ratti told the Eugene Register-Guard. "Sometimes the shock of the death of a loved one makes people think kind of crazy."

But authorities in Jefferson County, Colo., have decided not to press charges against Levine, said Sgt. Mike Julian, spokesman for the county sheriff.

The Register-Guard reported on the journey on Friday.

Levine left her home in Pine, Colo., a small town about 30 miles southwest of Denver, and headed to Eugene with her mother's body on Nov. 6, just one hour after the woman died, said Detective T.J. Acerno of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Levine changed her mother into a clean pair of pajamas, wrapped her body in a blanket and placed her lying down in the passenger seat of her Subaru. Acerno told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Friday.

She drove more than 1,000 miles from the tiny town of Pine to the Musgrove Family Mortuary in Eugene, where a family member had called ahead to arrange the burial, he said.

Levine's brother, Michael Wooten of Eugene, met her at the Oregon state line and accompanied her and their dead mother to Eugene.

"When the mortuary received her she had on night clothes and they reported that they were very clean," said Acerno. "Her instructions from the mom were to be buried next to the husband in one of the veteran graveyards."

Family fears risk from proposed tower

MOSCOW (AP) — Federal law says the cell towers must go up, but Don Morse does not want them raining down microwave radiation on his family.

At first, a 195-foot cell tower behind their home did not appeal to the Moscow family's tastes.

But that has turned to deep concern as the Morses considered health risks some say the towers cause. Morse and other residents can express their concerns Tuesday at a Latah County open meeting on the first draft of an amendment to the zoning ordinance.


Not everyone agrees that cell tower microwaves present a health risk. Many studies have been done that both confirm and deny risks including high blood pressure or leukemia.

Controversy aside, the towers must go up, said Gene Dillingham, Latah County planning director. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires local municipalities to cooperate with cell tower companies to make coverage areas complete.

Two tower companies have filed requests to build three new towers in Latah County. One would be within 2,000 feet of Morse's home and his three neighbors. The other two would be just outside of Moscow and above Fossil.

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Rosina South holds up some of her service pins from World War II in her Pocatello home.

Utah faces teacher shortage

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah will need another 1,200 teachers in five years to handle the booming student population, a study concluded.

That does not include replacing teachers who retire or leave the profession.

The preliminary results of a teacher supply-and-demand study by researchers from Utah State University were presented Thursday to the state Board of Education.

Math and science secondary teachers and special-education teachers in all grade levels will be in high demand. Elementary teachers also will be needed.

"It's a little scary," said Jill Kennedy, school board member. "How are we going to get kids to go into those fields?"

Gov. Mike Leavitt has proposed lawmakers spend \$19 million to recruit and retain math and science teachers. The idea is to give money to residents willing to be trained in those subjects and teach in the state for four years.

Daniel Robertson, a USU doctoral student in education research, found the greatest demand will be for elementary school teachers, particularly in Utah County and in larger cities in the western part of the state, including Washington, Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Millard, Tooele, Box Elder and Cache counties.

School districts will need to hire 880 teachers to handle the projected 21,000 new elementary students.

"There's a shortage, there's no question about it," said Ron Stanfield, educator licensing coordinator for the state Office of Education.

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War bride remembers trials, tribulations of war romance

POCATELLO (AP) — After her marriage, Rosina South didn't have much time to spend on her honeymoon.

South was enlisted in the Auxiliary-Territorial Service for the British Women's Army during World War II, and her husband was a sergeant in the United States Army Air Force.

Finding a time to get married in England in the middle of a war was not easy, South said.

"There were a lot of obstacles put in our way," she said.

South met her future husband in July, 1943, when she was stationed near the same village as he. She went down to the village one evening and met some Americans. One was Fred, who would later become her husband.

"We just sat and talked all evening," she said. "He shocked me when he asked to see me again."

The courtship between South and her husband was tough.

South was transferred to Plymouth that September, taking her even further from her love. They spent their time off together, and wrote plenty of letters. To avoid military censors, South had the letters delivered to and from her parents' home.

Telling her parents about Fred was hard. Her father had warned her from the beginning of the war that American men were not to be trusted.

"One of the first things my dad said to me was 'keep away from those Yanks,'" she recalled. "I broke the news that I had met an American."

South's father ordered her to quit writing to Fred, but she couldn't. Instead of writing from her parents' address, South had letters delivered to her directly on the base. On Nov. 17, 1943, the two became engaged.

To marry a woman while overseas, Fred had to get permission.

They planned to marry April 17. But in February, a regulation was handed down that only men with a higher ranking than Fred could marry overseas. South's commanding officer intervened, speaking to a colonel, and the marriage was allowed to take place on April 27.

But the new ruling was not the only roadblock to the wedding. In February, leave was canceled for all soldiers, and everyone was confined to barracks. The second front was imminent.

Fred telegraphed South to tell her he only had one day of leave, from 6 a.m. until midnight on April 27. South received a pass from April 26 to April 28.

She and her family traveled nine hours by train to Kittering, England, where she was married. When she arrived, Fred told her he had received three-day passes, covering him until April 29.

"When I found this out, I decided I should stay too," she said.

Probe includes SLC schools

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Salt Lake City's schools have been added to a U.S. Department of Education investigation into alleged discrimination against students who don't speak English.

Nine other school districts are already under review for similar problems.

Michael Clara, PTA president and school community council chairman for Glendale Middle School, said he filed the complaint against the district because he fears the lack of English as a Second Language teachers at the school — where nearly half the students speak English — were causing some people to drop out.

He told school board members last week that the district should translate community council correspondence into Spanish so more parents can "meaningfully participate in the education of their children," he said.

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Idaho captive wolves kill time, not ranchers' livestock

WINCHESTER (AP) — Motomo, "He Who Goes First," aims his yellow eyes at the visitor crouched quietly on the other side of the fence. He ponders the land laid flat against the chain link, then licks it with a long, soft stroke.

Motomo saunters to the shade of a nearby pine, a sultor whose curiosity has been satisfied by a single kiss. But his visitor has been utterly seduced.

This is a good moment — for Nick Fiore, staff member at the Wolf Education and Research Center, to mention that members of the Sawtooth pack are not pets.

"We can give these animals names, but they're not going to respond to their names. Their sense of smell and bite is much stronger than dogs," he said. "Wolves are shy around humans. But when it comes to finding food, they're tip-of-the-line predators."

"Wolves working together can take down deer, moose, elk. The occasional wild turkey that flaps its way into the 20-acre enclosure is definitely toast."

"We've had grouse get caught under the fence," Fiore said. "That's not a pretty sight."

Lessons in biology, ecology and latter psychology are offered to visitors who come from around the world to ogle the Sawtooth pack. It's a tourist opportunity that won't exist forever. The wolves aren't allowed to reproduce and will not be replaced.

There are other places to see captive wolves. What makes this one different is its partnership with the Nez Perce Tribe, said Mitch Silvers, a business consultant who manages the operation. Under a contract with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the tribe is in charge of gray wolf reintroduction in Idaho.

The tribe leases 300 acres to the nonprofit center. It assists with timber and water management. Tribal member Levi Holt, also known as Black Beaver, serves as the center's cultural liaison.

"Wolves were hunted to near-extinction in the American West. A big part of the center's mission is to explain the return of the

endangered species to its place in the ecosystem.

Staff members know that's an emotional topic. It's relatively easy to convince people that are no threat to humans. But ranchers, whose sheep and cattle are vulnerable to wolves, are all but impossible to sell on the benefits of restoring these creatures to the landscape.

The center's goal is to provide balanced and factual information, said Silvers.

"We don't beat people over the head with a stick saying, 'You have to believe this or the world will end!'"

Still, wolf caretaker Jeremy Heft is pleased to report that some visitors have been won over to the value of wolves.

"We've had hard-core, all-wolves-must-die types break down in tears," the biologist said.

The wolves seem to be their own best advertisement. Many visitors learned about them from the work of Ketchum filmmakers Jim and Jamie Dutcher.

The Dutcher's obtained 10 wolves, most of them orphaned pups, and got them used to human presence in order to film a documentary, "Wolves at Our Door." They founded the Wolf Education and Research Center to care for the animals, which they gave Blackfoot or Nez Perce Indian names. After losing a lease on their national forest land enclosure in the Sawtooth Mountains, the Dutcher's accepted an invitation from the Nez Perce tribe to move the pack to Winchester.

The pack arrived in 1996. The center, with its big wolf enclosure and small interpretive building, opened in 1997.

Last year, the center had 7,688 visitors. They came from nearly every state and from such countries as Germany, Sweden, Japan and England. They are drawn by the Dutcher's film, by the website www.wolfcenter.org, and by word of mouth among fans of wildlife and native culture.

The center staff also made classroom visits, reaching another 13,339 people off site last year. Its membership roster grew by

600 names, to nearly 5,000 newsletters.

The most significant number around here may be "eight" — the number of wolves remaining in the enclosure. The Dutcher's originally passed along 11 wolves, which included the original eight plus three youngsters born to them before the females were sterilized.

Two pack members have died. A third, Chemukh, escaped on Oct. 4 and remains at large.

The enclosure's 10-foot-high fence is buried another four feet underground, topped with an electrical wire, and enclosed by yet another 8-foot fence that has not only an electrified wire, but three more wires that are angled inward.

Yellowstone grizzlies might be de-listed

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Grizzly bears living in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem could be taken off the threatened-species list in as soon as five years, said John Baughman, director of the Wyoming Game & Fish Department.

Baughman chairs the Interagency Grizzly Bear

Committee, a group of federal and state agency representatives working to aid grizzly recovery. The group began a three-day winter meeting here Tuesday.

Baughman would like to see Congress and private foundations finance a trust fund that would generate \$4 million to \$5

million annually to manage grizzlies and wolves in the Yellowstone area.

The federal government should provide about 75 percent of the revenue needed to manage grizzlies, he said. Wyoming spends about \$700,000 in hunting and fishing license dollars to manage grizzlies.

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Goats strut their stubborn stuff in Denver cashmere competition

DENVER (AP) — It was a show made for bleating hearts.

Competing in an event that will never be mistaken for the Westminster Kennel Club Show, dozens of cashmere goats took center stage Thursday at the National Western Stock Show.

Cashmere goats. Sounds like an oxymoron.

"A goat is never given great status," said Susan Shoemaker, who brought seven goats from Steamboat Springs in the back of a pickup truck. "But cashmere is given great status."

When most people think of cashmere, they envision expensive sweaters or a classic Led Zeppelin tune. The shaggy animals responsible for the elegant material and musical inspiration are merely an afterthought, if that.

"Goats get a bad rap," said Kris McGuire, a breeder who has about 60 cashmere goats on a range near the Colorado-Wyoming border. "People are still surprised when you say cashmere comes from a goat."

While their value and is well-

known in China and India, goats in America primarily have a reputation built on a mythical appetite for soup cans and fictitious bouts with bridge-dwelling trolls.

McGuire, wearing a pink cashmere sweater, understands the misconception, and she created a comprehensive Web site that allows people to learn more about goats and their many contributions to society.

In addition to their cashmere, which fetches about \$35 per pound, goats provide milk, meat and are excellent at removing unwanted weeds from large areas.

"The goat is the most versatile livestock there is," McGuire said.

It also can be one of the most stubborn. Just ask 10-year-old Juriel Chalk of Loveland.

Outweighed by about 25 pounds, Juriel struggled to make her cashmere goat "Patches" walk around the hay-covered corral. Patches, a fluffy white female that looked like a sheep in goat's clothing, finally relented and was rewarded with a first-place ribbon for showmanship.

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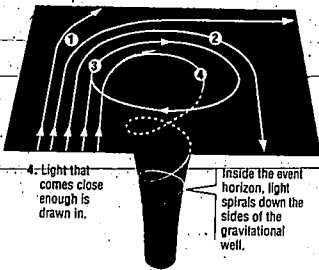
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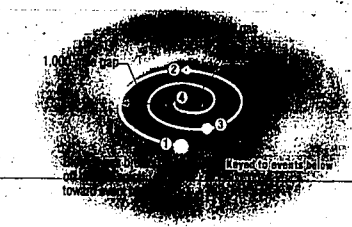
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2. Light that is far enough away escapes a black hole.
3. Some rays end up in orbit around the hole.



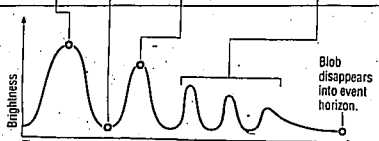
4. Light that comes close enough is drawn in.
- Inside the event horizon, light spirals down the sides of the gravitational well.

What Hubble Saw

By recording pulses near black hole Cygnus XR-1, NASA's Hubble telescope may have captured the first traces of matter falling into a black hole's event horizon, or point of no return.



1. Blob leaves disk, begins to spiral inward.
2. Blob dims on far side of event horizon.
3. Blob brightens but does not return to same point in orbit.
4. Length of pulse shortens as blob spirals inward.



SOURCES: "Endless Universe," NASA

Astronomers peer into black hole

Scientist uses Hubble Space Telescope to detect evidence of 'dying pulse train'

The Washington Post

SAN DIEGO - In 1980, William Stobbs, a Jesuit priest and astrophysicist working for the Vatican Observatory, predicted how chunks of matter should behave as they fell the final distance into a black hole.

Now astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope have detected what may be the first evidence of the real thing, operating as predicted in an environment so bizarre that it challenges human comprehension.

A separate team using the orbiting Chandra X-ray Observatory has collected complementary evidence on the same theme.

"It's a bit odd to say we've discovered something by seeing almost nothing," said Michael Garcia of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass., at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society here. "By detecting very little energy ... we have new proof."

In recent years, astronomers have accumulated impressive evidence that the once-hypothetical black holes really do exist, in a variety of sizes and modes. A black hole is a collapsed star whose core is a point of infinite density known as a singularity.

But no one has previously seen what happens to a piece of matter as it swirls into a so-called event horizon - an invisible boundary that is the defining feature of a black hole. The event horizon is a gravitational point of no return, a one-way membrane through which matter and light leave the known universe forever. At the event horizon, trapped matter crosses into a twilight realm where time and space no longer have any practical meaning and the laws of known physics break down.

Joseph F. Dolan, of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., used the Hubble to find what may be the first two known detections of what the Jesuit priest had called a "dying pulse train" - a precisely predicted pattern of light flashes from a discrete blob of pulverized matter, or gas, as it spirals across the final thousand miles or so into an event horizon.

Dolan studied the site of one of the first black holes ever discovered, called Cygnus XR-1, about

6,000 light years from Earth in the constellation Cygnus, the Swan. Material from a nearby supergiant star is feeding the black hole through an event horizon he estimates to be about 50 miles across and resembling a "black curtain" in space.

Sifting through a huge volume of Hubble data, Dolan said, he found the signature of the exact peculiarities that the black hole could be expected to produce in the pulse train as it drove toward its final exit through gravitationally distorted space and time. If

the target is an ordinary solid object with a normal surface, a train of stuff will blossom in brightness at impact, Dolan explained. If the destination is a black hole, instead of brightening, the train's ultraviolet glow rapidly dims away to nothing as it gets stretched by gravity to ever-longer wavelengths.

The infalling material contains a few denser, hotter "blobs" of stuff that flare more brightly than the rest of it, Dolan said. The radiation from these blobs stretches and curves under the

influence of the black hole's gravity, as the train spirals around in front of and then behind the event horizon (from the Earth observer's perspective). "On the far side, the light as we see it is curved away from Earth," Dolan said, most of it going into the black hole.

The resulting effect is like that of a rotating lighthouse beam. Theory predicts thousands of these pulses, or flashes, per second, but at gradually decreasing intervals as the material spirals in.

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“You can't ask for anything better than this: playing this game, you're 60 minutes away, here at Giants Stadium. It can't be any better than that.”

—Ex-Giants linbacker Lawrence Taylor, capping an inspirational pep talk to the New York locker room Saturday

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who holds the NFL playoff record for touchdown passes in a game?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Activity association seeks applications

The Fourth District Activity Association's Board of Control is accepting applications for high school volleyball and soccer commissioners for the 2001 season.

Letters of application and resumes should be sent to district secretary Len Penner at P.O. Box 475, Glens Ferry, Idaho, 83623. The positions will be open until filled. For more information, contact Penner at (208) 366-7957 or by e-mail at Fdaalen@aol.com.

Pomerelle hosts Slope Style event on Jan. 27

ALEBION - Pomerelle Mountain Resort will host its unique Slope Style Competition Saturday, Jan. 27.

The event is a "just-for-fun" competition for snowboarders and skiers under all ages, featuring an obstacle course series of bumps, jumps, spines, rails and "ables. Medals will be handed out to the top three finishers in each age division - 11 and under, 12-16 years and 17 and up.

A release waiver signed by a parent is required for entrants under 18 years of age. For more information, call the resort at (208) 673-5599.

Vandals will hold annual banquet at Kibble Dome

MOSCOW - The University of Idaho athletic teams' Fall Sports Banquet will be held Jan. 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cowan Spectrum at the Kibble Dome.

Admission is \$20 and the event is open to the public. The banquet will honor student-athletes from the football, volleyball and soccer teams. The event begins with a 5:30 p.m. social and is followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Kate Jorgensen at 208-885-0259 by Jan. 16. Checks can be made payable to UI Athletics and sent to P.O. Box 442304, Room 235 W. Moscow, Idaho, 83844-2304.

Boise State women beat Lady Vandals at home

BOISE - The Boise State women's basketball team outscored Idaho 37-28 in the first half late Friday night, then rode that momentum to a Big West Conference-opening victory.

Three BSU players, led by Crista Peterson's 19, hit double figures. High scorer honors went to Idaho's Tasha Rico, who poured in 22. Boise State (5-9 overall, 1-0 Big West) shot 50 percent from the floor before intermission but cooled to 40 percent after the break. Idaho (3-11, 0-1) picked up the pace late, but still finished a lukewarm 39 percent from the field.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Oakland's Darley Lamonica against Houston in 1969, and San Francisco's Steve Young against San Diego in the 1995 Super Bowl, each with six.

Gold and black claims two in Ontario

Eagle men shoot down Chukars

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

ONTARIO, Ore. - With a rejuvenated Ucla Okfar dominating down low and its backcourt handling the pressure up front, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team returned to the winner's bracket with a 95-81 victory over a game Treasure Valley Community College on Saturday. Southern Idaho got a game-



Uche Okfor of DeMarcus Best and 18 from Rahim Abdul-Bassit. The Chukars fell to the SWAC.

high 23 points from Blandon Ferguson and 18 from Okfor to improve to 14-3 overall, 3-2 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. Treasure Valley was led by the 20 points of DeMarcus Best and 18 from Rahim Abdul-Bassit. The Chukars fell to the SWAC. With CSI big man Benjamin Eze injured and out of the lineup,

Southern Idaho coach Derek Zeck had to adjust his rotation accordingly. Avid Zeck said his team responded well to the new look. "Right now, it's like starting from scratch with this team," he said. "We're a whole different team than we were before Christmas mentally and personally." The changes have prompted Zeck to renew his outlook for the Golden Eagles. "I've told them we have to learn to crawl before we can walk and walk before we can run," he said. "Tonight, we got up on all. Please see CSI, Page C2

Lady Eagles nab second win

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

ONTARIO, Ore. - The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team made it two wins in a row Saturday night, pulling out a hard-fought 66-57 victory at Treasure Valley Community College on Saturday. The win was also the second on the road for CSI, who improved to 2-3 in the Scenic

West Athletic Conference, 12-4 overall. CSI coach Kendall Grant said he was happy to get the victory after the team shot 19 percent (6-of-31) for the first half. "Anytime you get two wins in a row in the SWAC, that's a nice feeling," he said. Despite the poor shooting, CSI managed to trail by only three points at halftime. The Golden Eagles took the lead for good thanks to runs of 9-0 and 10-2 in. Please see EAGLES, Page C2

KINDER, GENTLER 'HEELS

This North Carolina coach cries

By Don Marlow
The Baltimore Sun

Matt Doherty is the kind of guy who cries at movies. He doesn't even have to be sitting in a darkened theater or at home. He doesn't need to be watching a particularly heart-tugging flick. Take the time "The Patriot" was being shown on the North Carolina team bus.

"There was a scene where Mel Gibson's son gets killed and I started thinking about my own son," Doherty said. "I get emotional pretty quickly."

Nor does he have to be watching a movie at all. It happened when Doherty was introduced as the new coach of the Tar Heels last summer, succeeding a suddenly retired Bill Guthridge. It happened again last week following his team's dramatic 70-69 victory over then fourth-ranked Wake Forest.

There was Doherty, arms raised triumphantly, celebrating with his Tar Heels players and hundreds of other North Carolina students on the court at the Dean Smith Center. There was Doherty, tears streaming down his face, acting like no other North Carolina coach has in recent memory. Certainly not like the legendary Smith did in the 36 seasons during which he became college basketball's winningest coach. Nor like the avuncular Guthridge did the last three years. Maybe not even like Doherty, a three-year starter, did after the Tar Heels won the national championship in 1982.

"It was kind of a spontaneous thing," said Doherty. "I wanted to be part of it with the students. I enjoy their energy. It was my way to be a kid again. I don't think people understand what coaches go through. Moving my family was tough. Things have been hectic. It was a lot of pent-up emotion."

Things are finally beginning to settle down for Doherty, who moved into a new house with his wife and their two young children (3-year-old Tucker and 1-year-old Hatie) two days before Christmas.

Things are also starting to settle down for his team. "My team is very well prepared," said Wake Forest coach Dave Odom, whose Demon Deacons had not lost before the North Carolina game. "The schemes are his. I think there is a new energy, and that's good quickly to the team."

Doherty's frenetic coaching style, which he developed in the seven seasons spent as an assistant under fellow North Carolina alum Roy Williams at Kansas and last season as head coach at Notre Dame, has endeared him to his players.

"Coach Doherty and Coach Guthridge get the same things accomplished; they just do it a different way," senior center Brendan



North Carolina head coach Matt Doherty argues a point during the Dec. 3 championship game of the Tournament of Champions at the Charlotte Coliseum in Charlotte, N.C.

Haywood said yesterday from Chapel Hill. "This is a new day and time." North Carolina (13-2) has its longest winning streak since opening the 1997-98 season with 17 straight victories. Brendan Haywood had 17 points, nine rebounds and blocked five shots Saturday in an 84-54 rout of Marquette, the Heels' 10th consecutive win. Not that Doherty's first season has been glitch-free. Doherty's decision to bring his staff with

More college basketball, Page C-2

him this season from South Bend - including former Navy captain Doug Wojcik and Baltimore native David Cason - caused problems for those hoping he would retain the assistants who had worked for Smith and then Guthridge. "It wasn't a hard decision, it was a hard decision to execute," Doherty recalled in his office one day last fall. "My assistants had helped put me in position to get this job. When I was here as a player, we were taught loyalty. I felt loyal to them."

At the news conference introducing Doherty, the man who had taught him to bleed North Carolina blue was still in shock over Williams choosing to remain in Lawrence, Kan., and was pained by the departure of longtime assistants Phil Ford and Dave Hanners.

"I could see he was very sad," Doherty said of Smith. "I'm keeping thinking. Maybe he isn't happy that I'm the coach. But Coach Smith is a very compassionate man. As happy as he was for me, he was upset because people who had worked for him had lost their jobs."

The first month of the season was not easy for Doherty or the Tar Heels. Playing without starting forward Julius Peppers and point guard Ronald Curry, who were finishing their responsibilities with the school's football team, North Carolina struggled.

It wasn't merely the home defeat to Kentucky or the road loss to defending national champion and then top-ranked Michigan State. It was a sloppy opening-night win over Wake Forest, and, more recently, a four-point victory over the College of Charleston.

Except for the replacement of Ed Cota, who left as the school's all-time assist leader, a team that reached the Final Four last year after a disappointing regular season remains virtually intact. The return of Curry, who took over for freshman Adam Boone at point guard, has been the key.

"He adds a lot of maturity and athleticism," said Doherty.

The coach has kept many of the same traditions and routines established by Smith and Guthridge, from freshmen carrying bags on the road to managers charging the number of charges each player takes in practice. But the sideline histrionics are something new at North Carolina.

"It's me," said Doherty, 38, who speaks with Smith after each game and talks with Guthridge on a regular basis. "I'm not trying to be anti-Coach Smith or anti-Coach Guthridge. I was that way as an assistant. I was a pretty vocal player. But I was the fifth or sixth best player, so it wasn't noticed as much."

Mercedes Championship

Sabbatini slips into the driver's seat

The Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii - A South African's control of the Mercedes Championship, just not the player anyone expected.

Rory Sabbatini holed a wedge shot for eagle on No. 16, part of a four-shot swing that enabled him to blow past Ernie Els. "It was one of those days where everything seems to go your way," Sabbatini said. "That wasn't the case for Tiger Woods."

The defending champion missed eight puts inside 15 feet and was so frustrated that he jokingly muttered to caddy Steve Williams at one point, "You think I should try crosshanded?" But the real frustration belonged to Els. Determined to start his season off on a winning note, Els had the



Rory Sabbatini watches his ball while chipping onto the 18th green during the third round of the 2001 Mercedes Championship at the Plantation Course in Kapalua.

Stop Moss and Carter

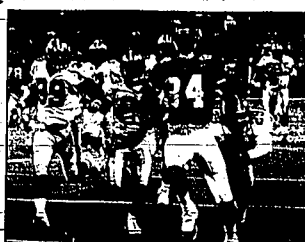
Giants know it's their Super Bowl ticket

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - They form the most dangerous offensive duo in the NFL, perhaps in league history. It's Randy Moss and Cris Carter do their thing today, the Minnesota Vikings figure to make their first trip to the Super Bowl in nearly a quarter-century.

If the New York Giants neutralize them, a return to the big game after a 10-year hiatus is likely.

While there are many other elements that will impact the NFC championship game, none will have as much bearing as when Minnesota's wide receivers do. Both sides know it. "They do things other people can't do, make catches where others can't," said backup quarterback Bobby Brister, who has worked with the likes of Rod Smith and Ed McCaffrey in Denver. "Arguably, they're probably having one of the best years



A duo ever had. Cris makes those catches, and Randy's the game-breaker. Moss and Carter combined for 173 receptions, 2,711 yards and 24 touchdowns working with untended quarterback Daunte Culpepper. They set the tone for Minnesota's 13-2 mark, and after the Vikings lost three straight to end the season, they dominated New Orleans in last weekend's playoff game. Moss, an All-Pro, caught only

Minnesota wide receiver Randy Moss outruns the New Orleans defense on a 68-yard touchdown catch last Sunday in Minneapolis.

More NFL

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- College senior showcases

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two passes, but they went for 121 Please see VIKINGS, Page C4

Group effort overcomes Lakers in showdown Rangers' woes continue

ST. LAKE CITY (AP) - John Barkus and John Stockton each scored 21 points and Karl Malone had 20 as the Utah Jazz...

NBA up the rest of the night. The Knicks held the Trail Blazers to their second-lowest point total of the season...

scorer Dirk Nowitzki playing. The Mavericks pulled away in a fourth-quarter rout...

Bucks 115, Nets 81 MILWAUKEE - Glenn Robinson scored a season-high 35 points...

BOSTON (AP) - Mired in their worst road slump in 35 years, the New York Rangers turned to a rookie goalie Saturday.

NHL Devils 4, Maple Leafs 4 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Martin Brodeur made two big saves...

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association Eastern Conference Standings. Table with columns for Team, W, L, PCT, GB, and Home/Away/Overall records.

Western Conference Standings. Table with columns for Team, W, L, PCT, GB, and Home/Away/Overall records.

Saturday's College Basketball Men's Scores. Table listing games between various colleges and their final scores.

Par Scores. Table listing par scores for various courses, including details on course length and difficulty.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION. Table listing TV sports events, networks, and broadcast times.

Ski Report. Table listing ski resorts, conditions, lift operations, and other details for various areas.

Friday's Late Boxes. Table listing lottery numbers and prize amounts for various games.

BUCKS 115, NETS 81. Box score for the Milwaukee Bucks vs New Jersey Nets game.

SOX 10, BRAYS 4. Box score for the Detroit Tigers vs Los Angeles Angels game.

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SOX 10, BRAYS 4. Box score for the Detroit Tigers vs Los Angeles Angels game (continued).

TWO THE HARD WAY

Gannon and Dilfer took the long road

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Trent Dilfer put it nicely: "I'm not the best quarterback around, but I certainly don't think I'm the worst," the Baltimore Ravens quarterback said. Until this season, the same might have been said about Rich Gannon, his counterpart for the Oakland Raiders in today's AFC title game.

ed in Kansas City and finally in Oakland, where he became a starter last season and an MVP candidate in 2000. "I learned to be humble early," said Gannon, who grew up in Philadelphia. "I thought I was a hot shot until I learned that Penn State and Notre Dame weren't interested and wound up at Delaware."

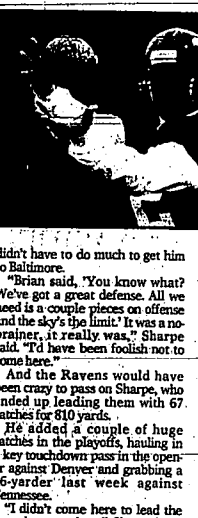
Tony Banks, who had led the Ravens to a 5-2 finish last season that left them at 8-8 and set the stage for this season's 12-4 regular season record. But after the Ravens went five games without a touchdown — although they won two, Dilfer replaced Banks. The Ravens lost his first start, but have won nine in a row, although he was just 5-of-16 for 119 yards last week in the 24-10 victory over Tennessee that got the Ravens into the title game.



Oakland quarterback Rich Gannon studies Miami's Tracy Armstrong during their AFC divisional playoff game Jan. 6 at the Network Associates Coliseum in Oakland, Calif. Opposing defenses so have never been as worried about the scrambling abilities of a quarterback as they are about Gannon.

Sharpe and Ravens: 'A perfect fit'

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — Shannon Sharpe must have known something. When he signed with the Baltimore Ravens before this season, they had never had a winning record.



The Baltimore Ravens were in the market for a pass catcher who could bring a winning attitude to a team that had never finished above .500 — so they picked up Shannon Sharpe.

Raven defense best ever? Hardly

It's a good thing the Oakland Raiders are going to end the Baltimore Ravens' season today, because this crock about The Greatest Defense Ever has overstayed its welcome and the calendar on the wall says it's time for all of us to roll-up-our-purple-prayer towels and move on.

COMMENTARY Mike Penner

Not the greatest defense in the history of the AFC Central. The Steel Curtain, kiddies. Have your dad tell you about them. Not the greatest defense this season, if you're basing the rankings on yards allowed, also known as "total defense." Tennessee, not Baltimore, ranked No. 1 in that category. Or, if you'd rather base it on sacks, the Ravens had 35 during the regular season. Twenty-one defenses had more. The New Orleans Saints led the league with 66.

Baltimore's points-allowed record was built upon some fine woodwork. Membership in the AFC Central gives the Ravens six games a year, automatic, against the Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland Browns and Pittsburgh Steelers. What kind of havoc might the Dick Butkus Bears have managed with six games a year against Akili Smith, Doug Pederson and Kordell Stewart?

West shines in Shrine: Beasley takes center stage over Hendricks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Kansas State's Jonathan Beasley threw two touchdown passes to Utah's Steve Smith as the West beat the East 20-10 on Saturday in the East-West Shrine Game at Pacific Bell Park.

and greeting fans on the field after the game. The West went up 7-0 on Beasley's 23-yard scoring pass to Smith with 9:07 left in the first quarter. The East narrowed it to a 44-yard field goal by South Florida's Bill Gramatica.

the visitors' dugout, the other was against the left-field bleachers. The San Francisco Demons of the XFL, the creation of World Wrestling Federation head Vince McMahon — will open their inaugural season at the ballpark in February.

third quarter. Casey was 6-of-15 for 66 yards, and rushed for 41 yards on seven carries. Team USA had an opportunity to tie it when Cincinnati quarterback DeShon Kenner moved the team to Florida's 6. But on a third-and-goal play, Florida's Chris Edmonds of West Virginia made a one-handed interception. Edmonds, who also had a pass breakup, was the defensive MVP.

Team USA then forced Florida to punt, but USA quarterback Ornge Jenkins of Arizona was sacked and fumbled. Florida recovered and went 12 yards in six plays, resulting in a 23-yard field goal by Brian Kepka of Maryland for a 10-0 lead with 2:07 remaining in the game.

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SPORTS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Venus will bid for third consecutive major title



Venus Williams returns a ball to Meghann Shaughnessy during their singles match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York. Williams emerged as the dominant player in women's tennis during the second half of 2000. She begins the new year in pursuit of a No. 1 ranking and her first title at the Australian Open.

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — A familiar pose best captures women's tennis today: Venus Williams at the net, racket cocked, ready to slam an overhead, a picture of aggression, intimidation and domination. The striking image serves as a symbol at the start of the new year, with Williams poised to overpower her sport. All she has to do is follow through.

It's not that easy, of course. The Australian Open begins Monday with Williams' formidable rivals on hand — sister Serena, defending champion Lindsay Davenport and three-time champ Martina Hingis. And doubts about Venus Williams' durability and devotion to tennis persist, leading skeptics to wonder how long she can dominate the WTA Tour.

But there's no question she reached a rarefied level last year. Despite sitting out the first four months with tendinitis in both wrists, she won 35 consecutive matches and six consecutive tournaments. Her first Grand Slam championship came at Wimbledon, and she added titles at the U.S. Open and Sydney Olympics, becoming the first player to sweep all three events since Steffi Graf in 1988.

"No one would have thought that out of nowhere, after an injury, Venus would come back and play like she did," Davenport said.

Williams capped the year by signing an endorsement deal with Reebok for an estimated \$40 million, a record for a female athlete. She boasts that her two major titles are just the beginning, and she'll bid for her third in a row starting Monday.

While the third-seeded

Saturday's tennis scores — Page C3

Williams is the player to beat in the women's draw, there's no clear favorite among the men. Gustavo Kuerten is top-seeded after finishing 2000 ranked No. 1, but two-time champion Pete Sampras is the choice of oddsmakers.

Other threats include defending champ Andre Agassi, Australian Lleyton Hewitt and Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who always seems to play well Down Under.

All the top contenders played warmup events in Australia this week, but Williams' preparation was characteristically unorthodox. Following a 2.5-month layoff, she entered only doubles with her sister at a Sydney tournament, and they lost in the first round Tuesday to Hingis and Monica Seles.

But Williams scoffed at the suggestion she'll go into the Australian Open rusty.

"If I'm not ready by now, then I should just go home," she said.

Williams rejects the single-

mind approach to tennis that most champions take. She likes to cook, sew and read, studies foreign languages, attends fashion school and admits she's easily bored.

In November her enigmatic father, Richard, said his daughters might curtail their schedules unless the WTA Tour shared more of its revenue with the fam-

ily. But Venus played on 20 tournaments as it was last year, a light load even given the time she missed because of injury.

"I refuse to kill myself," she said. "If I don't feel I can play, if I'm hurt or injured or just tired, I won't force myself to do anything. I love my life, and this is just not my life, and it never has been."

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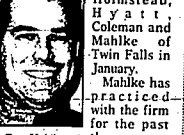
TWIN FALLS - Irwin Realy said Gudrun Hallows joined his professional staff of Realtors. Hallows has been a full-time



Gudrun Hallows - Realtor since 1980 and has consistently been a top producer in the industry, the company said. She is an associate broker, certified residential specialist and Realtor Institute graduate. She has been a chamber of commerce ambassador since 1990.

Hallows can be reached at Irwin Realy at 734-6500 or 734-1298.

TWIN FALLS - Certified public accountant Troy L. Mahlke became a partner in the



Troy Mahlke - CPA in the accounting firm of Holmstead, Bryant, Coleman and Mahlke of Twin Falls in January. Mahlke has practiced with the firm for the past three years and was previously an accountant with Neilsen and Co-He graduates from the University of North Dakota, has completed the Magic Valley Leadership program and is treasurer for the Crossroads United Methodist

Church in Kimberly. He and his wife, Tami, have a newborn son.

TWIN FALLS - Certified public accountant Terry Busby Hosman recently joined the accounting firm of Holmstead,



Terry Hosman - CPA in the accounting firm of Holmstead, Bryant, Coleman and Mahlke of Twin Falls. Hosman returns to public accounting after 10 years at Con Pulos Chevrolet Inc. as general manager and chief financial officer. She serves on the boards of the United Way of South Central Idaho and Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition. Hosman and her husband, Chris, and their son live in Jerome.

TWIN FALLS Environmental Care Association members elected their 2001 board of directors in December, including Vice President Chad Heider of Kimberly Nurseries in Twin Falls and board member Earl Jones of Pro Green Supply in Jerome.

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation board elected its 2001 officers Dec. 20.

New officers were President Peter F. Toft, I.D., J.D., president and manager of U.S. Bank Private Financial Services; Vice President R.L. "Bud" Williams, a retired business owner;

Treasurer Robert Valentine, a certified public accountant in Twin Falls; Secretary, Jeanne Frazier, a CPA in Twin Falls; and Past President Barbara McKain, a retired nurse and civic leader. Executive officers include Lance W. Clow, certified financial planner, and personal financial adviser at American Express Financial Advisors; and Dr. Ben Katz, retired pediatrician.

New directors elected to the foundation's board of trustees are Bill Koch Jr., a Twin Falls businessman; Helen Kolouch, a Twin Falls and Ketchum businesswoman; and Dr. Marilyn Righetti, a Twin Falls otorhinolaryngologist. Dr. Jane Scott, a Twin Falls pediatrician, joined the foundation board in November to fill the term vacated by Dr. Ted Fittz, who is moving from the Magic Valley.

Directors who received renewed three-year terms are Sam Adler, a retired business manager; J. Terry Dodds, a CPA in Twin Falls; John Head, a Twin Falls business manager; Frank Hegy, a Twin Falls business owner; Bob Seibel, a stockbroker at Edward D. Jones & Co.; and Bud Williams.

Wilm Eaton, former teacher and businesswoman; Fred Harder, retired executive of the former Twin Falls Bank & Trust; Jules Harrison, former Twin Falls businessman; and Charlotte Kroll, former owner of Twin Falls Coca-Cola, retired from the foundation's board as of Dec. 31.

The foundation's board directs the MVRMC

Foundation's fund-raising efforts in support of the medical center's programs and community health-care programs throughout Magic Valley.

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Builders Association will hold its annual installation banquet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Britace Heating and Air Conditioning Inc., 157 Second Ave. W.

New officers for 2001 are President Cindy Schmidt of Willis Inc., Builder Vice President Colin Dewenup of Kimberly Construction, Associate Vice President Chris Whitten of PSI Waste Systems, Secretary/Treasurer Elina Annas of Cooper Norman & Co. and Immediate Past President Stephen Olsen of S.R.O. Construction Inc.

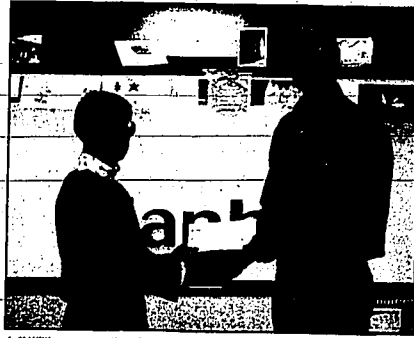
Life directors are Lyle Frazier of Rain Tree Homes Inc. and Lauren Novak of Novak & Novak Builders.

Second-year builder directors are Al Bolt of Bolt Construction, John Devine of Devine Homes and Gary Nelson of Gary N. Nelson & Co.

First-year builder directors are Jeff Gooding of Intermountain Development and Josh Ruf of Josh Ruf Inc. Second-year associate directors are Kevin Dune of Magic Valley Bank, Glenn Crumrine of Crumrine Electric, Lee Groesbeck of G-S Insulation, Dwight Sandmark of First Security Bank and Jill Stone of Irwin Realty.

The first-year associate director is Scott Stanley of Obchain Insurance.

CONTRIBUTIONS



Jeff Williams, executive vice president of Glanbia Foods, presents a \$1,000 check to Cindy Jardine, chairman of Neighbors in Need. Glanbia made the donation in December instead of giving Christmas gifts to customers. Neighbors in Need is an outreach program which assists local families through referrals from community service agencies. Glanbia calls itself the largest cheese manufacturer in the Pacific Northwest and is headquartered in Twin Falls.

D.L. Evans Bank announced eight \$250 scholarships to be awarded for fall semester 2001 to graduating seniors from Magic Valley high schools.

Criteria:
 • The student must be graduating from a Magic Valley area high school, such as Buhl, Burley, Castleford, Declo, Filer, Hansen, Jerome, Kimberly, Minico, Murtaugh, Oakley, Raft River, Twin Falls, Valley or Wendell.
 • The student must attend Idaho State University for the 2001 fall semester.
 • Preference will be given to students majoring in finance, business or economics; however, other majors will be considered.
 • The student must have a minimum 2.0 grade-point average from high school studies completed at the time of application.
 Deadline to apply is March 23.

For information, call the ISU Scholarship Office at 282-3315.

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by Craig Smith

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Company brings music, messages to TF firms

TWIN FALLS - Muzak, a 65-year-old company, said a sales manager, two full-time account executives, and two service technicians will be working in southern Idaho as the result of a growing list of clients, which include Oasis Stop 'N Go, Rock Creek Restaurant, Best Western Cavanaugh's, Lynwood Market, Gary's Westside Motors and First Federal Savings Bank.

"We've really come a long way since the 'elevator music' days," Don Christensen, Muzak's Twin Falls account executive. With the upcoming arrival of Muzak clients, Muzak's Twin Falls office is enhancing the brand image of local businesses with the right music and messages," Christensen said.

"We can offer our commercial clients just about anything from alternative rock to classical to Latino music while covering licensing and copyright concerns."

Muzak boasts a satellite broadcast of 60 programs of music, messages on telephone hold and in-store video services.

Around the world, Muzak is heard in 300,000 business locations, Christensen said. For information, call Christensen at 731-5702 or visit www.muzak.com.

Jack in the Box restaurants offer toy promotion

SAN DIEGO - Jack in the Box restaurants say the one in Twin Falls are introducing a toy promotion based on "NASCAR Racers," the animated television series airing Saturday mornings on the Fox Kid's

Network. The promotion will feature eight race cars will pull-back action and eight sections of track, including loops, turns and the finish line.

Available now, a different race car is included with every Jack's Kid's Meal purchase.

Ace Hardware contest targets messiest bedroom

BURLEY - The Ace Hardware "America's Messiest Kid's Room Contest" is under way.

Ace Hardware said it will give one child the ultimate, organized kid's bedroom with up to \$5,000 of Ace supplies to clean up a messy bedroom, and a trip for four to Los Angeles.

"The long-suffering parents will receive a \$5,000 Ace Universal Gift Certificate and an emergency 'house call' from a professional home organizer to take care of the rest of the home. Nine runners-up will each receive a \$500 Ace Universal Gift Certificate redeemable for Ace merchandise," said Ace Retailer Dale Kershner.

Ace Hardware is educating families on how to use supplies such as closet organizers, shelves and containers. And Ace Hardware retailers such as Idaho Industrial Sales Inc. of Burley Dale Kershner provide advice on making a messy bedroom spacious again.

To enter the contest, parents should send one photo of their messy child's bedroom and the 25-word excuse he or she gives when asked to clean the room. The child must be 18 or younger. The contest will be judged by Denise Muniz, mother of Frankie Muniz, who stars in television sitcom "Malcolm in the Middle."

The photo and description must be postmarked by Feb. 28 and mailed to Ace Hardware "America's Messiest Kid's Room Contest", P.O. Box 8722, New Milford, CT 06776-8722.

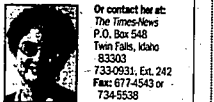
Contest rules are available at www.acehardware.com or 2550 Overland Ave. in Burley and 201 Fifth St. in Rupert.

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Your business deadline: Noon Thursday for publication the following Sunday.

Center offers free career planning

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a free career planning workshop for people who want to direct where their careers are going.

This workshop will benefit people who are beginning an education, trying to identify interest or developing new skills, the center said. A professional career counselor will help students identify their interests, discover their workplace talents, explore careers in demand, investigate their options and use other tools for career exploring. Career tests are included.

Class will be held in two parts, from 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 22 and 23 at the Center for New Directions. Register by Jan. 22. To sign up, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

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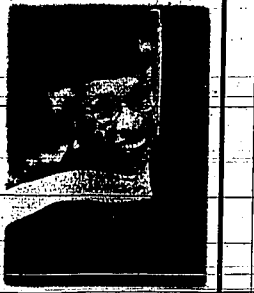
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Sugar: An industry in transition

BOISE — The sugar industry has bottomed out and may be ready to recover, says one leading expert.

"We've seen the worst times, and better times lie ahead," said American Sugar Beet Association Executive Vice President Luther Markwart Tuesday when he spoke to over a 1,000 sugar beet growers in Boise.

"The trend is back to prosperity and stability will demand patience and persistence, he warned.

"As Amalgamated shareholders know too well, the journey represents an enormous test in tenacity. Now in the fourth year of ownership, the company was just hit with the lowest prices for sugar in 22 years.

Markwart, who is a renowned figure in a lobbying group also renowned for its clout in Washington D.C., laid out the reasons growers should be hopeful.

Because of work done last year by industry officials, producers don't have to worry that the government will push dietary guidelines discouraging sugar consumption, thereby reducing demand. Markwart said the role of sugar in the American diet will not be re-examined for at least another 10 years.

"The future does indeed look bright for consumption," he said. The real problem now is supply, Markwart said.

Since an import quota of 1.25 million short tons imposed by GATT in 1996, U.S. sugar producers have watched prices drop.

"I always say clean up what's on your plate before you go back to the buffet," Markwart said, referring to the need to eliminate current import problems and to support domestic producers before



allowing more sweetener into the United States.

Proposed bylaw is withdrawn at TECC meeting

TWIN FALLS — A proposed bylaw that might have allowed water users to use canal shares for groundwater mitigation was withdrawn at the Twin Falls Canal Company annual meeting Jan. 9.

The TECC board of directors had proposed the bylaw to provide guidance for the board when approached by dairies that want to use their canal company shares as mitigation to secure a new groundwater right from the Idaho Department of Water Resources. A moratorium has prohibited new groundwater withdrawals since 1992.

The proposal was withdrawn in the face of apparent opposition.

At a board of directors meeting following the annual meeting, TECC directors adopted a resolution that says "all current and future applications to use TECC water for mitigation so as to secure a groundwater permit from IDWR in the face of the current moratorium and all currently existing policies of TECC that pertain to the issue be stayed and held indefinitely pending further investigations and subsequent

appropriate actions by the TECC Board and/or Shareholders."

Shareholders said they were confused over what the proposal meant, and complained that they hadn't been given enough notification.

Low wheat production chances fail to raise prices

Planted wheat acres are the fewest since 1971. World stocks of wheat are at a 40-year low. And across the Great Plains, the prospect for the 2001 harvest is low-average to downright bad.

All of those factors would seem to indicate higher prices. But the market is virtually standing still.

Even after the long-awaited March crop production report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Thursday confirmed a 2-million acre reduction in wheat seedings, prices climbed only about a penny.

Part of the reason for that, analysts say, is that the same report showed big gluts and reduced demand for corn and soybeans, and wheat was dragged down by that news.

Wheat closed at \$2.893 1/4 on Thursday, up three-fourths of a cent on the Chicago Board of Trade. Locally, wheat at Garden Plain closed at \$2.99, up a penny. But corn lost 7 cents a bushel, and soybeans plummeted 13 cents, the biggest drops in months.

"I think one of the big things is that while world supplies are the tightest in 40 years, U.S. stocks are still fairly large," said Wes Bank, a market analyst with Co-Mark at Cheney.

"With the surplus largely stored in the U.S., if the world had a need, wheat could move immediately, so there isn't really a very

strong worry about availability," Beal said.

Consolidation in agriculture has its supporters, critics

Consolidation is taking place in agriculture, like it or not. Some see it as a way to get stronger or remain viable, while others see it as a detriment to consumers.

The latest consolidation hitting the news would be the Tyson effort to acquire IBP — a \$3.2-billion deal. If approved, this would create the world's largest beef and poultry company and second-largest pork company.

Antitrust issues are sure to come up before this is a done deal. The National Farmers Union recently released a study detailing the implications of increasing concentration in the retail food and dairy industries.

"The findings of this report show how competition and choice are being lost every day on our farms and at our dinner tables," according to NFA President Leland Swenson in a news release.

"The consolidated control of large conglomerates in the food system is diluting the power of both consumers and farmers. With the acceleration toward seed-to-plate, market-wide control seen in today's market, it is time for Congress to look at how consolidation is affecting family farmers and consumers."

The findings of the report show that vertical, horizontal and global integration in the food retail sector has rapidly increased in the past three years. Today, the top five food retail chains account for 42 percent of the retail sales, compared to only 24 percent three years ago.

'Value' investors see bright times for their strategy

By Thomas S. McClain, Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — A year of big gains for previously overlooked and trampled-under stocks has done nothing to convince "value" investors that there aren't many more market lemons waiting to be turned into lemons.

Value investing — which focuses on companies with low debt, high cash flow and/or low price-to-earnings multiples — had a huge rebound in 2000 after being pummeled by "growth" investing for two straight years.

Value proponents note that the cycles of either growth or value dominating the market can be long in duration, and they contend that 2001 should be another winning year for their discipline.

Though the Federal Reserve Board's surprise move in early January to cut interest rates was cheered by growth investors as a tonic for their stocks, value managers argue that continued rate cuts will help certain value sectors shine even more brightly.

According to mutual fund tracker Lipper Inc., the average value fund gained 9.7 percent in 2000, while the average growth fund stumbled to an 11.7 percent loss.

"That 21.4 percentage-point difference in performance was value's biggest edge in at least 30 years. Interestingly, growth's biggest out-performance had come just a year earlier, when growth funds rode the tech-stock wave to a whopping 57.7 percent gain, compared with a modest 8.9 percent return for value."

A Fed rate cut "is a sign things are going down faster than we thought," said David N. Dreman, the Red Bank, N.J.-based manager of the Kemper-Dreman High Return Equity Fund. The rate cut "doesn't mean big new orders will be coming in tomorrow" for tech and other growth companies, he said. Value managers use various measurements, including price-to-cash-flow, price-to-book-value and price-to-earnings, but their basic goal is to buy stocks at a discount to what they consider current fair value.

They tend to be less focused on long-term sales and earnings forecasts than growth managers, and they like to leave themselves a margin for error. The discipline generally leads to fewer costly portfolio mistakes, though it also means missing out on some big winners.

"Our approach will miss a Dell Computer" in its early years, acknowledged Glenn R. Carlson, managing partner at Brandes Investment Partners in San Diego.

A few Internet or biotechnology companies selling at stratospheric price-to-earnings multiples today eventually will, like Dell, justify their investors' faith by delivering years of 30 percent earnings growth, Carlson acknowledged. But the vast majority will fall by the wayside, he said.

To David A. Katz, manager of its Matrix Advisors Value Fund in New York, a value stock is "any company at the right price." For example, "We like Motorola (dicker: MOT) at \$20 but we won't take any at \$25," he said.

Although he won't pay "growth" prices, Katz looks for cheaper entry points to industries such as drugs, financials and technology that he can be confident will grow steadily for the next 10 to 15 years.

By contrast, with such cyclical industries as steel, autos and airlines, he said, "if you're wrong on the timing, you miss out entirely."

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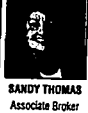
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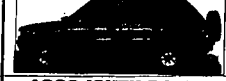


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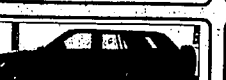
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A fighting chance of raising decent kids

One day at a beach, I overheard a couple of "twentysomethings" talking to each other.

"Some people really do have it all," one of them remarked, looking around her.

"I know," the other replied. "Just look at those tans."

Surely we must be doing better than that at instilling values in today's kids. Aren't we?

OK, when I'm being painfully honest I must admit that I am sometimes among those parents who send mixed messages to their children.

"Do it quietly," we say to a kid who has no idea what a whisper is.

"Don't make a mess," we tell children who know that messes are the spice of life.

"Be good," we call out, adding the possessive, "and have fun," even though we know our children might not be able to do both at the same time.

A comedienne on TV insisted that motherhood should be more like a Harlequin novel: Lots of romance, perfect children, sunny days, starchy nights—and finished in one day.

But it isn't.

A while back, I ran across a magazine article entitled "Raising a Grated Child in an X-rated World." The idea being that, though we live in a world where—snubbing authority and cheating on exams is the norm, it is possible to teach our children honesty and courage and self-control—by giving them the



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rules, and setting good examples and helping them empathize with others. I sort of reminded me of a tribute that a friend of mine wrote when his mother died.

"When I got a C on my report card, you weren't embarrassed," he wrote. "You talked to me about being honest and about doing my best. You were the one who taught me to love good music, pretty flowers and simple food ... I will always remember what a good wife you were to Dad ... I learned from you simple to be thankful for what I had and to respect what others had."

Of course, that was back in the days when there were absolute standards for behavior, when right and wrong were defined, when parents and teachers and church leaders all reinforced the same values.

I hear a lot of parents agonize over the movies their children watch. The bad values, even in pretty good movies, can be subtle and pervasive, they say.

Dr. Arthur Jussie, a film professor who has become recognized as an expert on the psychology and sociology of film, has a Website at FilmValues.com, where he analyzes the content of movies with kids in mind. Tausig just ranked his top 10 list of family-friendly films for 2000.

"Dr-Seuss-How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas," "Men of Honor" (for ages 15 and up), "My Dog Skip" (with a notation, "The dog dies").

"Remember the Titans" is a runner-up. I really liked that one.

The emphasis is on good values, in movies that parents can validate.

But what about the movies that defy category? The movies that sneak into everyday conversation, whether your kids go see them or not. The movies that push kids to aspire toward ... well ... just plain stupidity.

A case in point: I was a few minutes late picking up my 15-year-old son from tennis lessons the other day, and I asked him what he did while he was waiting for me.

"It's just good here thinking, 'Dude, where's my car?'" he said.

I should have seen it coming.

Later that day, when I was out sweeping off the porch, I heard my son ask his sister, "Dude, where's Mom?" Then, to his chuckling father, "Dude, it's not funny."

Some days, I worry less about a movie's permanent damage to a child's integrity and more about permanent damage to his IQ. But I've never read any research saying this ever happens—and the stupid movies are certainly going to continue to be the big hits with the adolescent crowd.

(No, I don't want to talk about what we watched in the 1950s.)

So as a parent, I'm just going to forget about the silliness around me and continue to look for ways to teach good values.

I really do think that approach has a fighting chance of working.

Dude.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



Five-sixths of the cat owners in America are women.

Is your cat ruining your love life?

Women find that for some guys, cats are a turn-off

The Dallas Morning News

Here's a singles' ad that's pretty much destined for failure: "SF seeking SM, must Sheart.75 cats."

Oh, there are relationships between women and men. And there are relationships between women and cats. But can there be room for all three?

Or more important: Can a single woman with cats expect to ever find a man?

Of course, the stereotype of the spinster with a house full of cats is just that—a stereotype. But many stereotypes have a basis in truth. To wit: According to a survey from the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association in Greenwich, Conn., 86 percent of cat owners are

female and 12 percent are male. (Marital status of those cat owners was not surveyed.)

In addition, cat-themed magazines such as Cat Fancy and Cats & Kittens acknowledge that most of their subscribers are women.

None of this surprises Allia Zobel, author of "101 Reasons Why a Cat Is Better Than a Man" and "The Joy of Being Single."

"A cat is a woman's kind of animal," she says. "Males tend to go for dogs because they're more in your face."

The problem that men have with cats is a "control thing," she says. "A man likes to have his commands listened to, and you cannot control a cat. If you say 'come,' the cat looks at you like you've got to be kidding."

She's not advocating giving up men altogether. She just wonders why they can't be more like cats.

"A cat doesn't ask for anything in return," she says. "A cat would never bet on the horses. A cat doesn't need to be right 100 percent of the time. A cat is happy to let you drive. A cat doesn't care if you beat him at Jeopardy."

While promoting his recent book, "My Cat Saved My Life," author Phillip Schreiberman heard his share of anecdotes about female cat-owners who let their cats sleep on the bed, and what a

problem it presents when a date comes over.

"In the end, the cat usually wins," he says.

Leslie D., 37, a Dallas real-estate appraiser, has five cats. She's nervous about using her last name because she's not sure the place where she lives allows that many pets. But her cats are not a problem for the guy she's dating. Then again, he lives in another state. And has six cats of his own.

"When you meet somebody and they don't share the same passion that you do, they think you're weird," she says.

Nicole Nelson, 30, of Dallas, has had cats ever since moving to Texas—because the men in Texas weren't as cool as the cats," she says. "I would rather curl up with one of my curly felines than anyone I've met thus far."

She did date a guy who was very allergic, but he got allergy shots.

"He at least made the attempt," she says. "You can really tell what the guy's made of."

Men and cats do not have to be mutually exclusive.

There is a preconceived notion that you're an old maid or you're weird if you do have a bunch of cats, Zobel says. "But I have a girlfriend with three Malamutes and nobody comes near her."

Hiding Buttons

No decent guy would make a cat a relationship deal-breaker. But it's still worth having a strategy for those dateable objects who would dare protest your cats. Here are six ways to distract a suitor from the fact that there's a cat (or two) in the house:

1. Claim that the cat is actually a miniature tiger, which is a lot more "macho" and thus appealing to males.
2. Wear the cat around your neck, like a fur necklace, in the style introduced by fashion designer Miuccia Prada.
3. Insist that your cat is a dog. Call him Rover and bark at him continuously.
4. Get your cat a costume or disguise—perhaps a bottle of Bud and a sleeveless T-shirt for that hairy laborer look, or simply a pair of those Gioucho Marx glasses.
5. Say the cat is a professional house-sitter that you've hired to watch your house during the day.
6. Deny, deny, deny. Maintain that the cat is not yours. Swear that the bowl of fishies in the corner of your kitchen is a new breakfast cereal and that the litter box in your bathroom is special sand you brought back from Maui.

—Source: Dallas Morning News

CSI to hold popular cheerleading clinic

Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Kindergarten through sixth-graders are invited to take part in a half-day cheerleading clinic from 9 a.m. to noon at the College of Southern Idaho.

CSI cheerleading and dance team coordinator Kathy Trotter says the annual fundraiser has been very popular with youngsters who aspire to be cheerleaders and dancers. They had as many as 150 participants in past years.

The cost is \$20 per child, which includes pompoms and admission to the CSI game against Colorado Northwestern that evening. Trotter and members of her cheerleading and

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dance team will all participate in the instruction.

Money raised from the event will be used in the CSI cheerleading and dance programs.

For more information or to pre-register, call Trotter at 733-9554, Ext. 2472.

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When can you send sick kids back to school?

School nurses offer these general guidelines for keeping sick children out of class. If in doubt, consult your pediatrician.

Sickness	When to return to school
Chicken pox	When old blisters have formed scabs, and there are no new ones.
Conjunctivitis (pinkeye)	When eyes are clear or have been treated with antibiotics for 24 hours.
Undiagnosed rash or fever	When symptoms are gone for 24 hours.
Vomiting/diarrhea	When symptoms are gone.

Etc...

Scabies (body lice)	24 hours after start of treatment
Strep throat/scarlet fever	24 hours after start of treatment.
Impetigo	When skin is clear or child has been under treatment for 24 hours.
Head lice	When lice is treated and free of head and nits.

—Source: The Philadelphia Inquirer

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Time to resign as center of universe

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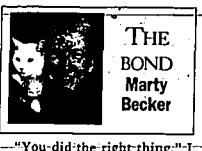


STRESS Tim O'Brien

Have you ever caught yourself fuming inside? Maddened by an internal dialogue about what another person should do with their life? Have you ever said, "if they'd only do this, they wouldn't have a problem?" Do you have a habit of finding fault, criticism and aloof sarcasm and quirky responses either internal or aloud? If so, join the crowd! I had a difficult time with it. Now it is better. Not gone, but much better.

The china cat and the Eden Alternative

A dear friend and colleague, Mary Bryant, moved me deeply with her experiences with the Eden Alternative, an outstanding program that brings people in residential facilities the opportunity to share a loving interdependent relationship with a pet.



THE BOND Marty Becker. "You did the right thing," I said, but she seemed far away. She sat on the edge of her bed, fondling a small calico ceramic cat.

I stuffed the small bag of ashes into the tiny china cat and glued felt to the bottom. There I sat at my dining room table staring at a bottle of glue, some scraps of felt, a pair of scissors, and an elderly lady's china cat statue.

When she finally spoke, it was as if she were talking to herself. "My husband gave me this cat for our anniversary because it looked like Callie."

The philosophy of Eden is to ward off the three "plagues" of institutions for the elderly: loneliness, helplessness and boredom.

It began with a call from a retirement home from Mrs. Painter.

"I want Callie cremated, Dr. Bryant. I want you to place her ashes in here and give it back to me. Would you do that for me?"

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Don't let anything hold you back

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Chicken Soup for the Soul

Dear Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul: I am writing to thank you for your books. They have given me the confidence to overcome any obstacle - and I have faced a lot of them. My mom tells me that I am the kind of person who has always had plenty of challenges, and when I didn't encounter enough, I could be counted on to create some of my own.

A teen-age boy overcomes physical challenges that have been presented to him since birth.

slowly regain mobility in my legs. The nurses and my mom would hold me to slowly walk the halls until I could walk farther and farther every day. I was determined to grow strong once again. Finally, they sent me home.

I was told that I was going to need help walking for a while, but that didn't interest me. The first morning I woke up in my own bed, I decided I was going to need anybody's help - I wanted to go downstairs and say good morning to my mom - on my own. I swung my legs to the side of my bed, and I fell to the floor. I pulled myself up and walked to the stairs, holding on to the walls for support. When I reached the stairs, I told myself there was no going back. I held on to the railing and slowly walked down the steps one at a time. Finally, I reached the bottom. When my mom saw me, she was so shocked and so proud that she started crying. It was in that moment that I decided I would never let my physical challenges get in the way of my accomplishments.

I did make it through practice that day, though, and when I got home my dad made me watch the movie "Rudy" with him. It is about a guy who beats all the odds to become a star football player at the University of Notre Dame. That movie changed my life.

I'm now 16 and have been playing for my high-school team despite my physical challenges. I have earned an "A" in my 11th grade math class, I'm 125 pounds, and I'm not much of an offensive threat. My coach lets me play in the games sometimes, and I've had so much fun with my teammates. My hard work and determination have earned me their respect, and they've even taken to calling me "Rudy." My goal is to attend Notre Dame and play on their football team. I hope they call me "Rudy II."

Your books, with stories of triumph and busting through barriers, have reinforced my determination to get the most out of my life. Thank you for showing me that we all have within us the power to achieve beyond our wildest imaginations.

Sincerely, Dan Mulhausen

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Despair Inc. triumphs in workday defeats

The Dallas Morning News. DALLAS - A few months ago, as the brain trust at Despair Inc. sat down to dream up new ways to demotivate people in 2001, an online store called boo.com shut down. After spending \$135 million and selling very little of anything, boo's founders blamed their spectacular failure on being "too visionary."

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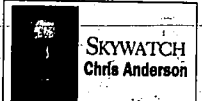
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Is there a bad moon on the rise?

A few years ago, I received a call from the caretaker of an autistic child, wanting to know if the moon might be influencing the child's behavior. We've all heard stories like this: More crimes are committed, more babies born, busier emergency rooms during a full moon. So it must be true, right? After all, if the moon can lift up the tides, it must be able to affect humans as well. Well, no. Anecdotes about weird behavior during the full moon are just that - anecdotes. When we examine the data critically, we find no correlation. It's something scientists call a "selection effect." When something strange happens during a full moon, we remember it. But weirdness without a full moon tends to be forgotten. There's no doubt that the moon's gravity can perform some impressive feats. Even the ground beneath your feet rises a few inches as the moon passes overhead. But tidal forces are only appreciable over large distances, like the earth's diameter. The lunar tidal force on your body is about 50 million times less than



SKYWATCHER Chris Anderson
The weight of a mosquito landing for a drink. Certainly, some people will act strangely when the moon is full, but it is that the moon's doing, or self-fulfilling prophecy? One study did show that the age of mugging victims rose during a full moon, but that's probably because the added illumination let the muggers more carefully choose their victims. I suspect that autistic child was merely reflecting the anxiety of his moon-nervous caretakers. Speaking of phases, telescope owners can see that Venus will show a perfect quarter phase (half-illuminated) this week, as our nearest neighbor planet from the sun for the year (47 degrees) on Tuesday. Each night there-

Sky calendar

(Today through Saturday)
Planets:
• One hour before sunrise: Venus, S.
• One hour after sunset: Mars, S.W. low; Saturn, SE, high; Jupiter, ESE, high.
• Last quarter, Tuesday, 5:35 a.m., 5 degrees from Mars Wednesday morning.
after, it will slowly sink into the glare of evening twilight until it disappears in late March. And the moon will pass within 5 degrees of Mars on Wednesday morning, before sunrise. If you don't know how to estimate these celestial angles, but sure to read next week's column.
Chris Anderson is the planetarium production specialist at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Harriet Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Write to him at canderson@csi.edu

Are smart toys making kids dumb?

The Robotic Register
Betsey wet. And dolls were never the same again. In their steady march toward mimicking real life, dolls today employ so-called emotive technology that makes them the smartest of the smart toys. Their sophisticated animatronics let them talk and walk, ask to be fed, turn their heads at the sound of "mama's" voice, change their facial expressions, swim in the tub, expand their vocabulary from baby talk to hundreds of words, even grow a few inches. They join robotic dogs, cats, lizards and spiders, talking firetrucks, and doll houses, and pens that send voice mail. It's a whole new world of toys out there, all right. But is it one that we want our children to grow up in? That's the question asked by critics who say smart toys are mostly a dumb idea. Their concern: These toys do too much, leaving children with little or no room to exercise their own imagination. But it's what we're buying. Takno the Robotic Puppy has topped the best-selling toys and games list at the Website http://www.toyrus.com/



Takno the Robotic Puppy is the No. 1 selling toy in America at the moment, according to amazon.com. The dolls they love to have included "My Dream Baby" by MGA Entertainment, "My Real Baby" by Hasbro and "Amazing Babies" by Playmates Toys. The report quoted Mary Pipper, author of "Revealing Ophelia" and "The Shelter of Each Other," who questioned the wisdom of encouraging children "to attach emotionally to machines and objects rather than real, loving people." "When children play, they take the lead themselves and generate their own creative activities to help them work through the issues, problems, or personal experiences that are most pressing in their own lives," the group states. "The real magic wand for play is the child's own imagination, not expensive electronics."

Mom wonders how to spread news

DEAR ABBY: Last weekend, I flew to see my youngest daughter, Katharine, who is 23. The point of the visit was to plan our wedding with a young man I'll call "Hubby," whom she has known for less than a year. Although I approved of the wedding, I had met Howard only twice and was not overjoyed with Katharine's decision.

DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

On the second night we went out for dinner, and Katharine announced that she and Howard are already married and she is pregnant.

safety fence and a tall hedge on the side of my property that adjoins that of the nosy and presumptuous letter writer.

How can I tactfully announce the marriage to our friends and family... DEAR BAFFLED: Announcing the marriage will be a cinch. Visit your local printer and order some lovely announcements that say something like "Mr. and Mrs. So-and-so announce with pleasure the marriage of their daughter, Katharine, to Howard Such-and-Such on () . There is no need to mention the hubby that's on the way - save that fact for a separate announcement.

DEAR ABBY: We recently moved to a new house. Within one week, we received a letter from one of our next-door neighbors. In her letter she proceeded to tell us about her last neighborhood, where one couple were "pests," the other couple had a pool (which they hated), and a third lady always wore her bikini in her yard. This woman then went on to tell us that no one in our new neighborhood (which is only four houses) wears bathing suits in their yards, but that everyone wears "decent length" shorts, and that "everybody" is opposed to "swimming pools."

We are a young couple with three sons, and we plan to put a pool in next spring. I can't believe the nerve of this woman. I will not allow these neighbors' preferences to influence our decisions. Our yard is almost one acre, and she shouldn't be watching us.

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young man of about 30 lifting a bar with weights on the ends. I approached him and asked, "How much are you lifting?" "Seventy pounds," he replied. "Mind if I try?" "Sure," he said, "go ahead." When I lifted the weights as he did, he asked, "How old are you?" "I'm 91," I replied. Staring incredulously, he croaked, "And you're still standing!" This gives you some idea how we in our later years are stereotyped, and how wrong some people can be. Don't sell us short. Not all of us are over the hill.

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60TH ANNIVERSARY

THE EICHELBERGERS

BUHL - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eichelberger of Buhl will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2-4 p.m. at Lincoln Courts in Buhl. Eichelberger and Alverta Schweitzer were married Jan. 12, 1941, in Broken Bow, Neb. The couple moved to Idaho in 1955. He worked for Northrup King and then as a custodian for the Buhl School District until his retirement in 1983. She worked as head housekeeper for Harrah's Nursing Home for 25 years. The event is being hosted by their children, Gary (Shirley)



Kenneth and Alverta Eichelberger Eichelberger of Hansen, Kent "Ike" (Tamara) Eichelberger and Sharon (Bob) Hildreth, all of Buhl. The couple requests no gifts.

BLAIR-JAGELS

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Traci Blair and Todd Jagels were married Aug. 5, 2000, at Cornerstone Church of God in Anchorage, Alaska. Officiating was the Rev. Brad Sutter. The bride is the daughter of Tom and Cathy Blair of Salem, Ore. The groom is the son of Wayne and Judy Jagels of Buhl.



Todd and Traci Jagels

Karen Howe, friend of the bride, served as matron of honor. Other attendants were Annette Romo, Che' Carwell, Jill Kanier and Jennifer Weiman, friends of the bride. Flower girl was Lindsay Howe, friend of the bride. The best man was Wayne Jagels, father of the groom. Groomsmen were Bill Hueners, uncle of the groom, and Chad Dodson, Kelby Rovig and Brian Jones, friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Braden Clifford and Bruce Mers, nephews of the groom. Ushers were Mike Mers and Jeff Clifford, brothers-in-law of the groom, and Brian Blair, brother of the bride. Music was provided by Lori Stoffer, pianist, and Joy Sutter,

SILVERS-RICHERT

TWIN FALLS - Danielle Silvers and David Richert were married July 8, 2000, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls. Officiating was the Rev. Jerry Kester. Eileen Krumm was the pianist. Holly Miller, friend of the bride, was the soloist. Other music was performed by Larry and Juli Hall, uncle and aunt of the bride. A reading was given by Shannon McGowan, friend of the groom. The bride is the daughter of Ron and Jan Silvers of Twin Falls. The bridegroom is the son of Joyce Richert of Atascadero, Calif.



David and Danielle Richert Damon of Twin Falls and Myrtle and Bill Harmining of Twin Falls, and grandmother of the bridegroom, Dorothy Bennett of Atascadero, Calif. A reception was held following the ceremony. Music at the reception was provided by Concept Jazz. Sarri-Gibson, friend of the bride, attended the guest book. Gift attendants and program attendants were Rhandi and Ethan Damon, cousins of the bride. The bride graduated from Twin Falls High School and Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. She is employed by the city of Caldwell. The bridegroom attended Northwest Nazarene University. He is employed at Idaho Western Inc. The newlyweds reside in Nampa.

Kim Miller, sister of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Barbara Hagerath, Emily Jones, Rebecca Gourley and Tracy Rummer, friends of the bride. Kim Hall, cousin of the bride, and Steven Kester, friend of the bride, were candlelighters. Ryan Comingeber, friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Jon Richert, brother of the groom; Jarrett Hall, cousin of the bride; Ryan Flood, friend of the groom, and Jordan Bennett, cousin of the groom. Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Barbara

Making a comeback

Marriage is another old thing that's new again

The Baltimore Sun

In the annals of celebrity weddings, 2000 certainly had some showstoppers.

The young-Walsh beauty Catherine Zeta-Jones, who could have almost anyone she chose, hunkered down with Michael Douglas. Hollywood glamour boy Brad Pitt exchanged rings with Jennifer Aniston. And then there was the famously unmarried Gloria Steinem—who spent decades saying marriage turns a woman into a "semi-nonperson"—who wedded South African political activist David Bale.

After years of dropping marriage rates in America, commitment appears to be making a comeback—or, at least, on the new "fin" things to do, according to pop culture. As Garcia Ay Harden, Pitt's co-star in "Meet Joe Black," said in People magazine's recent issue, which anointed him 2000's Sexiest Man Alive: "Sexiness isn't just about the single bachelor and good looks. There's something gorgeous about his commitment."

But the spotlight on commitment isn't just limited to celebrity ty cycles, relationship experts say. The marriage rate in the United States is lower today than ever before—58 percent of men and 64.8 percent of women 15 and older were married in 1998 compared with 69.3 percent of men and 65.9 percent of women in 1960, according to the Census Bureau. Even so, today's young generation is placing more emphasis on finding a lasting marital union, said David Popenoe, co-director of the Rutgers University National Marriage Project. "There is a seemingly conservative trend in the air," said Popenoe, a professor of sociology who charts relationship trends in the National Marriage Project's annual "State of the Unions" report. "Young people today are hoping more to have a long-term marriage than perhaps their parents did. They believe that long-term marriage really is a good thing, and there's a pullback from the kind of hellbent-for-career attitudes of their parents."

he said. "You have a generation that was a big marrying group in the '50s and then the Baby Boomers coming along and going in a different direction. Now you have a group of children who see the problems that their parents had and they want to do a better job of combining work and family than their parents did—not to go back to the '50s, but to build a better connection between family and work life."

And the notion of commitment being in vogue is reflected in the recent number of new books with titles like "The Case for Marriage: Why Married People are Happier, Healthier—and Better off Financially."

Iris Krasnow, a professor at American University, said she found attitudes similar to those Popenoe did while researching her book "Surrendering to Marriage: Husbands, Wives' and Other Imperfections" (Talk Miramax Books, \$22.95), which will be published in spring. "Many children of the divorce revolution are afraid to get married," she said. "It's definitely a trend."

The romanticizing of marriage has been so popular that iVillage.com two months ago created a section called "Happily Married" at the request of several registered users, said Eileen Livers, the site's relationship expert. Livers said she received requests for a site where people could read upbeat, encouraging stories about married life. "Some people say, 'Look at those swinging singles in 'Sex and the City' (the show) all about finding the right man,'" Livers said. "In the end, that's what it all boils down to. The bottom line is, people want to be part of a couples society."

But Krasnow speculated that people need to accept that marriage isn't perfect and requires work before the marriage rate starts increasing. "What needs to change is these unreal expectations of marriage," Krasnow added. "Once you choose to stay married, you make the commitment. You find that there's a real notion of surrendering, that I can fight with this person, I can loathe this person, I can even get attracted to other people, but I'm with this person. It took me years of confusion and disappointment to figure it out."

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HENDRICKS-STEEL

GOODING - Michael and LaRita Hendricks of Firth announce the marriage of their daughter, Jenelle Marie Hendricks, to Spencer Darrell Steel, son of Lawrence and Nadine Steel of Gooding. Hendricks is a graduate of Firth High School and Ricks College. She is employed at Walmart in Logan, Utah. Steel is a graduate of Gooding High School and Ricks College. He is employed at Papa Kelse's in Logan and is attending Utah State University. He also served an LDS mission in the Argentina Residencia Mission.



Spencer and Jenelle Steel

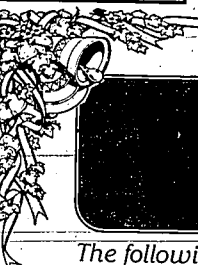
The wedding was Jan. 13 in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will follow the couple will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the Gooding LDS Chapel.

WOODARD-FORSTER

NAMPA - Valerie Woodard of Nampa and Rob Forster of Twin Falls were married Sept. 3, 2000, at Evergreen Heights in Caldwell. Officiating was the Rev. Bruce Swanson of the First United Presbyterian Church in Nampa. The bride is the daughter of Steve and Paula Woodard of Nampa. Parents of the groom are Elizabeth Forster and Bob and Pam Forster of Twin Falls.

Bridal attendants were Carrie Van't Hof, Cherie Van't Hof, Charney Van't Hof, Sarah Norman and Janelle Forster. The groom's attendants were Eric Williams, Jarron McCall, Joe Bengochea, Richard Jones and Aaron Woodard. A reception was held at Evergreen Heights following the ceremony. The bride is a 1995 graduate of Vallivue High School and a 2000 graduate of the College of Business at the University of Idaho. The groom is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is a software developer analyst for Weyerhaeuser Company. The newlyweds reside in Auburn, Wash.

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CAHILL-SCHABOT

NAMPA - Kathleen Cahill and Jeremy Schabot were married July 22, 2000, at the St. Chapelle Winery in Nampa. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele of Nampa and Mr. and Mrs. David Cahill of Bellingham, Wash. She is a graduate of Boise High School and attended Boise State University. She is employed by Ada County as a paramedic. The bridegroom is the son of Gayle Schabot of Buhl and the late Thomas Schabot. He is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Cornell University. He is employed by Ada County as a



Kathleen and Jeremy Schabot paramedic. The couple resides in Boise.

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Knight Ridder News Service

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A: If you are receiving Social Security or Railroad Retirement or disability benefits, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B.

Social Security Q & A

About three months prior to your 65th birthday or 24th month of disability, you will be sent an Initial Enrollment Package that will contain information about Medicare, a questionnaire and your Medicare card. If you don't want Part B coverage, you must put an "X" in the refusal box on the back of the Medicare card form, sign the form and return it with the card to Social Security. You will then be sent a new Medicare card showing that you only have Part A.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

Without insurance, long-term care is a gamble

Q: My wife and I have been debating whether to buy long-term care insurance. We are in our mid-60s and I am still working. Counting my 401(k) plan and investments, we have more than \$400,000 in assets plus our home. Our children are all grown. We are both in good health, and our parents are still thriving and in their late 80s. Neither of us has any family history of any type of long-term care. But in case, do our unmarried daughter, who lives with us, has promised to take care of us. We have just about come to the conclusion that we do not need the coverage. We don't think the cost justifies the benefit. Are we missing something?

A: We believe you are. While good genes and family histories are all well and good, you can't predict your health future. That's why life insurance companies use actuaries. Even though your health and longevity may be shaped by your family medical history and lifestyle, the longer you live, the more likely you are to suffer a chronic illness associated with old age that could require long-term care. Sometimes, a spinal or head injury brings on the need for long-



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term care. Long-term care insurance is purchased to prepare for the unknown and unlikely, not to speculate on probabilities.

Why? Because unplanned long-term care expenses can devastate personal assets very quickly. While Medicare and Medicare Supplement policies may help pay for nursing home care for short periods of time during rehabilitation and when skilled care is necessary, protection for the long haul is, in our view, essential.

Long-term care insurance may be right for some, but not for others. If you have sufficient income to not only cover long-term care

expenses, but also to provide the community spouse with a similar standard of living without depleting principal savings, you probably don't need long-term care insurance. However, most folks do not fall into this category.

And - we believe - reliance on the promises of an adult child or other family member to provide care is ill-advised. No one knows what the future may bring. People change their plans, marry and move away, become disabled themselves or die. How many potential caregivers do you know who are willing to plan years or decades in advance to provide care for aging family members? Not many.

If you are concerned about the cost of the coverage, you can increase the "elimination period," similar to the "deductible" in long-term care parlance, the "elimination period" is the number of days you self-pay before the policy kicks in. The longer the elimination period, the lower your premium. Or you can reduce the daily benefit amount or not take an inflation rider. And, if you like, you can reduce the benefit period

from life to five years or even three years. But don't let cost alone drive the decision-making process. Make sure the qualification criteria are not too restrictive. Don't sacrifice policy benefits. Some policies will make payments to family caregivers. So if your daughter is willing to stop her job and take care of you, under certain circumstances, she will be able to receive remuneration. Avoid policies that require a prior hospital stay before you can collect benefits. Make sure the policy covers not only nursing home care, but also assisted living and home care.

Private long-term care financing through self-funding and inflation will not only reduce the need to use overburdened public programs, but also will allow you and your wife to remain in better control of your care.

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What You Should Know About Managing Stress

The time and energy you spend managing your stress will promote health and happiness. Here's how to get started:

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Breathe in through your nose to the count of four, hold your breath for four counts, and blow out slowly through your mouth. Repeat several times. You can do this while standing in line at the grocery store or sitting in a long meeting.

Count to Ten
If a situation gets so bad that you're ready to scream or lash out, count to ten slowly to give yourself time to think about the best way to react.

Talk to Yourself
As you slowly breathe in, say to yourself, "I am..." As you breathe out, say to yourself "calm." Repeat this until your mind is calm and you can focus on your breathing.

For More Information
American Institute Preventive Medicine
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