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Argonaut interviews interim President Tom Bell.

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# Snow causes problems for Palouse area residents 



Moscow drivers have had to negotiate their way around snow removal equipment as the city works to clear the streets.

Christopher Clancy

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rifting snow and icy conditions during much of last week and this week have wreaked havoc on roads in northern and central Idaho, creating hazardous conditions for many students commuting to and from the University of Idaho.

The National Weather Service expects continued snowy weather as yet another storm front makes its way into northern Idaho and eastern Washington, according to the NOAA internet web site.
The record snowfall forced the closure of the Moscow-Pullman highway, and State Highway 195 in Washington between Pullman and Lewiston late last week prompting the Latah County Sheriff's Department and the Washington and Idaho State Patrols to ask drivers to stay off the roads "unless absolutely necessary.
Student commuters, who are often forced to drive when conditions are less than favorable, should prepare for winter driving conditions, said Mike Gregory of the Moscow Police Department. Gregory recommends drivers be more attentive to conditions that can make driving more difficult.
"Drive more slowly, and be prepared for winter conditions. Carry a blanket or sleeping bag and water if you plan
to travel any great distance...definitely have chains," Gregory said.

One obvious side-effect of the intense snowfall has been an increase in the sale of snow tires and tire chains. With more snow predicted for this week, area drivers are flocking to local tire dealers.
"In the month of January we've seen an increase (in sales) of studded snow ires and chains of probably between 50 percent and 100 percent," said Muscow Les Schwab Tires Assistant Manager Larry Enright. "We've been very busy, even for this time of year." Other tire dealers have reported similar activity.
While only one fatality has been reported in the past week, in Rathdrum, ISP dispatchers in Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene have reported an increased number of accidents, the majority of which have been "slide-offs" and vehicles running into drifts. In Moscow a number of two car fender-benders have occurred, most involving drivers who couldn't stop at intersections because of compact ice and snow, Gregory said.
For 24 -hour road reports in northern and central Idaho call 882-SNOW and in Washington call (206) 434-7277.
On the Internet, road and area pass conditions are also available via the National Weather Service at http//:www.wrc.noaa. gov/nws/.

## Homecoming committee positions open for next fall

Homecoming might be nine months away still, yet the search is on for several hard working individuals.

Homecoming is a time for students of the university to celebrate the UI Vandal spirit," said Homecoming Chairperson Amy Czarniecki.
Students and other interested people that can promote this spirit are asked by Czarniecki and the committee to stop by the Student Union to pick up applications for Homecoming committee positions.

Positions open are: assistan

Homecoming chairperson, assistant parade chair, two living group cochairs and an advertising and public relations chair.

Assistant Homecoming chairperson would be selected for a two year position. In 1997 the assistant chairperson would become the Homecoming chair

The assistant parade chairperson is also a two-year position which would lead to the parade chair position in 1997.

The Homecoming committee is looking for two people to be the living group co-chairpeople. These two people would be in charge of living group competitions. These two positions are only for one year.


- Weather.

Way cold again today. Highs in the low 20s and lows around 10. Chance of snow tomorrow.

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The last open position is for an the position advertising and public relations person. This position is a one year position working to promote Homecoming and Vandal spirit.
"We are looking for individuals who are committed, energetic, creative and are willing to work hard to make Homecoming a success," Czarniecki said.
The Homecoming committee is doing something different this vear regarding the Grand Marshall Students and alumni can nominate well known Vandal alumni to fill

The application deadline has been moved up from Jan. 30 to Feb. 6. "It's an excellent opportunity to "It's an excellent opportunity to be involved in such a revered campus tradition. You have the opportunity to meet a lot of people and view Homecoming from a different perspective. It's been a wonderful experience," she said.

Czarniecki added, "Homecoming is for anybody who is a Vandal whether it was 20 years ago or now It's one event that surpasses living group rivalries and college rival ries."

## St. Augustine's sponsors weekend retreat at Lake Coeur d'Alene

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Turthern Idaho people aren't the only ones who think a trip to Coeur d'Alene Lake can be a religious experience.
St. Augustine's Catholic Church on the University of Idaho campus is sponsoring a weekend retreat fo anyone over the age of 18 .
The trip is organized and made the mostly of students. The retreat up mostly of students. The retreat is scheduled for Feb. 9 through Feb. 11 and will be held at Camp Lutherhaven, a retreat on Coeur d' Alene Lake. Father Mark
Schumacher, new to St

Augustine's this year, is expected to attend the retreat.-

Marci Schreiber, a coordinator for the trip, expects 50 or more people to attend. The retreat focuses on the individual's relationship with God and includes various activities such as skits, talks and personal time
"The talks are not classes, they are more informational and put on by actual students," Schreiber said. Topics for the talks include "God's Love," "Prayer," "Who Am I," "Reconciliation" and "Growth." Schreiber said after each talk students break off into smaller more
intimate groups to discuss the topics. at getting people to think abou their religion and getting closer to God, but is not just for Catholics. "We want to invite everyone over the age of 18 of every denomination,"Schreiber said.

Students interested in attending the retreat can pick up registration forms at St. Augustine's or St. Mary's Church

Donations of $\$ 25$ are being requested for those who can afford it, but Schreiber said whatever people can afford to give will be help. ple

# Local 

Law would exact costs if natural mother wants infant back

BOISE-In one week, Billie and Vicki Vandever of Burley had return an infant to the natural mother who wanted her back, and paid out $\$ 2,200$ for the woman's ospital costs.
They learned to love Shelby Lynn in seven days. That was all the time they had with her.
Their story, which happened two years ago, is driving a proposal by Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, to make natural parents pay for med ical fees, food, clothing and other expenses incurred by adoptive parents if the natural parents reclaim heir child.
But Cameron's proposal puzzles Roseanne Hardin, administrator of he Division of Family and Children Services at the Department of Health and Welfare. Under current law, the only way natural parents could recover legal rights after an adoption goes through is if they can prove fraud or duress, she said.
She had not read through the bill, but said at least parts of it appear to be unnecessary. Other parts, how cer, could be relevan.
Cameron's bill would also appiy oo parents who consent to star adoption proceedings, then with draw before actually signing a consent for adoption, as well as foster parents who are ñot reimbursed for heir expenses.
It is a bill that Vicki Vandever wants to see made law. She and her husband paid the hospital for the birth costs in exchange for taking Shelby.
Reimbursement has trickled in from the natural mother $\$ 25$ at a ime.
She blamed her attorney for fail ing to set up an airtight adoption in
the first place, and said that such law would have helped protect her from losing Shelby

-Associated Press

## Pullman, Moscow hospitals drop talks

## MOSCOW-A plan to merge the

 hospitals in Pullman, Wash., and Moscow is dead.Blaming misunderstandings, high emotions and Washington Stata University opposition, officials a Pullman Memorial Hospital and Gritman Medical Cente announced on Wednesday tha plans for joint governance have been terminated.
The merger plan, already troubled by discontent in Pullman and the Pullman Memorial Hospital Foundation Board, was unable to Foundation Board, was unable to
recover when Washington State officials also began questioning it, hospital officials said.
Rob Rosenman, president of the Pullman Memorial Hospital board said the decision to end joint gov ernance talks was made at a stee ing committee meeting Monday attended by members of both hos pital boards.
Rosenman said the decision was made because some steering committee members no longer support ed joint governance. Colvin would only say the decision to end talks was made jointly.
The hospitals announced plans to study merging last Oct. 13 and signed a letter of intent stating the matter would be thoroughly inves tigated before any decision was made. A merger was necessary 10 deal with changes in health car and lower fee demands from insurance companies while ensuring both hospitals would remain open hospital officials said. A joint board would have been appointed to run the private corporatio formed by the hospitals.
The main stumbling block to the merger was opposition from WSU officials.

On Dec. 13, Washington State President Samuel Smith asked the board to cease all merger activit until a university task force could
study the matter and its potential impact on university employees and students.

Washington State officials said they had been left out of the process.

## Ousted Micron chief reinstated

BOISE-In an extraordinary about-face, Micron Technology Inc. reinstated Steve Appleton as board chairman after directors concluded his ouster nine days earlier was a mistake.
The announcement late Friday ended a standoff between Appleton, 35 , and a board dominat ed by 87 -year-old billionaire J.R. Simplot and his close associate Allen Noble.
The change came just three days before the computer chip maker's annual shareholders meeting.
Officially, Appleton resigned Jan. 18, ciling unspecified personal reasons. But Simplot was later quoted as saying Appleton "took it like a man," fueling speculation he was forced out.
Appleton began as a Micron production worker and rose through the ranks to chairman and chief executive officer in less than 12 years. He is admired for speeding expansion of Micron's production capacity.
The nighttime announcemen came after the close of financial markets, so investor reaction was difficult to gauge. Micron stock had closed at $\$ 34.50$ a share, down $\$ 1.50$.

The boardroom showdown took place in an industry frantic ove falling computer chip prices thal have sent Micron's stock down 66 percent since last summer.
Founded in 1978, Micron and its subsidiaries make and sell dynamic random access memory chips, or DRAMs, other semiconductor components and personal comput ers.
-Associated Press

## Announcements

## Feminism and Christianity

Feminism and Christianity is the topic of the Student Evangelical Fellowship to be held Thursday at $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the Sudent Union Gold room. For at $882-8376$.

## Why you have a soul

 and life after deathJohn Mitchell will be speaking Feb. 1, at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the Music Auditorium concerning "In the Pursuit of Immortality: Evidence for the Soul and Life after Deah. Mr. Milchell has a mater in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics at Biola University. He is an author and campus leture specializing in articulating and defending the Christian world view. The event is sponsored Campus Crusade for Christ.

FPIR holds information session, job interviews

The Fund for Public Interest Research is holding an informa-
tional session Feb. 8, from 3 p.m. loquium on atmospheric aerosol to 5 pm and from 7 to Jan 30 in Room 25 of the p.m. in the Brink Hall faculty Janssen Engineering Building at pounge. On Feb. 9 , interviews will be held to fill positions in 40 different states.
The organization is a non-profit, national environmental organization that organizes grassroots campaigns for groups. The FPIR is interviewing graduating seniors for their professional campaign staff.

## Career Services holds workshops

The UI Career Services Center is hosting a slate of workshops starting today, at $3: 30$ p.m. with a session call "The DISCOVER career planning program." On Feb. 1, at 11:39 a.m. a workshop will be held to introduce students to the Career Services; and later that day at $3: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. another workshop titled "Preparing for the Interview" will be held.

## Research Colloquium

Using data he collected in Brazil in August 1995, Washington State University graduate student Joseph K. Vaughn, will hold a rcsearch col-

Jan. 30 , in Room 25 of the 3:30 p.m.
"Atmospheric Aerosol is a general term it encompasses all par ticulate and droplet matter in the ticulate and droplet matter in the ozone, said aughn. Using Yaughn will compare data show Vaughn will compare data show-
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aerosol on climate and atmosphere.

## Women's Center noon program

Today's UI Women's Center noon program will focus on "Childbith Choices" with Lisa Litton, certified nurse midwife and Pam Palmer, childbirth edu cator at Pullman Memoriá Hospital who will moderate a panel discussion of childbirth experiences and of future alterna ives in our area.
"Distance Parenting" is the topic of Wednesday's program Ginna Babcock of the sociology dept. will explore issues of noncustodial parenting ranging from the legal climate to current culural beliefs about parenting
Programs begin at $12: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ at the center's lounge.

## Nation

## Surgeons to separate

 Siamese twinsSAN DIEGO-The weaker of two Siamese twins died Saturday her heart too weak to pump blood after surgeons separated her from her infant sister's chest and belly in an extraordinary operation.
Sarahi Morales went into cardiac arrest and died about an hour and 35 minutes after the surgery ended Dr. John Lamberti said.
Her 15 -day-old sister, Sarah, still has an excellent chance of survival, Lamberti said.
The five-hour surgery was considered risky from the start. Doctors cut three blood vessels that ran through the band of skin connecting the twins, and disconnected their joined livers.
Doctors had been cautiously optimistic when Sarahi's heart rate ripled during the surgery. They had expected her circulation to improve, but it never did.
Sarahi was the weaker of the wins since they were born Jan. 12 She was born with a heart defect, although the improvement in her heart rate occurred when doctors disconnected a blood vessel joining her to her twin.
She received a pacemaker during the surgery.
The girls were separated about tiree hours into the surgery, which ook place on a specially designed table that disconnected when the iwins were separated so teams of surgeons could continue to work simultaneously on them.
The twins were born in a Tijuana, Mexico, clinic and transferred a week later to Children's Hospital, where doctors and nurses donated their time.
Morales and Espinoza earn less than $\$ 50$ a weul' and are not eligible for California medical benefits because they live in Mexico. On Saturday, they were joined at the hospital by friends from Tijuana. -Associated Press

## Rats die in space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.-Oh, rats!
Preliminary analysis of a biology experiment involving rats on board space shuttle Endeavour shows that grown rodents survive well in space, while babies don't.
The six adult rats returned in good condition Saturday, but there ere deaths among groups of rats born four, seven and 14 days before Endeavour's launch on a nine-day science mission Jan. 11.
Because all 10 in one group of four-day old baby rats died, physicians at first thought they had been ejected by their mother.
Young rats that have flown in NASA aircraft all found the nipples and suckled, the physician said. He noted there's a difference between 25 to 30 seconds of flight and sev eral days of weightlessness.
The rat cages, too, are undergoing crutiny. There have been problems with cages and containment of waste matter since early in the shut le program. NASA now may have o consider yet another cage design.
In addition to the loss of an entire itter of newborns, 14 in another group perished. In a group of 20 seven-day old rats, only one was
lost. All 14-day olds survived, said lost. All 14 -day olds survived, said
Ann Hutchison, spokeswoman for Ann Hutchison, spokeswoman for the Ames Research Center, which set up the experiment for NIH.
-Associated Press

## (Am <br> World <br> Some prisoners freed in Bosnia, others await release

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegov-ina-Hundreds of prisoners of war were freed across Bosnia on Saturday, but in a fresh obstacle to peace, the former foes reneged on promises to release everyone captured in 42 months of war.
The prisoner releases, key to the

BOISE - Associated Press biggest issue before the Legislature this year moves into the spotlight this week.

In the fourth week of the 1996 session, the Senate Commerce and Human Resource Committee will consider the bill from Gov. Phil Batt to extend worker compensation insurance coverage to farm workers, ending agriculture's 79year exemption.

At least four other bills on the subject have been introduced, and the Idaho Farm Bureau, which has staved off seven previous attempts to repeal the exemption, is expected to push its own legislation.
But the featured bill is the one from the governor, and Batt is putting the full weight of his office behind it. Some legislative leaders are predicting that it stands a good chance of passing this session.
The governor got a powerful ally when he announced a plan to cut worker compensation premiums. The National Federation of Independent Business backs the bill because small businessmen also will see lower premiums if it pass-
es.
In the House, the action this week might be on tobacco "stings," the enforcement operations aimed at seeing if retailers are illegally selling cigarettes and other products to minors.

A House committee was informed last week that Idaho must adopt some sort of state sting guidelines, covering the use of minors in an attempt to buy tobacco products, to meet federal regulations. But some State Affairs

## Batt's worker compensation measure hits spotlight

Committee members balked at introducing the proposal, indicating it might have a hard time even getling out of committec.
State Affairs Chairman Ron Crane is holding a bill introduced by Rep. James Stoicheff, DSandpoint, to eliminate the requirement that there must be at least two sessions of live dog races to allow the Post Falls dog track to offer simulcast betting on other races.

Crane said fellow Nampa Republican Rep. Dolores Crow is working on legislation that would completely eliminate dog racingeven simulcast betting. Stoicheff's bill will be held until the competing bill surfaces
In a year when state funds are tight, it appears unlikely the 1996 Legislature will be in the mood for major changes in state tax laws. But that hasn't stopped lawmakers from trying.
Six House Democrats last week introduced bills they say would give homeowners real property tax relief-tax cuts that were promised by the governor's $\$ 42$ million tax cut last year but never delivered They stand little chance getting through the conservative House tax committec.
"For most homeowners the potential tax relief was more than offset by another increase in taxable value," said Rep. Ken Robison, D-Boise. "Total residential taxes in Idaho rose $\$ 21$ million in 1995."
The House Democrats said their proposals would extend the exist ing homeowners exemption to land value, and offset inflation in tax able values.

Rep. Robert Schaefer, R-Nampa also has a plan to quell rapid increases in residential property taxes. He introduced a bill freezing residential property values for tax purposes until the property was sold.
But the House Revenue and Taxation Committee killed the bill on Friday. Rep. Golden Linford, RRexburg, said a subcommittee fel the measure would not work.
"It would be a tax shift from hose who don't sell property to those who do sell," he said.
The House tax panel on Monday will vote on legislation proposed by Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, to allow counties to get out of community college districts. It's one of a number of proposals to help eas the property tax burden in Kootenai, Jerome and Twin Falls counties for support of community colleges.
On Tuesday, the House Health and Welfare Committee gets its first look at a proposal to change the name of the state's larges agency. If it becomes law, the Department of Health and Welfare would become the Department of Health and Human Services.
On Monday, the Senate State Affairs Committee will work on proposal to create a citizens committee on reapportionment. Voters approved that idea in the 1994 elec tion but the Legislature has done nothing about it yet
There's no hurry. The next leg islative and congressional redis tricting will not come until after the 2000 census.

Meanwhile, the House and - SEE BATT PACE 8

## CSI, NIC presidents urge lawmakers to find property tax alternative

Bere -The presidents of Idaho's two community colleges are urging legislative budget writers to find some creative way to reduce their schools' reliance on local property taxes and still maintain the kind of qual ity programs needed to assure the integrity of Idaho' labor force.
Gerald Meyerhoeffer of the College of Southern Idaho told the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee Thursday that property tax support shoul not be completely eliminated because the community support makes the educational program even stronger. But with Robert Bennett of North Idaho College Meyerhoeffer told the committee that the level of prop erty tax support should be reduced, considering the role the schools play in the statewide educational ne work.
"We have to look at what we think is a fairness issue," Meyerhoeffer said.
Property taxes in the new budget will total just over
$\$ 9$ million for the two schools while state support will be about $\$ 11.5$ million. Student fees make up the rest of the operating cash.

Bennett, however, seemed much more concerned about declining federal support for community colleges and the potential that voters will adopt the new percent cap on property taxes that would preclude any property tax support for education.
"The problem is the demand for education services is increasing, and if the federal government doesn't wan to pay for it and the local government doesn't want to pay for it, it lands back in your lap-and the students,' Bennett told the budget writers.
"Where you're going to get the money, I don't know," he said stopping short of endorsing an increase in the liquor tax with the new cash earmarked for junior colleges. "That's your problem.
"But please put your thinking caps on because that cloud is hanging over us and it's about to rain," he said.

## Right foot, left foot...



Megan Quinn concentrates on making it down a Ul golf course hill upright. Abundant snowfall has allowed many Moscow residents practice with nordic touring.

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## City to consider symbolic gay marriages

SAN FRANCISCO
SAN FRANCISCO-Gay couples may soon be able to say "I do" in a symbolic civil wedding per-
Under the county clerk.
Under the proposed plan, gay couples who register as domestic partners would pay $\$ 30$ to have the ceremony, though the union would carry no legal weight.
The proposal would create "civil ceremony to solemnize the existence of a domestic partnership," Supervisor Carole Migden said Tuesday. "It's a very San Francisco sort of thing."
The Board of Supervisor is expected to vote on the proposal

Monday. Five supervisors, three of whom are gay, are sponsoring the
plan. plan.
At least 3,000 unmarried couples, most of them gays, have paid $\$ 35$ to file as domestic partners in San Francisco since the procedure became legal in February 1991, according to the county clerk.
A voter-approved law gives retirement and health benefits to city employees' domestic partners
Adding the symbolic marriage ceremony is expected to double or triple the number of couples registering, according to a memo by Assistant County Clerk Nancy Alfaro. The county clerk tradition-

If half the civil marriages.
If half the couples already regis tered have a ceremony, that would generate $\$ 45,960$, according to Alfaro. And she estimates new couples registering could add another $\$ 41,500$ this year.
Volunteers would perform the ceremonies, and processing would cost an estimated $\$ 3,000$, according to the county clerk's office.
"A large number of taxpayers have asked for this service from our department," said Alfaro. "Implementing ceremonies would resolve any access and fairness issues."

The proposal comes as the state

Assembly considers a bill to pre vent California from recognizing same-gender marriages from othe states. The state of Hawaii may become the first in the United States to legalize gay marriages.
In 1994, the California Legislat ure passed a bill that would have set up a statewide registry of unmarried domestic partners, but Gov. Pete Wilson vetoed it.
Cheryl Deaner at the Alternative Family Project in San Francisco said the proposal seemed like an idea whose time has come
"Although this won't really reme dy any legal discrimination, it is a step forward," she said

## City seeks to increase discharge into river

# HAILEY Idaho City 

dend daho-City officials are defending their request for a sixfold increase in the amount of sewage they are allowed to dis charge into the Big Wood River.

Increasing the amount of solids that may be discharged into the river from 30 pounds to 188 pounds per day is necessary in light of last May's vote rejecting a $\$ 1.9$ million bond issue to triple the capacity of the city's sewage treatment plant, Hailey City Administrator Daryle James said.
"Voters didn't want to pay for a plant that would have continued to meet the 30 -pound limit. With the bond failure we were forced into looking at several options, including to challenge Hailey's waste allocation," James said. "Personally I would just as soon only see us
putting a maximum 30 pounds into the river because I love the Big Wood River."

The state Division of Environmental Quality has com pleted an analysis of the potentia impact of increasing the discharge limit.
But Greg Misbach, the division's senior water quality engineer in Twin Falls, said he would not com ment on the findings until the feder al Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed them.
James said state environmenta engineers decided in 1976 that the Big Wood could handle 188 pounds of solid waste per day without dam aging the river.
But the discharge permit for the city's sewage treatment plant was never changed to reflect that finding.
"Through the years we continued to meet the 30 -pound limit, so it wasn't changed. We never bothered to change it," James said. "If the state approves 188 pounds, they'll be the ones held primarily responsible for making sure it stays a Class A pristine river. We don't want to degrade the river."
The initial limit was based on the prediction that the Wood River Valley's growth would be predominantly in the Ketchum-Sun Valley area.
But Hailey's population has quadrupled to about 5,500 in the past 25 years, and a building moratorium now is in place
Meanwhile, the Ketchum-Sun Valley sewage plant is allowed to discharge 505 pounds of solids per day into the river, even though plant superintendent Dave Swindle
said the average from 1991 through 995 was 59 pounds
Marti Bridges, water quality director for Idaho Rivers United, said Hailey's request to put more sewage into the Big Wood seems unwise.

Based on the fact the valley is growing and impairing water qualities in other ways, this has the potential to exacerbate the problem," Bridges said.
But James said nobody has personally told him they opposed the idea.
"I don't know why. Maybe they feel comfortable and think this is what they want," he said. "The voters have the final say. They decide if they want to increase the amount of contamination going in, and if they do, then they need to be able to sleep with that."


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## Judge refuses inmate's request for abortion

BOISE-Tynia Johnson is the first Ada County Jail inmate to request an abortion, but a judge has ruled she cannot have one.
Johnson, 33, was about two months pregnant when she was arrested on fraud charges in December.
Nearing her second trimester this week, Johnson decided to both terminate her pregnancy and plead guilty to credit card fraud.
Her attorney, Mark McHugh, asked 4!h District Judge Daniel Eismann to approve an abortion outside the jail, which is neither equipped nor allowed to perform abortions.
He refused.
"It's an absurd situation," said Mary Kelly McColl, executive director of Planned Parenthood of Idaho. "It sounds like an incredible deprivation of a woman's rightsthat a judge could feel justified in denying
her a
care." An anti-abortion group supports the judge's decision.
"I think his ruling is in line with proper moral conduct," said Patrick Benson of Right to Life of Idaho.
If Johnson, who is being held in lieu of $\$ 500,000$ bond, were not in jail, there would be no need to request permission for an abortion.

But, as an inmate, her choices are limited, "Our policy is one that we care for female inmates who are pregnant and provide that care to full term," Sheriff Vaughn Killeen said. "If a female desires an abortion, a court order must be received to follow through on that action.
McHugh said Eismann was aware county funds would not be used to pay for Johnson's
bortion.
Planned Parenthood agreed to loan her $\$ 350$ for the procedure. Eismann denied the request without comment Friday
Killeen said Johnson is the first Ada County inmate to request an abortion. Of 536 inmates in jail Friday, 53 are women. Two the pregnant.
The jail's staff isn't allowed to discuss abortion with inmates.
"I am pro-life," Killeen said. "But as an elected sheriff who is responsible for the people in this facility, it is not my position to
"Oser one way or the othen

Our primary role is to care for the people in the facility, and that includes medical care or the person and any unborn child."
"It's a travesty of justice that they are able to accommodate her through an unwanted pregnancy," McColl said, "Yet, when a
woman has made a choice for herself to terminate that pregnancy, they can't support her o the same degree
"But it's like, when a person is sentenced to die, they go judge shopping to stop the execution," Killeen said. "There's a similarity here, and I'm sure the judge shopping will continue.
Seeking permission from another judge is not an option for Johnson, McHugh said.
McColl said Johnson is running out of time. "Every day that access is denied increases the risk for her," McColl said. "Abortions become more restrictive for each trimester. The procedure becomes more complicated, and it's more expensive.
Under current law, a woman cannot have an abortion in the third trimester unless it would save her life or unless the fetus would not survive birth.

## Chenoweth says unwanted wolves are mistreated

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LEWISTON-Conservative says if she was treated in the same manner as the latest batch of gray wolves brought to Idaho, she would bite a handler, too.
Meanwhile, federal biologists hoped to release 12 more wolves in central Idaho's Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness during the weekend.

One of nine wolves captured in British Columbia, Canada, bit a man on the thumb Wednesday as he ried to put ice in its cage as a water supply. By protocol, the biologists were forced to kill the wolf and test it for rabies. The bite broke the handler's thumb and broke the skin. Chenoweth, R-Idaho, has wage
a war of words against returning
wolves to central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park.
"These wolves have been chased down, forcibly removed from their homes, tranquilized, stuffed into cages and dropped into unfamiliar territory in the dead of winter," she said Friday. "I would have bitten someone, too.
"If the wolves decide they want to come to Idaho, they should do it naturally," she said.

Chenoweth said she asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to delay the wolf transplants, but to no avail.
And in a Friday letter to Fish and Wildlife regional director Ralph Morganweck, Chenoweth requested an itemized accounting of the secincluding equipment,
names of everyone involved. She also called for the names of groups which have contributed to the project.
Wolf activist Steve Paulson, a spokesman for the Lenore, Idahobased Gray Wolf Committee, said his group also favors natural reinYoduction of wolves into Idaho and
The comm
The committee joined another group, Friends of the Wolf, to offer a $\$ 7,000$ reward to anyone who could free one of the captive wolves in British Columbia before transport to the United States.
Paulson is in Canada's Yukon Territory with other activists trying to stop that government's wolf conrol program. He said his committee opposes the current wolf transplants
ered "experimental, non-essential" populations in their new range instcad of having the full protection of the Endangered Species Act. That means the wolves could be killed if they are caught preying on livestock.
The committee also claims the Forest Service has failed to address the creation of habitat corridors that would allow for natural expansion of wolf populations.

The final shipment of a dozen wolves bound for central Idaho was expected to be released along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. The wolves for Idaho and six for Yellowstone will be the last shipment of the year. The release of the eight wolves in Idaho on Thursday after a 23 -mile backcountry snowmobile convoy was delayed by
snow that prevented flying the animals to a Middle Fork airstrip. "It seems like every time we start moving wolves, it starts snowing,' Fish and Wildlife Service spokes woman Sharon Rose said.
The release of 20 wolves in Idaho and 17 in Yellowstone this year surpasses last year's batches of 15 and 14 , respectively. Rose said the increase reflects the ease with which the agency was able to capture wolves in British Columbia this winter.

The prospects for another wolf transplant next year will depend on how well the animals in the two zones survive.
"If it continues to go as well as it has in the past, we'll take a look at the program and see if it's needed," Rose said.

## Bell urges consideration for resident campus programs

BOISE-Interim University of Idaho President Tom Bell is urging legislative budget writers not to be so dazzled with hightechnology delivery of education that they forget about traditional college learning.

Bell said the university is reaching out across the state to make programs available to those who cannot get to Moscow and wants to play a role in developing the virtual university concept the nation's governors are pushing.

But, he told the Joint FinanceAppropriations Committee on Tuesday, "the living and learning experience of a resident campus gives students access to quality professors and leaders.
"The University of Idaho is important to the economic development of this state," he said. "Producing high-quality graduates is the fuel for technology transfer and economic development."
And the pressure in recent years to accom-
modate off-campus demands for education, particularly for engineering in Boise, has said.
That situation has been aggravated by last summer's 2 percent budget reduction imposed by Gov. Phil Batt to cope with Idaho's slowing economy and reduced tax revenues.

That holdback cost the three universities and Lewis-Clark State College $\$ 3.5$ million
from this year's already anemic $\$ 171$ million state support package. That in turn prompted reduced class offerings and other cuts on the four campuses.

But while the holdback was accommodat ed this year,-Bell urged lawmakers to restore the cash in the 1997 budget over Batt's recommendation to make the cuts permanent and hold state support to $\$ 178.6$ million.
That, Bell said, is especially importan the UI so the new president who should for - SEE BELL PAGE 8


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## LaRocco frustrated medals have not been printed

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daho congressman who -A former ed legislation to award Desert Storm veterans with silver medallions is disappointed not a single medal has been stamped for the soldiers.
Nearly four years after Congress passed the Commemorative Medal por Veterans of Persian Gulf bill for Veterans of Persian Gulf bill sponsored by former Rep. Larry LaRocco, D-Idaho, it seems unlikely he U.S. Mint will ever strike a silver mal.
A spokesman for the Army said medals for the soldiers will not be produced until the mint sells enough bronze duplicates to cover the costs of striking 700,000 silver medals.
That appears unlikely. The U.S. Mint reports fewer than 55,500 bronze medals have been sold. That is only enough to strike about 10,000 silver medallions, said Capt. David Farlow of the Army Total Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va.
"Because of that, we have no informed them to start minting them up," Farlow said

Mint spokesman Michael White said nearly $\$ 800,000$ has been raised through the sale of bronze duplicates. LaRocco believes that is enough to start striking medallions for soldiers. The medallion legislation became law on May 13, 1992. The bronze medals went on sale in August 1993 and White said the mint will continue, to produce them as demand warrants.
White said he did not know what would be done with the bronze duplicate revenues if enough money was not raised to mint the silver medalhons. The mint estimates net bronze sales at $\$ 245,000$.
LaRocco said he has not given up hope on his legislation. This month marks the 5 -year anniversary of the start of the Gulf War and the former House member said it may be a good time to renew interest in the bill.

I think she's frozen, let's push start her


Katie Jolley leads a group of girls through a snowball war. She was one of many Greeks who attended TEAM Idaho this year.

## Kennedy, Irish Americans blast British stance on peace talks

Associaled Press BOSTON-Irish Americans British government to agree to the British government to agree to allparty talks for peace in Northern Ireland without insisting that the Irish Republican Army disarm first, U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II and Irish-American leaders said Sunday.

The truth is, in no case...have we seen an insistence that groups in armed struggles give up their arms as a prerequisite to peace negotiations," Kennedy said at a Faneuil

Hall news conference. "The British have ignored a 16 -months' cease fire by the IRA."
An independent commission headed by former Sen. George Mitchell of Maine recommended last week that the British government drop its demand that the IRA disarm. The commission also urged the IRA to start disarming as soon as such talks begin.

But British Prime Minister John Major immediately rejected the commission's recommendations. Maior also called for elections to Northern Ireland, who constitute the majority of the region's residents.

Kennedy said Major's response was aimed more at shoring up his support among British conservatives than at furthering the peace process.
"I just can't believe that the British are going to hold with this position," Kennedy said. "It appears to be a blatant political
attempt by John Major to grab more conservative votes" to keep his party in power.

Elections without negotiations and protections for their rights are unacceptable to the IRA and minority Catholics in Northern Ireland, who believe the Unionists would gain even more power, Kenned and others said.
Bill O'Donnell of Boston Ireland Ventures, a group that encourages investment in Northern Ireland, said the British reaction to the Mitchell
commission recommendations was discouraging.

I think it sends a very chilling message to the international business community" that has been encouraged by the peace process to invest in Northern Ireland, O'Donnell said
Kennedy promised to put pressure on Michael Ancram, the British minister who has been holding informal talks with the political wing of the IRA, when Ancram visits Washington this week.

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## Picketers say nursing homes are expensive, cost tax payers millions

BOISE-Chanting there is no place like home, about 15 Boise protesters denounced nursing homes and government programs which pay Idaho's facilties more than $\$ 100$ million which pay Idaho $s$ facili-
thes more than $\$ 100$ million each year.
Mernbers of Living Independence Network and the Disability Action Group on Friday picketed near the site where Life Care Centers of America is building a $\$ 5.5$ million, 120 -bed facility.
They said they would like to see more money spent on other options, like in-home care and center that offer seniors limited assistance.
over some federal programs advocates for the dis abled say they want to be sure their voices are heard Roseann Steen, who cares for her 78 -year-old mother, said building multimillion-dollar nursing homes is "ludicrous"
"With that kind of money, the (residents) could live like kings and queens in their own houses," she said.
But Jim Conley, marketing director with Life Care Center of Boise, said skilled nursing centers, operating in compliance with the law, are a good place to

We have residents at Life Care that we have dis charged into the community that have come back because they enjoy the quality of life that we have and the warmth and love that they feel from the staff," Conley added,
But protesters paint a less flattering picture.
"I bave a disability, and I don't ever want to live in a nursing home, Living Independence director Kim McCulley said.
"I have what some would consider to be an extreme position: 1 don't think there is a need for (nursing homes) any more. We can support people in their own homes, in their own communities.
In 1995 , taxpayers paid $\$ 101$ million to house 3,263 people in Idaho nursing homes. Average cost for one year's care was about $\$ 36,000$.
Thirty-one percent of Idaho's Medicaid dollars go to nursing home care, said Tresa Newman, state Division of Medicaid administrator
Newman said she supports giving the elderly and te disabled as many options as possible.
But she pointed out nursing homes "are part of the continuum of care that we all need" and may be the best choice for some seniors.

## Grand jury returns twelve-count indictment

POCATELLO. Idaho-A federal grand jury has returned a 12 -count indictment charging Patricia Persons and Mountain States Insulation and Supply Company of Idaho with various violations.
The violations related to the submission of false proof of training
for asbestos abatement and medical examination certificates
The indictment alleges that Person, 48, and Mountain States Insulation failed to obtain required accreditation for employees then produced fraudulent certificates to satisfy federal contract requirements. The indictment also alleges
that these falsified certificates were used to secure asbestos abatement contracts with several Idaho school districts.

Persons was arraigned in federal court in Pocatello. The case was set for jury trail beginning March 19 before United States District Judge Lynn Winmill in Pocatello.


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selected by next fall, can start his tenure looking forward rather than coping with budget reductions and reallocations.
. If the cash is not restored and the pressure continues for expanding programs throughout the state. Bell aid. "something's going to give."
Both Agriculture Dean David Lineback and medical education program director Mike Laskowski also said Batt's austere budget plan would take its toll on their pro grams.
Lineback said that coupled.with cuts in federal support. the research and extension program would be And Laskowski said elimination of And Laskowski said elimination of his programs discretionary money age rural Idahe efforts to encourage rural Idaho high school graduates to pursue medical educations and then return to practice in rural daho.
Bell acknowledged that off-campus enrollment at Idaho is the fastest growing segment of the student body. And he said further technological advances-if coupled with improvements in infrastructur such as the expand programs such as the national exchange of engineering programs

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Senate appear headed toward collisions in at least two areas.

The House State Affairs Committee approved introduction of legislation making it clear that state agencies are not subject to Ada County's developmental impact fees. In the Senate, a bill was introduced to require the state and all local agencies to pay the fees.
The House also approved legislation allowing optional forms of county government. It would require county commissions to propose changes, or petitions could force an election if signed by 20 percent of the people who voted in the last election.
In the Senate. an effort is expected to lower the 20 -percent requirement to 10 percent to make it easier to call for a vote on optional form of county government
That upsets Rep R
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## Clinton finally gets his man

President Bill Clinton may not have gotten Dr. Henry Foster as surgeon general-but he got him on staff at the Department of Health and Human Services.
Much to the chagrin of Republicans, who rejected the nomination of Foster for surgeon general last year, the president has stood by, and finally found a place for Foster.

Dr. Foster's new role will put him in charge of advising the president on medical issues involving youths. A White House spokesman said Dr. Foster would be named as a special adviser to the president on teenage pregnancy.
This has got to tie knots in the stomachs of the conservatives who voted down Dr. Foster. The mantra of Foster's foes was that he gave inconsistent statements about his record on abortion. The constant drumming on Foster's memory eventually cost him the job.

Inconsistent memories about events that happened years ago are no measure of a physicians medical or administrative capabilities. Whether Foster could remember minor surgical procedures from years past or not, should never have disqualified him from the position of surgeon general.
Foster was nominated in the wake of Joycelyn Elders controversial resignation. Elders quit the job after making a series of blundering and politically suicidal remarks, some, remarkably about the effervescent nature and positive aspects of jerking the gherkin, and the female equivalent. Could've been be a way for kids to avoid pregnancy, AIDS and all the rest of those nasty things prone to inhabit over-zealous, unprotected genitals.
The goal of the president in positioning Foster in the new position is to reduce the number teen pregnancies by a third in 10 years. A commendable goal. It does not matter what side of the abortion debate your views fall upon-pro or con-nobody, I mean no one wants to see doctors perform more abortions.
Those who continue to say Clinton waffles on issues and is of weak moral character have to be surprised too. Foster was a political liability when the confirmation hearings were happening.
The constant attacks had to tarnish the image of a struggling president.

Clinton has always stood by Foster, the Republican controlled Congress tried to bluff a good ol' boy from Arkansas. They forgot that them southerners stick together. I hope Foster remembers who got him there and why; Clinton wants someone to tell kids about life the way it is.
The president is probably sitting in the Oval Office, sipping scotch, thinking to himself, "Foster is in; now if I could just slide the budget through the back door too..."
-Dennis Sasse


## It's all fun and games until...

Guess what kids?! As if psy cho-kitty wasn'! enough, cho-kilty wasn't enough,
I've got another clever news quirk for ya. I read this one in Boise Weekly, so thanks to them and their clever funny bones. (By he way, this is as close to politics as I'm getting this year...and don't tell anyone!)
Seems that a bicyclist in
Alexandria, Va., confronted three well-dressed men walking to their hotel pointing what appeared to be a 9 mm handgun at them and demanding money. Well, what Mr. Cyclist didn't realize was that these men were (drum roll please) off-duty federal agents, who drew their weapons and fired more than 20 shots, hitting the cyclist/robber as well as three cars, a truck, two houses and an office building. The man, who was not killed, turned out to be trying to stick 'em up with a pellet gun.
Ummm...you know, I'm like the world's biggest $X$-Files fan and my love for the action-packed lives of federal agents runs pretty deep, especially in Virginia. Although it wasn't Quantico, where Scully hangs out a lot). Now I'm beginning to question my deep-seated love. It's bad enough that they were duped by a pellet gun (come on, pros at clos range...?) but out of 20 shots fired, it seems that less than half of them hit their intended target, and unless the robber yelled at them rom across the street-HEY! YEAH, YOU OVER THERE IN


THE FANCY SUITS! GIVE ME SOME CASH I GOT A GUN NO, I SAID GUN!-I really can't figure out this astronomically dis-
appointing hit/miss ratio.
Man, even a 12 -year-old can shoot better than that, as anyone attending an inner city educational system can attest.
So maybe I should be upset
about the whole crime and violence thing, and I will be, once I get over my initial shock at the incompetence displayed by thes guys.
I mean, come on, three guys, three guns, 20 bullets and the tareet is still alive. I don't mean to rub salt into old wounds (sure I do), but isn't this the same kind of sharp shooting that caused highly rained federal agents with snipe ifles and high powered scopes to raid a mountain top and barely hi Randy Weaver but manage to kill his wife, his child and his dog fo chrissake?
OK, I know the government is having some problems with the budget and all, but could you please send these people to shoo ing school?
And as for a guy who thinks he can get cash with a pellet gun, lis-

Ien: those things hurt and you might even be able to put out an cye, but I don't think you're going to be able to kill anyone, not in the real world anyway. But I guess you figured that one out, huh?
OK, I'm not done yet. Closer to home, in our very own Argonaut, home, in our very own Argonaut,
was an advertisement for the new was an advertisement for the
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period, one without.
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advertisement isn't going to help a adver
bit.

Here we are implying that one needs to have a certain size or shape of buttock in order to be a Gamma Phi Beta. If you don't measure up, you're just going to have to pledge elsewhere
May I humbly suggest making sure each abbreviation of assistant be followed by a period, or assistant being abbreviated as "Assis.""? Or perhaps it's not an error, perhaps the Membership Chairwoman is a big meanie...
I don't know who's to blame for the boo-boo, but hey, it's funny, so what the heck.
Well, that's about all of the foibles I have for this time around, but rest assured, should anymore fall within my evil grasp, I will pounce upon them with the tenacity of weasel.
Until next time, faithful read ers...

## YOU are the key to success during your college years

Iis said one should take the teacher and not the course. Good instructors can make courses students sometimes find irksome into classes that are quite interesting. Most college students are trying to improve some aspect of their lives, whether financially, intellectually, etc.
The University of Idaho has truly great professors. Last semester I took a statistics class. I have never been any good at mathematics, in fact in high school I squeezed by the UI entrance requirements of the years of Algebra with a D average.
I took statistics from Professor Bill Mickelson. He made the subject an important function of knowledge and provided practical applications for the students to learn from. It was one of the best experiences I have had at UI. Case in point: I have never done well in mathematics, but with a teacher that cared about the students and

offered real world applications the class was a success
Perhaps an argument can be made the most important days of class are the very beginning week and obviously the final week. The first days of class are crucial. Students need o evaluate their instructors, examine the syllabus and look at their options before it is too late. If a class isn't what one expects, carefu planning and rescheduling procedural options can be pursued. Taking a class in a later semester taugh by a professor who better fits your personality is advantageous in most cases
University life in many aspects
prepares students for life in the "real world." It's the students' responsibility to make class choices that best fit their respective agendas.
Many students find it helpful to plan out their entire college schedule, start to finish. Study the university core, college core and major/minor requirements. More importantly is course planning for those students who wish to pursue fields in the medical, legal (just fields in the medical, legal jus
what we need, more lawyers), what we need, more lawyers),
accountıng, engineering, etc. professions.
Sadly, l'm not exactly what we would call "the cream of the crop" when it comes to academics. However, I have talked to many academically successful students and they all agree on one point. It's a combination of hard work and getting the right instructor.
The quality of work performed by a student at a college or university
far outweighs the college or university one is attending. I came out of high school as an Idaho resident with a "not so hot" grade point average and knew either UI, Boise State University or Idaho State University was where I was going. I also knew if I didn't get the job done at UI, it would be curtains. Private schools were not in the picture. Who can afford the high tuition prices?
Look around Idaho and the Northwest. Where are the successful graduates from? The UI, BSU, Washington State University and University of Washington are responsible for many of them. Examples of Idaho graduates who have done well include Dennis Harwick, executive director of the Washington State Bar, Gary Michaels, CEO of Albertsons, U Alumni Board Member and Nampa Alumni Board Member and Nampa
attorney Phil Peterson, Haydeen attorney Phil Peterson, Haydeen the J-U-B engineering firm, not to
mention the numerous medical, accounting, law, engineering, etc. firms that are lead by UI graduates. It's not surprising to find that many firms and businesses around the Northwest primarily hire out of the UI.
What do successful people have in common? Some were exception al scholars at UI, others were grea student leaders. For example, both Idaho Senators Larry Craig and Dirk Kempthore are UI graduates. The one aspect successful people have in common is they work hard. There is no way around it-hard work pays off. The Ul may not be the most glamorous school or hav the highest tuition price, but it teaches the students who pass through the campus to work hardand in my book it's all that matters. I'm not the smartest guy around nd I in't score well on stand and tests but I can assure people zed ests but I can assure people The UI is truly a great place.

## Mining trashes eas as well as west

Tennesseans have cause to be concerned that surface mining could send tens of thousands of gallons of orange water over Fall Creek Falls, one of their grandest natural attractions.
Skyline Coal Co., which is operating less than eight miles from Fall Creek Falls State Park in Bledsoe and Van Buren counties on the Cumberland Plateau, wants to open a new the Cumberland Plateau,
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Although the park itself is protected, envi
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rommental groups have petitioned the U.S. ronmental groups have petitioned the U.S.
Office of Surface Mining to ban mining in 130 square miles around the falls. That area covers the park's entire watershed plus what can be seen from overlooks on top of bluffs surrounding the falls.
The OSM is expected to produce a draft impact statement by next fall. A final decision could be made by early 1997.
People in the immediate area, says park manager A.J. Anderson, have "a lot of mixed manager A.s. Anderson, haven
feelings" about the petition
There is concern that a new mine could pollute the falls and keep many of the park's one lute the falls and keep many of the park's one
million annual visitors from coming. The vismillion annual visitors from coming. The
itors leave behind $\$ 3$ million in state revenues each year.
But, in a region short on jobs, Skyline employs 60 workers and generates $\$ 11$ million in payroll, taxes and purchases of goods and services. The company has opened three mines near the park since 1987. Only one is in production.
The decision about the falls needs to protect both the environment and the economy if possible.
Some questions about a new mine involve technology and the progress that mining companies have made in restoring mined land to its original condition. Other questions involve the limits of technology, whether companies can be trusted without tight regulations and how effective state and federal supervision can be.
The history of surface mining in this state is the stuff of nightmares-ravaged mountain-
sides and valleys, polluted rivers, mining companies defying the law, wildcatters tear ing coal from deep within the ground and stealing away without making any effort to stealing away without making any effort to
restore the ruined land. estore the ruined land
Lax state supervision caused the federal government to take over surface mining regulation in 1984, leaving Tennessee as the only coal-producing state in the Southeast without its own mining regulation program.
Since then, regulators have done much better at keeping miners within the law. The federal OSM requirements, which include filling pits, grading the land to its former contours and replanting trees and ground cover.
Miners claim times and mining practices have changed.
"We are big advocates of the park," said Jim Mottet, Skyline's general manager. "If Jim Mottet, Skyline's general manager. "If
we're going to hurt the park, we don't want we're going to hurt the park, we don't want
to mine." He says "contemporary reclamato mine." He says "contemporary reclama-
tion" covers excavated areas more quickly tion" covers excavated areas more quickly
and minimizes seepage of polluted water. and minimizes seepage of polluted water.
State regulators say the company's new State regulators say the company's new methods have worked.
But the Sewanee coal seam, which Skyline and other companies in the region have worked, has been particularly susceptible to acidic or toxic mining runoffs. There have been what officials call rampant problems from another nearby mining operation, conducted by Sequatchie Valley Coal Co . In the past, the state's Division of Water Pollution Control cited Skyline for more than two Control cited Sky
dozen violations.
Fall Creek hikers already can see one example of pollution in the occasional red-dish-orange color of park streams. The dis coloration is caused by bottom deposits stirred up by development at a manmade lake in the park.
For its part, Skyline argues its new mine would still be half a mile or so from the proposed no-mining zone of production, it wouldn't reach the watershed boundary for six years. Even then, the company says, it will be able to protect the park from any damage.

## Religious guidelines set-up for schools

For years religion in our schools has been argued, in town meetings, by state legislators and yes, even in our highest courts.
At last, a new guide for parents that outlines religious liberty rights in public schools was relcased Dec. 7 by the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center and the National Congress for Parents and Teachers.
The guide addresses 15 questions about religious expression and practizes in chools.
Answers are based on First Amendment religious-liberty principles as interpreted by the courts and agreed to by a wide range of religious and educational organizations.
U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley said the guide will help curb misinformation about the role of religion in pub ic schools.
The entire issue has confused and frus rated students, parents, educators and administrators for years.
The pamphlet addresses 15 questions and answers geared to try and end the confusion about religion in our schools.
The questions are:
In our community, we want to work ogether to address religion-in-schools issues. How do we go about finding common ground?
Is there general agreement on how reli gious faith should be treated in public

Opponents say the state can't afford to take a chance. They argue the region should be declared unsuitable for mining because of its fragile, historic and scenic character. The Sewanee seam, they say, could ruin streams flowing into the park.
Some compromise may be possible and practical, without creating serious threats to the mining industry, the park, jobs or commercial interests.
schools under the First Amendment? Does this man students may express their faith while in school?
May students pray together in public schools?
Didn't the Supreme Court rule against student prayer in public schools?
Does this mean the students may offer prayers at graduation ceremonies?
What about baccalaureate services?
Is it constitutional to teach about religion in public schools?
How should religious holidays be treated in the schools?
May students be excused from parts of the curriculum for religious reasons? May students form religious clubs in public schools?
May students wear religious garb and display religious symbols in public schools?
May students be released for off-campus religious instruction during the day? What is the relationship between religion and character education in pubic schools? We found all of the questions and many of the answers very informative. Religion will always be a very important issue in our schools.
Copies of the 16 -page pamphiet may be ordered from the First Amendment Center For more information, call the First Amendment Center's John Leach at 615 Amendmen
We suggest every interested individual get a copy of the pamphlet.

The federal impact statement will address most of these issues. One more assessment would help: guarantee regulation will be con sistent and persistent enough to prevent serious violations and to make reclamation work? Companies may not always be "advocates of the park."
Tennessee needs either dependable defenses against evasions of the law or the ban that environmentalists have sought.


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This week's tips go to those of you who are enjoying our snow in a motorized way. Meaning, here ar this week's snowmobiling tips:

The most frequent cause of snowmobile accidents appears to be collisions with automobiles. It should not even be necessary to say that the snow machines have no place on highways, but there are always a few winter warriors who seem com pelled to race along the main vehic ular arteries or on medians of divid ed highways. No snowmobiler should operate his rig on public roadways, shoulders or inside band or slopes of county, state or U.S highways unless extremely heavy nows have rendered such a road completely impassable for automo biles and trucks. When it's necessary to cross a main route, first turn on your lights and then, with the snowmobile at a 90 degree angle the road, make a complete stop and yield to all traffic.

Learn the distances required to bring your snowmobile to a stop a various speeds under various snow and ice conditions. Remember, unlike a car that generally operates on hard pavement, snowmobiles always run on a slick surface that has an infinitely greater degree of variability than blacktop.

## Water trouble?

When tap water has a "rotten egg" dor due to the presence of hydrogen sulfide gas, it's time to fight the bacteria living in the hot water University of Idaho Extension tex iiles and consumer environment specialist
The bacteria that produce the offensive gas will not endanger your health,"Porter said, "but you'll want to control them." She suggested these lines of attack: - Use of chlorine in the water system can control the problem-causing bacteria.
Increasing the temperature of the hot water heater to 160 degrees for several hours should kill the bacteria. Afterwards, flush the heater and urn down the temperature. Be sure o avoid scalding yourself or some one else. The high heating method should only be done if the hot water heater has a pressure relief valve.

- Flush low-flow lines and looping water mains to eliminate dead ends. This wilitedice bacterial activity. - Another approach to solving the problem is to locate a magnesium rod inside the heater. The rod's function is to corrode steadily forming a protective coating on steel surfaces It does a good job of protecting steel parts from corroion but it also produces excess bectrons that provide bacteria with he ererge neded to form hydrog re sulfide gas. A plumber can replac he mag material hal does not produce $s$ many electrons.
(Emestine Porter can be conlacted ther Moscow office, 12081885 . 6872.)


## Overcome the winter doldrums



Alison Oman and Peggy Waterman are ready to sign you up for a variety of activities.

## Tricia Francis

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Tyou're searching for some thing exciting to do with all - this snow this semester, you need not look any further than the Moscow-University o
Enrichment Program.
Enrichment Program.
There are a number of day snow shoeing trips in our nearby mountains. For an entire weekend, there are two snow sports trips in Canada.

The first trip in February is a weekend snowshoeing at Red River Hot Springs, the second is a weekend of cross-country skiing at two ski areas in Canada. All of hese trips are an ideal opportunity to take advantage of what the Enrichment program has

## M <br> Wildlife's winter

 dd game animals are hungry as they search for food while winter now covers the landscape. When daho gets a winter severe enough o bring animals out of the hills into contact with humans, some people wonder why the animals ar not being fed.
According to the Idaho
Department of Fish and Game, the good-hearted citizens and sportsmen of this state, the answer may seem simple. Wanting to help wild or domestic animals in need is human nature.
The Department of Fish and Game is legally required to preserve, protect and manage Idaho's wild game resources. They also want what is best for Idaho's wildlife.
Some people feel the Fish and Game is reluctant or too cautious about establishing winter feeding
students. They are also fantastic opportunity to learn a new sport or hone your skills on the snow
The snowshoeing day trips ar local trips to places like Moscow Mountain and the Palouse Divide. No prior snowshoeing experience is required, so anyone who wants to explore the spectacular Hoodoo Mountains can join on this trip. There are many trips this winte with experienced instructors. Group sizes are limited, so don't delay!
Early in February, the Enrichmen Program has a snowshoeing week end planned. The three day trip will be at Red River Hot Springs in Canada. After a good day in the snow, you can unwind in the hot springs, and enjoy meals at the Red River Hot Springs Lodge. The trip
includes transportation from Spokane, two dinners, two lunches and accommodations at the hot springs in cabins. All equipment as well as a guide, are part of the package. Trip dates are Feb. 9 through 11, and space is limited, so sign up soon, preferably by Jan. 31.

The second weekend trip available is a Canadian Cross-Country trip. This is a two-day trip at two different ski areas. Nelson Nordic Club is first on the agenda, with a wide variety of trails for different levels of skill. Trails are groomed for both skating and classical skiing.

The Nelson Nordic Club also has flat terrain for beginners and rolling terrain for experienced skiers. Dinner and lodging

Saturday night is provided by the Lemon Creek Lodge. Sunday will e another day of skiing, this time t Blackjack cross-country skiing rea. Blackjack also has groomed rails for skating or classical skiing. Along the 40 km of scenic trails you'll find Hemlock stands, open ields and beaver ponds.
Trip fees include transportation from Spokane, all ski fees including rentals if needed, as well as all meals, one nights lodging and instruction. The deadline for regis ration is Feb 6 , and the trip takes place Feb. 24 to Feb. 25
More information on these trips and others throughout this semester re available in the Enrichment Program office in the Continuin Education Building in Blak Avenue, or call 885-6486.

## search for food

programs. The department's rea sons and policies are based upon decades of experience and study The Idaho Fish and Game. Commission believes big game numbers can be controlled through adequate harvest to maintain winter ranges at their proper levels. The commission also claims big game populations should be maintained under natural conditions and available forage.
Winter food is the major facto that determines the basic size of big game populations. It must be maintained to allow the animals to prosper and propagate.
They also do not sanction any widespread supplemental feeding programs.
The commission agrees there are times when unusual weather patterns create critical periods of stress. When winter forage becomes limited or unavailable, it sometimes forces animals into areas with people
When the Idaho Fish and Game determine a critical situation exists, they will provide artificial feed to wintering game animals. They only want to provide for an emergency situation, not sustain a program that maintains larger game popula-
tions than the area can normally support.
The Fish and Game considers Idaho's huge wilderness areas in their decision on the hands-off rule. They claim almost no one goes there during winter, and they support some of the largest and healthiest herds of elk and deer in the country. The herds have survived many winters without human help.
Human development forced the issue in some areas where longestablished winter feeding programs are located. Several winter feeding ranges have been replaced by homes and some migration routes have been blocked.
Problems relating to feeding programs vary. Health problems include eye and respiratory infections that are frequent in herds concentrated around feeding sites. The change from natural to supplemental feed often causes diarrhea in fawns that can be fatal.

Communicable diseases can keep the reproduction rate lower in herds that are fed every winter. Concentrating animals at feed sites creates more intense competition for food. This makes survival of the fittest more a factor than under
natural conditions. It also increase the death rate for fawns and calves in these areas instead of where herds are more scattered under nat ural conditions
Big game animals tend to increase at established feeding site very year. In some areas, this has caused depredation on nearby private lands.
Big game animals also eat the natural vegetation along with the supplemental feed. This can overuse the amount of natural vegetation, possibly causing permanent damage to the range
Wild animals eat a wide variety of vegetation for their diets. Even though deer are fed special multi ingredient pellets and elk are fed high-protein dairy grade hay, sometimes they have problems adjusting to the more expensive food.
Starvation usually happens to animals that enter winter in poor body condition. Wild game animals need good year-round habitat to keep their bodies in proper condition.
When humans interfere with the animals' natural habitat, and especially the winter habitat, we jeopar dize their survival


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## Welder builds 'Cadillac of bear traps'

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Facklam builds "the Cadillac of bear traps," said Pablo Espinoza, a game warden on the Flathead Indian Reservation.
"He just slowly worked and improved them until now when they are probably the best trap made in the world," said Mike Madel, a Choteau-based bear specialist for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.
Facklam's Teton Welding and Machine shop, which builds about 10 traps a year, is starting to attract business from around the world. He's been negotiating with the French. He's got two traps in his shop that are going to Spain where bears will be brought in from eastern Europe.
A contract was just signed with the Cleveland Metro Park Zoo and Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo. The zoos need eight light, aluminum transport cages for a joint project to transport endangered Malaysian sun bears to He's United Stales for a captive breeding program.
Texas and Alas them as do them, as do the Montana Fish, Wildife and Park Department and the Blackfeet and Salish and Kootenai tribes

The traps come in different sizes for everything from black bears to Alaskan brown and polar bears. The cost is betwen $\$ 2,500$ and $\$ 3,600$. The transpon cages, which are collapsible for 550 port and include
eed and water toughs, cost $\$ 2,550$
Facklam, 44, began building bear traps in 1986 to
bolster his farm and ranch welding business.
Unlike the old culvert traps, Facklam's traps are light enough to be used for helicopter relocation o bears; said Steve Frye, the chief ranger in Glacier National Park.
Facklam, it appears, has discovered what it takes to build a better bear trap.
His traps are "probably one of the best examples of
a manufacturer and a user and if you can say it, the animal, working together to make the best possibl product," said Frye. "I think that's a real credit to Facklam, the fact that the's willing to listen to his cus
For example, Madel told Facklam that bears are more likely to go for the bait-usually road-kill deer meat or fruit-if the trap is flat on the ground and the bear can see through the end of the tunnel. The cul-vert-style bear traps were high off the ground on trail ers. Facklam traps are light enough for one person to pull them out of a truck to place flat on the ground There's also the barred window at the end that the bear can see through.
If the bear grabs the bait, the door and back window cover - traveling on Teflon slides - slam shut in the blink of an eye. A tamper-proof, double locking mech anism prevents tampering with the door.
A pulley system attached to a winch will open the trap door while the bear trapper sits in the safety of a ruck cab
The problem with traps has been the fact that the occupant immediately wants out. Grizzly bears and black bears can hurt themselves trying to escape. In one of Facklam's traps. the bear might try biting the barred window but the bars are close enough logether so the bruin can't break a tooth. Should a smaller bear get a toothy hold, the aluminum bars are softer and more forgiving than steel, but still won't break. The smooth tube of the trap is designed to have a minimum of edges where the bear might scratch with its claws. If it gets a paw into one of the silve dollar-sized ventilation holes - essential to keep the animal coor- the edges are rounded so the bear can't damage its claws.
Facklam, a Seattle native, served at Malmstrom Air Force Base and then lived in Harlowton and Billings before moving to Choteau in 1983. An avid elk hunter, he's also started building and selling bearproof, aluminum food containers for use by people traveling in the backcountry, $\$ 500$ for a set of pan niers. The containers are now required in several are national forests.

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# Late rally falls short for Lumberjacks 

Dan Eckles Sports Editor

The Northern Arizona Lumberjacks nearly got out of the woods, but a
crunchtime clearcut wasn't enough to produce winning results in a 66 64 loss to the Idaho Vandals in NCAA Big Sky Conference basket ball action Saturday night.

NAU's defense held Idaho without a field goal and outscored the UI squad $13-2$ in the final five minutes of the contest, but the Vandals converted at the free throw line in the final seconds to hold on for the win.
Shawn Dirden and Nate Gardner each knocked down one of two free throws in the final 30 seconds to put Idaho ahead 66-62. NAU's Jermone Riley dropped in a layup
in the waning seconds for the final margin. The Lumberjacks trailed 65-62 before Gardner's free throw, but junior guard Charles Thomas was called for traveling with 12 chance at a game-tying shot for Northern Arizona.
Dirden nailed a three-pointer for Idaho (9-7, 3-2 BSC) at the 5:18 mark of half two, giving the Vandals a 64-51 advantage, but a pair of treys by Riley and another by Michael McNair quickly got the NAU crew back into the game.
"I just thought we let down in the last 25 minutes ... We played well enough to win and that was about it," Idaho coach Joe Cravens said. Idaho looked to run away with the game midway through the first half. McNair drained a three for the `Jacks, cutting Idaho's lead to 19 -

13 with $9: 25$ left to play in the first half, but the Vandals responded with 14 unanswered points to give hem a 20 -point edge, their larges of the game. Northern Arizona stayed in the game with a 12-4 run to end the half.
"We missed a lot of easy opportunities to get down big "NAU coach Ben Howland said "It seems like so many games we've been close. It's tough to be on the bottom every ime."
The Vandals stretched their lead to as many as 15 in the second half on two occasions, thanks in large part to junior guard Eddie Turner. NAU (4-13, 1-5) tried to force the Vandals to beat them from long range by shifting into a 2-3 zone, but the cat-quick Turner exploded through the key for short jumpers
and easy lay-ins forcing the

Lumberjacks to abandon the scheme. The junior-college transfer scored nire of Idaho's 11 points in a key second half rally

Turner tied McNair for gamehigh scoring honors, finishing the ffair with 15 points on $7-11$ shoot ing.

UI's Jason Jackman owned the paint in the opening minutes, pouring in Idaho's first three buckets to finish the first half with 10 points and 8 rebounds. The 6 -foot 9 -inch forward ended the game with 14 points.
"When you go out and hit your first couple shots everything seems to go well," Jackman said. "They didn't take me out my shot just stopped falling."
The contest marked the first game since ldaho's league opening loss al Idaho State two weeks ago in which
the Vandals have shot less than 54 percent from the field. The Vandals still outshot the Lumberjacks 44 percent (25-57) to 39 percent ( 26 66).

NORTHERN ARIZONA (64)
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## Hathaway, Chiwira lead Vandal tracksters



Former UI standout and current decathlon world record holder Dan O'Brien competes in the pole vault Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

## Damon Barkdull

Temperatures in Moscow, Idaho, reached extreme lows on Friday and Saturday, leaving foot-bound students frostbitten and utterly frozen. However, Idaho's Kibbie Dome was heated by the intense competition seen indoors at an eight-team scoring track and field meet.

No official record was kept on how teams finished point-wise but the meet did give Idaho tracksters a chance to match their skills against chance to match their skills against
teams from Washington State, the teams from Washington Siate, the
University of Washington, Eastern

Washington, Western Oregon, the University of Montana, Simon Fraser and Cal-State LA.
The meet also featured two independent teams including Footlocker, sponsoring Moscow native Dan O' Brien and team Moscow USA.
Idaho coach Mike Keller was happy with the way his team performed.
"I thought our overall conditioning is improved," Keller said. "Overall I'm real happy with our performance."
Among first place finishers for the Vandal men was defending Big Sky outdoor champion Thad

Hathaway, who finished the high jump with a mark of 7 -feet $01 / 2$ and triple jumper Chris Kwaramba who finished at $50-91 / 2$. The Idaho men also finished first in the 400 relay with a $3: 11.95$ mark
Of those Vandals competing on the track, Keller was especially happy with newcomer Tawanda Chiwira's performance. Chiwira finished first in the second heat of the 200 meter with a time of 21.77 and second over all to UW's Ed Turner who finished with a time of 21.38.

Several other Vandals placed near the top of their respected event, including Frank Bruder, who placed
second overall in the 3,000 mete run with a time of $8: 31.85$ and came up with a fourth place finish in the mile run also. Two hundred meter runner Felix Kamangirira placed second at 21.90 , losing out to Chiwira, his teammasing out to Judd also finished seco Idaho's Jeff mate marking 68 send to a leammate, marking 6-8 $3 / 4$ in the high jump. The Vandals also got a fifthplace finish on the field from Kyle Daley, who had a mark of $49-51 / 2$ in the 35 -pound weight throw.
Overall, Keller was pleased with the men's performance and said the team had competed for several Big sky Conference qualifying marks. On the Vandal women's side of
the coin, Jill Wimer led Idaho with a second place finish, 46-6 $1 / 4$ indoor school record mark. Wimer also placed fifth in the 20 -pound weight throw with a toss of $40-3$ 1/2.

Also placing for the Vandal women was 55 meter hurdler Jackie Blacket who finished in third at 8.47. Finishing fourth for the Vandal women was Althea Belgrave in the mile at 5:12.24 and Brigitta Sera in the 3,000 meter run with a time of $10: 43.77$.
The Vandals continue their indoor track and field season on Saturday in the Kibbie Dome with the McDonald's Open meet.

## Second-half shooting woes spell disaster for Idaho

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NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY Mark Vanderwall $\frac{\text { Mar }}{\text { Staff }}$
Trying to avoid yet another road Trying to avoid yet another road douch early, but as the old saying touch early, but as the old saying
goes, :All good things must come goes, "All good things must come to an end,"
That's exactly what happened in an $88-60$ Big Sky Conference loss to Northern Arizona in Flagstaff: After trailing $45-41$ at the intermission, Idaho came out of the lockeroom as if they were bears coming out of hibernation. The Vandals proceeded to score only 19 points in the second half, while the Lumberjacks shot 57 percent the Lumberjacks shot 57 percent
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Vandals road skid. Vandals road skid.
Jenny Shayani led the Lumberjack attack with 22 points and was nearly perfect on the evening, shooting $6-6$ from the field while hitting $8-10$ from the charity stripe. NAU had three other players in double figures as it upped its record to 3.3 in conference and 11-7 overall in front of the 822 fans who turned out to watch in the J. Lawrence Walkup Skydome. Marisa Von Bromssen had 14 points, while Michelle

Matchinski tallied 13 and Karli Rikli added 12 points and nine rebounds for the Lumberjacks. Idaho was led in scoring by Michelle Greenwood's careerhigh 20 points, while no other Vandals scored in double figures. Idaho shot a porous 29 percent in Idaho shot a porous 29 percent in
the second half, and finished at the second half, and finished at
only 36 percent for the game on 22-61 shooting
The Vandals fall to $2-3$ in conference and $6-12$ overall, heading into a conference double-header against the Montana schools. Idaho hosts Montana Friday night and Montana State Saturday night, with both games starting at 7:05 p.m. in Memorial Gym. Montana leads the conference at 5-0 while Montana State is second at 41.

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## Vandal student-athletes work to excell in classroom


$\frac{\text { Byron Jarnagin }}{\text { Staff }}$
University of Idaho Vandal Athletics Department Officials say positive student self-motivation can take the brass ring for the overall student athlete grade point average improvement.
Last spring semester's impressive overall 2.850 GPA for student athletes repesented no plateau. The current fall overall GPA average of 2.965 empasizes the fact that student athletes continue to get the job done in the classroom.
"The best thing about athletes is that they are usually geared toward success," said UI Athletic Director Pete Liske. "They need to achieve
in both places to be successful; if you don't get your degree and if you don't get good grades your not successful, period. Liske feels
that this is the way that a lot of UI student athletes are thinking, and further believes that this will to achieve academically is an unstopable, motivational force that leads to success.
Student athlete academic numbers for last fall indirectly show the emphasis of the Athletic department's goal of putting classroom activity as priority one. Of Idaho's 252 total student athletes, about $48 \%$ achieved a GPA of 3.0 or better and seven of the 12 athletic teams recorded a team GPA of 3.0 . teams recorded a team GPA of
or better. So why the success?
Liske said it all begins with recruiting and evaluating prospective student athletes under the direction of Laurie Turner, coordinator of the Athletic Academic Support Services. "The first stage encompasses comprehensive efforts of everone in the Athletic
Department to help get the best stuDepartment to help get the best students to start with, and to identify those students coming into the university that may be at risk academically and helping those students to "be successful," commented Liske. "Emphsizing academic responsiblities and working with our athletes when they first come to campus to find out what the athlete is intrested in is the second step.

Under the direction of the Athletic department heads, the University of Idaho offers student athletes a variety of academic programs and workshops. These pro-
grams help students become more aware of time management, study skills, etc. However, the Athletic department has made a few changes to the program for the better. One improvement is the increased direct involvement of coaches and academic liaisons with student athletes and thier academic careers.
"The fact that our department is proactive is the bottom line," said Turner. "From day one we are meeting with student athletes and thier parents and constantly talking academics." Turner added that the formation of academic advisors within the athletic departmer within the athletic department helps o stress academics even more Turner, said she stressed academics to her own players as a coach, even though a coach can talk academics well, often times the information goes in one ear and out the other, and the only things players pick up on is the "athletic stuff." Will academic advisors in this departmen make a noticable difference?
"Now that there is availability of an unbiased individual or individuals stressing the importance of academics, YES, I think that the acad emic ideas will sink in better than before," said Turner. "With an academic liaison watching over student athletes they realize we are holding them to certain standards." Another fail-safe for student athletes is the body known as the Student Advisory Board. This group, which is composed of individuals from each one of the differnt sport programs, works in con-- SEE ACADEMICS PAGE 17


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## O'Donnel not to blame, Cowboys deserve credit

en straight completions tied Phil Simms' record for second place in Super Bowl history behind Joe Montana, was close to being flawless. Aikman finished the night going 15-23 for 209 yards and a going $15-23$
"It wasn't the prettiest game we played," Aikman said. "But a win is a win. There were high expectations a win. There were high expectat."
Clearly it wasn't the prettiest game the Cowboy offense has ever played.
Although the Dallas bulky offensive line kept creeps like Greg Lloyd and Kevin Greene away from Aikman on pass plays, bad boy running back Emmitt Smith only had 49 yards on 18 carries. The Play Maker, a.k.a. Michael Irvin, was

## Steelers fans

 booked flights to Pittsburgh. In their possession: a shotgun, highlight tapes of Terry Bradshaw, a map of the Steel City and one of those yellow terrible towels.also kept in check with only 76 hard gained receiving yards
So you see Pittsburgh fans, your Steelers were lucky to even be in the game. If NOT for O'Donnell and the Steelers' lucky rabbit foo play (the onside kick), the mighty black and yellow might not have been as close as they came. They caught Dallas on a bad day and couldn't get the job done.
Lets not blame O'Donnell. Just give some credit to an underrated Dallas defense which forced four D'Donnell sacks. That kind of defensive pressure would have efensive pressure would have made any quarew two nervous nough to throw two bonehead interceptions.
Instead of blaming $O^{\prime}$ Donnell, examine yourself. And give a round of applause to the humble Larry Brown, who is everything but a flashy Deion Sanders.

# Moscow, UI looking to host 1996 Palouse Winter Games 

Well sports fans, another Super Sunday slipped away, closing the NFL season until July when pre-season kicks-off. Do not worry though, the NBA Finals, the Stanley Cup and March Madness all loom on the horizon. Oh yes, I almost forgot, the centennial summer Olympics in Atlanta also take place this year. What a year for sports.
Of course, forgetting the summer games might not be difficult for sports fans on the Palouse who must fight winter storm after winter storm in a crazy white-out January. So a compromise, let's look at the Olympics, but localize the events to olympics, but localize the events to Wit the current local climate Weicome to the
To begin with we need a theme, something catchy that captures the mood of the games. How about the "Why didn't I buy a four wheel drive, games?" Or maybe, "Another inch of snow and I transer to Hawaii, games?" No, the perect slogan, "Snow can be fun when you have not seen the sun, for 27 straight days!"
Well so much for a slogan, what about the events. Of course we should have some traditional events, how about skiing. We can have cross-country and downhill. have cross-country and downhill.
We will set up the downhill course We will set up the downhill course
on the roof of the Dome and ski on the roof of the Dome and ski
toward the residence halls. That toward the residence halls. That
should be a good run, lots of powshould be a good run, lots of pow-
der at the start but a fast, icy track der at the start but a fast, icy track
as the draw closes to the finish line.


As for cross-country, we better have a few courses. We can us Guy Wicks for the short speed events and then have the competitors ski from Pullman to Moscow for the mid-range course. I gues we need one more course for the really long events, how about the highway between Pullman and Lewiston, it never is open any more that would be perfect Wre, that would be
What else, how about some killed events that show off th artistry of athletics. Ice carving and snow angels. Competitors will meet on the Ag. Sci. lawn and do snow angels for the compulsories Elements to look for will be a full arch in the wings and not noticeable foot prints going to the angel. The free ice-carve will decide the gold as artists will have 12 hours to complete a sculpture of their own design. Points will be awarded for echnical style and use of tools and artistry.

Great, but what about team events, what would the Olympics be without a dream team or two? Okay first we can have the stuck car push, iwo and four person cams. The two person person push a Volkswagen Bug 50 fee through snow one-foot deep. Th
four person leam will push a Ford Taurus over the same course. The event will be timed and each team will get three runs, with the times combined for a winner.

We need a theme. How about, the "why didn't I buy a fourwheel drive games" or maybe the "another inch of snow and I'll transfer to Hawaii games."

Let's see, we have the artistic events, the traditional events, the team events, we need some speed events. The individual and two-person car-dig-out relays. Start with car buried under snow, that should not be hard to find. Then have three divisions, the snow shovel class, for sprinters, the cafeteria tray class, for the middle distances, and the glove class, for the stamina event. Each person or team will simply have to shovel the car out as fast as possible, one run per competitor in a timed event The cars will be Ford Escorts and the comwill be Ford Escorts and the competitors will need to drive the car completely out of the parking space to finish the race.

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junction with the UI Athletic
Department on a plethora of stu－ dent athlete issues from academic progress to jersey color．＂These individuals serve as role models for other student athletes，and are usu－ ally team motivators，＂said Turner． ＂Another improvement was mov－ ing from a department that only dealt with at risk students to one that can benefit all student athletes， that bose doing well，＂stated Turner＂We are now extending Tur services to help those who are our services to help school，and to intrested indent athletes find internship help studen a hletes find internship opportunities to make themselves more marke＂at risk
From the＂at risk＂point of view， Turner says that the Idaho Athletic Department is pushing higher GPA standards and graduation rates． ＂One thing that we are doing better now is working with our transfer students and junior college athletes that may still have adjusting to do，＂ commented Turner．
Further motivation for student athletes comes in a category called eligibility．＂Depending upon a stu－ dent＇s situation different measures are implemented，＂said Liske．＂For some tutorial work in the form of team study tables and grade moni－ toring on a weekly or daily basis，
for others sport participation
privledges are revoked＂ Specific programs offered by the

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One of the biggest problems with others simply at risk acade－ mically，is that they have not learned how to manage their time well．
－Laurie Turner UI Academic Coordinator

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Athletic department to student ath－ letes include seminars on time management and stress manage－ ment．＂One of the biggest prob－ lems with freshmen or others sim－
ply at risk academically is that they have not learned how to manage work with individuals who need to establish an organized sched The Athletic department now requires a freshman requires a freshman transition GPA falls below a 30 coming out of highschool or transfering from of highschool or transfering from

Still，with
Sth，with all of these student help programs Idaho student ath－ letes show them selves to be a step anemester GPA of 2.965 ＂＂l know that there are athletes who have set that there are athletes who have set goals to improve personally which
makes me believe this average has not peaked，＂said Liske
To help the Athletic Departments academic program to continue to succeed，Liske said that creation of more space for studying and coun－ seling would be helpful．＂I think seling would be helpful．II think
the biggest thing we need right now the biggest thing we need right now
is a new facility to create larger is a new facility to create larger
study areas for our athletes，and more rooms to accomodate the large number of programs geared toward academic excellence．＂
Liske said，plans are being drawn up for such an addition，and if the plans are agreed upon he hopes that construction will begin within a year or two．

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smoke to resemble continuously burning flame．As for the festive opening show， why not on the Admin．lawn？ That way there is wide open space for lots of people and plenty of snow o play in after－ wards．We can close the games in the same play， main because stu－ dent health is close

What else can we add，how about a sidewalk slide？Competitors can begin at the Admin and slide，stand－ ing up，down the hill toward the Forestry and Wildlife building and the power plant Competitors who fall anywhere during the run lose The fastest time down the hill wins． Competitors will run from the Ar and Architecture building to Ar Communications building since the slope levels there．Be careful，a fall here can cost you the gold．
Well，I guess all that remains would be opening and closing cere－ monies．We can use the power plant as the torch．It belches out enough
by and most of the athletes will probably want a short walk to the closing ceremonies．

Of course，I would bet on the home town athletes to win heavy in all events．While other countries may be sending their best，the cur－ rent practice that the people in Moscow have had gives us an unfair advantage．Let＇s just not invite anyone from the East Coast， okay．
Well
Well，I am ready for the summer games．Not necessarily because I love the swimming or running，but I sure am tired of the Moscow Winter Olympics．

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## One-of-a-kind weddings <br> (AP) - Incorporating

Norwegian touches and their favorite dance music in their wedding celebration places Carolyn Pytte and Jim Castonguay of South Salem, N. Y., among a growing number of couples who are opting for one-of-a-kind weddings.
There are many ways of personalizing a wedding, says Millie Bratten, executive editor of Bride's magazine. They range from adding ethnic customs and special music to creating a theme wedding.

Theme weddings are fun and memorable," says Bratten, "and they give guests something to talk about."
Some themes noted by the magazine recently include costume weddings,
especially popular at Halloween and New Year's Eve, weddings with a nautical accent (navy blazers and white trousers for the groom and his attendants) and Victorian weddings held in a historic settings with the principals in vintage clothing.
One of the most unusual themes, says Bratten, was a wedding for a couple who were planning to raise cattle. The bride wore cowboy boots in black with white spots. The groom's cummerbund and the couple's guest book were covered with the same material. The cake was iced to resemble cowhide, and the cake topper was in the shape of a cow's udder.

## Diamonds symbolize power of love

Associated Press It's just a little chunk of carbon, crystallized. But the crystal is enduring and full of surprises, like the good marriage it symbolizes.
The diamond has been prized as a betrothal symbol since at least the 15 th century, when Archduke Maximilian of Austria presented his intended, Mary of Burgundy, with a ring set with a diamond.

Diamonds of that period
were used in their natural crystal state _ looking much like two pyramids joined base-to-base _ notes Antoinette Matlins in "Engagement and Wedding Rings" (Gemstone Press, \$14.95 paperback). Pyramids were identified with strength, power, and mystery, she writes.

The very shape of the natural diamond crystal may have made it all the more attractive as the choice to symbolize the power of love
and marriage."
But the best was to come, with later knowledge of how to cut this hardest of substances and unlock its innate brilliance and fire. Romantic as this sounds, these qualities can be scientifically defined, according to the. Diamond Information Center, an industry group.
The modern diamond starts from the rough crystal, which is divided, or cleaved, by the cutter, following the crystal's natural grain. Then the gem is
polished and shaped into facets _ plane surfaces designed to achieve the highest degree of reflection and refraction.
The typical polished diamond has 57 or 58 facets, each proportioned in geometric relation to the others. When a ray of light touches the surface of the diamond, part of it bounces back into the eye of the observer, and the rest penetrates the stone and, as it goes, bends because of the optical density of the
diamond _ a process called refraction.
Then it makes a return trip from the internal surfaces of the diamond and emerges from the top, where it is bent again, revealing the colors of the spectrum. This light show looks like a dancing fire.
The effect is influenced by the natural color and clarity of the stone. But no other gem matches the diamond's ability to sparkle, according to the DIC.


## Computers aid planning process

considered or already hired.
These software programs are the most common uses of computers for weddings, according to Millie Bratten, editor of
Bride's magazine. But they may be a form of technological overkill; a review of five current wedding planning programs in a recent issue of Bride's found none of them to be a significant advance on printed wedding planners. While those who prefer using computers to pencil and paper may well prefer them, at prices ranging from $\$ 29.95$ to $\$ 49.95$, they are more expensive than the planners that sell for $\$ 20$ or less, and a lot more expensive than a blank noteand a lor more expensive than a blank no pose.
For the computer-adept, the prospect of preparing a newsletter to keep family and friends apprised of wedding plans is not daunting.
Such a newsletter would be especially helpful when a lot of people are coming from out of town, says Bratten. The ones she has seen typically include information on places to stay, travel directions, wedding events and arrangements, and information on local sightseeing from time not devoted to wedding festivities.
"We find that readers are using computers as a tool for organizing and as a tool for communicating," Bratten adds. "Vendors, too, are beginning to use the computer to advertise their services.'
Recently Alan Fields was browsing one of the on-line wedding planning newsgroups that have mushroomed in the last year or so and found an entire catalog of bridesmaid's dresses issued by Watters \& Watters of Dallas.

As co-author of the self-published book, "Bridal Bargains" (Windsor Park Press, Boulder, Colo., $\$ 11.95$ paperback), Fields has his own home page on the Internet, on which he posts updates, corrections, and letters from readers.
Fields sees the newsgroups, also referred to chat lines and bulletin boards, as the most innovative use of computers.

The Internet newsgroups are an uncensored look at what's really on the minds of today's brides and grooms,'" Fields says.
While the opportunity to "chat" with other couples is a great idea, it is not always easy to make contact.
Laura Goetzl, who lives in Boston and is planning a wedding in Acapulco, is hoping to use the Internet to brainstorm and exchange information with other brides and maybe pick up some recommendations for a local photographer, florist and ca..erer. So far, however, Goetzl has not found what she wants. Those "chatting" seem primarily to be vendors of goods and services.
"As someone with limited time, I am wary of opening up my e-mail address to unwanted advertising solicitations," says Goetzl. "You have to be careful because it is so easy to get your name out over a huge range.'
Still Goetzl is using e-mail to advantage. "A friend of mine is e-mailing a friend of hers in Mexico-City to get the name of a company that can supply handmade Mexican paper for wedding invitations," says the bride-to-be. "When she has the name, she will e-mail it to me. If the Internet didn't exist, I would have to telephone, which is more expensive and takes more time and effort."

## Short hair easier

The bride ind-be who normallywears her hair shortstionaly kee p it thith way or the big day, adivises a New York beauty specialist tow Whort or mid length fair tendis to be softer looking and easier to wear even on your wedding day, not to mention more versatile? says Vernon Keech, creative designerat he uptown Vidal Sassoon Salon in New Yort City. For some reason, many prospective brides start growing their hair longer as soon as they are engaged thithe Gelief that long hair offers more styling options with the headplece or Veil But long hairypuled up 100 k just like Short hair, notes Keech w why why If yourgrow youthair out stricty foryour Wedding dayand then cut itofrighlafter the
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The last cut should be about two weeks before the wedding and coloring about a week before,
Another advantage to short cuts.are that after the ceremony, you can remove the veil without upsetting a complicated bairdo. Just run your fingers through your hair, and enjoy the party



## Honeymoon:

Limited time and finances?

For the bride and groom who have limited time or finances allotted for their honeymoon, s short three- or four day cruise is perfect. Several cruise lines offer beautiful ships for this market. The highest discounts are available when booked far in
advance.
Cruising offers a diverse array of activities: shopping, gambling, Broadway shows, a vast assortment of watersports and many, many more. The dining experience is worth the trip.

International cuisine is offered through breakfast, lunch, dinner and the midnight buffet. And if that's not enough you may enjoy cookies and ice cream at Afternoon Tea. You may choose to dine in the dining room, at poolside or in the privacy of your cabin. After all those meals, you may need a little exercise. Try the fitness center, swimming or throwing the dice. Check with your local travel agent for brochures and available sailing dates.


## Books offer tips for brides

For the bride and groom, the wedding is a mix of emotion and commotion. Books written for them reflect this:
Miss Manners takes unerring aim at miscreant wedding practices in " Miss Manners on (Painfully Proper) Weddings" (Crown Publishers, \$14 hardcover), by Judith Martin. Among her targets are the idea of weddings as show business or as fund raisers for house down payments, extortionate bridal showers and "money" dances, registry cards tucked into invitations, and the narcissistic bride who wants to control everything because it's "her" day, which must be absolutely perfect.
"Anyway, no bride in her right mind, if nature could produce such a wondrous creature, would want her wedding to be The Happiest Day of My Life," the author observes. "This would mean that everything from then on, such as the marriage itself, would be downhill."
Lovers pose that important question in all sorts of ways and not surprisingly these days, on the Internet, on the job, and at special places. Cynthia Clumeck Muchnick has collected stories about proposals made through email, disguised as a stock prospectus, and even during surgery in "Will You Marry Me?: The World's Most Romantic Proposals" (Macmillan \$6.95 hardcover). The zing doesn't have to go out of the marriage as time goes on, argue Joseph Lipari and Leonard Jobin, who suggest hundreds of ways to keep it going in "Isn't That Romantic" (Avery Books,
$\$ 9.95$ paperback). There are ideas about special presentations on birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and other personal milestones.

Mary Engelbreit's distinctive artwork illustrates "Our Wedding Journal" ( Andrews and McMeel, \$14.95 hardcover), an album that encourages the couple to record their thoughts and words as well as the milestone itself.
You've seen (or perhaps even read) the books that explain in down-to-earth language how to run your computer. Here comes a wedding book in the same format:
"The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Perfect Wedding" (Alpha Books, $\$ 16.99$ paperback) by Teddy Lenderman. Chapter titles such as "Help! My Mother's Driving Me Nuts," and "Surviving the Big Event' typify the author's light-hiearted approach to advice for planning the big day.
"Modern Bride
Honeymoons and Weddings Away" (John Wiley \& Sons, $\$ 14.95$ paperback) by Gerry Bain, travel editor of Modern Bride magazine, focuses on organizing the honeymoon getaway as well as planning destination weddings. The author suggests romantic spots all over the country, the Caribbean, and abroad where the pair can marry and take the trip of a lifetime.
"Frommer's Caribbean Hideaways" (Macmillan, \$15.95 paperback), by Ian Keown, offers a critique of the best and most romantic places to honeymoon on the islands. Included are hotels, spas, resorts, inns, and beachfront bungalows that cater to
lovers of all kinds.
'Checklist for a Perfect Honeymoon" (Doubleday, $\$ 8.95$ paperback), by Suzanne Rodriguez-Hunter, helps the couple choose the honeymoon tailored for them. Do they want to be pampered? To be left alone? Escape to a fabled city? To the beach? Have a trip keyed ' to fine food and wine, to art, theater or music? Or experience an adventure? The author even suggests ways to make the decision if there is a difference of opinion between the pair about the options.
An li?dated edition of "Engagement \& Wedding Rings" (Gemstone Press, \$14.95 paperback), by Antoinette Matlins with Antonio Bonanno and Jane Crystal, explains the history and traditions of this jewelry and tells how to choose, design, and buy it. Included is information about what to look for in diamonds and other precious or semi-precious stones, how to choose a setting, how to update heirlooms, how to find reputable jewelers, how to guard against ripoffs, and other advice to make the best choice within budget.
"An Ounce of Prevention" (Rainbow Books, \$12.95 paperback), by Craig A. Tuttle, will help you preserve wedding photos, memorabilia, and papers with appropriate treatment, storage, and repair. The book covers photographs, documents, books, stamps, trading and greeting cards and other collectibles and explains how inks, papers and chemicals react to environment and age.

## Tips for perfect wedding invitations

> Computer technology has revolutionized the task of writing. But there are some instances where computer generated materials simply are no appropriate. Wedding invitations are a prime example. For this once-in-a-lifetime event, elegance cannot be sacrificed.
> Experts also offer some valuable tips on sending wedding invitaions:
> - When addressing the inner envelope, exclude the adults' first names and addresses. Below the partents' names, include the first names of all children to be invited.
> - On the outer envelope, always use a
guest's full name and formal title. - It is improper to use abbreviations in the street address or to abbreviate a city or state.

- It is recommended to have your return address professionally printed on the outer envelope to ensure that any undeliverable invitations are returnedto you.
- Invitations should be mailed four weeks in advance.
- Check with the post office to see if the invitations need additional postage. Invitations on heavy paper or with enclosures often do.

News USA

## Wedding dress a keepsake Western wear becoming popular <br> Preserving the wedding dress and bouquet can give the bride nostal-

gic pleasure in future years, especially if they are cared for right after the nuptials.
Tips about preserving them are offered by Bride's magazine: The Wedding Dress. Get the gown to the dry cleaner as soon as possible _ no longer than a month after wearing so stains can be removed before they become permanent. Stains should be hand-treated, and those from sugar need special treatment, since regular dry-cleaning fluid cannot dissolve them.
Be sure to ask the dry cleaner to clean the gown individually and to turn it inside out to protect beading and embroidery.
If the dry cleaner packs it, choose an acid-free storage box with acidfree tissue paper. The window of the box should be acetate, not plastic. And because the glue, rubber and metal parts in a headpiece can brown the dress, have it stored separately. Ask to see the dress before it's packed and inspect it carefully. Check it yearly so stains that emerge can be treated.
If you're packing it yourself, remove padding in the bust or shoulders after dry cleaning, and wrap the dress in a clean white sheet or muslin. The dress should be laid flat, not hung, in a dry area with an even temperature. Avoid attics or basements, which can be too hot or damp.
The Bouquet. Begin the drying process right away, before you leave for the honeymoon. Turn the bouquet upside down and hang it in a dark, dry place. In two weeks it should be completely dry and ready to decorate a wall or shelf. If you prefer, cut fresh flowers close to the base and place inside a large book for pressing; these can be used to decorate pages of a wedding album.

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For the '90s look_give or take a century the gal may be wearing boots and a cowboy hat herself. The boots will be white and the hat will have a tulle bow and veil attached.
Far-fetched? Maybe, but a fringed white lace wedding dress, white boots and a tulledraped white western hat were an instant success all over the country when shown in a west-ern-wear mail order catalog in the spring of 1995.

We sold about 1,300 dresses, about five times what we would normally expect," says Fred Wojcik, president of Cheyenne Outfitters of Cheyenne, Wyo.

The mail order company also sold something like 500 white wedding hats and quite a few pairs of white boots. For the fall catalog, released this past summer, a denim wedding outfit was added, and it did well, too.
Now, Cheyenne Outfitters has issued a separate 12 -page wedding collection catalog. There are six styles of wedding dress, ranging in price from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 220$. There is also clothing for the groom, bridesmaids, flower girls and ring bearers, and wedding accessories such as fringewrapped toasting glasses and a cowboy and cowgirl cake topper.
Sales of western wedding wear have been best for the catalog house in Texas but also surprisingly strong in the Northeast and Midwest, says Wojcik. A numMidwest, says wojcik. A num
ber of those who ordered followed up by sending the company snapshots of their westernstyle weddings.
The photos show that when the bride goes western, the groom does, too, says Wojcik. Grooms typically wear a short tuxedo jacket or a long frock coat with black denim trousers and a dress shirt and string tie (all offered in the catalog), as well as black boots and a black cowboy hat. Crushed "broomstick" skirts and party blouses were standard

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Wojcik says that western themes for weddings seem. especially popular for second weddings when, he theorizes, people want to do something out of the . ordinary.
Another reason why a western wedding might be popular?
'It's very affordable, not only because the clothes are less expensive but also because the food and service can be informal and cost less," Wojcik says.
"The wedding can even be held outdoors.'
He ought to know. Wojcik married Debbie Nolen in June, 1995, in a western-style outdoor wedding. She wore a western dress, the white tulle cowboy hat and white wedding boots from the catalog. He wore the frock coat in the catalog and black jeans, a black hat and his best black lizard boots. The best man and maid of honor also wore western gear.
The western wedding fits into what bridal magazines refer to as costume and theme weddings. They're a growing trend, but far from the major one.
To tell you the truth,"' says Rachel Leonard, fashion editor of Bride's," most brides want to look like the all-American girl. In the ' 90 s , that tends to mean wearing a dress of relative simplicity, understated and with clean lines. The ball gown, the princess line and the sheath are the most important silhouettes."
Representative of that trend are dresses by Amsale Aberra, an Ethiopia-born American designer who prefers simple lines with fine fabrics and subtle detailing, such as a slender Alencon lace sheath with a silk chapel train or a full-skirted satin gown over a tulle underskirt accented with silk flowers. "I want a bride to be able to look at her wedding photographs on her 20th wedding anniversary and see an elegant gown as beautiful as ever_ not a trendy, fussy period piece," says the designer, whose line bears her first name.
Leonard says that one of the newest trends is for bridal dress-

es to have a color accent. It could be contrast piping on a white dress, colored embroidery at the neckline, or a silk flower on a bustle. Some dresses are even subtly colored in very pale pink or blue. Or the color may come in a pastel veil worn with a white dress.
Another fashionable direction is for body-revealing and bodybaring dresses such as sheaths, halter tops, bare backs and dresses with cutouts at the shoulders or neckline.
Yet another bridal look is a sedate, high-necked dress with long sleeves. The style was popularized in the 1950s by brides such as Grace Kelly and Jackie Kennedy.
Those who crave a vintage look often go with lace, says Leonard. The dresses are new, but they have an heirloom look from the turn of the century or a little after. Vintage-style accessories such as ankle boots and strap buckle shoes are favorites with dresses such as these.
If the storybook wedding
appeals, however, not to worry.
"There are lots of fantasies out there _ medieval, Victorian, western, southern belle or Cinderella princess are some of the most popular_ and the manufacturers cater to them." Leonard says.
Of course, those fantasies do have a fairly steep price tag. The average price of a wedding dress across the country is $\$ 750$, with better dresses priced between $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 2,000$, and up. There, are, however, more options in stylish dresses at lower prices, says Leonard.
Styles for attendants mirror those for the bride. Sheaths and other body-revealing styles are popular, but so are ladylike dresses that recall the ${ }^{5} 50 \mathrm{~s}$. More fashionable clothing that can be worn for other occasions is growing in popularity. This season, for example, there are chiffon pants with a lace top for bridesmaids.
New colors for attendants include chartreuse and lilac. But the old standbys of pink, red shades such as coral and fuchsia and navy blue are continuing trends.
Manufacturers are experimenting with dapper Hollywood looks for grooms and male attendants, says Leonard. High vests that show under the jacket and lapel insets of satin stripes are newer looks. Mandarin collar shirts worn with a jewel rather than a tie are another fashionable direction.
Advice for prospective brides choosing a dress?

If you are getting married on a ranch, western wear makes sense," says Leonard. "If you are getting married at the Rainbow Room, wear something Rainbow Ro
glamorous.'

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# Las Vegas Makes Wedding Planning Easy 

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Those deep into the angst of planning a large complicated wedding and concerned as bills pile up might well envy Barbara and Michael Carson, who combined their wedding and honeymoon during one weekend in Las Vegas in September.
Getting married in Las Vegas is an updated version of eloping. It is fast, easy, and, according to the Carsons, romantic, meaningful, personal, and fun. They both loved it.
"The wedding was tasteful, painless, quick and marvelous, and we even got to walk down the aisle," Carson says.
"We could concentrate on each other because we didn't have to worry about guests or family. Of all my weddings, this was the best," says Barbara Carson, who had a traditional big wedding with all the trimmings in a previous marriage and found it highly stressful.
The couple, who live in San Clemente, Calif., made the five-hour drive to Las Vegas on Friday afternoon. They completed all wedding arrangements by telephone on Saturday morning and had the ceremony that evening at A Little White Chapel on the

Strip.
The cost of the wedding not including travel, meals or hotel _ was $\$ 312$. This package price included limousine transportation between their hotel, the marriage licence bureau and the chapel, flowers for the bride, a boutonniere for the groom, a video and photographs.
While they were sorry to exclude family members and friends who would have liked to have been there, the Carsons say that keeping the event private made it more meaningful to them.
They chose Las Vegas because it offered them an opportunity to be alone and because they saw it as a fun place with lots to do.
While they hadn't made plans before leaving San Clemente, Barbara did have the Chamber of Commerce mail her a booklet about getting married in Las Vegas.

All that is required in paperwork is identification, information about your divorce (both have been married before), and proof of age," she says. "The booklet said to make preliminary plans ahead of time, but we did not. There were more than 20 places to choose from, so we felt sure we could do some on-the-spot
comparison shopping." The couple spotted the chapel on their way into town, liked what they saw of the picturesque white-washed adobe buildings, and got a kick out of the sign out front announcing that Joan Collins and Michael Jordan both had been married there. What clinched the selection for Barbara was the friendly reception she got when she telephoned. This was the most accommodating of the three places she called on Saturday morning.
The arrangements called for the limousine driver to pick up the couple at their hotel at 8 p.m. Saturday, drive them to the marriage licence bureau, and wait while they obtained a license, which took about 10 minutes and cost $\$ 35$, according to Carson.
Then they were driven to the wedding chapel, had a brief conference with their officiant, and walked down the aisle of a small candle-lit chapel with 10 pews, to taped musical accompaniment. The videotaped ceremony took about 10 minutes, after which the photographer snapped pictures. Then the limousine delivered the couple to a hotel where they had tickets for a show.

All told, they spent about $\$ 1,500$ on the wedding and travel expenses for the weekend. But Carson says that they came home with a little more than they spent, since he won some money at the gaming tables.
"It was much more than I expected," Barbara says. "They were very respectful of marriage and of us."
A Little White Chapel is open every day, 24 hours a day, and stages as many as 250 weddings a week.
It has been operating since 1954, when it opened as a small mom-and-pop wedding chapel, according to Charolette Richards, president.
Richards, who started as an assistant to the owners, purchased the chapel from their estate. Today, it is one of six owned by Richards, whose empire now employs 86 people, including nine officiants and 17 limousine drivers. Richards' enterprise also covers a dozen limousines, a flower shop, photography studio, video facilities, and wedding gown and tuxedo rental. Her company also can arrange airborne weddings in a hot air balloon that holds up to 14 people. It is known as A Little White Chapel In the Sky.


